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At a glance

This report presents summaries of road deaths and road death rates for Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations and Australian states and territories. The rates allow for a comparison of Australia's road safety performance with that of other OECD nations by accounting for the differing levels of population, motorisation and distances travelled.

In terms of annual deaths per 100,000 population in 2009 :

- Australia's rate of 6.80 was the 16th lowest rate out of the 27 nations with available data;
- the nations with the three lowest rates were
 - The United Kingdom 3.78
 - Sweden 3.87
 - The Netherlands 3.91.

In terms of annual deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles in 2009 :

- Australia's rate of 0.95 was the 7th lowest rate out of the 13 nations with available data;
- the nations with the three lowest rates were
 - Sweden 0.66
 - The United Kingdom 0.68
 - Japan 0.70.

In terms of annual deaths per 100 million vehicle-kilometres travelled, the latest data is for 2008. For this year :

- Australia's rate of 0.64 was 5th lowest rate out of 15 nations;
- the nations with the three lowest rates in 2008 were
 - Iceland 0.39
 - Sweden 0.51
 - Switzerland 0.56.

Within Australia:

- Rate per 100,000 population (in 2009):
 - The lowest rate was achieved in the ACT, with 3.41. The highest rate was in the Northern Territory at 13.72;
- Rate per 10,000 registered vehicles (in 2009):
 - The ACT had the lowest rate with 0.49. The highest was in the Northern Territory at 2.41;
- Rate per 100 million vehicle-kilometres travelled (in 2008):
 - The ACT had the lowest rate with 0.39. The highest was in the Northern Territory at 3.79.

Data definitions and sources

International data

The International Road Traffic Accident Database (IRTAD) is the main source for data presented in this report. IRTAD is maintained by the Joint Transport Research Centre (JRTC) of the OECD and the International Transport Forum. Each year member nations supply the JRTC with their most recent data, which may include revisions to historical data. The information provided in this document is subject to revision with each successive report in the series. Further information on IRTAD is available at <http://internationaltransportforum.org/irtad/index.html>

Most nations that supply road crash data to IRTAD comply with the definition of a road crash death given by the the Convention of Road Traffic (Vienna, 1968), which is:

“Any person who was killed outright or who died within 30 days as a result of the accident.”

Since 2005, among the nations covered in this report, only Portugal has not applied the above definition. Nations that do not comply, or did not comply in earlier years, have had correction factors applied to their death figures by IRTAD to ensure consistency within the ongoing database.

In a small number of cases, where recent data were not available from IRTAD, data were extracted from the country’s relevant government website or from OECD *Country Profiles*.

Australian data

Australian state and territory road death data were extracted from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport’s online *Australian Road Deaths Database* available at .
<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/road_fatality_statistics/fatal_road_crash_database.aspx>

Population information was obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ (ABS) publication *Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)*. Registered vehicle information was obtained from the ABS publication *Motor Vehicle Census (9309.0)*. Vehicle kilometres travelled information was obtained from the ABS publication *Survey of Motor Vehicle Use (9208.0)*, and BITRE estimates. ABS publications are available at < www.abs.gov.au >

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I.1 Road deaths per Population

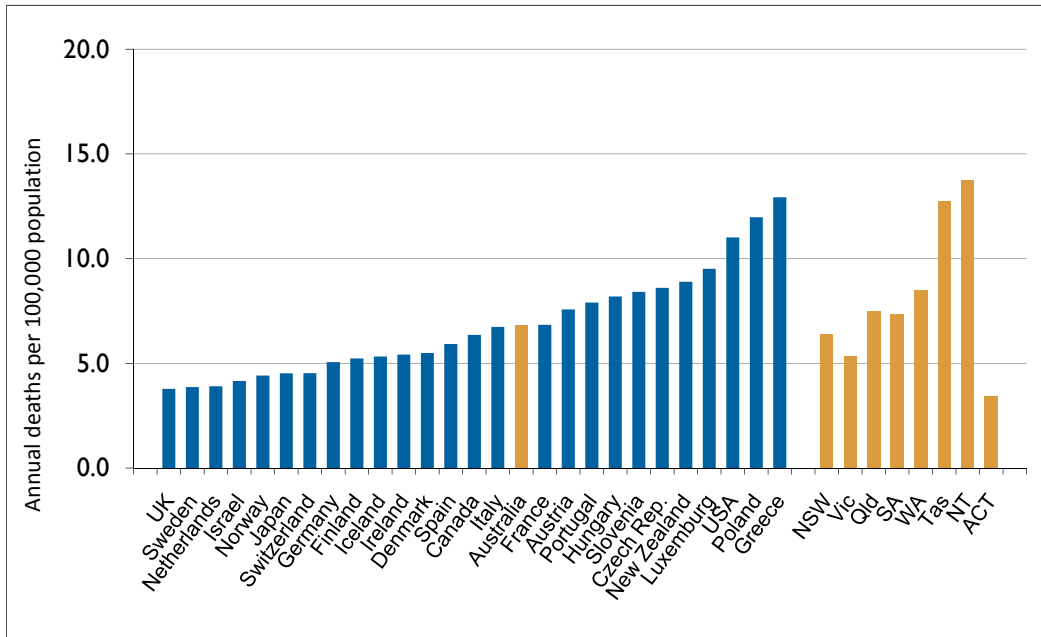
The number of road deaths per population is a measure of the public health risk associated with road trauma.

OECD nations, 2009

T 1: Road deaths per 100,000 population—OECD nations and Australian states/territories

Nation	Road deaths	Population (000s)	Deaths per 100,000 population 2009
UK	2,337	61,792	3.78
Sweden	358	9,256	3.87
Netherlands	644	16,487	3.91
Israel	314	7,552	4.16
Norway	212	4,799	4.42
Japan	5,772	127,510	4.53
Switzerland	349	7,702	4.53
Germany	4,152	82,002	5.06
Finland	279	5,326	5.24
Iceland	17	319	5.33
Ireland	241	4,450	5.42
Denmark	303	5,511	5.50
Spain	2,714	45,828	5.92
Canada	2,130	33,508	6.36
OECD Median	–	–	6.36
Italy	4,050	60,045	6.74
Australia	1,492	21,955	6.80
France	4,273	62,469	6.84
Austria	633	8,355	7.58
Portugal	840	10,627	7.90
Hungary	822	10,031	8.19
Slovenia	171	2,032	8.42
Czech Rep.	901	10,468	8.61
New Zealand	384	4,316	8.90
Luxemburg	47	494	9.51
USA	33,808	307,007	11.01
Poland	4,572	38,167	11.98
Greece	1,456	11,260	12.93
NSW	455	7,134	6.38
Vic	290	5,443	5.33
Qld	331	4,425	7.48
SA	119	1,624	7.33
WA	190	2,245	8.77
Tas	64	503	12.72
NT	31	226	13.72
ACT	12	352	3.41

F I: Road deaths per 100,000 population for OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 2009

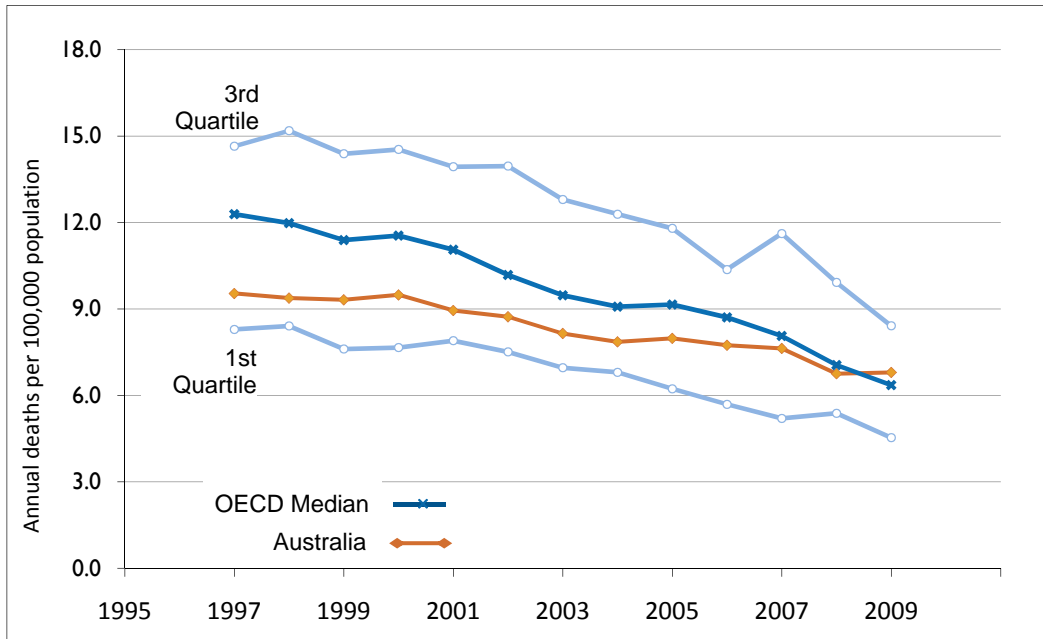


OECD nations, 1990 to 2009

T 2: Annual Road deaths per 100,000 population—OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 1990 and 1997 to 2009

Nation	1990	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
UK	9.4	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.3	3.8
Sweden	9.1	6.1	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.3	3.9
Netherlands	9.2	7.5	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.2	6.1	6.4	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9
Israel	8.7	8.8	8.9	7.5	7.1	8.2	7.8	6.6	6.8	6.3	5.7	5.3	5.6	4.2
Norway	7.8	6.9	8.0	6.8	7.6	6.1	6.9	6.2	5.6	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.4	4.4
Japan	11.8	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.5	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.2	4.7	4.5
Switzerland	13.9	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.3	7.6	7.1	7.5	6.9	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.5
Germany	14.0	10.4	9.5	9.5	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.5	5.1
Finland	13.1	8.5	7.8	8.4	7.7	8.4	8.0	7.3	7.2	7.2	6.4	7.2	6.5	5.2
Iceland	9.5	5.6	9.9	7.6	11.5	8.5	10.1	8.0	7.9	6.5	10.3	4.9	3.8	5.3
Ireland	13.6	12.9	12.4	11.0	11.0	10.7	9.6	8.4	8.8	9.7	8.6	7.8	6.3	5.4
Denmark	12.4	9.3	9.4	9.7	9.3	8.1	8.6	8.0	6.8	6.1	5.6	7.5	7.4	5.5
Spain	23.2	14.3	15.1	14.5	14.5	13.8	12.9	12.8	11.0	10.2	9.3	8.6	6.9	5.9
Canada	14.9	10.3	9.6	9.8	9.4	8.9	9.3	8.8	8.6	9.0	9.1	8.4	7.2	6.4
Italy	12.4	11.7	11.9	11.8	12.4	12.5	12.3	11.5	10.6	10.0	9.7	8.7	7.9	6.7
Australia	13.7	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.0	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.6	6.8	6.8
France	19.8	14.4	15.2	14.4	13.6	13.8	12.9	10.2	9.3	8.8	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.8
Austria	20.3	13.9	12.1	13.5	12.2	11.9	11.8	11.5	10.7	9.3	8.8	8.3	8.2	7.6
Portugal	28.3	23.4	22.4	21.0	18.1	16.2	16.1	14.8	12.3	11.8	9.6	9.6	8.7	7.9
Hungary	23.4	13.7	13.5	12.9	12.0	12.2	14.0	13.1	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.2	9.9	8.2
Slovenia	25.9	18.0	15.6	16.9	15.8	13.9	13.5	12.1	13.7	12.9	13.1	14.5	10.4	8.4
Czech Rep.	12.5	15.5	13.2	14.1	14.5	13.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	12.6	10.4	11.9	10.4	8.6
NZ	21.4	14.4	13.2	13.4	12.1	11.8	10.3	11.5	10.7	9.9	9.5	10.0	8.6	8.9
Luxemburg	18.8	14.4	13.4	13.5	17.5	15.7	14.0	11.8	11.0	10.2	7.7	9.0	7.2	9.5
USA	17.9	15.7	15.4	15.3	15.3	14.8	14.9	14.8	14.6	14.7	14.3	13.7	12.3	11.0
Poland	19.2	18.9	18.3	17.4	16.3	14.3	15.3	14.8	15.0	14.3	13.8	14.7	14.3	12.0
Greece	20.2	20.1	20.8	20.1	18.7	17.2	14.9	14.6	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.4	13.9	12.9
Belgium	19.9	13.4	14.7	13.7	14.4	14.5	13.1	11.7	11.2	10.4	10.2	10.1	8.9	na
Slovakia	-	14.7	15.2	12.0	11.6	11.4	11.3	12.0	11.2	10.4	10.7	11.6	11.2	na
Korea	33.1	29.0	22.5	23.1	21.8	17.1	15.2	15.1	13.7	13.2	13.1	12.7	12.1	na
Mexico	6.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.0	na
Turkey	11.2	8.1	7.6	6.9	5.8	4.3	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.8	5.7	na
NSW	13.7	9.2	8.8	9.0	9.3	8.0	8.5	8.1	7.6	7.5	7.3	6.3	5.3	6.4
Vic	12.5	8.2	8.4	8.2	8.6	9.2	8.2	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.3
Qld	13.8	10.6	8.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.6	7.6	7.5
SA	15.8	10.0	11.3	10.1	11.0	10.1	10.1	10.3	9.0	9.5	7.5	7.8	6.2	7.3
WA	12.2	11.0	12.2	11.8	11.3	8.7	9.3	9.2	9.0	8.1	9.9	11.1	9.6	8.8
Tas	15.4	6.8	10.2	11.2	9.1	12.9	7.8	8.6	12.0	10.5	11.2	9.1	7.8	12.7
NT	41.5	32.1	36.3	25.4	26.1	25.3	27.6	26.5	17.3	26.7	19.9	27.0	34.0	13.7
ACT	9.2	5.5	7.1	6.1	5.7	5.0	3.1	3.4	2.7	7.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.4

F 2: Road deaths per 100,000 population for Australia and OECD quartiles, 1997 to 2009



Between 1997 and 2009 the public risk of fatality associated with road use in Australia declined significantly. In 1997, Australia-wide there were 9.4 road deaths per 100,000 people. In 2009 this rate had fallen to 6.8 deaths, a drop of 29 per cent. Over the same period, the OECD median fell by 45 per cent.

I.2 Road deaths per registered vehicle

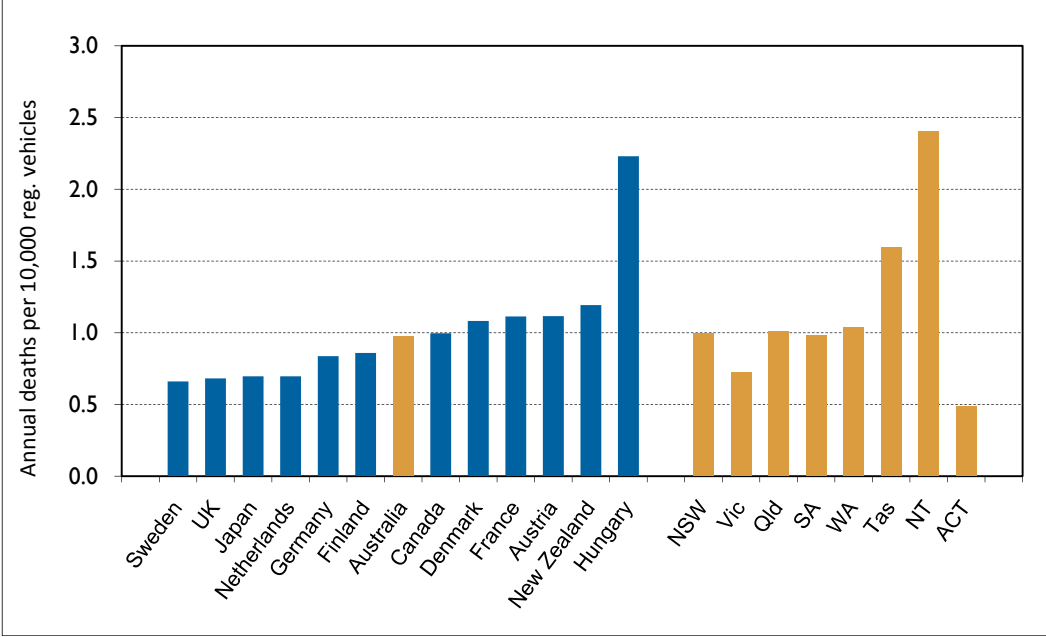
The number of deaths per registered vehicle is a means of comparing road deaths among nations by taking into account their different levels of motorisation.

OECD nations, 2009

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Nation	Road deaths	Total registered vehicles (10,000s) 2009	Deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles, 2009
Sweden	358	542.0	0.66
UK	2,337	3,425.8	0.68
Japan	5,772	8,292.5	0.70
Netherlands	644	924.9	0.70
Germany	4,152	4,960.3	0.84
Finland	279	324.6	0.86
Australia	1,492	1,567	0.95
OECD Median	-	-	0.98
Canada	2,130	2,138.7	1.00
Denmark	303	279.9	1.08
France	4,273	3,838.6	1.11
Austria	633	567.5	1.12
New Zealand	384	322.0	1.19
Hungary	822	368.6	2.23
NSW	455	456.7	1.00
Vic	290	401.0	0.72
Qld	331	328.3	1.01
SA	119	120.9	0.98
WA	190	182.8	1.04
Tas	64	40.1	1.60
NT	31	12.9	2.41
ACT	12	24.7	0.49

F 3: Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles for OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 2009

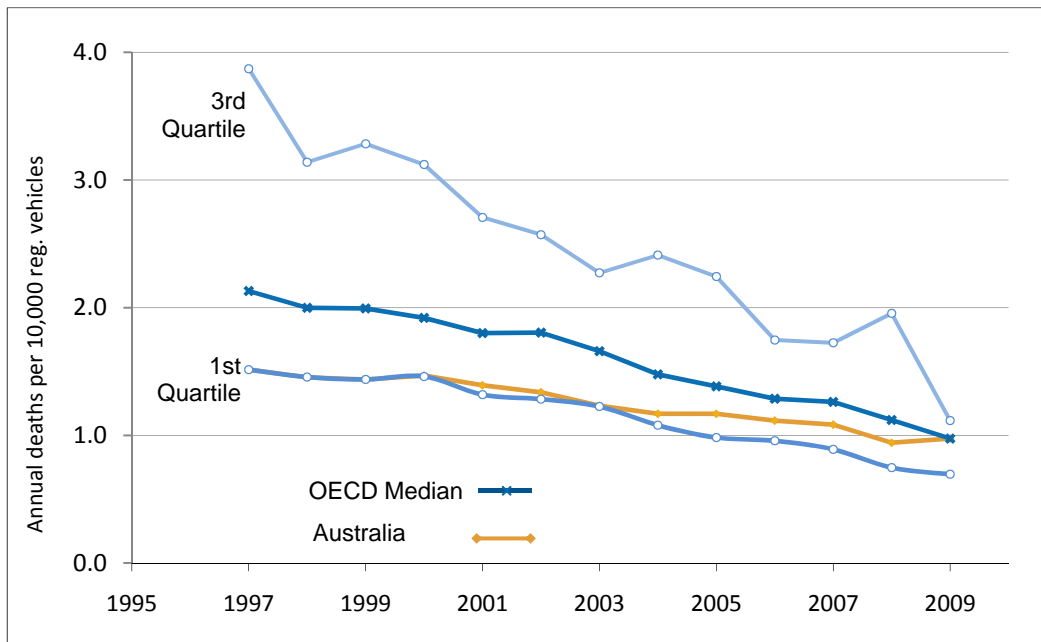


OECD nations, 1990 to 2009

T 4: Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles—OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 1990 and 1997 to 2009

Nation	1990	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Sweden	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
UK	2.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Japan	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Netherlands	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Germany	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Finland	2.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9
Australia	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0
Canada	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0
Denmark	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.1
France	4.2	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Austria	4.2	2.4	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
NZ	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2
Hungary	11.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.5	2.7	2.2
Iceland	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.6	0.5	-
Switzerland	2.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	-
Norway	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	-
Luxemburg	3.3	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.8	-
Spain	5.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	-
Ireland	4.5	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1	-
Belgium	4.3	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.1	-
Portugal	12.1	5.6	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.4	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	-
Slovenia	6.9	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.7	-
Czech Rep.	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.0	-
Greece	7.4	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.0	-
Poland	8.1	5.9	5.6	5.1	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.5	-
Korea	28.9	9.9	7.1	7.2	6.9	5.1	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	2.9	-
USA	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	-	-
Italy	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4	-	-	1.1	-	-
Slovakia	-	5.1	5.3	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
NSW	2.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.0
Vic	2.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Qld	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
SA	2.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.0
WA	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.0
Tas	2.4	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.6
NT	8.6	6.1	6.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.1	3.3	5.0	4.0	4.9	6.1	2.4
ACT	1.6	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5

F 4: Deaths per registered vehicle—Australia, selected countries and OECD median, 1997 to 2009



Road deaths in Australia, relative to vehicle ownership, declined significantly between 1997 and 2009. In 1997 there were 1.51 deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles, while in 2009 it had decreased to 0.98 deaths. This is a drop of 36 per cent. The median rate for OECD nations also declined significantly. In 1997 it was 2.13, and in 2009 it had dropped by 54 per cent to 0.98.

I.3 Road deaths per vehicle kilometres travelled

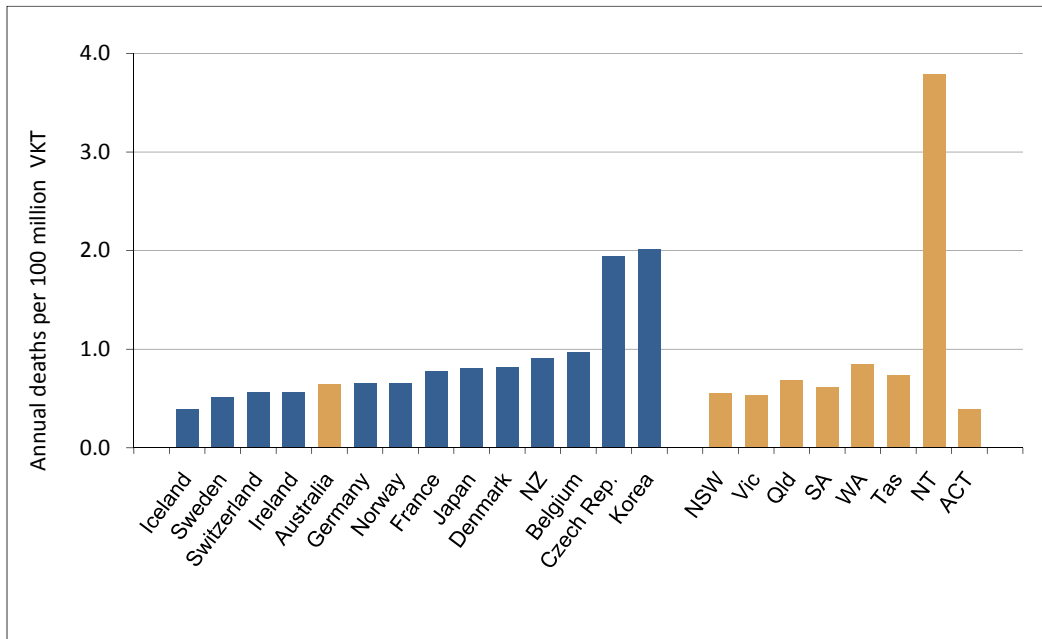
The number of road deaths per vehicle kilometres travelled is a risk measure which takes account of the amount of actual vehicle travel.

OECD nations, 2008

T 5: Road deaths per 100 million kilometres travelled (VKT) — available data for OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 2008

Nation	Road deaths	Total VKT (hundred million)	Deaths per hundred million VKTs, 2008	Deaths per hundred million VKTs, 2009
Iceland	12	31.0	0.39	
Sweden	397	771.7	0.51	
Switzerland	357	638.5	0.56	
Ireland	279	492.5	0.57	
Australia	1,441	2,246.6	0.64	0.67
Germany	4,477	6,901.0	0.65	
Norway	255	388.5	0.66	
Canada	2,371	3,302.2	0.72	
OECD Median	-	-	0.72	
France	4,275	5,524.0	0.77	
Japan	6,023	7,468.7	0.81	
Denmark	406	494.1	0.82	
NZ	366	401.0	0.91	
Belgium	944	977.7	0.97	
Czech Rep.	1,076	553.2	1.94	
Korea	5,870	2,915.0	2.01	
NSW	374	678.7	0.55	0.67
Vic	303	573.0	0.53	0.51
Qld	328	479.1	0.68	0.70
SA	99	162.0	0.61	0.73
WA	209	245.5	0.85	0.79
Tas	39	53.0	0.74	1.22
NT	75	19.8	3.79	1.54
ACT	14	35.6	0.39	0.33

**F 5: Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled—
OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 2008**

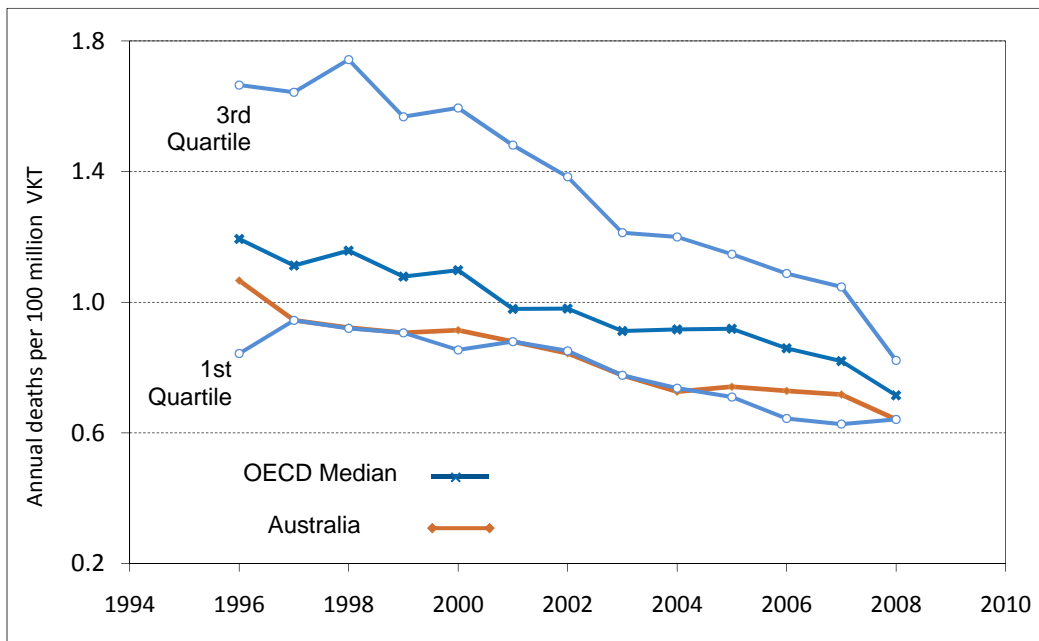


OECD nations, 1990 to 2008

**T 6: Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled —
OECD nations and Australian states/territories, 1990 and 1996 to 2008**

Country	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Iceland	1.4	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	0.5	0.4
Sweden	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Switzerland	1.9	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Ireland	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Australia	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Germany	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Norway	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
France	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Japan	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Denmark	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	-	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
NZ	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Belgium	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Czech Rep.	4.8	4.5	4.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.1	2.3	1.9
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.9	-	2.0
Austria	2.8	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	-	-
Finland	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	-
Greece	-	3.0	2.7	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	-	-
Slovakia	6.6	-	-	-	-	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	6.5	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	-
UK	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	-
USA	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	-
NSW	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Vic	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Qld	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
SA	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6
WA	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9
Tas	1.7	1.3	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7
NT	4.7	4.2	3.5	3.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.9	2.4	3.0	3.8
ACT	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4

F 6: Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled —Australia, selected countries and OECD median, 1996 to 2008



The distance-adjusted risk of road travel in Australia declined significantly between 1996 and 2008. In 1996, there were 1.2 road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled in Australia. In 2008, this had decreased to 0.7 deaths—a drop of 39 per cent. Over the same period the median rate for OECD nations also declined, from 1.4 deaths in 1995 to 0.7 deaths in 2007—a drop of 47 per cent.