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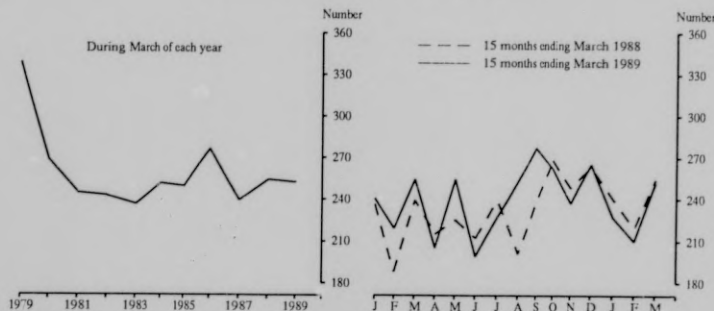
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ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA



For the first three months of 1989 there were 689 fatalities which is a decrease of 24 (3.4%) on the 713 fatalities recorded for the corresponding period in 1988.

In March 1989, 252 persons were killed in 222 fatal road accidents in Australia, compared with 254 persons in 234 accidents in March 1988, which is a decrease in fatalities of 2 (0.8%). Decreases were recorded for the following States and Territories: New South Wales -16 (16.7%); South Australia -2 (10.0%); Northern Territory -1 (25.0%) and Australian Capital Territory -2 (40.0%). These decreases were partly offset by the following increases: Victoria 10 (14.5%); Queensland 4 (10.8%); Western Australia 3 (17.6%) and Tasmania 2 (33.3%).

Of the 252 persons killed in road accidents during March 1989, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 110 (43.7%), passengers in motor vehicles 59 (23.4%), pedestrians 43 (17.1%) and drivers of motor cycles 22 (8.7%).

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 p	959	705	442	256	213	77	84	36	2,772
1988 p	1,044	701	539	222	r229	75	50	32	r2,892
<i>1988 p—</i>									
January	90	49	48	22	16	8	4	3	240
February	74	57	39	22	17	5	2	3	219
March	96	69	37	20	17	6	4	5	254
April	78	55	33	14	16	6	3	—	205
May	82	79	49	16	16	7	3	2	254
June	75	50	34	14	16	4	6	—	199
July	87	54	43	12	14	6	7	4	227
August	79	52	60	14	33	9	4	2	253
September	94	64	50	22	30	4	9	4	277
October	108	59	50	24	11	5	3	2	262
November	83	43	55	17	r22	9	2	6	r237
December	98	70	41	25	21	6	3	1	265
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	57	74	27	26	25	14	2	2	227
February	83	63	27	14	12	7	2	2	210
March	80	79	41	18	20	8	3	3	252
<i>Three months ended p—</i>									
March 1988	260	175	124	64	50	19	10	11	713
March 1989	220	216	95	58	57	29	7	7	689

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 p	858	626	400	230	193	67	80	33	2,487
1988 p	926	615	483	204	r199	68	45	32	r2,572
<i>1988 p—</i>									
January	78	44	40	19	14	6	4	3	208
February	67	54	38	19	14	5	2	3	202
March	86	64	33	20	16	6	4	5	234
April	69	50	32	12	15	5	3	—	186
May	75	69	44	13	14	5	2	2	224
June	70	47	32	13	16	4	4	—	186
July	78	47	40	12	14	6	6	4	207
August	67	48	52	14	31	8	4	2	226
September	84	57	44	21	22	4	8	4	244
October	97	47	43	21	11	5	3	2	229
November	70	38	49	17	r17	9	2	6	r208
December	85	50	36	23	15	5	3	1	218
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	49	59	25	22	21	9	2	2	189
February	r75	r58	r21	r14	12	6	1	2	189
March	71	72	32	16	18	7	3	3	222
<i>Three months ended p—</i>									
March 1988	231	162	111	58	44	17	10	11	644
March 1989	195	189	78	52	51	22	6	7	600

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

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
5-16	9	5	4	—	2	1	—	—	22
17-20	12	8	6	1	3	1	1	1	33
21-25	6	11	2	2	2	1	—	—	24
26-29	9	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	15
30-39	7	7	8	7	2	2	1	1	34
40-49	4	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	12
50-59	2	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	9
60 and over	6	9	3	4	5	—	—	—	27
Not stated	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	59	56	25	15	17	5	2	3	182
FEMALES									
0-4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5-16	1	4	4	1	—	1	—	—	11
17-20	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	8
21-25	2	3	2	—	1	2	—	—	10
26-29	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
30-39	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
40-49	2	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	7
50-59	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
60 and over	7	7	2	1	1	—	—	—	18
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	21	23	16	3	3	3	1	—	70
PERSONS									
0-4	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
5-16	10	9	8	1	2	2	—	—	33
17-20	14	10	9	2	3	1	1	1	41
21-25	8	14	4	2	3	3	—	—	34
26-29	11	5	1	—	2	—	—	—	19
30-39	9	9	9	7	2	2	—	1	39
40-49	6	8	2	1	—	—	2	—	19
50-59	4	6	3	—	1	—	—	—	14
60 and over	13	16	5	5	6	—	—	—	45
Not stated	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Total	80	79	41	18	20	8	3	3	252

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

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	31	39	17	9	8	4	2	—	110
Motor cycles	11	4	4	1	1	—	—	1	22
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	20	19	10	2	5	2	—	1	59
Motor cycles	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
Pedal cyclists	5	4	—	3	1	—	—	—	13
Pedestrians	10	13	10	3	3	2	1	1	43
All others	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
All road users	80	79	41	18	20	8	3	3	252

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 advices 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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2. Users may also wish to refer to the following road traffic accident publication which is available on request:

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Admissions to Hospitals), Australia (9405.0) — issued quarterly up to and including December 1986.

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