

Motorized Vehicle Registrations

By Vehicle Registration Class* as of March 31

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Commercial Operation Classes ⁽¹⁾					
Class 1 Plates					
1-51: School Bus	5,369	5,524	5,457	5,718	5,828
1-52: Commercial Bus	4,554	4,871	4,590	4,638	4,670
1-55: Livery	5,898	5,918	5,827	9,585	13,186
1-56: Rental Trucks	22,515	22,966	19,901	22,459	24,779
1-56c: Rental Cars	14,300	14,804	12,500	12,171	12,207
1-60: Exempted Goods	14,170	14,835	13,667	13,356	13,610
1-61: Public Service	50,052	51,465	47,671	46,591	48,401
1-tlr: PSV Trailer	1,039	1,071	996	957	945
Class 2 Plates					
2-58: Farm Vehicles ⁽²⁾	138,850	139,014	139,741	137,670	137,453
2-59: Restricted	45,849	44,623	42,616	39,528	37,727
2-60: Exempted Goods	4,707	4,880	4,778	4,515	4,417
2-61: Restricted PSV	3,920	3,942	3,826	3,719	3,774
Class 3 Plates					
3-ord: Own Business	257,144	267,364	252,936	241,781	246,062
3-tlr: Commercial Trailer	4,993	5,284	5,120	4,881	5,167
Other Plates					
Dealer ⁽³⁾	17,765	18,774	18,737	18,581	19,137
Total Commercial Vehicles in Alberta	591,125	605,335	578,363	566,150	577,363

* 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 all commercially-registered vehicles with the following body styles: all 2-, 3-, 4-, and 5-door cars, buses (all types), convertibles, farm tractors, hatchbacks, mopeds, motorcycles, motorhomes, sports cars, station wagons, truck-trailers, trucks, utility vehicles, vans, and commercial vehicles registered as "other". This total also includes commercial trailers (3-tlr) and dealer-plated vehicles (dealer).

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

(3) 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 ⁽⁴⁾					
3-pass: Passenger	2,700,683	2,800,474	2,842,802	2,807,535	2,832,636
3-dsbl: Disabled Plate	685	689	700	713	694
Antique Vehicles	16,451	17,644	18,934	20,307	21,803
Total Passenger Vehicles in Alberta	2,717,819	2,818,807	2,862,436	2,828,555	2,855,133

(4) 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⁽⁵⁾

3-ohv: Off-Highway 153,621 157,118 158,274	137,607 133,665
3-56: Rent Motorcycles 583 599 494	367 390
3-mc: Motorcycles ⁽⁶⁾ 99,721 110,281 115,324	101,898 91,916

(5) Small-sized plates are issued to motorcycles and small speciality vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles, carts, mini-autos, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles.

(6) 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 ⁽⁷⁾					
3-99: Government Vehicles	42,117	43,129	44,340	44,445	45,010
3-99x: Other Government	4,456	4,614	4,823	4,958	5,109
3-99sb: School Buses	2,376	2,456	2,500	2,549	2,596
Consular Corp ⁽⁸⁾	238	248	262	279	302
Total Government Vehicles in Alberta	49,187	50,447	51,925	52,231	53,017

(7) 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.

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



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Other Registrations					
4-tlr: Trailer Plates ⁽⁹⁾	1,338,144	1,395,596	1,439,127	1,475,312	1,512,110
Permanent Disabled Placards ^(10, 11)	132,117	138,267	145,051	152,182	159,611
Temporary Disabled Placards ⁽¹⁰⁾	7,284	8,151	8,753	9,302	10,014
Total Other Registrations in Alberta	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931	1,636,796	1,681,735

(9) 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.

(10) 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.

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

Summary of All Registrations in Alberta

Commercial	591,125	605,335	578,363	566,150	577,363
Passenger	2,717,819	2,818,807	2,862,436	2,828,555	2,855,133
Motorcycles and OHVs	253,925	267,998	274,092	239,872	225,971
Government	49,187	50,447	51,925	52,231	53,017
Trailers and Others	1,477,545	1,542,014	1,592,931	1,636,796	1,681,735
Total Registrations in Alberta ⁽¹²⁾	5,089,601	5,284,601	5,359,747	5,323,604	5,393,219

(12) 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 in 68,893 72,060 74,340 73,129 73,893
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(13) 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.