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Abstract

Frequently used road traffic accident data and rates have been collated for Australia for the years 1925 through 1981.

More detailed data for States and Territories and by type of road user are presented for the years 1950 through 1981.

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Definitions and abbreviations

The following definitions are derived from current practice and their interpretation may vary across States and/or time.

Casualty accident

1925-77

Any road traffic accident which results in death of a road user within 30 days or need for medical or surgical attention.

From January 1980

Any road traffic accident which results in death of a road user within 30 days or where at least one person was admitted to hospital.

Casualty

1925-77

Any person who, as a result of a road traffic accident, dies within 30 days of the accident or requires medical or surgical attention.

From January 1980

Any person who, as a result of a road traffic accident, dies within 30 days of the accident or who requires admission to hospital.

Fatal accident

Any road traffic accident which results in death of a road user within 30 days.

Fatality

Any person who, as a result of a road traffic accident, dies within 30 days of the accident.

Injury accident

1925-77

Any road traffic accident which results in need by a road user for medical or surgical attention. Excludes fatal accidents.

From January 1980

Any road traffic accident in which at least one injured person was admitted to hospital.

Injury

1925-77

Any person who as a result of a road traffic accident, requires medical or surgical attention. Excludes fatalities.

From January 1980

Any person who as a result of a road traffic accident requires admission to hospital.

Driver

Person in control of vehicle other than pedal cycle or motor cycle.

Motor cyclist

Motor cycle rider.

Passenger

Occupants, other than drivers, of motor vehicles. Includes pillion riders of motor cycles and bicycles.

Pedal cyclist

Bicycle rider.

Pedestrian

Persons not identified as being a driver/rider or passenger in a vehicle. May include persons boarding or alighting from vehicles.

Other (road user)

Includes occupants of non-motor vehicles (horse drawn vehicles, trams and road plant equipment).

Road traffic accident

Any apparently unpremeditated event reported to the police or other relevant authority and resulting in injury (including death) or property damage attributable directly or indirectly to the movement of a vehicle on a road.

kL	Kilolitre
N.S.W.	New South Wales
Vic.	Victoria
Qld	Queensland
S.A.	South Australia
W.A.	Western Australia
Tas.	Tasmania
N.T.	Northern Territory
A.C.T.	Australian Capital Territory
-	Means data not available
0	Means zero persons killed

Explanation for inclusion of 'A' tables

During the years 1978-81 the data sources for several of the tables in this report changed either the criteria used for definition or the basis on which the information was calculated. For this reason and to keep tables uniform, separate additional tables have been used for these years in all categories.

Introduction

Need for mass data

Data on road traffic accidents comprise information on system behaviour required by those responsible for making decisions about the safety of the road transport system. Comparative information on characteristics of vehicles, roads and road users is also required so that meaningful rates of occurrence are developed (Lane 1974).

In Australia, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides national data (Bagley 1974) for use by a wide range of individuals and authorities both in private enterprise and government (Lane 1972). Examples of use of mass data are in monitoring the effectiveness of Australian seat belt fitting and wearing legislation (Milne 1979) and motor cyclist helmet wearing legislation (Foldvary and Lane 1964).

Uniformity

The value of mass data is enhanced when uniform reporting and recording criteria are employed to permit collection of a reliable set of data at the national level. In Australia attempts to attain uniformity have been in progress for many years (Johinke 1974). Uniform definitions of items to be recorded such as vehicle type and road situation were developed (Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics 1973, Advisory Committee on Road User Performance and Traffic Codes 1978) and have gradually been adopted by the States and Territories.

History in Australia

Road traffic accident data were first collected in some Australian States in 1911 and national tabulations were first produced in 1925. National figures of casualties by type of road user are available for the years 1950 through 1977.

In July 1978, the ABS ceased publishing detailed traffic accident statistics at the national level. This was due to a lack of uniformity among States in the definition of data items and in reporting and recording procedures.

From March 1980, a new publication entitled 'Road traffic accidents involving casualties (admissions to hospitals) Australia' was released following the adoption by all States and Territories of the injury classification injured, admitted to hospital.

To cover the interim period, the Office of Road Safety collected statistics on fatalities in all States and Territories for the years 1978 and 1979. Data relating to injured persons was not collected due to the above-mentioned problem of inconsistent reporting and recording procedures.

The information for Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania was obtained from State ABS publications whilst information relating to Northern Territory, South Australia, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory was obtained from the Road Safety Council, Road Traffic Authority, Traffic Accident Research Unit and Department of the Capital Territory respectively.

Limited information on casualty accidents was also published by ABS for 1978 and 1979 in their Year Books.

The tables which follow represent the most reliable and comprehensive information which could be collated for the period 1925 to 1981.

Specific data gaps identified were:

1. Queensland 1954 to 1977—no licence data
2. Northern Territory 1925 to 1961—no accident data
3. Northern Territory 1963 to 1967—no licence data

To accommodate these gaps, Australian rates have been calculated which:

1. exclude Queensland accidents for 1954 to 1981 for rates per 10 000 licences
2. exclude Northern Territory population, registration and licence data for 1925 to 1961 for rates per 100 000 population, 10 000 vehicles and 10 000 licences. Similar exclusion for rates by fuel consumed could not be done due to lack of fuel consumption data by State/Territory
3. exclude Northern Territory accident data for 1963 to 1967 for rates per 10 000 licences

Major legislative influences

A number of changes in both accident reporting and recording criteria were introduced during the period covered by the following statistics and these are detailed in the Notes to tables. Effects of these changes are basically unquantifiable.

The introduction of compulsory fitting and wearing of seat belts, protective helmets and random breath testing are probably the most important changes implemented.

Through the endorsement of the Australian Transport Advisory Council of Australian Design Rules for Motor Vehicle Safety, the fitting of belts in passenger cars and derivatives in each State was made mandatory for new motor vehicles from 1 January 1970 for front seats and from 1 January 1971 for all positions.

The year 1973 saw the completion of laws requiring the compulsory wearing of seat belts, where fitted, in all motor vehicles, and the mandatory use of protective helmets by motor cycle riders and pillion passengers. The dates on which the laws came into effect were as follows:

<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Seat belts</i>	<i>Protective helmets</i>
New South Wales	1 October 1971	1 August 1971
Victoria	22 December 1970	1 January 1961
Queensland	1 January 1972	24 October 1970
South Australia	29 November 1971	31 December 1967
Western Australia	24 December 1971	1 May 1971
Tasmania	13 October 1971	19 December 1966
Northern Territory	1 January 1972	8 November 1972
Australian Capital Territory	1 January 1972	18 March 1973

The laws in force differ between States and Territories on matters such as exemptions and penalties. The exemptions for seat belts relate primarily to delivery men, persons reversing motor vehicles, the elderly, and persons exempted by a doctor's certificate. The vast majority of belts fitted to vehicles are of the lap-sash type. Recent developments in seat belt design are aimed to improve their comfort to the wearer, their ease of adjustment and their effectiveness.

There are minor exemptions for helmet wearing by motor cyclists in some States.

Victoria was the first State to introduce random breath testing in July 1976, followed by the Northern Territory in 1980 and South Australia in 1981, with New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory in December 1982 and Tasmania in January 1983.

Table 1 Number of fatal accidents, (non-fatal) injury accidents, casualty accidents, persons killed, persons injured, casualties, persons killed per 100 (non-fatal) injuries, Australia 1925–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Fatal accidents</i>	<i>Injury accidents</i>	<i>Casualty accidents</i>	<i>Number killed</i>	<i>Number injured</i>	<i>Total casualties</i>	<i>Killed/100 injured</i>
1925	–	–	–	700	8 770	9 470	8.0
1926	–	–	–	901	11 893	12 794	7.6
1927	–	–	–	943	13 569	14 512	6.9
1928	–	–	–	1 003	15 745	16 748	6.4
1929	–	–	–	1 145	17 314	18 459	6.6
1930	–	–	–	1 054	16 385	17 439	6.4
1931	–	–	–	916	14 297	15 213	6.4
1932	–	–	–	818	13 728	14 546	6.0
1933	–	–	–	914	15 073	15 987	6.1
1934	–	–	–	952	18 039	18 991	5.3
1935	–	–	–	1 100	19 189	20 289	5.7
1936	–	–	–	1 350	22 131	23 481	6.1
1937	–	–	–	1 387	22 940	24 327	6.0
1938	–	–	–	1 483	25 097	26 580	5.9
1939	–	–	–	1 426	25 653	27 079	5.6
1940	–	–	–	1 558	26 142	27 700	6.0
1941	–	–	–	1 298	23 340	24 638	5.6
1942	–	–	–	1 297	17 529	18 826	7.4
1943	–	–	–	1 340	16 236	17 576	8.3
1944	–	–	–	1 089	14 785	15 874	7.4
1945	–	–	–	1 011	15 643	16 654	6.5
1946	–	–	–	1 270	21 114	22 384	6.0
1947	–	–	–	1 346	24 759	26 105	5.4
1948	–	–	–	1 348	24 062	25 410	5.6
1949	–	–	–	1 424	25 310	26 734	5.6
1950	–	–	25 965	1 643	31 447	33 090	5.2
1951	–	–	28 760	1 926	35 095	37 021	5.5
1952	–	–	31 144	2 054	38 376	40 430	5.4
1953	–	–	31 635	1 856	39 405	41 261	4.7
1954	–	–	35 523	1 976	44 629	46 605	4.4
1955	–	–	36 602	2 042	46 465	48 507	4.4
1956	–	–	37 766	2 119	48 773	50 892	4.3
1957	–	–	39 066	2 113	50 450	52 563	4.2
1958	–	–	39 473	2 146	52 213	54 359	4.1
1959	–	–	41 766	2 264	55 359	57 623	4.1
1960	–	–	44 919	2 468	60 104	62 572	4.1
1961	–	–	45 052	2 542	60 749	63 291	4.2
1962	–	–	45 863	2 535	62 133	64 668	4.1
1963	–	–	49 465	2 598	67 880	70 478	3.8
1964	–	–	52 554	2 966	74 258	77 224	4.0
1965	–	–	55 932	3 164	77 723	80 887	4.1
1966	–	–	55 538	3 242	77 837	81 079	4.2
1967	–	–	57 253	3 166	80 021	83 187	4.0
1968	–	–	58 759	3 382	82 210	85 592	4.1
1969	–	–	62 597	3 502	87 864	91 366	4.0
1970	–	–	65 210	3 798	91 554	95 352	4.1

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1971	3 133	62 077	65 210	3 590	91 036	94 626	3.9
1972	3 039	62 711	65 750	3 422	89 766	93 188	3.8
1973	3 225	66 926	70 151	3 679	95 204	98 883	3.9
1974	3 189	64 284	67 473	3 572	91 338	94 910	3.9
1975	3 246	62 542	65 788	3 694	89 499	93 193	4.1
1976	3 154	61 128	64 282	3 583	87 808	91 391	4.1
1977	3 161	64 532	67 693	3 578	91 818	95 396	3.9

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 1A Number of fatal accidents, (non-fatal) injury accidents, casualty accidents, persons killed, persons injured, casualties, persons killed per 100 (non-fatal) injuries, Australia 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Fatal accidents</i>	<i>Injury accidents</i>	<i>Casualty accidents</i>	<i>Number killed</i>	<i>Number injured</i>	<i>Total casualties</i>	<i>Killed/100 injured</i>
1978	3 268	68 066	71 334	3 705	97 685	101 390	3.8
1979	3 103	64 001	67 014	3 508	91 793	95 301	3.8
1980(a) . . .	2 954	24 458	27 412	3 272	32 054	35 326	10.2
1981(a) . . .	2 914	24 665	27 579	3 321	32 108	35 429	10.3

(a) Criteria changed for casualty definition; see Notes to tables.

————— Break in continuity of series.

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 2 Population, motor vehicles registered, number of persons per vehicle, drivers' and riders' licences in force, fuel consumed, Australia 1925-77*

Year		Population	Vehicles	Persons per vehicle	Licences	Fuel
		'000 30 June	registered '000 30 June		issued '000 30 June	consumed '000 kL 31 December
1925	. . . . .	5 939.2	305.6	19.4	310.1	-
1926	. . . . .	6 056.4	390.3	15.5	496.3	-
1927	. . . . .	6 182.5	495.5	12.5	608.6	-
1928	. . . . .	6 302.2	565.2	11.2	681.2	-
1929	. . . . .	6 393.9	634.3	10.1	767.3	-
1930	. . . . .	6 462.6	656.3	9.8	823.5	-
1931	. . . . .	6 526.5	604.1	10.8	805.6	-
1932	. . . . .	6 576.8	587.9	11.2	754.8	-
1933	. . . . .	6 629.8	617.2	10.7	761.0	-
1934	. . . . .	6 677.4	644.6	10.4	864.0	-
1935	. . . . .	6 726.3	688.4	9.8	910.2	-
1936	. . . . .	6 778.4	742.9	9.1	979.3	-
1937	. . . . .	6 835.5	791.5	8.6	1 093.0	-
1938	. . . . .	6 898.5	856.8	8.1	1 294.0	-
1939	. . . . .	6 967.8	899.5	7.7	1 238.5	-
1940	. . . . .	7 039.5	895.0	7.9	1 260.8	-
1941	. . . . .	7 109.9	871.5	8.2	1 260.2	-
1942	. . . . .	7 180.7	750.8	9.6	1 186.7	-
1943	. . . . .	7 234.9	776.0	9.3	1 185.4	-
1944	. . . . .	7 309.7	820.2	8.9	1 232.4	-
1945	. . . . .	7 391.7	854.0	8.7	1 180.6	-
1946	. . . . .	7 465.2	928.4	8.0	1 378.0	1 600.9
1947	. . . . .	7 579.4	1 012.8	7.5	1 499.8	1 939.8
1948	. . . . .	7 708.8	1 107.3	7.0	1 601.4	2 013.3
1949	. . . . .	7 908.1	1 224.8	6.5	1 700.0	2 311.8
1950	. . . . .	8 178.7	1 397.1	5.9	1 845.3	2 767.5
1951	. . . . .	8 421.8	1 580.4	5.3	1 985.8	3 267.8
1952	. . . . .	8 636.5	1 770.2	4.9	2 194.2	3 467.5
1953	. . . . .	8 815.4	1 839.9	4.8	2 288.4	3 714.5
1954	. . . . .	8 986.5	1 947.3	4.6	2 148.1	4 142.7
1955	. . . . .	9 199.7	2 129.7	4.3	2 295.9	4 542.2
1956	. . . . .	9 425.6	2 246.3	4.2	2 457.2	4 941.4
1957	. . . . .	9 640.1	2 366.1	4.1	2 575.9	5 207.2
1958	. . . . .	9 842.3	2 506.2	3.9	2 703.3	5 577.4
1959	. . . . .	10 056.5	2 649.1	3.8	2 833.0	6 077.4
1960	. . . . .	10 275.0	2 824.2	3.6	2 984.9	6 690.4
1961	. . . . .	10 548.3	2 962.7	3.6	3 197.5	6 931.4
1962	. . . . .	10 742.3	3 100.7	3.5	3 326.0	7 488.5
1963	. . . . .	10 950.4	3 291.9	3.3	3 414.0	8 138.8
1964	. . . . .	11 166.7	3 516.2	3.2	3 609.0	8 933.1
1965	. . . . .	11 387.7	3 744.3	3.0	3 775.0	9 619.9
1966	. . . . .	11 599.5	3 919.5	3.0	3 879.0	10 180.1
1967	. . . . .	11 799.1	4 106.6	2.9	4 086.0	11 000.0
1968	. . . . .	12 008.6	4 279.3	2.8	4 260.0	11 859.3
1969	. . . . .	12 263.0	4 508.4	2.7	4 521.0	12 813.3

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population '000 30 June</i>	<i>Vehicles registered '000 30 June</i>	<i>Persons per vehicle</i>	<i>Licences issued '000 30 June</i>	<i>Fuel consumed '000 kL 31 December</i>
1970	12 507.3	4 771.6	2.6	4 777.0	13 643.5
1971	12 937.2	5 039.2	2.6	5 002.0	14 482.8
1972	13 177.0	5 317.1	2.5	5 242.0	15 265.8
1973	13 386.4	5 613.1	2.4	5 440.0	16 539.2
1974	13 599.1	5 952.7	2.3	5 745.0	17 388.0
1975	13 771.4	6 276.4	2.2	5 927.0	18 173.4
1976	13 915.5	6 580.9	2.1	6 157.0	19 155.1
1977	14 074.1	6 818.0	2.1	6 421.0	20 318.7

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 2A Population, motor vehicles registered, number of persons per vehicle, drivers' and riders' licences in force, fuel consumed, Australia 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population '000 30 June</i>	<i>Vehicles registered '000 30 June</i>	<i>Persons per vehicle</i>	<i>Licences issued '000 30 June</i>	<i>Fuel consumed '000 kL 31 December</i>
1978(a)	14 359.3	7 114.5	2.0	6 656(b)	20 857.8
1979(a)	14 515.7	7 358.3	2.0	6 784(b)	21 894.7
1980(a)	14 695.4	7 573.6	1.9	6 983(b)	22 044.3
1981(a)	14 923.3	7 917.6	1.9	7 214(b)	22 587.2

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

(a) Based on usual place of residence.

(b) Excluding Queensland

Table 3 Number of fatal accidents and persons killed per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force, 100 000 kilolitres fuel consumed, Australia 1925–77*

Year	Fatal accidents				Fatalities			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1925	—	—	—	—	11.8	22.9	22.6	—
1926	—	—	—	—	14.9	23.1	18.2	—
1927	—	—	—	—	15.3	19.0	15.5	—
1928	—	—	—	—	15.9	17.8	14.7	—
1929	—	—	—	—	17.9	18.1	14.9	—
1930	—	—	—	—	16.3	16.1	12.8	—
1931	—	—	—	—	14.0	15.2	11.4	—
1932	—	—	—	—	12.4	13.9	10.8	—
1933	—	—	—	—	13.8	14.8	12.0	—
1934	—	—	—	—	14.3	14.8	11.0	—
1935	—	—	—	—	16.4	16.0	12.1	—
1936	—	—	—	—	19.9	18.2	13.8	—
1937	—	—	—	—	20.3	17.5	12.7	—
1938	—	—	—	—	21.5	17.3	11.5	—
1939	—	—	—	—	20.5	15.9	11.5	—
1940	—	—	—	—	22.2	17.4	12.4	—
1941	—	—	—	—	18.3	14.9	10.3	—
1942	—	—	—	—	18.1	17.3	10.9	—
1943	—	—	—	—	18.5	17.3	11.3	—
1944	—	—	—	—	14.9	13.3	8.8	—
1945	—	—	—	—	13.7	11.9	8.6	—
1946	—	—	—	—	17.0	13.7	9.2	79.3
1947	—	—	—	—	17.8	13.3	9.0	69.4
1948	—	—	—	—	17.5	12.2	8.4	67.0
1949	—	—	—	—	18.0	11.7	8.4	61.6
1950	—	—	—	—	20.1	11.8	8.9	59.4
1951	—	—	—	—	22.9	12.2	9.7	58.9
1952	—	—	—	—	23.8	11.6	9.4	59.2
1953	—	—	—	—	21.1	10.1	8.1	50.0
1954	—	—	—	—	22.0	10.2	7.9	47.7
1955	—	—	—	—	22.2	9.6	7.7	45.0
1956	—	—	—	—	22.5	9.5	7.4	42.9
1957	—	—	—	—	22.0	9.0	7.0	40.6
1958	—	—	—	—	21.9	8.6	6.7	38.5
1959	—	—	—	—	22.6	8.6	6.8	37.3
1960	—	—	—	—	24.1	8.8	7.1	36.9
1961	—	—	—	—	24.2	8.6	6.9	36.7
1962	—	—	—	—	23.6	8.2	6.4	33.9
1963	—	—	—	—	23.7	7.9	6.4	31.9
1964	—	—	—	—	26.6	8.4	6.9	33.2
1965	—	—	—	—	27.8	8.5	7.1	32.9
1966	—	—	—	—	27.9	8.3	7.1	31.8
1967	—	—	—	—	26.8	7.7	6.5	28.8

Year	<i>Fatal accidents</i>				<i>Fatalities</i>			
	<i>Per 100 000 people</i>	<i>Per 10 000 vehicles</i>	<i>Per 10 000 licences</i>	<i>Per 100 000 kL</i>	<i>Per 100 000 people</i>	<i>Per 10 000 vehicles</i>	<i>Per 10 000 licences</i>	<i>Per 100 000 kL</i>
1968 . .	—	—	—	—	28.2	7.9	6.8	28.5
1969 . .	—	—	—	—	28.6	7.8	6.5	27.3
1970 . .	—	—	—	—	30.4	8.0	6.8	27.8
1971 . .	24.2	6.2	5.2	21.6	27.7	7.1	6.0	24.8
1972 . .	23.1	5.7	4.9	19.9	26.0	6.4	5.4	22.4
1973 . .	24.1	5.7	4.9	19.5	27.5	6.6	5.6	22.2
1974 . .	23.5	5.4	4.7	18.3	26.3	6.0	5.2	20.5
1975 . .	23.6	5.2	4.5	17.9	26.8	5.9	5.2	20.3
1976 . .	22.7	4.8	4.3	16.5	25.7	5.4	4.9	18.7
1977 . .	22.5	4.6	4.1	15.6	25.4	5.2	4.7	17.6

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 3A Number of fatal accidents and persons killed per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force, 100 000 kilolitres fuel consumed, Australia 1978–81*

Year	<i>Fatal accidents</i>				<i>Fatalities</i>			
	<i>Per 100 000 people</i>	<i>Per 10 000 vehicles</i>	<i>Per 10 000 licences</i>	<i>Per 100 000 kL</i>	<i>Per 100 000 people</i>	<i>Per 10 000 vehicles</i>	<i>Per 10 000 licences</i>	<i>Per 100 000 kL</i>
1978 . .	22.8	4.6	4.1	15.7	26.0	5.2	4.6	17.8
1979 . .	21.4	4.2	3.8	14.2	24.3	4.8	4.2	16.0
1980 . .	20.1	3.9	3.5	13.4	22.9	4.3	3.8	14.8
1981 . .	19.5	3.7	3.3	12.9	22.2	4.2	3.7	14.7

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 4 Number of (non-fatal) injury accidents and persons injured per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force, 100 000 kL fuel consumed, Australia 1925–77*

Year	Injury accidents				Injuries			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1925	–	–	–	–	147.8	287.1	282.9	–
1926	–	–	–	–	196.5	304.9	239.7	–
1927	–	–	–	–	219.6	274.0	223.1	–
1928	–	–	–	–	250.0	278.8	231.3	–
1929	–	–	–	–	271.0	273.2	225.7	–
1930	–	–	–	–	253.7	249.9	199.1	–
1931	–	–	–	–	219.2	236.9	177.5	–
1932	–	–	–	–	208.9	233.7	182.0	–
1933	–	–	–	–	227.5	244.5	198.2	–
1934	–	–	–	–	270.4	280.1	209.0	–
1935	–	–	–	–	285.5	278.9	211.0	–
1936	–	–	–	–	326.8	298.3	226.2	–
1937	–	–	–	–	335.9	290.2	210.1	–
1938	–	–	–	–	364.1	293.3	194.1	–
1939	–	–	–	–	368.5	285.6	207.4	–
1940	–	–	–	–	371.8	292.6	207.7	–
1941	–	–	–	–	328.7	268.3	185.6	–
1942	–	–	–	–	244.4	234.1	148.0	–
1943	–	–	–	–	224.7	209.6	137.1	–
1944	–	–	–	–	202.6	180.6	120.1	–
1945	–	–	–	–	211.9	183.7	132.6	–
1946	–	–	–	–	283.2	228.3	153.5	1 318.9
1947	–	–	–	–	327.1	245.2	165.4	1 276.4
1948	–	–	–	–	312.6	217.9	150.5	1 195.2
1949	–	–	–	–	320.6	207.2	149.2	1 094.8
1950	–	–	–	–	385.2	225.7	170.7	1 136.3
1951	–	–	–	–	417.5	222.7	177.1	1 073.9
1952	–	–	–	–	445.1	217.4	175.2	1 106.7
1953	–	–	–	–	447.8	214.8	172.6	1 060.8
1954	–	–	–	–	497.5	229.6	171.4	1 077.3
1955	–	–	–	–	506.1	218.7	166.2	1 023.0
1956	–	–	–	–	518.5	217.6	161.7	987.0
1957	–	–	–	–	524.5	213.8	158.3	968.8
1958	–	–	–	–	531.7	208.9	161.3	936.1
1959	–	–	–	–	551.8	209.6	168.8	910.9
1960	–	–	–	–	586.4	213.4	175.0	898.4
1961	–	–	–	–	578.4	205.7	166.9	876.4
1962	–	–	–	–	578.4	200.4	160.6	829.7
1963	–	–	–	–	619.9	206.2	170.2	834.0
1964	–	–	–	–	665.0	211.2	176.2	831.3
1965	–	–	–	–	682.5	207.6	178.3	807.9
1966	–	–	–	–	671.0	198.6	173.9	764.6
1967	–	–	–	–	678.2	194.9	170.4	727.5
1968	–	–	–	–	684.6	192.1	169.2	693.2

Year	Injury accidents				Injuries			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1969	-	-	-	-	716.5	194.9	171.3	685.7
1970	-	-	-	-	732.0	191.9	168.8	671.0
1971	479.8	123.2	108.8	428.6	703.7	180.7	159.2	626.6
1972	475.9	117.9	105.6	410.8	681.2	168.8	150.7	588.0
1973	500.2	119.2	108.2	404.7	711.5	169.6	153.6	575.6
1974	472.7	108.0	98.7	369.7	671.6	153.4	140.5	525.3
1975	454.1	99.6	92.5	344.1	649.9	142.6	132.4	492.5
1976	439.3	92.9	87.4	319.1	631.0	133.4	125.7	458.4
1977	458.5	94.6	89.3	317.6	652.4	134.7	127.4	451.9

* Readers should refer to Notes to Tables prior to using these data

Table 4A Number of (non-fatal) injury accidents and persons injured per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force 100 000 kilolitres fuel consumed, Australia 1978-81*

Year	Injury accidents				Injuries			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1978	474.0	95.7	90.9	326.3	686	138	130.5	468.3
1979	440.9	87.0	83.7	292.3	636	125	120.1	419.2
1980 (a)	166	32.3	31.2	110.9	218	42	39.5	145.4
1981 (a)	165	31.1	30.0	109.2	215	41	37.9	142.1

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

(a) Criteria changed for casualty definition, see Notes to tables

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Table 5 Number of casualty accidents and casualties per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force, 100 000 kilolitres fuel consumed, Australia 1925-77*

Year	Casualty accidents				Casualties			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1925	-	-	-	-	159.6	310.0	305.5	-
1926	-	-	-	-	211.4	328.0	257.9	-
1927	-	-	-	-	234.9	293.0	238.6	-
1928	-	-	-	-	265.9	296.6	246.0	-
1929	-	-	-	-	288.9	291.2	240.6	-
1930	-	-	-	-	270.1	265.9	211.9	-
1931	-	-	-	-	233.3	252.1	188.8	-
1932	-	-	-	-	221.3	247.7	192.9	-
1933	-	-	-	-	241.3	259.3	210.2	-
1934	-	-	-	-	284.6	294.9	220.0	-
1935	-	-	-	-	301.9	294.9	223.1	-
1936	-	-	-	-	346.7	316.5	240.0	-
1937	-	-	-	-	356.2	307.8	222.8	-
1938	-	-	-	-	385.6	310.7	205.6	-
1939	-	-	-	-	389.0	301.5	218.9	-
1940	-	-	-	-	393.9	310.1	220.1	-
1941	-	-	-	-	347.0	283.2	195.9	-
1942	-	-	-	-	262.5	251.4	158.9	-
1943	-	-	-	-	243.3	226.9	148.4	-
1944	-	-	-	-	217.5	194.0	128.9	-
1945	-	-	-	-	225.6	195.6	141.2	-
1946	-	-	-	-	300.3	242.0	162.7	1 398.2
1947	-	-	-	-	344.9	258.5	174.4	1 345.8
1948	-	-	-	-	330.1	230.1	159.0	1 262.1
1949	-	-	-	-	338.6	218.9	157.6	1 156.4
1950	318.0	186.4	140.9	938.2	405.3	237.5	179.6	1 195.7
1951	342.1	182.5	145.2	880.1	440.4	234.9	186.9	1 132.9
1952	361.3	176.4	142.2	898.2	469.0	229.0	184.6	1 166.0
1953	359.5	172.4	138.6	851.7	468.9	224.9	180.8	1 110.8
1954	396.0	182.8	136.2	857.5	519.6	239.8	179.3	1 125.0
1955	398.6	172.3	131.2	805.8	528.3	228.3	174.0	1 067.9
1956	401.5	168.5	125.1	764.3	541.1	227.1	169.1	1 029.9
1957	406.1	165.5	122.8	750.2	546.4	222.7	165.3	1 009.4
1958	402.0	157.9	122.1	707.7	553.5	217.5	168.0	974.6
1959	416.3	158.1	128.1	687.2	574.4	218.1	175.7	948.2
1960	438.3	159.5	131.8	671.4	610.5	222.2	182.1	935.3
1961	428.9	152.5	124.4	650.0	602.6	214.3	173.7	913.1

Year	Casualty accidents				Casualties			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1962	428.9	147.0	118.9	612.4	602.0	208.6	167.1	863.6
1963	451.7	150.3	124.6	607.8	643.6	214.1	176.6	866.0
1964	479.6	152.3	127.8	599.5	691.6	219.6	183.0	864.5
1965	491.2	149.4	128.7	581.4	710.3	216.0	185.4	840.8
1966	478.8	141.7	124.6	545.6	699.0	206.9	181.0	796.4
1967	485.2	139.4	122.1	520.5	705.0	202.6	176.9	756.2
1968	489.3	137.3	121.2	495.5	712.8	200.0	176.0	721.7
1969	510.5	138.8	121.9	488.5	745.1	202.7	177.8	713.1
1970	521.4	136.7	120.0	478.0	762.4	199.8	175.6	698.9
1971	504.1	129.4	114.1	450.3	731.4	187.8	165.2	653.4
1972	499.0	123.7	110.4	430.7	707.2	175.3	156.1	610.4
1973	524.3	125.0	113.1	424.1	739.0	176.2	159.2	597.9
1974	496.2	113.3	103.4	388.0	697.9	159.4	145.7	545.8
1975	477.7	104.8	97.1	362.0	676.7	148.5	137.5	512.8
1976	461.9	97.7	91.7	335.6	656.8	138.9	130.6	477.1
1977	481.0	99.3	93.4	333.2	677.8	139.9	132.1	469.5

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 5A Number of casualty accidents and casualties per 100 000 population, 10 000 motor vehicles registered, 10 000 licences in force, 100 000 kilolitres fuel consumed, Australia 1978-81*

Year	Casualty accidents				Casualties			
	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL	Per 100 000 people	Per 10 000 vehicles	Per 10 000 licences	Per 100 000 kL
1978	501	101	95.0	342.0	712	143	135.1	486.1
1979	465	91	87.4	306.1	660	130	124.4	435.3
1980 (a)	186	36	33.2	124.3	240	46	42.9	160.2
1981 (a)	185	35	32.4	122.1	237	45	42.5	156.9

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

(a) Criteria changed for casualty definition, see Notes to tables.

— Break in continuity of series

Table 6 Number of persons killed, States and Territories 1950-77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1950	561	501	202	170	142	64	-	3	1 643
1951	699	581	218	197	167	57	-	7	1 926
1952	741	603	251	172	194	87	-	6	2 054
1953	663	515	301	136	182	56	-	3	1 856
1954	728	569	278	153	175	67	-	6	1 976
1955	798	528	273	173	206	57	-	7	2 042
1956	808	582	298	167	185	72	-	7	2 119
1957	774	589	325	185	168	65	-	7	2 113
1958	794	571	342	200	164	70	-	5	2 146
1959	833	661	333	185	178	68	-	6	2 264
1960	939	698	359	203	180	79	-	10	2 468
1961	934	773	353	203	197	75	-	7	2 542
1962	876	808	403	194	177	61	8	8	2 535
1963	900	780	398	223	198	75	16	8	2 598
1964	1 010	904	461	238	222	89	25	17	2 966
1965	1 151	929	467	243	252	93	14	15	3 164
1966	1 143	955	466	270	253	104	34	17	3 242
1967	1 117	887	502	253	256	101	27	23	3 166
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
1971	1 249	923	594	292	332	130	50	20	3 590
1972	1 092	915	572	312	340	106	53	32	3 422
1973	1 230	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

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 6A Number of persons killed, States and Territories 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	1 384	869	612	291	345	106	68	30	3 705
1979	1 288	846	616	309	279	93	53	24	3 508
1980	1 303	657	557	269	293	100	63	30	3 272
1981	1 291	766	594	222	238	111	70	29	3 321

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 7 Population ('000) at 30 June, States and Territories 1950-77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	3 193.4	2 208.0	1 196.2	709.5	557.1	275.9	14.7	23.8	8 178.7
1951	3 278.0	2 276.6	1 227.7	732.4	580.3	286.2	15.6	24.9	8 421.8
1952	3 339.5	2 344.5	1 259.5	755.1	599.9	296.3	15.4	26.4	8 636.5
1953	3 383.8	2 395.3	1 291.4	775.8	620.5	304.1	15.9	28.6	8 815.4
1954	3 423.5	2 452.3	1 318.3	797.1	639.8	308.8	16.5	30.3	8 986.5
1955	3 490.7	2 517.2	1 350.0	819.6	657.1	314.1	18.2	32.8	9 199.7
1956	3 554.3	2 593.5	1 381.6	848.6	674.5	318.5	19.5	35.1	9 425.6
1957	3 624.9	2 656.3	1 413.1	873.2	687.6	326.1	21.1	37.9	9 640.1
1958	3 691.9	2 718.5	1 439.2	896.8	699.6	333.1	22.1	41.2	9 842.3
1959	3 759.8	2 785.9	1 468.2	920.9	712.1	339.4	24.1	46.1	10 056.5
1960	3 832.5	2 857.4	1 495.9	945.3	722.1	343.9	25.6	52.4	10 275.0
1961	3 918.5	2 930.4	1 527.5	971.5	746.8	350.3	44.5	58.8	10 548.3
1962	3 986.9	2 983.1	1 550.9	987.5	765.9	355.7	46.0	66.2	10 742.3
1963	4 049.9	3 040.8	1 577.9	1 010.7	788.3	360.7	48.5	73.4	10 950.4
1964	4 107.9	3 105.5	1 610.7	1 038.0	808.4	364.3	51.5	80.3	11 166.7
1965	4 175.4	3 164.4	1 644.5	1 067.6	825.5	367.9	53.9	88.5	11 387.7
1966	4 237.9	3 220.2	1 674.3	1 094.9	848.1	371.4	56.5	96.0	11 599.5
1967	4 295.2	3 274.3	1 699.9	1 109.8	879.2	375.2	61.8	103.5	11 799.1
1968	4 359.3	3 324.2	1 728.9	1 121.8	915.0	379.6	67.5	112.1	12 008.6
1969	4 441.1	3 385.0	1 763.1	1 139.3	954.8	384.9	72.9	121.7	12 263.0
1970	4 522.3	3 444.9	1 792.7	1 157.9	991.4	387.7	78.8	131.5	12 507.3
1971	4 679.4	3 520.4	1 881.4	1 185.4	1 043.1	390.2	91.9	145.6	12 937.2
1972	4 746.9	3 577.4	1 932.5	1 202.4	1 070.9	392.2	96.6	158.0	13 177.0
1973	4 793.4	3 628.4	1 987.4	1 217.9	1 089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1	13 380.4
1974	4 839.4	3 676.8	2 046.1	1 236.2	1 117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13 599.1
1975	4 884.5	3 719.1	2 084.0	1 252.1	1 146.7	404.7	89.4	190.9	13 771.4
1976	4 914.3	3 746.0	2 111.7	1 261.6	1 169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13 915.5
1977	4 956.7	3 782.3	2 136.8	1 276.8	1 197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14 074.1

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 7A Population ('000) (a) at 30 June, States and Territories 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	5 053.9	3 863.8	2 172.0	1 296.2	1 227.9	417.6	110.0	218.0	14 359.3
1979	5 111.1	3 886.4	2 214.8	1 301.1	1 246.6	420.8	114.1	220.8	14 515.7
1980	5 171.5	3 914.3	2 265.9	1 308.4	1 269.1	423.6	118.2	224.3	14 695.4
1981(b)	5 234.9	3 946.9	2 345.2	1 318.8	1 300.1	427.2	122.6	227.6	14 923.3

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

(a) Based on usual place of residence.

(b) Census date.

Table 8 Motor vehicles registered ('000) at 30 June, States and Territories 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	478.0	399.8	212.9	151.9	103.3	42.7	3.7	4.3	1 397.1
1951	544.3	444.4	240.7	173.0	118.6	49.1	4.3	5.5	1 580.4
1952	590.5	533.2	255.0	192.3	132.9	55.1	4.7	6.2	1 770.2
1953	613.5	539.8	266.2	205.7	141.9	60.5	5.1	6.9	1 839.9
1954	654.5	559.2	284.2	218.4	153.9	65.3	3.8	7.8	1 947.3
1955	709.0	629.1	307.7	229.5	168.8	71.7	4.9	8.8	2 129.7
1956	759.8	647.2	326.3	248.2	174.9	74.7	5.2	9.9	2 246.3
1957	807.9	675.5	344.4	262.5	180.6	78.6	5.9	10.6	2 366.1
1958	865.3	711.7	363.9	274.8	188.1	83.8	6.8	11.9	2 506.2
1959	919.4	749.9	381.9	290.8	198.4	87.7	7.4	13.7	2 649.1
1960	977.8	802.9	404.0	309.8	212.1	93.2	8.3	15.9	2 824.2
1961	1 031.1	844.7	418.6	318.5	225.2	97.4	9.3	17.9	2 962.7
1962	1 088.4	876.6	431.7	328.6	242.1	102.6	10.1	20.5	3 100.7
1963	1 157.4	931.5	459.0	342.9	258.2	107.4	11.2	24.2	3 291.9
1964	1 230.7	989.9	497.9	363.7	277.9	114.6	13.3	28.1	3 516.2
1965	1 312.6	1 049.8	536.9	384.7	291.5	122.5	14.1	32.1	3 744.3
1966	1 369.0	1 092.9	564.5	399.1	313.0	129.2	15.5	36.0	3 919.5
1967	1 437.3	1 136.5	590.0	413.1	337.1	135.1	17.0	40.4	4 106.6
1968	1 482.1	1 188.5	620.9	432.1	352.0	141.0	19.9	42.8	4 279.3
1969	1 555.7	1 248.6	649.9	456.5	379.4	148.7	22.5	47.1	4 508.4
1970	1 648.3	1 314.7	686.1	478.3	411.7	154.3	25.0	53.2	4 771.6
1971	1 739.8	1 379.3	726.5	496.8	445.6	161.3	28.7	61.2	5 039.2
1972	1 848.4	1 445.4	774.0	516.5	465.1	167.8	32.0	67.9	5 317.1
1973	1 944.3	1 523.8	827.0	547.1	488.6	174.5	34.2	73.6	5 613.1
1974	2 043.0	1 620.4	889.7	577.6	523.0	182.6	36.7	79.7	5 952.7
1975	2 148.8	1 715.9	918.0	617.3	564.4	194.3	31.8	85.9	6 276.4
1976	2 194.1	1 799.6	1 012.2	641.0	604.8	202.8	34.1	92.2	6 580.9
1977	2 252.5	1 829.2	1 067.2	668.0	654.9	209.4	38.1	98.7	6 818.0

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 8A Motor vehicles registered ('000) at 30 June, States and Territories 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	2 330.6	1 915.4	1 129.6	681.3	695.5	218.1	46.9	97.0	7 114.5
1979	2 413.2	1 974.0	1 183.4	689.3	719.7	226.6	45.6	106.6	7 358.3
1980	2 520.9	1 960.2	1 256.9	708.6	745.0	229.5	47.0	105.5	7 573.6
1981	2 626.9	2 035.9	1 355.9	725.4	773.2	237.3	53.6	109.6	7 917.6

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 9 Drivers' and riders' licences in force ('000) at 30 June, States and Territories 1950-77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	676.5	525.7	264.6	186.7	133.9	48.7	2.5	6.3	1 845.3
1951	748.3	575.7	252.3	208.1	134.8	53.9	4.6	7.8	1 985.8
1952	827.3	637.4	277.5	230.6	148.2	59.9	4.0	8.9	2 194.2
1953	870.0	645.9	280.9	243.8	159.5	72.3	5.7	9.9	2 288.4
1954	914.2	708.3	-	260.9	168.4	78.2	6.8	11.1	2 148.1
1955	999.7	725.8	-	275.7	191.0	83.7	7.3	12.3	2 295.9
1956	1 048.9	801.8	-	292.7	202.4	89.6	7.5	14.0	2 457.2
1957	1 091.4	831.8	-	308.7	229.7	90.9	7.9	15.1	2 575.9
1958	1 149.4	879.7	-	306.9	241.2	99.9	8.8	17.1	2 703.3
1959	1 227.5	908.3	-	324.6	239.4	102.0	9.9	21.0	2 833.0
1960	1 275.2	967.9	-	351.5	246.5	108.2	10.6	24.6	2 984.9
1961	1 358.8	1 032.4	-	391.3	261.9	112.2	12.5	28.1	3 197.5
1962	1 420.0	1 080.0	-	389.0	275.0	118.0	13.0	31.0	3 326.0
1963	1 451.0	1 113.0	-	397.0	292.0	125.0	-	36.0	3 414.0
1964	1 527.0	1 162.0	-	420.0	322.0	133.0	-	45.0	3 609.0
1965	1 608.0	1 215.0	-	439.0	329.0	137.0	-	47.0	3 775.0
1966	1 622.0	1 259.0	-	457.0	345.0	142.0	-	52.0	3 879.0
1967	1 723.0	1 313.0	-	475.0	364.0	153.0	-	59.0	4 086.0
1968	1 783.0	1 372.0	-	486.0	372.0	156.0	26.0	65.0	4 260.0
1969	1 908.0	1 436.0	-	506.0	405.0	161.0	33.0	72.0	4 521.0
1970	2 034.0	1 502.0	-	523.0	431.0	166.0	37.0	82.0	4 777.0
1971	2 135.0	1 566.0	-	544.0	451.0	173.0	37.0	96.0	5 002.0
1972	2 222.0	1 634.0	-	562.0	493.0	174.0	48.0	109.0	5 242.0
1973	2 281.0	1 712.0	-	582.0	513.0	181.0	50.0	121.0	5 440.0
1974	2 373.0	1 857.0	-	609.0	551.0	186.0	30.0	139.0	5 745.0
1975	2 513.0	1 886.0	-	632.0	563.0	195.0	28.0	111.0	5 927.0
1976	2 613.0	1 957.0	-	655.0	586.0	205.0	28.0	112.0	6 157.0
1977	2 722.0	2 033.0	-	674.0	621.0	213.0	30.0	128.0	6 421.0

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 9A Drivers' and riders' licences in force ('000) at 30 June, States and Territories 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	2 849.0	2 016.1	-	718.6	654.9	214.0	67.3	135.9	6 655.9(a)
1979	2 886.5	2 072.2	-	741.3	675.0	222.2	56.9	129.4	6 783.8(a)
1980	2 980.4	2 120.4	-	756.9	700.4	228.2	64.6	132.1	6 983.3(a)
1981	3 087.3	2 181.7	-	771.9	731.1	236.7	67.5	137.5	7 214.0(a)

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

(a) excludes Queensland.

Table 10 Number of persons killed per 100 000 population, States and Territories 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	17.57	22.69	16.89	23.96	25.49	23.20	–	12.61	20.12
1951	21.32	25.53	17.76	26.90	28.78	19.92	–	28.11	22.91
1952	22.19	25.72	19.93	22.78	32.34	29.36	–	22.73	23.83
1953	19.59	21.50	23.31	17.53	29.33	18.41	–	10.49	21.09
1954	21.26	23.20	21.09	19.19	27.35	21.70	–	19.80	22.03
1955	22.86	20.98	20.22	21.11	31.35	18.15	–	21.34	22.24
1956	22.73	22.44	21.57	19.68	27.43	22.61	–	19.94	22.53
1957	21.35	22.17	23.00	21.19	24.43	19.93	–	18.47	21.97
1958	21.51	21.00	23.76	22.30	23.44	21.01	–	12.14	21.85
1959	22.16	23.73	22.68	20.09	25.00	20.04	–	13.02	22.57
1960	24.50	24.43	24.00	21.47	24.93	22.97	–	19.08	24.08
1961	23.84	26.38	23.11	20.90	26.38	21.41	–	11.90	24.20
1962	21.97	27.09	25.98	19.65	23.11	17.15	17.39	12.08	23.60
1963	22.22	25.65	25.22	22.06	25.12	20.79	32.99	10.90	23.73
1964	24.59	29.11	28.62	22.93	27.46	24.43	48.54	21.17	26.56
1965	27.57	29.36	28.40	22.76	30.53	25.28	25.97	16.95	27.78
1966	26.97	29.66	27.83	24.66	29.83	28.00	60.18	17.71	27.95
1967	26.01	27.09	29.53	22.80	29.12	26.92	43.69	22.22	26.83
1968	27.78	28.55	27.59	24.51	34.97	31.09	26.67	12.49	28.16
1969	26.75	29.87	31.54	22.03	32.57	29.62	61.73	21.36	28.56
1970	28.95	30.80	29.95	30.14	35.40	30.44	53.30	23.57	30.37
1971	26.69	26.22	31.57	24.63	31.83	33.32	54.41	13.74	27.75
1972	23.00	25.58	29.60	25.95	31.75	27.03	54.87	20.25	25.97
1973	25.66	25.77	32.10	27.01	32.85	26.54	55.17	17.25	27.50
1974	26.35	21.92	28.79	30.90	29.89	27.80	42.15	17.26	26.27
1975	26.37	24.47	30.47	27.07	26.51	30.15	71.59	16.76	26.82
1976	25.72	25.04	26.95	24.33	26.33	26.51	50.30	18.69	25.75
1977	25.58	25.22	26.77	23.97	24.23	27.28	44.55	13.93	25.42

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 10A Number of persons killed per 100 000 population, States and Territories 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	27.6	22.8	28.2	22.6	28.2	25.6	60.6	13.9	26.0
1979	25.4	22.0	28.0	23.9	22.5	22.3	45.7	10.8	24.3
1980	25.2	16.8	24.6	20.6	23.1	23.6	53.4	13.4	22.9
1981	24.7	19.4	25.3	16.8	18.3	26.0	57.4	12.8	22.2

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 11 Number of persons killed per 10 000 motor vehicles registered, States and Territories 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	11.74	12.53	9.49	11.19	13.75	14.99	–	6.98	11.79
1951	12.84	13.07	9.06	11.39	14.08	11.61	–	12.73	12.22
1952	12.55	11.31	9.84	8.94	14.60	15.79	–	9.68	11.63
1953	10.81	9.54	11.31	6.61	12.83	9.26	–	4.35	10.12
1954	11.12	10.18	9.78	7.01	11.37	10.26	–	7.69	10.17
1955	11.26	8.39	8.87	7.54	12.20	7.95	–	7.95	9.61
1956	10.63	8.99	9.13	6.73	10.58	9.64	–	7.07	9.46
1957	9.58	8.72	9.44	7.05	9.30	8.27	–	6.60	8.95
1958	9.18	8.02	9.40	7.28	8.72	8.35	–	4.20	8.59
1959	9.06	8.81	8.72	6.36	8.97	7.75	–	4.38	8.57
1960	9.60	8.69	8.89	6.55	8.49	8.48	–	6.29	8.76
1961	9.06	9.15	8.43	6.37	8.75	7.70	–	3.91	8.61
1962	8.05	9.22	9.34	5.90	7.31	5.95	7.92	3.90	8.18
1963	7.78	8.37	8.67	6.50	7.67	6.98	14.29	3.31	7.89
1964	8.21	9.13	9.29	6.54	7.99	7.77	18.80	6.05	8.44
1965	8.77	8.85	8.70	6.32	8.64	7.59	9.93	4.67	8.45
1966	8.35	8.74	8.26	6.77	8.08	8.04	21.94	4.72	8.27
1967	7.77	7.80	8.51	6.12	7.59	7.48	15.88	5.69	7.71
1968	8.17	7.98	7.68	6.36	9.09	8.37	9.05	3.27	7.90
1969	7.64	8.10	8.56	5.50	8.20	7.67	20.00	5.52	7.77
1970	7.94	8.07	7.83	7.30	8.53	7.65	16.80	5.83	7.96
1971	7.18	6.69	8.18	5.88	7.45	8.06	17.42	3.27	7.12
1972	5.91	6.33	7.39	6.04	7.31	6.32	16.56	4.71	6.44
1973	6.33	6.14	7.71	6.01	7.33	6.02	16.08	3.94	6.55
1974	6.24	4.97	6.62	6.61	6.39	6.08	11.99	3.89	6.00
1975	5.99	5.30	6.92	5.49	5.39	6.28	20.13	3.73	5.89
1976	5.76	5.21	5.62	4.79	5.09	5.33	14.96	4.12	5.44
1977	5.63	5.22	5.36	4.58	4.43	5.35	12.34	2.94	5.25

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 11A Number of persons killed per 10 000 motor vehicles registered, States and Territories 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	5.9	4.5	5.4	4.3	5.0	4.9	14.5	3.1	5.2
1979	5.6	4.4	5.6	4.7	4.0	4.2	12.3	2.3	4.8
1980	5.2	3.3	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.4	13.4	2.8	4.3
1981	4.9	3.8	4.4	3.1	3.1	4.7	13.1	2.6	4.2

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

**Table 12 Number of persons killed per 10 000 licences in force, States and Territories
1950-77***

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1950	8.29	9.53	7.63	9.11	10.60	13.14	-	4.76	8.92
1951	9.34	10.09	8.64	9.47	12.39	10.58	-	8.97	9.72
1952	8.96	9.46	9.05	7.46	13.09	14.52	-	6.74	9.38
1953	7.62	7.97	10.72	5.58	11.41	7.75	-	3.03	8.13
1954	7.96	8.03	-	5.86	10.39	8.57	-	5.41	7.93
1955	7.98	7.27	-	6.27	10.79	6.81	-	5.69	7.73
1956	7.70	7.26	-	5.71	9.14	8.04	-	5.00	7.43
1957	7.09	7.08	-	5.99	7.31	7.15	-	4.64	6.96
1958	6.91	6.49	-	6.52	6.80	7.00	-	2.92	6.70
1959	6.79	7.28	-	5.70	7.44	6.67	-	2.86	6.84
1960	7.36	7.21	-	5.78	7.30	7.30	-	4.07	7.09
1961	6.87	7.49	-	5.19	7.52	6.68	-	2.49	6.87
1962	6.17	7.48	-	4.99	6.44	5.16	6.15	2.58	6.41
1963	6.20	7.01	-	5.62	6.78	6.00	-	2.22	6.40
1964	6.61	7.78	-	5.67	6.89	6.69	-	3.78	6.87
1965	7.16	7.65	-	5.54	7.66	6.79	-	3.19	7.11
1966	7.05	7.59	-	5.91	7.33	7.32	-	3.27	7.07
1967	6.48	6.76	-	5.33	7.03	6.60	-	3.90	6.45
1968	6.79	6.92	-	5.66	8.60	7.56	6.92	2.15	6.82
1969	6.23	7.04	-	4.96	7.68	7.08	13.64	3.61	6.52
1970	6.44	7.06	-	6.67	8.14	7.11	11.35	3.78	6.83
1971	5.85	5.89	-	5.37	7.36	7.51	13.51	2.08	5.99
1972	4.91	5.60	-	5.55	6.90	6.09	11.04	2.94	5.44
1973	5.39	5.46	-	5.65	6.98	5.80	11.00	2.40	5.59
1974	5.37	4.34	-	6.27	6.06	5.97	14.67	2.23	5.19
1975	5.13	4.83	-	5.36	5.40	6.26	22.86	2.88	5.16
1976	4.84	4.79	-	4.69	5.26	5.27	18.21	3.39	4.90
1977	4.66	4.69	-	4.54	4.67	5.26	15.67	2.27	4.68

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

**Table 12A Number of persons killed per 10 000 licences in force, States and Territories
1978-81***

<i>Year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1978	4.8	4.3	-	4.0	5.2	4.9	10.1	2.2	4.6 (a)
1979	4.7	4.1	-	4.2	4.3	4.5	11.1	2.3	4.2 (a)
1980	4.4	3.1	-	3.5	3.4	4.9	10.8	2.2	3.8 (a)
1981	4.1	3.5	-	2.8	3.2	4.7	10.4	2.1	3.7 (a)

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

(a) Excludes Queensland

Table 13 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Australia 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	221	417	462	384	142	17	1 643
1951	318	518	541	402	131	16	1 926
1952	334	536	606	411	142	25	2 054
1953	319	528	516	337	145	11	1 856
1954	353	538	599	347	128	11	1 976
1955	412	537	646	311	124	12	2 042
1956	483	611	629	252	133	11	2 119
1957	531	565	647	231	126	13	2 113
1958	587	588	637	198	130	6	2 146
1959	622	625	687	182	141	7	2 264
1960	694	716	755	157	140	6	2 468
1961	812	676	795	117	138	4	2 542
1962	832	712	757	115	108	11	2 535
1963	855	721	800	91	125	6	2 598
1964	1 043	825	873	89	132	4	2 966
1965	1 185	982	771	83	129	14	3 164
1966	1 229	982	643	78	104	6	3 242
1967	1 192	962	806	96	99	11	3 166
1968	1 324	1 061	754	124	109	10	3 382
1969	1 361	1 060	825	148	102	16	3 502
1970	1 460	1 233	822	173	98	12	3 798
1971	1 380	1 167	713	235	85	10	3 590
1972	1 234	1 065	748	277	89	9	3 422
1973	1 317	1 146	791	330	87	8	3 679
1974	1 299	1 031	756	400	78	8	3 572
1975	1 380	1 147	705	365	85	12	3 694
1976	1 309	1 094	672	408	93	7	3 583
1977	1 328	1 041	715	386	101	7	3 578

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 13A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Australia 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	1 421	1 120	708	370	81	5	3 705
1979	1 354	1 016	648	378	104	8	3 508
1980	1 236	894	644	390	93	15	3 272
1981	1 279	936	629	377	94	6	3 321

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 14 Number of persons injured by type of road user involved, Australia 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other(a)</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	4 631	9 952	6 600	5 951	4 058	255	31 447
1951	5 657	11 536	7 048	6 683	3 936	235	35 095
1952	6 820	12 837	7 362	7 263	3 888	206	38 376
1953	7 103	13 485	7 339	6 987	4 304	187	39 405
1954	8 844	15 319	8 142	7 584	4 589	151	44 629
1955	10 037	16 752	8 090	6 904	4 559	123	46 455
1956	11 790	17 608	8 475	6 193	4 560	147	48 773
1957	13 205	18 078	7 995	6 278	4 688	206	50 450
1958	14 561	19 925	7 588	5 614	4 367	158	52 213
1959	15 933	21 290	8 232	5 375	4 396	133	55 359
1960	18 184	23 139	8 888	5 444	4 323	126	60 104
1961	19 523	23 643	8 761	4 716	3 955	151	60 740
1962	21 345	24 195	8 474	4 027	3 978	114	62 133
1963	24 272	26 877	9 199	3 459	3 918	155	67 880
1964	27 607	30 070	9 469	3 203	3 750	159	74 258
1965	30 008	31 123	9 769	2 954	3 736	133	77 723
1966	30 668	31 231	9 516	2 916	3 379	127	77 837
1967	31 809	31 718	9 546	3 385	3 449	114	80 021
1968	32 670	32 403	9 565	4 198	3 269	105	82 210
1969	35 167	34 048	9 964	5 284	3 303	98	87 864
1970	37 233	35 282	9 852	6 061	3 012	114	91 554
1971	36 403	34 262	9 523	7 825	2 905	118	91 036
1972	34 820	32 550	9 934	9 213	2 847	102	89 766
1973	37 565	34 316	9 814	10 814	2 587	108	95 204
1974	35 723	32 229	9 462	11 287	2 539	88	91 338
1975	34 195	32 878	8 905	10 854	2 543	124	89 499
1976	33 679	38 135	8 746	10 566	2 861	121	87 808
1977	36 289	32 786	8 998	10 329	3 301	115	91 818

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

(a) Includes 'not stated' for 1950 to 1959.

Table 14A Number of persons injured by type of road user involved, Australia 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1979	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1980(a)	12 312	10 282	3 714	4 362	1 281	103	32 054
1981(a)	12 198	10 162	3 603	4 719	1 325	119	32 126

* Readers should refer to Notes to table prior to using these data

(a) Criteria changed for casualty/injury definition; see Notes to tables.

Table 15 Number of casualties by type of road user involved, Australia 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other(a)</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	4 852	10 369	7 062	6 335	4 200	272	33 090
1951	5 975	12 054	7 589	7 085	4 067	251	37 021
1952	7 154	13 373	7 968	7 674	4 030	231	40 430
1953	7 422	14 013	7 855	7 324	4 449	198	41 261
1954	9 197	15 857	8 741	7 931	4 717	162	46 605
1955	10 449	17 289	8 736	7 215	4 683	135	48 507
1956	12 273	18 219	9 104	6 445	4 693	158	50 892
1957	13 736	18 643	8 642	6 509	4 814	219	52 563
1958	15 148	20 513	8 225	5 812	4 497	164	54 359
1959	16 555	21 915	8 919	5 557	4 537	140	57 623
1960	18 878	23 855	9 643	5 601	4 463	132	62 572
1961	20 335	24 319	9 556	4 833	4 093	155	63 291
1962	22 177	24 907	9 231	4 142	4 086	125	64 668
1963	25 127	27 598	9 999	3 550	4 043	161	70 478
1964	28 650	30 895	10 342	3 292	3 882	163	77 224
1965	31 193	32 105	10 540	3 037	3 865	147	80 887
1966	31 897	32 213	10 359	2 994	3 483	133	81 079
1967	33 001	32 680	10 352	3 487	3 548	125	83 187
1968	33 994	33 464	10 319	4 322	3 378	115	85 592
1969	36 528	35 108	10 789	5 432	3 405	104	91 366
1970	38 693	36 515	10 674	6 234	3 110	126	95 352
1971	37 783	35 429	10 236	8 060	2 990	128	94 626
1972	36 054	33 915	10 682	9 490	2 936	111	93 188
1973	38 882	35 462	10 605	11 144	2 674	116	98 883
1974	37 022	33 260	10 218	11 687	2 617	106	94 910
1975	35 575	34 025	9 610	11 219	2 628	136	93 193
1976	34 988	32 929	9 418	10 974	2 954	128	91 391
1977	37 617	33 827	9 713	10 715	3 402	122	95 396

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data
(a) Includes 'not stated' for 1950 to 1959

Table 15A Number of casualties by type of road user involved, Australia 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1979	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1980(a)	13 591	11 218	4 343	4 739	1 375	109	35 375
1981(a)	13 434	11 056	4 247	5 109	1 418	134	35 398

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.
(a) Criteria changed for casualty definition, see Notes to tables

Table 16 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, New South Wales 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	73	142	194	105	41	6	561
1951	115	208	215	121	33	7	699
1952	111	203	225	153	39	10	741
1953	121	200	196	104	41	1	663
1954	132	217	220	124	33	2	728
1955	147	223	268	116	44	0	798
1956	165	230	273	91	44	5	808
1957	188	208	250	88	34	6	774
1958	192	250	260	60	30	2	794
1959	228	228	271	68	34	4	833
1960	244	264	336	49	46	0	939
1961	283	226	354	40	31	0	934
1962	263	246	296	45	24	2	876
1963	282	266	310	18	24	0	900
1964	330	287	328	26	38	1	1 010
1965	411	378	301	28	28	5	1 151
1966	428	323	341	32	16	3	1 143
1967	405	305	329	54	23	1	1 117
1968	455	364	292	62	37	1	1 211
1969	436	362	294	75	19	2	1 188
1970	494	404	291	93	26	1	1 309
1971	465	411	250	106	16	1	1 249
1972	370	349	256	98	18	1	1 092
1973	426	380	271	130	21	2	1 230
1974	436	377	296	140	25	1	1 275
1975	475	388	257	142	21	5	1 288
1976	455	395	259	135	19	1	1 264
1977	489	363	266	125	22	3	1 268

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 16A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, New South Wales 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	537	406	281	137	22	1	1 384
1979	515	384	230	127	32	0	1 288
1980	487	380	252	152	30	2	1 303
1981	504	351	267	146	22	1	1 291

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 17 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Victoria 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	64	133	138	120	40	6	501
1951	104	137	181	107	48	4	581
1952	95	152	206	85	54	11	603
1953	86	129	165	79	52	4	515
1954	106	146	202	75	39	1	569
1955	125	117	183	62	37	4	528
1956	152	150	175	59	42	4	582
1957	169	127	208	40	44	1	589
1958	190	120	182	40	36	3	571
1959	200	173	203	35	47	3	661
1960	221	197	198	31	48	3	698
1961	260	207	227	24	53	2	773
1962	279	226	246	12	40	5	808
1963	255	203	251	18	47	6	780
1964	335	233	269	11	54	2	904
1965	353	268	236	14	49	9	929
1966	361	282	257	15	38	2	955
1967	319	281	230	14	36	7	887
1968	360	295	227	24	35	8	949
1969	403	289	255	22	38	4	1 011
1970	393	352	252	24	40	0	1 061
1971	334	286	229	45	28	1	923
1972	324	285	216	59	31	0	915
1973	324	303	217	63	28	0	935
1974	308	215	192	65	23	1	806
1975	341	287	194	70	16	2	910
1976	358	261	190	90	37	2	938
1977	353	276	217	78	27	3	954

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 17A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Victoria 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	319	247	197	77	26	3	869
1979	307	235	184	76	44	0	846
1980	233	161	167	58	30	8	657
1981	279	207	177	64	37	2	766

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 18 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Queensland 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedes- trians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	27	57	54	45	17	2	202
1951	32	61	51	54	17	3	218
1952	43	68	64	55	20	1	251
1953	59	102	67	51	17	5	301
1954	44	81	62	65	20	6	278
1955	52	69	73	55	17	7	273
1956	61	91	82	47	15	2	298
1957	75	103	78	44	21	4	325
1958	85	103	77	46	30	1	342
1959	91	95	84	39	24	0	333
1960	102	110	96	30	20	1	359
1961	112	115	81	25	18	2	353
1962	131	117	100	32	21	2	403
1963	139	111	96	20	32	0	398
1964	164	145	115	25	12	0	461
1965	183	146	101	18	19	0	467
1966	181	142	102	20	20	1	466
1967	201	156	110	13	20	2	502
1968	197	173	82	16	9	0	477
1969	226	184	109	19	18	0	556
1970	233	156	111	22	13	2	537
1971	255	192	78	44	24	1	594
1972	217	182	98	55	18	2	572
1973	219	204	121	71	19	4	638
1974	215	173	107	83	10	1	589
1975	225	209	107	72	22	0	635
1976	196	184	89	83	16	1	569
1977	215	141	92	97	27	0	572

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 18A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Queensland 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedes- trians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	237	197	92	70	15	1	612
1979	242	172	99	91	12	0	616
1980	211	157	87	87	14	1	557
1981	237	182	66	92	16	1	594

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 19 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, South Australia 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedes- trians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	23	37	35	53	20	2	170
1951	28	54	36	58	20	1	197
1952	25	35	44	49	18	1	172
1953	22	28	26	47	12	1	136
1954	27	29	39	40	17	1	153
1955	38	44	52	30	9	0	173
1956	42	51	31	20	23	0	167
1957	46	55	32	35	17	0	185
1958	63	51	51	19	16	0	200
1959	46	53	49	18	19	0	185
1960	55	62	53	16	16	1	203
1961	65	54	52	15	17	0	203
1962	76	39	52	11	14	2	194
1963	69	64	64	14	12	0	223
1964	75	56	76	13	17	1	238
1965	89	70	59	8	17	0	243
1966	96	86	68	6	14	0	270
1967	96	86	49	8	14	0	253
1968	104	84	59	8	19	1	275
1969	108	66	55	6	16	0	251
1970	144	128	55	12	10	0	349
1971	109	103	57	14	9	0	292
1972	120	88	64	28	12	0	312
1973	135	99	63	23	9	0	329
1974	151	110	58	46	17	0	382
1975	136	98	61	30	14	0	339
1976	116	86	55	41	9	0	307
1977	108	96	51	42	9	0	306

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 19A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, South Australia 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedes- trians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	119	81	52	33	6	0	291
1979	117	91	49	43	9	0	309
1980	100	76	43	41	9	0	269
1981	85	61	42	22	12	0	222

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 20 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Western Australia 1950-77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	25	31	27	46	13	0	142
1951	30	48	42	37	9	1	167
1952	40	45	47	50	10	2	194
1953	23	54	45	41	19	0	182
1954	32	49	54	28	12	0	175
1955	41	60	53	37	15	0	206
1956	46	62	50	20	7	0	185
1957	42	43	54	19	8	2	168
1958	36	42	48	25	13	0	164
1959	41	54	56	15	12	0	178
1960	48	57	47	21	6	1	180
1961	64	49	59	10	15	0	197
1962	61	63	35	12	6	0	177
1963	72	49	50	19	8	0	198
1964	91	71	43	9	8	0	222
1965	97	79	51	12	13	0	252
1966	101	88	51	3	10	0	253
1967	113	75	58	6	4	0	256
1968	143	106	56	7	8	0	320
1969	124	87	73	18	9	0	311
1970	137	120	74	8	4	8	351
1971	136	118	64	5	2	7	332
1972	129	108	77	17	4	5	340
1973	145	95	86	24	7	1	358
1974	119	104	65	43	1	2	334
1975	122	94	52	24	7	5	304
1976	107	101	59	32	7	2	308
1977	93	101	58	27	10	1	290

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 20A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Western Australia 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	140	112	57	28	8	0	345
1979	106	76	55	30	4	8	279
1980	126	71	56	32	6	2	293
1981	97	61	43	31	4	2	238

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 21 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Tasmania 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	9	17	13	15	9	1	64
1951	8	9	16	21	3	0	57
1952	19	31	18	18	1	0	87
1953	8	14	17	14	3	0	56
1954	10	16	21	13	6	1	67
1955	8	19	17	10	2	1	57
1956	16	26	16	12	2	0	72
1957	11	27	21	4	2	0	65
1958	18	21	19	7	5	0	70
1959	13	22	23	7	3	0	68
1960	20	24	21	10	4	0	79
1961	24	24	20	3	4	0	75
1962	17	14	25	2	3	0	61
1963	25	22	25	1	2	0	75
1964	34	14	35	3	3	0	89
1965	36	31	21	2	3	0	93
1966	33	44	20	1	6	0	104
1967	35	42	21	1	2	0	101
1968	49	31	30	7	1	0	118
1969	43	41	25	3	2	0	114
1970	32	46	26	10	3	1	118
1971	51	36	26	12	5	0	130
1972	35	29	28	9	4	1	106
1973	38	35	23	7	1	1	105
1974	40	36	21	13	1	0	111
1975	48	36	22	13	3	0	122
1976	44	35	12	13	4	0	108
1977	49	32	18	10	3	0	112

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 21A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Tasmania 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	42	35	16	12	1	0	106
1979	36	31	21	5	0	0	93
1980	45	21	24	7	2	1	100
1981	43	36	20	11	1	0	111

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 22 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Northern Territory 1950-77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	3	4	1	0	0	0	8
1963	8	5	2	1	0	0	16
1964	8	10	5	2	0	0	25
1965	10	3	1	0	0	0	14
1966	18	13	2	1	0	0	34
1967	12	8	7	0	0	0	27
1968	8	5	5	0	0	0	18
1969	13	18	13	1	0	0	45
1970	16	18	7	0	1	0	42
1971	22	15	7	6	0	0	50
1972	28	15	5	5	0	0	53
1973	23	19	7	4	2	0	55
1974	20	10	9	5	0	0	44
1975	20	27	9	8	0	0	64
1976	21	17	5	7	1	0	51
1977	12	20	9	5	1	0	47

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 22A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Northern Territory 1978-81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	18	36	5	9	0	0	68
1979	21	20	6	4	2	0	53
1980	26	21	9	5	1	1	63
1981	22	29	11	7	1	0	70

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data.

Table 23 Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Australian Capital Territory 1950–77*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1950	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
1951	1	1	0	4	1	0	7
1952	1	2	2	1	0	0	6
1953	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
1954	2	0	1	2	1	0	6
1955	1	5	0	1	0	0	7
1956	1	1	2	3	0	0	7
1957	0	2	4	1	0	0	7
1958	3	1	0	1	0	0	5
1959	3	0	1	0	2	0	6
1960	4	2	4	0	0	0	10
1961	4	1	2	0	0	0	7
1962	2	3	2	1	0	0	8
1963	5	1	2	0	0	0	8
1964	6	9	2	0	0	0	17
1965	6	7	1	1	0	0	15
1966	11	4	2	0	0	0	17
1967	11	9	2	0	0	1	23
1968	8	3	3	0	0	0	14
1969	8	13	1	4	0	0	26
1970	11	9	6	4	1	0	31
1971	8	6	2	3	1	0	20
1972	11	9	4	6	2	0	32
1973	7	11	3	8	0	0	29
1974	10	6	8	5	1	1	31
1975	13	8	3	6	2	0	32
1976	12	15	3	7	0	1	38
1977	9	12	4	2	2	0	29

* Readers should refer to Notes to tables prior to using these data

Table 23A Number of persons killed by type of road user involved, Australian Capital Territory 1978–81*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists</i>	<i>Pedal cyclists</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
1978	9	6	8	4	3	0	30
1979	10	7	4	2	1	0	24
1980	8	7	6	8	1	0	30
1981	12	9	3	4	1	0	29

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Sources of data and notes to tables

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Most of the figures contained in this Bulletin have been extracted from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publications. Previously, the ABS was known as the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, the change being officially made on 15 March 1974.

Many of the ABS publications have been revised, deleted or re-designated, both before and after the organisational name change. Recently, publications have been allocated unique catalogue numbers, replacing the reference numbers.

The source information provided indicates those publications from which the series of data have been obtained. Further detail is usually available in these publications or corresponding publications from the State offices of the ABS, the Department of Motor Transport in New South Wales and the Department of Territories and Local Government in Canberra.

Sources of data

<i>Data</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Source</i>
Accidents, Casualties	1925 to 1971	Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Transport and communication bulletins. Ref. No. 14.11.
	1972, 1973	Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Road traffic accidents involving casualties. Quarterly. Ref. No. 14.9.
	1974 to 1977	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Road traffic accidents involving casualties, Australia. Quarterly. Cat. No. 9403.0.
	1978, 1979	Year Book, Australia. Cat. No. 1301.0.
	1980, 1981	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Road traffic accidents involving casualties (admission to hospital) Australia. Quarterly. Cat. No. 9405.0.
Population	1925 to 1970	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Demography 1971. Bulletin No. 87. Canberra, 1974. Ref. No. 4.9.
	1971 to 1977	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Population and vital statistics. Quarterly. Cat. No. 3212.0.
	1978 to 1981	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Australian demographic statistics. Quarterly. Cat. No. 3101.0.
Vehicles	1925 to 1967	Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Transport and communication bulletins. Ref. No. 14.11.
	1968 to 1972	Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Motor vehicle registrations. Quarterly. Ref. No. 14.2.
	1973 to 1981	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Motor vehicle registrations, Australia. Quarterly. Cat. No. 9303.0. Revised intercensal estimates may be made on basis of vehicle censuses undertaken in 1955, 1963, 1971, 1976.
Licences	1925 to 1971	Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. Transport and communication bulletins. Ref. No. 14.11.
	1972 to 1977	Australian Bureau of Statistics. Rail, bus and air transport, Australia. Cat. No. 9201.0.
	1978 to 1981	Year Book, Australia. Cat. No. 1301.0.
Fuel	1946 to 1981	Department of National Development. Consumption of petroleum products based on oil industry sales by state marketing areas. Australian Institute of Petroleum. Oil and Australia: the figures behind the facts, plus information provided direct to Office of Road Safety, Department of Transport.

Notes to tables

The following information should be referred to when reviewing the data available in the tables. The specific accident reporting and recording criteria for each State/Territory at all times could not be traced. These notes are derived from footnotes to the tables in the sources used.

<i>Note</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Accidents and casualties		
1	1925 to 1935	Mixture of data for year ending 30 June or 31 December.
2	1925 to 1961	Data for Northern Territory not collected.
3	1927 to 1937	Data from a summary published in 1937. Figures are higher than those published annually.
4	1935 to 1949	Casualty accidents not reported separately.
5	1936	Includes 1935 figures for Victoria.
6	1937 to 1961	All data for year ending 30 June.
7	1948, 1949	Series not comparable with subsequent years.
8	1950	National accident reporting criteria of death, injury or more than £10 property damage promulgated (but not nationally adopted). Change to published data for casualty accidents only.
9	1953	Prior to 1953, data for Western Australia non-metropolitan accidents were included only if fatal or near fatal injury resulted. From 1953, Western Australia non-metropolitan accident data included were in line with national injury definition of need for surgical or medical treatment.
10	1957	Tasmanian and Australian Capital Territory injury criteria not comparable with those in other States. Queensland criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from any property damage to at least £25 damage.
11	1958	Casualty accident data recorded on a more uniform basis across Australia.
12	1960	New South Wales criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from £10 to £25 damage from 1 May.
13	1962 to 1977	Data for year ended 31 December. Northern Territory figures for 1962 are for July to December only.
14	1967	South Australia criterion for recording casualty accidents and casualties changed from any injury to injury requiring surgical or medical treatment, from 1 October.
15	1969	Queensland criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from \$50 to \$100 property damage from April 1969. Western Australia ABS no longer recording or publishing property damage accident data.
16	1975	South Australia criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from \$50 to \$100 property damage from March 1975. New South Wales criterion for recording accidents changed from casualty or at least \$50 damage to casualty or at least one vehicle towed away from 1 July.

<i>Note</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Comment</i>
17	1976	Queensland criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from \$100 to \$300 property damage from 1 January. ABS consider that under-reporting of accidents involving less severe injuries may have occurred over an unknown period in Australia particularly in Victoria in 1974 and 1975.
18	1977	New South Wales criterion for reporting property damage accidents changed from \$50 to \$300 damage from 28 July. In Western Australia, introduction of a new traffic accident report form in August 1977 may have led to inclusion of casualty accident data previously excluded where the person injured did not require surgical or medical attention.
19	1978, 1979	Casualty and injury data not collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
20	1980, 1981	Australian Bureau of Statistics criteria for definition of casualty/ injury changed to include only those accidents involving admission to hospital.

Licences issued

21	1954 to 1981	Excludes Queensland.
22	1963 to 1967	Excludes Northern Territory. Depending on licensing practice, data may only include licences issued or renewed, excluding those already on issue. Some areas require separate licences for each category of vehicle driven; others allow endorsement for additional vehicle types on one licence.

Fuel consumed

23	1947 to 1981	Includes motor spirit and automotive diesel (used and stored). It is not known how much diesel fuel is used by road transport, separately from usage by railways, farms and ships.
24	1950 to 1961	Excludes Northern Territory data except for kilolitre rates. Separate data for Northern Territory not available.
25	1954 to 1981	Excludes Queensland for rates per 10 000 licences.
26	1963 to 1967	Excludes Northern Territory data for rates per 10 000 licences.