



Traffic Volumes Monthly Report February 2015

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Overview

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information about changes and trends of Monthly Average Daily Traffic (MADT) on state highways at a national and regional level.

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1	Northland and Auckland
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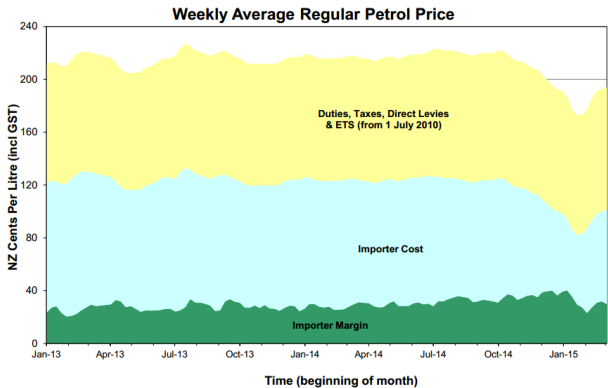
February 2015 State Highway Traffic Highlight

Light Vehicles

Nationally, the MADT for light vehicles was up 5.6%, when compared to the same period last year, the highest growth recorded in February since 2009.

All regions had an increase with a range of 3.6% to 7.6%.

The higher growth is likely to be attributed to growth in household spending and drop in fuel price.



<http://www.med.govt.nz/sectors-industries/energy/liquid-fuel-market/weekly-oil-price-monitoring/Graphs.pdf>

Heavy Vehicles

Nationally, the MADT for heavy vehicles was up 2.2%, when compared to the same period last year.

All regions recorded an increase.

Region1 and region4 had the highest growth.

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Technical Notes

What is MADT? Monthly Average Daily Traffic (MADT) is the average daily traffic volume in a given month. At each monitored location (count site), MADT is reported for light vehicles, all vehicles and heavy vehicles¹. MADT is the statistical term used throughout this report.

A more commonly reported statistical term is Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), which measures the average daily traffic volume over a given calendar year.

How is MADT change reported each month?

We report MADT change for light, heavy and all vehicles, at a national and regional level. We first calculate the percentage change in MADT (light, heavy and all vehicles separately) of each site for the current month compared to the same month in the previous year. We then calculate the median of those percentage changes across all sites and report it as the national MADT change for the current month. To report each regional MADT change, we calculate the median of percent changes of the sample sites in each region.

Purpose

Monthly Average Daily Traffic (MADT) reporting enables us to provide a month-by-month indication of traffic trends, and to allow the effects of specific events (e.g. Storms, fuel price shifts, economy, etc.) to be monitored.

Site coverage

The table below shows the number of traffic counting sites in each NZ Transport Agency region. These numbers represent the sample sizes that are used to report the National and regional MADT changes in this report.

NZ Transport Agency Region	Number of Sites
Northland and Auckland	17
Waikato and Bay of Plenty	27
Taranaki, Manawatu-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay and Gisborne	19
Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough and Tasman	17
Canterbury and West Coast	15
Otago and Southland	19
Total	114

These sites are mostly NZTA's national telemetry sites. There are also a few regional continuous sites used in Auckland.

Report should be used with caution, because of the limited sample sizes.

Sources of variation in MADT

The number of weekends in a specific month can affect the MADT comparability between years. Also, public holidays that occur in different months can affect comparisons between years. This report does not attempt to compensate for these variations.

¹ Heavy vehicles are those with a gross vehicle mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

**Results:
Monthly
traffic at key
sites**

Five key sites have been selected to represent five main centres in NZ.

The MADT values for February 2014, February 2015 and percentage change compared are reported in the table below.

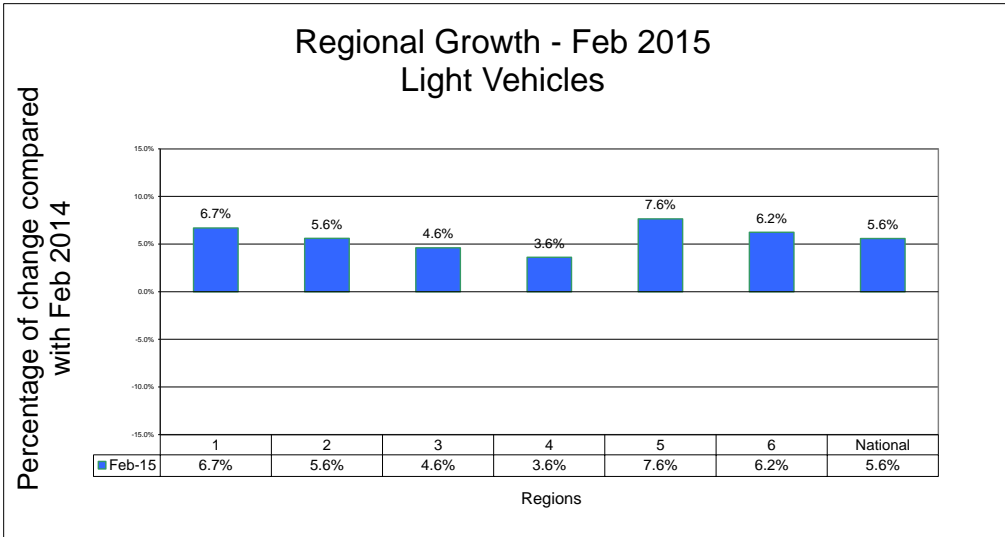
Note the MADT values include all vehicles.

Site	City Represented	MADT (All Vehicles) February-14	MADT (All Vehicles) February-15	% Change
Auckland Harbour Bridge (SH1)	Auckland	161405	165949	3%
Greenwood (SH1)	Hamilton	25617	25684	0%
Ngauranga Interchange (SH 1 Combined)	Wellington	89924	91427	2%
Waimakariri Bridge	Christchurch	47966	48516	1%
Burnside (SH1 Combined)	Dunedin	N/A	28495	

Results: Light Vehicles

Regions Comparisons across the NZ Transport Agency regions have also been carried out.

The graph below shows the MADT change compared with the same month last year. The MADT values here represent light vehicle types.



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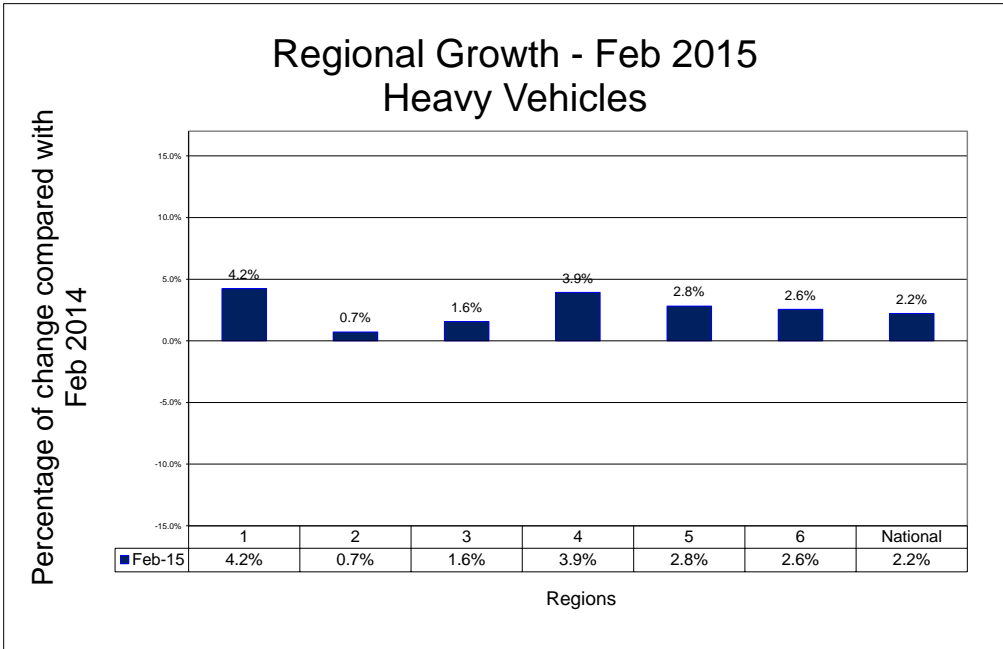
More graphs The monthly graphs (as above) of the current year are attached to this report.

All sites A table of MADT (light vehicles) values for the past thirteen months is attached to this report.

Results: Heavy Vehicles

Regions Comparisons of heavy vehicle traffic across NZ Transport Agency regions as detailed below.

The graph shows the MADT change compared with the same month last year. The MADT values here represent heavy vehicles only.



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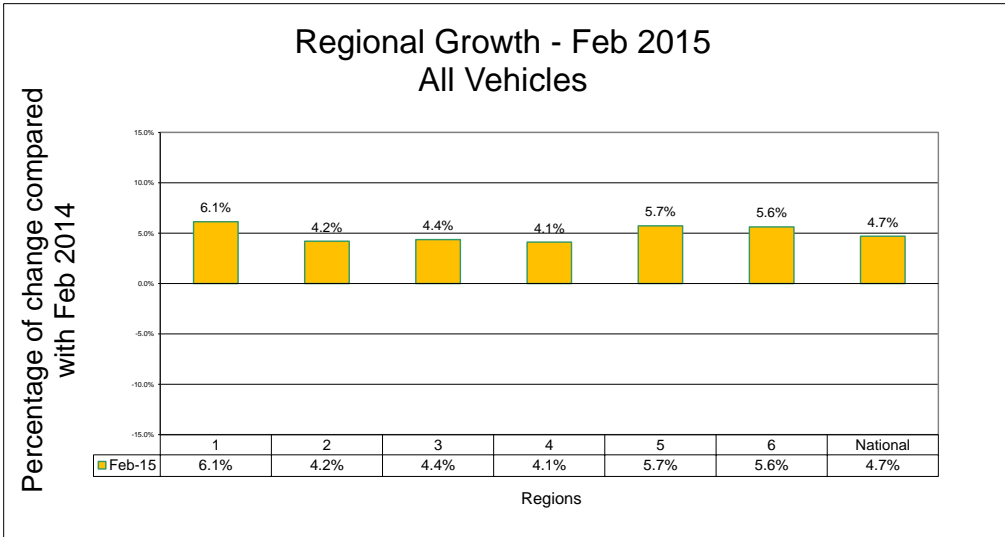
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Results: All Vehicles

Regions

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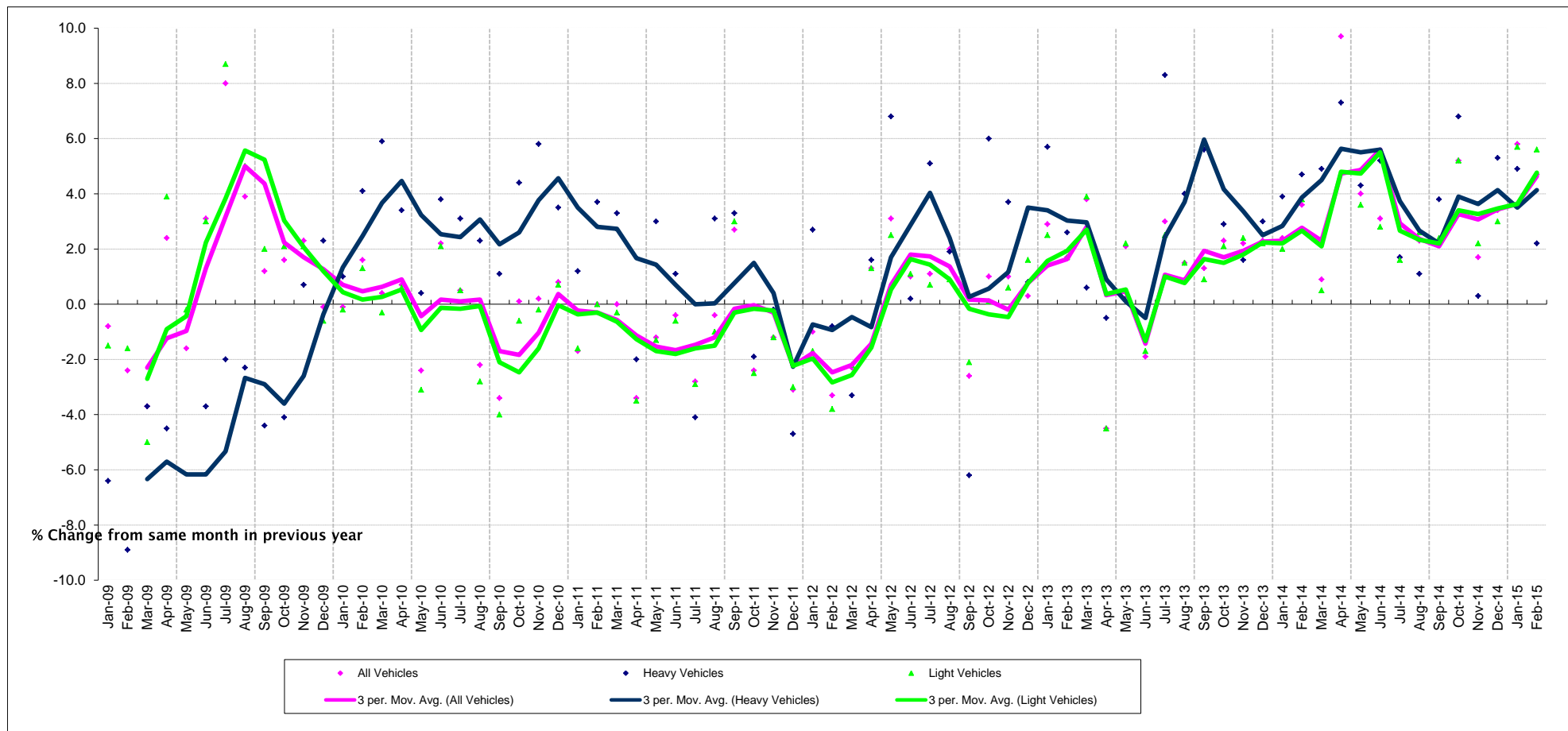
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Summary of MADT Change from Same Month in Previous Year

The graph and table below shows 6 years national MADT change from the same month in the previous year, summarising the figures published in previous monthly reports.



Year	2009			2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			2016		
Month	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	All Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles
January	-0.8	-1.5	-6.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	-1.7	-1.6	1.2	-1.0	-1.7	2.7	2.9	2.5	5.7	2.4	2.0	3.9	5.8	5.7	4.9
February	-2.4	-1.6	-8.9	1.6	1.3	4.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	-3.3	-3.8	-0.8	1.7	1.7	2.6	3.6	3.8	4.7	4.7	5.6	2.2
March	-3.7	-5.0	-3.7	0.4	-0.3	5.9	0.0	-0.3	3.3	-2.3	-2.2	-3.3	3.8	3.9	0.6	0.9	0.5	4.9			
April	2.4	3.9	-4.5	0.7	0.6	3.4	-3.4	-3.5	-2.0	1.3	1.3	1.6	-4.5	-4.5	-0.5	9.7	10.1	7.3			
May	-1.6	-0.2	-10.3	-2.4	-3.1	0.4	-1.2	-1.3	3	3.1	2.5	6.8	2.1	2.2	0.2	4.0	3.6	4.3			
June	3.1	3.0	-3.7	2.2	2.1	3.8	-0.4	-0.6	1.1	1	1.1	0.2	-1.9	-1.7	-1.2	3.1	2.8	5.2			
July	8.0	8.7	-2.0	0.5	0.5	3.1	-2.8	-2.9	-4.1	1.1	0.7	5.1	3.0	2.5	8.3	1.7	1.6	1.7			
August	3.9	5.0	-2.3	-2.2	-2.8	2.3	-0.4	-1.0	3.1	2.0	0.9	1.9	1.5	1.5	4.0	2.3	2.6	1.1			
September	1.2	2.0	-4.4	-3.4	-4.0	1.1	2.7	3.0	3.3	-2.6	-2.1	-6.2	1.3	0.9	5.6	2.3	2.4	3.8			
October	1.6	2.1	-4.1	0.1	-0.6	4.4	-2.4	-2.5	-1.9	1.0	0.1	6.0	2.3	2.1	2.9	5.2	5.2	6.8			
November	2.3	2.1	0.7	0.2	-0.2	5.8	-1.2	-1.2	-0.2	1.0	0.6	3.7	2.2	2.4	1.6	1.7	2.2	0.3			
December	-0.1	-0.6	2.3	0.8	0.7	3.5	-3.1	-3	-4.7	0.3	1.6	0.8	2.3	2.2	3	3.4	3.0	5.3			

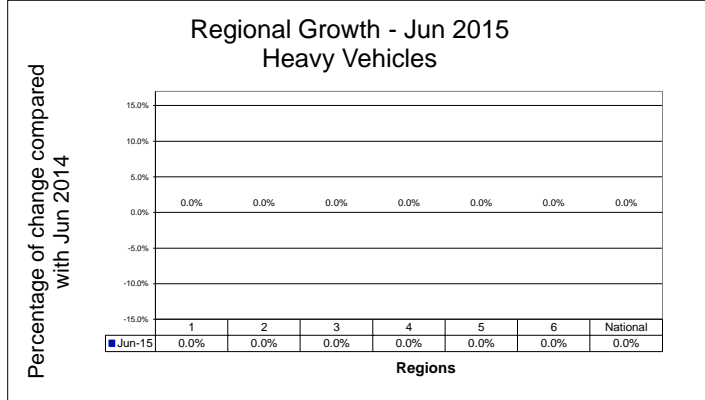
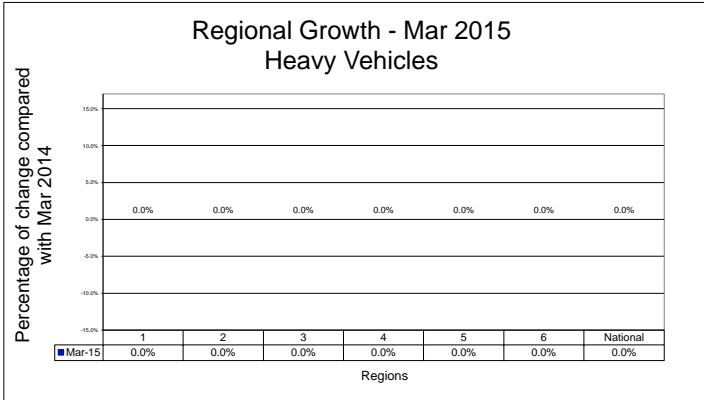
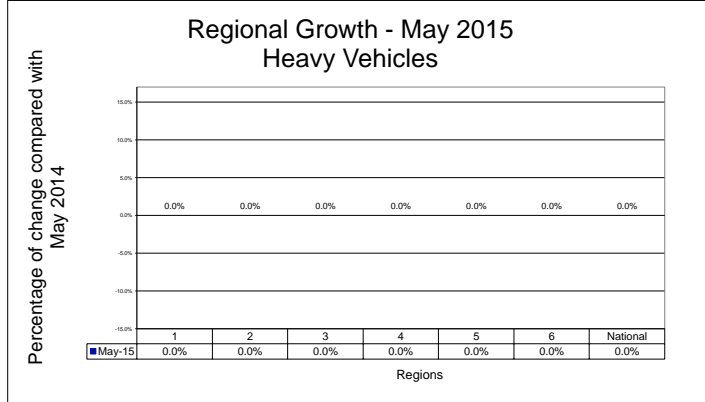
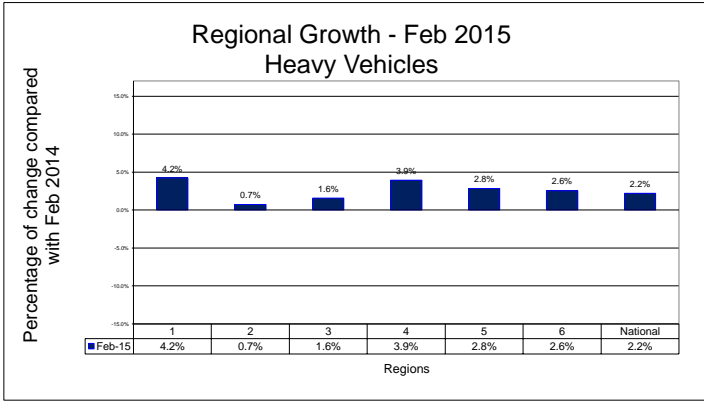
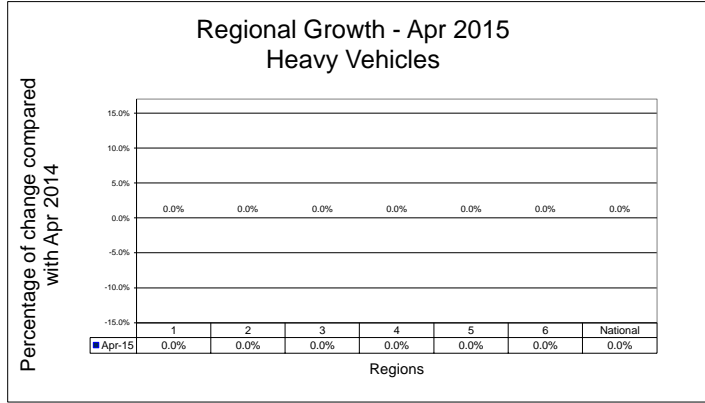
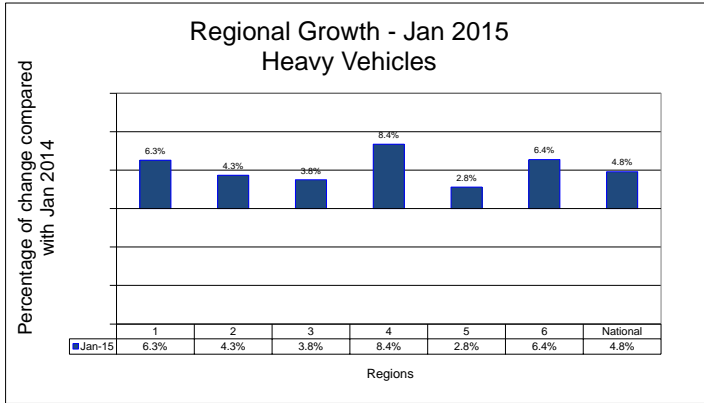
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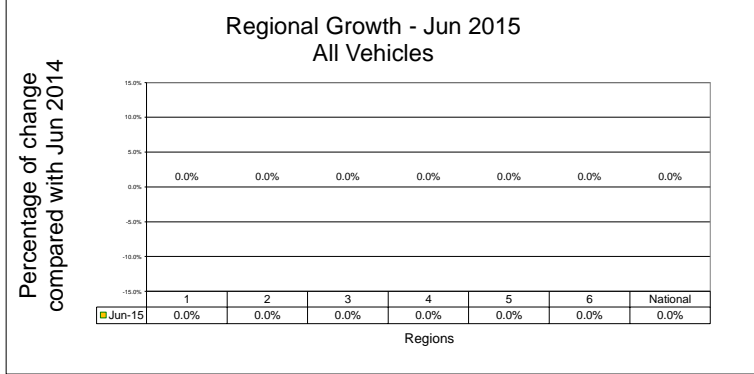
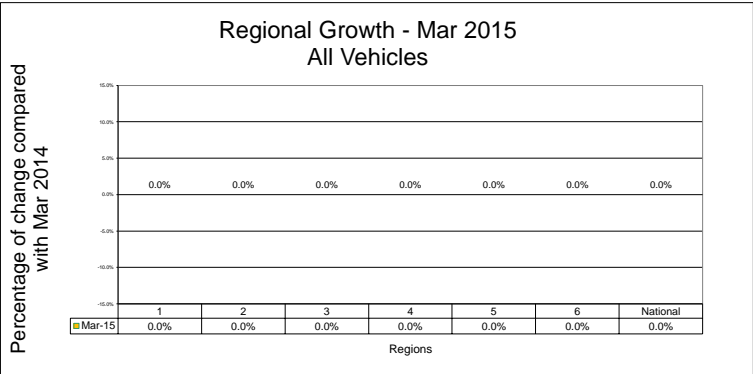
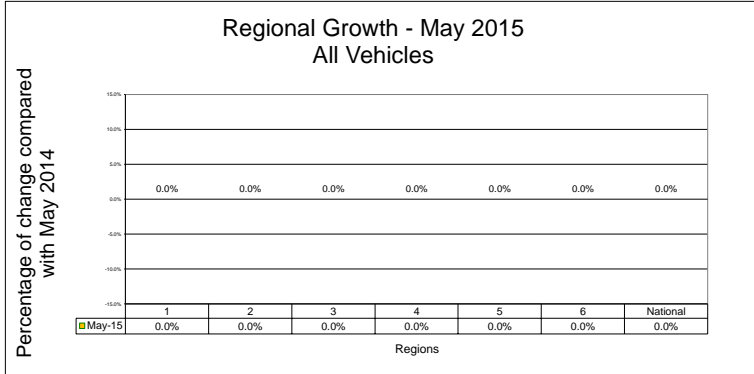
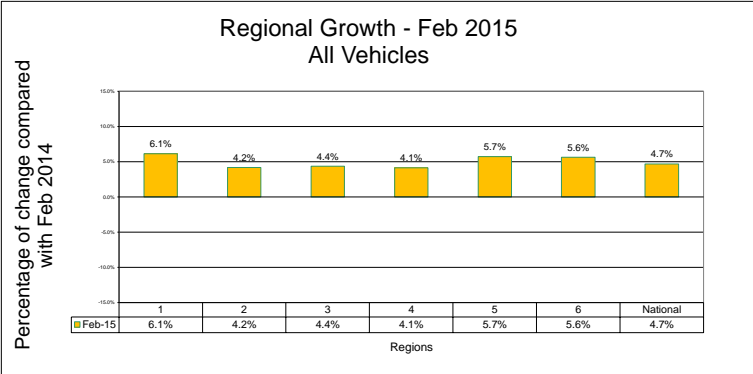
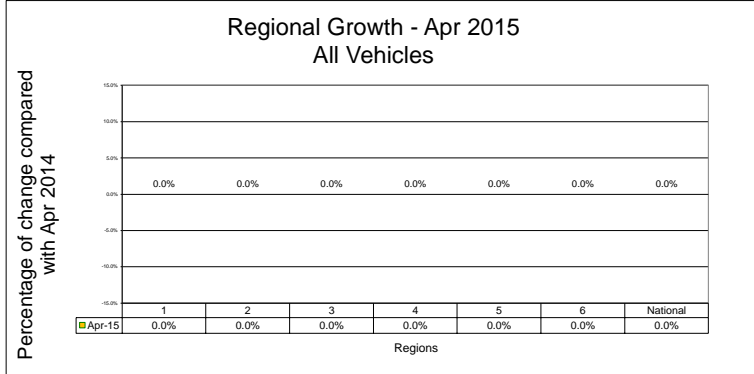
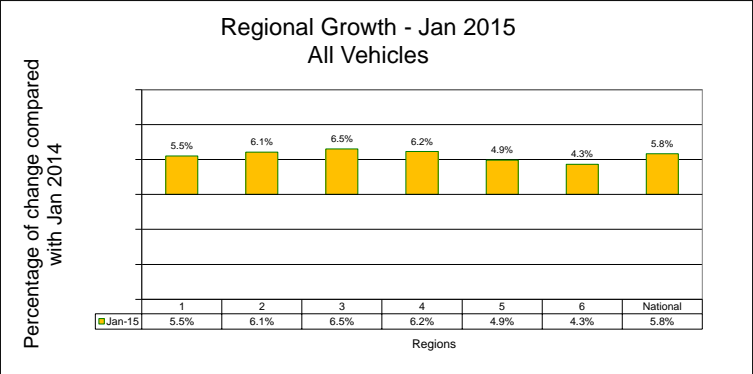
Current Year Growth Graphs

- Light Vehicles
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MADTs of the sample sites for the past thirteen months

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MADT (Light Vehicles)

Regio	Site Ref	Description	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
6	ID:01S20713	BURNSIDE - Telemetry Site 63 - Nth Bound			9928			10450	10275	9815	10454	10642	10512	9312	10943
6	ID:01S50713	BURNSIDE - Telemetry Site 63 - On Ramp - Nth Bound			2268			2363	2403	2371	2466	2513	2481	2199	2494
6	ID:01S60713	BURNSIDE - Telemetry Site 63 - Off Ramp - Sth Bound			2733			2811	2901	2876	3001	3234	3087	2844	3239
6	ID:01S40713	BURNSIDE - Telemetry Site 63 - Off Ramp - Nth Bound			2929			3061	3115	2991	3237	3426	3252	3244	3548
6	ID:01S40714	Burnside - Nth Bound Off Ramp - Telemetry Site 63			1955			1945	1987	1973	2249	2205	2109	2100	2207
6	ID:01S00765	MILTON - Telemetry Site 27	5976	5697	5891	5334	5071	5086	4934	4946	5529	5627	5982	5865	6355
6	ID:06A00001	FRANKTON - Telemetry Site 90	20229	18917	19643	16342	17118	19267	19361	17301	18343	19547		21314	21471
6	ID:08500161	GALLOWAY - Telemetry Site 89	2041	1831	1837	1717	1604	1662	1763	1790	1866	1941	2203	2345	2101
6	ID:08800004	RAVENSBOURNE - Telemetry Site 88	8712	8589	7588	8082	7850	7750	7709	8199	8178	8391	8108	7705	8563
6	ID:08300063	KUROW - Telemetry Site 113	1113	999	1035	712	631		668	687	942	926	1007	1782	
6	ID:01S00921	INVERCARGILL - Telemetry Site 62	12101	11349	10218	11133	10451	10551	10786	10242	11701	12179	11045	9762	11321
6	ID:00601147	WINTON - Telemetry Site 46	4559	4569	4368	4416	4248	4200	4283	4098	4468	4703	4699	4347	4733
6	ID:00601082	FIVE RIVERS - Telemetry Site 91	2375	2113	1970	1388	1269	1283	1260	1431	1722	1913	2145	2570	2550
6	ID:01S00854	GORE - Telemetry Site 45	4012	3658	3684	3536	3323	3429	3351	3332	3710	3715	3880	3693	4035
6	ID:09400141	TE ANAU - Telemetry Site 94	1626	1400	1244	748	590	570	612	703	958	1236	1423	1608	1835

MADT (Heavy Vehicles)

NZTA Region	Site Ref	Description	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
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6	ID:01S40713	BURNSIDE - Telemetry Site 63 - Off Ramp - Nth Bound			127			136	140	133	159	168	150	148	171
6	ID:01S40714	Burnside - Nth Bound Off Ramp - Telemetry Site 63			68			67	70	76	104	79	74	74	77
6	ID:01S00765	MILTON - Telemetry Site 27	954	884	870	794	644	629	639	742	867	878	860	804	911
6	ID:06A00001	FRANKTON - Telemetry Site 90	1106	1022	989	748	741	899	882	813	908	1051		1138	1225
6	ID:08500161	GALLOWAY - Telemetry Site 89	153	144	129	125	97	110	115	123	132	132	145	158	147
6	ID:08800004	RAVENSBOURNE - Telemetry Site 88	625	553	451	482	450	405	369	487	509	581	492	503	588
6	ID:08300063	KUROW - Telemetry Site 113	162	144	141	95	71	78	89	107	139	136	142	254	
6	ID:01S00921	INVERCARGILL - Telemetry Site 62	438	463	395	421	379	410	412	428	492	489	430	399	446
6	ID:00601147	WINTON - Telemetry Site 46	534	538	471	450	395	386	395	451	548	641	603	553	544
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6	ID:01S00854	GORE - Telemetry Site 45	616	577	529	516	366	373	430	527	596	586	575	585	636
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6	ID:01S00765	MILTON - Telemetry Site 27	6930	6581	6761	6128	5715	5715	5573	5688	6396	6505	6842	6669	7266
6	ID:06A00001	FRANKTON - Telemetry Site 90	21335	19939	20632	17090	17859	20166	20243	18114	19251	20598		22452	22696
6	ID:08500161	GALLOWAY - Telemetry Site 89	2194	1975	1966	1842	1701	1772	1878	1913	1998	2073	2348	2503	2248
6	ID:08800004	RAVENSBOURNE - Telemetry Site 88	9337	9142	8039	8564	8300	8155	8078	8686	8687	8972	8600	8208	9151
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6	ID:01S00921	INVERCARGILL - Telemetry Site 62	12539	11812	10613	11554	10830	10961	11198	10670	12193	12668	11475	10161	11767
6	ID:00601147	WINTON - Telemetry Site 46	5093	5107	4839	4866	4643	4586	4678	4549	5016	5344	5302	4900	5277
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