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MAIN FEATURES

302 people were killed in 262 fatal road accidents in Australia in September 1979, compared with 302 persons in 267 accidents in September 1978. In the first nine months of this year, the road toll stands at 2,574 as against 2,736 for the same period in 1978.

The figures for 1979 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 September 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for September 1979, 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
(Preliminary) (9402.0)

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties
(9403.0)

4. All 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 -										
1973	1,230	935	638	329	348	105	55	29	3,679	..
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	28	3,583	..
1977	1,268	954	572	306	290	112	47	29	3,578	..
1978	1,384	1,869	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,705	..
Quarter ended -										
June 1978	352	1,196	131	88	87	29	13	9	1,905	1,908
September 1978	364	1,210	172	70	90	18	27	7	1,958	1,970
December 1978	333	1,239	186	71	86	31	14	9	1,969	1,911
March 1979	1,282	209	110	99	68	29	16	5	1,818	1,860
June 1979	333	1,182	173	74	64	20	8	7	1,861	1,865
September 1979 p	338	210	162	68	72	23	14	8	895	905
1978 -										
August	123	177	62	26	41	2	11	3	1,345	1,342
September	113	165	63	26	22	5	6	2	1,302	1,303
October	104	184	70	25	31	7	2	3	1,326	1,320
November	104	183	52	24	38	11	6	3	1,321	1,317
December	125	72	64	22	17	13	6	3	1,322	1,277
1979 p -										
January	73	66	33	26	23	10	9	3	143	178
February	75	58	37	32	22	11	2	1	138	179
March	1,134	85	40	41	23	8	5	1	1,337	1,308
April	121	76	59	29	17	8	-	3	113	303
May	120	46	56	17	27	5	4	3	178	281
June	92	160	58	28	20	7	4	1	1,270	1,264
July	1,108	69	153	21	19	6	9	3	1,288	1,311
August	109	73	57	25	26	10	2	3	135	297
September	121	68	52	22	27	7	3	2	302	304
Nine months ended										
September 1978	1,051	630	426	220	259	75	54	21	2,736	..
September 1979 p	953	601	445	241	204	72	38	20	2,574	..

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year -									
1973	1,082	806	553	276	332	97	50	29	3,225
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	1,775	532	254	304	96	58	27	3,268
Quarter ended -									
June 1978	307	1,182	108	77	78	26	11	6	1,795
September 1978	325	1,196	154	62	75	18	23	7	1,860
December 1978	288	1,197	156	64	78	25	12	9	1,729
March 1979	1,247	187	102	88	64	24	12	5	1,729
June 1979	296	1,167	147	66	61	17	8	7	1,769
September 1979 p	289	187	150	60	65	23	11	8	1,793
1978 -									
August	112	173	57	24	31	2	10	3	1,312
September	100	159	54	22	19	5	6	2	1,267
October	91	172	59	23	27	7	2	3	1,284
November	92	166	44	20	34	6	6	3	1,271
December	105	59	53	21	17	12	4	3	1,274
1979 p -									
January	65	60	30	22	21	8	5	3	1,214
February	70	48	34	31	21	9	2	1	1,216
March	1,112	79	38	35	22	7	5	1	1,299
April	112	65	49	28	17	7	-	3	1,281
May	102	45	45	13	26	5	4	3	1,243
June	82	157	53	25	18	5	4	1	1,245
July	98	148	17	17	17	6	6	3	1,261
August	90	66	53	24	22	10	2	3	1,270
September	101	55	49	19	26	7	3	2	1,262
Nine months ended									
September 1978	934	578	376	190	226	71	46	18	2,439
September 1979 p	832	541	399	214	190	64	31	20	2,291