

ALBERTA VEHICLE STATISTICS
Number of Active Registrations
By Vehicle Registration Classes
As of March 31

YEAR:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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VEHICLE REGISTRATION CLASS: (1)

COMMERCIAL OPERATION CLASSES					
CLASS 1 PLATES:					
1-51 SCHOOL BUS	5,150	5,208	5,369	5,524	5,457
1-52 COMMERCIAL BUS	3,883	4,139	4,554	4,871	4,590
1-55 LIVERY	5,391	5,611	5,898	5,918	5,827
1-56 RENTAL TRUCKS	17,055	20,882	22,515	22,966	19,901
1-56C RENTAL CARS	13,180	13,575	14,300	14,804	12,500
1-60 EXEMPTED GOODS	12,155	13,292	14,170	14,835	13,667
1-61 PUBLIC SERVICE	44,989	48,174	50,052	51,465	47,671
1-TLR PSV TRAILER	980	1,084	1,039	1,071	996
CLASS 2 PLATES:					
2-58 FARM VEHICLES	138,367	138,885	138,794	139,014	139,739
2-58C SOD OPERATION	82	77	56	0	2
2-59 RESTRICTED	47,097	46,850	45,849	44,623	42,616
2-60 EXEMPTED GOODS	3,958	4,462	4,707	4,880	4,778
2-61 RESTRICTED PSV	3,708	3,772	3,920	3,942	3,826
CLASS 3 PLATES:					
3-ORD OWN BUSINESS	223,922	241,926	257,144	267,364	252,936
3-TLR COMMERCIAL TLR	4,355	4,706	4,993	5,284	5,120
OTHER PLATES:					
DEALER (no vehicle link) (2)	16,427	17,022	17,765	18,774	18,737
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TOTAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES:	540,699	569,665	591,125	605,335	578,363
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NOTES:

(1) Allowable 'Vehicle Registration Class' categories are set by Alberta Registries.

In general, all operation classes may have a variety of vehicle styles (cars, vans, trucks, etc.) included in the registration counts which the annual reports are not able to break down to separate counts. Some of categories may set limitations on vehicle style applicable to the operational class (ie. seating in buses, trailers or trucks).

(2) Dealer plates assigned to dealers and service garages are for temporary use on any vehicle for demonstration purposes or movement to repair facilities. There are no vehicle links on file with commercial dealer plates.

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PASSENGER OPERATIONS (1)
 (Regular Large Plates Issued)

3-PASS PASSENGER	2,506,445	2,601,731	2,700,683	2,800,474	2,842,802
3-DSBL DISABLED PLATE	705	673	685	689	700
ANTIQUE VEHICLES	14,286	15,325	16,451	17,644	18,934

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TOTAL PASSENGER VEHICLES: 2,521,436 2,617,729 2,717,819 2,818,807 2,862,436
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(1) 'Passenger Plates' may be issued to any style of vehicle if the primary use of the vehicle is for personal transportation of the driver and any passengers. This category includes vans, trucks, buses as well as cars.

SPECIALTY VEHICLES & BIKES
 (Small Sized Plates Issued) (2)

3-MC MOTORCYCLES (3)	92,030	93,734	99,721	110,281	115,324
3-56 RENT MOTORCYCLES	196	266	583	599	494
3-OHV OFF HIGHWAY	145,806	151,183	153,621	157,118	158,274

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TOTAL SPECIALTY VEHICLES: 238,032 245,183 253,925 267,998 274,092
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(2) The small plates are issued to motorcycles and small specialty vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles, carts or mini-autos, dirt bikes and snowmobiles.

(3) The '3-mc' class is used for motorcycles and mopeds operating on highways and public roads. The '3-ohv' class is used by off-highway vehicles which includes dirt bikes and motorcycles designed for off road use.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (4)

3-99 GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	40,199	41,228	42,117	43,129	44,340
3-99X OTHER GOVERNMENT	4,127	4,280	4,456	4,614	4,823
3-99SB SCHOOL BUSES	2,183	2,256	2,376	2,456	2,500
CONSULAR CORP (5)	223	231	238	248	262

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TOTAL GOVERNMENT VEHICLES: 46,732 47,995 49,187 50,447 51,925
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(4) Government owned vehicles are classified in a separate operational class under '3-99 Government'.

Only vehicles owned and operated in Alberta by Federal, Provincial, Municipal and County governments including Indian Bands may register with '3-99 Government' class plates.

Armed Forces vehicles and some Government of Canada vehicles using 'CANADA' issued plates are not included in provincial counts of vehicles. These vehicles are governed by federal jurisdictions.

(5) Special "Consular Corp" plates are issued to Consulars and diplomats who represent other country governments.

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OTHER REGISTRATIONS

4-TLR TRAILER PLATES (1)	1,222,940	1,278,960	1,338,144	1,395,596	1,439,127
DISABLED PLACARDS (PERM) (2)(3) - for permanent disabilities/5 year term	120,267	126,333	132,117	138,267	145,051
DISABLED PLACARDS (TEMP) (2) -for temporary disability (min 3 months)	6,203	6,738	7,284	8,151	8,753
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TOTAL OTHERS:	1,349,410	1,412,031	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931
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(1) Trailer plates are issued without expiry valid for the life of the plate issue. The count represents all trailer plates issued since 1984 that have not been cancelled or returned by the owners.

(2) Disabled placards are issued to individuals for a maximum 5 year term and renewable for permanent disabled persons. The placard is used in conjunction with any vehicle with valid licence registration and plates when transporting the disabled individual who may or may not be the vehicle owner.

(3) DSBLCARD+ DSBLPERM=Disabled Placards (Perm)

SUMMARY OF ALL REGISTRATIONS

COMMERCIAL REGISTRATIONS	540,699	569,665	591,125	605,335	578,363
PASSENGER REGISTRATIONS	2,521,436	2,617,729	2,717,819	2,818,807	2,862,436
MOTORCYCLES & OHV	238,032	245,183	253,925	267,998	274,092
GOVERNMENT REGISTRATIONS	46,732	47,995	49,187	50,447	51,925
TRAILERS & OTHERS	1,349,410	1,412,031	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931
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TOTAL REGISTRATIONS: (3)	4,696,309	4,892,603	5,089,601	5,284,601	5,359,747
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(3) Total registrations includes all certificates, plates and placards issued by Alberta Registries agents to operate any vehicle or trailer as governed by any legislation in force within Alberta.

PERSONALIZED PLATES IN USE (4)	62,700	65,547	68,893	72,060	74,340
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(4) Personalized plates were first issued in Alberta in May 1985. The use of personalized plates on vehicles is allowed in all commercial and passenger operations requiring annual registration of the vehicle. The count of personalized plates in use with vehicle registration is for information purposes as the count is included with the associated commercial or passenger registration and is part of the 'Total Registration' count above.