

## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1989

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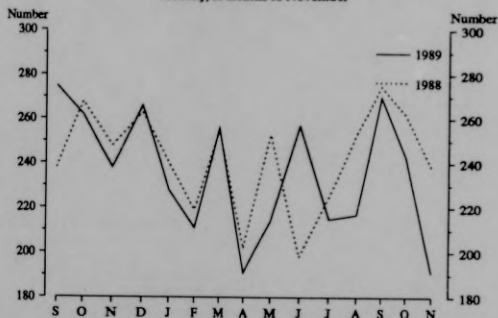
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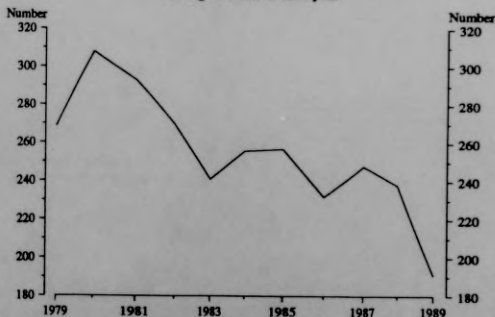
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**PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA**  
Monthly, 15 months to November



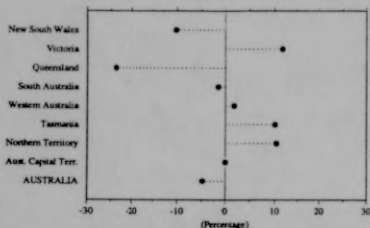
**PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA**  
During November of each year



The preliminary total of 191 persons killed in road traffic accidents in November 1989 was equal to the lowest monthly number of fatalities since February 1987 (188). Compared to the previous month, this represents a decrease in fatalities of 52 (-21.4%). Decreases were recorded in all States except Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

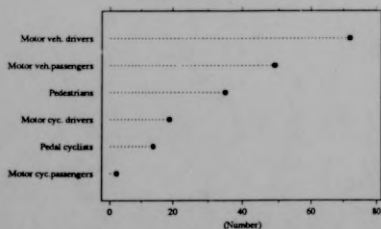
In November 1989, 191 persons were killed in 174 fatal accidents compared with 238 persons in 209 fatal accidents in November 1988, which is a decrease in fatalities of 47 (-19.7%). Decreases from November 1988 to November 1989 were recorded in all States and the Australian Capital Territory. The Northern Territory recorded an increase of 4 fatalities (200.0%)

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 1988 AND 1989



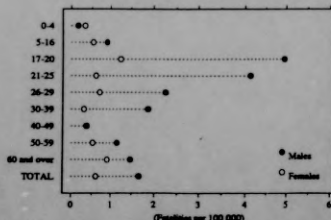
For the eleven months ended November, 1989, there were 2,493 fatalities, which is a decrease of 127 (-4.8%) on the 2,620 fatalities recorded for the corresponding period in 1988.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, NOVEMBER 1989



Of the 191 persons killed in road accidents in November 1989, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 72 (37.7%), passengers in motor vehicles 49 (25.7%), pedestrians 35 (18.3%) and drivers of motor cycles 19 (9.9%).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, BY AGE AND SEX, PER 100,000 OF POPULATION WITHIN EACH GROUP, NOVEMBER 1989  
(Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 1989)



As is evident from the chart, fatality rates are highest amongst males in the 17-25 age range.

TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Year—</i>									
1983	966	664	510	265	203	70	49	28	2,755
1984	1,037	657	505	232	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
<i>1988 —</i>									
September	92	64	50	22	30	4	9	4	275
October	107	59	50	24	11	5	4	2	262
November	84	43	55	17	22	9	2	6	238
December	99	70	41	25	21	6	3	1	266
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	57	75	27	26	25	14	2	2	228
February	82	65	27	14	12	7	2	2	211
March	82	80	42	18	20	8	3	3	256
April	47	59	24	23	15	5	10	8	191
May	78	67	31	12	15	7	4	—	214
June	r99	72	27	19	21	10	7	2	r257
July	76	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	215
August	69	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	217
September	r95	82	37	19	23	6	4	4	r270
October	r97	50	r40	r26	21	1	4	4	r243
November	60	38	51	13	16	5	6	2	191
<i>Eleven months ended —</i>									
November 1988	938	631	498	197	208	69	48	31	2,620
November 1989p	842	705	380	194	212	76	53	31	2,493

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Year—</i>									
1983	877	610	437	234	191	63	46	27	2,485
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
<i>1988 —</i>									
September	82	57	44	21	22	4	8	4	242
October	96	47	43	21	11	5	4	2	229
November	71	38	49	17	17	9	2	6	209
December	84	50	36	23	15	5	3	1	217
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	48	60	25	22	21	9	2	2	189
February	74	60	21	14	12	6	1	2	190
March	72	73	33	16	18	7	3	3	225
April	42	54	22	19	14	5	9	4	169
May	66	61	30	10	14	7	3	—	191
June	r77	63	26	17	17	8	7	2	r217
July	65	51	35	9	19	5	7	1	192
August	61	53	28	14	19	6	4	2	187
September	r86	66	34	19	21	5	4	4	r239
October	r68	44	r35	r23	17	1	4	3	r195
November	54	34	44	13	16	5	6	2	174
<i>Eleven months ended —</i>									
November 1988	828	565	447	181	184	63	43	31	2,342
November 1989p	713	619	333	176	188	64	50	25	2,168

TABLE 3. PERSONS KILLED: AGE GROUP AND SEX, NOVEMBER 1989 p

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
5-16	6	1	3	2	2	—	—	—	14
17-20	10	5	9	—	2	—	—	2	29
21-25	9	5	12	—	1	—	1	—	28
26-29	3	4	1	2	1	—	1	—	13
30-39	7	10	2	2	1	2	1	—	25
40-49	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	4
50-59	3	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	9
60 and over	6	2	5	1	3	—	—	—	17
Not Stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	44	29	37	9	11	3	5	2	140
FEMALES									
0-4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
5-16	2	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	8
17-20	3	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	7
21-25	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4
26-29	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	4
30-39	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
40-49	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	4
50-59	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
60 and over	3	3	6	—	1	—	—	—	13
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	16	9	14	4	5	2	1	—	51
PERSONS									
0-4	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
5-16	8	1	5	4	3	1	—	—	22
17-20	13	7	10	1	3	—	—	2	36
21-25	10	5	13	1	2	—	1	—	32
26-29	3	4	1	3	2	2	2	—	17
30-39	9	12	2	2	1	2	1	—	29
40-49	1	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	8
50-59	5	1	5	—	—	—	2	—	13
60 and over	9	5	11	1	4	—	—	—	30
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	60	38	51	13	16	5	6	2	191

TABLE 4. PERSONS KILLED: TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, NOVEMBER 1989 p

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	20	18	20	4	6	1	3	—	72
Motor cycles	7	2	6	3	—	—	—	1	19
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	19	6	14	3	2	2	2	1	49
Motor cycles	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pedal cyclists	3	4	4	1	2	—	—	—	14
Pedestrians	11	7	6	2	6	2	1	—	35
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All road users	60	38	51	13	16	5	6	2	191

## 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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