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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, 1981, 1982, and 1983

(In thousands of units; thousands of employees)

Item	1982 and 1983			1981 and 1982	
	Mar. 1983	April 1983	May 1982-Apr. 1983	April 1982	May 1981-Apr. 1982
Retail sales of domestic production:					
Subcompact	175	175	1,768	150	1,627
Compact	80	76	963	85	1,394
Intermediate	197	189	1,769	143	1,563
Standard	109	102	1,008	89	925
Luxury	39	37	387	31	330
Total	600	580	5,894	499	5,839
Production:					
Subcompact	197	176	1,711	174	1,796
Compact	70	60	927	94	1,263
Intermediate	169	186	1,478	132	1,421
Standard	85	79	762	52	716
Luxury	44	34	396	35	337
Total	565	535	5,274	486	5,532
Inventory:					
Subcompact	235	234	1/	358	1/
Compact	286	283	1/	254	1/
Intermediate	429	433	1/	397	1/
Standard	210	199	1/	155	1/
Luxury	88	86	1/	82	1/
Total	1,248	1,235	1/	1,247	1/
Days' supply: 2/					
Subcompact	89	74	1/	63	1/
Compact	88	68	1/	47	1/
Intermediate	67	56	1/	77	1/
Standard	64	51	1/	61	1/
Luxury	74	64	1/	62	1/
Total	68	56	1/	58	1/
Employment: 3/					
Total employees	4/ 695	5/ 708	1/	6/ 657	1/
Production workers	4/ 515	5/ 527	1/	6/ 486	1/
Layoffs 7/	240	233	1/	249	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 February 1983.

5/ Data are for March 1983.

6/ Data are for March 1982.

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, 1981, 1982, and 1983 1/ 2/

Source	1982 and 1983			1981 and 1982	
	Feb. 1983	March 1983	April 1982-March 1983	March 1982	April 1981-March 1982
	Quantity (units)				
Japan	145,660	166,542	1,831,198	163,270	1,833,313
Canada	69,692	69,291	735,053	70,387	609,907
West Germany	14,363	17,406	239,733	25,802	241,839
Sweden	10,020	12,207	93,460	10,553	77,767
Italy	90	231	5,790	1,662	16,808
United Kingdom	1,686	1,669	13,985	2038	15,030
France	4,138	4,577	52,226	5,551	42,146
All other	2,020	298	3,405	-	2,739
Total	247,669	272,221	2,974,850	279,263	2,839,549
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	814,218	939,578	9,808,588	904,402	9,420,816
Canada	605,135	609,489	6,179,634	555,378	4,748,299
West Germany	243,450	292,019	3,147,675	316,784	2,746,212
Sweden	99,212	121,478	894,558	97,341	681,290
Italy	1,424	3,854	68,208	14,890	156,573
United Kingdom	36,036	39,784	339,911	45,847	314,227
France	25,943	33,987	352,999	33,677	266,670
All other	9,325	2,543	23,109	-	47,942
Total	1,834,743	2,042,732	20,814,682	1,968,319	18,382,029

1/ Data include imports into Puerto Rico, but do not include automobiles assembled in Foreign Trade zones.

2/ July 1981-March 1983 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, 1981, 1982, and 1983 2/

Source	1982 and 1983			1981 and 1982	
	Feb. 1983	March 1983	April 1982-March 1983	March 1982	April 1981-March 1982
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Japan	26,010	34,059	317,794	40,685	463,221
Canada	18,534	22,609	254,359	30,389	241,803
All other	3	835	2,220	226	3,083
Total	44,547	57,503	574,373	71,300	708,107
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Japan	104,432	139,369	1,317,496	172,188	1,898,440
Canada	147,479	178,196	2,026,933	232,762	1,796,588
All other	262	4,015	37,385	951	37,357
Total	252,173	321,580	3,381,814	405,901	3,732,385

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, 1981, 1982, and 1983

Market	1982 and 1983			1981 and 1982	
	Feb. 1983	March 1983	April 1982-March 1983	March 1982	April 1981-March 1982
	Quantity (units)				
Canada	41,985	54,518	385,344	35,874	414,900
Saudi Arabia	961	315	9,851	791	13,109
Kuwait	183	153	4,256	376	7,225
Japan	96	242	2,654	278	4,747
West Germany	125	145	2,481	139	2,884
Belgium	13	63	579	23	1,531
Venezuela	39	15	2,793	382	8,120
Switzerland	15	43	542	161	695
All other	782	923	13,945	2,348	27,146
Total	44,199	56,417	422,445	40,372	480,387
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	307,686	384,206	2,728,143	238,677	2,820,905
Saudi Arabia	13,120	4,030	137,437	9,631	170,315
Kuwait	2,074	2,088	54,582	4,749	82,424
Japan	1,140	3,309	35,430	4,165	57,433
West Germany	1,225	1,573	25,066	1,345	27,258
Belgium	184	662	5,527	246	12,811
Venezuela	319	162	30,762	4,024	74,621
Switzerland	195	500	43,494	1,835	43,801
All other	8,373	10,270	112,902	24,346	226,731
Total	334,316	406,750	3,173,343	289,018	3,516,199

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, 1981, 1982 and 1983 2/

Market	1982 and 1983			1981 and 1982	
	Feb. 1983	March 1983	April 1982-March 1983	March 1982	April 1981-March 1982
	Quantity (units) 3/				
Canada	5,936	7,281	60,958	5,175	52,939
Saudi Arabia	1,169	1,288	16,174	1,848	18,541
Argentina	2	-	10	6	703
Kuwait	51	107	2,640	454	3,104
Ecuador	3	4	518	193	1,973
Venezuela	63	1	1,684	177	2,311
Mexico	3	-	269	271	3,361
Colombia	7	18	496	29	950
All other	577	1,304	11,600	1,060	20,436
Total	7,811	10,003	94,349	9,213	103,418
	Value (1,000 dollars)				
Canada	44,025	54,437	426,003	35,316	356,253
Saudi Arabia	15,383	17,026	205,799	22,986	188,607
Argentina	18	-	136	55	5,452
Kuwait	560	1,055	30,039	5,132	27,629
Ecuador	19	36	5,136	1,647	15,885
Venezuela	761	10	18,776	1,645	20,760
Mexico	13	-	2,807	2,426	25,909
Colombia	71	187	5,176	231	8,408
All other	5,619	13,980	114,740	10,954	188,840
Total	66,469	86,731	808,612	80,392	837,743

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, 1982 and 1983

Period	Sales of-- Domestic automobiles 1/		Sales of-- Imported automobiles 2/		Total U.S. sales		Ratio of import sales to total sales	
	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982
							--Percent--	
January	412,893	368,138	182,853	166,172	595,746	534,310	30.7	31.1
February	442,479	456,942	186,374	175,261	628,853	632,203	29.6	27.7
Jan-Feb	855,372	825,080	369,227	341,433	1,224,599	1,166,513	30.2	29.3
March	600,303	575,608	220,479	200,741	820,782	776,349	26.9	25.9
Jan-Mar	1,455,675	1,400,688	589,706	542,174	2,044,538	1,942,862	28.8	27.9
April	579,991	488,630	183,464	169,833	763,455	668,463	24.0	25.4
Jan-Apr	2,035,666	1,899,318	773,170	712,007	2,808,993	2,611,325	27.5	27.2

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, 1982 and 1983

(1967 = 100)

Item	1983			1982 and 1983		
	Feb. 1983	March 1983	Percent change	March 1982	March 1983	Percent change
Consumer Price Index:						
Unadjusted	201.3	201.2	0	194.4	201.3	+3.5
Seasonally adjusted	201.0	202.6	+0.8	195.7	201.0	+2.7
Producer Price Index:						
Unadjusted	218.8	218.9	0	210.2	218.9	+4.1
Seasonally adjusted	219.3	221.1	+0.8	212.3	221.1	+4.1

Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Table 8.--New passenger automobiles: Retail price changes in the U.S. market, during April 1983

Source and size category	Retail price changes in dollars, March 1983 (+ or -)
U.S. producers:	
General Motors	+ 85 to 242
Ford	+165 to 216
Chrysler	+400
European Economic Community producers:	
Subcompact	No change
Compact	No change
Luxury	+443
Japanese producers:	
Subcompact	No change
Compact	No change
Luxury	No change

Source: Automotive News, March 1983.

Table 9.--Sales and profits (loss) on major U.S. automobile manufacturers' operations, by specified periods, 1982 and 1983 1/

(In millions of dollars)

Item and firm	1983	1982
	January-March	January-March
Sales:		
General Motors	16,740	14,720
Ford	10,000	8,920
Chrysler	3,100	2,500
American Motors	782	600
Total	30,622	26,740
Profits:		
General Motors	653	128
Ford	211	(355)
Chrysler	172	150
American Motors	(66)	(51)
Total	970	(128)

1/ Data are for world operations.

Source: Automotive News, Wall Street Journal, and Ward's Automotive Reports.

Table 10.- Manufacturers' suggested retail prices of selected U.S. and Japanese automobiles, April 1981-May 1983 1/

Company, model, and options 2/	April 1, 1981		May 1, 1983		Percent change in optionally equipped model	
	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	Base model 3/	Optionally equipped model 3/	April 1983-May 1983	Apr. 1981-May 1983
General Motors:						
Chevette, 2 door HB (PB, RWD, TG)	5,155	5,405	5,469	5,779	0	+6.9
Citation, 4 door HB (PB, RWD, TG, AT)	6,404	7,014	6,934	7,699	0	+9.8
Cimarron, 4 door (AT)	4/ 12,131	4/ 12,501	12,215	12,535	0	+0.3
Ford:						
Escort, L, 2 door HB (PB, RWD, TG, RS)	5,556	5,857	5,639	6,013	0	+2.7
Fairmont Futura, 4 door (RWD, TG,)	6,421	6,953	6,590	7,269	0	+4.5
LTD Crown Victora, 4 door (RWD, TG, AC, R)	8,519	10,102	10,094	12,015	0	+18.9
Chrysler: 5/						
Plymouth Turismo, 2 door HB (RWD)	5,938	6,188	6,379	6,506	0	+5.1
Reliant, 4 door (RWD, TG, R, AT)	5,980	6,680	6,718	7,475	0	+12.9
Dodge 400, 2 door (RWD, AC) 5/	6,672	7,502	8,014	8,883	0	+18.4
Toyota:						
Corolla, Deluxe, 2 door (R)	5,688	5,793	6,018	6,268	0	+8.2
Cressida, 4 door	11,599	11,599	13,569	13,569	0	+17.0
Nissan (Datsun):						
Sentra, Deluxe 2 door 6/	5,369	5,494	5,999	5,999	0	+9.2
Stanza,xe 4 door (R, AT) 6/	6,839	7,749	8,569	8,919	0	+15.1
Maxima, 4 door	10,379	10,379	10,869	10,869	0	+4.7
Honda:						
Civic, 1300, 2 door HB (R)	4,599	4,694	4,899	4,993	0	+6.4
Accord, 4 door (R, AT)	7,645	7,950	8,345	8,739	0	+9.9
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.

6/ Sentra replaced the 210; Stanza replaced the 510.

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

Note: Some 1981 and 1982 models have been discontinued, thus some 1981 and 1982 models have been replaced by comparable 1983 models.