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MAIN FEATURES

- 233 people were killed in 204 fatal road accidents in Australia in January 1979, compared with 299 persons in 259 accidents in January 1978.
- The number killed in fatal road accidents in Australia in January 1979 (233) is the lowest in January since 1967 (226) and the lowest for any month since February 1972 (207).
- The number killed in fatal road accidents in New South Wales in January 1979 (70), which was the lowest in January since 1963 (70) and the lowest of any month since February 1972 (59), was the major factor in the low national figure for January 1979.

The figures for 1979 are provisional and subject to revision.

This statement 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 January 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for January 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, 1978* (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 t	1,384	862	610	291	345	106	69	30	3,697	..
Quarter ended -										
September 1977	298	229	149	58	67	24	17	10	852	870
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	r87	29	13	9	r904	r901
September 1978	364	207	172	70	r90	18	28	7	r956	r976
December 1978 t	333	236	184	71	86	31	14	9	964	918
1977 -										
December	121	107	63	24	24	9	-	1	349	299
1978 -										
January	114	56	44	17	33	8	6	1	299	320
February	95	55	35	25	22	8	3	-	243	276
March	126	93	44	20	27	12	5	4	331	301
April	101	61	43	31	r24	7	3	4	r274	r277
May	122	64	39	28	r32	12	3	4	r304	r309
June	129	70	49	29	r31	10	7	1	r326	r327
July	128	67	47	18	r27	11	10	2	r310	r328
August	123	77	62	26	41	2	12	3	346	352
September	113	63	63	26	22	5	6	2	300	288
October	104	84	70	25	31	7	2	3	326	327
November	104	81	51	24	38	11	6	3	r318	r329
December t	125	71	63	22	17	13	6	3	320	270
1979 p										
January	70	62	32	25	23	9	9	3	233	253

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 t	1,222	771	530	254	305	96	58	27	3,263	
Quarter ended -										
September 1977	274	206	135	50	62	23	11	8	769	
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	r78	26	11	6	r794	
September 1978	325	193	154	62	r75	18	23	7	r857	
December 1978 t	288	196	154	64	78	25	12	9	826	
1977 -										
December	104	91	54	22	23	9	-	1	304	
1978 -										
January	98	62	41	16	28	8	5	1	259	
February	90	53	33	19	22	7	3	-	227	
March	114	86	40	16	24	12	4	4	300	
April	88	57	36	25	122	7	2	2	r239	
May	102	60	34	25	r29	9	3	3	r265	
June	117	64	38	24	127	10	6	1	r290	
July	113	63	43	16	r25	11	7	2	r280	
August	112	73	57	24	31	2	10	3	312	
September	100	57	54	22	19	5	6	2	265	
October	90	73	59	23	27	7	2	3	284	
November	92	r65	43	20	34	6	6	3	r269	
December t	106	58	52	21	17	12	4	3	273	
1979 p										
January	62	56	29	21	21	7	5	3	204	