



Road deaths in crashes involving heavy vehicles

Quarterly bulletin: July to September 2025

This quarter's key figures

- There was a total of 51 road deaths involving heavy vehicles during the quarter ending September 2025. The current figure is 4.1% higher than the average for the September quarter over the previous 5 years (2020-2024).
- During the 12 months ending September 2025, there were 210 road deaths which involved a heavy vehicle. This is a 14.8% increase compared to the 12-month period ending September 2024.
 - 99 people died in crashes involving heavy rigid trucks, a 28.6% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
 - 109 people died in crashes involving articulated trucks, a 21.1% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
 - 19 people died in crashes involving buses, a 13.6% decrease compared to the previous 12-month period.

Figure 1 Quarterly and annual heavy vehicle involved road deaths over last five years, national

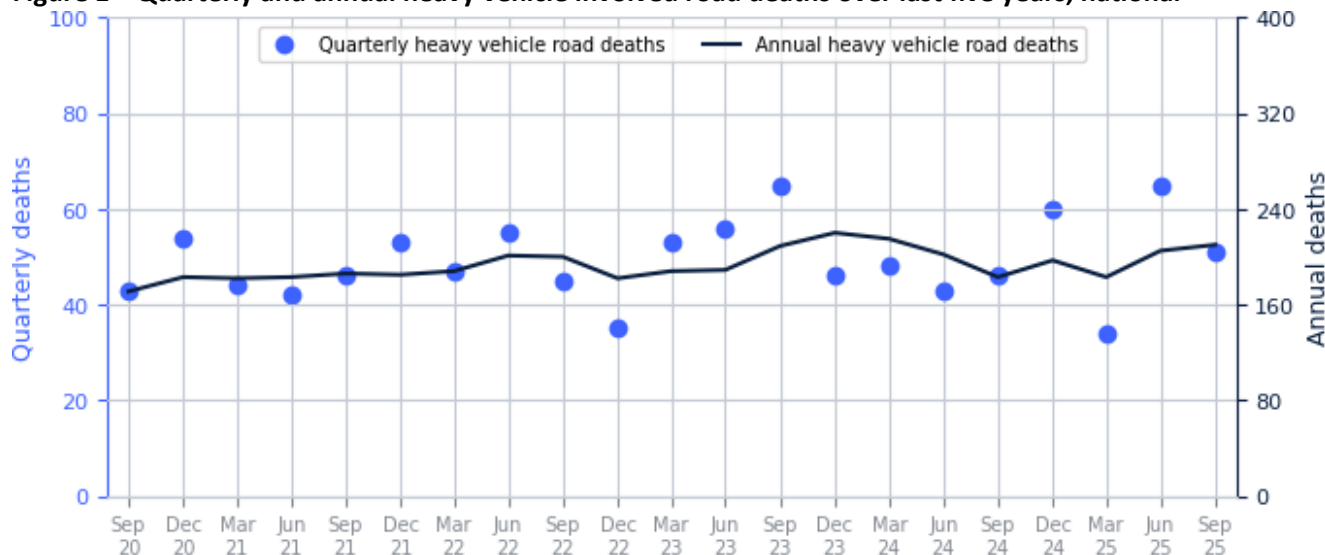


Table 1 Quarterly road deaths involving heavy vehicles over the last 5 years

Year	March quarter	June quarter	September quarter	December quarter	Total
2020	45	41	43	54	183
2021	44	42	46	53	185
2022	47	55	45	35	182
2023	53	56	65	46	220
2024	48	43	46	60	197
2025	34	65	51	–	150

1. Heavy vehicle involved deaths by type of vehicle – 5 years

Figure 2 Quarterly and annual heavy rigid truck involved road deaths over last five years, national

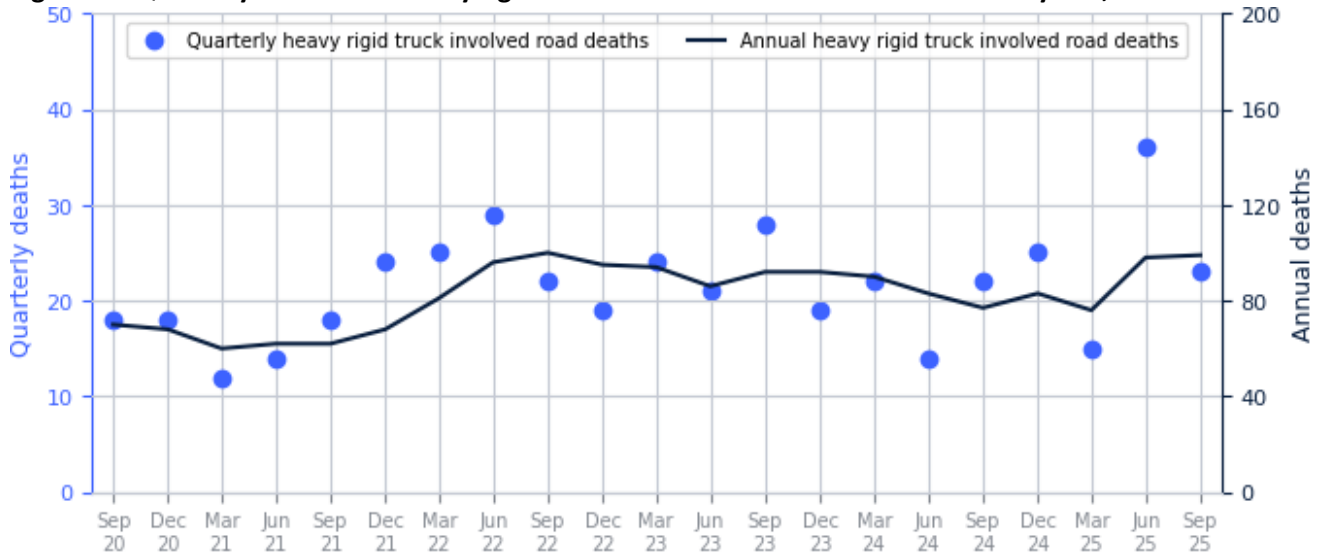


Figure 3 Quarterly and annual articulated truck involved road deaths over last five years, national

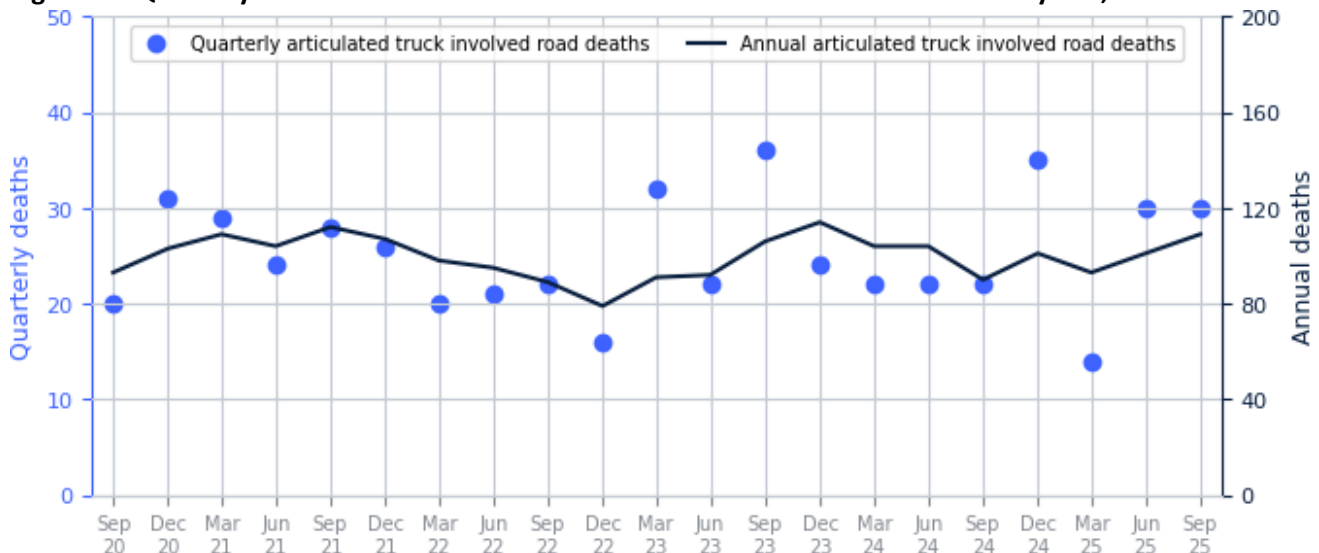
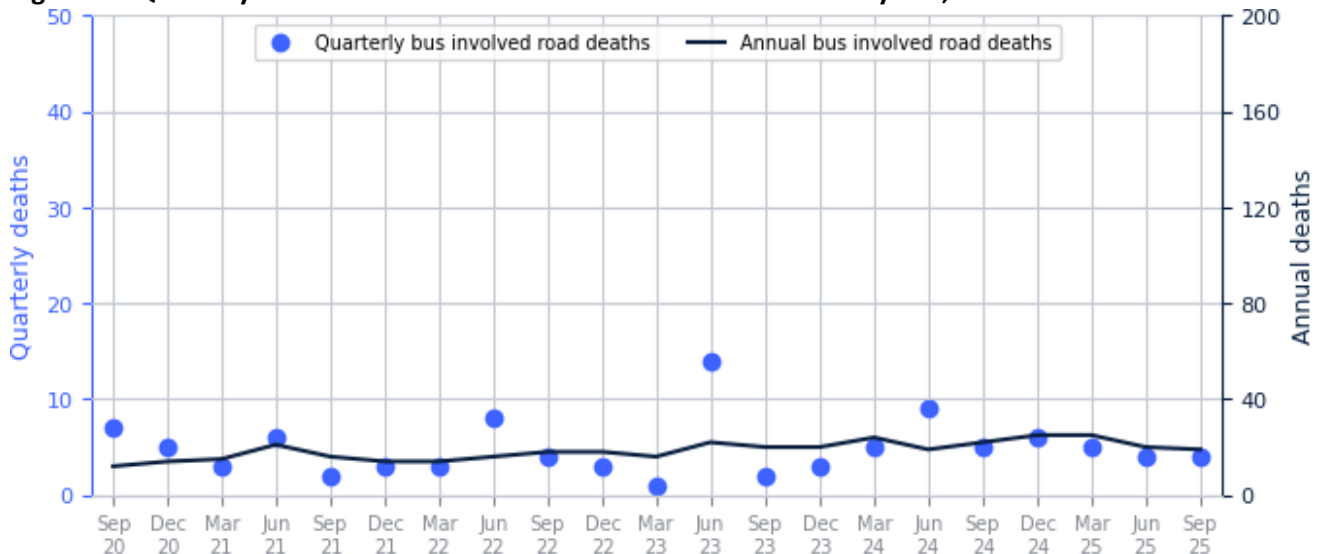


Figure 4 Quarterly and annual bus involved road deaths over last five years, national



2. Heavy vehicle involvement: Annual deaths and fatal crashes

Table 2.1 Deaths by type of vehicle involved

12 months ending September	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	186	944	1,130
2022	200	986	1,186
2023	209	992	1,215
2024	183	1,081	1,264
2025	210	1,117	1,355
Latest per cent change	14.8%	3.3%	7.2%

Totals may include unknown values

Table 2.2 Fatal crashes by type of vehicle involved

12 months ending September	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	170	877	1,047
2022	183	929	1,112
2023	174	929	1,117
2024	162	988	1,150
2025	193	1,038	1,258
Latest per cent change	19.1%	5.1%	9.4%

Totals may include unknown values

3. Deaths by jurisdiction: Any heavy vehicle involved

Table 3.1 Current quarter

Current quarter	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Sep 2024	7	8	16	3	5	4	3	0	46
Sep 2025	18	9	11	2	7	4	0	0	51

Table 3.2 Calendar year to date

Year to date	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Jan to Sep 2024	38	19	40	12	19	5	4	0	137
Jan to Sep 2025	48	25	31	11	27	7	1	0	150
Latest per cent change	26.3%	31.6%	-22.5%	-8.3%	42.1%	40.0%	-75.0%	0.0%	9.5%

Table 3.3 12 months ending September

12 months ending September	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	46	33	59	15	26	5	2	0	186
2022	57	42	57	7	24	5	8	0	200
2023	64	44	54	11	22	5	9	0	209
2024	53	34	45	17	25	5	4	0	183
2025	66	37	47	15	35	8	2	0	210
Latest per cent change	24.5%	8.8%	4.4%	-11.8%	40.0%	60.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	14.8%

4. Latest four quarters: By type of heavy vehicle involved

Table 4 Deaths over latest four quarters

Latest four quarters	Heavy rigid truck involved	Articulated truck involved	Bus involved
Dec 2024	25	35	6
Mar 2025	15	14	5
Jun 2025	36	30	4
Sep 2025	23	30	4

Figures may sum to more than the total as some deaths may have involved more than one type of heavy vehicle

5. Deaths by jurisdiction: By type of heavy vehicle involved

Table 5.1 Deaths by heavy rigid truck involvement

12 months ending September	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	22	13	10	4	9	3	1	0	62
2022	30	25	21	2	16	5	1	0	100
2023	20	18	29	3	16	5	1	0	92
2024	20	14	14	4	20	5	0	0	77
2025	23	18	18	3	27	8	2	0	99
Latest per cent change	15.0%	28.6%	28.6%	-25.0%	35.0%	60.0%	–	0.0%	28.6%

Table 5.2 Deaths by articulated truck involvement

12 months ending September	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	22	19	46	7	14	3	1	0	112
2022	21	19	32	5	7	0	5	0	89
2023	30	26	29	6	6	2	7	0	106
2024	31	20	22	10	3	2	2	0	90
2025	34	22	29	11	6	6	1	0	109
Latest per cent change	9.7%	10.0%	31.8%	10.0%	100.0%	200.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	21.1%

Table 5.3 Deaths by bus involvement

12 months ending September	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	3	2	4	4	3	0	0	0	16
2022	8	1	4	0	3	0	2	0	18
2023	16	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	20
2024	5	0	9	3	3	0	2	0	22
2025	13	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	19
Latest per cent change	160.0%	–	-77.8%	-66.7%	-33.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-13.6%

Appendix

Road deaths from recent months are preliminary and subject to revision.

Road death

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.

Heavy rigid truck

A motor vehicle of GVM greater than 4.5 tonnes constructed with a load carrying area. Includes a rigid truck with a tow bar, draw bar or other non-articulated coupling on the rear of the vehicle.

Articulated truck

A motor vehicle primarily for load carrying, consisting of a prime mover that has no significant load carrying area but with a turntable device which can be linked to one or more trailers.

Bus

A motor vehicle constructed for the carriage of passengers which has at least 10 seats, including the driver's seat.

Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)

Tare weight (i.e. unladen weight) of the motor vehicle plus its maximum carrying capacity excluding trailers.

Other sources for tables in this bulletin

The underlying database used to produce this bulletin — the Australian Road Deaths Database — is available for data extraction at <https://catalogue.data.infrastructure.gov.au/dataset/australian-road-deaths-database>

Data sources

Data are obtained from:

- Transport for NSW
- Department of Transport, Victoria
- 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
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