

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
INVOLVING FATALITIES :
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MAIN FEATURES

- 272 people were killed in 237 fatal road accidents in Australia in May 1979, compared with 304 persons in 265 accidents in May 1978. In the first five months of this year, the road toll stands at 1,403 as against 1,451 for the same period in 1978.

The figures for 1979 are provisional and subject to revision.

This publication contains preliminary monthly details of the number of road fatalities and fatal road traffic accidents that occurred in each State and Territory during the month of May 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for May 1979, and possibly for earlier months, may be revised in future issues of this statement as additional information is received, including advices for persons not previously reported as fatalities but who die within 30 days of the date of the accident from injuries received.

- 2. Table 1 includes seasonally adjusted figures for road accident fatalities in Australia. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors, intra-month variations (arising from the number

of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may in successive years, affect figures for different months. Because of the irregular nature of the data, caution should be exercised in interpreting month to month movements. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

- 3. Users may also wish to refer to the following quarterly road traffic accident publications which are available on request:

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties
(Preliminary) (9402.0)

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties
(9403.0)

- 4. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary — figures or series subject to revision
- nil
- .. not applicable

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TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally Adjusted
Year -										
1973	1,230	935	638	329	358	105	55	29	3,679	..
1974	1,275	806	589	382	334	111	44	31	3,572	..
1975	1,288	910	635	339	304	122	64	32	3,694	..
1976	1,264	938	569	307	308	108	51	38	3,583	..
1977	1,268	954	572	306	290	112	47	29	3,578	..
1978	1,384	1,871	612	291	345	106	68	30	13,707	..
Quarter ended -										
December 1977	351	277	157	71	76	37	7	6	982	936
March 1978	335	224	123	62	82	28	14	5	873	903
June 1978	352	195	131	88	87	29	13	9	904	901
September 1978	364	216	172	70	90	18	27	7	1,964	1,984
December 1978	333	236	186	71	86	31	14	9	966	920
March 1979	283	209	110	99	68	29	16	5	1,819	1,846
1978 -										
April	101	61	43	31	24	7	3	4	274	277
May	122	64	39	28	32	12	3	4	304	309
June	129	70	49	29	31	10	7	1	326	327
July	128	70	47	18	27	11	10	2	1,113	1,131
August	123	179	62	26	41	2	11	3	1,347	1,353
September	113	167	63	26	22	5	6	2	1,104	1,291
October	104	84	70	25	31	7	2	3	326	327
November	104	81	52	24	38	11	6	3	319	330
December	125	71	64	22	17	13	6	3	321	271
1979 p -										
January	73	66	33	26	23	10	9	3	243	264
February	75	158	37	32	22	11	2	1	1,238	1,270
March	135	85	140	41	23	8	5	1	1,338	1,317
April	122	75	58	29	17	8	-	3	312	305
May p	115	47	54	18	26	5	4	3	272	275
Five months ended										
May 1978	558	349	205	121	138	47	20	13	1,451	..
May 1979 p	520	331	222	146	111	42	20	11	1,403	..

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
Year -										
1973	1,082	806	553	276	332	97	50	29	3,225	
1974	1,121	739	515	342	303	98	41	30	3,189	
1975	1,150	784	553	310	259	108	50	32	3,246	
1976	1,119	830	497	277	255	97	48	33	3,156	
1977	1,118	835	515	270	259	99	39	26	3,161	
1978	1,222	1,780	532	254	305	96	58	27	13,274	
Quarter ended -										
December 1977	311	228	145	66	69	35	7	5	866	
March 1978	302	201	114	51	74	27	12	5	786	
June 1978	307	181	108	77	78	26	11	6	794	
September 1978	325	1,202	154	62	75	18	23	7	1,866	
December 1978	288	196	156	64	78	25	12	9	828	
March 1979	248	187	102	88	64	24	12	5	1,730	
1978 -										
April	88	57	36	25	22	7	2	2	239	
May	102	60	34	25	29	9	3	3	265	
June	117	64	38	27	27	10	6	1	290	
July	113	166	43	16	25	11	7	2	1,283	
August	112	175	57	24	31	2	10	3	1,514	
September	100	161	54	22	19	5	6	2	1,269	
October	90	73	59	23	27	7	2	3	284	
November	92	65	44	20	34	6	6	3	270	
December	106	58	53	21	17	12	4	3	274	
1979 p -										
January	65	60	30	22	21	8	5	3	214	
February	70	148	34	31	21	9	2	1	1,216	
March	113	79	138	35	22	7	5	1	1,200	
April	113	64	48	28	17	7	-	3	280	
May p	97	46	43	14	25	5	4	3	237	
Five months ended										
May 1978	492	318	184	101	125	43	17	10	1,290	
May 1979 p	458	297	193	130	106	36	16	11	1,247	