



ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1990

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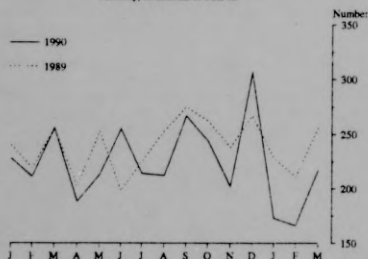
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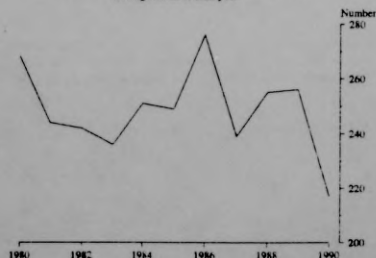
MAIN FEATURES

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
Monthly, 15 months to March



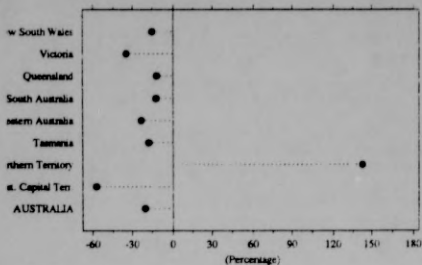
The number of persons killed in road accidents in March 1990 rose by 30.7% (to 217) compared to the previous month (166). Nevertheless the March 1990 figure was the lowest for the month of March since the series began in 1970 and represents a fall of 15.2% on the 256 persons killed in March 1989.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
During March of each year



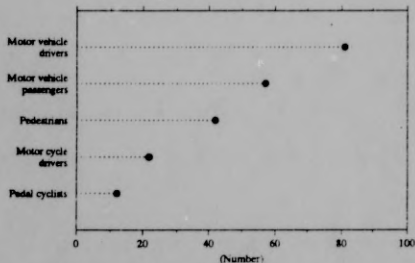
The number of fatal accidents was also a record low for the month of March. The 193 accidents in March 1990 was a fall of 14.2% from the number of fatal accidents in the same month last year.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1989 AND 1990



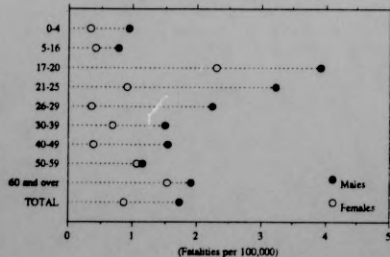
Comparing the three months ended March 1990 with the same period in 1989, only the Northern Territory recorded an increase (from 7 to 17) in the number of fatalities. Decreases were recorded in all States and the Australian Capital Territory. The number of fatalities for the three months ended March 1990 is the lowest for any three month period since the series began in 1970.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS:
TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, MARCH 1990



Of the 217 persons killed in road accidents in March 1990, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 81 (37.3%), passengers in motor vehicles 57 (26.3%), drivers of motor cycles 22 (10.1%), pedestrians 42 (19.4%) and pedal cyclists 12 (5.5%).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, BY AGE AND SEX,
PER 100,000 OF POPULATION WITHIN EACH GROUP, MARCH 1990
(Preliminary estimated resident population at 30 June 1989)



Fatality rates in March 1990 were highest amongst males in the 17-25 age range. Overall, the rate for males was more than double that for females.

TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Year—</i>									
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
1989p	962	771	r427	219	242	80	61	34	r2,796
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	56	76	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	45	39	24	23	14	5	10	8	188
May	77	67	31	12	15	7	4	—	213
June	97	72	27	19	21	10	7	2	255
July	75	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	214
August	64	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	212
September	94	81	36	19	23	6	4	4	267
October	97	50	41	26	21	1	4	4	244
November	69	39	r51	13	17	5	6	2	r202
December	124	65	47	25	30	4	8	3	306
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	52	48	23	16	16	8	8	2	173
February	r51	44	30	16	r14	9	2	—	r166
March	84	53	32	19	14	7	7	1	217
<i>Three months ended—</i>									
March 1989	220	221	96	58	57	29	7	7	695
March 1990p	187	145	85	51	44	24	17	3	556

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Year—</i>									
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
1989p	785	678	r375	199	213	68	57	28	r2,403
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	48	61	25	22	21	9	2	2	190
February	74	60	21	14	12	6	1	2	190
March	72	73	33	16	18	7	3	3	225
April	40	54	22	19	13	5	9	4	166
May	65	61	30	10	14	7	3	—	190
June	75	63	26	17	17	8	7	2	215
July	64	51	35	9	19	5	7	1	191
August	56	53	28	14	19	6	4	4	237
September	85	66	33	19	21	5	4	4	237
October	68	44	36	23	17	1	4	3	196
November	63	34	r44	13	16	5	6	2	r183
December	75	58	42	23	26	4	7	3	238
<i>1990p—</i>									
January	43	44	19	13	16	7	8	2	152
February	r49	37	26	13	r14	6	2	—	r147
March	73	50	28	14	14	7	6	1	193
<i>Three months ended—</i>									
March 1989	194	194	79	52	51	22	6	7	605
March 1990p	165	131	73	40	44	20	16	3	492

TABLE 3. PERSONS KILLED : AGE GROUP AND SEX, MARCH 1990 p

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	6
5-16	4	4	—	1	—	1	2	—	12
17-20	9	4	3	2	2	3	—	—	23
21-25	7	6	4	2	1	1	1	—	22
26-29	6	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	13
30-39	8	7	4	1	3	—	—	—	17
40-49	8	1	3	2	3	—	—	—	9
50-59	4	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	22
60 and over	7	6	2	3	3	—	1	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	57	34	22	12	10	5	4	—	144
FEMALES									
0-4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
5-16	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	6
17-20	3	3	3	—	3	—	1	—	13
21-25	3	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	6
26-29	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
30-39	3	1	1	1	1	—	2	—	9
40-49	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4
50-59	4	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
60 and over	7	7	4	4	—	—	—	—	22
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	27	19	10	7	4	2	3	1	73
PERSONS									
0-4	5	1	1	—	—	—	2	1	8
5-16	6	6	1	2	—	1	—	—	18
17-20	12	7	6	2	5	3	1	—	36
21-25	10	8	4	2	1	2	1	—	28
26-29	8	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	15
30-39	11	8	5	2	1	—	2	—	29
40-49	9	2	4	3	3	—	—	—	21
50-59	8	5	1	1	1	1	—	—	17
60 and over	14	13	6	7	3	—	1	—	44
Not stated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	84	53	32	19	14	7	7	1	217

TABLE 4. PERSONS KILLED : TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, MARCH 1990 p

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	33	20	8	8	7	2	3	—	81
Motor cycles	7	6	6	2	1	—	—	—	22
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	22	11	7	8	2	3	4	—	57
Motor cycles	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Pedal cyclists	4	2	4	1	—	1	—	—	12
Pedestrians	17	14	5	—	4	1	—	1	42
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All road users	84	53	32	19	14	7	7	1	217

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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