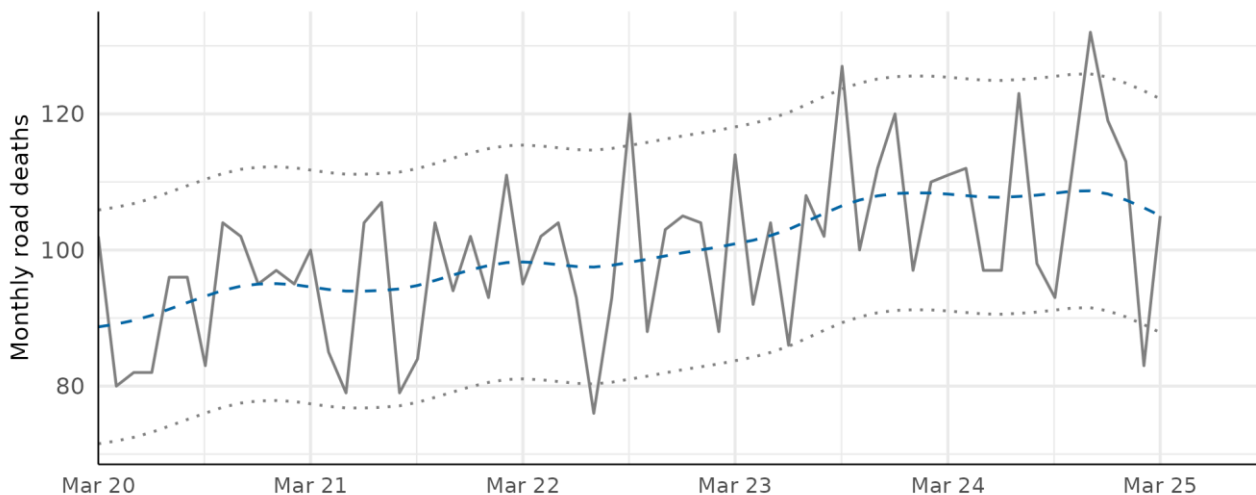


Road Deaths Australia - March 2025

This month's key figures

- There was a total of 105 road deaths during the month of March 2025. The current figure is 0.6% higher than the average for March over the previous 5 years (2020 - 2024).
- During the 12 months ended March 2025, there were 1,284 road deaths. This is an increase of 1.2% from the 12-month period ending March 2024.
- Presently, the rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population stands at 4.7. This is a 0.6% decrease compared to the rate for the 12-month period ending March 2024.

Figure 1 Monthly road deaths — last five years, with trend and error bounds



Note: Shown is a trend and a 90 per cent prediction interval for the monthly observations.

Table 1 Monthly fatalities over the last 5 years

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1. Monthly deaths by jurisdiction — 2 years (raw data plus trend)

Figure 2 New South Wales

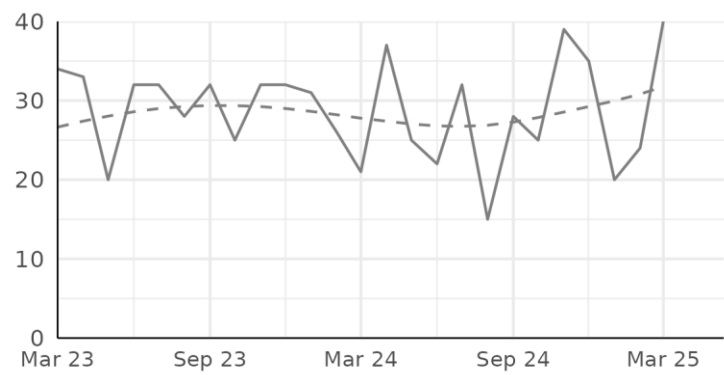


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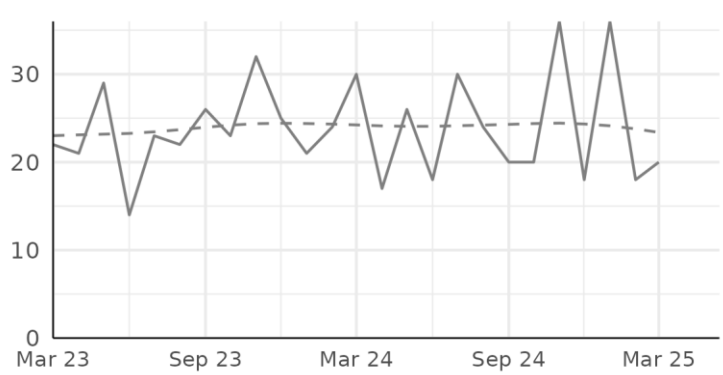


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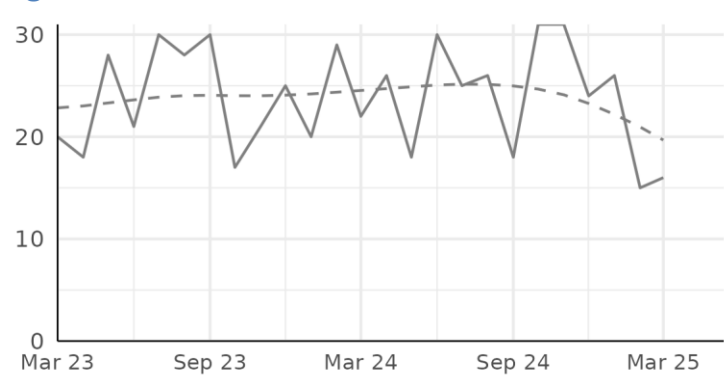


Figure 5 South Australia

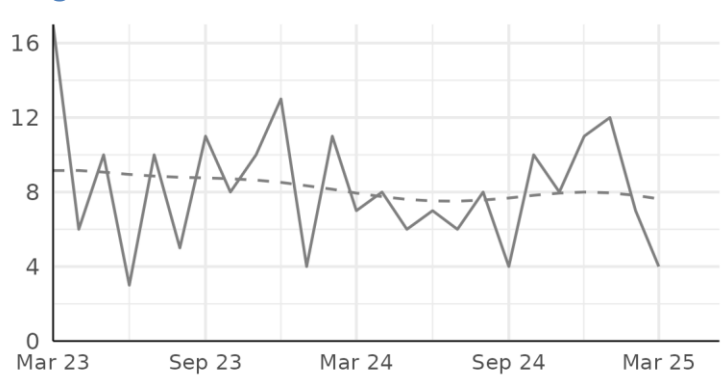


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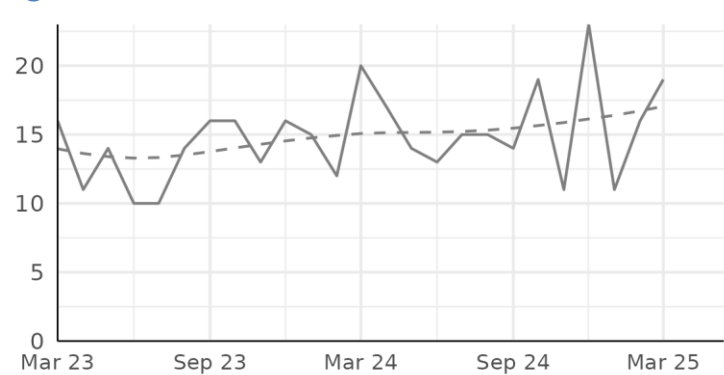


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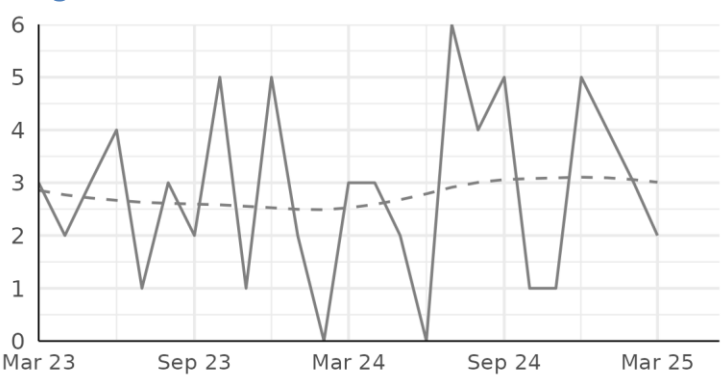


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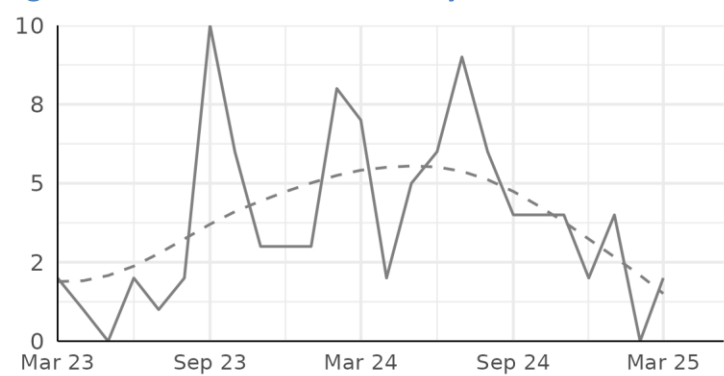
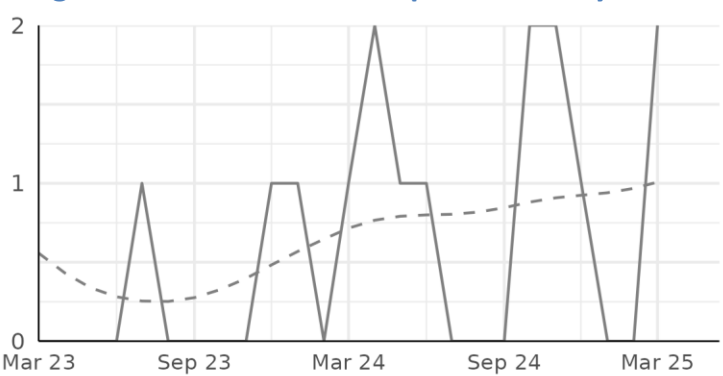


Figure 9 Australian Capital Territory



2. Deaths by jurisdiction - Current month, calendar year and last 12 months

Table 2.1 Current month

<i>Current Month</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
March 2024	21	30	22	7	20	3	7	1	111
March 2025	40	20	16	4	19	2	2	2	105
Latest per cent change	90.5%	-33.3%	-27.3%	-42.9%	-5.0%	-33.3%	-71.4%	100.0%	-5.4%

Table 2.2 Calendar year to date

<i>Year to date</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
January to March 2024	78	75	71	22	47	5	18	2	318
January to March 2025	84	74	57	23	46	9	6	2	301
Latest per cent change	7.7%	-1.3%	-19.7%	4.5%	-2.1%	80.0%	-66.7%	0.0%	-5.3%

Table 2.3 12 months ended March

<i>12 months end March</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
2021	277	203	306	94	165	26	30	11	1,112
2022	287	236	277	85	154	45	43	10	1,137
2023	273	256	278	95	181	48	42	17	1,190
2024	344	290	289	98	167	31	46	4	1,269
2025	342	283	286	91	187	36	48	11	1,284
Latest per cent change	-0.6%	-2.4%	-1.0%	-7.1%	12.0%	16.1%	4.3%	175.0%	1.2%
Average trend change per year	6.2%	9.1%	-0.9%	0.8%	3.4%	2.8%	10.6%	-8.8%	4.1%

3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

Table 3.1 12 months ended March

<i>12 months end March</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
2021	3.4	3.1	5.9	5.2	6.1	4.6	12.1	2.5	4.3
2022	3.5	3.6	5.3	4.7	5.6	7.9	17.3	2.2	4.4
2023	3.3	3.8	5.2	5.2	6.4	8.4	16.8	3.7	4.5
2024	4.1	4.2	5.3	5.3	5.7	5.4	18.1	0.9	4.7
2025	4.0	4.0	5.1	4.8	6.3	6.3	18.8	2.3	4.7
Latest per cent change	-2.0%	-4.5%	-3.0%	-8.2%	9.2%	15.7%	3.6%	171.0%	-0.6%
Average trend change per year	4.8%	7.2%	-3.0%	-0.5%	0.9%	2.1%	9.7%	-10.3%	2.3%

Table 3.2 Calendar year period

<i>Calendar year</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
2020	3.5	3.2	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.8	12.5	1.6	4.3
2021	3.4	3.5	5.3	5.5	6.0	6.3	14.1	2.4	4.4
2022	3.4	3.6	5.5	3.9	6.3	8.9	20.8	3.9	4.5
2023	4.1	4.3	5.1	6.3	5.5	6.1	12.2	0.9	4.7
2024	4.0	4.1	5.4	4.8	6.3	5.6	23.5	2.3	4.8
Latest per cent change	-2.8%	-6.0%	5.9%	-24.1%	15.7%	-8.9%	92.0%	170.6%	1.4%

4. Deaths by road user, age-group and gender

Table 4.1 By road user

<i>12 months end March</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Passenger</i>	<i>Pedestrian</i>	<i>Motorcyclist ^a</i>	<i>Pedal cyclist ^a</i>	<i>Total ^b</i>
2021	547	180	126	217	38	1,112
2022	542	184	134	229	40	1,137
2023	549	191	157	246	40	1,190
2024	578	210	176	258	31	1,269
2025	585	199	167	272	44	1,284
Latest per cent change	1.2%	-5.2%	-5.1%	5.4%	41.9%	1.2%
Average trend change per year	2.0%	3.4%	8.7%	5.9%	0.4%	4.1%

Table 4.2 By age-group (years)

<i>12 months end March</i>	<i>0 to 7</i>	<i>8 to 16</i>	<i>17 to 25</i>	<i>26 to 39</i>	<i>40 to 64</i>	<i>65 to 74</i>	<i>≥ 75</i>	<i>Total ^b</i>
2021	21	39	205	293	343	86	120	1,112
2022	18	43	223	236	355	115	143	1,137
2023	17	49	225	264	365	118	151	1,190
2024	16	48	242	291	392	134	145	1,269
2025	16	40	218	272	396	151	184	1,284
Latest per cent change	0.0%	-16.7%	-9.9%	-6.5%	1.0%	12.7%	26.9%	1.2%
Average trend change per year	-6.4%	1.6%	2.1%	0.6%	3.9%	13.6%	9.1%	4.1%

Table 4.3 By gender

<i>12 months end March</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total ^c</i>
2021	814	294	1,112
2022	854	282	1,137
2023	874	315	1,190
2024	971	298	1,269
2025	968	309	1,284
Latest per cent change	-0.3%	3.7%	1.2%
Average trend change per year	4.9%	1.6%	4.1%

a Includes pillion passengers.

b Includes deaths of persons with either age or road user type not recorded.

c Includes deaths of persons where gender is not recorded or is unspecified.

5. Fatal crashes: counts and characteristics

Table 5.1 By crash type

12 months end March	Crash type ^a		Total ^b
	Single	Multiple	
2021	570	450	1,020
2022	630	427	1,057
2023	648	458	1,108
2024	650	505	1,159
2025	616	551	1,183
Latest per cent change	-5.2%	9.1%	2.1%
Average trend change per year	1.9%	5.9%	4.0%

Table 5.2 By posted speed limit

12 months end March	Posted speed limit (km/h)						Total ^b
	≤ 40	50	60 to 75	80 to 90	100	≥ 110	
2021	14	116	236	191	338	115	1,020
2022	20	129	253	156	345	142	1,057
2023	27	115	305	186	322	148	1,108
2024	32	159	280	206	344	132	1,159
2025	28	129	296	192	337	129	1,183
Latest per cent change	-12.5%	-18.9%	5.7%	-6.8%	-2.0%	-2.3%	2.1%
Average trend change per year	20.4%	4.3%	5.7%	2.9%	-0.1%	1.6%	4.0%

Table 5.3 By day of week

12 months end March	Day of week ^c		Total ^b
	Weekday	Weekend	
2021	590	430	1,020
2022	665	392	1,057
2023	713	395	1,108
2024	794	365	1,159
2025	806	377	1,183
Latest per cent change	1.5%	3.3%	2.1%
Average trend change per year	8.3%	-3.3%	4.0%

Table 5.4 By time of day

12 months end March	Time of day ^d		Total ^b
	Day	Night	
2021	623	397	1,020
2022	639	418	1,057
2023	670	438	1,108
2024	689	470	1,159
2025	697	486	1,183
Latest per cent change	1.2%	3.4%	2.1%
Average trend change per year	3.0%	5.4%	4.0%

a 'Single' and 'Multiple' refer to the number of vehicles involved in a fatal crash.

b Includes unknown or not specified.

c 'Weekday' refers to 6am Monday through to 5:59pm Friday.

d 'Day' refers to 6am through to 5:59 pm.

Appendix

Definition

The road safety agencies in each jurisdiction use detailed criteria to define road crashes and road deaths. Briefly, a death is classified as resulting from a road crash if the crash occurred on a public road, is unintentional and the death occurred within 30 days from injuries sustained in the crash.

Fatality rates

Fatality rates per population are based on road deaths over the last 12-months, and the population at the midpoint of that period. Population estimates are sourced from ABS' National, state and territory population statistics. The midpoint population is interpolated if necessary.

Average trend change (% per year)

Designed to provide a one-number summary of growth rates over recent time periods. Calculated by fitting an exponential curve through the data points, and quoting the constant (annual) change of this curve.

Smooth trend lines

These trend lines are designed to track medium-term trends and turning points in the raw data. Whittaker-Henderson smoothers have been used with value of 80 for the smoothing parameter. The application R (package pracma) can be used for such trend lines. Error bounds are 90% (approximately) around the monthly data.

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- Department for Infrastructure and Transport, SA
- Western Australia Police
- Department of State Growth, Tasmania
- Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, NT
- Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, ACT
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (National, state and territory population)

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