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MAIN FEATURES

225 people were killed in 206 fatal road accidents in Australia in February 1981, compared with 198 persons in 183 accidents in February 1980.

In the first two months of this year, the road toll stands at 507 as against 447 for the same period in 1980.

The figures for 1981 are provisional and subject to revision.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 February 1981, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for February 1981, and possibly for earlier months, may be revised in future issues of this publication 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.

Seasonal adjustment

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, Australia* (1308.0).

Related publications

3. Users may also wish to refer to the following quarterly road traffic accident publication which is available on request:

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties, Australia (Preliminary) (9402.0)—issued quarterly.

4. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (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—										
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	869	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,705	...
1979	1,290	847	613	309	279	93	53	24	3,508	...
1980 p	r1,302	663	r557	270	293	100	63	30	3,278	...
Quarter ended—										
September 1979	339	210	164	68	74	22	15	8	900	898
December 1979	336	244	166	68	74	22	14	4	928	872
March 1980	258	171	113	63	62	21	9	12	709	756
June 1980	343	162	162	67	67	12	17	6	836	831
September 1980	353	161	140	65	83	36	20	7	865	868
December 1980	r348	169	r142	75	r81	31	17	5	r868	r821
1980 p—										
January	99	49	39	19	22	7	5	4	244	278
February	62	57	28	19	19	7	2	4	198	227
March	97	65	46	25	21	7	2	4	267	251
April	128	59	41	29	28	3	7	2	297	286
May	112	47	59	13	20	7	6	3	267	262
June	103	56	62	25	19	2	4	1	272	283
July	134	62	54	13	18	9	12	2	304	328
August	127	53	49	26	39	14	4	2	314	285
September	92	46	37	26	26	13	4	3	247	255
October	r119	59	r49	28	22	9	2	—	r288	r281
November	123	60	52	23	28	8	8	—	306	295
December	r106	50	r41	24	r31	14	7	1	r274	r245
1981 p—										
January	r112	r70	r39	30	18	8	2	3	r282	r307
February	90	57	36	17	19	5	1	—	225	270
Two months ended—										
February 1980	161	106	67	38	41	14	7	8	442	...
February 1981	202	127	75	47	37	13	3	3	507	...

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year—									
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	775	532	254	304	96	58	27	3,268
1979	1,125	750	544	277	257	83	43	24	3,103
1980 p	r1,152	614	r508	241	268	96	55	27	r2,961
Quarter ended—									
September 1979	290	188	152	60	67	22	12	8	799
December 1979	292	207	143	63	66	20	11	4	806
March 1980	229	157	101	57	55	21	8	11	639
June 1980	303	155	147	57	61	12	14	6	755
September 1980	310	149	125	56	r76	33	18	6	r773
December 1980	r310	153	r135	71	r76	30	15	4	r794
1980 p—									
January	86	44	31	15	19	7	4	4	210
February	56	52	27	19	17	7	2	3	183
March	87	61	43	23	19	7	2	4	246
April	110	57	41	23	24	3	4	2	264
May	95	45	49	12	19	7	6	3	236
June	98	53	57	22	18	3	4	1	255
July	116	57	48	12	18	8	10	2	271
August	110	48	42	21	r33	13	4	1	r272
September	84	44	35	23	25	12	4	3	230
October	r105	52	r47	26	20	9	2	—	r261
November	115	53	49	23	27	8	6	3	284
December	90	48	r39	22	r29	13	7	1	r249
1981 p—									
January	r98	r56	35	28	18	6	1	2	244
February	84	52	33	14	17	5	1	—	206
Two months ended—									
February 1980	142	96	58	34	36	14	6	7	393
February 1981	182	108	68	42	35	11	2	2	450