

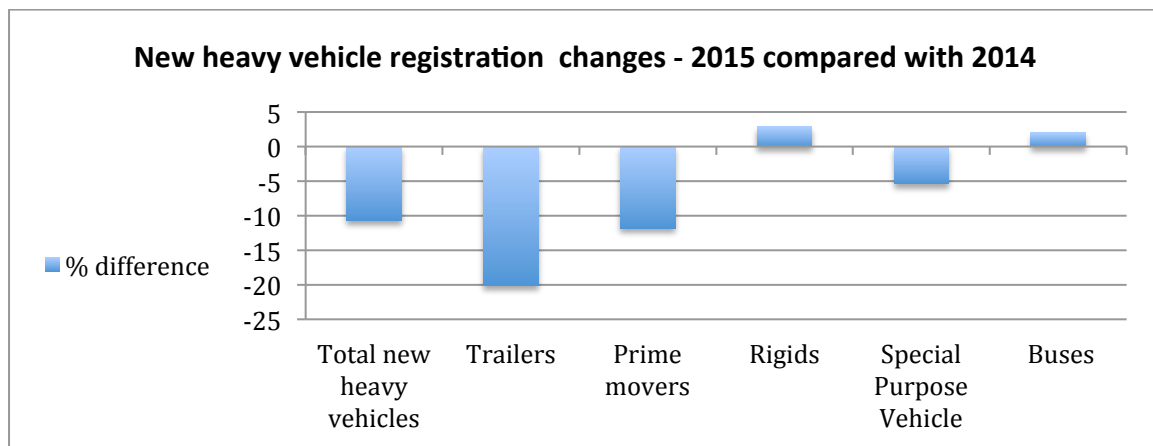
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Major contraction in heavy vehicle registrations in 2015

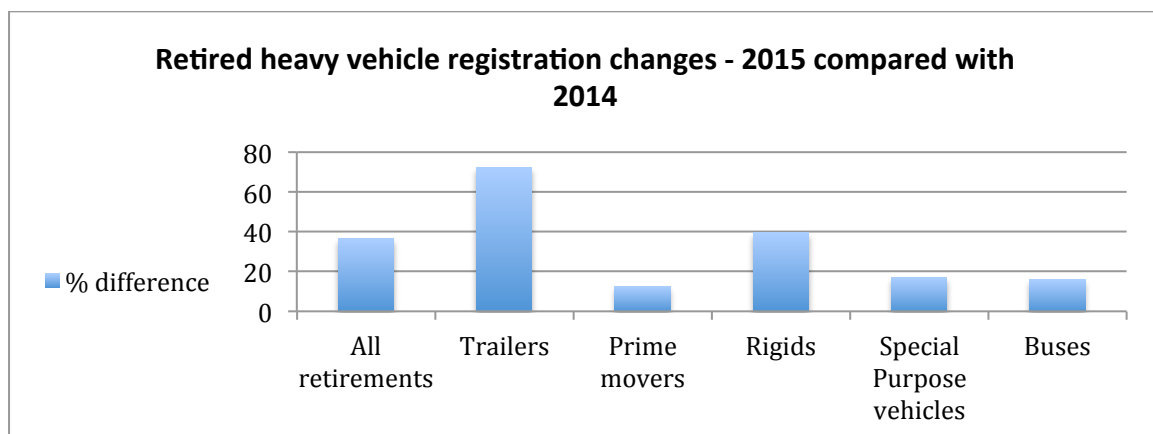
ARTSA has released the latest in its quarterly reports on the Australian heavy vehicle registrations. The report is available on line at www.artsa.com.au/store

New heavy vehicle registrations in 2015 were 11% down on the equivalent figures in 2014. The reductions were not uniform with heavy trailers down 20% and prime movers down 12% compared with 2014. There was modest growth for rigids and buses.



Source: ARTSA analysis of registration data. Note: These vehicles have GVM \geq 12t or ATM \geq 12t.

Retirements continued their established trend and finished the year 37% above the 2014 figure. Again, the standout was trailers with a huge 72% increase in retirements. All other categories had double digit increases in retirements.



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The net result is that the growth in total heavy vehicle registrations for Australia (i.e. new vehicles less retirements) has halved from 2.6% for 2014 to just 1.3% in 2015. This is a major contraction. If this trend continues we could see no net increase in registered heavy vehicles in 2016.

According to ARTSA Chairman Dr Pete Hart, “the contraction in the mining sector will have slowed road train work and probably resulted in dollies as well as single trailers being parked up. Apart from this, older trailers would also be next for retirement when freight volumes decline. We will be examining these changes in some detail in the up coming ARTSA Game Changers Conference on the 3rd and 4th May in Melbourne”, he said.

Further information

ARTSA can supply a range of custom reports that provide considerable detail by manufacturer, but can also be analysed by State, by year and other variables such as registration category. For more information on the data that can be purchased contact the Executive Officer, Rob Perkins on exec@artsa.com.au or phone +61 411 402 832