

1,200 new cars hit Beijing every day: state media

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The Beijing Traffic Management Bureau reported the registration of 261,000 new vehicles -- 97 percent of which were private cars -- from the beginning of January until the end of July, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The figure, a nine percent increase from the same period last year, came to an average of 1,231 new cars a day.

Beijing's air has for many years been among the most polluted in the world, with the fast-rising number of cars on the road one of the major contributors.

However the government has implemented several policies to try and curb pollution, including [traffic control](#) measures, moving factories out of the city, and requiring cars and buses to use cleaner fuels.

According to the report, Beijing had 5.5 million drivers by August 6, out of a total population of 17 million people.

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