

DEFINITIONS

This OICA statistics web page contains sales statistics, obtained from national trade organizations, OICA members or correspondents, National Offices of Statistics or Ministries of Transport.

Sales or Registrations data of new vehicles:

A difference in volume can be noticed between sales or registrations since a sale may not be registered immediately in some countries.

When both data exist, we would rather use registration data, as they are known as official data, published by public Ministries/Governments. For European countries, registration data are used by the European Commission to monitor the CO2 emissions by manufacturers. When registrations are not available, sales data is used.

Vehicle type definitions:

Passenger cars are road motor vehicles, other than motorcycles, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than nine people (including the driver).

The term “passenger cars” therefore covers taxis and hired passenger cars, if they have fewer than ten seats. This category may also include pick-ups or microcars (need no permit to be driven).

Commercial vehicles include light commercial vehicles, heavy trucks, coaches and buses (except for some countries in which the buses or heavy trucks data are not available).

All types of fuel are included in the data.