

Councillor Martin - QoN - On Street Parking Availability

Tuesday, 10 June 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Noting recent claims that there has been a reduction in the availability of on street parking in the City of Adelaide, could the Administration advise;

1. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
2. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
3. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 1 and 2 above
4. The amount of parking provided by Council in support of events and activities on Park Lands bordering the CBD
5. The number of off street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
6. The number of off street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
7. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 5 and 6
8. The number and location of any planned increase to on street and off street parking in the City and North Adelaide in financial year 25/26
9. The ranking by per capita or per vehicle availability of parking and the cost of parking in the City of Adelaide against other capital cities?'

REPLY

1. There were approximately 18,548 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas, etc) in the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
2. There are approximately 18,758 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas) in the City and North Adelaide as of 27 May 2025.

11th April 2023**Parking Numbers**

Control Type	Number of Zones	Number of Spaces
Area Parking	54	2117
Area Ticket	2	39
Disabled	111	173
Loading	595	1086
Motorcycle	185	1123
Parking	1906	8712
Permit	110	488
Residential	82	166
Taxi	30	94
Ticket	305	2653
Unrestricted	280	1894
Visitor	2	3
Totals	3662	18548

27th May 2025**Parking Numbers**

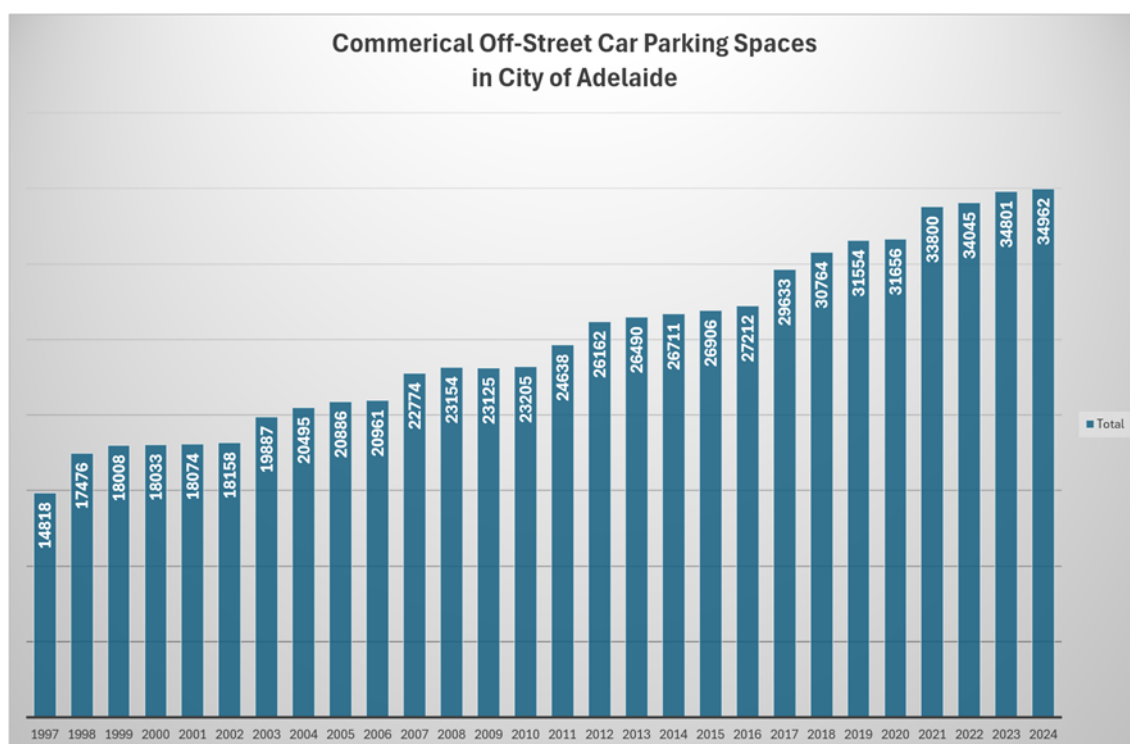
Control Type	Number of Zones	Number of Spaces
Area Parking	57	2277
Area Ticket	2	39
Disabled	116	184
Loading	594	1076
Motorcycle	187	1135
Parking	1915	8730
Permit	110	504
Residential	86	174
Taxi	29	92
Ticket	307	2649
Unrestricted	281	1895
Visitor	2	3
Totals	3686	18758

27th May 2025**Parking Numbers Changes Since 2023**

Control Type	Number of Zones	Number of Spaces
Area Parking	3	160
Area Ticket	0	0
Disabled	5	11
Loading	-1	-10
Motorcycle	2	12
Parking	9	18
Permit	0	16
Residential	4	8
Taxi	-1	-2
Ticket	2	-4
Unrestricted	1	1
Visitor	0	0
Totals	24	210

Note: Where multiple parking controls apply to a parking space, the tables show the space under only the primary parking control that applies

3. The increase is primarily related to the new City of Adelaide UParks at Sturt Street, Flinders Street and Russell Street, all of which are open lot and are managed as on-street parking zones with ticket machine technology. On-street car parking spaces change for a myriad of other reasons, namely:
 - 3.1. Change in control zones (loading zones, etc, to accommodate business needs).
 - 3.2. Construction works causing the temporary removal of parking spaces.
 - 3.3. Increased demand for residential parking permits.
 - 3.4. Changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.
 - 3.5. Changes to driveway locations for new developments.
4. There are approximately 2,300 car parks in the Park Lands which support activities including sports eg netball, cricket, soccer, Adelaide Bowling Club and Adelaide Pavillion on a year round basis many of which have timed parking controls. Apart from providing annual parking for approximately 2,270 vehicles to support the Royal Adelaide Show, further Park Lands parking to support specific events is subject to the number of events that may apply for and be granted associated parking and weather conditions at the time of the event.
5. There were approximately 34,801 commercial off-street car parks within the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
6. There are approximately 34,962 commercial off-street car parking spaces within the City and North Adelaide as of 3 June 2025. This includes commercial car parks and car parks associated with development and office buildings. The City of Adelaide owns and operates UPark off-street car parks representing approximately 6,000 plus off-street paid car parking spaces, with an approximate 22,000 spaces provided by other car parking operators.
7. The change in commercial off-street parking numbers between 1997 to 2024 is shown below.



The change in the number of off-street car parking spaces is based on new development, residential dwellings and changes to land use, generally resulting in additional parking spaces or the existing number of parking spaces being maintained.

8. The following increases are an example of planned increases to on-street and off-street parking in the City and North Adelaide in the financial year 2025/26.
 - 8.1. As part of the Central Market Redevelopment 260 off-street car parks have been temporarily relocated and substituted by a new open-lot car park, UPark Andrews at the Old Bus Station site. The 260 parking spaces will be reinstated once the market redevelopment is complete. On-street parking spaces are subject to increased demand for residential parking permits and changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.

- 8.2. An additional 1,300 space car park to service the new Women's and Children's hospital site is currently under construction.
- 8.3. 116 publicly available car park spaces within the 88 O'Connell Street development.
- 8.4. There has also been a number of temporary non-ancillary car parking developments to provide public parking that have been recently approved or are currently under assessment for additional off-street car parking such as 32 spaces at 51-57 Hutt Street.
9. Adelaide has a significantly higher availability of parking spaces compared to other Australian capital cities.
 - 9.1. Capital City Parking Comparison:
 - 9.1.1. Adelaide - 25 Spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.2. Perth - 21.5 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.3. Hobart - 20 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.4. Melbourne - 14.2 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.5. Sydney - 12 spaces per 100 workers.
 - 9.2. The average cost of on-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide in comparison has cheaper on-street parking fees (2 hours), than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth with only Hobart charging lower on-street parking rates.
 - 9.3. The average cost of off-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide in comparison has cheaper off-street parking fees (2 hours), than Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with only Perth and Hobart charging lower off-street parking rates.

Typical Parking Costs – Weekday – Peak Times (AUD)

Capital City	On-street (2 hours)	Off-street (2 hours)	Daily (min-max)
Sydney	\$15.20	\$56.84	\$36-\$85
Melbourne	\$14	\$36.30	\$18-\$79
Brisbane	\$12.30	\$36.91	\$35-\$97
Perth	\$12	\$13	\$12-\$57
Adelaide	\$8.60	\$13.16	\$14-\$48
Hobart	\$8	\$6	\$14-\$24

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5 hours.
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