

Key features

- During the 12 months to the end of March 2018, 184 people died from 163 fatal crashes involving heavy trucks. These included 101 deaths from 88 crashes involving articulated trucks, 91 deaths from 82 crashes involving heavy rigid trucks and 8 deaths from 7 crashes involving both a heavy rigid truck and an articulated truck^a.
- Fatal crashes involving heavy trucks:
 - decreased by 1.8 per cent compared with the corresponding period one year earlier (from 166 to 163 crashes)
 - decreased by an average of 1.4 per cent per year over the three years to March 2018
 - Fatal crashes involving articulated trucks:
 - decreased by 12.0 per cent compared with the corresponding period one year earlier (from 100 to 88 crashes)
 - decreased by an average of 1.7 per cent per year over the three years to March 2018
 - Fatal crashes involving heavy rigid trucks:
 - increased by 12.3 per cent compared with the corresponding period one year earlier (from 73 to 82 crashes)
 - increased by an average of 2.3 per cent per year over the three years to March 2018
- During the 12 months to March 2018, 32 people died in 27 fatal crashes involving buses.
- Fatal crashes involving buses:
 - increased by 12.5 per cent compared with the corresponding period one year earlier (from 24 to 27 crashes)
 - increased by an average of 15.0 per cent per year over the three years to March 2018

a Figures sum to more than the total because some crashes involved more than one type of heavy vehicle.

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Table IFatal crashes

	Articulated Truck	Heavy Rigid	Any heavy		Any heavy vehicle
	involved	Truck involved	truck involved	Bus involved	involved
12 Months ended					
March 2008	150	85	229	29	257
March 2009	122	79	199	20	219
March 2010	122	74	190	22	212
March 2011	121	65	176	21	196
March 2012	125	60	180	21	199
March 2013	111	83	192	17	207
March 2014	102	70	167	11	178
March 2015	94	76	170	18	186
March 2016	97	73	168	20	187
March 2017	100	73	166	24	188
March 2018	88	82	163	27	188
Ave. trend change p.a.(%	5)				
- for last 10 years	-4.3	-0.1	-2.6	-0.8	-2.5
- for last 5 years	-3.3	0.1	-2.4	14.6	-0.9
- for last 3 years	-1.7	2.3	-1.4	15.0	0.4

Table 2 Fatalities

	Articulated Truck	Heavy Rigid	Any heavy		Any heavy vehicle
	involved	Truck involved	truck involved	Bus involved	involved
12 Months ended					
March 2008	188	92	274	30	303
March 2009	136	84	218	20	238
March 2010	147	79	220	28	248
March 2011	141	76	205	23	227
March 2012	142	73	210	21	229
March 2013	134	94	226	19	243
March 2014	118	81	194	11	205
March 2015	112	86	198	22	218
March 2016	107	79	183	23	205
March 2017	114	82	185	25	208
March 2018	101	91	184	32	212
Ave. trend change p.a.(%	5)				
- for last 10 years	-4.8	0.2	-3.0	-0.1	-2.8
- for last 5 years	-4.4	-0.6	-3.5	15.7	-2.0
- for last 3 years	-2.4	2.1	-2.1	12.8	-0.7

ARTICULATED TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

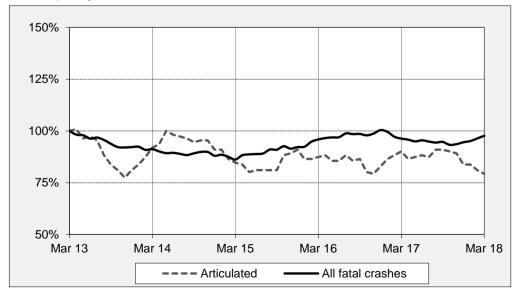
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Calendar Years									
2013	30	13	26	8	8	2	3	0	90
2014	28	25	26	10	6	4	0	2	101
2015	31	21	23	12	11	2	0	1	101
2016	22	20	23	10	9	3	4	1	92
2017	39	19	17	7	9	2	0	0	93
Quarters									
2016									
March	4	3	5	2	4	0	1	0	19
June	7	3	6	4	0	3	0	0	23
September	5	8	6	1	1	0	0	1	22
December	6	6	6	3	4	0	3	0	28
2017									
March	11	7	6	2	1	0	0	0	27
June	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	21
September	11	6	5	2	1	0	0	0	25
December	6	3	3	1	6	1	0	0	20
2018									
March	8	1	7	3	2	1	0	0	22
12 Months ended									
March 2017	29	24	24	10	6	3	3	1	100
March 2018	36	13	18	8	10	3	0	0	88
% change	24.1	-45.8	-25.0	-20.0	66.7	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	-12.0
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to 12 mths end Mar 2018	13.3	-15.4	-4.1	-7.4	-1.0	-4.5	-	-	-1.7

Table 3 Fatal crashes involving articulated trucks by State/Territory

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

Index of fatal crashes involving articulated trucks in Australia — five years ended March 2018

Each point shows the number of fatal crashes in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the corresponding number of fatal crashes in the 12 months to the end of March 2013.



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Table 4Deaths from crashes involving articulated trucks by State/Territory

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

Table 5Deaths from crashes involving articulated trucks by State/Territory
and road user — 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers ^a	25	10	16	5	6	3	0	0	65
Passengers ^a	15	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	23
Pedestrians	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Motorcyclists ^b	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
Pedal cyclists ^b	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
All road users ^c	46	13	21	8	10	3	0	0	101

a Includes drivers/passengers of light and heavy vehicles.

b Includes pillion passengers.

c Includes road users not separately specified.

Table 6Deaths from crashes involving articulated trucks by State/Territory
and crash type — 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Single vehicle crashes	5	1	5	0	10	1	0	0	22
Multiple vehicle crashes	38	11	16	6	0	2	0	0	73
Pedestrian crashes	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
All crash types	46	13	21	8	10	3	0	0	101

HEAVY RIGID TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

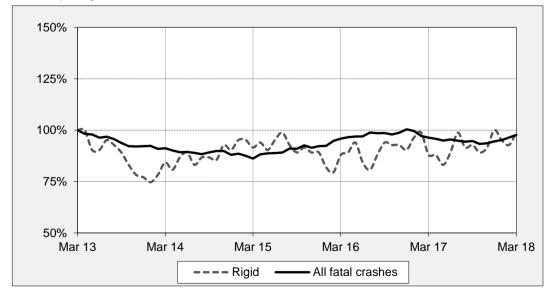
Table 7Fatal crashes involving heavy rigid trucks by Sta
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	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Calendar Years									
2013	22	12	11	4	15	0	0	0	64
2014	21	23	9	10	9	3	0	0	75
2015	22	18	16	2	10	5	1	0	74
2016	30	16	12	5	8	4	0	0	75
2017	30	19	11	5	13	5	0	0	83
Quarters									
2016									
March	10	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	20
June	8	3	2	2	1	3	0	0	19
September	6	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	19
December	6	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	17
2017									
March	8	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	18
June	7	3	6	0	3	1	0	0	20
September	9	5	2	2	3	1	0	0	22
December	6	7	1	2	5	2	0	0	23
2018									
March	7	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	17
12 Months ended									
March 2017	28	15	11	6	9	4	0	0	73
March 2018	29	16	14	5	12	6	0	0	82
% change	3.6	6.7	27.3	-16.7	33.3	50.0	-	-	12.3
Average annual % change ove	r 3 years ^a								
12 mths end Mar 2016		10.0	0.5			00.4			
to 12 mths end Mar 2018	15.8	-12.6	3.5	3.9	4.1	20.4	-	-	2.3

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

Index of fatal crashes involving heavy rigid trucks in Australia — five years ended March 2018

Each point shows the number of fatal crashes in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the corresponding number of fatal crashes in the 12 months to the end of March 2013.



HEAVY RIGID TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

Table 8	Deaths from crash	nes invo	olving he	eavy rig	id trucl	ks by St	ate/Te	rritory	
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Calendar Years									
2013	24	13	13	4	15	0	0	0	69
2014	21	29	9	15	10	3	0	0	87
2015	25	20	17	3	11	5	1	0	82
2016	32	18	13	8	8	6	0	0	85
2017	34	20	11	5	14	5	0	0	89
Quarters									
2016									
March	10	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	22
June	8	3	3	5	1	5	0	0	25
September	7	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	20
December	7	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	18
2017									
March	9	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	19
June	7	3	6	0	4	1	0	0	21
September	11	5	2	2	3	1	0	0	24
December	7	8	1	2	5	2	0	0	25
2018									
March	10	1	6	1	1	2	0	0	21
12 Months ended									
March 2017	31	15	12	9	9	6	0	0	82
March 2018	35	17	15	5	13	6	0	0	91
% change	12.9	13.3	25.0	-44.4	44.4	0.0	-	-	11.0
Average annual % change o	ver 3 vears	s ^a							
12 mths end Mar 2016		-							
to 12 mths end Mar 2018	20.9	-15.4	6.0	-6.5	4.1	25.4	-	-	2.1

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

Table 9Deaths from crashes involving heavy rigid trucks by State/Territory
and road user — 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers ^a	17	11	7	1	10	4	0	0	50
Passengers ^a	6	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	13
Pedestrians	5	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	13
Motorcyclists ^b	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	9
Pedal cyclists ^b	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	6
All road users ^c	35	17	15	5	13	6	0	0	91

a Includes drivers/passengers of light and heavy vehicles.

b Includes pillion passengers.

c Includes road users not separately specified.

Tabel 10Deaths from crashes involving heavy rigid trucks by State/Territory
and crash type — 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Single vehicle crashes	2	1	3	1	13	2	0	0	22
Multiple vehicle crashes	28	14	8	2	0	4	0	0	56
Pedestrian crashes	5	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	13
All crash types	35	17	15	5	13	6	0	0	91

BUS INVOLVEMENT

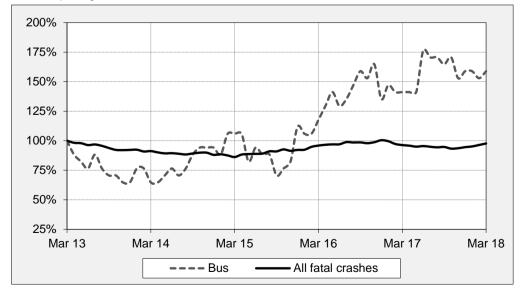
Table II Fatal crashes involving buses by State/Territory

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Calendar Years									
2013	2	3	5	0	0	0	1	0	11
2014	6	3	1	1	4	0	0	1	16
2015	5	6	2	1	2	1	1	1	19
2016	10	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	23
2017	7	6	8	0	3	1	2	0	27
Quarters									
2016									
March	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
June	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
September	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
December	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
2017									
March	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
June	4	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	12
September	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
December	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
2018									
March	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	6
12 Months ended									
March 2017	10	2	6	2	2	1	1	0	24
March 2018	8	6	5	0	5	1	2	0	27
% change	-20.0	200.0	-16.7	-100.0	150.0	0.0	100.0	-	12.5
Average annual % change of	ver 3 years ^a								
12 mths end Mar 2016 to 12 mths end Mar 2018	11.6	3.0	73.7	-	6.9	-	-	-	15.0

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

Index of fatal crashes involving buses in Australia — five years ended March 2018

Each point shows the number of fatal crashes in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the corresponding number of fatal crashes in the 12 months to the end of March 2013.



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Table 12 Deaths from crashes involving buses by State/Territory

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Calendar Years									
2013	2	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	12
2014	6	4	1	1	7	0	0	1	20
2015	5	7	2	1	2	1	3	1	22
2016	10	2	3	3	3	1	2	0	24
2017	7	9	10	0	3	1	2	0	32
Quarters									
2016									
March	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
June	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
September	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	8
December	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
2017									
March	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
June	4	4	5	0	1	1	1	0	16
September	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
December	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
2018									
March	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	6
12 Months ended									
March 2017	10	2	6	2	2	1	2	0	25
March 2018	8	9	7	0	5	1	2	0	32
% change	-20.0	350.0	16.7	-100.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	-	28.0
Average annual % change o	over 3 years	a							
12 mths end Mar 2016	-								
to 12 mths end Mar 2018	11.6	6.9	92.1	-	-	-	-	-	12.8

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

Table 13Deaths from crashes involving buses by State/Territory by road user- 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Drivers ^a	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	7
Passengers ^a	2	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	11
Pedestrians	4	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	12
Motorcyclists ^b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pedal cyclists ^b	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
All road users ^c	8	9	7	0	5	1	2	0	32

a Includes drivers/passengers of light and heavy vehicles.

b Includes pillion passengers.

c Includes road users not separately specified.

Table 14Deaths from crashes involving buses by State/Territory by crash type -- 12 months ended March 2018

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Single vehicle crashes	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	7
Multiple vehicle crashes	3	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	13
Pedestrian crashes	4	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	12
All crash types	8	9	7	0	5	1	2	0	32

APPENDIX

Glossary	<u>Note.</u> The following definitions are general explanations only. The precise definitions vary across the organisations that provide the source data. These differences may result in minor inconsistencies between jurisdictions for some variables.
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.
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.
Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)	Tare weight (i.e. unladen weight) of the motor vehicle plus its maximum carrying capacity excluding trailers.
Bus	A motor vehicle constructed for the carriage of passengers which has at least 10 seats, including the driver's seat.
Crash	Any apparently unpremeditated event reported to police, or other relevant authority, and resulting in death, injury or property damage attributable to the movement of a road vehicle on a public road.
Road Death or Fatality	A person who dies within 30 days of a crash as a result of injuries received in that crash.
Fatal crash	A crash for which there is at least one death.
Preliminary data	Data for recent months are preliminary and subject to revision.
Estimation of three year trends	In this bulletin, the figures for the 'Average annual per cent change over 3 years' are calculated by fitting an exponential trend line to the last four data points (years 0 to 3). The Excel function LOGEST performs the fit. The resulting trend line represents a constant annual percent change over the period. (Note: when fitted to a series containing small numbers, this may not be a reliable indicator of a stable trend.)
Smooth trend lines	Whittaker-Henderson smoothers are used with value of 80 for the smoothing parameter. The application R (package pracma) can be used for such trend lines.
Data Sources	The data presented here are obtained from the following sources: • Transport for New South Wales • VicRoads • Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads • Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure South Australia • Western Australian Police • Department of State Growth, Tasmania • Department of Transport, Northern Territory • Territory and Municipal Services Directorate, Australian Capital Territory An online version of the database used to produce this bulletin is available from: < http://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety/fatal_road_crash_database.aspx >
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