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MAIN FEATURES

242 people were killed in 226 fatal road accidents in Australia in September 1980, compared with 306 persons in 266 accidents in September 1979. For the first nine months of this year, the road toll stands at 2,406 as against 2,583 for the same period in 1979.

The figures for 1980 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 September 1980, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for September 1980, 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.

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).

4. Current 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										
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	869	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,705	...
1979	1,290	845	613	309	279	93	53	24	3,506	...
Quarter ended—										
June 1979	333	185	173	74	63	20	8	7	863	855
September 1979	339	212	164	68	74	22	15	8	902	901
December 1979	336	239	166	68	74	22	14	4	923	867
March 1980	258	171	113	63	62	21	9	12	709	756
June 1980	345	160	162	67	68	12	17	6	837	832
September 1980	351	161	139	64	82	36	20	7	860	863
1979 p.										
August	109	74	58	25	26	10	2	3	307	293
September	122	69	52	22	29	6	4	2	306	300
October	107	77	54	20	20	8	8	1	295	294
November	103	72	55	12	23	4	—	—	269	267
December	126	90	57	36	31	10	6	3	359	306
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	58	41	29	28	3	7	2	296	285
May	114	46	59	13	21	7	6	3	269	264
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	59	16	39	14	4	2	314	285
September	90	46	36	25	25	13	4	3	242	250
Nine months ended—										
September 1979	954	606	447	241	205	71	39	20	2,583	...
September 1980 p	954	492	414	194	212	69	46	25	2,406	...

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year									
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	775	532	254	304	96	58	27	3,268
1979	1,125	748	544	277	257	83	43	24	3,101
Quarter ended—									
June 1979	296	169	147	66	60	17	8	7	770
September 1979	290	189	152	60	67	22	12	8	800
December 1979	292	203	143	63	66	20	11	4	802
March 1980	229	157	101	57	55	21	8	11	639
June 1980	305	153	147	57	62	12	14	6	756
September 1980	309	149	123	56	76	33	18	6	770
1979 p.									
August	90	67	54	24	22	10	2	3	272
September	102	56	49	19	28	6	4	2	266
October	66	94	45	20	20	7	5	1	258
November	89	60	49	10	19	4	7	—	231
December	109	77	49	33	27	9	6	3	313
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	56	41	23	24	3	4	2	263
May	97	44	49	12	20	7	6	3	238
June	98	53	57	22	18	2	4	1	255
July	116	57	58	12	18	8	10	2	271
August	110	58	52	12	34	13	4	1	273
September	83	44	33	23	24	12	4	3	226
Nine months ended—									
September 1979	833	545	401	214	191	63	32	20	2,299
September 1980 p	843	459	371	170	193	66	40	23	2,165