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MAIN FEATURES

258 people were killed in 242 fatal road accidents in Australia in June 1980, compared with 274 persons in 248 accidents in June 1979. For the first six months of this year, the road toll stands at 1,528 as against 1,681 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 June 1980, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for June 1980, 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.

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* (1308.0).

Related publications

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, Australia (Preliminary) (9402.0) — issued quarterly

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties, Australia (9403.0) — issued quarterly.

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	612	309	279	93	53	24	3,505	..
Quarter ended -										
March 1979	282	209	110	99	68	29	16	5	818	875
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	165	68	74	22	14	4	922	866
March 1980	258	171	112	63	62	21	9	12	708	755
June 1980	343	151	158	66	68	11	17	6	820	814
1979 p -										
May	120	45	56	17	27	5	4	3	277	284
June	92	64	58	28	20	7	4	1	274	275
July	108	69	54	21	19	6	9	3	289	308
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	54	12	23	4	-	-	268	266
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	27	19	19	7	2	4	197	226
March	97	65	46	25	21	7	2	4	267	251
April	128	58	40	29	28	2	7	2	294	283
May	113	46	59	13	12	7	6	3	268	263
June	102	47	59	24	19	2	4	1	258	268
Six months ended										
June 1979	615	394	283	173	131	49	24	12	1,681	..
June 1980 p	601	322	270	129	130	32	26	18	1,528	..

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	543	277	257	83	43	24	3,100
Quarter ended -									
March 1979	247	187	102	88	64	24	12	5	729
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	142	63	66	20	11	4	801
March 1980	229	157	100	57	55	21	8	11	638
June 1980	303	144	143	57	62	11	14	6	740
1979 p -									
May	102	44	45	13	26	5	4	3	242
June	82	60	53	25	18	5	4	1	248
July	98	66	49	17	17	6	6	3	262
August	90	67	54	24	22	10	2	3	272
September	102	56	49	19	28	6	4	2	266
October	94	66	45	20	20	7	5	1	258
November	89	60	48	10	19	4	-	-	230
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	26	19	17	7	2	3	182
March	87	61	43	23	19	7	2	4	246
April	110	56	40	23	24	2	4	2	261
May	96	44	49	12	20	7	6	3	237
June	97	44	54	22	18	2	4	1	242
Six months ended									
June 1979	543	356	249	154	124	41	20	12	1,499
June 1980 p	532	301	243	114	117	32	22	17	1,378