

At the end of 2014, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 335,249, up by almost one per cent over the previous quarter.

Motor Vehicles: Q4/2014

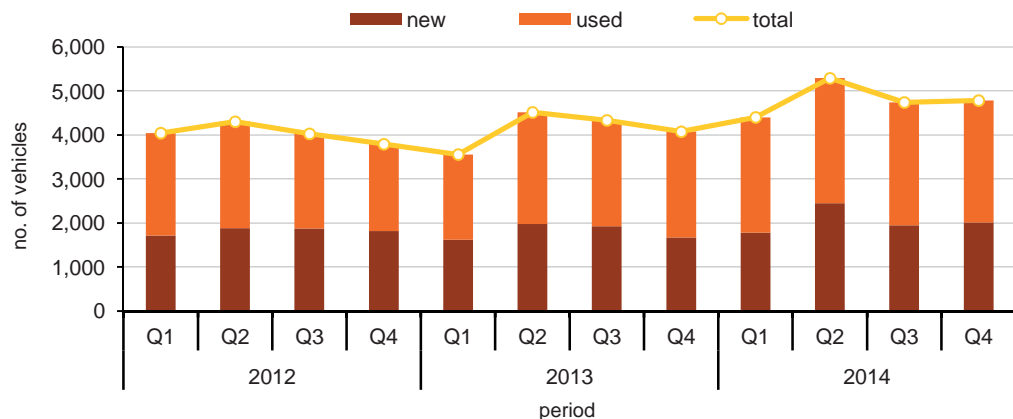
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At the end of 2014, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 335,249. Of these, 79.3 per cent were passenger cars, 12.8 per cent were goods-carrying vehicles, 5.5 per cent were motorcycles, while buses and minibuses accounted for less than one per cent (Table 1).

New licences

New licences issued during the period under review amounted to 4,782. The majority of new licences (3,858 or 80.7 per cent of the total) were issued to passenger cars, followed by motorcycles (449 or 9.4 per cent of the total). Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles amounted to 2,015, (42.1 per cent of the total) whereas newly licensed 'used' motor vehicles totalled 2,767 (57.9 per cent of the total) (Tables 2-4).

Chart 1. Newly-licensed motor vehicles



Exported, garaged and scrapped

In the fourth quarter last year, 48 vehicles were exported. Garaged vehicles amounted to 2,090, while scrapped vehicles totalled 702 (Table 5).

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Engine type

As at the end of December last year, 203,180 vehicles, or 60.6 per cent of the total, had petrol engines. Vehicles with diesel engines reached 131,005, or 39.1 per cent of the total (Table 6) ■

Table 1. Stock of licensed motor vehicles by vehicle group and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus		Route bus	Motorcycle			Passenger car					Commercial vehicle			Total
			Garage hire	Other		Self-drive	Leased	Other	Garage hire	Self-drive	Leased	Taxi	Other	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	
2012																	
Q1	1,649	324	287	822	316	60	180	15,595	854	3,650	2,791	280	240,477	41,512	3,084	1,146	313,027
Q2	1,663	332	281	832	316	65	192	15,465	878	3,785	3,045	282	241,444	41,575	3,019	1,125	314,299
Q3	1,677	350	277	835	296	67	198	15,509	894	3,712	3,140	289	241,895	41,666	2,981	1,081	314,867
Q4	1,693	345	270	837	288	62	185	15,568	879	3,029	3,264	291	242,149	41,642	2,950	1,058	314,510
2013																	
Q1	1,715	341	266	845	293	57	179	15,745	875	2,879	3,530	292	242,996	41,655	3,145	1,062	315,875
Q2	1,724	342	266	853	303	60	204	16,074	894	2,983	3,931	291	244,704	41,894	3,129	1,068	318,720
Q3	1,738	347	265	857	307	53	232	16,393	907	2,982	4,069	292	246,622	42,148	3,131	1,082	321,425
Q4	1,758	344	263	860	238	50	231	16,620	908	2,551	4,100	292	248,245	42,286	3,118	1,096	322,960
2014																	
Q1	1,774	343	256	873	240	50	247	16,851	915	2,453	4,179	293	250,089	42,380	3,124	1,091	325,158
Q2	1,797	352	249	886	285	48	273	17,310	945	2,636	4,725	293	252,447	42,536	3,152	1,119	329,053
Q3	1,814	361	246	891	284	39	305	17,691	954	2,614	4,882	293	254,997	42,790	3,175	1,119	332,455
Q4	1,829	361	236	908	284	36	276	18,088	975	2,293	4,938	293	257,451	42,974	3,182	1,125	335,249

Table 2. Newly-licensed motor vehicles by vehicle group and period (*)

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2012	73	28	54	17	1,197	13,037	1,618	96	42	16,162
Q1	13	5	19	9	208	3,384	367	29	10	4,044
Q2	18	12	11	-	382	3,448	393	29	8	4,301
Q3	19	8	12	7	357	3,125	464	18	16	4,026
Q4	23	3	12	1	250	3,080	394	20	8	3,791
2013	65	15	36	8	1,438	13,092	1,667	101	58	16,480
Q1	19	8	9	-	229	2,846	414	21	11	3,557
Q2	13	3	15	8	435	3,561	448	22	9	4,514
Q3	15	3	4	-	451	3,437	387	22	15	4,334
Q4	18	1	8	-	323	3,248	418	36	23	4,075
2014	76	36	41	45	1,798	15,439	1,610	100	67	19,212
Q1	20	5	7	-	312	3,615	410	24	8	4,401
Q2	24	13	13	45	565	4,152	416	29	32	5,289
Q3	16	9	8	-	472	3,814	385	24	12	4,740
Q4	16	9	13	-	449	3,858	399	23	15	4,782

(*) Figures include new and used licensed motor vehicles

Table 3. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles by vehicle group and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2012	6	9	10	-	812	5,884	552	12	8	7,293
Q1	2	-	1	-	124	1,467	114	5	4	1,717
Q2	1	3	5	-	268	1,480	118	6	-	1,881
Q3	2	5	4	-	256	1,399	206	1	3	1,876
Q4	1	1	-	-	164	1,538	114	-	1	1,819
2013	8	3	12	-	873	5,749	536	8	4	7,193
Q1	4	1	1	-	145	1,288	180	2	-	1,621
Q2	1	-	8	-	283	1,553	130	2	-	1,977
Q3	2	2	3	-	282	1,508	121	4	1	1,923
Q4	1	-	-	-	163	1,400	105	-	3	1,672
2014	9	2	8	-	1,148	6,451	544	13	16	8,191
Q1	6	-	1	-	194	1,439	137	5	1	1,783
Q2	-	2	1	-	367	1,919	143	2	13	2,447
Q3	3	-	1	-	306	1,506	126	2	2	1,946
Q4	0	0	5	0	281	1,587	138	4	0	2,015

Table 4. Newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles by vehicle group and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2012	67	19	44	17	385	7,153	1,066	84	34	8,869
Q1	11	5	18	9	84	1,917	253	24	6	2,327
Q2	17	9	6	-	114	1,968	275	23	8	2,420
Q3	17	3	8	7	101	1,726	258	17	13	2,150
Q4	22	2	12	1	86	1,542	280	20	7	1,972
2013	57	12	24	8	565	7,343	1,131	93	54	9,287
Q1	15	7	8	-	84	1,558	234	19	11	1,936
Q2	12	3	7	8	152	2,008	318	20	9	2,537
Q3	13	1	1	-	169	1,929	266	18	14	2,411
Q4	17	1	8	-	160	1,848	313	36	20	2,403
2014	67	34	33	45	650	8,988	1,066	87	51	11,021
Q1	14	5	6	-	118	2,176	273	19	7	2,618
Q2	24	11	12	45	198	2,233	273	27	19	2,842
Q3	13	9	7	-	166	2,308	259	22	10	2,794
Q4	16	9	8	0	168	2,271	261	19	15	2,767

Table 5. Vehicles by main active Out-of-Action restriction: 2014 by vehicle group and period (*)

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
Exported	0	1	0	0	17	148	36	3	2	207
Q1	-	-	-	-	1	30	19	-	-	50
Q2	-	-	-	-	3	36	2	2	-	43
Q3	-	-	-	-	8	50	6	-	2	66
Q4	-	1	-	-	5	32	9	1	-	48
Garaged	91	34	32	0	1,039	5,446	1,220	145	56	8,063
Q1	23	7	10	-	190	1,428	391	48	10	2,107
Q2	21	15	9	-	316	1,295	322	28	16	2,022
Q3	23	6	8	-	266	1,237	248	39	17	1,844
Q4	24	6	5	-	267	1,486	259	30	13	2,090
Scrapped	1	8	10	1	39	2,644	239	24	12	2,978
Q1	1	1	-	1	7	887	65	5	-	967
Q2	-	3	2	-	12	734	43	5	2	801
Q3	-	1	5	-	11	432	53	4	2	508
Q4	-	3	3	-	9	591	78	10	8	702

(*) Data provided as at end of reference period

Table 6. Stock* of licensed vehicles by fuel type and vehicle group: Q4/2014

Vehicle group	Petrol	Diesel	Electric	Hybrid	LPG	Gas	Paraffin	Combined	Unknown	Total
Total	203,180	131,005	205	358	18	12	0	464	7	335,249
Agricultural	19	1,807	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1,829
Coach and private bus	1	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	361
Minibus	12	1,132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,144
Route bus	0	278	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	284
Motorcycle	18,330	8	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	18,400
Passenger vehicle	183,447	81,616	87	351	2	2	0	445	0	265,950
Goods-carrying vehicle	1,313	41,631	14	0	0	0	0	12	4	42,974
Special purpose vehicle	57	3,052	43	0	16	10	0	4	0	3,182
Road tractor	1	1,121	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1,125

*As at end of reference period

Methodological Notes

1. This news release is based on data provided by Transport Malta.
2. Data in this news release are subject to regular revisions by the data provider. For this reason, the data shown are updated as per cut-off date indicated and are to be considered as provisional.
3. Data are being presented in alignment with international counterparts (Eurostat/ITF/UNECE) according to the 4th edition of the Illustrated Glossary for Transport Statistics (<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf>).

4. Definitions:

A. VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Agricultural	Motor vehicle, normally a tractor, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes; licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
Passenger road vehicle	A road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry one or more persons. Included are: motorcycles, mopeds, passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, buses, coaches and minibuses, motor homes.
Passenger car	Road motor vehicle, other than a moped or a motorcycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than 9 persons (including the driver). Included are: passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, motor homes (not caravans), hearses, microcars (needing no permit to be driven).
Moped	Two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle which is fitted with an engine having a cylinder capacity of less than 50cc and a maximum authorised design speed in accordance with national regulations.
Motorcycle	Two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle not exceeding 400kg of unladen weight. All such vehicles with a cylinder capacity of 50cc or over are included, as are those under 50cc which do not meet the definition of moped.
Coach and private bus	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry more than 24 persons (including driver), and with provision to carry seated as well as standing passengers.
Minibus / mini-coach	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry 10-23 seated or standing persons (including the driver).
Route bus	Bus licensed to operate on established bus routes.
Goods road vehicle	Road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry goods. Included are: (a) light goods vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of not more than 3,500kg, designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods, e.g. vans and pick-ups; (b) heavy goods road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight above 3,500kg, designed exclusively and primarily, to carry goods; (c) road tractors; (d) agricultural tractors permitted to use roads open to public traffic.
Road tractor	Road motor vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to haul other road vehicles which are not power driven (mainly semi-trailers).
Special purpose vehicle	Road motor vehicle for purposes other than the carriage of passengers or goods. This category includes: fire brigade vehicles; mobile cranes; self-propelled rollers; bulldozers with metallic wheels or track; vehicles for recording film, radio and TV broadcasting; mobile library vehicles; mobile kiosks; towing vehicles for vehicles in need of repair; other special purpose road motor vehicles.
Garage Hire	Chauffeur-driven car for hire.
Self-drive car	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
Self-drive motorcycle	Same as motorcycle above, available for hire.
Taxi	Licensed passenger car for hire with driver without predetermined routes. The method of hire is normally: (i) Flagging down the street; (ii) Picking up at a designated taxi rank; (iii) Telephoning for collection.
Leased	A contract under which the owner of a motor vehicle grants to another person the exclusive possession of the motor vehicle for an agreed period, in return for a consideration, and under such conditions that the possessor of the motor vehicle will be obliged to pay the full amount of the consideration, or a penalty, to the owner of the motor vehicle, should the contract be terminated before the expiration of the agreed period. A QZ plate is assigned to all vehicles falling in the leased category.
Other	This category includes any other use (including private), of the corresponding vehicle, not mentioned in the table.

B. VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions	A restriction is a condition imposed on a vehicle's licence. Restrictions can be either temporary such as Garaged, Seized, Resale, etc., or permanent (i.e. vehicle is indefinitely removed from circulation on national territory) such as Exported, Scrapped or Destroyed. In this News Release only data of the main three restrictions (Exported, Scrapped, Garaged) are reported.
Garaged	Vehicles no longer licensed for use on the road, but exclude vehicles which have been scrapped or exported. A vehicle may be garaged for a particular period, then re-licensed after this period.
Exported	Vehicles licensed in Malta which have been exported.
Scrapped	Vehicles which have been scrapped/destroyed, thus, indefinitely removed from circulation.

C. ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE MOTORISATION TYPES

Electric/battery operated	Electrically operated vehicle, totally independent of a fuel-driven engine.
Hybrid	A hybrid vehicle is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle. The term most commonly refers to hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), which combine an internal combustion engine and one or more electric motors.
Combined	A combined engine vehicle is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle which are not electrical. Combination types: Petrol/LPG, Diesel/LPG.

5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>