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MAIN FEATURES

353 people were killed in 306 fatal road accidents in Australia in December 1979, compared with 322 persons in 274 accidents in December 1978. In the year ended December 1979, the road toll stands at 3,500 as against 3,705 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 December 1979, together with comparable figures for some earlier periods. These details have been supplied by the police authorities. Figures for December 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 current 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 -										
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	869	612	291	345	106	68	30	3,705	...
1979	1,291	843	609	309	281	92	53	22	3,500	...
Quarter ended -										
September 1978	364	210	172	70	90	18	27	7	958	970
December 1978	333	239	186	71	86	31	14	9	969	914
March 1979	282	209	110	99	68	29	16	5	818	865
June 1979	333	185	173	74	64	20	8	7	864	851
September 1979	339	212	164	68	74	22	15	8	902	919
December 1979	337	237	162	68	75	21	14	2	916	861
1978 -										
November	104	83	52	24	38	11	6	3	321	317
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	134	85	40	41	23	8	5	1	337	308
April	121	76	59	29	17	8	-	3	313	303
May	120	145	56	17	27	5	4	3	327	320
June	92	164	58	28	20	7	4	1	274	268
July	108	69	154	21	19	6	9	3	289	312
August	109	74	58	25	26	10	2	3	307	299
September	122	69	52	22	29	6	14	2	306	308
October	107	77	53	20	20	8	8	1	294	293
November	105	171	153	12	24	4	-	-	269	260
December	125	89	56	36	31	9	6	1	353	308

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Year -									
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	775	532	254	304	96	58	27	3,268
1979	1,126	746	541	276	259	82	43	22	3,095
Quarter ended -									
September 1978	325	196	154	62	75	18	23	7	860
December 1978	288	197	156	64	78	25	12	9	829
March 1979	247	187	102	88	64	24	12	5	729
June 1979	296	169	147	66	61	17	8	7	771
September 1979	290	189	152	60	67	22	12	8	800
December 1979	293	201	140	62	67	19	11	2	795
1978 -									
November	92	66	44	20	34	6	6	3	271
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	112	79	38	35	22	7	5	1	299
April	112	65	49	28	17	7	-	3	281
May	102	144	45	13	26	5	4	3	242
June	82	160	53	25	18	5	4	1	248
July	98	66	149	17	17	6	6	3	262
August	90	67	54	24	22	10	2	3	272
September	102	56	49	19	28	6	14	2	266
October	94	66	45	20	20	7	5	1	258
November	91	159	147	11	20	4	-	-	231
December	108	76	48	32	27	8	6	1	306