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# Retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories 

July 2002

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Key figures regarding motor trading income for the month ended July 2002
$\begin{array}{l|c|c|c|c|}$\cline { 2 - 4 } Actual estimates \& 2002 \& \(\left.$$
\begin{array}{c}\text { \% change } \\
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\text { July 2001 } \\
\text { and }\end{array}
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\text { between } \\
\text { May 2001 to } \\
\text { July 2001 } \\
\text { and }\end{array}
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\begin{array}{c}\text { \% change } \\
\text { between }\end{array}
$$ <br>
January 2001 to <br>
July 2001 <br>

and\end{array}\right]\)| and |
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| Seas onally adjusted estimates <br> R million | $\begin{gathered} 2002 \\ \text { July } \end{gathered}$ | \% change <br> between June 2002 and July 2002 | \% change <br> between <br> February 2002 to <br> April 2002 <br> and <br> May 2002 to <br> July 2002 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income from the sales of new vehicles | 3875 | 7,1 | 8,4 |
| Income from the sales of used vehicles <br> Workshop income Other trading income | $\begin{aligned} & 2462 \\ & 1008 \\ & 2040 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -1,1 \\ 3,8 \\ 1,3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,9 \\ & 0,2 \\ & 2,2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total motor trading income | 9385 | 3,2 | 4,9 |

## Key findings regarding motor trading income for the month ended July 2002

Total motor trading income increases
The seasonally adjusted total motor trading income of retailers in motor vehicles and accessories for the three months ended July 2002 increased by 4,9\% compared with the previous three months. Furthermore, the seasonally adjusted total motor trading income for July 2002 increased by 3,2\% compared with June 2002.

The increase of $4,9 \%$ in the seasonally adjusted total motor trading income for the three months ended July 2002 compared with the previous three months was due to increases in the seasonally adjusted income from the sales of new vehicles $(+8,4 \%)$, income from the sales of used vehicles $(+3,9 \%)$, 'other' trading income $(+2,2 \%)$ and workshop income ( $+0,2 \%$ ).

## Key findings regarding motor trading income for the first seven months of 2002

## Total motor trading income increases

The total motor trading income of retailers in motor vehicles and accessories for the first seven months of 2002 increased by $17,4 \%$ compared with the first seven months of 2001 . This increase of $17,4 \%$ was due to increases in the income from the sales of used vehicles $(+32,0 \%)$, the income from the sales of new vehicles $(+14,9 \%)$, workshop income $(+11,3 \%)$ and 'other' trading income $(+9,9 \%)$.

Figure 1 - Total motor trading income, excluding Value Added Tax


Key figures regarding the total number of vehicles sold for the month ended July 2002

| 2002 | \% change <br> between <br> July | \% change <br> between <br> and <br> July 2002 | \% change <br> between <br> and <br> Juy 2001 to 2002 <br> July 2001 <br> and | \% change <br> between <br> May 2002 to <br> July 2002 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | January 2001 to <br> July 2001 <br> and <br> January 2002 to <br> July 2002 |
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| 26923 |
| 29062 |

Key findings regarding the total number of vehicles sold for the month ended July 2002
Total number of vehicles sold increases

The total number of new and used vehicles sold during July 2002 increased by 4,3\% compared with June 2002. However, the total number of new and used vehicles sold during July 2002 decreased by 1,4\% compared with July 2001. Furthermore, the total number of new and used vehicles sold during the three months ended July 2002 decreased by 0,5\% compared with the three months ended July 2001.

The increase of $4,3 \%$ in the total number of new and used vehicles sold during July 2002 compared with June 2002 can be attributed to increases of $4,6 \%$ and $3,9 \%$ reflected in the number of used vehicles sold and the number of new vehicles sold, respectively.

## Key findings regarding the total number of vehicles sold for the first seven months of 2002

Total number of vehicles sold decreases
The total number of vehicles sold during the first seven months of 2002 decreased by $0,8 \%$ compared with the first seven months of 2001.

The decrease of $0,8 \%$ in the total number of vehicles sold was due to a decrease of $5,1 \%$ in the number of new vehicles sold. However, this decrease was counteracted by an increase of $3,8 \%$ in the total number of used vehicles sold.

Figure 2 - Total number of vehicles sold according to type of vehicle sold during the first seven months of 2002 compared with the first seven months of 2001


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## Forthcoming issues

## Purpose of the survey

Re-engineered retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories

## New sample

## Issue

August 2002
September 2002
October 2002
November 2002
December 2002

## Expected release date

24 October 2002
21 November 2002
19 December 2002
23 January 2003
20 February 2003

The retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories survey is a monthly survey covering a sample of private enterprises (firms) operating in the motor trade industry in South Africa. The results of the survey are used to compile estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its components, which are used to develop and monitor government policy. Furthermore, these statistics are also used by the private sector in analyses of comparative business and industry performance.

Prior to January 2000, Stats SA collected and published information on retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories, including Value Added Tax (VAT). Due to users' needs, specifically compilers of National Accounts, Stats SA has overhauled and re-designed the retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories questionnaire. As from January 2000, Stats SA collects information regarding retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories, excluding VAT. In order to provide users with a continuous time series, Stats SA calculated retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories, excluding VAT, for the period January 1992 to December 1999 which was published in the statistical release P6343.3 (entitled Retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories, January 1992 to December 1999) on 18 May 2000.

According to international best practice and in order to train the relevant respondents in using the new questionnaire, to validate the information received and to avoid a break in the time series published in this statistical release, Stats SA decided to introduce the new questionnaire as the first step in the re-engineering process. Stats SA will in due course, as the second step, introduce a new sample.

Currently Stats SA is busy re-engineering the register of businesses which serves as the sampling frame, in collaboration with the South African Revenue Service and the Departments of Trade and Industry and Labour. The process will take some time, since there are hundreds of thousands of businesses, many of whom are, in any given period, changing ownership, closing, or being registered. As soon as this improvement in the listing and classification of businesses has been implemented, Stats SA will draw a new sample.

Changes in the numbering It should be noted that the numbering of tables changed as from July 2000 as of tables
indicated in table A.
Table A - Title of table according to new and old numbers

| New <br> number <br> (since July <br> 2000) | Title of table | Old number <br> (prior to <br> May 2000) |
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Table 1 - Actual values of motor trading income, excluding Value Added Tax, according to type of income ( $\mathbf{R}^{\prime} 000$ )

| Year and month |  | Income from the sales of new vehicles | Income from the sales of used vehicles | Workshop income | Other trading Income | Total motor trading income |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 2058959 | 1290841 | 742701 | 1451141 | 5543642 |
|  | Feb | 2488110 | 1455940 | 865377 | 1594588 | 6404015 |
|  | Mar | 2582651 | 1380169 | 820381 | 1569285 | 6352486 |
|  | Apr | 2379951 | 1254378 | 784292 | 1510126 | 5928747 |
|  | May | 2790616 | 1406265 | 863617 | 1699218 | 6759716 |
|  | Jun | 2832640 | 1512794 | 898868 | 1702566 | 6946868 |
|  | Jul | 2896738 | 1578268 | 859195 | 1703913 | 7038114 |
|  | Aug | 2948868 | 1730360 | 905347 | 1762579 | 7347154 |
|  | Sep | 2917187 | 1650792 | 875382 | 1722743 | 7166104 |
|  | Oct | 2838360 | 1663288 | 891929 | 1781587 | 7175164 |
|  | Nov | 2940836 | 1809703 | 910237 | 1859006 | 7519782 |
|  | Dec | 2958820 | 1602612 | 787778 | 1702967 | 7052177 |
|  | Total | 32633736 | 18335410 | 10205104 | 20059719 | 81233969 |
| 2001 | Jan | 2918943 | 1700807 | 835784 | 1747188 | 7202722 |
|  | Feb | 3289202 | 1731904 | 912281 | 1783565 | 7716952 |
|  | Mar | 3450131 | 1759419 | 928640 | 1756789 | 7894979 |
|  | Apr | 2867901 | 1635196 | 810200 | 1737986 | 7051283 |
|  | May | 3035816 | 1897990 | 934221 | 1869218 | 7737245 |
|  | Jun | 3300450 | 1849284 | 888122 | 1842999 | 7880855 |
|  | Jul | 3149898 | 2015770 | 896794 | 1873924 | 7936386 |
|  | Aug | 3140369 | 2049533 | 905058 | 1870111 | 7965071 |
|  | Sep | 2988180 | 1899299 | 845363 | 1760695 | 7493537 |
|  | Oct | 3295763 | 2248440 | 960468 | 1889234 | 8393905 |
|  | Nov | 3396440 | 2048822 | 992223 | 1911238 | 8348723 |
|  | Dec | 3856672 | 2032199 | 813765 | 1795806 | 8498442 |
|  | Total | 38689765 | 22868663 | 10722919 | 21838753 | 94120100 |
| 2002 | Jan | 3320574 | 2218786 | 981070 | 1863494 | 8383924 |
|  | Feb | 3563277 | 2223508 | 1006713 | 1911990 | 8705488 |
|  | Mar | 3391331 | 2386829 | 945004 | 1901278 | 8624442 |
|  | Apr | 3558341 | 2310584 | 1001781 | 2011580 | 8882286 |
|  | May | 3892299 | 2484965 | 1004935 | 2065989 | 9448188 |
|  | Jun | 3566716 | 2450973 | 960194 | 2038700 | 9016583 |
|  | Ju1 | 4008678 | 2543542 | 1009652 | 2069242 | 9631114 |

Table 2 - Seasonally adjusted values of motor trading income, excluding Value Added Tax, according to type of income ( $\mathrm{R}^{\prime} 000$ )

| Year and month |  | Income from the sales of new vehicles | Income from the sales of used vehicles | Workshop income | Other trading Income | Total motor trading income |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 2186428 | 1351345 | 779265 | 1506105 | 5823143 |
|  | Feb | 2404723 | 1445033 | 819621 | 1618935 | 6288312 |
|  | Mar | 2430962 | 1401783 | 815925 | 1600496 | 6249166 |
|  | Apr | 2527921 | 1374879 | 820396 | 1535059 | 6258255 |
|  | May | 2761691 | 1452609 | 844321 | 1650996 | 6709617 |
|  | Jun | 2863119 | 1530603 | 910954 | 1684079 | 6988755 |
|  | Jul | 2781849 | 1527665 | 856516 | 1678662 | 6844692 |
|  | Aug | 2893975 | 1628722 | 879985 | 1733050 | 7135732 |
|  | Sep | 2914731 | 1644029 | 883784 | 1738742 | 7181286 |
|  | Oct | 2850701 | 1545361 | 865023 | 1744148 | 7005233 |
|  | Nov | 2972153 | 1717104 | 871288 | 1798476 | 7359021 |
|  | Dec | 3030708 | 1683707 | 855686 | 1763785 | 7333886 |
|  | Total | 32618961 | 18302840 | 10202764 | 20052533 | 81177098 |
| 2001 | Jan | 3103074 | 1768843 | 877209 | 1811879 | 7561005 |
|  | Feb | 3182426 | 1730898 | 862413 | 1808100 | 7583837 |
|  | Mar | 3240831 | 1782779 | 925865 | 1790716 | 7740191 |
|  | Apr | 3057838 | 1800598 | 849579 | 1769582 | 7477597 |
|  | May | 2984550 | 1950667 | 908833 | 1812430 | 7656480 |
|  | Jun | 3347404 | 1875361 | 898939 | 1819331 | 7941035 |
|  | Jul | 3035746 | 1951107 | 894323 | 1845757 | 7726933 |
|  | Aug | 3082955 | 1919382 | 879199 | 1837824 | 7719360 |
|  | Sep | 2977129 | 1888880 | 854769 | 1778951 | 7499729 |
|  | Oct | 3324103 | 2088601 | 932124 | 1853291 | 8198119 |
|  | Nov | 3433682 | 1959379 | 949248 | 1848313 | 8190622 |
|  | Dec | 3934502 | 2132407 | 885555 | 1862820 | 8815284 |
|  | Total | 38704240 | 22848902 | 10718056 | 21838994 | 94110192 |
| 2002 | Jan | 3536827 | 2294477 | 1028621 | 1930773 | 8790698 |
|  | Mar | 3182034 | 2421058 | 943322 | 1937973 | 8484387 |
|  | Apr | 3811293 | 2556411 | 1053619 | 2052188 | 9473511 |
|  | May | 3816629 | 2540094 | 974577 | 2001232 | 9332532 |
|  | Jun | 3618842 | 2488512 | 970823 | 2013023 | 9091200 |
|  | Ju1 | 3875137 | 2461873 | 1007871 | 2039704 | 9384585 |

Table 3 - Other trading income and cash and credit sale transactions of vehicles, excluding Value Added Tax (R’000)

| Year <br> and $\mid$ month |  | Other trading income |  |  | Total cash and credit sale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sales of spares and accessories | Miscellaneous | Total other trading income |  |
| 2000 | Jan | 708574 | 742567 | 1451141 | 3349800 |
|  | Feb | 784950 | 809637 | 1594588 | 3944050 |
|  | Mar | 760044 | 809241 | 1569285 | 3962821 |
|  | A pr | 712483 | 797642 | 1510126 | 3634329 |
|  | May | 849947 | 849271 | 1699218 | 4196880 |
|  | Jun | 846488 | 856078 | 1702566 | 4345433 |
|  | Jul | 839196 | 864717 | 1703913 | 4475006 |
|  | Aug | 865724 | 896855 | 1762579 | 4679228 |
|  | Sep | 813309 | 909434 | 1722743 | 4567979 |
|  | Oct | 834604 | 946983 | 1781587 | 4501648 |
|  | Nov | 875951 | 983055 | 1859006 | 4750540 |
|  | Dec | 750226 | 952741 | 1702967 | 4561432 |
|  | Total | 9641496 | 10418221 | 20059719 | 50969146 |
| 2001 | Jan | 810426 | 936762 | 1747188 | 4619750 |
|  | Feb | 845737 | 937828 | 1783565 | 5021106 |
|  | Mar | 836725 | 920064 | 1756789 | 5209550 |
|  | A pr | 792267 | 945719 | 1737986 | 4503097 |
|  | May | 889893 | 979325 | 1869218 | 4933807 |
|  | Jun | 851780 | 991219 | 1842999 | 5149734 |
|  | Jul | 875391 | 998533 | 1873924 | 5165667 |
|  | Aug | 893260 | 976851 | 1870111 | 5189902 |
|  | Sep | 840883 | 919812 | 1760695 | 4887479 |
|  | Oct | 937661 | 951573 | 1889234 | 5544203 |
|  | Nov | 949188 | 962050 | 1911238 | 5445261 |
|  | Dec | 853922 | 941884 | 1795806 | 5888870 |
|  | Total | 10377133 | 11461620 | 21838753 | 615584260 |
| 2002 | Jan | 968363 | 895131 | 1863494 | 5539360 |
|  | Feb | 1006438 | 905552 | 1911990 | 5786785 |
|  | Mar | 1004589 | 896689 | 1901278 | 5778159 |
|  | A pr | 1020941 | 990638 | 2011580 | 5868925 |
|  | May | 1068007 | 997982 | 2065989 | 6373593 |
|  | Jun | 1036066 | 1002635 | 2038700 | 6017689 |
|  | Ju1 | 1110605 | 958637 | 2069242 | 6551142 |

Table 4 - Income from the sales of new and used vehicles, excluding Value Added Tax, according to type of vehicle ( $\mathbf{R}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ )

| Year <br> and <br> month |  | Motor cars and minibuses | Commercial vehicles and buses | Motor cycles and scooters | Other new and used vehicles | Total income from the sales of new and |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 2423489 | 881025 | 20899 | 24387 | 3349800 |
|  | Feb | 2759660 | 1138405 | 21249 | 24735 | 3944050 |
|  | Mar | 2885117 | 1046454 | 14133 | 17117 | 3962820 |
|  | Apr | 2669863 | 928275 | 17664 | 18526 | 3634329 |
|  | May | 3046609 | 1113234 | 20492 | 16545 | 4196881 |
|  | Jun | 3126614 | 1181638 | 20861 | 16319 | 4345434 |
|  | Jul | 3261501 | 1180684 | 17901 | 14921 | 4475006 |
|  | Aug | 3377170 | 1264997 | 17530 | 19530 | 4679228 |
|  | Sep | 3306438 | 1223339 | 17725 | 20477 | 4567979 |
|  | Oct | 3250142 | 1214311 | 15459 | 21736 | 4501648 |
|  | Nov | 3486151 | 1215416 | 23687 | 25286 | 4750539 |
|  | Dec | 3391355 | 1123798 | 22202 | 24078 | 4561432 |
|  | Total | 36984109 | 13511576 | 229802 | 243657 | 50969146 |
| 2001 | Jan | 3566543 | 1011742 | 19598 | 21867 | 4619750 |
|  | Feb | 3736996 | 1244856 | 16719 | 22534 | 5021106 |
|  | Mar | 3846843 | 1323746 | 16834 | 22126 | 5209550 |
|  | Apr | 3398639 | 1069875 | 14293 | 20289 | 4503097 |
|  | May | 3728889 | 1170123 | 17103 | 17691 | 4933806 |
|  | Jun | 3826021 | 1287283 | 16245 | 20185 | 5149734 |
|  | Jul | 3873052 | 1244429 | 18252 | 29934 | 5165668 |
|  | Aug | 3910224 | 1236346 | 19649 | 23684 | 5189902 |
|  | Sep | 3646461 | 1183907 | 15797 | 41314 | 4887479 |
|  | Oct | 4093013 | 1375982 | 24956 | 50252 | 5544203 |
|  | Nov | 4006352 | 1378432 | 23429 | 37048 | 5445262 |
|  | Dec | 4493388 | 1343793 | 20619 | 31070 | 5888871 |
|  | Total | 46126421 | 14870514 | 223494 | 337994 | 61558428 |
| 2002 | Jan | 4236057 | 1249226 | 22812 | 31265 | 5539360 |
|  | Feb | 4447179 | 1292329 | 19681 | 27597 | 5786785 |
|  | Mar | 4495122 | 1225550 | 24493 | 32994 | 5778160 |
|  | Apr | 4447411 | 1370240 | 20887 | 30387 | 5868925 |
|  | May | 4824813 | 1507846 | 16619 | 27985 | 6377264 |
|  | Jun | 4604266 | 1371535 | 15022 | 26865 | 6017689 |
|  | Jul | 4858055 | 1636478 | 21572 | 36115 | 6552220 |

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Table 5 - Income from the sales of new vehicles, excluding Value Added Tax, according to type of vehicle ( $\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ )

| Year <br> and <br> month |  | Motor cars and minibuses | Commercial vehicles and buses | Motor cycles and scooters | Other new vehicles | Total income from the sales of new vehicles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 1355434 | 663558 | 19087 | 20879 | 2058959 |
|  | Feb | 1644221 | 804117 | 18485 | 21287 | 2488110 |
|  | Mar | 1759945 | 796821 | 12940 | 12946 | 2582651 |
|  | Apr | 1622741 | 728158 | 15903 | 13149 | 2379951 |
|  | May | 1895860 | 863225 | 19194 | 12337 | 2790616 |
|  | Jun | 1882047 | 918190 | 19037 | 13365 | 2832640 |
|  | Jul | 1931416 | 935947 | 17185 | 12190 | 2896738 |
|  | Aug | 1944982 | 972987 | 16372 | 14527 | 2948868 |
|  | Sep | 1919172 | 966101 | 16848 | 15066 | 2917187 |
|  | Oct | 1861188 | 944942 | 14606 | 17624 | 2838360 |
|  | Nov | 1966328 | 930690 | 22604 | 21215 | 2940836 |
|  | Dec | 2040584 | 877070 | 20849 | 20317 | 2958820 |
|  | Total | 21823918 | 10401806 | 213110 | 194902 | 32633736 |
| 2001 | Jan | 2109878 | 772508 | 18916 | 17641 | 2918943 |
|  | Feb | 2264644 | 990840 | 15976 | 17742 | 3289202 |
|  | Mar | 2368530 | 1047645 | 15910 | 18045 | 3450131 |
|  | Apr | 2010688 | 827741 | 13460 | 16012 | 2867901 |
|  | May | 2109348 | 896775 | 16514 | 13179 | 3035816 |
|  | Jun | 2224955 | 1044485 | 15333 | 15678 | 3300450 |
|  | Jul | 2189330 | 920537 | 17194 | 22837 | 3149898 |
|  | Aug | 2181638 | 921713 | 18522 | 18497 | 3140369 |
|  | Sep | 2036491 | 901066 | 15126 | 35497 | 2988180 |
|  | Oct | 2181554 | 1045792 | 23685 | 44732 | 3295763 |
|  | Nov | 2280995 | 1061290 | 22814 | 31340 | 3396440 |
|  | Dec | 2756403 | 1054893 | 19973 | 25403 | 3856672 |
|  | Total | 26714454 | 11485285 | 213423 | 276603 | 38689765 |
| 2002 | Jan | 2334430 | 939677 | 22161 | 24306 | 3320574 |
|  | Feb | 2531379 | 991930 | 19106 | 20862 | 3563277 |
|  | Mar | 2473531 | 869906 | 23892 | 24001 | 3391331 |
|  | Apr | 2457142 | 1059165 | 20317 | 21717 | 3558341 |
|  | May | 2686409 | 1168755 | 15647 | 21488 | 3892299 |
|  | Jun | 2509760 | 1021003 | 14541 | 21411 | 3566716 |
|  | Ju1 | 2715036 | 1243900 | 21146 | 28596 | 4008678 |

Table 6 - Income from the sales of used vehicles, excluding Value Added Tax, according to type of vehicle ( $\mathrm{R}^{\prime} 000$ )

| Year and month |  | Motor cars and minibuses | Commercial vehicles and buses | Motor cycles and scooters | Other used vehicles | Total income from the sales of used vehicles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 1068055 | 217467 | 1812 | 3508 | 1290841 |
|  | Feb | 1115439 | 334288 | 2764 | 3448 | 1455940 |
|  | Mar | 1125172 | 249633 | 1193 | 4171 | 1380169 |
|  | Apr | 1047122 | 200117 | 1761 | 5377 | 1254378 |
|  | May | 1150749 | 250009 | 1298 | 4208 | 1406265 |
|  | Jun | 1244567 | 263448 | 1824 | 2954 | 1512794 |
|  | Jul | 1330085 | 244737 | 716 | 2731 | 1578268 |
|  | Aug | 1432188 | 292010 | 1158 | 5003 | 1730360 |
|  | Sep | 1387266 | 257238 | 877 | 5411 | 1650792 |
|  | Oct | 1388954 | 269369 | 853 | 4112 | 1663288 |
|  | Nov | 1519823 | 284726 | 1083 | 4071 | 1809703 |
|  | Dec | 1350771 | 246728 | 1353 | 3761 | 1602612 |
|  | Total | 15160191 | 3109770 | 16692 | 48755 | 18335410 |
| 2001 | Jan | 1456665 | 239234 | 682 | 4226 | 1700807 |
|  | Feb | 1472352 | 254016 | 743 | 4792 | 1731904 |
|  | Mar | 1478313 | 276101 | 924 | 4081 | 1759419 |
|  | Apr | 1387951 | 242134 | 833 | 4277 | 1635196 |
|  | May | 1619541 | 273348 | 589 | 4512 | 1897990 |
|  | Jun | 1601066 | 242798 | 912 | 4507 | 1849284 |
|  | Jul | 1683722 | 323892 | 1058 | 7097 | 2015770 |
|  | Aug | 1728586 | 314633 | 1127 | 5187 | 2049533 |
|  | Sep | 1609970 | 282841 | 671 | 5817 | 1899299 |
|  | Oct | 1911459 | 330190 | 1271 | 5520 | 2248440 |
|  | Nov | 1725357 | 317142 | 615 | 5708 | 2048822 |
|  | Dec | 1736985 | 288900 | 646 | 5667 | 2032199 |
|  | Total | 19411967 | 3385229 | 10071 | 61391 | 22868663 |
| 2002 | Jan | 1901627 | 309549 | 651 | 6959 | 2218786 |
|  | Feb | 1915800 | 300399 | 575 | 6735 | 2223508 |
|  | Mar | 2021591 | 355644 | 601 | 8993 | 2386829 |
|  | Apr | 1990269 | 311075 | 570 | 8670 | 2310584 |
|  | May | 2138404 | 339091 | 972 | 6497 | 2484965 |
|  | Jun | 2094506 | 350532 | 481 | 5454 | 2450973 |
|  | Ju1 | 2143019 | 392578 | 426 | 7519 | 2543542 |

Table 7- Total number of new and used vehicles sold according to type of vehicle

|  | and <br> month | minibuses | vehicles and buses | and scooters | and used vehicles | of new and used vehicles sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | Jan | 35646 | 10290 | 1147 | 1551 | 48636 |
|  | Feb | 38260 | 11958 | 1023 | 1512 | 52754 |
|  | Mar | 40773 | 11192 | 790 | 1381 | 54137 |
|  | Apr | 35702 | 8999 | 868 | 991 | 46560 |
|  | May | 41462 | 10611 | 961 | 815 | 53849 |
|  | Jun | 41991 | 11327 | 966 | 936 | 55222 |
|  | Jul | 42160 | 11111 | 777 | 727 | 54775 |
|  | Aug | 43842 | 11757 | 826 | 847 | 57271 |
|  | Sep | 42791 | 10905 | 820 | 921 | 55437 |
|  | Oct | 42047 | 11853 | 805 | 1243 | 55949 |
|  | Nov | 43656 | 11149 | 941 | 912 | 56659 |
|  | Dec | 40668 | 10317 | 867 | 916 | 52767 |
|  | Total | 488998 | 131469 | 10791 | 12752 | 644016 |
|  | Jan | 42497 | 9607 | 803 | 895 | 53803 |
|  | Feb | 44813 | 10709 | 758 | 542 | 56823 |
|  | Mar | 44177 | 11385 | 675 | 786 | 57024 |
|  | A pr | 39594 | 9367 | 577 | 666 | 50203 |
|  | May | 42278 | 10106 | 700 | 576 | 53661 |
|  | Jun | 43592 | 11676 | 643 | 604 | 56515 |
|  | Jul | 44050 | 11471 | 661 | 593 | 56775 |
|  | Aug | 44340 | 11212 | 712 | 722 | 56986 |
|  | Sep | 41226 | 10072 | 668 | 1027 | 52994 |
|  | Oct | 45403 | 11597 | 980 | 1166 | 59145 |
|  | Nov | 43663 | 11208 | 1009 | 1467 | 57348 |
|  | Dec | 45155 | 10640 | 765 | 1296 | 57855 |
|  | Total | 520788 | 129050 | 8951 | 10340 | 669132 |
|  | Feb | 43676 | 10480 | 621 | 764 | 55541 |
|  | Mar | 39239 | 9676 | 684 | 990 | 50589 |
|  | A pr | 40594 | 10525 | 716 | 740 | 52576 |
|  | May | 43822 | 11399 | 554 | 678 | 56452 |
|  | Jun | 41987 | 10638 | 551 | 515 | 53691 |
|  | Ju1 | 41982 | 12478 | 731 | 794 | 55985 |

Table 8 - Number of new vehicles sold according to type of vehicle

| and month | minibuses | vehicles and buses | and scooters | vehicles | of new vehicles sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Jan | 14609 | 6527 | 1045 | 1423 | 23605 |
| Feb | 16557 | 7430 | 889 | 1368 | 26245 |
| Mar | 19136 | 7190 | 707 | 1156 | 28189 |
| Apr | 16637 | 6111 | 758 | 671 | 24177 |
| May | 19933 | 6911 | 887 | 701 | 28432 |
| Jun | 19250 | 7602 | 887 | 813 | 28553 |
| Jul | 19558 | 7457 | 731 | 633 | 28379 |
| Aug | 19812 | 7865 | 751 | 742 | 29169 |
| Sep | 19633 | 7252 | 768 | 781 | 28434 |
| Oct | 18717 | 7660 | 756 | 1134 | 28267 |
| Nov | 19229 | 7415 | 867 | 799 | 28311 |
| Dec | 18737 | 6714 | 792 | 817 | 27060 |
| Total | 221808 | 86134 | 9838 | 11038 | 328821 |
| 2001 Jan | 19212 | 6213 | 760 | 797 | 26983 |
| Feb | 21752 | 7002 | 717 | 432 | 29903 |
| Mar | 21708 | 7568 | 619 | 681 | 30576 |
| Apr | 18350 | 6009 | 530 | 566 | 25454 |
| May | 19233 | 6755 | 653 | 461 | 27103 |
| Jun | 19983 | 7843 | 591 | 503 | 28920 |
| Jul | 19451 | 7304 | 604 | 475 | 27834 |
| Aug | 19674 | 6796 | 654 | 616 | 27740 |
| Sep | 17955 | 6490 | 628 | 918 | 25991 |
| Oct | 19171 | 7653 | 920 | 1062 | 28806 |
| Nov | 19713 | 7346 | 976 | 1331 | 29367 |
| Dec | 22575 | 7213 | 732 | 1144 | 31664 |
| Total | 238777 | 84192 | 8384 | 8986 | 340341 |
| Feb | 19237 | 6907 | 590 | 611 | 27345 |
| Mar | 17796 | 5862 | 648 | 850 | 25157 |
| Apr | 17554 | 7092 | 685 | 614 | 25946 |
| May | 19543 | 7658 | 507 | 591 | 28299 |
| Jun | 18341 | 6633 | 521 | 423 | 25918 |
| Ju1 | 17592 | 7980 | 701 | 650 | 26923 |

Table 9- Number of used vehicles sold according to type of vehicle

| Year <br> and month |  | Motor cars and minibuses | Commercial vehicles and buses | Motor cycles and scooters | Other used vehicles | Total number of used vehicles sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | Jan | 21037 | 3763 | 102 | 128 | 25031 |
|  | Feb | 21703 | 4528 | 134 | 144 | 26509 |
|  | Mar | 21637 | 4002 | 83 | 225 | 25948 |
|  | Apr | 19065 | 2888 | 110 | 320 | 22383 |
|  | May | 21529 | 3700 | 74 | 114 | 25417 |
|  | Jun | 22741 | 3725 | 79 | 123 | 26669 |
|  | Jul | 22602 | 3654 | 46 | 94 | 26396 |
|  | Aug | 24030 | 3892 | 75 | 105 | 28102 |
|  | Sep | 23158 | 3653 | 52 | 140 | 27003 |
|  | Oct | 23330 | 4193 | 49 | 109 | 27682 |
|  | Nov | 24427 | 3734 | 74 | 113 | 28348 |
|  | Dec | 21931 | 3603 | 75 | 99 | 25707 |
|  | Total | 267190 | 45335 | 953 | 1714 | 315195 |
| 2001 | Jan | 23285 | 3394 | 43 | 98 | 26820 |
|  | Feb | 23061 | 3707 | 41 | 110 | 26920 |
|  | Mar | 22469 | 3817 | 56 | 105 | 26448 |
|  | Apr | 21244 | 3358 | 47 | 100 | 24749 |
|  | May | 23045 | 3351 | 47 | 115 | 26558 |
|  | Jun | 23609 | 3833 | 52 | 101 | 27595 |
|  | Jul | 24599 | 4167 | 57 | 118 | 28941 |
|  | Aug | 24666 | 4416 | 58 | 106 | 29246 |
|  | Sep | 23271 | 3582 | 40 | 109 | 27003 |
|  | Oct | 26232 | 3944 | 60 | 104 | 30339 |
|  | Nov | 23950 | 3862 | 33 | 136 | 27981 |
|  | Dec | 22580 | 3427 | 33 | 152 | 26191 |
|  | Total | 282011 | 44858 | 567 | 1354 | 328791 |
| 2002 | Jan | 25862 | 3856 | 33 | 177 | 29928 |
|  | Feb | 24439 | 3573 | 31 | 153 | 28196 |
|  | Mar | 21443 | 3814 | 36 | 140 | 25432 |
|  | Apr | 23040 | 3433 | 31 | 126 | 26630 |
|  | May | 24279 | 3741 | 47 | 87 | 28153 |
|  | Jun | 23646 | 4005 | 30 | 92 | 27773 |
|  | Jul | 24390 | 4498 | 30 | 144 | 29062 |

## Additional information

## Explanatory notes

## Introduction

## Scope of the survey

## Classification

## Statistical unit

Survey methodology and design

1 This publication contains results of the monthly survey of retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories. The survey is designed to obtain information regarding -

- income from the sales of new vehicles;
- income from the sales of used vehicles;
- workshop income;
- other trading income;
- cash and credit sale transactions of vehicles; and
- the number of new and used vehicles sold.

2 The information in this publication includes actual and seasonally adjusted values of motor trade sales. Prior to January 2000, Stats SA collected and published information on motor trade sales including Value Added Tax (VAT). As from January 2000, Stats SA collects information regarding retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories excluding VAT.

3 The survey collects information from a sample of enterprises in South Africa that are predominantly involved in the retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories. These enterprises include -

- motor vehicle dealers, filling stations and workshops;
- motor cycle dealers;
- spares and accessories dealers;
- retail tyre dealers;
- automotive electricians;
- radiator repairers;
- panel beaters and spray painters;
- other specialised motor repair services; and
- other motor trade.

4 The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification for all Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC subgroup (5 digit) level. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry that reflects the predominant activity of the enterprise.

5 The statistical unit for collection of information is an enterprise. An enterprise is a legal entity consisting of one or more establishments (branches), including the head office, but excluding holding or subsidiary companies. Information is collected from enterprises that are predominantly involved in the retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories.

6 All statistical units are stratified in the motor trade industry according to type of dealer and measure of size, where measure of size is the total motor trading income of the enterprise. All large enterprises are completely enumerated. For medium size enterprises and small enterprises, samples are drawn by systematically selecting enterprises with equal probability.

7 The data are collected by mail each month from a sample of approximately 420 motor trade enterprises from a population of approximately 14000 motor trade enterprises. Questionnaires have to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up non-respondents.

## Seasonal adjustment

## Trend

15 When figures have been rounded-off discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

## Symbols and abbreviations

8 Seasonally adjusted estimates of retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.

9 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

10 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.

11 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of enterprises and is, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, it may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all motor trade enterprises in South Africa.

12 Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors to a minimum by careful designing the questionnaires, pilot studies, editing of data and efficient operating procedures.

13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA:

- Bulletin of Statistics.
- SA Statistics.

14 In some cases Stats SA can also make available statistics which are not published. This information can be made available in one or more of the following ways: computer printouts, diskette and CD. Generally a charge is made for providing unpublished statistics.

| CD | Compact Disc |
| :--- | :--- |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| ISIC | International Standard Industrial Classification for all Economic |
|  | Activities |
| SIC | Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities |
| Stats SA | Statistics South Africa |
| VAT | Value Added Tax |

The response rate for the survey of retail trade in motor vehicles and accessories for July 2002 is $82,0 \%$.

## Glossary

## Enterprise (firm) <br> Establishment (branch) <br> Miscellaneous trading income

## Motor trading enterprise

## Other vehicles

## Percentage change

## Reference month

Total motor trading income

An enterprise (firm) is a legal entity consisting of one or more establishments (branches) including the head office, but excluding holding or subsidiary companies.

An establishment (branch) is the smallest economic unit which operates as a separate entity, for which comprehensive financial records are kept.

Miscellaneous trading income includes the income from the sales of petrol, diesel oil and lubricants.

A motor trading enterprise is an enterprise deriving $50 \%$ or more of its income from the sales of goods relating to the motor industry.

Other vehicles include caravans, trailers and tractors.
When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of the motor trading income of the relevant month compared with the actual values of the motor trading income of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.

When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of motor trading income of the relevant year compared with the actual values of motor trading income of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of the motor trading income of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of the motor trading income of the previous month, expressed as a percentage.

Reference month for the survey means one calendar month.

Total motor trading income includes the income from the sales of new vehicles, the sales of used vehicles, income from the workshop and all other trading income.

Workshop income includes labour charges, as well as spares, accessories, fuels and lubricants transferred to the workshop.

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