

Sales of New Motor Vehicles, September 2009

Analysis

New motor vehicle sales in Western Australia fell 14.9% to 7,992 during September from the 9,392 vehicles sold in September last year. Relative to August 2009, sales were flat over the month (up only 0.2%). Sales of new motor vehicles were also down nationally, falling by 2.0% from the 79,360 vehicles sold in September 2008.

A fall in both the 'passenger vehicles' and 'other vehicles' categories (which includes utilities, panel vans and cab chassis vehicles) contributed almost equally to the low total sales of new motor vehicles for the State during the year. 'Passenger vehicles' detracted 6.3 percentage points off annual growth, whereas 'other vehicles' detracted 6.2 percentage points.

Nationally, a decrease in 'other vehicles', was the main component behind the 2.0% fall in total new motor vehicle sales during the year. This component detracted 1.6 percentage points off annual growth.

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.

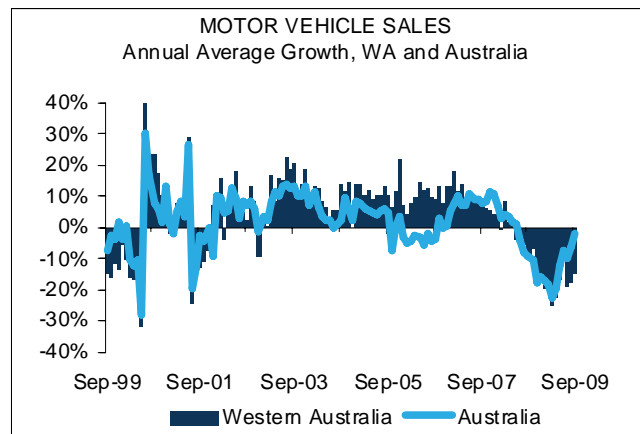
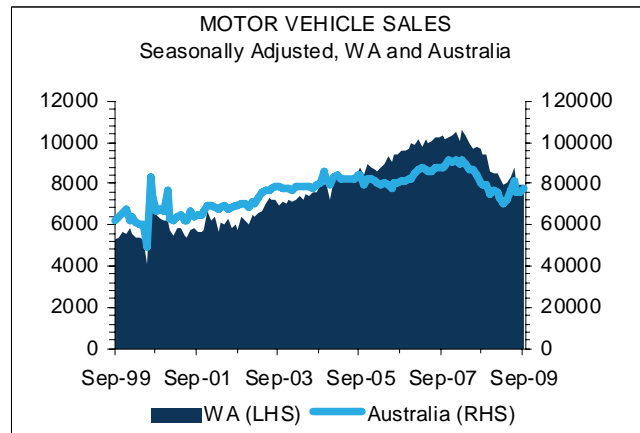
Key Facts

Seasonally Adjusted

Seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales in Western Australia increased by 0.2% to 7,992 between August and September. Motor vehicle sales fell by 14.9% over the year and dropped by 9.3% over the three months to September 2009.

Australia's seasonally adjusted motor vehicle sales rose by 2.9% to 77,744 between August and September. Motor vehicle sales dropped by 2.0% over the past 12 months and decreased by 3.9% in the three months ending in September.

Over the year to September, the largest increase in motor vehicle sales by jurisdiction was 4.4%, in the Australian Capital Territory. The largest decrease was 14.9%, in Western Australia.



MOTOR VEHICLE SALES BY STATE September 2009

	'000s	Seasonally Adjusted		
		% Change Over:		
		1 Year	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	24,216	0.7%	-1.6%	2.0%
Victoria	20,398	-1.5%	-5.0%	4.9%
Queensland	16,660	0.2%	-3.1%	3.8%
South Australia	5,135	0.8%	0.1%	5.0%
Western Australia	7,992	-14.9%	-9.3%	0.2%
Tasmania	1,348	-8.1%	-12.1%	-6.2%
Northern Territory	758	-9.7%	2.4%	-2.1%
Australian Capital Territory	1,236	4.4%	-9.6%	1.9%
Australia	77,744	-2.0%	-3.9%	2.9%