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## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 1981

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### MAIN FEATURES

**302 people were killed in 264 fatal road accidents in Australia in October 1981, compared with 286 persons in 259 accidents in October 1980.**

**In the first ten months of this year, the road toll stands at 2,722 as against 2,692 for the same period in 1980.**

**The figures for 1981 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 October 1981, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for October 1981, 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.

#### Related publications

2. Users may also wish to refer to the following road traffic accident publications which are available on request:

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties, Australia (Preliminary) (9402.0)—*issued quarterly* up to and including March quarter 1980

*Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Admissions to Hospitals), Australia (9405.0)*—new publication. *Issued quarterly*. First issue contains details of persons killed or admitted to hospital for the quarters March to December 1980.

3. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (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 figure 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 |
|---------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| <i>Year—</i>              |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 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  | 53   | 30     | 3,705     |
| 1979                      | 1,290  | 847  | 613  | 309  | 279  | 93   | 53   | 24     | 3,508     |
| 1980                      | 1,303  | 657  | 557  | 269  | 293  | 100  | 63   | 30     | 3,272     |
| <i>June qtr 1980</i>      | 343    | 162  | 162  | 67   | 67   | 12   | 17   | 6      | 836       |
| <i>September qtr 1980</i> | 354    | 158  | 140  | 65   | 83   | 16   | 20   | 7      | 863       |
| <i>December qtr 1980</i>  | 348    | 168  | 142  | 74   | 61   | 31   | 17   | 5      | 866       |
| <i>March qtr 1981</i>     | 290    | 187  | 127  | 59   | 57   | 23   | 10   | 4      | 757       |
| <i>June qtr 1981</i>      | 316    | 197  | 150  | 52   | 58   | 30   | 16   | 4      | 823       |
| <i>September qtr 1981</i> | r311   | r193 | r158 | 54   | 65   | 25   | 27   | 7      | r840      |
| <i>1980—</i>              |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| September                 | 92     | 45   | 37   | 26   | 26   | 13   | 4    | 3      | 246       |
| October                   | 118    | 58   | 49   | 28   | 22   | 9    | 2    | —      | 286       |
| November                  | 124    | 61   | 52   | 23   | 28   | 8    | 8    | 4      | 308       |
| December                  | 106    | 49   | 41   | 23   | 31   | 14   | 7    | 1      | 272       |
| <i>1981p—</i>             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January                   | 112    | 70   | 39   | 30   | 16   | 8    | 2    | 3      | 280       |
| February                  | 93     | 59   | 37   | 17   | 21   | 5    | 1    | —      | 233       |
| March                     | 85     | 58   | 51   | 12   | 20   | 10   | 7    | 1      | 244       |
| April                     | 125    | 60   | 47   | 22   | 12   | 7    | 1    | 1      | 286       |
| May                       | 106    | 72   | 38   | 21   | 20   | 14   | 7    | 1      | 279       |
| June                      | 85     | 65   | 65   | 19   | 16   | 4    | 2    | 2      | 258       |
| July                      | 111    | 61   | 53   | 25   | 18   | 12   | 9    | 2      | 291       |
| August                    | 95     | 64   | 47   | 14   | 16   | 7    | 7    | 4      | 254       |
| September                 | r105   | r68  | r58  | 15   | 31   | 6    | 11   | 1      | r295      |
| October                   | 116    | 70   | 57   | 11   | 22   | 17   | 4    | 5      | 302       |
| <i>Ten months ended—</i>  |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| October 1980              | 1,073  | 547  | 464  | 223  | 234  | 78   | 48   | 25     | 2,692     |
| October 1981              | 1,033  | 647  | 492  | 176  | 202  | 95   | 57   | 20     | 2,722     |

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

| Period                    | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld  | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|---------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| <i>Year—</i>              |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 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  | 750  | 544  | 277  | 257  | 83   | 43   | 24     | 3,103     |
| 1980                      | 1,152  | 608  | 508  | 240  | 268  | 96   | 55   | 27     | 2,954     |
| <i>June qtr 1980</i>      | 303    | 155  | 147  | 57   | 61   | 12   | 14   | 6      | 755       |
| <i>September qtr 1980</i> | 311    | 146  | 125  | 56   | 76   | 33   | 18   | 6      | 771       |
| <i>December qtr 1980</i>  | 309    | 152  | 135  | 70   | 76   | 30   | 15   | 4      | 791       |
| <i>March qtr 1981</i>     | 261    | 163  | 115  | 54   | 53   | 20   | 9    | 3      | 678       |
| <i>June qtr 1981</i>      | 274    | 176  | 125  | 49   | 51   | 27   | 16   | 4      | 722       |
| <i>September qtr 1981</i> | 277    | r175 | r138 | 43   | 60   | 23   | 24   | 7      | r747      |
| <i>1980—</i>              |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| September                 | 84     | 43   | 35   | 23   | 25   | 12   | 4    | 3      | 229       |
| October                   | 104    | 51   | 47   | 26   | 20   | 9    | 2    | —      | 259       |
| November                  | 115    | 54   | 49   | 23   | 27   | 8    | 6    | 3      | 285       |
| December                  | 90     | 47   | 39   | 21   | 29   | 13   | 7    | 1      | 247       |
| <i>1981p—</i>             |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January                   | 97     | 56   | 35   | 28   | 16   | 6    | 1    | 2      | 241       |
| February                  | 85     | 54   | 33   | 14   | 19   | 5    | 1    | —      | 211       |
| March                     | 79     | 53   | 47   | 12   | 18   | 9    | 7    | 1      | 226       |
| April                     | 108    | 51   | 37   | 12   | 19   | 10   | 7    | 1      | 245       |
| May                       | 90     | 62   | 33   | 19   | 16   | 13   | 7    | 1      | 241       |
| June                      | 76     | 63   | 55   | 18   | 16   | 4    | 2    | 2      | 236       |
| July                      | 98     | 57   | 43   | 18   | 18   | 10   | 8    | 2      | 254       |
| August                    | 86     | 56   | 42   | 11   | 16   | 7    | 7    | 4      | 229       |
| September                 | 93     | r62  | r53  | 14   | 26   | 6    | 9    | 1      | r264      |
| October                   | 108    | 59   | 46   | 10   | 19   | 14   | 4    | 4      | 264       |
| <i>Ten months ended—</i>  |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| October 1980              | 947    | 507  | 420  | 196  | 212  | 75   | 42   | 23     | 2,422     |
| October 1981              | 920    | 573  | 424  | 156  | 183  | 84   | 53   | 18     | 2,411     |