



ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES, MARCH QUARTER 1971

(PRELIMINARY)

Reference No. 14.14

This statement contains preliminary details of road traffic accidents involving casualties which occurred in each State and Territory of Australia during the three months ended 31 March 1971. Comparative details for earlier periods are also shown. This statement will be followed at a later date by the bulletin "Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties" (Reference No. 14.9) which will give information in greater detail.

2. Since January 1970 monthly statements of road accident fatalities in each State and Territory have been issued by this Bureau. Quarterly statements of road traffic accidents are issued for the States of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania by the respective Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians, for the Northern Territory by this office, and for the Australian Capital Territory by the Department of the Interior, Canberra. Particulars of road traffic accidents classified according to "Type of road user responsible" and "Cause of accident" are shown only in the statement for Tasmania. Separate publications relating to road traffic accidents are not published by the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in New South Wales but selected quarterly figures for this State are published in the New South Wales Statistical Bulletin.

3. Details of road traffic accidents involving casualties relate to accidents which were reported to the police and which satisfy the following conditions -

- (a) that the accident occurred on any road, street, thoroughfare, etc., open to the public, including railway level crossing;
- (b) that it involved a road vehicle which at the time of the accident was in motion; and
- (c) that the accident resulted in -
 - (i) the death of any person within a period of 30 days of the accident; or
 - (ii) bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

TABLE 1. - ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES : MARCH QUARTER 1971p

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Number of accidents	6,327	3,385	1,632	1,593	1,238	307	136	198	14,816
Persons killed	277	235	132	69	85	30	12	3	843
Persons injured	8,984	4,880	2,209	2,209	1,728	445	205	270	20,930

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TABLE 2. - ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS									
Year -									
1968	22,774	15,377	7,118	6,421	4,708	1,240	357	764	58,759
1969	24,164	16,527	7,494	6,895	4,809	1,416	500	792	62,597
1970	25,434	r16,435	7,869	7,424	5,218	1,425	528	r877	r65,210
Quarter ended -									
December 1969	6,524	4,387	1,971	1,896	1,200	329	135	225	16,667
March 1970	6,159	3,920	1,664	1,729	1,210	353	124	214	15,373
June 1970	6,522	4,492	1,954	1,892	1,397	364	104	215	16,940
September 1970	6,330	4,129	2,094	1,919	1,360	359	148	213	16,552
December 1970	6,423	r3,894	2,157	1,884	1,251	349	152	r235	r16,345
March 1971p	6,327	3,385	1,632	1,593	1,238	307	136	198	14,816
PERSONS KILLED									
Year -									
1968	1,211	949	477	275	320	118	18	14	3,382
1969	1,188	1,011	556	251	311	114	45	26	3,502
1970	1,309	1,061	537	349	351	118	42	31	3,798
Quarter ended -									
December 1969	311	278	136	68	85	27	13	8	926
March 1970	312	275	106	84	105	41	6	8	937
June 1970	343	255	137	101	75	29	9	7	956
September 1970	301	294	151	79	80	25	12	9	951
December 1970	353	237	143	85	91	23	15	7	954
March 1971p	277	235	132	69	85	30	12	3	843
PERSONS INJURED									
Year -									
1968	30,919	22,095	10,151	8,902	6,553	1,928	512	1,150	82,210
1969	32,752	23,797	10,406	9,961	6,788	2,264	727	1,169	87,864
1970	34,886	r23,737	10,940	10,484	7,373	2,171	714	r1,249	r91,554
Quarter ended -									
December 1969	8,943	6,347	2,734	2,712	1,735	518	201	339	23,529
March 1970	8,698	5,814	2,311	2,455	1,721	597	165	309	22,070
June 1970	8,861	6,339	2,678	2,697	1,984	561	146	295	23,561
September 1970	8,691	5,925	2,929	2,698	1,876	513	199	310	23,141
December 1970	8,636	r5,659	3,022	2,634	1,792	500	204	r335	r22,782
March 1971p	8,984	4,880	2,209	2,209	1,728	445	205	270	20,930

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