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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	
	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981-Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980-Jan. 1981
Retail sales of domestic production:					
Subcompact	84	95	1,636	121	1,665
Compact	79	84	1,494	113	1,651
Intermediate	103	107	1,709	139	1,820
Standard	65	59	937	74	1,065
Luxury	26	23	328	23	317
Total	358	368	6,104	470	6,518
Production:					
Subcompact	97	68	1,823	96	1,873
Compact	66	48	1,515	122	1,647
Intermediate	112	68	1,548	127	1,483
Standard	42	45	797	78	851
Luxury	22	29	347	33	307
Total	338	257	6,029	455	6,161
Inventory:					
Subcompact	456	448	1/	322	1/
Compact	358	350	1/	432	1/
Intermediate	421	435	1/	462	1/
Standard	169	157	1/	170	1/
Luxury	87	81	1/	62	1/
Total	1,490	1,471	1/	1,448	1/
Days' supply: 2/					
Subcompact	117	178	1/	87	1/
Compa[illegible]	76	105	1/	96	1/
In[illegible]	84	104	1/	92	1/
[illegible]	69	79	1/	72	1/
Luxury	58	67	1/	57	1/
Total	83	107	1/	80	1/
Employment: 3/					
Total employees	4/ 705	5/ 667	1/	6/ 750	1/
Production workers	4/ 523	5/ 487	1/	6/ 559	1/
Layoffs 7/	213	229	1/	198	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 November 1981.
5/ Data are for December 1981.
6/ Data are for December 1980.
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. 1

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

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

Source	1981 2/			1980	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	Quantity (units)				
Japan	120,920	138,399	1,911,525	145,174	1,991,50[illegible]
Canada	58,911	45,701	563,943	49,889	628,33[illegible]
West Germany	19,453	31,466	234,052	22,966	338,71[illegible]
Sweden	5,784	5,644	68,042	4,720	61,49[illegible]
Italy	1,120	2,196	21,635	3,042	46,89[illegible]
United Kingdom	1,542	2,633	12,728	737	32,51[illegible]
France	2,462	3,863	42,476	6,506	47,38[illegible]
Finland	-	-	-	-	1,227
All other	503	431	1,884	8	1,94[illegible]
Total	210,695	230,333	2,856,285	233,042	3,150,01[illegible]
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	642,112	734,726	9,491,229	669,763	8,228,79[illegible]
Canada	485,863	371,530	4,268,013	364,426	3,798,29[illegible]
West Germany	231,199	335,839	2,623,315	233,811	3,283,97[illegible]
Sweden	51,788	51,812	568,917	37,260	465,61[illegible]
Italy	10,666	17,201	175,834	18,920	327,81[illegible]
United Kingdom	32,275	53,207	251,173	17,161	292,70[illegible]
France	15,514	23,525	283,120	44,825	257,4[illegible]
Finland	-	-	-	-	9,68[illegible]
All other	8,858	7,561	32,994	71	10,8[illegible]
Total	1,478,275	1,595,401	17,694,595	1,386,237	16,675,15[illegible]

[illegible]ata include imports into Puerto Rico; January-December 1981 import data do no[illegible] [illegible]de Volkswagens assembled in the United States; however, all other data include U.S.-built Volkswagens.

2/ July-December 1981 data include new 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 and 1981 2/

Source	1981			1980	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Japan	30,266	41,038	455,376	22,405	480,245
Canada	29,096	18,779	229,944	18,957	197,550
All other	4	442	3,656	238	3,298
Total	59,366	60,259	688,976	41,600	681,093
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	124,205	301,830	1,837,695	87,895	1,606,481
Canada	225,899	11,609	1,638,863	125,444	1,176,726
All other	185	1,610	48,339	4,422	61,069
Total	350,289	315,049	3,527,897	217,761	2,844,276

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 and 1981 1/

Market	1981			1980	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	Quantity (units)				
Canada	24,800	22,224	411,106	32,291	532,775
Saudi Arabia	1,393	2,579	12,797	2,105	21,441
Kuwait	866	912	8,330	1,456	14,023
Japan	138	239	3,929	385	6,537
West Germany	134	229	3,285	279	4,967
Belgium	82	41	1,956	170	4,992
Venezuela	464	360	7,571	419	3,490
Switzerland	13	6	1,401	229	3,636
All other	2,168	2,812	26,925	3,654	19,496
Total	30,058	29,402	477,300	40,988	611,357
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	183,700	162,086	2,766,435	223,095	3,190,778
Saudi Arabia	19,618	35,814	163,926	26,347	209,733
Kuwait	10,029	11,047	89,150	15,858	132,780
Japan	1,860	2,975	43,745	3,794	58,527
West Germany	1,490	2,183	30,368	2,381	40,717
Belgium	931	494	16,092	1,328	33,936
Venezuela	4,528	3,367	68,811	3,505	30,122
Switzerland	169	62	11,709	1,749	25,408
All other	20,994	29,871	278,656	31,050	197,373
To[illegible]	243,319	247,899	3,468,892	309,107	3,919,374

[illegible]y estimated.

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 and 1981 2/

Market	1981			1980	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.	Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Canada	3,423	2,987	56,126	4,393	42,490
Saudi Arabia	1,441	844	24,540	2,245	27,886
Argentina	4	1	4,106	1,147	11,138
Kuwait	139	285	3,409	275	5,252
Ecuador	109	138	2,543	431	4,462
Venezuela	243	218	3,831	341	3,094
Mexico	418	148	3,942	320	3,244
Colombia	71	56	1,248	127	1,311
All other	1,291	1,508	23,308	2,126	25,208
Total	7,139	6,185	123,053	11,405	124,085
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	23,753	21,025	392,465	39,055	273,136
Saudi Arabia	14,279	9,980	209,752	17,249	192,757
Argentina	42	2	27,109	7,037	66,134
Kuwait	1,292	2,676	28,936	2,049	36,063
Ecuador	879	1,213	19,994	3,282	32,729
Venezuela	2,013	1,744	33,653	2,602	26,046
Mexico	3,816	550	30,549	2,463	23,512
Colombia	621	449	11,645	1,102	12,476
All other	13,345	15,461	203,204	18,292	201,295
T	60,040	53,100	957,307	93,131	864,148

[illegible]ed 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.

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--				Total U.S. sales		Ratio of import sales to total sales	
	Domestic automobiles 1/		Imported automobiles 2/					
	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

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, 1980 and 1981

(1967 = 100)

Item	1981			1980 and 1981		
	November	December	Percent change	December 1980	December 1981	Percent change
Consumer Price Index:						
Unadjusted----	195.3	197.0	+0.9	184.5	197.0	+6.8
Seasonally adjusted---	194.5	195.8	+0.7	183.3	195.8	+6.8
Producer Price Index:						
Unadjusted----	214.2	214.9	+0.3	197.4	214.9	+8.9
Seasonally adjusted----	211.5	213.6	+1.0	195.4	213.6	+9.3

Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Table 8.—New passenger automobiles: Retail price changes in the U.S. market, during January 1982 1/

(In dollars)

Source and size category	Retail price changes, during January 1982 (+ or -)
U.S. producers:	
General Motors:	
Subcompact	no changes
Compact	no changes
Ford Motor:	
Subcompact	no changes
Compact	no changes
Chrysler:	
Subcompact	+230 to +384
Compact	+230 to +498
European Economic Community producers:	
Subcompact	+200 to +300
Compact	no changes
Luxury	-2600
Japanese producers:	
Subcompact	+180 to 455
Compact	no changes
Luxury	no changes

1/ Changes do not include any rebates or dealer incentives that may temporarily reduce the price of certain models.

Source: Automotive News, January 1982.

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

Company, model, and op.	April 1, 1981		February 1, 1982		Percent change in optionally equipped model	
	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	Jan. 1982-Feb. 1982	April 1981-Feb. 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	+8	+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):						
210, Deluxe 2 door (R)	5,369	5,494	5,819	5,899	0	+7.4
Stanza, 4 door (R, AT) 5/	6,839	7,224	7,154	7,574	0	+3.5
Maxima, 4 door	10,379	10,379	11,379	11,379	0	+9.6
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	7,829	8,176	0	+2.8
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.

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

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