

X/10 - EURO - MORE THAN 800,000 PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES IN  
YUGOSLAVIA

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Out of 873,554 passenger cars in Yugoslavia on 1 January 1972, 821,331 (or 94 per cent) were privately owned. This was reported on March 18 by the Zagreb daily Vjesnik. The paper said that on January 1 there were 16,285 buses, which was 1,400 (or 10 per cent) more than on 1 January 1971. At the same time there were 118,645 trucks, i.e., 11,000 more than one year before. The paper did not say how many buses and trucks are privately owned, but only revealed that "private persons were buying trucks 'faster' than the socialist sector." As far as the number of passenger cars in various republics is concerned, the paper gave the following picture: in Serbia -- 336,402; in Croatia - 217,926; in Slovenia - 77,284; in Bosnia-Herzegovina - 77,275; in Macedonia - 51,163; and in Montenegro - 13,504. While private persons bought 148,000 more passenger cars than in 1970 (or a 22 per cent increase), the socialist sector increased its stock by only 4,000 or 9 per cent. New passenger cars were bought mostly in Serbia (64,000), followed by Croatia (34,000), Slovenia (26,000), Bosnia-Herzegovina (17,000), Macedonia (11,700) and Montenegro (1,500). In the same period the number of motorcycles dropped from 370,000 on 1 January 1971 to 368,500 on 1 January 1972.

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