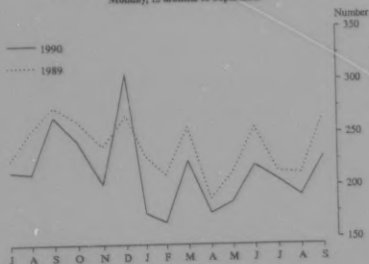


**ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA
SEPTEMBER 1990**

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MAIN FEATURES

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
Monthly, 15 months to September



The number of road accident deaths in Australia continues at a low level. The 228 deaths recorded in September was the second lowest total for that month since the series began in 1970. This total represents a decrease of 14.3% from September 1989 (266) but an increase of 19.4% from the total for August 1990 (191).

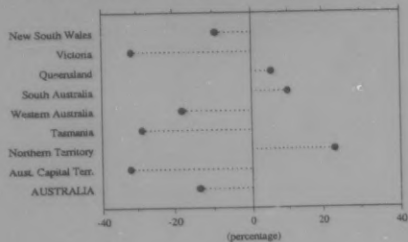
In the year to date, 277 fewer persons have been killed on Australian roads than for the same period last year. This represents a 13.6% drop, and is the lowest number of deaths for any nine month period since the series began.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
During September each year



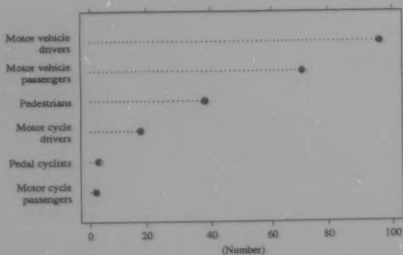
The total number of fatal accidents on our roads followed a similar pattern. The 190 accidents in September represented a 19.5% drop on the same month last year (236) and a 14.5% increase on the previous month this year (166).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1989 AND 1990



Comparing the nine months ended September 1990 with the same period in 1989, decreases in the number of fatalities were recorded in the majority of States and Territories. However, there were increases in Queensland (up from 289 to 304), South Australia (up from 155 to 170) and the Northern Territory (up from 43 to 53).

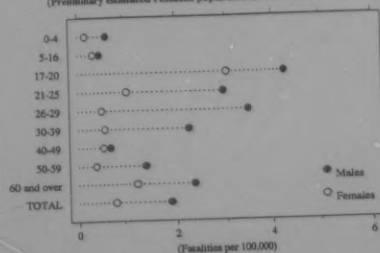
PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, SEPTEMBER 1990



Of the 228 persons killed in road accidents in September 1990, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 96 (42.1%), passengers in motor vehicles 71 (31.1%), pedestrians 38 (16.7%), drivers of motor cycles 18 (7.9%), pedal cyclists 3 (1.3%) and passengers on motor cycles 2 (0.9%).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, BY AGE AND SEX, PER 100,000 OF POPULATION WITHIN EACH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 1990

(Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 Dec. 1989)



Fatality rates in September 1990 were highest amongst males in the 17-20 age range. Overall, the rate for males was more than double that for females.

TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Year—									
1984	1,037	657	505	252	220	83	50	37	2,821
1985	1,067	683	502	268	243	78	67	33	2,941
1986	1,029	668	481	288	228	91	71	32	2,888
1987	959	705	442	256	213	77	84	36	2,772
1988	1,037	701	539	222	229	75	51	32	2,886
1989	960	771	428	219	242	80	61	34	2,795
1989—									
July	75	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	214
August	64	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	212
September	93	81	36	19	23	6	4	4	266
October	96	50	41	26	21	1	4	4	243
November	69	39	51	13	17	5	6	2	202
December	124	65	47	25	30	4	8	3	306
1990 p—									
January	52	48	23	16	16	8	9	2	174
February	52	44	28	16	14	9	2	—	165
March	89	55	32	20	13	7	7	1	224
April	57	38	29	15	24	6	5	—	174
May	59	56	30	18	11	1	7	3	185
June	70	r64	38	14	25	6	2	1	r220
July	r84	41	32	20	14	1	8	6	r206
August	r66	r34	r41	23	10	4	10	3	r191
September	79	42	51	28	16	8	3	1	228
Nine months ended—									
September 1989	671	617	289	155	174	70	43	25	2,044
September 1990p	608	422	304	170	143	50	53	17	1,767

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Year—									
1984	910	584	448	205	203	77	45	35	2,507
1985	954	605	452	239	219	69	59	30	2,627
1986	908	610	421	259	208	78	63	30	2,577
1987	858	626	400	230	193	67	80	33	2,487
1988	912	615	483	204	199	68	46	32	2,559
1989	783	678	376	199	213	68	57	28	2,402
1989—									
July	64	51	35	9	19	5	7	1	191
August	56	53	28	14	19	6	4	2	182
September	84	66	33	19	21	5	4	4	236
October	67	44	36	23	17	1	4	3	195
November	63	34	44	13	16	5	6	2	183
December	75	58	42	23	25	4	7	3	238
1990p—									
January	43	44	19	13	16	7	9	2	153
February	50	37	24	13	14	6	2	—	146
March	78	52	28	15	23	7	6	1	200
April	52	35	26	15	21	6	3	—	158
May	54	51	24	16	10	1	4	3	163
June	59	r51	35	13	23	4	2	1	r188
July	r75	37	31	15	14	1	8	5	r186
August	r59	r33	r37	18	8	2	6	3	r166
September	68	37	38	21	15	7	3	1	190
Nine months ended—									
September 1989	518	542	254	140	154	58	40	20	1,786
September 1990p	538	377	262	139	134	41	43	16	1,550

TABLE 3. PERSONS KILLED: AGE GROUP AND SEX, SEPTEMBER 1990 p

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
5-16	2	1	2	1	1	—	—	—	25
17-20	7	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	20
21-25	7	3	1	5	3	1	—	—	20
26-29	3	4	2	9	1	1	—	—	30
30-39	12	4	6	1	3	3	1	—	8
40-49	1	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	11
50-59	6	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	27
60 and over	13	3	7	3	1	—	—	—	7
Not Stated	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Total	59	26	28	25	11	6	3	1	159
FEMALES									
0-4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5-16	7	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	17
17-20	1	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	7
21-25	2	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	8
26-29	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
30-39	2	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	6
40-49	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3
50-59	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	18
60 and over	4	2	9	2	1	—	—	—	1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Total	20	16	23	3	5	2	—	—	69
PERSONS									
0-4	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
5-16	3	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	12
17-20	14	10	8	3	2	3	1	1	42
21-25	9	6	1	5	5	1	—	—	27
26-29	5	4	3	9	1	1	—	—	23
30-39	14	7	9	1	3	3	1	—	38
40-49	7	2	7	2	—	—	—	—	14
50-59	6	4	7	2	—	—	1	—	45
60 and over	17	5	16	5	2	—	—	—	8
Not stated	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Total	79	42	51	28	16	8	3	1	228

TABLE 4. PERSONS KILLED: TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, SEPTEMBER 1990 p

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	33	18	19	11	9	5	1	—	96
Motor cycles	7	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	18
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	22	12	21	10	4	1	1	—	71
Motor cycles	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pedal cyclists	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
Pedestrians	15	7	9	5	1	1	—	—	38
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All road users	79	42	51	28	16	8	3	1	228

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

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