2020 Report Summary

741,443
Combined Caravan & Campervan Registrations at 31 January 2020

4.2%
Increase in the total number of registered Recreational Vehicles

669,409 Caravans
Registered at 31 January 2020

4.3% Growth
In total registered Caravans during 2020

69% Diesel
69% of Campervans run on diesel, a steady increase as they replace leaded and unleaded vehicles

1000 Kg – 1500 kg
The most common weight range for registered Caravans

3-5 Tonnes
The most common weight range for registered Campervans

4670 Postcode
Bundaberg, QLD
Has the highest combined number of Caravan and Campervan registrations

72,034 Campervans
Registered at 31 January 2020

17 Years
Decreasing average age of Campervans in Australia
141,199 Caravans
Added in the past 5 years

Caravan growth 26.7%
Over the past 5 years

13,659 Campervans
Added in the past 5 years

Campervan growth 23.4%
Over the past 5 years

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What are Caravans & Campervans

**Campervans** defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics are self-propelled motor vehicles containing an area primarily used for accommodation. This definition would include vehicles commonly referred to as motorhomes.

**Caravans** are defined as 'any enclosed trailer designed primarily for human occupation whilst stationary' (Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule – Definitions and Vehicle Categories) 2005 (Cth)).
Australian Caravan & Campervan Data

General Comments

- Comparing Campervan and Caravan registrations at 31 January 2020 to 31 January 2019 shows an increase of 30,106 or 4.2%.

- Campervans registered in Australia at 31 January 2020 totalled 72,034 compared to 69,693 in 2019. This equates to a 3.4% increase.

- Caravans registered in Australia at 31 January 2020 were 669,409 compared to 641,644 in 2019, resulting in an increase of 4.3%.

- The graph below shows the percentage increase of all motor vehicle and Caravan registrations in Australia between 31 January 2019 and 31 January 2020.

- Caravans (4.3%) and Campervans (3.4%) had the second and third highest registration increase of all vehicle types between 2019 and 2020. Light Rigid Trucks, which experienced the highest increase, are defined by the ABS as Rigid trucks of GVM greater than 3.5 tonnes and less than or equal to 4.5 tonnes.
Queensland continues to have the largest fleet of Caravans and Campervans in Australia, with a combined total of 192,751. Equating to 26% of the total fleet.

New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria together accounted for 74% of the increase in caravan and campervan registrations.

All States and Territories recorded growth in registrations of both Campervans and Caravans, with the exception of Campervans in the Northern Territory which were flat.

**New South Wales** had the highest increase in number of total net registrations at **7,669**
The Australia Capital Territory (ACT) recorded the fastest growth rate in Caravan and Campervan registrations in 2020 at 9.7%, although the total number remains relatively small at just 5,865 combined.

The increase in Campervan registrations in the ACT was 12%, with an increase of 9.5% in Caravan registrations.

Western Australia also reported a strong increase in the growth rate at 7.6% across both caravans and campervans.

There was no growth in Campervan registrations in the Northern Territory, while Caravan registration maintained a steady increase of 6.9%.

After strong growth in Campervan registrations in 2019, South Australia recorded an increase of 3.5% in 2020.
Per Capita Registrations

- Tasmania continues to have the highest combined caravan and campervan registrations per person, calculated at 43 per 1,000 people.
- Conversely, the Northern Territory has the lowest combined Caravan and Campervan registrations per 1,000 people at 8.5.

QLD, WA and TAS all have over 37 caravan & campervan registrations per 1,000 people
With the exception of Western Australia, there is a reasonably strong correlation between the percentage of the population over 65 years, and the total number of Caravan and Campervan registrations per 1,000 people.

Tasmania has the highest percentage of population over 65 years, and the highest number of combined Caravan and Campervan registrations at 43 per 1,000 people.

The number of Campervan and Caravan registrations for the Northern Territory per 1,000 people is very low, which correlates to the relatively low proportion of the population over 65 years.

In all states the number of Caravan and Campervan registrations per 1,000 people has increased from 2019 to 2020, with the number per 1,000 across the whole of Australia increasing from 28.1 to 29.1 per 1000 people.
Caravans continue to be the most popular recreational vehicle, accounting for 90% of all recreational vehicles (Caravans and Campervans) registered in Australia.

Both Caravan and Campervan registrations show steady growth over the past 10 years, notwithstanding a slight softening of growth in 2020.

The number of Caravans registered in Australia has increased by 26.7% in the last five years, and by 64.9% in the ten years since 2010.

Campervan registrations have increased by 23.4% since 2015 and increased by 48.5% since 2010.

While the total number of Caravans and Campervans registered in Australia has increased, the rate of increase has slowed, particularly for Campervans for which the growth rate fell below 4% for the first time in 6 years.

In prior years, the rate of growth had slowed for all vehicles. In 2020 the growth rate of total vehicle registrations increased, this increase was driven by an increase in commercial vehicles and trucks.
Age of Australian Campervans

- The average age of the total Campervan fleet shows a declining trend over the last 10 years from 18 years in 2010 to 17 years in 2020.

- It is interesting to note that where the average age of all motor vehicles in Australia is 10.4 years, the average age of Campervans is 17 years.

The Average Age of Australian Campervans has gradually declined over the past 10 years, and remained constant at 17.0 years during 2019 and 2020.

- Queensland continues to maintain the youngest fleet of Campervans, with the average age at 14.4 years.

- In Western Australian, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, the average age of Campervans has increased over the last 10 years.

- The average age of Campervans has declined in all other states, with Victoria reporting the largest average decrease of 2.4 years.
The percentage of Campervans manufactured more than 15 years ago is gradually increasing and amounted to 48% of the population in 2020. This is a modest increase from 47% in 2019 and 46% in 2018.

Almost half the Campervan population is more than 15 years old, which is largely due to the high average age of Campervans outside of the Eastern States.

While 73% of Campervans are registered in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, these states account for 87% of the Campervans manufactured in the last 5 years.
Australian Campervan Fuel Type

• In 2020, 69% of registered Campervans used diesel fuel, up from 67% in 2019. 10 years ago the percentage of diesel Campervans was just 59%.

Figure 11: 2020 Australian Campervan Population by Fuel Type

- Diesel: 69%
- Leaded: 23%
- Unleaded: 6%
- LPG / Dual Fuel / Other: 2%

• There has been a steady increase in diesel fuelled Campervan registrations over the past 10 years.

• As diesel engines can pull heavier loads than the same sized petrol engine, the increased performance and fuel efficiency of diesel engines will likely see more Campervans move away from both Leaded and Unleaded toward Diesel in the coming years.

• Lead fuelled Campervan registrations continue to decline which is consistent with the move away from leaded fuel across the last decade.

Figure 12: Campervan Registrations by Fuel Type 2010 - 2020
Caravans
Growth, Weight & Population

- The largest percentage increase of Caravans in 2020 was in the 2.0 to 2.5 tonne range. This trend continues to show people are moving toward larger, heavier Caravans.

- In 2020, the 1-1.5 tonne range of Caravans became the largest population of Caravans registered, which marginally overtook lighter Caravans/Trailers (weighing 0.5 - 1 tonnes) as the most popular weight category.

- Consistent with 2019, the biggest decline in registrations in 2020 was in the lighter 0.5 to 1 tonne range.

Growth in Caravans continues to be in the higher weight ranges, with the largest increase around 2-3 tonnes.

Figure 13: Caravan % of population by weight class 2019 v 2020 comparison
In 2020, Caravans weighing between 0.5 - 1 tonnes no longer represent the highest overall population, with heavier vans overtaking them in popularity.

The largest weight range of caravans is now between **1 to 1.5 tonnes** (a change from 500kg to 1 tonne last year).

Figure 14: Caravan population % change in distribution of class from 2019 - 2020

Weight range groupings are supplied by the ABS and are not evenly distributed.
**Campervan Registrations by Weight**

- Campervans saw a decline in growth across all weight categories under 2.0 tonne during 2020.

- Consistent with the past two years, the highest increase in registered Campervans was in the 3 – 5 tonne category at 1.3%. Conversely, the 1.0 – 1.5 tonne category reported the highest decrease at -1.0%.

- 40.8% (the largest percentage) of registered Campervans continues to be in the 3 – 5 tonne weight range, up from 39.5% in 2019.
Registration Density

- Bundaberg, Queensland (4670) had the highest combined number of Caravan and Campervan registrations recorded at 5,238, up 240 from 2019.

- Mandurah, Western Australia (6210) had previously recorded the highest number of registrations, but in 2020 saw a decline of 17% and was the postcode with the second highest number of combined registrations nationally.

- Toowoomba (postcode 4350) and Caloundra (postcode 4551) in Queensland also recorded increases in registration density during 2020 and were included in the top 10 postcodes nationally.
• Consistent with 2019, Braybrook in Victoria (3019) had the highest number of Campervans registered at 1,694. This follows the trend with 7% increases in 2018 and 2019, and an increase of 1% in 2020.

• The registered location of major RV dealerships and hire companies has a material impact on year on year movements in the registration location of Caravans and Campervans, particularly in these postcodes with unusually high registration volumes.

• Eagle Farm (4009) in Queensland continues to grow, with a surge in Campervans at 14%.

• Baulkham Hills (2153) had the largest increase in Campervans, with an increase of 402.

Overall, Campervans increased for the year 2020, comparative to the same growth trend as seen in prior years.

• Bundaberg (4670) in Queensland recorded the most Caravans followed by Mandurah (6210) in Western Australia.

• Armadale / Bedfordale (6112) in Western Australia recorded the highest absolute increase in Caravans while Albany (6330), Ballarat (3350) and Bendigo (3551), all recorded the highest percentage increase at 8%.

• Overall, 15 of the top 30 (50%) postcodes by number of Caravans in 2020 were located in Queensland.
Basis of Preparation

We have prepared the following analysis based upon information as listed below:

Motor Vehicle Census: Campervans and Caravans by Make, Model, Postcode, Tare, GVM, Vehicle Body Type and State, At 31 January 2020: January 2020 Copyright © Commonwealth of Australia 2020 (including prior releases)

Australian Bureau of Statistics – Australian Demographic Statistics, 3101.0, Population by Age and Sex Tables, at December 2019, Released at 11.30 am (Canberra time) 18 June 2020 (including prior releases) Copyright © Commonwealth of Australia 2020 (including prior releases)


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# Caravan and Campervan Data Report 2020

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# Extract of ABS Data

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<td>Campervans per 1,000 people increase / (decrease)</td>
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<td>0.71</td>
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<td>Total Increase/Decrease per 1,000</td>
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## Total Motor Vehicle Registrations

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<td>2020 (inc. Caravans)</td>
<td>5,283,455</td>
<td>4,379,720</td>
<td>5,765,303</td>
<td>2,375,780</td>
<td>1,498,251</td>
<td>524,290</td>
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Caravans and Campervans as a % of total registrations: 3.39% 4.40% 3.03% 4.43% 3.89% 4.40% 1.85% 1.29% 3.65%
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