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Table 1.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. retail sales of domestic production, production, inventory, days' supply, and employment, by specified periods, 1980, 1981, and 1982

(In thousands of units; thousands of employees)

Item	1981 and 1982			1980 and 1981	
	April 1982	May 1982	June 1981-May 1982	May 1981	June 1980-May 1981
Retail sales of domestic production:					
Subcompact	150	177	1,658	145	1,684
Compact	74	85	1,289	121	1,629
Intermediate	155	186	1,672	147	1,862
Standard	89	99	942	83	985
Luxury	31	36	339	28	319
Total	499	584	5,899	524	6,480
Production:					
Subcompact	174	184	1,841	176	1,755
Compact	94	102	1,176	189	1,732
Intermediate	132	141	1,417	179	1,698
Standard	52	52	671	86	844
Luxury	35	33	347	31	328
Total	486	512	5,452	662	6,357
Inventory:					
Subcompact	358	368	1/	262	1/
Compact	254	262	1/	375	1/
Intermediate	397	389	1/	431	1/
Standard	155	151	1/	197	1/
Luxury	82	90	1/	84	1/
Total	1,247	1,261	1/	1,349	1/
Days' supply: 2/					
Subcompact	63	94	1/	67	1/
Compact	47	60	1/	61	1/
Intermediate	77	80	1/	82	1/
Standard	61	56	1/	63	1/
Luxury	62	69	1/	59	1/
Total	58	66	1/	65	1/
Employment: 3/					
Total employees	4/ 714	5/ 694	1/	6/ 816	1/
Production workers	4/ 527	5/ 506	1/	6/ 614	1/
Layoffs 7/	249	236	1/	161	1/

1/ Not applicable.

2/ Days' supply is an average for each class size which is determined by dividing total inventory by the previous month's retail sales.

3/ Employment data are for SIC 371 (motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment).

4/ Data are for March 1982.

5/ Data are for April 1982.

6/ Data are for April 1981.

7/ Layoffs are the number of UAW members on indefinite layoff as of the end of each specified period.

Source: Retail sales, production, and days' supply, Ward's Auto Information Bank; inventory, Automotive News; and employment, U.S. Department of Labor.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 2.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources and specified periods, 1980, 1981, and 1982 1/ 2/

Source	1981 and 1982			1980 and 1981	
	March 1982	April 1982	May 1981-April 1982	April 1981	May 1980-April 1981
	Quantity (units)				
Japan	163,270	124,229	1,790,813	166,729	1,998,448
Canada	70,387	73,162	627,448	55,586	554,303
West Germany	25,802	24,197	239,110	26,926	303,390
Sweden	10,553	8,790	76,864	9,693	63,506
Italy	1,662	1,078	14,748	3,138	39,269
United Kingdom	2,038	680	15,042	668	21,299
France	5,551	7,698	45,148	4,696	48,317
All other	-	1	2,734	7	2,374
Total	279,263	239,835	2,811,907	267,443	3,030,906
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	904,402	670,882	9,256,883	834,814	8,761,377
Canada	555,378	564,928	4,922,137	391,089	3,708,942
West Germany	316,784	293,825	2,734,641	289,895	3,009,529
Sweden	97,341	80,567	684,807	77,050	491,715
Italy	14,890	13,754	146,019	24,307	279,529
United Kingdom	45,847	18,784	318,802	14,209	231,717
France	33,677	46,246	283,671	29,244	293,482
All other	-	9	47,696	257	12,575
Total	1,968,319	1,688,995	18,394,656	1,660,865	16,788,866

1/ Data include imports into Puerto Rico; data for January-April 1982 and full year 1981 do not include Volkswagens assembled in the United States. All other data, however, do include U.S.-built Volkswagens.
2/ January-April 1982 and July-December 1981 data include TSUSA number 692.1005.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 3.--Lightweight automobile trucks 1/ and bodies and cab/chassis for lightweight automobile trucks: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources and specified periods, 1980, 1981, and 1982 2/

Source	1981 and 1982			1980 and 1981	
	March 1982	April 1982	May 1981-April 1982	April 1981	May 1980-April 1981
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Japan	40,685	31,843	460,821	34,243	463,578
Canada	30,389	29,502	253,303	18,002	201,388
All other	226	14	2,826	271	2,950
Total	71,300	61,359	716,950	52,516	667,916
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	172,188	143,737	1,896,059	146,118	1,786,584
Canada	232,762	220,757	1,900,673	116,672	1,243,235
All other	951	101	32,917	4,541	42,130
Total	405,901	364,595	3,829,649	267,331	3,071,949

1/ Defined as not over 10,000 pounds gvw.
2/ Partially estimated, all data include imports into Puerto Rico.
3/ Quantity data include complete trucks and cab/chassis, but exclude bodies.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 4.--New passenger automobiles: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets and specified periods, 1980, 1981, and 1982

Market	1981 and 1982			1980 and 1981	
	March 1982	April 1982	May 1981-April 1982	April 1981	May 1980-April 1981
	Quantity (units)				
Canada	35,874	45,673	408,007	52,566	479,414
Saudi Arabia	791	782	13,553	338	16,223
Kuwait	376	183	6,567	841	13,832
Japan	278	641	5,314	74	3,095
West Germany	139	203	2,615	472	4,919
Belgium	23	93	1,326	298	3,726
Venezuela	382	304	7,394	1,030	5,347
Switzerland	161	191	761	125	3,055
All other	2,348	1,735	25,359	3,552	41,355
Total	40,372	49,805	470,896	59,296	570,966
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	238,677	308,449	2,788,122	341,202	2,992,719
Saudi Arabia	9,631	10,423	176,773	3,965	168,262
Kuwait	4,749	2,234	76,860	7,798	128,968
Japan	4,165	8,069	64,227	1,275	31,050
West Germany	1,345	2,092	24,907	4,344	41,802
Belgium	246	908	11,595	2,124	27,060
Venezuela	4,024	3,686	68,898	9,408	46,698
Switzerland	1,835	2,258	45,072	988	24,628
All other	24,346	17,488	209,747	34,501	336,923
Total	289,018	355,607	3,466,201	405,605	3,798,110

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 5.--Lightweight automobile trucks 1/ and bodies and cab/chassis for lightweight automobile trucks: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets and specified periods, 1980, 1981, and 1982 2/

Market	1981 and 1982			1980 and 1981	
	March 1982	April 1982	May 1981-April 1982	April 1981	May 1980-April 1981
	Quantity (units)				
Canada	5,175	7,109	53,267	5,881	62,342
Saudi Arabia	1,848	800	17,619	1,722	26,840
Argentina	6	1	289	415	11,485
Kuwait	454	175	3,044	235	4,923
Ecuador	193	69	1,890	152	4,432
Venezuela	177	228	2,220	319	4,674
Mexico	271	62	3,185	238	3,665
Colombia	29	46	856	140	4,543
All other	1,060	951	19,555	1,832	27,192
Total	9,213	9,441	101,925	10,934	150,096
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	35,316	47,128	363,130	40,251	528,749
Saudi Arabia	22,986	10,068	184,439	14,236	199,575
Argentina	55	9	2,282	3,179	70,918
Kuwait	5,132	1,713	27,577	1,765	34,631
Ecuador	1,647	653	15,418	1,120	34,896
Venezuela	1,645	2,251	20,044	2,967	43,653
Mexico	2,426	559	24,440	2,028	26,663
Colombia	231	443	7,576	1,275	39,880
All other	10,954	9,042	181,670	16,212	232,313
Total	80,392	71,866	826,576	83,033	1,211,278

1/ Defined as not over 10,000 pounds gvw.
2/ Partially estimated.
3/ Quantity data include complete trucks and cab/chassis, but exclude bodies.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 6.--New passenger automobiles: Sales of domestic and imported passenger automobiles and sales of imported passenger automobiles as a percent of total U.S. sales, by specified periods, 1981 and 1982

Period	Sales of-- Domestic automobiles 1/		Sales of-- Imported automobiles 2/		Total U.S. sales		Ratio of import sales to total sales	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
							--Percent--	
January---	368,138	469,832	166,172	177,365	534,310	647,197	31.1	27.4
February--	456,942	543,593	175,261	219,164	632,203	762,757	27.7	28.7
Jan.-Feb--	825,080	1,013,425	341,433	396,529	1,166,513	1,409,954	29.3	28.1
March-----	575,608	719,044	200,741	242,558	776,349	961,602	25.9	25.2
Jan.-Mar--	1,400,688	1,732,469	542,174	639,087	1,942,862	2,371,556	27.9	26.9
April-----	498,630	533,724	169,833	216,852	668,463	750,576	25.4	28.9
Jan.- Apr.	1,899,318	2,266,193	712,007	855,939	2,611,325	3,122,132	27.3	27.4
May-------	584,676	524,021	187,091	209,742	771,767	733,763	24.2	28.6
Jan.-May--	2,483,994	2,790,214	899,098	1,065,681	3,383,092	3,855,895	26.6	27.6

1/ Domestic automobile sales include U.S. and Canadian-built automobiles sold in the United States.

2/ Does not include automobiles imported from Canada.

Source: Automotive News.

Table 7.--New passenger automobiles: Price indexes, by specified periods, 1981 and 1982

(1967 = 100)

Item	1982 March 1982	1982 April 1982	1982 Percent change	1981 and 1982 April 1981	1981 and 1982 April 1982	1981 and 1982 Percent change
Consumer Price Index:						
Unadjusted----	194.4	196.0	+0.8	186.1	196.0	+5.3
Seasonally adjusted----	194.6	196.0	+0.7	186.1	196.0	+5.3
Producer Price Index:						
Unadjusted----	210.3	209.7	-0.3	202.1	209.7	+3.8
Seasonally adjusted----	212.0	209.3	-1.3	201.7	209.3	+3.8

Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Table 8.--New passenger automobiles: Retail price changes in the U.S. market, during May 1982

(In dollars)

Source and size category	Retail price changes, May 1982 (+ or -)
U.S. producers:	
General Motors	No change
Ford Motor	No change
Chrysler:	
Compact	+59
Luxury	+300 to +366
European Economic Community producers:	
Subcompact	-200 to -385
Japanese producers	No change

Source: Automotive News, May 1982.

Table 9.--Manufacturers' suggested retail prices of selected U.S. and Japanese automobiles, April 1981-June 1982 1/

Company, model, and options 2/	April 1, 1981		June 1, 1982		Percent change in optionally equipped model	
	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	May 1982-June 1982	Apr. 1981-June 1982
General Motors:						
Chevette, 2 door HB (PB, RWD, TG)	5,155	5,405	5,513	5,778	0	+6.9
Citation, 4 door HB (PB, RWD, TG, AT)	6,404	7,014	6,899	7,554	0	+7.7
Cimarron, 4 door (AT)	4/ 12,131	4/ 12,501	12,181	12,551	0	+0.4
Ford:						
Escort, L, 2 door HB (PB, RWD, TG, RS)	5,556	5,857	6,046	6,406	0	+9.4
Fairmont Futura, 4 door (RWD, TG,)	6,421	6,953	6,419	7,042	0	+1.3
LTD Crown Victora, 4 door (RWD, TG, AC, R)	8,519	10,102	9,294	11,022	0	+9.1
Chrysler:						
Plymouth TC3, 2 door HB (PB, RWD)	5,938	6,188	6,421	6,634	0	+7.2
Reliant, 4 door (PB, RWD, TG, R, AT)	5,980	6,680	6,629	7,464	0	+11.7
Dodge 400, 2 door (RWD, AC) 5/	6,672	7,502	8,043	8,844	0	+17.9
Toyota:						
Corolla, Deluxe, 2 door (R)	5,688	5,793	6,018	6,129	0	+5.8
Corona LE, 4 door (R, AT)	8,254	8,254	8,939	8,939	0	+8.3
Cressida, 4 door	11,599	11,599	12,249	12,249	0	+5.6
Nissan (Datsun):						
Sentra, Deluxe 2 door (R) 5/	5,369	5,494	5,879	5,959	+1.0	+8.5
Stanza, 4 door (R, AT) 5/	6,839	7,224	6,999	7,419	0	+2.7
Maxima, 4 door	10,379	10,379	11,049	11,049	0	+6.5
Honda:						
Civic, 1300, 2 door HB (R)	4,599	4,694	4,799	4,894	0	+4.3
Accord, 4 door (R, AT)	7,645	7,950	8,245	8,592	0	+8.1
Mazda:						
GLC Custom, 2 door HB (R)	5,495	5,650	5,695	5,850	0	+3.5

1/ Suggested retail prices, East Coast, do not include any dealer incentives, below-market financing or rebates offered by manufacturers or importers.

2/ The following codes apply: PB = power brakes; RWD = rear window defroster; TG = tinted glass; HB = hatchback; AT = automatic transmission; AC = air conditioning; R = radio; RS = reclining front seats.

3/ Base models are 2 door or 2 door hatchback and 4 door or 4 door hatchback models. Optionally equipped models are base models which have been equipped with the options listed in parenthesis.

4/ Cimarron not sold until May 21, 1981.

5/ Dodge 400 has replaced the Diplomat; Stanza has replaced the 510; Sentra has replaced the 210.

Source: Compiled from data supplied by U.S. manufacturers, Japanese importers, and Automotive News.

Note: Some 1981 models have been discontinued, thus some 1981 models have been replaced by comparable 1982 models.

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