

INQUIRIES

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ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES MARCH 1977

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 March 1977, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for March 1977, 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	..
1976	1,266	1,938	569	307	308	108	51	39	13,586	..
Quarter ended -										
March 1976	263	245	114	100	79	31	9	8	849	884
June 1976	341	226	134	64	66	25	13	7	876	858
September 1976	334	1,212	139	73	84	22	20	15	1,899	1,911
December 1976	328	255	182	70	79	30	9	9	962	932
March 1977p	308	222	120	87	74	23	4	4	842	877
1975 -										
November	109	71	41	33	31	10	9	6	310	308
December	109	89	62	33	21	8	4	2	328	304
1976 -										
January	92	79	30	47	24	12	5	..	289	302
February	76	78	39	23	31	3	2	6	258	289
March	95	88	45	30	24	16	2	2	302	302
April	113	78	46	27	26	11	2	3	306	290
May	126	69	46	18	25	6	7	1	298	288
June	102	79	42	19	15	8	4	3	272	274
July	99	60	47	17	26	12	10	4	275	274
August	106	170	40	33	35	6	6	2	1,298	1,306
September	129	1,182	52	23	23	4	4	9	1,326	1,328
October	117	77	61	19	27	6	1	..	310	296
November	99	77	54	18	23	8	8	3	290	302
December	112	101	67	33	29	16	..	4	362	328
1977 -										
January	1,192	1,165	45	27	21	13	1	..	1,264	1,277
February	1,077	71	28	31	33	7	1	1	279	325
March p	109	86	47	29	20	3	2	3	299	298
Three months ended										
March 1977	1,186	1,253	112	87	74	23	4	4	3,642	3,677