

# ECONOMIC NOTE

## SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, July 2009

### Analysis

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle sales fell by 10.4% between June and July, and were down 19.2% on the 9,380 vehicles sold in July last year. Nationally, new motor vehicle sales fell 6.9% over the month, and were down 10.4% from the 83,699 vehicles sold in July 2008.

A sharp fall in 'other vehicles' (which includes utilities, panel vans and cab chassis vehicles) was mainly behind the falls in total sales of new motor vehicles during July for both the State and nationally. Through the year to July however, lower passenger vehicle sales was mainly responsible for the decline in total new motor vehicle sales for both the State and nationally.

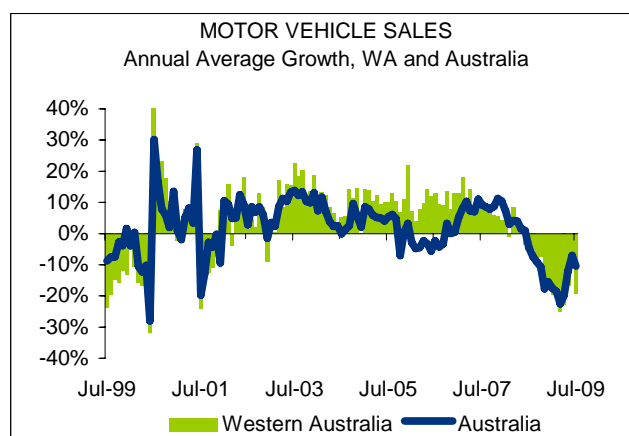
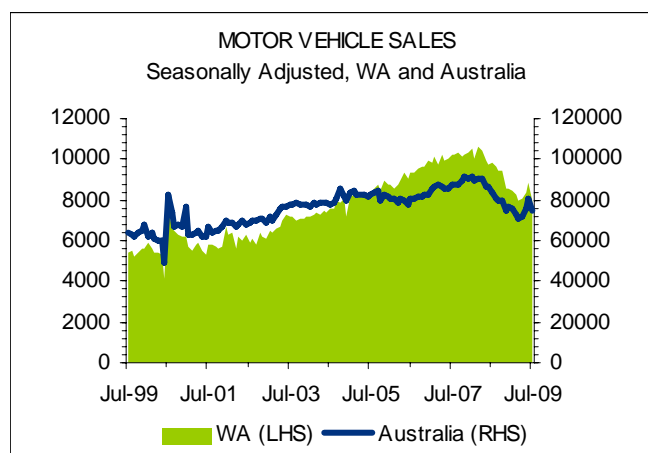
Data warning: Trend estimates of new motor vehicle sales were suspended in May 2009 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics due to the extension of the Federal Government's small and general business tax breaks on new motor vehicle sales. The trend series will be reintroduced when more certainty emerges in the underlying behaviour of new car sales.

### Key Facts

#### Seasonally Adjusted

Seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales in Western Australia decreased by 10.4% to 7,942 between June and July. Motor vehicle sales fell by 19.2% over the year and dropped by 1.1% over the three months to July 2009.

Australia's seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales fell by 6.9% to 75,006 between June and July. Motor vehicle sales dropped by 10.4% over the past 12 months and increased by 3.9% in the three months ending in July. Over the year to July, the smallest decrease in motor vehicle sales by jurisdiction was 7.0%, in the Australian Capital Territory. The largest decrease was 21.6%, in Tasmania.



### MOTOR VEHICLE SALES BY STATE July 2009

	'000s	Seasonally Adjusted		
		% Change Over:		
		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	23,118	-7.1%	3.5%	-5.2%
Victoria	20,020	-10.1%	7.6%	-6.5%
Queensland	15,819	-9.7%	3.3%	-7.7%
South Australia	4,813	-9.8%	5.3%	-5.6%
Western Australia	7,942	-19.2%	-1.1%	-10.4%
Tasmania	1,285	-21.6%	-7.0%	-15.8%
Northern Territory	795	-14.2%	10.6%	7.4%
Australian Capital Territory	1,213	-7.0%	-2.2%	-11.7%
Australia	75,006	-10.4%	3.9%	-6.9%