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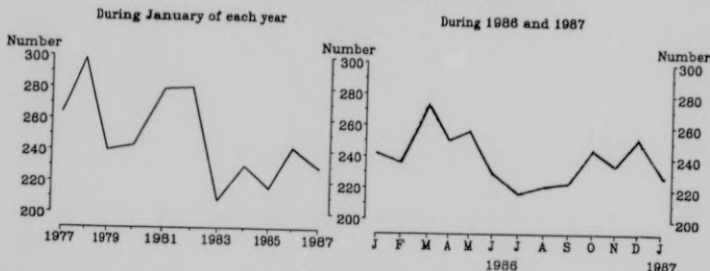
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## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FATALITIES, AUSTRALIA JANUARY 1987

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### MAIN FEATURES

#### PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS, AUSTRALIA



229 people were killed in 199 fatal road accidents in Australia in January 1987, compared with 242 persons in 210 accidents in January 1986, which is a decrease in fatalities of 5.4%.

The number of fatalities for each month in the period September 1986 to January 1987 has been lower than for the corresponding month in the period September 1985 to January 1986.

### 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.

#### Related publications

- Users may also wish to refer to the following road traffic accident publication which is available on request: *Road Traffic Accidents Involving Casualties (Admissions to Hospitals), Australia* (9405.0)—*Issued quarterly (\$1.80)*

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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 |
|---------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Year—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1981          | 1,291  | 766  | 594 | 222  | 238  | 111  | 70   | 29     | 3,321     |
| 1982          | 1,253  | 709  | 602 | 270  | 236  | 96   | 60   | 26     | 3,252     |
| 1983          | 966    | 664  | 510 | 265  | 203  | 70   | 49   | 28     | 2,755     |
| 1984          | 1,037  | 657  | 505 | 232  | 220  | 83   | 50   | 37     | 2,821     |
| 1985          | 1,067  | 683  | 502 | 269  | 243  | 78   | 67   | 33     | 2,942     |
| 1986 p        | r1,031 | r656 | 481 | 286  | r227 | 91   | 71   | 32     | r2,875    |
| 1985—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| September qtr | 260    | 159  | 121 | 54   | 59   | 17   | 21   | 9      | 700       |
| December qtr  | 324    | 181  | 128 | 96   | 68   | 20   | 18   | 7      | 842       |
| 1986 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| March qtr     | 274    | 173  | 136 | 54   | 69   | 23   | 15   | 7      | 751       |
| June qtr      | 258    | 177  | 117 | 70   | 63   | 16   | 23   | 11     | 735       |
| September qtr | 231    | 145  | 122 | 68   | 60   | 21   | 9    | 4      | 660       |
| December qtr  | r268   | r161 | 106 | 94   | r35  | 31   | 24   | 10     | r729      |
| 1985—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| November      | 94     | 56   | 35  | 32   | 16   | 8    | 10   | 6      | 257       |
| December      | 132    | 64   | 42  | 39   | 37   | 8    | 5    | —      | 327       |
| 1986 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January       | 89     | 56   | 43  | 19   | 21   | 8    | 5    | 1      | 242       |
| February      | 85     | 50   | 48  | 17   | 22   | 6    | 6    | 2      | 236       |
| March         | 100    | 67   | 45  | 26   | 18   | 9    | 4    | 4      | 273       |
| April         | 74     | 68   | 43  | 22   | 25   | 6    | 6    | 6      | 250       |
| May           | 107    | 58   | 36  | 29   | 16   | 1    | 6    | 3      | 256       |
| June          | 77     | 51   | 38  | 19   | 22   | 9    | 11   | 2      | 229       |
| July          | 76     | 41   | 47  | 21   | 21   | 3    | 3    | 4      | 216       |
| August        | 74     | 50   | 34  | 21   | 24   | 14   | 4    | —      | 221       |
| September     | 81     | 54   | 41  | 15   | 26   | 15   | 4    | 2      | 223       |
| October       | 102    | 50   | 32  | 28   | r10  | 7    | 12   | 3      | r244      |
| November      | r77    | 61   | 35  | 29   | 15   | 10   | 7    | —      | r234      |
| December      | r89    | r50  | 39  | 37   | 10   | 14   | 5    | 7      | r251      |
| 1987 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January       | 86     | 57   | 34  | 26   | 15   | 8    | 2    | 1      | 229       |

TABLE 2. FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

| Period        | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|---------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Year—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1981          | 1,130  | 677  | 510 | 196  | 217  | 97   | 63   | 24     | 2,914     |
| 1982          | 1,115  | 631  | 522 | 239  | 203  | 84   | 52   | 26     | 2,872     |
| 1983          | 877    | 610  | 437 | 234  | 191  | 63   | 46   | 27     | 2,485     |
| 1984          | 910    | 584  | 448 | 205  | 203  | 77   | 45   | 35     | 2,507     |
| 1985          | 954    | 605  | 452 | 240  | 219  | 69   | 59   | 30     | 2,628     |
| 1986 p        | 911    | r601 | 421 | 257  | r207 | 78   | 62   | 31     | r2,568    |
| 1985—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| September qtr | 234    | 141  | 106 | 49   | 53   | 12   | 19   | 9      | 623       |
| December qtr  | 282    | 161  | 117 | 87   | 56   | 17   | 14   | 6      | 740       |
| 1986 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| March qtr     | 239    | r157 | 116 | 50   | 61   | 17   | 12   | 7      | r659      |
| June qtr      | 232    | 157  | 104 | 66   | 58   | 14   | 21   | 11     | 663       |
| September qtr | 202    | 135  | 109 | 58   | 54   | 21   | 8    | 4      | 591       |
| December qtr  | 238    | r152 | 92  | 83   | r34  | 26   | 21   | 9      | 655       |
| 1985—         |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| November      | 87     | 51   | 32  | 27   | 15   | 7    | 7    | 5      | 231       |
| December      | 109    | 58   | 38  | 35   | 26   | 7    | 5    | —      | 278       |
| 1986 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January       | 77     | r49  | 36  | 18   | 21   | 5    | 3    | 1      | r210      |
| February      | 73     | r46  | 40  | 15   | 17   | 4    | 6    | 2      | r203      |
| March         | 89     | r62  | 40  | 17   | 23   | 8    | 3    | 4      | r246      |
| April         | 72     | 57   | 40  | 21   | 23   | 5    | 6    | 6      | 230       |
| May           | 93     | 55   | 29  | 27   | 14   | 1    | 5    | 3      | 227       |
| June          | 67     | 45   | 35  | 18   | 21   | 8    | 10   | 2      | 206       |
| July          | 69     | 39   | 39  | 19   | 18   | 3    | 3    | 4      | 194       |
| August        | 64     | 48   | 33  | 22   | 19   | 14   | 4    | —      | 203       |
| September     | 69     | 48   | 37  | 20   | 14   | 4    | 3    | —      | 194       |
| October       | 91     | 46   | 28  | 25   | r10  | 5    | 9    | 3      | r217      |
| November      | 69     | 57   | 31  | 27   | 15   | 9    | 7    | —      | 215       |
| December      | 78     | r49  | 33  | 31   | 9    | 12   | 5    | 6      | r223      |
| 1987 p—       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| January       | 78     | 47   | 28  | 24   | 13   | 6    | 2    | 1      | 199       |

TABLE 3. PERSONS KILLED : AGE GROUP AND SEX, JANUARY 1987 p

| Age group   | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| MALES       |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 0-4         | 2      | —    | —   | —    | 1    | —    | —    | —      | 3         |
| 5-16        | 3      | 2    | 2   | 3    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 10        |
| 17-20       | 11     | 8    | 3   | 5    | —    | 2    | —    | 1      | 30        |
| 21-25       | 4      | 10   | 5   | 3    | 1    | —    | 1    | —      | 24        |
| 26-29       | 7      | 2    | 5   | 3    | 1    | —    | —    | —      | 18        |
| 30-39       | 8      | 12   | 4   | 1    | 3    | —    | —    | —      | 28        |
| 40-49       | 3      | 6    | 1   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 10        |
| 50-59       | 4      | 2    | —   | 1    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 7         |
| 60 and over | 7      | 2    | 2   | 3    | 2    | 2    | —    | —      | 18        |
| Not stated  | 4      | —    | —   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 4         |
| Total       | 53     | 44   | 22  | 19   | 8    | 4    | 1    | 1      | 152       |
| FEMALES     |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 0-4         | 1      | —    | 2   | 1    | 1    | —    | —    | —      | 5         |
| 5-16        | 2      | 5    | 2   | 1    | —    | 1    | —    | —      | 11        |
| 17-20       | 2      | —    | 3   | 2    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 7         |
| 21-25       | 4      | 1    | 2   | —    | 1    | —    | —    | —      | 8         |
| 26-29       | 5      | 3    | —   | —    | 1    | —    | 1    | —      | 10        |
| 30-39       | 3      | 1    | —   | 1    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 5         |
| 40-49       | 5      | 2    | 2   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 9         |
| 50-59       | 5      | —    | 1   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 6         |
| 60 and over | 4      | 1    | —   | 2    | 4    | 3    | —    | —      | 14        |
| Not stated  | 2      | —    | —   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 2         |
| Total       | 33     | 13   | 12  | 7    | 7    | 4    | 1    | —      | 77        |
| PERSONS     |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 0-4         | 3      | —    | 2   | 1    | 2    | —    | —    | —      | 8         |
| 5-16        | 5      | 7    | 4   | 4    | —    | 1    | —    | —      | 21        |
| 17-20       | 13     | 8    | 6   | 7    | —    | 2    | —    | 1      | 37        |
| 21-25       | 8      | 11   | 7   | 3    | 2    | —    | 1    | —      | 32        |
| 26-29       | 12     | 5    | 5   | 3    | 2    | —    | 1    | —      | 28        |
| 30-39       | 11     | 13   | 4   | 2    | 3    | —    | —    | —      | 33        |
| 40-49       | 8      | 8    | 3   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 19        |
| 50-59       | 9      | 2    | 1   | 1    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 13        |
| 60 and over | 11     | 3    | 2   | 5    | 6    | 5    | —    | —      | 32        |
| Not stated  | 6      | —    | —   | —    | —    | —    | —    | —      | 6         |
| Total       | 86     | 57   | 34  | 26   | 15   | 8    | 2    | 1      | 229       |