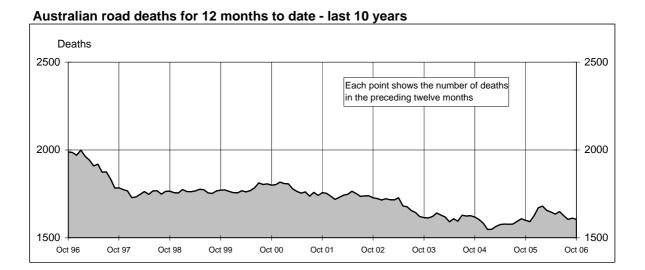


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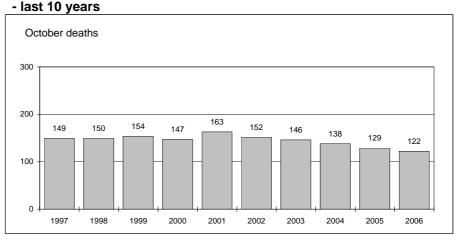
# **Road Deaths** AUSTRALIA

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# Australian road deaths for October



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#### Note

Road death statistics for recent months are preliminary and subject to revision. They include any deaths occurring within 30 days of a crash stemming from injuries received in the crash.

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### This month's key figures

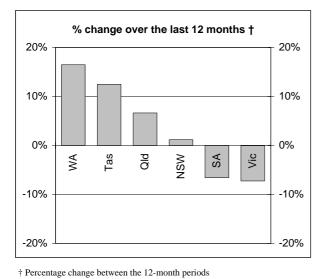
The total number of road deaths in October 2006 was 122 - this is a 5.4% decrease from the October 2005 figure.

The number of road deaths in 2006 to the end of October is 1,319 - this is a 1.6% decrease from the same 10 month period in 2005.

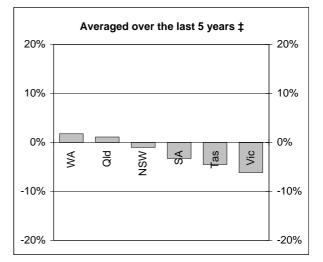
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## NUMBER OF ROAD CRASH DEATHS

#### Percentage change in road deaths in each State



of Nov 2004 - Oct 2005 and Nov 2005 - Oct 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Nov 2000 - Oct 2001 to Nov 2005 - Oct 2006

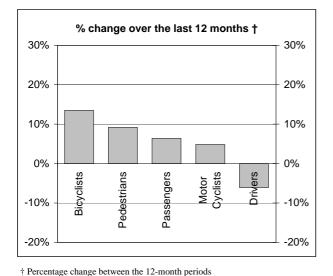
# Road deaths by State/Territory for month, year to date, and twelve months - period ended October 2006 and period ended October 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Current month									
Oct 2006	43	20	29	4	17	2	5	2	122
Oct 2005	40	33	30	8	9	4	3	2	129
% change	7.5	-39.4	-3.3	-50.0	88.9	-50.0	66.7	0.0	-5.4
Year to date									
Jan 2006 - Oct 2006	435	267	271	99	163	40	35	9	1319
Jan 2005 - Oct 2005	425	293	263	120	135	37	45	23	1341
% change	2.4	-8.9	3.0	-17.5	20.7	8.1	-22.2	-60.9	-1.6
12-months to date									
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	518	320	338	127	191	54	45	12	1605
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	512	345	317	136	164	48	52	25	1599
Difference	6	-25	21	-9	27	6	-7	-13	6
% change	1.2	-7.2	6.6	-6.6	16.5	12.5	-13.5	-52.0	0.4
Ave annual % change (a)									
Oct 2001 to Oct 2006	-1.0	-6.1	1.1	-3.3	1.8	-4.5	-0.4	-3.0	-1.8

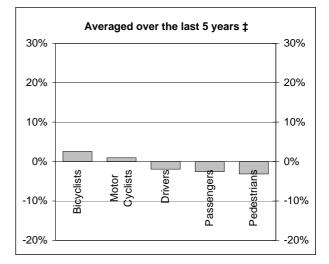
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## **DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP**

#### Percentage change in deaths in each road user group



of Nov 2004 - Oct 2005 and Nov 2005 - Oct 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Nov 2000 - Oct 2001 to Nov 2005 - Oct 2006

## Road deaths by road user group and gender for twelve months ended October 2006 and twelve months ended October 2005

	Drivers Pas	sengers Peo	destrians	Motor	Bicyclists	All road
				cyclists (a)		users (b)
Males						
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	565	199	156	225	35	1181
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	612	167	136	216	31	1165
% change	-7.7	19.2	14.7	4.2	12.9	1.4
Females						
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	173	148	80	12	7	420
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	175	161	81	10	6	434
% change	-1.1	-8.1	-1.2	20.0	16.7	-3.2
Persons (c)						
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	739	349	237	237	42	1605
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	787	328	217	226	37	1599
% change	-6.1	6.4	9.2	4.9	13.5	0.4
Ave annual % change (d)						
Oct 2001 to Oct 2006	-1.9	-2.6	-3.1	1.0	2.6	-1.8

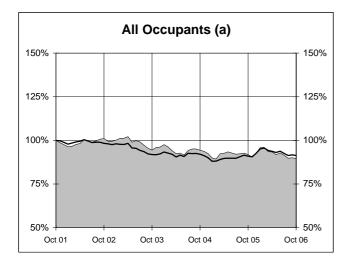
(a) Includes pillion passengers
(b) Includes road users not separately specified
(c) Includes road users with unstated gender
(d) This represents the average annual exponential change between the annual count of 5 years ago and the current annual count

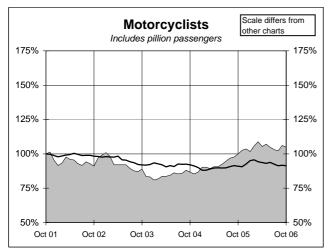
# **DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP - TRENDS**

## Annual deaths in each road user group - last 5 years

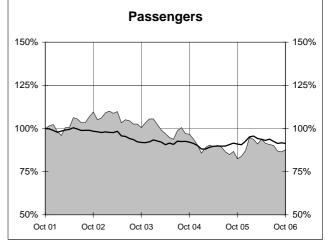
The number shown at each month represents the number of deaths in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the number of deaths in the 12 months to October 2001.

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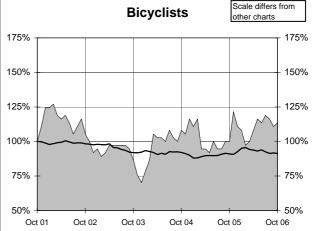
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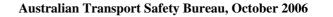
 ROAD USER GROUP

ALL ROAD USERS



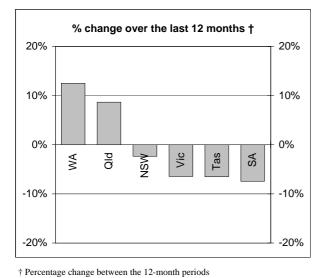


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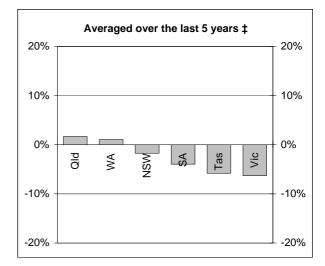


## NUMBER OF FATAL ROAD CRASHES

#### Percentage change in fatal crashes in each State



of Nov 2004 - Oct 2005 and Nov 2005 - Oct 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Nov 2000 - Oct 2001 to Nov 2005 - Oct 2006

# Fatal crashes by State/Territory for month, year to date and twelve months - period ended October 2006 and period ended October 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Current month									
Oct 2006	39	19	29	4	17	2	4	2	116
Oct 2005	38	32	28	8	9	4	3	2	124
% change	2.6	-40.6	3.6	-50.0	88.9	-50.0	33.3	0.0	-6.5
Year to date	000	0.44	054	00			00	0	4400
Jan 2006 - Oct 2006 Jan 2005 - Oct 2005	392 390	241 265	254 237	90 105	145 125	30 36	32 42	9 22	1193 1222
% change	0.5	-9.1	7.2	-14.3	16.0	-16.7	-23.8	-59.1	-2.4
12 months to date									
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	461	290	313	112	171	43	41	12	1443
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	472	310	288	121	152	46	48	24	1461
% change	-2.3	-6.5	8.7	-7.4	12.5	-6.5	-14.6	-50.0	-1.2
Ave annual % change (a)									
Oct 2001 to Oct 2006	-1.7	-6.3	1.7	-3.9	1.1	-5.8	0.0	-3.0	-2.1

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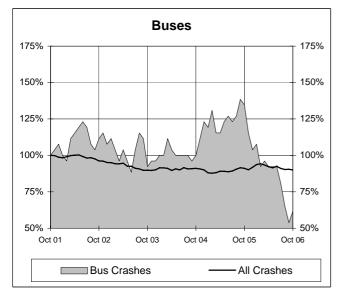
## FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING TRUCKS AND BUSES

### Fatal crashes and deaths involving articulated trucks and buses twelve months ended October 2006 and twelve months ended October 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
FATAL CRASHES INVO	LVING ARTIC	ULATED	TRUCKS	S					
Number of crashes									
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006 Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	57 48	N/A 31	34 23	9 16	10 9	8 3	4 0	0 0	
NOV 2004 - OCI 2005	40	31	23	10	9	3	0	U	
Number of deaths									
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	70	N/A	43	9	11	10	4	0	
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	53	35	25	18	11	3	0	0	
Note: Data on heavy rigid trucks	-								
Number of crashes		•							
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	7	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	16
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	21	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	35
									(-54.3%)
Number of deaths									
Nov 2005 - Oct 2006	7	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	17
Nov 2004 - Oct 2005	27	5	10	0	1	0	0	0	43 (-60.5%)

### Annual count of fatal crashes involving buses - last 5 years

The number shown at each month represents the number of fatal crashes in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the number of fatal crashes in the 12 months to October 2001.



## **CHARACTERISTICS OF FATAL CRASHES**

Proportion (per cent) of fatal crashes by speed limit, crash type, time of day, and time of week two years ended October 2006 and two years ended October 2001

	Spe	ed limit (km/h)	Time of Day			
	Up to 60	65-95	100+	Day time	Night-time (b)	
Nov 2004 - Oct 2006	32.7	22.6	44.7	55.2	44.8	
Nov 1999 - Oct 2001	33.4	21.2	45.5	55.8	44.2	
		Crash Type		Time of week		
	Pedestrian	Other single	Other multiple	Week	Week-	
	crash	veh. crash	veh. crash	day	end (c)	
Nov 2004 - Oct 2006	15.3	45.3	39.4	57.7	42.3	
Nov 1999 - Oct 2001	18.1	40.8	41.1	60.6	39.4	

(a) Excludes ACT

(b) 6:00 pm to 5:59 am
(c) 6:00 pm Friday to 5:59 am Monday