

Motorized Vehicle Registrations

By Vehicle Registration Class* as of March 31

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commercial Operation Classes					
Class 1 Plates					
1-51: School Bus	5,208	5,369	5,524	5,457	5,718
1-52: Commercial Bus	4,139	4,554	4,871	4,590	4,638
1-55: Livery	5,611	5,898	5,918	5,827	9,585
1-56: Rental Trucks	20,882	22,515	22,966	19,901	22,459
1-56c: Rental Cars	13,575	14,300	14,804	12,500	12,171
1-60: Exempted Goods	13,292	14,170	14,835	13,667	13,356
1-61: Public Service	48,174	50,052	51,465	47,671	46,591
1-tlr: PSV Trailer	1,084	1,039	1,071	996	957
Class 2 Plates					
2-58: Farm Vehicles ⁽¹⁾	138,962	138,850	139,014	139,741	137,670
2-59: Restricted	46,850	45,849	44,623	42,616	39,528
2-60: Exempted Goods	4,462	4,707	4,880	4,778	4,515
2-61: Restricted PSV	3,772	3,920	3,942	3,826	3,719
Class 3 Plates					
3-ord: Own Business	241,926	257,144	267,364	252,936	241,781
3-tlr: Commercial Trailer	4,706	4,993	5,284	5,120	4,881
Other Plates					
Dealer ⁽²⁾	17,022	17,765	18,774	18,737	18,581
Total Commercial Vehicles in Alberta	569,665	591,125	605,335	578,363	566,150

* Information on all vehicle plate classes in Alberta can be found at:

http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/1087.cfm

Vehicle registration classes are set by Alberta Registries. In general, all registration classes may have a variety of vehicle styles (cars, vans, trucks, etc.) included in the registration counts which the annual reports are unable to break down into separate counts. Some of the categories may set limitations on vehicle styles applicable to the operational class (e.g. seating in buses, trailers, or trucks).

(1) Includes classes 2-58 (farm vehicles) and 2-58c (sod operation vehicles).

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



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Passenger Operation Classes ⁽³⁾					
3-pass: Passenger	2,601,731	2,700,683	2,800,474	2,842,802	2,807,535
3-dsbl: Disabled Plate	673	685	689	700	713
Antique Vehicles	15,325	16,451	17,644	18,934	20,307
Total Passenger Vehicles in Alberta	2,617,729	2,717,819	2,818,807	2,862,436	2,828,555

(3) 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, and cars.

Speciality Vehicles and Bikes⁽⁴⁾

3-56: Rent Motorcycles 266 583 599 494 3	Total Speciality Vehicles in Alberta	245,183	253,925	267,998	274,092	239,872
	3-ohv: Off-Highway	151,183	153,621	157,118	158,274	137,607
3-11C. Motor ycles $73,734$ $77,721$ $110,201$ $113,324$ $101,0$	3-56: Rent Motorcycles	266	583	599	494	367
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(4) Small-sized plates are issued to motorcycles and small speciality vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles, carts, mini-autos, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles.

(5) 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, including dirt bikes and motorcycles designed for off-road use.

Government Operations ⁽⁶⁾					
3-99: Government Vehicles	41,228	42,117	43,129	44,340	44,445
3-99x: Other Government	4,280	4,456	4,614	4,823	4,958
3-99sb: School Buses	2,256	2,376	2,456	2,500	2,549
Consular Corp ⁽⁷⁾	231	238	248	262	279
Total Government Vehicles in Alberta	47,995	49,187	50,447	51,925	52,231

(6) Government-owned vehicles are classified in a separate operator 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 jurisdiction.

(7) Special consular plates are issued to consulars and diplomats who represent other countries' governments.



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Other Registrations					
4-tlr: Trailer Plates ⁽⁸⁾	1,278,960	1,338,144	1,395,596	1,439,127	1,475,312
Permanent Disabled Placards ^(9, 10)	126,333	132,117	138,267	145,051	152,182
Temporary Disabled Placards ⁽⁹⁾	6,738	7,284	8,151	8,753	9,302
Total Other Registrations in Alberta	1,412,031	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931	1,636,796

(8) Trailer plates are issued without expiry, and are 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.

(9) Disabled placards are issued to individuals for a maximum 5-year term and are 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.

(10) Permanent disabled placards comprise two classes: DSBLCARD and DSBLPERM.

Summary of All Registrations in Alberta

Commercial	569,665	591,125	605,335	578,363	566,150
Passenger	2,617,729	2,717,819	2,818,807	2,862,436	2,828,555
Motorcycles and OHVs	245,183	253,925	267,998	274,092	239,872
Government	47,995	49,187	50,447	51,925	52,231
Trailers and Others	1,412,031	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931	1,636,796
Total Registrations in Alberta ⁽¹¹⁾	4,892,603	5,089,601	5,284,601	5,359,747	5,323,604

(11) 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.

(12) 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 Registrations count above.