

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1972  
(PRELIMINARY)

This statement contains preliminary details of road traffic accidents involving casualties which occurred in each State and Territory of Australia during the three months ended 30 September 1972. Comparative details for earlier periods are also shown. This statement will be followed at a later date by the bulletin *Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties* (Reference No. 14.9) which will give information in greater detail.

2. Since January 1970 monthly statements of road accident fatalities in each State and Territory have been issued by this Bureau. Quarterly statements of road traffic accidents are issued for the States of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania by the respective Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians, for the Northern Territory by this office, and for the Australian Capital Territory by the Department of the Capital Territory. Particulars of road traffic accidents classified according to "Type of road user responsible" and "Cause of accident" are shown only in the statement for Tasmania. Separate publications relating to road traffic accidents are not published by the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in New South Wales but selected quarterly figures for this State are published in the New South Wales Statistical Bulletin.

3. 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 a road vehicle which at the time of the accident was in motion; and
- (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.

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS									
Year -									
1969	24,164	16,527	7,494	6,895	4,809	1,416	500	792	62,597
1970	25,434	16,435	7,869	7,424	5,218	1,425	528	877	65,210
1971	26,375	15,023	8,147	7,386	5,178	1,385	660	856	65,210
Quarter ended -									
June 1971	5,961	3,908	2,134	1,847	1,275	381	170	232	15,908
September 1971	7,936	3,856	2,094	1,866	1,422	384	185	217	17,960
December 1971	6,351	3,863	2,110	2,080	1,243	313	169	209	16,338
March 1972	6,708	3,306	1,794	1,823	1,124	325	146	166	15,392
June 1972	6,386	r3,963	r2,107	2,145	1,219	349	127	196	r16,492
September 1972p	6,483	3,806	2,000	1,914	1,239	328	154	179	16,103
PERSONS KILLED									
Year -									
1969	1,188	1,011	556	251	311	114	45	26	3,502
1970	1,309	1,061	537	349	351	118	42	31	3,798
1971	1,249	923	594	292	332	130	50	20	3,590
Quarter ended -									
June 1971	333	230	154	66	92	46	14	2	937
September 1971	329	235	141	85	83	28	13	8	922
December 1971	310	223	167	72	72	26	11	7	888
March 1972	218	198	118	75	67	33	16	7	732
June 1972	280	228	153	81	92	31	11	8	884
September 1972p	294	267	167	63	77	18	12	7	905
PERSONS INJURED									
Year -									
1969	32,752	23,797	10,406	9,961	6,788	2,264	727	1,169	87,864
1970	34,886	23,737	10,940	10,484	7,373	2,171	714	1,249	91,554
1971	36,660	21,371	11,387	10,132	7,328	2,056	926	1,176	91,036
Quarter ended -									
June 1971	8,094	5,593	3,011	2,515	1,754	573	222	325	22,087
September 1971	10,769	5,326	2,966	2,545	2,014	570	261	308	24,759
December 1971	8,813	5,562	2,932	2,863	1,832	468	238	273	22,981
March 1972	9,135	4,745	2,540	2,478	1,561	466	197	199	21,321
June 1972	8,530	r5,457	r2,857	2,842	1,660	480	175	279	r22,280
September 1972p	8,587	5,275	2,712	2,644	1,724	465	200	231	21,838

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