

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA  
DECEMBER 1989**

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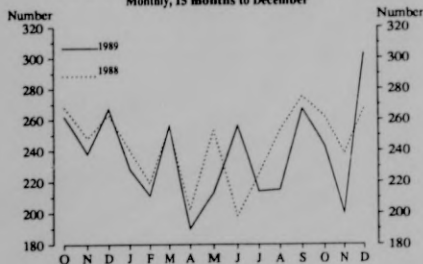
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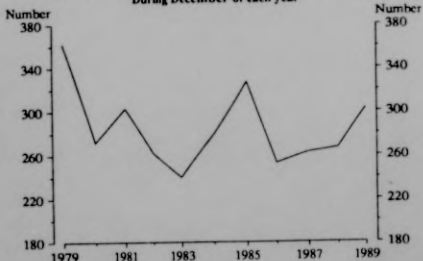
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**MAIN FEATURES**

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

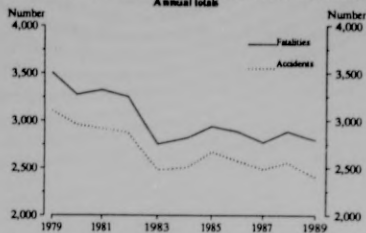


**PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA**  
During December of each year



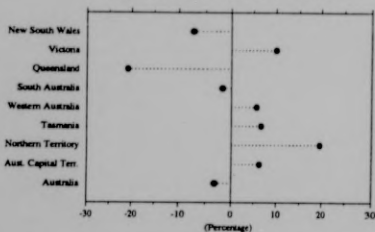
In December 1989, 303 persons were killed in 235 fatal accidents compared with 266 persons in 217 fatal accidents in December 1988, which is an increase in fatalities of 37 (13.9%). Increases from December 1988 to December 1989 were recorded for the following States and Territories: New South Wales 23 (23.2%); Queensland 6 (14.6%); Western Australia 9 (42.9%); Northern Territory 5 (166.7%) and the Australian Capital Territory 2 (200.0%). Decreases were recorded in Victoria 5 (-7.1%), South Australia 1 (-4.0%) and Tasmania 2 (-33.3%).

PERSONS KILLED AND NUMBER OF FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA  
Annual totals



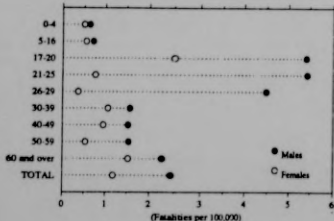
In 1989, 2,796 persons were killed in 2,403 road accidents. This is the third lowest annual number of fatalities and the lowest number of fatal accidents since the inception of the collection in 1970.

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE YEARS 1988 AND 1989



For the year ended December 1989, there were 2,796 fatalities, which is a decrease of 90 (-3.1%) on the 2,886 fatalities recorded for the corresponding period in 1988.

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



As is evident from the chart, fatality rates in December 1989 were highest amongst males in the 17-29 age range.

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	427	218	243	80	61	34	2,796
<i>1988 —</i>									
October	107	59	50	24	11	5	4	2	262
November	84	43	55	17	22	9	2	6	238
December	99	70	41	25	21	6	3	1	266
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	r56	r76	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	r46	59	24	23	15	5	10	8	r190
May	r77	67	31	12	15	7	4	—	r213
June	r98	72	27	19	21	10	7	2	r256
July	r75	52	42	9	22	6	7	1	r214
August	r67	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	r215
September	r94	r81	r36	19	23	6	4	4	r267
October	97	50	40	26	21	1	4	4	243
November	r66	r39	r52	13	r17	5	6	2	r200
December	122	65	47	24	30	4	8	3	303
<i>Twelve months ended —</i>									
December 1988	1,037	701	539	222	229	75	51	32	2,886
December 1989p	962	771	427	218	243	80	61	34	2,796

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	375	198	214	68	57	28	2,403
<i>1988 —</i>									
October	96	47	43	21	11	5	4	2	229
November	71	38	49	17	17	9	2	6	209
December	84	50	36	23	15	5	3	1	217
<i>1989 p—</i>									
January	48	r61	25	22	21	9	2	2	r190
February	74	60	21	14	12	6	1	2	190
March	72	73	33	16	18	7	3	3	225
April	r41	54	22	19	14	5	9	4	r168
May	r65	61	30	10	14	7	3	—	r190
June	r76	63	26	17	17	8	7	2	r216
July	r64	51	35	9	19	5	7	1	r191
August	r59	53	28	14	19	6	4	2	r185
September	r85	66	r33	19	21	5	4	4	r237
October	68	44	35	23	17	1	4	3	195
November	r60	34	r45	13	16	5	6	2	r181
December	73	58	42	22	26	4	7	3	235
<i>Twelve months ended —</i>									
December 1988	912	615	483	204	199	68	46	32	2,559
December 1989p	785	678	375	198	214	68	57	28	2,403

TABLE 3. PERSONS KILLED: AGE GROUP AND SEX, DECEMBER 1989 p

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
5-16	4	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	11
17-20	12	9	4	2	4	—	—	1	32
21-25	10	10	7	2	4	1	2	1	37
26-29	5	5	4	6	5	1	—	—	26
30-39	6	5	4	1	3	—	2	—	21
40-49	6	3	2	5	—	1	—	—	17
50-59	5	3	3	3	1	—	—	—	12
60 and over	7	8	3	1	6	1	—	—	26
Not Stated	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>204</b>
FEMALES									
0-4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
5-16	2	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	8
17-20	2	5	5	—	2	—	—	—	14
21-25	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	5
26-29	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
30-39	4	3	3	1	1	—	2	—	14
40-49	5	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	10
50-59	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
60 and over	9	6	4	2	1	—	—	—	22
Not stated	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99</b>
PERSONS									
0-4	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
5-16	6	3	5	1	2	—	1	1	19
17-20	14	14	9	2	6	—	—	1	46
21-25	13	11	8	2	4	1	2	1	42
26-29	6	5	4	6	5	1	1	—	28
30-39	10	8	7	2	4	—	4	—	35
40-49	11	5	4	5	1	1	—	—	27
50-59	8	1	3	3	1	—	—	—	16
60 and over	16	14	7	3	7	1	—	—	48
Not stated	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>303</b>

TABLE 4. PERSONS KILLED: TYPE OF ROAD USER INVOLVED, DECEMBER 1989 p

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	41	28	20	9	18	4	3	—	123
Motor cycles	4	4	5	3	4	—	1	—	21
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	60	12	14	7	5	—	3	2	103
Motor cycles	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3
Pedal cyclists	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	6
Pedestrians	16	19	6	4	2	—	—	—	47
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>All road users</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>303</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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