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# International road safety comparisons 2015

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# At a glance

This report presents tabulations 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 2015:

Australia's rate of 5.05 (up from 4.89 in 2014) was the 14<sup>th</sup> lowest rate out of the 32 nations with available data. The nations with the three lowest rates were

– Norway	2.27
– Sweden	2.66
– United Kingdom	2.77

Between 2006 and 2015, Australia's rate declined 35.3 per cent. Over the same period the OECD median fell 40.2 per cent.
- Rates per 100,000 population increased for two thirds of OECD countries in 2015 compared to 2014.
- In terms of Remoteness Area, rates per 100,000 population in 2015 increased in Major Cities, Outer Regional Australia, and Remote Australia, were unchanged in Inner Regional Australia, and decreased in Very Remote Australia.
- In terms of annual deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles in 2015:

Australia's rate of 0.67 (up marginally on 2014) was the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest rate out of the 24 nations with available data. The nations with the three lowest rates were

– Norway	0.30
– Switzerland	0.42
– Sweden	0.43

Between 2006 and 2015, Australia's rate declined 39.8 per cent. Over this period the OECD median declined 44.7 per cent.
- In terms of annual deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled in 2015:

Australia's rate of 0.49 (up marginally on 2014) was the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest rate out of 18 nations with available data. The nations with the three lowest rates were

– Norway	0.26
– Sweden	0.32
– Denmark	0.34

Between 2006 and 2015, Australia's rate declined 33.4 per cent whilst the OECD median declined 38.1 per cent.

# Data sources

## International data

The International Road Traffic Accident Database (IRTAD 2017) is the main source of fatality and exposure data in this report. IRTAD is maintained by the Joint Transport Research Centre of the OECD and the International Transport Forum. Each year member nations supply IRTAD with their most recent data, which may include revisions to historical data. Further information on IRTAD is available at <http://internationaltransportforum.org/irtadpublic/about.html>.

In addition to the IRTAD database, other sources include OECD.Stat (OECD 2017) and in a small number of cases, a country's relevant government website.

## Australian data

Australian road fatality data in this report are based on two Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) databases: the Australian Road Deaths Database (ARDD) and the National Crash Database (NCD). There are minor data differences between the two databases due to the timing differences in data receipt and ongoing validation by data providers. ARDD data are available at [http://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety/fatal\\_road\\_crash\\_database.aspx](http://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety/fatal_road_crash_database.aspx). ARDD and NCD data used in this report were current to August 2017.

Australian data for population and registered vehicles were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, (ABS 2017) and (ABS 2017b) respectively. Estimates of vehicle kilometres travelled were obtained from the Bureau of Infrastructure and Regional Economics (BITRE unpublished).

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# SECTION I

## Road deaths per 100,000 population

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

## Road deaths per 100,000 population – OECD countries, 2015

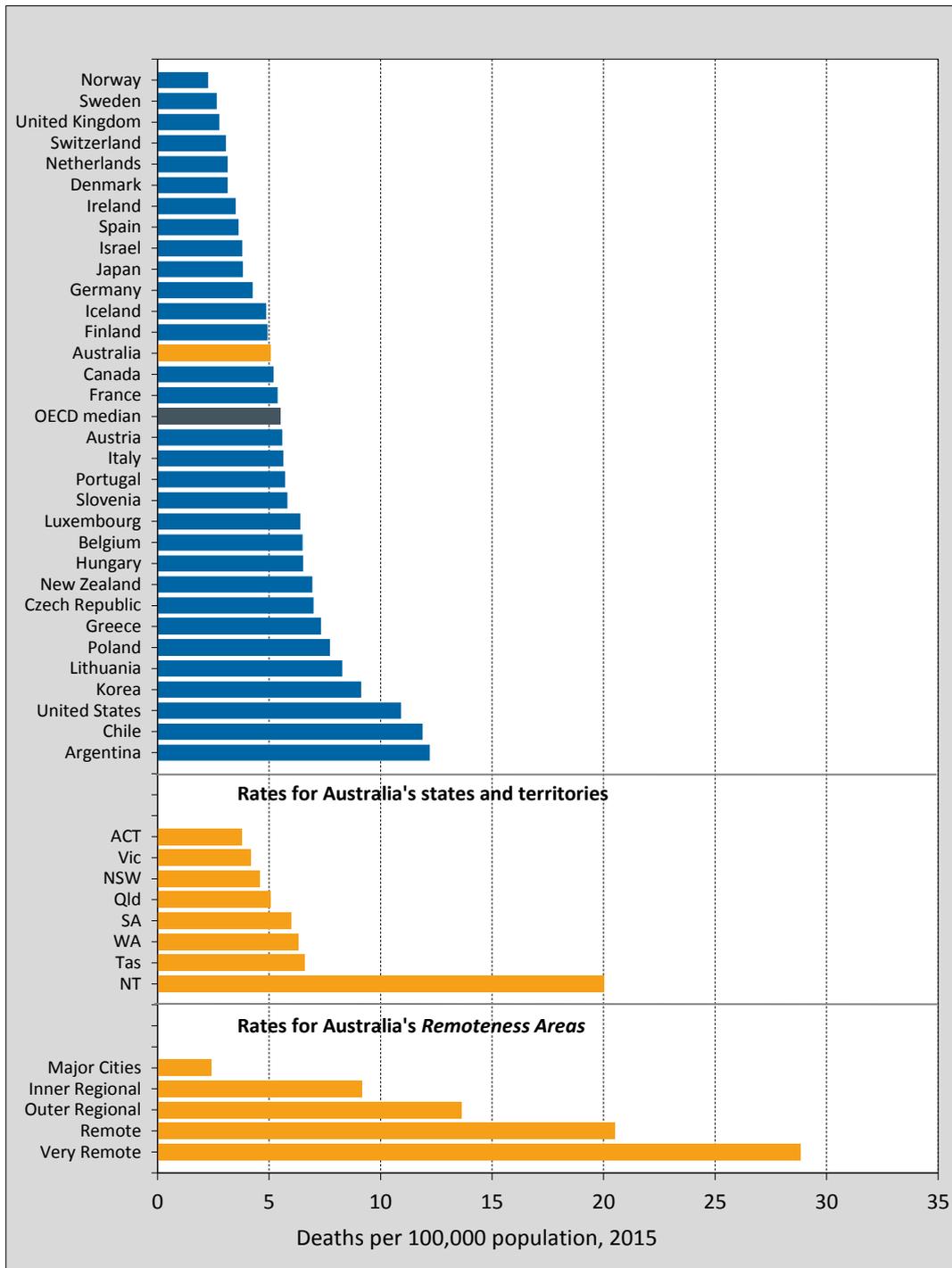
**Table I.1 Road deaths per 100,000 population – 32 OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	<i>Road deaths</i>	<i>Population (000s)</i>	<i>Deaths per 100,000 population</i>
Norway	117	5,166	2.26
Sweden	259	9,747	2.66
United Kingdom	1,804	65,110	2.77
Switzerland	253	8,238	3.07
Netherlands	531	16,901	3.14
Denmark	178	5,660	3.15
Ireland	162	4,629	3.50
Spain	1,689	46,450	3.64
Israel	322	8,463	3.80
Japan	4,867	127,095	3.83
Germany	3,459	81,198	4.26
Iceland	16	329	4.86
Finland	270	5,472	4.93
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>23,851</b>	<b>5.05</b>
Canada	1,858	35,750	5.20
France	3,461	64,277	5.38
<b>OECD median</b>			<b>5.48</b>
Austria	479	8,576	5.59
Italy	3,428	60,796	5.64
Portugal	593	10,375	5.72
Slovenia	120	2,063	5.82
Luxembourg	36	563	6.39
Belgium	732	11,258	6.50
Hungary	644	9,856	6.53
New Zealand	319	4,597	6.94
Czech Republic	737	10,538	6.99
Greece	793	10,858	7.30
Poland	2,938	38,006	7.73
Lithuania	242	2,921	8.28
Korea	4,621	50,617	9.13
United States	35,092	321,419	10.92
Chile	2,140	18,006	11.88
Argentina	5,300e	43,418	12.21
<b>ACT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>3.78</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>6,033</b>	<b>4.18</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>7,627</b>	<b>4.59</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>5.08</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>5.99</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>6.29</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>6.60</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>20.00</b>

Sources

ABS 2017; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure I.1 Road deaths per 100,000 population – 32 OECD countries, Australian states/territories, and Australia's Remoteness areas, 2015**



Note See page 6 for more information on Remoteness Areas.

Sources ABS 2017; ABS 2017b; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

## OECD countries, 1990, 2000 and 2003 to 2015

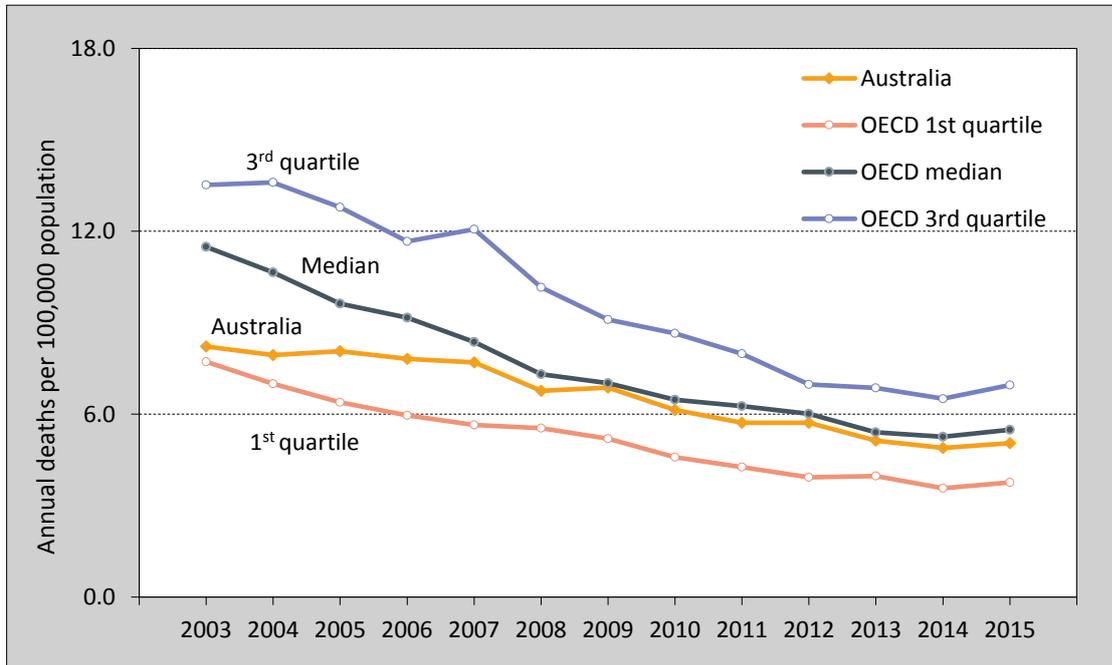
**Table 1.2 Annual road deaths per 100,000 population – OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 1990, 2000 and 2005 to 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	1990	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Norway	7.8	7.6	6.2	5.6	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.4	4.4	4.3	3.4	2.9	3.7	2.88	2.27
Sweden	9.1	6.7	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.3	3.9	2.8	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.80	2.66
United Kingdom	9.4	6.1	6.1	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.87	2.77
Switzerland	13.9	8.3	7.5	6.9	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.3	2.99	3.07
Netherlands	9.2	6.8	6.3	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.4	2.8	2.83	3.14
Denmark	12.3	9.3	8.0	6.8	6.1	5.6	7.5	7.4	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.23	3.15
Ireland	13.6	11.0	8.5	9.3	9.6	8.7	7.8	6.3	5.3	4.7	4.1	3.5	4.1	4.19	3.50
Spain	23.3	14.4	12.9	11.1	10.3	9.3	8.5	6.8	5.9	5.3	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.63	3.64
Israel	8.7	7.1	6.6	6.8	6.3	5.7	5.3	5.6	4.2	4.6	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.40	3.81
Japan	11.8	8.2	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.81	3.83
Germany	-	9.1	8.0	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.4	5.1	4.5	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.18	4.26
Iceland	9.5	11.5	8.0	7.9	6.5	10.3	4.9	3.8	5.3	2.5	3.8	2.8	4.7	1.23	4.86
Finland	13.0	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.2	6.4	7.2	6.5	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.20	4.93
<b>Australia</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>5.05</b>
Canada	14.3	9.5	8.8	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.4	7.3	6.6	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.28	5.20
France	19.8	13.7	10.1	9.2	8.7	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.8	5.1	5.29	5.38
Austria	20.4	12.2	11.5	10.8	9.4	8.8	8.3	8.2	7.6	6.6	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.06	5.59
Italy	12.6	12.4	11.5	10.6	10.1	9.8	8.8	8.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.3	5.7	5.56	5.64
Portugal	29.3	20.0	16.4	13.7	13.1	10.2	10.2	9.3	8.8	8.9	8.4	6.8	6.1	6.12	5.72
Slovenia	25.9	15.8	12.1	13.7	12.9	13.1	14.6	10.6	8.4	6.7	6.9	6.3	6.1	5.24	5.82
Luxembourg	18.7	17.5	11.8	11.0	10.2	9.2	9.5	7.2	9.7	6.4	6.4	6.5	8.4	6.37	6.40
Belgium	19.9	14.4	11.7	11.2	10.4	10.2	10.1	8.9	8.8	7.7	7.8	6.9	6.5	6.49	6.50
Hungary	23.4	11.7	13.1	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.2	9.9	8.2	7.4	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.34	6.53
New Zealand	21.4	12.0	11.5	10.7	9.8	9.5	10.0	8.6	8.9	8.6	6.4	6.9	5.7	6.50	6.94
Czech Republic	12.5	14.5	14.2	13.6	12.6	10.4	11.9	10.4	8.6	7.7	7.4	7.1	6.2	6.55	6.99
Greece	20.3	18.7	14.6	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.5	13.9	13.0	11.2	10.3	8.9	8.0	7.28	7.30
Poland	19.3	16.4	14.8	15.0	14.3	13.7	14.6	14.3	12.0	10.2	10.9	9.3	8.7	8.42	7.73
Lithuania	29.3	18.3	20.7	22.1	23.0	23.1	22.8	15.5	11.6	9.5	9.7	10.0	8.7	9.07	8.28
Korea	33.1	21.8	15.1	13.6	13.2	13.0	12.7	12.1	12.0	11.3	10.5	10.8	10.1	9.44	9.13
United States	17.9	14.9	14.8	14.6	14.7	14.3	13.7	12.3	11.0	10.7	10.4	10.8	10.4	10.27	10.92
Chile	-	-	14.0	14.3	13.1	13.2	13.0	13.9	11.6	12.1	11.9	11.4	12.0	11.89	11.89
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.0	12.6	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.37	12.21
<b>ACT</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>3.78</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>4.18</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>4.59</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>5.08</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>5.99</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>6.29</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.42</b>	<b>6.60</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.01</b>	<b>20.00</b>

Sources

ABS 2017; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure 1.2 Annual road deaths per 100,000 population – OECD quartiles and Australia, 2003 to 2015**



Sources ABS 2017; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

## Road deaths per 100,000 population by Remoteness Area – Australia, 2011 to 2015

In this section, Australia's annual fatality rates (per population) are classified by *Remoteness Area*. This classification is part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics – Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)<sup>a</sup>. A map of Australia in Figure 1.3 shows the boundaries of the five remoteness areas.

Table 1.3 shows the five different levels of *Remoteness*, and the proportions of Australia's 2015 population in each.

**Table 1.3 Categories of Remoteness Area, with 2015 population**

<i>Remoteness Area</i>	<i>Proportion of population (2015)</i>
Major Cities of Australia	71.0%
Inner Regional Australia	18.2%
Outer Regional Australia	8.7%
Remote Australia	1.3%
Very Remote Australia	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Sources ABS 2013; ABS 2017c

Table 1.4 shows Australia's annual fatality rates per 100,000 population by Remoteness and year.

**Table 1.4 Annual road deaths per 100,000 population – Australia, by Remoteness Area, 2011 to 2015**

<i>Remoteness Area</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
Major Cities of Australia	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.4
Inner Regional Australia	10.4	10.8	9.5	9.2	9.2
Outer Regional Australia	14.0	13.8	11.6	11.7	13.6
Remote Australia	24.5	16.1	23.2	19.9	20.5
Very Remote Australia	30.5	27.8	26.3	32.6	28.8
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>

Note Total includes unknown locations.

Sources ABS 2013; ABS 2017c; National Crash Database

a Information on this geographical classification is found in ABS 2013.



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## SECTION 2

### Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles

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

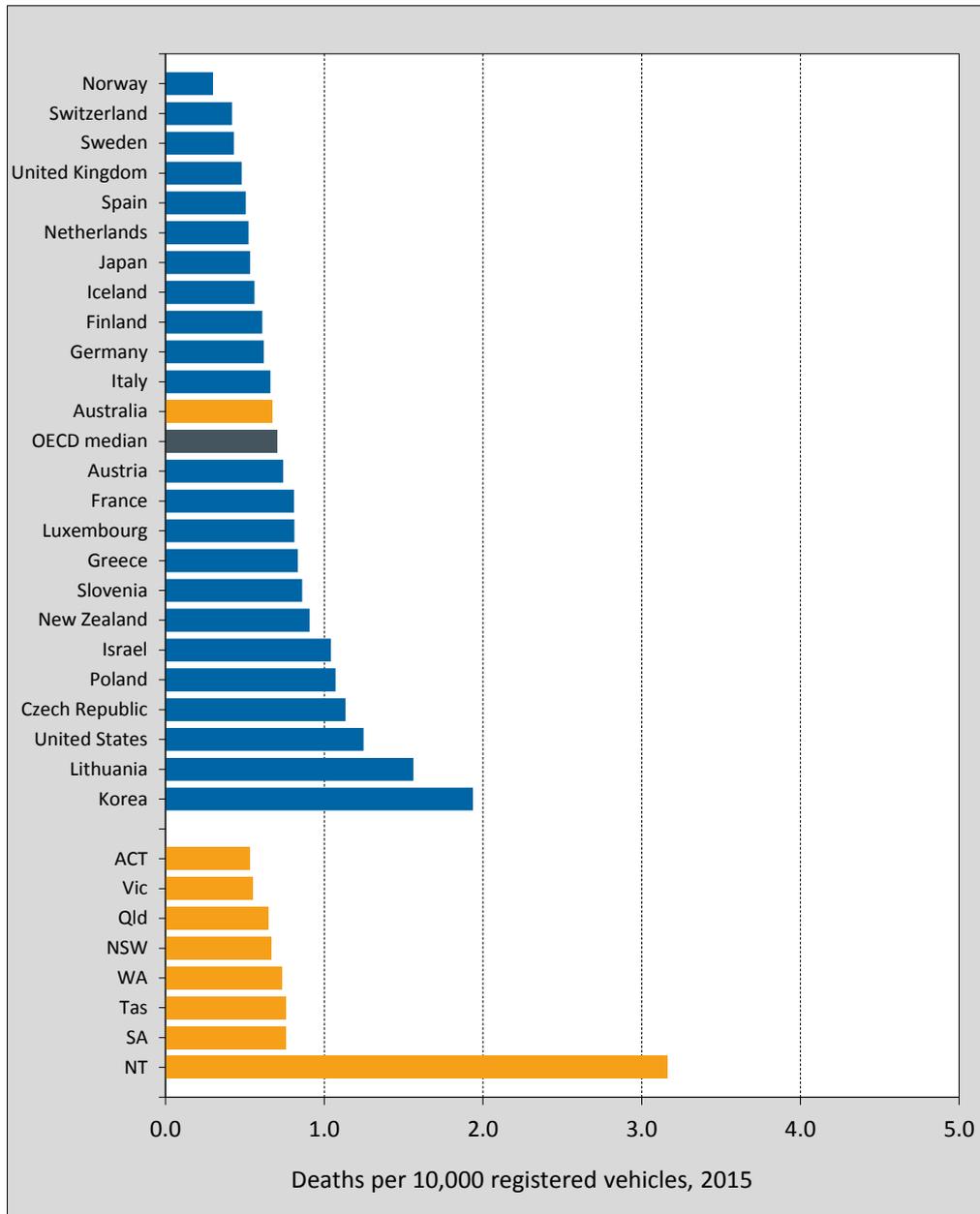
## Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles – OECD countries, 2015

**Table 2.1 Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles – 24 OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	<i>Road deaths</i>	<i>Total registered vehicles (000s)</i>	<i>Deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles</i>
Norway	117	3,894	0.30
Switzerland	253	6,046	0.42
Sweden	259	6,021	0.43
United Kingdom	1,804	37,570	0.48
Spain	1,689	33,413	0.51
Netherlands	531	10,133	0.52
Japan	4,867	91,316	0.53
Iceland	16	285	0.56
Finland	270	4,428	0.61
Germany	3,459	55,752	0.62
Italy	3,428	51,910	0.66
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>18,008</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>OECD median</b>			<b>0.70</b>
Austria	479	6,466	0.74
France	3,461	42,701	0.81
Luxembourg	36	443	0.81
Greece	793	9,518	0.83
Slovenia	120	1,395	0.86
New Zealand	319	3,515	0.91
Israel	322	3,092	1.04
Poland	2,938	27,409	1.07
Czech Republic	737	6,499	1.13
United States	35,092	281,312	1.25
Lithuania	242	1,549	1.56
Korea	4,621	23,853	1.94
<b>ACT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>0.53</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>5,247</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>3.16</b>

Sources ABS 2017b; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure 2.1 Road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles – 24 OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 2015**



Sources ABS 2017b; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

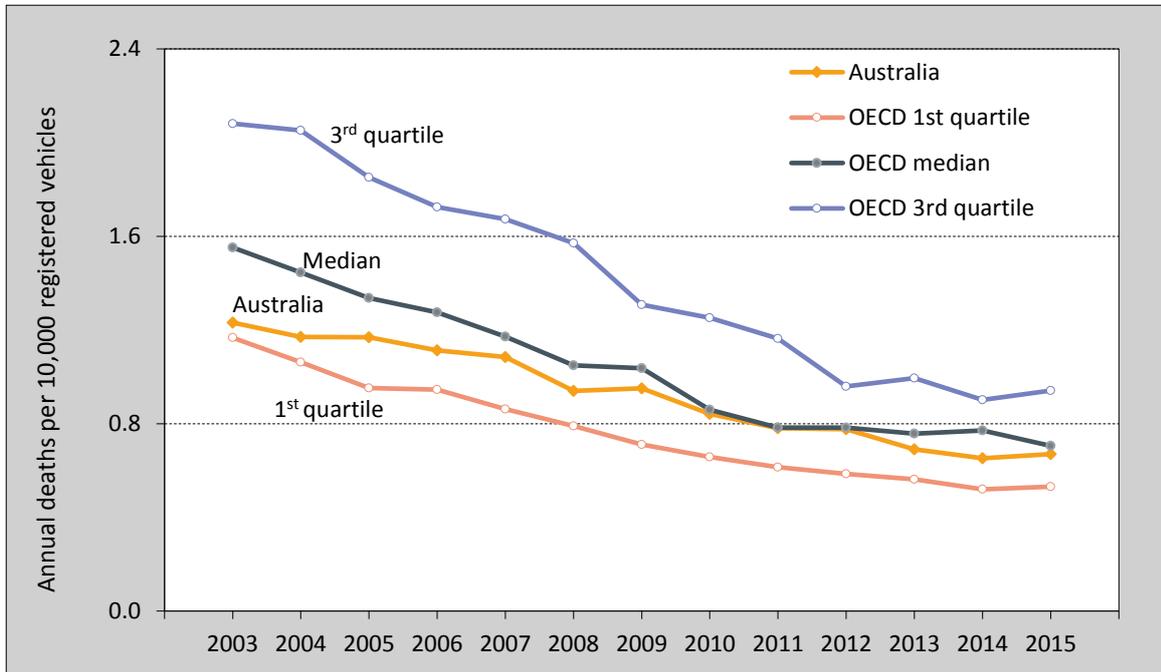
## OECD countries, 1990, 2000 and 2003 to 2015

**Table 2.2 Annual road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles – OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 1990, 2000 and 2003 to 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	1990	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Norway	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.39	0.30
Switzerland	2.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.41	0.42
Sweden	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.46	0.43
United Kingdom	2.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.50	0.48
Spain	5.1	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.51	0.51
Netherlands	2.2	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.47	0.52
Japan	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.53	0.53
Iceland	1.7	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.15	0.56
Finland	2.8	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.53	0.61
Germany	-	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.61	0.62
Italy	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.66	0.66
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.67</b>
Austria	3.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.67	0.74
France	3.6	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.80	0.81
Luxembourg	3.3	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	-	-	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.81	0.81
Greece	7.4	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.84	0.83
Slovenia	-	-	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.4	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.79	0.86
New Zealand	3.3	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.86	0.91
Israel	4.1	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.94	1.04
Poland	-	-	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.21	1.07
Czech Republic	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.08	1.13
United States	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.19	1.25
Lithuania	12.7	5.0	4.5	4.6	-	-	3.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.79	1.56
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.06	1.94
Ireland	4.5	2.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.77	-
Canada	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.80	-
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.24	-
Portugal	-	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ACT</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.53</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>3.16</b>

Note ABS vehicle registration data was not available for the year 2000. The average of 1999 and 2001 is used as an estimate for that year.  
Sources ABS 2017b; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure 2.2 Annual road deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles – OECD quartiles and Australia, 2003 to 2015**



Sources ABS 2017b; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

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## SECTION 3

### Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled

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

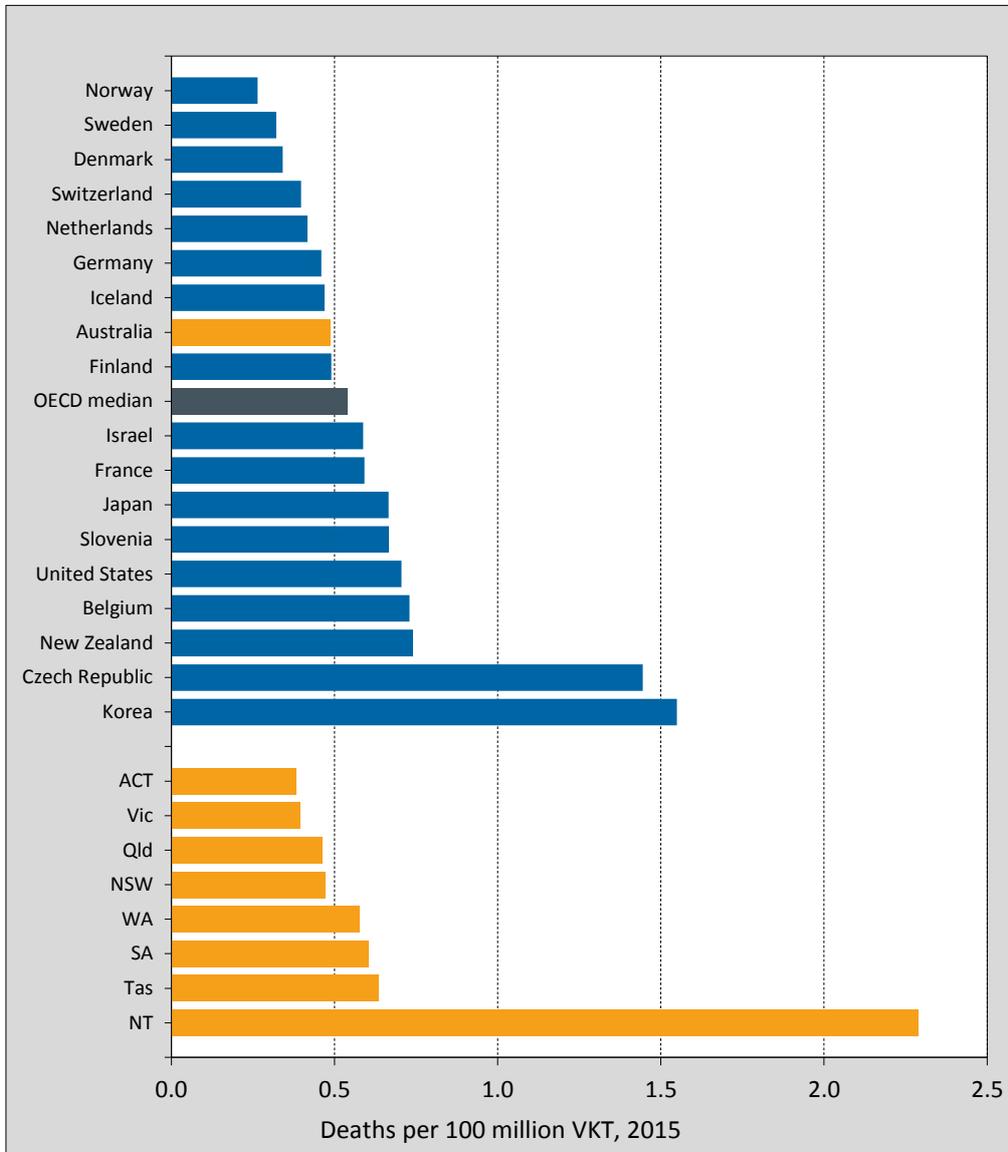
## Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled – OECD countries, 2015

**Table 3.1 Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled  
– 18 OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	<i>Road deaths</i>	<i>Total VKT (millions)</i>	<i>Deaths per 100 million VKTs</i>
Norway	117	44,250	0.26
Sweden	259	80,714	0.32
Denmark	178	52,151	0.34
Switzerland	253	63,761	0.40
Netherlands	531	127,351	0.42
Germany	3,459	752,300	0.46
Iceland	16	3,411	0.47
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>246,617</b>	<b>0.49</b>
Finland	270	55,145	0.49
<b>OECD median</b>			<b>0.54</b>
Israel	322	54,820	0.59
France	3,461	584,914	0.59
Japan	4,867	730,930	0.67
Slovenia	120	18,006	0.67
United States	35,092	4,981,520	0.70
Belgium	732	100,306	0.73
New Zealand	319	43,100	0.74
Czech Republic	737	51,020	1.44
Korea	4,621	298,323	1.55
<b>ACT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>0.38</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>63,895</b>	<b>0.39</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>52,554</b>	<b>0.46</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>74,160</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>27,741</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>16,879</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>2.29</b>

Sources BITRE unpublished; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure 3.1** Road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled –18 OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 2015



Sources BITRE unpublished; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

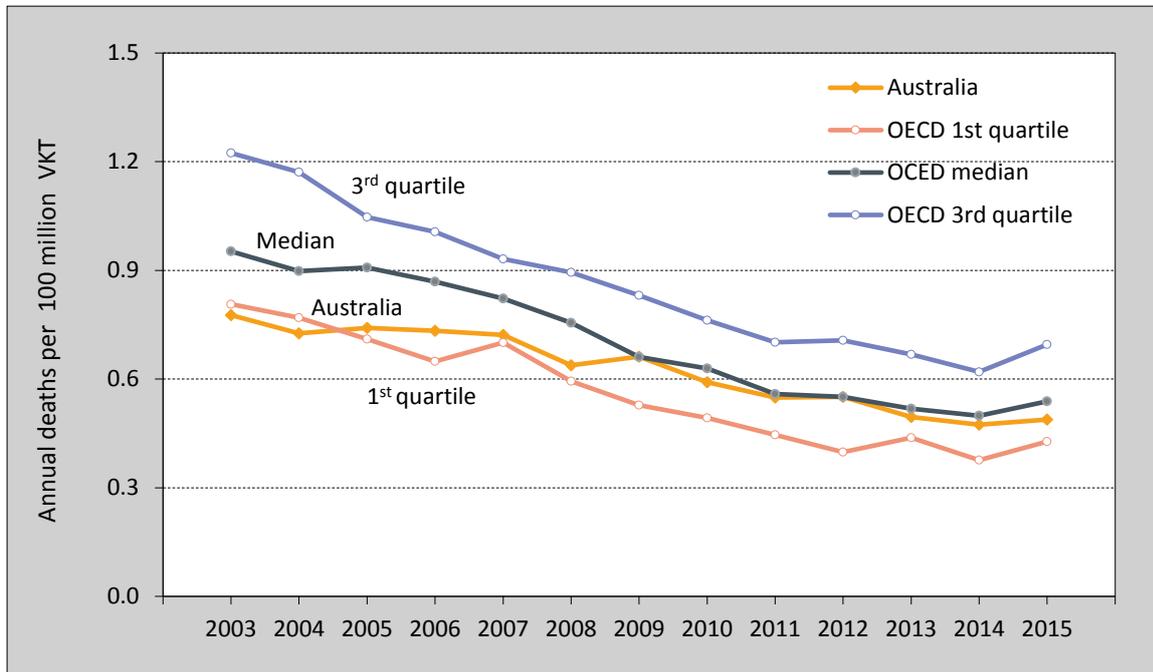
## OECD countries, 1990, 2000 and 2003 to 2015

**Table 3.2 Annual road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled – OECD countries and Australian states/territories, 1990, 2000 and 2003 to 2015**

<i>Nation</i>	1990	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Norway	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.34	0.26
Sweden	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.34	0.32
Denmark	1.7	1.1	-	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.36	0.34
Switzerland	1.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.39	0.40
Netherlands	1.4	0.9	0.8	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.37	0.42
Germany	-	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.46	0.46
Iceland	1.5	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.12	0.47
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.49</b>
Finland	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.42	0.49
Israel	2.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.53	0.59
France	2.6	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.59	0.59
Japan	2.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.62	0.67
Slovenia	6.5	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	-	-	0.7	0.61	0.67
United States	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.67	0.70
Belgium	2.8	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.73	0.73
New Zealand	-	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.70	0.74
Czech Republic	4.8	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.42	1.44
Korea	-	4.9	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.64	1.55
Austria	3.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.54	-
Canada	-	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.52	-
Ireland	1.9	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.46	-
United Kingdom	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.36	-
			1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.50	0.54
<b>ACT</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.38</b>
<b>Vic</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.39</b>
<b>Qld</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.46</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>Tas</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.64</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.29</b>

Sources BITRE unpublished; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

**Figure 3.2 Annual road deaths per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled – OECD quartiles and Australia, 2003 to 2015**



Sources BITRE unpublished; Australian Road Deaths Database; IRTAD 2017; OECD 2017

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