

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA  
FEBRUARY 1990**

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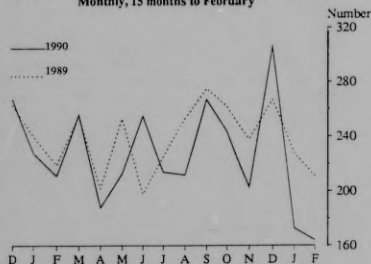
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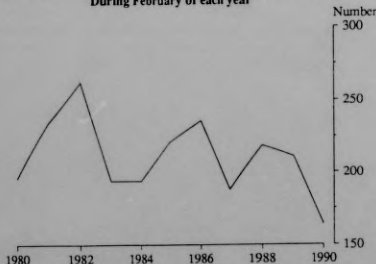
**MAIN FEATURES**

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



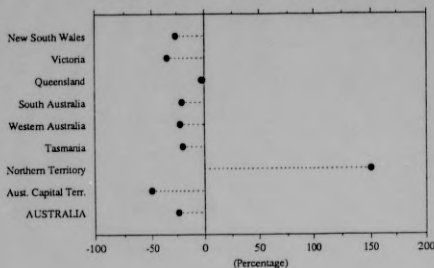
For the second month in a row the number of persons killed in road accidents was the lowest since the series began in 1970. The number of fatalities in February 1990 was 164, a fall of 22.3% on the 211 persons killed in February 1989.

**PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA**  
During February of each year



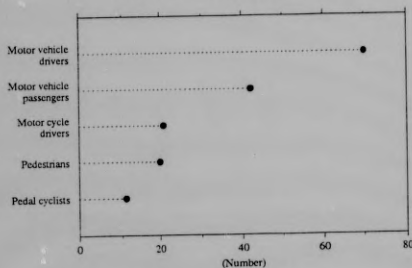
The number of fatal accidents was also a record low. The 145 accidents in February 1990 was a fall of 23.7% from the number of fatal accidents in the same month last year.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN THE TWO MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 1989 AND 1990



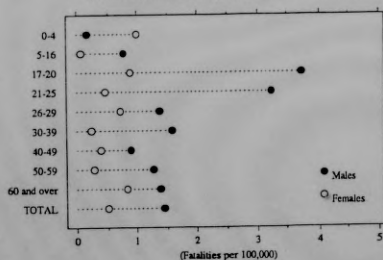
Comparing the two months ended February 1990 with the same period in 1989, only the Northern Territory recorded an increase (from 4 to 10) in the number of fatalities. Decreases were recorded in all States and the Australian Capital Territory. The number of fatalities for the two months ended February 1990 is the lowest for any two month period since the series began in 1970.

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



Of the 164 persons killed in road accidents in February 1990, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 70 (42.7%), passengers in motor vehicles 42 (25.6%), drivers of motor cycles 21 (12.8%), pedestrians 20 (12.2%) and pedal cyclists 11 (6.7%).

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



Fatality rates in February 1990 were highest amongst males in the 17-25 age range. Overall, the rate for males was almost triple 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	r962	771	r428	219	r242	80	61	34	r2,797
<i>1988 —</i>									
December	99	70	41	25	21	6	3	1	266
<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	59	24	23	r14	5	10	8	r188
May	77	67	31	12	15	7	4	—	213
June	97	72	27	19	21	10	7	2	255
July	64	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	214
August	94	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	212
September	94	81	36	19	23	6	4	4	267
October	97	50	r41	26	21	1	4	4	r244
November	r69	39	52	13	17	5	6	2	r203
December	r124	65	47	25	30	4	8	3	r306
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	r52	48	r23	16	r16	8	8	2	r173
February	50	44	30	16	13	9	2	—	164
<i>Two months ended —</i>									
February 1989	138	141	54	40	37	21	4	4	439
February 1990p	102	92	53	32	29	17	10	2	337

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
<i>1988</i>	912	615	483	204	199	68	46	32	2,559
1989p	r785	678	r376	199	r213	68	57	28	r2,404
<i>1988 —</i>									
December	84	50	36	23	15	5	3	1	217
<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	r13	5	9	4	r166
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	2	182
September	85	66	33	19	21	5	4	4	237
October	68	44	r36	23	17	1	4	3	r196
November	r63	34	45	13	16	5	6	2	r184
December	r75	58	42	23	26	4	7	3	r238
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	r43	44	r19	13	r16	7	8	2	r152
February	48	37	26	13	13	6	2	—	145
<i>Two months ended —</i>									
February 1989	122	121	46	36	33	15	3	4	380
February 1990p	91	81	45	26	29	13	10	2	297

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

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5-16	—	4	3	—	2	—	—	—	12
17-20	9	4	5	2	2	—	—	—	22
21-25	3	7	3	3	5	1	—	—	22
26-29	3	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	8
30-39	7	3	4	2	2	1	2	—	21
40-49	6	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	10
50-59	5	3	7	—	—	2	—	—	10
60 and over	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Not Stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>122</b>
FEMALES									
0-4	1	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	6
5-16	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
17-20	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	5
21-25	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
26-29	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	3
30-39	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
40-49	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	4
50-59	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
60 and over	1	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	12
Not stated	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>42</b>
PERSONS									
0-4	1	3	—	1	—	2	—	—	7
5-16	1	4	4	2	2	—	—	—	13
17-20	11	4	7	3	2	—	—	—	27
21-25	5	7	3	3	2	2	—	—	25
26-29	4	2	1	2	2	1	—	—	12
30-39	7	4	5	3	2	1	2	—	24
40-49	7	3	3	—	—	1	—	—	14
50-59	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
60 and over	7	12	7	2	—	—	—	—	28
Not stated	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>164</b>

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

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	22	20	14	4	6	4	—	—	70
Motor cycles	5	7	1	1	5	2	—	—	21
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	8	13	6	9	1	3	2	—	42
Motor cycles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pedal cyclists	4	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	11
Pedestrians	11	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	20
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>All road users</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>164</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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