

## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, NORTHERN TERRITORY NO. 16 DECEMBER QUARTER 1972

This publication contains details of road traffic accidents involving casualties which occurred in the Northern Territory during the three months ended 31 December 1972. Comparative details for earlier periods are shown in some tables.

Details of road traffic accidents involving casualties relate to accidents which were reported to the police and which satisfy the following conditions -

- (a) That the accident occurred on any road, street, thoroughfare, etc., open to the public, including railway level crossing;
- (b) That it involved any road vehicle which at the time of the accident was in motion;
- (c) That the accident resulted in -
  - (i) The death of any person within a period of 30 days of the accident; or
  - (ii) Bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS, PERSONS KILLED, PERSONS INJURED : NORTHERN TERRITORY

| Period          | Number of accidents involving casualties | Persons killed |         |       | Persons injured |         |       |
|-----------------|--|----------------|---------|-------|-----------------|---------|-------|
|                 |  | Males          | Females | Total | Males           | Females | Total |
| Year -          |  |                |         |       |                 |         |       |
| 1968            | 357                                      | 11             | 7       | 18    | 392             | 120     | 512   |
| 1969            | 500                                      | 35             | 10      | 45    | 550             | 177     | 727   |
| 1970            | 528                                      | 28             | 14      | 42    | 529             | 185     | 714   |
| 1971            | 660                                      | 41             | 9       | 50    | 691             | 235     | 926   |
| 1972            | 592                                      | 45             | 8       | 53    | 566             | 229     | 795   |
| Quarter ended - |  |                |         |       |                 |         |       |
| September 1967  | 107                                      | 6              | 3       | 9     | 117             | 34      | 151   |
| December 1967   | 93                                       | 9              | -       | 9     | 91              | 35      | 126   |
| March 1968      | 80                                       | 1              | 2       | 3     | 78              | 24      | 102   |
| June 1968       | 93                                       | 3              | -       | 3     | 105             | 33      | 138   |
| September 1968  | 90                                       | 4              | 2       | 6     | 107             | 34      | 141   |
| December 1968   | 94                                       | 3              | 3       | 6     | 102             | 29      | 131   |
| March 1969      | 84                                       | 4              | 1       | 5     | 83              | 21      | 104   |
| June 1969       | 130                                      | 13             | 2       | 15    | 146             | 49      | 195   |
| September 1969  | 151                                      | 9              | 3       | 12    | 171             | 56      | 227   |
| December 1969   | 135                                      | 9              | 4       | 13    | 150             | 51      | 201   |
| March 1970      | 124                                      | 3              | 3       | 6     | 119             | 46      | 165   |
| June 1970       | 104                                      | 7              | 2       | 9     | 101             | 45      | 146   |
| September 1970  | 148                                      | 7              | 5       | 12    | 150             | 49      | 199   |
| December 1970   | 152                                      | 11             | 4       | 15    | 159             | 45      | 204   |
| March 1971      | 136                                      | 11             | 1       | 12    | 148             | 57      | 205   |
| June 1971       | 170                                      | 11             | 3       | 14    | 171             | 51      | 222   |
| September 1971  | 185                                      | 11             | 2       | 13    | 191             | 70      | 261   |
| December 1971   | 169                                      | 8              | 3       | 11    | 181             | 57      | 238   |
| March 1972      | 146                                      | 14             | 2       | 16    | 151             | 46      | 197   |
| June 1972       | 127                                      | 8              | 3       | 11    | 120             | 55      | 175   |
| September 1972  | 154                                      | 10             | 2       | 12    | 142             | 58      | 200   |
| December 1972   | 165                                      | 13             | 1       | 14    | 153             | 70      | 223   |

TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS, PERSONS KILLED, PERSONS INJURED : NATURE OF ACCIDENT, NORTHERN TERRITORY

|                     | Collisions between vehicles | Vehicle overturning or leaving road | Vehicle colliding with pedestrian | Vehicle colliding with fixed object (includes parked vehicles) | Passenger accidents | Vehicle colliding with animal | Other | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| Year 1972           | 244                         | 184                                 | 67                                | 79   | 5                   | 6                             | 7     | 592   |
| Quarter ended -     |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| March 1972          | 62                          | 44                                  | 18                                | 17   | 1                   | ..                            | 4     | 146   |
| June 1972           | 55                          | 37                                  | 10                                | 19   | ..                  | 3                             | 3     | 127   |
| September 1972      | 57                          | 53                                  | 19                                | 24   | 1                   | ..                            | ..    | 154   |
| December 1972       | 70                          | 50                                  | 20                                | 19   | 3                   | 3                             | ..    | 165   |
| PERSONS KILLED      |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| Year 1972           | 8                           | 26                                  | 5                                 | 13   | ..                  | 1                             | ..    | 53    |
| Quarter ended -     |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| March 1972          | 2                           | 9                                   | 2                                 | 3  | ..                  | ..                            | ..    | 16    |
| June 1972           | 2                           | 2                                   | 1                                 | 5  | ..                  | 1                             | ..    | 11    |
| September 1972      | 2                           | 6                                   | 1                                 | 3  | ..                  | ..                            | ..    | 12    |
| December 1972       | 2                           | 9                                   | 1                                 | 2  | ..                  | ..                            | ..    | 14    |
| PERSONS INJURED     |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| Year 1972           | 348                         | 254                                 | 66                                | 108  | 6                   | 5                             | 8     | 795   |
| Quarter ended -     |                             |                                     |                                   |  |                     |                               |       |       |
| March 1972          | 89                          | 64                                  | 16                                | 23   | 1                   | ..                            | 4     | 197   |
| June 1972           | 71                          | 57                                  | 11                                | 30   | ..                  | 2                             | 4     | 175   |
| September 1972      | 85                          | 66                                  | 19                                | 28   | 2                   | ..                            | ..    | 200   |
| December 1972       | 103                         | 67                                  | 20                                | 27   | 3                   | 3                             | ..    | 223   |

TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED : AGE GROUP, SEX AND TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, NORTHERN TERRITORY, DECEMBER QUARTER 1972

| Age group and sex | Drivers of motor vehicles | Motor cyclists | Pedal cyclists | Passengers (including pillion riders) | Pedestrians | All others (a) | Total all road users |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| PERSONS KILLED    |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Age group -       |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Under 5 years     | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| 5 - 6 years       | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| 7 - 16 years      | ..                        | ..             | ..             | 3                                     | ..          | ..             | 3                    |
| 17 - 20 years     | 1                         | ..             | ..             | 1                                     | ..          | ..             | 2                    |
| 21 - 29 years     | 2                         | 1              | ..             | 1                                     | ..          | ..             | 4                    |
| 30 - 39 years     | 1                         | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | 1                    |
| 40 - 49 years     | 3                         | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | 1           | ..             | 4                    |
| 50 - 59 years     | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| 60 and over       | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| Not stated        | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| Sex -             |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Males             | 7                         | 1              | ..             | 5                                     | ..          | ..             | 13                   |
| Females           | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | 1           | ..             | 1                    |
| Total             | 7                         | 1              | ..             | 5                                     | 1           | ..             | 14                   |
| PERSONS INJURED   |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Age group -       |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Under 5 years     | ..                        | ..             | ..             | 8                                     | 4           | ..             | 12                   |
| 5 - 6 years       | ..                        | ..             | ..             | 2                                     | 1           | ..             | 3                    |
| 7 - 16 years      | ..                        | 1              | 3              | 16                                    | 5           | ..             | 25                   |
| 17 - 20 years     | 13                        | 12             | ..             | 10                                    | 1           | ..             | 36                   |
| 21 - 29 years     | 26                        | 32             | ..             | 11                                    | 5           | ..             | 77                   |
| 30 - 39 years     | 19                        | 4              | ..             | 6                                     | 1           | ..             | 35                   |
| 40 - 49 years     | 8                         | 1              | ..             | 3                                     | ..          | ..             | 9                    |
| 50 - 59 years     | 6                         | ..             | ..             | 3                                     | ..          | ..             | 9                    |
| 60 and over       | ..                        | ..             | ..             | ..                                    | ..          | ..             | ..                   |
| Not stated        | ..                        | ..             | ..             | 9                                     | 1           | ..             | 10                   |
| Sex -             |                           |                |                |                                       |             |                |                      |
| Males             | 52                        | 39             | 3              | 46                                    | 13          | ..             | 153                  |
| Females           | 20                        | 11             | ..             | 33                                    | 6           | ..             | 70                   |
| Total             | 72                        | 50             | 3              | 79                                    | 19          | ..             | 223                  |

(a) Includes bystanders, riders of horses and drivers of animal-drawn vehicles.

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