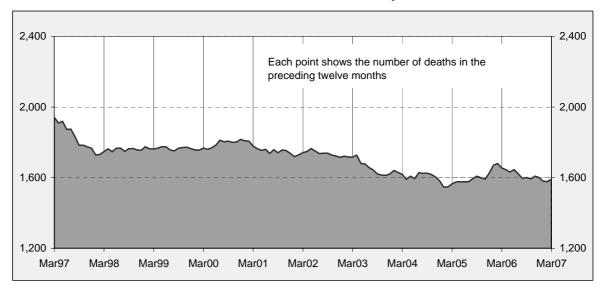


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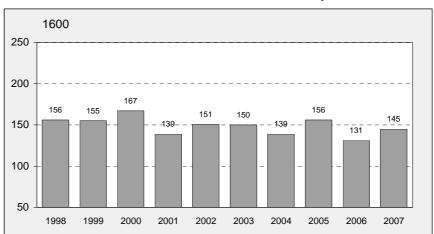
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- Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW
- Vicroads
- Queensland Transport
- Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, South Australia
- Western Australia Police
- Department of Infrastructure,
 Energy and Resources, Tasmania
- Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Northern Territory
- Territory and Municipal Services, ACT

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.

Australian road deaths for March - last 10 years



This month's key figures

There were a total of 145 road deaths in March 2007.

- this is a 10.7% increase over the March 2006 figure.

There have been 404 road deaths in 2007 to the end of March.

- this is a 2.2% decrease from the same 3 month period in 2006.

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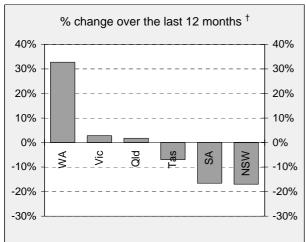
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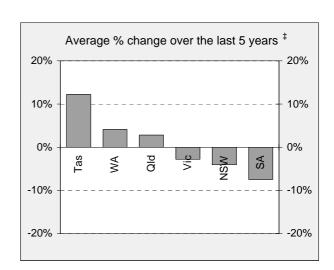
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Current month									
Mar 2007	39	30	29	11	27	6	2	1	145
Mar 2006	54	23	25	12	12	3	2	0	131
% change	-27.8	30.4	16.0	-8.3	125.0	100.0	0.0	-	10.7
Year to date									
Jan 2007 - Mar 2007	106	79	86	32	74	15	10	2	404
Jan 2006 - Mar 2006	150	84	74	33	50	15	5	2	413
% change	-29.3	-6.0	16.2	-3.0	48.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-2.2
12-months to date									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	455	332	348	116	227	54	47	13	1,592
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	548	323	342	139	171	58	50	24	1,655
Difference	-93	9	6	-23	56	-4	-3	-11	-63
% change	-17.0	2.8	1.8	-16.5	32.7	-6.9	-6.0	-45.8	-3.8
Average annual % cha	nge over :	5 years ^a	1						
Apr 2002 to Mar 2007	-4.1	-2.8	2.8	-7.5	4.1	12.2	-5.0	8.1	-1.3

a Average annual percentage change based on the exponential trend for the last five 12 -month periods

Percentage change in deaths in each State



[†] Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Apr 2005 - Mar 2006 and Apr 2006 - Mar 2007



‡ Average annual percentage change based on the exponential trend for the last five 12-month periods

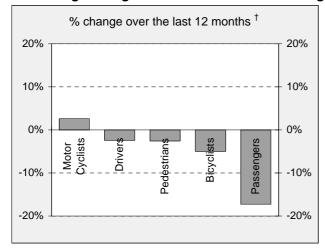
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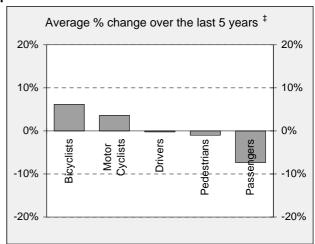
				Motor-		All road
	Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	cyclists ^a	Cyclists	users ^b
Males						
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	605	188	145	224	39	1,201
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	592	179	146	234	30	1,183
% change	2.2	5.0	-0.7	-4.3	30.0	1.5
Females						
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	168	125	73	10	6	382
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	180	181	90	12	7	470
% change	-6.7	-30.9	-18.9	-16.7	-14.3	-18.7
Persons ^c						
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	776	315	219	234	45	1,592
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	772	362	236	246	37	1,655
% change	0.5	-13.0	-7.2	-4.9	21.6	-3.8
Average annual % chan	ge over 5 y	rears ^d				
Apr 2002 to Mar 2007	-0.2	-7.0	-2.3	5.1	5.2	-1.3

a Includes pillion passengers

Percentage change in deaths in each road user group



 $[\]dagger$ Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Apr 2005 - Mar 2006 and Apr 2006 - Mar 2007



‡ Average annual percentage change based on the exponential trend for the last five 12-month periods

b Includes road users not separately specified

c Includes road users with unstated gender

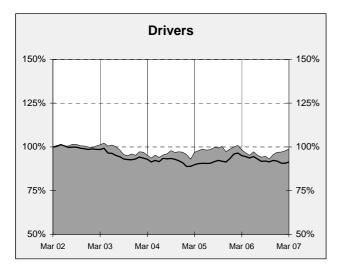
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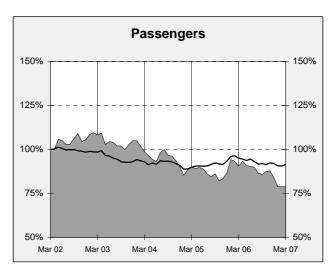
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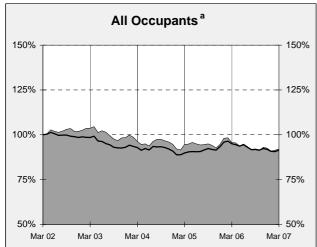
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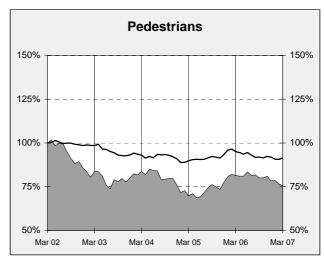
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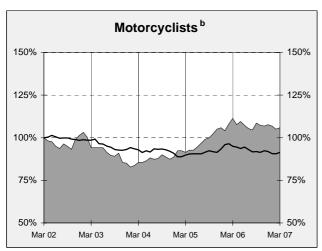


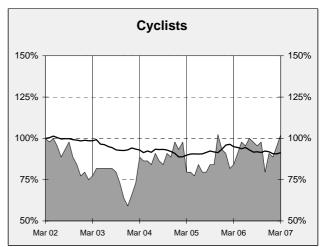












- a Comprises drivers and passengers
- b Includes pillion passengers

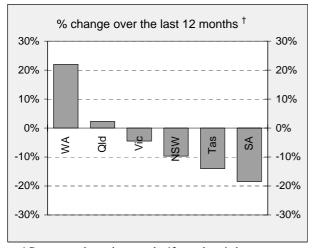
NUMBER OF FATAL ROAD CRASHES IN EACH STATE / TERRITORY

Fatal crashes by State/Territory for month, year to date and twelve month-period ended March 2007 and period ended March 2006

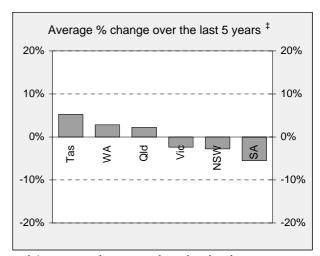
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Current month									
Mar 2007	38	27	28	11	26	5	2 2	1	138
Mar 2006	49	22	24	12	11	3	2	0	123
% change	-22.4	22.7	16.7	-8.3	136.4	66.7	0.0	-	12.2
Year to date									
Jan 2007 - Mar 2007	101	71	79	30	70	13	9	2	375
Jan 2006 - Mar 2006	133	75	72	29	43	10	5	2	369
% change	-24.1	-5.3	9.7	3.4	62.8	30.0	80.0	0.0	1.6
12 months to date									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	420	305	321	105	211	45	43	12	1,462
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	491	296	310	122	156	51	48	23	1,497
% change	-14.5	3.0	3.5	-13.9	35.3	-11.8	-10.4	-47.8	-2.3
Average annual % cha	nge over t	5 years ^a							
Apr 2002 to Mar 2007	-3.4	-2.0	3.5	-7.1	5.6	9.6	0.4	11.7	-0.4

a Average annual percentage change based on the exponential trend for the last five 12-month periods

Percentage change in fatal crashes in each State



[†] Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Apr 2005 - Mar 2006 and Apr 2006 - Mar 2007



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FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING TRUCKS OR BUSES

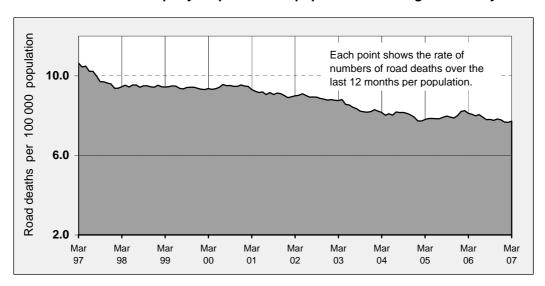
Analysis of fatal crashes involving heavy vehicles will henceforth appear in a separate bulletin on the ATSB website at www.atsb.gov.au. The first issue will be in March 2007.

ROAD DEATH RATES

Road deaths per 100 000 population

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
12-months to date									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	6.7	6.5	8.6	7.5	11.1	11.0	22.7	4.0	7.7
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	8.0	6.3	8.4	8.9	8.3	11.9	24.2	7.3	8.0
Calendar year									
2006	7.3	6.6	8.3	7.5	9.9	11.0	20.3	4.0	7.8
2001	8.0	9.2	8.9	10.1	8.7	12.9	25.3	5.0	8.9

Australian road deaths per year per 100 000 population - moving 12-monthly data



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 March 2007 and two years ended March 2002

		Speed limit (ki	n/h) ^a	Time o	f Day
	Up to 60	65-95	100+	Day	Night ^b
Apr 2005 - Mar 2007	32.0%	21.9%	46.1%	55.3%	44.7%
Apr 2000 - Mar 2002	33.6%	20.8%	45.6%	56.1%	43.9%
		Crash Typ	Time of	week	
	Pedestrian	Other single	Other multiple	Week	Week-
	crash	veh. Crash	veh. crash	day	end ^c
Apr 2005 - Mar 2007	15.1%	46.2%	38.8%	57.0%	43.0%
Apr 2000 - Mar 2002	17.9%	41.7%	40.4%	60.3%	39.7%

a Excludes ACT

b 6:00 pm to 5:59 am

c 6:00 pm Friday to 5:59 am Monday

ROAD DEATHS BY AGE, GENDER AND ROAD USER GROUP

Road deaths by age and gender

	0-16	17-20	21-25	26-39	40-59	60+	All
	years	years	years	years	years	years	deaths ^a
Males							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	65	173	155	328	270	196	1,201
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	73	150	198	322	250	188	1,183
% change	-11.0	15.3	-21.7	1.9	8.0	4.3	1.5
Females							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	37	56	44	60	87	94	382
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	58	39	50	89	98	135	470
% change	-36.2	43.6	-12.0	-32.6	-11.2	-30.4	-18.7
Persons ^b							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	108	229	199	389	358	290	1,592
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	133	189	248	411	348	323	1,655
% change	-18.8	21.2	-19.8	-5.4	2.9	-10.2	-3.8

a Includes road users with unstated age

Road deaths by age for each main road user group

	0-16	17-20	21-25	26-39	40-59	60+	AII
	years	years	years	years	years	years	deaths ^a
Occupants ^b							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	70	195	140	253	230	193	1,091
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	91	149	174	270	240	208	1,134
% change	-23.1	30.9	-19.5	-6.3	-4.2	-7.2	-3.8
<i>Motorcyclists</i> ^c							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	6	16	44	89	66	8	234
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	4	20	57	89	58	18	246
% change	50.0	-20.0	-22.8	0.0	13.8	-55.6	-4.9
Pedestrians							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	22	16	13	37	46	82	219
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	30	17	16	46	38	88	236
% change	-26.7	-5.9	-18.8	-19.6	21.1	-6.8	-7.2

a Includes road users with unstated age

b Includes road users with unstated gender

b Comprises drivers and passengers

c Includes pillion passengers

TIME SERIES - QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENT

Road deaths by road user group, 1992 to 2006

				Motor-		All road
	Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	cyclists ^a	Cyclists	users ^b
1992	815	570	350	197	41	1,974
1993	859	513	331	203	45	1,953
1994	809	501	367	190	59	1,928
1995	874	491	398	204	48	2,017
1996	869	499	351	193	57	1,970
1997	776	431	328	177	52	1,767
1998	741	468	318	181	44	1,755
1999	820	428	299	176	40	1,764
2000	852	450	287	191	31	1,817
2001	776	407	290	216	46	1,737
2002	785	422	249	224	34	1,715
2003	747	420	232	188	26	1,621
2004	761	360	220	196	43	1,583
2005	775	347	225	234	41	1,627
2006	761	335	227	238	40	1,601

a Includes pillion passengers

Road deaths by State/Territory, 1992 to 2006

-	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1992	649	396	416	165	200	74	54	20	1,974
1993	581	435	396	218	209	58	44	12	1,953
1994	646	377	418	159	211	59	41	17	1,928
1995	620	418	456	181	209	57	61	15	2,017
1996	581	417	385	181	247	64	72	23	1,970
1997	576	377	360	148	197	32	60	17	1,767
1998	556	390	279	168	223	48	69	22	1,755
1999	577	383	314	151	218	53	49	19	1,764
2000	603	407	317	166	212	43	51	18	1,817
2001	524	444	324	153	165	61	50	16	1,737
2002	561	397	322	154	179	37	55	10	1,715
2003	539	330	310	157	180	41	53	11	1,621
2004	510	343	311	139	178	58	35	9	1,583
2005	508	346	330	148	163	51	55	26	1,627
2006	499	337	336	117	203	54	42	13	1,601

DEATH RATES - QUARTERLY REPORT

Road death rates by State/Territory

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Per capita ^a									
2006	7.31	6.62	8.29	7.53	9.90	11.04	20.32	3.95	7.77
2001	7.97	9.24	8.93	10.12	8.68	12.93	25.28	5.01	8.95
Per vehicle ^b									
2006	1.17	0.90	1.16	1.03	1.27	1.44	3.68	0.58	1.12
2001	1.40	1.34	1.38	1.46	1.20	1.84	4.86	0.79	1.39

a Annual deaths per 100,000 population: 2006 at June 30 (preliminary data); 2001 at June 30 (revised data) taken from ABS catalogue 3201.0

b Includes road users not separately specified

b Annual deaths per 10,000 registered motor vehicles: 2006 at Mar 31; 2001 at Oct 31 taken from ABS catalogue 9309.0.

DEATHS BY AGE AND ROAD USER GROUP - QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENT

Road deaths by road user group and age for twelve months ended March 2007 and twelve months ended March 2006

	0-16	17-20	21-25	26-39	40-59	60+	AII
	years	years	years	years	years	years	deaths ^d
Drivers	,	,	,	,		<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	5 6	125 87	103 129	199 228	189 179	147 143	776 772
% change	-16.7	43.7	-20.2	-12.7	5.6	2.8	0.5
Ave annual % change ^a Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-14.6	0.3	0.8	-0.6	0.2	-1.7	-0.2
Passengers							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	65 85	70 62	37 45	54 42	41 61	46 65	315 362
% change	-23.5	12.9	-17.8	28.6	-32.8	-29.2	-13.0
Ave annual % change ^a Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-0.6	-2.9	-5.5	-3.3	-4.3	-12.2	-4.7
Pedestrians							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	22 30	16 17	13 16	37 46	46 38	82 88	219 236
% change	-26.7	-5.9	-18.8	-19.6	21.1	-6.8	-7.2
Ave annual % change ^a Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-7.8	1.3	-12.9	-7.3	-3.9	-5.0	-5.5
Motorcyclists ^b							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	6 4	16 20	44 57	89 89	66 58	8 18	234 246
% change	50.0	-20.0	-22.8	0.0	13.8	-55.6	-4.9
Ave annual % change ^a Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	0.0	-7.0	3.5	0.7	2.6	-6.2	1.1
Cyclists							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	7 8	2	2 1	10 5	16 11	7 9	45 37
All road users ^c							
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007 Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	108 133	229 189	199 248	389 411	358 348	290 323	1,592 1,655
% change	-18.8	21.2	-19.8	-5.4	2.9	-10.2	-3.8
Ave annual % change ^a Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-3.8	-1.3	-1.4	-1.6	-0.1	-4.8	-1.8

a This represents the average annual exponential change between the annual count of 5-years ago and the current annual count

b Includes pillion passengers

c Includes road users not separately classified

d Includes deaths with unstated age

DEATHS BY STATE / TERRITORY AND ROAD USER - QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENT

Road deaths by road user group and State/Territory for twelve months ended March 2007 and twelve months ended March 2006

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	232	167	163	56	107	25	20	6	776
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	249	144	163	73	86	29	20	8	772
% change	-6.8	16.0	0.0	-23.3	24.4	-13.8	0.0	-	0.5
Ave annual % change ^a									
Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-0.5	-4.6	2.5	-4.4	6.8	2.6	5.9	-	-0.2
Passengers									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	94	60	65	19	53	15	8	1	315
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	115	65	73	34	40	16	15	4	362
% change	-18.3	-7.7	-11.0	-44.1	32.5	-6.3	-46.7	-	-13.0
Ave annual % change ^a									
Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-6.7	-5.6	-5.2	-9.9	4.8	30.3	-17.6	-	-4.7
Pedestrians									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	66	49	44	16	25	4	13	2	219
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	100	54	39	9	19	2	9	4	236
% change	-34.0	-9.3	12.8	77.8	31.6	100.0	44.4	-	-7.2
Ave annual % change ^a									
Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-5.6	-10.2	-2.5	-6.2	0.8	-19.7	7.6	-	-5.5
Motorcyclists ^b									
Apr 2006 - Mar 2007	55	39	66	19	39	7	6	3	234
Apr 2005 - Mar 2006	73	54	63	16	22	7	3	8	246
% change	-24.7	-27.8	4.8	18.8	77.3	0.0	100.0	-	-4.9
Ave annual % change ^a									
Mar 2002 to Mar 2007	-3.3	-10.3	12.9	1.1	11.1	-6.9	24.6	-	1.1
Cyclists									
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