

## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1990

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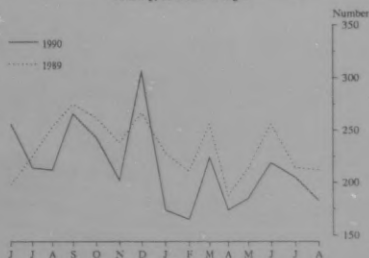
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### MAIN FEATURES

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



The number of road accident deaths in Australia continues at a low level. The 183 deaths recorded in August was the lowest total for that month since the series began in 1970. This total represents a decrease of 13.7% from August 1989 (212) and of 10.7% from the total for July 1990 (205).

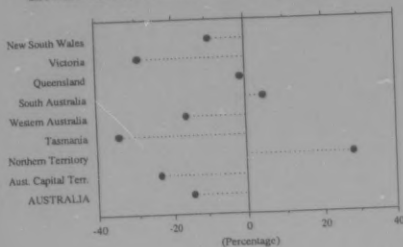
**PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA**  
During August each year



In the year to date, 249 fewer persons have been killed on Australian roads than for the same period last year. This is the lowest number of deaths for any eight month period since the series began.

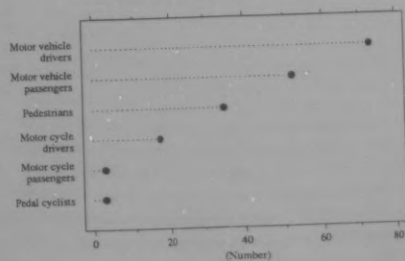
The total number of fatal accidents on our roads showed a similar drop. The 158 accidents in August represented a 13.2% drop on the same month last year (182) and a 14.6% drop on the previous month this year (185).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 1989 AND 1990



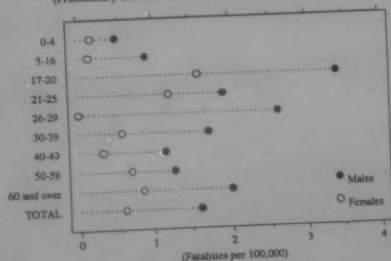
Comparing the eight months ended August 1990 with the same period in 1989, only South Australia (from 136 to 142) and the Northern Territory (from 39 to 50) recorded an increase in the number of fatalities. Decreases were recorded in all other States and the Australian Capital Territory.

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



Of the 183 persons killed in road accidents in August 1990, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 73 (39.9%), passengers in motor vehicles 52 (28.4%), pedestrians 35 (19.1%), drivers of motor cycles 17 (9.3%), pedal cyclists 3 (1.6%) and passengers on motor cycles 3 (1.6%).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, BY AGE AND SEX, PER 100,000 OF POPULATION WITHIN EACH GROUP, AUGUST 1990  
(Preliminary estimated resident population at 31 Dec. 1989)



Fatality rates in August 1990 were highest amongst males in the 17-20 age range. Overall, the rate for males was almost three times 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	228	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
1989	960	771	428	219	242	80	61	34	2,795
<i>1989—</i>									
June	97	72	28	19	21	10	7	2	256
July	75	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	214
August	64	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	212
September	93	81	36	19	23	6	4	4	266
October	96	50	41	26	21	1	6	2	202
November	69	39	51	13	17	5	6	3	306
December	124	65	47	25	30	4	8	—	—
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	52	48	23	16	16	8	9	2	174
February	52	44	28	16	14	9	7	1	165
March	89	55	32	20	13	7	7	—	224
April	r57	38	r29	15	24	6	5	—	r174
May	59	56	r30	18	11	1	7	3	r185
June	r70	63	38	14	25	6	2	1	r219
July	r83	r41	r32	20	r14	1	8	r6	r205
August	62	33	38	23	10	4	10	3	183
<i>Eight months ended—</i>									
August 1989	578	536	253	136	151	64	39	21	1,778
August 1990p	524	378	250	142	127	42	50	16	1,529

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
1989	783	678	376	199	213	68	57	28	2,402
<i>1989—</i>									
June	75	63	27	17	17	8	7	2	216
July	64	51	35	9	19	5	7	1	191
August	56	53	28	14	19	6	4	2	182
September	84	66	33	19	21	5	4	4	236
October	67	44	36	23	17	1	4	3	195
November	63	34	44	13	16	5	6	2	183
December	75	58	42	23	26	4	7	3	238
<i>1990p—</i>									
January	43	44	19	13	16	7	9	2	153
February	50	37	24	13	14	6	2	1	146
March	78	52	28	15	13	7	6	—	200
April	r52	35	r26	15	21	6	3	—	r158
May	54	51	r24	16	10	1	4	3	r163
June	r59	50	35	13	23	4	2	1	r187
July	r74	r37	r31	15	r14	1	8	r5	r185
August	55	32	34	18	8	2	6	3	158
<i>Eight months ended—</i>									
August 1989	494	476	221	121	133	53	36	16	1,550
August 1990p	465	338	221	118	119	34	40	15	1,350

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

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
5-16	7	3	3	—	2	—	1	—	13
17-20	5	5	5	2	—	1	—	—	20
21-25	3	3	5	—	2	—	—	—	13
26-29	3	5	4	3	—	—	—	—	15
30-39	9	2	3	—	—	1	4	—	23
40-49	7	3	1	—	—	—	2	—	13
50-59	4	—	2	3	1	—	1	—	10
60 and over	7	3	6	5	—	1	—	—	23
Not Stated	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>135</b>
FEMALES									
0-4	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3
5-16	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	3
17-20	3	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	6
21-25	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
26-29	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	4
30-39	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
40-49	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	5
50-59	6	1	2	2	—	1	—	—	12
60 and over	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>48</b>
PERSONS									
0-4	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	4
5-16	7	3	3	—	1	—	1	—	15
17-20	8	7	6	2	—	1	—	—	24
21-25	6	4	4	3	4	1	1	—	21
26-29	3	2	4	3	2	—	—	1	15
30-39	10	2	4	3	2	—	4	2	30
40-49	7	5	2	—	—	—	2	—	16
50-59	6	—	3	5	1	—	—	—	15
60 and over	13	4	8	7	—	2	1	—	35
Not stated	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>183</b>

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

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	26	14	16	8	4	2	2	1	73
Motor cycles	5	5	3	1	—	—	2	1	17
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	15	7	11	7	4	2	6	—	52
Motor cycles	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Pedal cyclists	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
Pedestrians	14	7	5	6	2	—	—	1	35
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>All road users</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>183</b>

## 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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