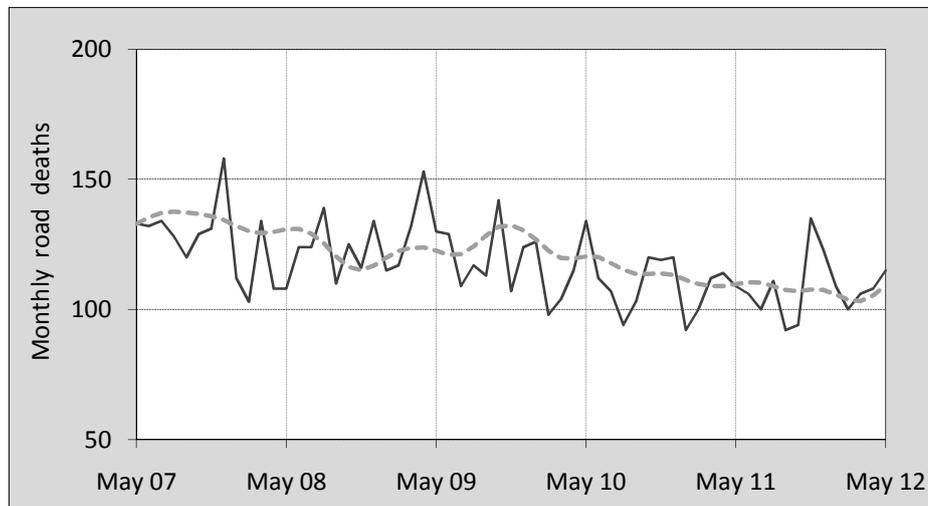




This month's key figures

- There was a total of 115 road deaths in May 2012. In comparison to the average for the month of May over the previous five years, the current figure is 6.4 per cent lower.
- During the 12 months ended May 2012 there were 1,299 deaths. This is a 0.2 per cent reduction from the 12-monthly period ending May 2011 (1,302 deaths).
- The rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population presently stands at 5.7. This is a 1.1 per cent reduction from the 12-monthly period ending May 2011.

Monthly Australian road deaths — last five years, with trend



Data Sources

Data are obtained from

- Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW
- Vicroads
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, S.A.
- Western Australia Police
- Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Tasmania
- Department of Lands and Planning, Northern Territory
- Department of Territory and Municipal Services, ACT
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (3101.0)

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I. Current month and year to date

Deaths by jurisdiction

Current month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
May 2011	25	30	26	11	13	2	2	0	109
May 2012	31	22	31	6	17	3	3	2	115
Per cent change	24.0	-26.7	19.2	-45.5	30.8	50.0	50.0	-	5.5

Year to date	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
January 2011 - May 2011	140	133	105	51	73	12	7	6	527
January 2012 - May 2012	159	122	115	42	74	10	13	3	538
Latest per cent change	13.6	-8.3	9.5	-17.6	1.4	-16.7	85.7	-50.0	2.1

2. Yearly deaths — last five 12 monthly periods

Deaths by jurisdiction

12 months ended May	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2008	387	338	334	106	210	40	69	13	1,497
2009	428	291	348	125	203	51	59	14	1,519
2010	446	292	277	119	183	45	35	21	1,418
2011	362	296	261	108	195	27	42	11	1,302
2012	393	276	279	94	181	23	50	3	1,299
Latest per cent change	8.6	-6.8	6.9	-13.0	-7.2	-14.8	19.0	-72.7	-0.2
Average change per year (per cent)	-1.4	-3.8	-6.3	-3.8	-3.3	-16.0	-9.4	-27.2	-4.3

Deaths by road user

12 months ended May	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	Motorcyclist	Cyclist	Total ^a
2008	723	320	194	231	29	1,497
2009	687	339	201	255	35	1,519
2010	687	292	182	217	38	1,418
2011	601	283	167	222	29	1,302
2012	585	268	198	207	36	1,299
latest per cent change	-2.7	-5.3	18.6	-6.8	24.1	-0.2
Average change per year (per cent)	-5.4	-5.2	-1.4	-3.5	2.5	-4.3

^a Includes deaths of unknown road user type

Deaths by age-group (years)

12 months ended May	<i>0 to 16</i>	<i>17 to 25</i>	<i>26 to 39</i>	<i>40 to 59</i>	<i>60 to 69</i>	<i>≥ 70</i>	<i>Total^a</i>
2008	100	376	368	374	78	200	1,497
2009	90	414	370	371	110	164	1,519
2010	95	309	324	385	114	190	1,418
2011	70	321	280	357	105	169	1,302
2012	95	276	312	305	117	191	1,299
<i>latest per cent change</i>	35.7	-14.0	11.4	-14.6	11.4	13.0	-0.2
<i>Average change per year (per cent)</i>	-3.5	-8.4	-5.9	-4.4	7.9	-0.6	-4.3

a Includes deaths to persons with age not recorded.

Deaths by gender

12 months ended May	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total^b</i>
2008	1,094	403	1,497
2009	1,098	418	1,519
2010	1,042	373	1,418
2011	946	355	1,302
2012	939	359	1,299
<i>latest per cent change</i>	-0.7	1.1	-0.2
<i>Average change per year (per cent)</i>	-4.4	-3.9	-4.3

b Includes deaths to persons with gender not recorded.

3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

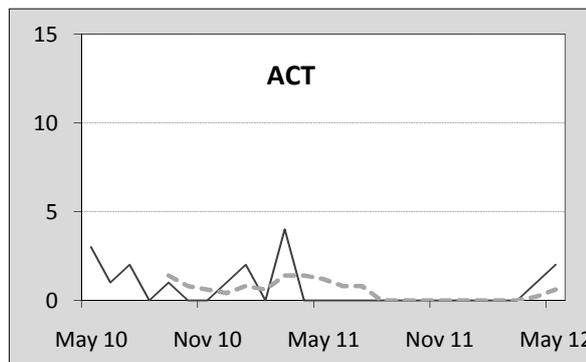
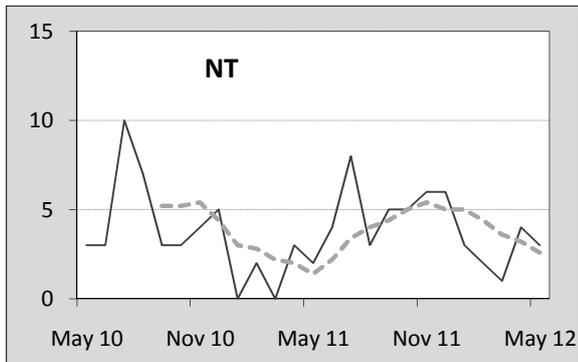
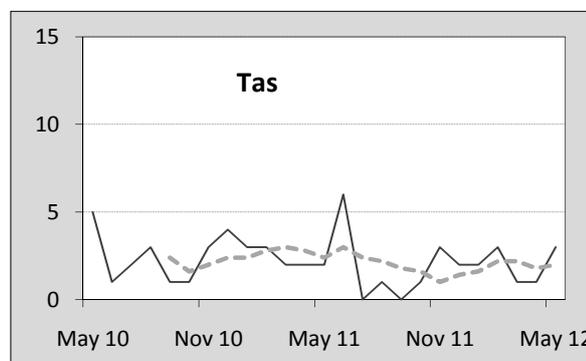
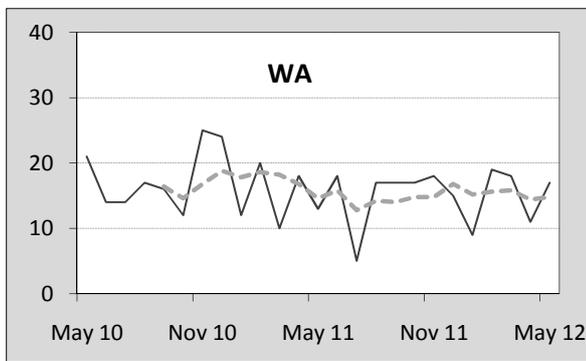
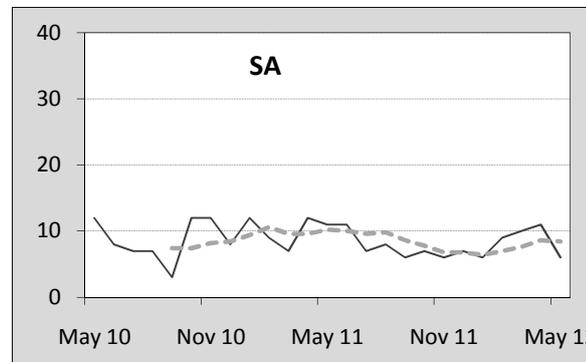
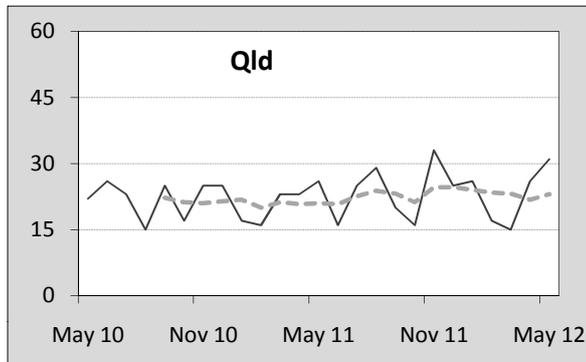
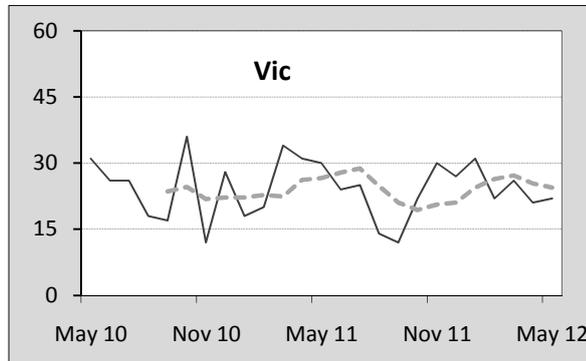
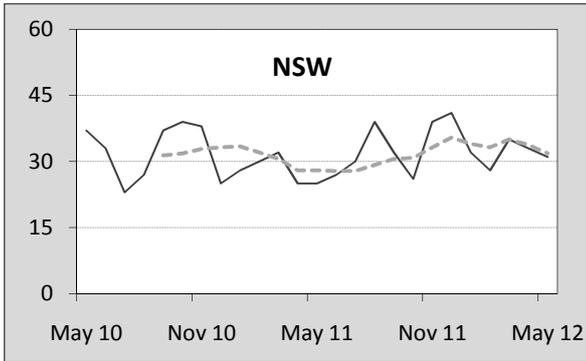
By jurisdiction

12 months ended May	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
2008	5.57	6.42	7.88	6.66	9.83	8.08	31.79	3.80	7.05
2009	6.06	5.41	7.98	7.75	9.19	10.19	26.51	4.02	7.00
2010	6.22	5.32	6.21	7.29	8.08	8.91	15.38	5.92	6.42
2011	4.99	5.31	5.75	6.55	8.44	5.31	18.30	3.04	5.81
2012	5.39	4.92	6.05	5.66	7.72	4.50	21.56	0.83	5.74
<i>latest per cent change</i>	8.0	-7.4	5.1	-13.6	-8.5	-15.2	17.8	-72.9	-1.1

Calendar year	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
2007	6.30	6.36	8.58	7.82	11.12	9.12	27.00	4.10	7.61
2008	5.33	5.69	7.61	6.17	9.42	7.83	34.01	4.04	6.68
2009	6.36	5.32	7.48	7.33	8.47	12.52	13.26	3.41	6.78
2010	5.61	5.20	5.53	7.18	8.43	6.11	21.37	5.30	6.06
2011	5.12	5.10	5.87	6.22	7.67	4.90	19.12	1.64	5.69
<i>latest per cent change</i>	-8.7	-1.8	6.3	-13.4	-9.0	-19.9	-10.6	-69.0	-6.1

Monthly deaths by jurisdiction — last 24 months

— raw
 - - - smoothed (unweighted 5-point moving average)



5. Characteristics of fatal crashes

12 months ended May	Crash type ^a			Posted speed limit				Total ^b
	Single	Multiple	Pedestrian	0 to 60	70 to 90	100	≥ 110	
2008	626	537	192	390	310	462	154	1,355
2009	670	502	200	444	328	413	155	1,372
2010	588	526	176	382	270	438	171	1,290
2011	534	496	165	330	273	413	161	1,195
2012	518	469	194	388	242	365	131	1,181
Average change per year (per cent)	-5.9	-2.8	-1.7	-3.0	-6.6	-4.6	-2.8	-4.0

12 months ended May	Day of week ^c		Time of Day ^d	
	Weekday	Weekend	Day	Night
2008	814	523	768	587
2009	822	536	770	602
2010	783	491	766	524
2011	690	485	694	501
2012	717	451	747	434
Average change per year (per cent)	-4.2	-3.9	-1.6	-7.6

a 'Single' and 'Multiple' refer to the the number of vehicles involved in a fatal crash where there is no pedestrian killed.

b Includes crashes where speed limit is unknown

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.

Population rates

Rates per population are based on the deaths to the current 12 monthly period, and the population at the midpoint of the period. The population at midpoints are interpolated if necessary.

Average (%) change per year

Calculated by fitting an exponential curve through the five data points, and quoting the constant (annual) change of this curve.

Other sources for the tables in this bulletin

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