

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

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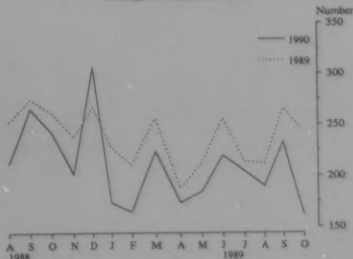
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MAIN FEATURES

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
Monthly, 15 months to October



Australia's national road safety record continues to improve. In October, 162 road deaths were recorded. This is the lowest total for any month since the series began in 1970. This total represents a decrease of 33.3% from October 1989 (243) and a decrease of 30.5% from the total for September 1990 (233).

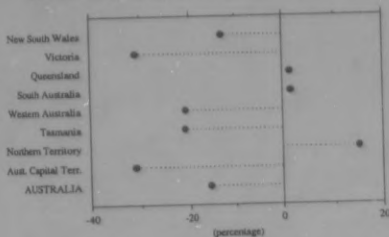
In the year to date, 355 fewer road fatalities have been recorded than for the same period last year. This represents a 15.5% drop, and is the lowest number of deaths for any ten month period since the series began.

The total number of fatal accidents also decreased. The 143 accidents in October represents a 26.7% drop on the same month last year (195) as well as a 26.3% drop on the previous month this year (194).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA
During October each year

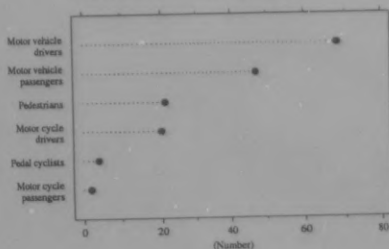


PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS: PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 1989 AND 1990



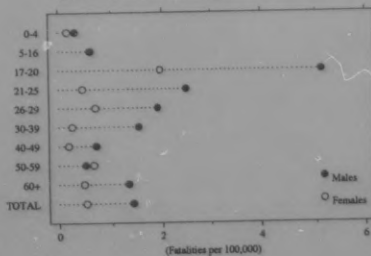
A comparison between the ten months ended October 1990 with the same period in 1989, shows significant decreases in most States and Territories. Small increases were recorded in Queensland (up from 330 to 335), South Australia (up from 181 to 184) and the Northern Territory (up from 47 to 54). A significant decrease was recorded in Victoria (down from 667 to 461).

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



Of the 162 persons killed in road accidents in October 1990, drivers of motor vehicles accounted for 68 (42.0%), passengers in motor vehicles 47 (29.0%), pedestrians 21 (13.0%), drivers of motor cycles 20 (12.3%), pedal cyclists 4 (2.5%) and passengers on motor cycles 2 (1.2%).

PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS BY AGE AND SEX,
PER 100,000 OF POPULATION WITHIN EACH GROUP, OCTOBER 1990
(Preliminary estimated resident population as 31 Dec. 1989)



Fatality rates in October 1990 were highest amongst males in the 17-20 age range. Overall, the rate for males was more than double 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
1989	960	771	428	219	242	80	61	34	2,795
<i>1989 —</i>									
August	64	65	32	15	22	7	4	3	212
September	93	81	36	19	23	6	4	4	266
October	96	50	41	26	21	1	4	4	243
November	69	39	51	13	17	5	6	2	202
December	124	65	47	25	30	4	8	3	306
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	52	48	23	16	16	8	9	2	174
February	52	44	28	16	14	9	2	—	165
March	89	55	32	20	13	7	7	1	224
April	57	38	29	15	24	6	5	—	174
May	59	56	30	18	11	1	7	3	185
June	70	64	38	14	25	6	2	20	220
July	84	41	r31	20	14	1	8	6	r205
August	66	34	r40	23	10	4	10	3	r190
September	r80	r46	51	28	16	8	3	1	r233
October	59	35	33	14	11	6	1	3	162
<i>Ten months ended —</i>									
October 1989	767	667	330	181	195	71	47	29	2,287
October 1990p	668	461	335	184	154	56	54	20	1,932

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
1989	783	678	376	199	213	68	57	28	2,402
<i>1989 —</i>									
August	56	53	28	14	19	6	4	2	182
September	84	66	33	19	21	5	4	4	236
October	67	44	36	23	17	1	4	3	195
November	63	34	44	13	16	5	6	2	183
December	75	58	42	23	26	4	7	3	238
<i>1990 p—</i>									
January	43	44	19	13	16	7	9	2	153
February	50	37	24	13	14	6	2	—	146
March	78	52	28	15	13	7	6	1	200
April	52	35	26	15	21	6	3	—	158
May	54	51	24	16	10	1	4	3	163
June	59	51	35	13	23	4	2	1	188
July	75	37	r30	15	14	1	8	5	r185
August	59	33	r36	18	8	2	6	3	r165
September	r69	r40	38	21	15	7	3	3	r194
October	50	30	30	14	9	6	1	3	143
<i>Ten months ended —</i>									
October 1989	645	586	290	163	171	59	44	23	1,981
October 1990p	589	410	290	153	143	47	44	19	1,695

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

Age group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
MALES									
0-4	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
5-16	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	9
17-20	15	4	6	2	—	1	1	1	30
21-25	6	5	2	1	1	1	—	—	17
26-29	5	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	11
30-39	3	7	3	4	1	2	—	—	20
40-49	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	8
50-59	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	4
60 and over	6	3	5	—	1	—	—	—	15
Not Stated	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	43	25	21	10	9	6	1	2	117
FEMALES									
0-4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5-16	5	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	9
17-20	3	3	4	—	1	—	—	—	11
21-25	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
26-29	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
30-39	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
40-49	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
50-59	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
60 and over	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	1	8
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	10	12	4	2	—	—	1	45
PERSONS									
0-4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
5-16	10	1	3	2	1	1	—	—	18
17-20	18	7	10	2	1	1	1	1	41
21-25	7	6	3	1	—	—	—	1	20
26-29	6	5	1	—	3	—	—	—	15
30-39	3	7	5	5	1	2	—	—	23
40-49	3	2	1	1	2	1	—	—	10
50-59	4	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	8
60 and over	7	5	8	1	1	—	—	1	23
Not stated	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	59	35	33	14	11	6	1	3	162

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

Type of road user involved	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers of—									
Motor vehicles	23	18	14	6	4	2	1	—	68
Motor cycles	8	3	3	2	2	2	—	—	20
Passengers in/on—									
Motor vehicles	16	10	13	3	2	—	—	3	47
Motor cycles	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pedal cyclists	1	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	4
Pedestrians	10	2	2	3	2	2	—	—	21
All others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All road users	59	35	33	14	11	6	1	3	162

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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