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MAIN FEATURES

301 people were killed in 264 fatal road accidents in Australia in August 1979, compared with 347 persons in 314 accidents in August 1978. In the first eight months of this year, the road toll stands at 2,270 as against 2,437 for the same period in 1978.

The figures for 1979 are provisional and subject to revision.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains preliminary monthly details of the number of road fatalities and fatal road traffic accidents that occurred in each State and Territory during the month of August 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for August 1979, 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.

Seasonal Adjustment

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 series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

Related Publications

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

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Preliminary) (9402.0)

Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (9403.0)

4. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary - figures or series subject to revision
- nil
- .. not applicable

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TABLE 1. PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally Adjusted
Year -										
1973	1,210	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	1,264	938	569	307	308	108	51	38	3,583	..
1977	1,268	954	572	306	290	112	47	29	3,578	..
1978	1,384	877	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,713	..
Quarter ended -										
March 1978	335	224	123	62	82	28	14	5	873	903
June 1978	362	195	131	88	87	29	13	9	904	901
September 1978	364	216	172	70	90	18	27	7	964	984
December 1978	333	242	186	71	86	31	14	9	972	984
March 1979	283	209	110	99	68	29	16	5	819	846
June 1979	333	181	173	74	64	20	8	7	860	859
1978 -										
July	128	70	47	18	27	11	10	2	313	327
August	123	79	62	26	41	2	11	3	347	344
September	113	67	63	26	22	5	6	2	304	305
October	104	85	70	25	31	7	2	3	327	321
November	104	85	52	24	38	11	6	3	323	319
December	125	72	64	22	17	13	6	3	322	277
1979 p -										
January	73	66	33	26	23	10	9	3	243	278
February	75	58	37	32	22	11	2	1	238	279
March	135	85	40	41	23	8	5	1	338	309
April	121	76	59	29	17	8	-	3	313	303
May	120	46	56	17	27	5	4	3	278	281
June	92	59	58	28	20	7	4	1	269	263
July	109	69	54	21	19	6	9	3	290	313
August	108	71	56	25	26	10	2	3	301	293
Eight months ended										
August 1978	938	568	363	194	237	70	48	19	2,437	..
August 1979 p	833	530	393	219	177	65	35	18	2,270	..

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year -									
1973	1,082	806	553	276	332	97	50	29	3,225
1974	1,121	739	515	342	303	98	41	30	3,189
1975	1,150	784	553	310	259	108	50	32	3,246
1976	1,119	830	497	277	255	97	48	33	3,156
1977	1,118	835	515	270	259	99	39	26	3,161
1978	1,222	783	532	254	304	96	58	27	3,276
Quarter ended -									
March 1978	302	201	114	51	73	27	12	5	785
June 1978	307	181	108	77	78	26	11	6	794
September 1978	325	202	154	62	75	18	23	7	866
December 1978	288	199	156	64	78	25	12	9	831
March 1979	248	187	102	88	64	24	12	5	730
June 1979	296	166	147	166	61	17	8	7	768
1978 -									
July	113	66	43	16	25	11	7	2	283
August	112	75	57	24	31	2	10	3	314
September	100	61	54	22	19	5	6	2	269
October	91	73	59	23	27	7	2	3	285
November	92	67	44	20	34	6	6	3	272
December	105	59	53	21	17	12	4	3	274
1979 p -									
January	65	60	30	22	21	8	5	3	214
February	70	48	34	31	21	9	2	1	216
March	113	79	38	35	22	7	5	1	300
April	112	65	49	28	17	7	-	3	281
May	102	45	45	113	26	5	4	1	244
June	82	56	53	25	18	5	4	1	244
July	98	66	49	17	17	6	6	3	272
August	89	63	52	23	22	10	2	3	264
Eight months ended									
August 1978	834	523	322	168	207	66	40	16	2,176
August 1979 p	731	482	350	194	164	57	28	18	2,024