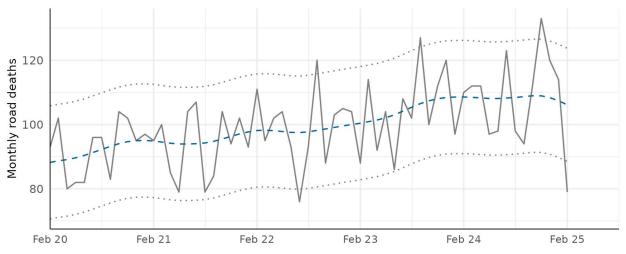
# Road Deaths Australia - February 2025

### This month's key figures

- There was a total of 79 road deaths during the month of February 2025. The current figure is 20.5% lower than the average for February over the previous 5 years (2020 2024).
- During the 12 months ended February 2025, there were 1,292 road deaths. This is an increase of 1.6% from the 12-month period ending February 2024.
- Presently, the rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population stands at 4.7. This is a 0.3% decrease compared to the rate for the 12-month period ending February 2024.

# 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.

### Monthly fatalities over the last 5 years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	82	93	102	80	82	82	96	96	83	104	102	95	1,097
2021	97	95	100	85	79	104	107	79	84	104	94	102	1,130
2022	93	111	95	102	104	93	76	93	120	88	103	105	1,183
2023	104	88	114	92	104	86	108	102	127	100	112	120	1,257
2024	97	110	112	112	97	98	123	98	94	112	133	120	1,306
2025	114	79								•	•	•	193

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

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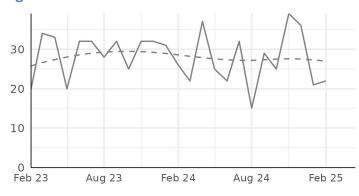


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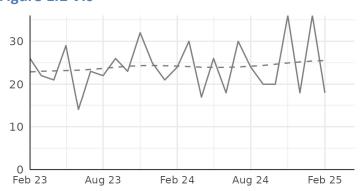


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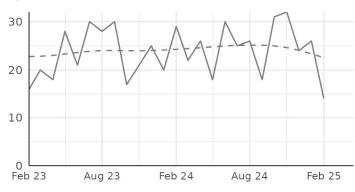


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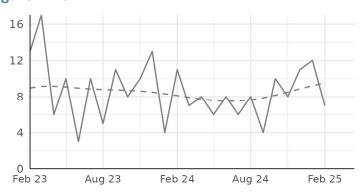


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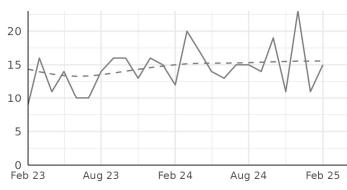


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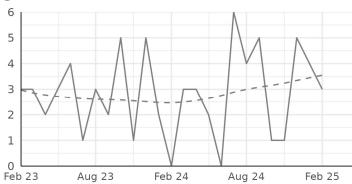


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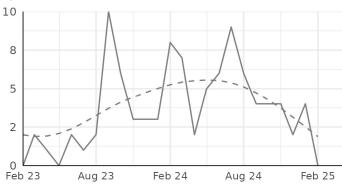
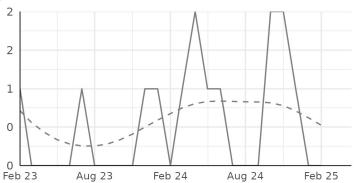


Figure 1.8 ACT



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

### Table 2.1 Current month

Current Month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
February 2024	26	24	29	11	12	0	8	0	110
February 2025	22	18	14	7	15	3	0	0	79
Latest per cent change	-15.4%	-25.0%	-51.7%	-36.4%	25.0%	-	-100.0%	0.0%	-28.2%

### Table 2.2 Calendar year to date

Year to date	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
January to February 2024	57	45	49	15	27	2	11	1	207
January to February 2025	43	54	40	19	26	7	4	0	193
Latest per cent change	-24.6%	20.0%	-18.4%	26.7%	-3.7%	250.0%	-63.6%	-100.0%	-6.8%

# Table 2.3 12 months ended February

12 months end February	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2021	281	205	301	94	165	29	29	10	1,114
2022	279	243	284	94	150	39	42	11	1,142
2023	267	251	279	83	180	51	43	17	1,171
2024	357	282	287	108	163	31	41	3	1,272
2025	325	293	292	95	187	37	53	10	1,292
Latest per cent change	-9.0%	3.9%	1.7%	-12.0%	14.7%	19.4%	29.3%	233.3%	1.6%
Average trend change per year	5.5%	9.0%	-0.5%	1.6%	3.4%	2.6%	12.5%	-12.2%	4.1%

# 3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

### Table 3.1 12 months ended February

12 months end February	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2021	3.5	3.1	5.8	5.2	6.1	5.2	11.7	2.2	4.3
2022	3.4	3.7	5.4	5.2	5.4	6.9	16.9	2.4	4.4
2023	3.3	3.8	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.9	17.2	3.7	4.5
2024	4.3	4.1	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.4	16.2	0.6	4.8
2025	3.8	4.2	5.2	5.1	6.3	6.4	20.7	2.1	4.7
Latest per cent change	-10.4%	1.6%	-0.4%	-13.1%	11.8%	19.1%	28.3%	228.2%	-0.3%
Average trend change per year	4.2%	7.3%	-2.5%	0.3%	1.0%	1.9%	11.6%	-13.5%	2.5%

# Table 3.2 Calendar year period

Calendar year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
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	-2.0%	-6.0%	6.2%	-23.3%	15.7%	-8.8%	92.0%	170.5%	1.8%

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

Table 4.1 By road user

12 months end February	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	Motorcyclist <sup>a</sup>	Pedal cyclist <sup>a</sup>	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	546	180	128	214	41	1,114
2022	545	188	128	235	39	1,142
2023	545	189	154	236	39	1,171
2024	588	213	169	258	29	1,272
2025	591	194	173	275	44	1,292
Latest per cent change	0.5%	-8.9%	2.4%	6.6%	51.7%	1.6%
Average trend change per year	2.4%	2.8%	9.2%	6.1%	-1.5%	4.1%

# Table 4.2 By age-group (years)

12 months end February	0 to 7	8 to 16	17 to 25	26 to 39	40 to 64	65 to 74	≥ <b>75</b>	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	22	39	215	292	337	83	121	1,114
2022	20	43	224	225	363	116	147	1,142
2023	14	46	218	271	358	118	145	1,171
2024	17	51	242	290	385	136	150	1,272
2025	16	41	229	262	408	143	188	1,292
Latest per cent change	-5.9%	-19.6%	-5.4%	-9.7%	6.0%	5.1%	25.3%	1.6%
Average trend change per year	-7.7%	2.7%	2.1%	0.4%	4.5%	13.3%	9.4%	4.1%

# Table 4.3 By gender

12 months end February	Male	Female	Total <sup>c</sup>
2021	811	299	1,114
2022	859	282	1,142
2023	859	311	1,171
2024	970	302	1,272
2025	975	312	1,292
Latest per cent change	0.5%	3.3%	1.6%
Average trend change per year	5.0%	1.5%	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

Crash type a

12 months end February	Single	Multiple	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	584	439	1,023
2022	624	438	1,062
2023	641	449	1,092
2024	642	516	1,162
2025	637	552	1,190
Latest per cent change	-0.8%	7.0%	2.4%
Average trend change per year	2.0%	6.4%	4.0%

Table 5.2 By posted speed limit

Posted speed limit (km/h)

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12 months end February	≤ 40	50	60 to 75	80 to 90	100	≥ 110	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	15	121	238	191	333	117	1,023
2022	20	128	249	161	349	142	1,062
2023	22	114	305	171	332	142	1,092
2024	34	156	282	213	336	136	1,162
2025	29	129	300	199	349	133	1,190
Latest per cent change	-14.7%	-17.3%	6.4%	-6.6%	3.9%	-2.2%	2.4%
Average trend change per year	20.3%	3.3%	6.1%	3.7%	0.6%	2.2%	4.0%

Table 5.3 By day of week

Day of week <sup>c</sup>

12 months end February	Weekday	Weekend	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	593	430	1,023
2022	661	401	1,062
2023	694	398	1,092
2024	796	366	1,162
2025	815	375	1,190
Latest per cent change	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%
Average trend change per year	8.6%	-3.6%	4.0%

Table 5.4 By time of day

Time of day d

12 months end February	Time of day		
	Day	Night	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	618	405	1,023
2022	657	405	1,062
2023	647	445	1,092
2024	713	449	1,162
2025	749	441	1,190
Latest per cent change	5.0%	-1.8%	2.4%
Average trend change per year	4.8%	2.8%	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.

#### Other sources for the tables in this bulletin

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### **Data sources**

Data are obtained from:

- Transport for NSW
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- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- 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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