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ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES
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This statement (formerly known as *Road Accident Fatalities*) contains preliminary monthly details of the number of road fatalities and fatal road accidents that occurred in each State and Territory during the month of December 1976, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for December 1976, 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.

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 and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1976* (Reference No. 1.10).

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

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Preliminary) (Reference No. 14.14(q))

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Reference No. 14.9(q))

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

TABLE 1. ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FATALITIES

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	358	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	..
1976p	1,268	934	569	306	306	108	51	39	3,581	..
Quarter ended -										
December 1975	318	226	162	93	84	28	17	10	938	909
March 1976	263	245	114	100	79	31	9	8	849	884
June 1976	r341	226	134	64	66	25	13	7	r876	r858
September 1976	338	210	139	r73	84	22	20	15	r901	r913
December 1976p	326	253	182	69	77	30	9	9	955	925
1975 -										
August	111	75	68	19	23	7	5	1	309	302
September	121	69	64	20	31	4	7	4	320	324
October	180	66	59	27	32	10	4	2	300	299
November	109	71	41	33	31	10	9	6	310	308
December	109	89	62	33	21	8	4	2	328	304
1976 -										
January	91	79	30	47	24	12	5	..	288	301
February	76	78	39	23	31	3	2	6	258	289
March	96	88	45	30	24	16	2	2	303	303
April	113	78	46	27	26	11	2	3	306	290
May	r126	69	46	18	25	6	7	1	r298	r288
June	102	79	42	19	15	8	4	3	272	272
July	99	60	47	17	26	12	10	4	275	274
August	108	69	40	r33	35	6	6	2	r299	r307
September	131	81	52	23	23	4	4	9	327	329
October	r117	77	r61	r19	27	6	1	2	r310	r296
November r	98	76	56	18	22	8	8	3	289	301
December p	111	100	65	32	28	16	..	4	356	323