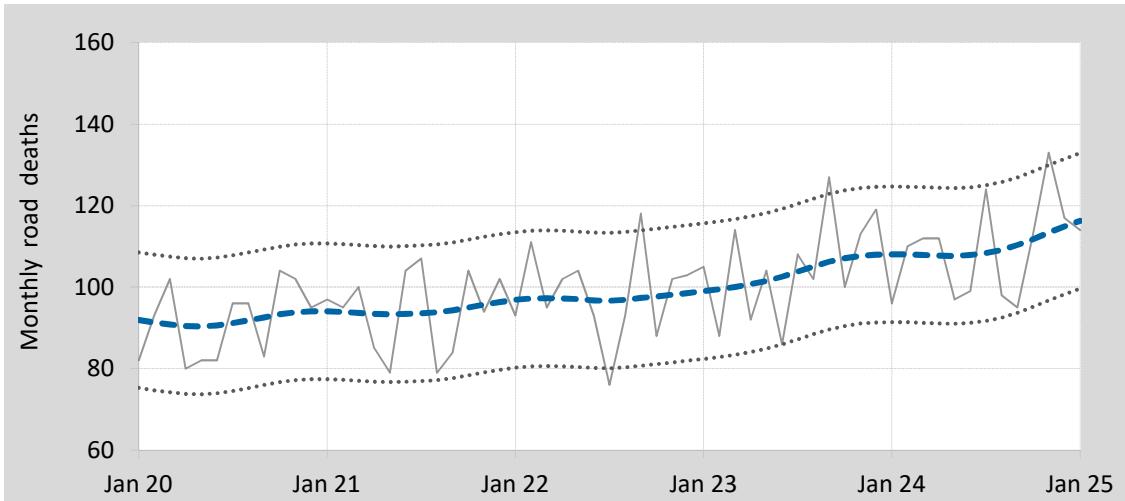




### This month's key figures

- There was a total of 114 road deaths during the month of January 2025. The current figure is 20.5% higher than the average for January over the previous five years (2020 - 2024).
- During the 12 months ended January 2025, there were 1,324 road deaths. This is an increase of 6% from the 12-month period ending January 2024.
- Presently, the rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population stands at 4.9. This is a 4.1% increase compared to the rate for the 12-month period ending January 2024.

### Monthly road deaths—last five years, with trend and error bounds



Note: Shown is a trend and a 90 per cent prediction interval for the monthly observations.

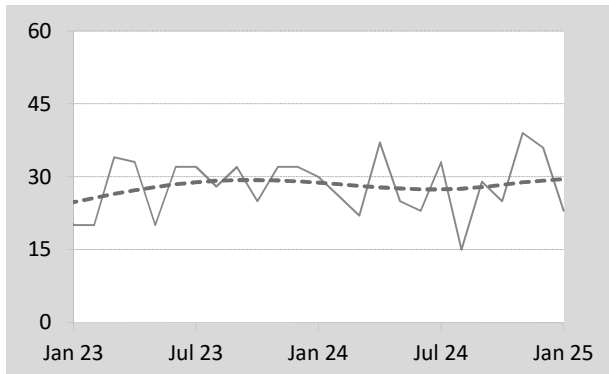
### Monthly fatalities over the last 5 years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	82	93	102	80	82	82	96	96	83	104	102	95	1,097
2021	97	95	100	85	79	104	107	79	84	104	94	102	1,130
2022	93	111	95	102	104	93	76	93	118	88	102	103	1,178
2023	105	88	114	92	104	86	108	102	127	100	113	119	1,258
2024	96	110	112	112	97	99	124	98	95	113	133	117	1,306
2025	114												114

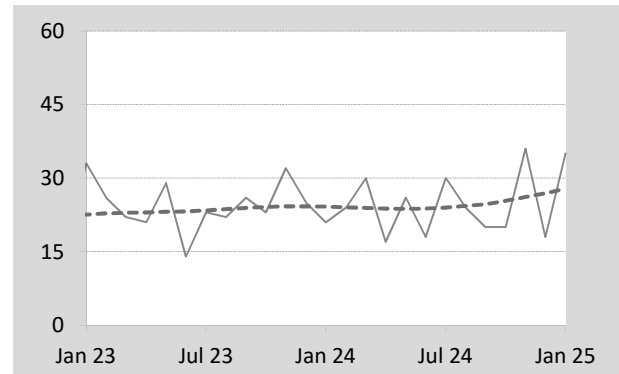
# I. Monthly deaths by jurisdiction — 2 years

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 - - - smoothed  
 (Whittaker-Henderson)

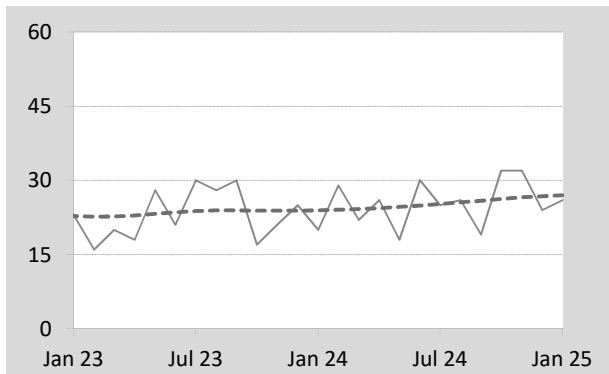
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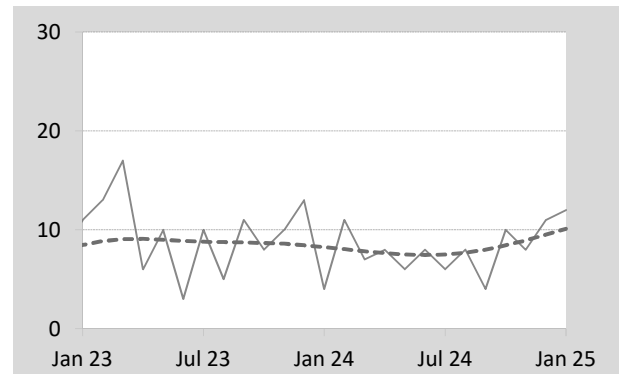
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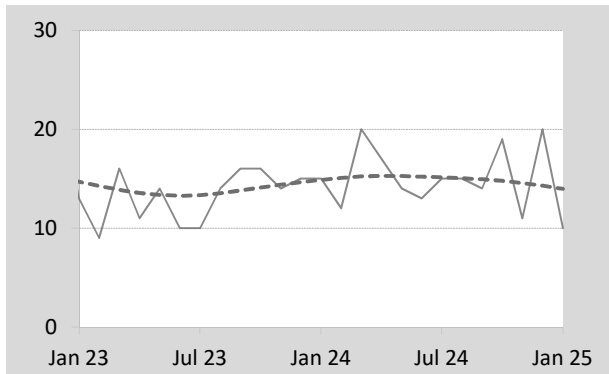
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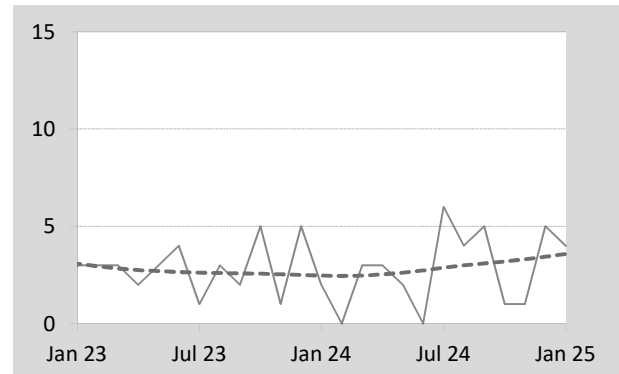
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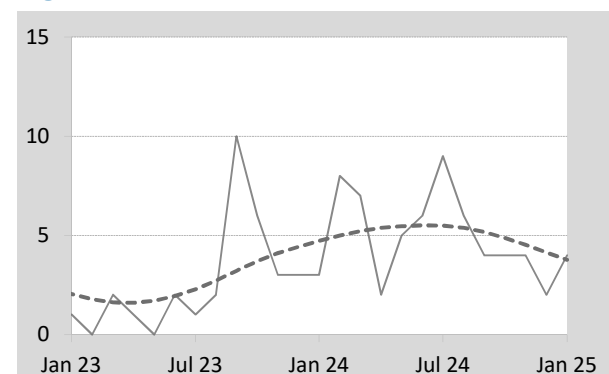
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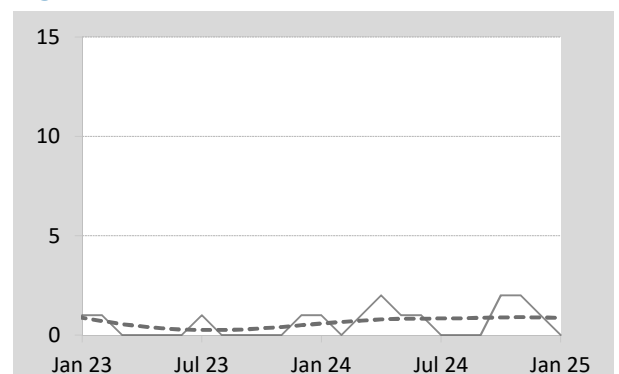
**Figure I.6 Tas**



**Figure I.7 NT**



**Figure I.8 ACT**



## 2. Deaths by jurisdiction - Current month, calendar year and last 12 months

**Table 2.1** Current month

Current month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
January 2024	30	21	20	4	15	2	3	1	96
January 2025	23	35	26	12	10	4	4	0	114
Per cent change	-23%	67%	30%	200%	-33%	100%	33%	-100%	18.8%

**Table 2.2** Calendar year to date

Year to date	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
January 2024	30	21	20	4	15	2	3	1	96
January 2025	23	35	26	12	10	4	4	0	114
Per cent change	-23%	67%	30%	200%	-33%	100%	33%	-100%	18.8%

**Table 2.3** 12 months ended January

12 months end January	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2021	285	202	288	93	169	34	33	8	1,112
2022	279	240	277	95	151	37	35	12	1,126
2023	273	250	298	78	178	51	45	17	1,190
2024	350	284	274	110	160	34	33	4	1,249
2025	333	298	309	99	180	34	61	10	1,324
Latest per cent change	-5%	5%	13%	-10%	13%	0%	85%	150%	6.0%
Average trend change per year	6%	10%	1%	3%	2%	-1%	12%	-6%	4.6%

## 3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

**Table 3.1** 12 months ended January

12 months end January	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2021	3.5	3.1	5.6	5.2	6.2	6.1	13.3	1.8	4.3
2022	3.4	3.7	5.3	5.3	5.5	6.5	14.1	2.6	4.4
2023	3.3	3.8	5.6	4.3	6.4	8.9	18.0	3.7	4.6
2024	4.2	4.2	5.0	5.9	5.5	5.9	13.0	0.9	4.7
2025	3.9	4.3	5.5	5.3	6.1	5.9	23.9	2.1	4.9
Latest per cent change	-6%	3%	10%	-11%	10%	0%	83%	146%	4.1%
Average trend change per year	4%	8%	-1%	1%	0%	-2%	11%	-8%	3.0%

**Table 3.2** Calendar year period

Calendar year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2020	3.5	3.2	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.8	12.5	1.6	4.3
2021	3.4	3.5	5.3	5.5	6.0	6.3	14.1	2.4	4.4
2022	3.4	3.6	5.5	3.9	6.3	8.9	18.8	3.9	4.5
2023	4.1	4.3	5.1	6.3	5.5	6.1	12.2	0.9	4.7
2024	4.0	4.1	5.4	4.8	6.2	5.6	23.5	2.3	4.8
Latest per cent change	-2%	-6%	7%	-23%	14%	-9%	92%	170%	1.9%

#### 4. Deaths by road user, age-group and gender

**Table 4.1 By road user**

12 months end January	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	Motorcyclist <sup>a</sup>	Pedal cyclist <sup>a</sup>	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	541	181	141	201	44	1,112
2022	533	188	125	233	40	1,126
2023	551	189	158	244	39	1,190
2024	596	204	165	244	29	1,249
2025	600	204	171	290	45	1,324
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	1%	0%	4%	19%	55%	6.0%
<i>Average trend change per year</i>	3%	3%	7%	8%	-3%	4.6%

**Table 4.2 By age-group (years)**

12 months end January	0 to 7	8 to 16	17 to 25	26 to 39	40 to 64	65 to 74	≥ 75	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	21	39	215	291	336	79	127	1,112
2022	20	44	216	227	356	115	143	1,126
2023	15	47	229	266	374	118	140	1,190
2024	14	50	237	283	369	137	158	1,249
2025	18	43	236	276	420	149	178	1,324
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	29%	-14%	0%	-2%	14%	9%	13%	6.0%
<i>Average trend change per year</i>	-6%	3%	3%	1%	5%	16%	8%	4.6%

**Table 4.3 By gender**

12 months end January	Male	Female	Total <sup>c</sup>
2021	805	303	1,112
2022	846	279	1,126
2023	874	315	1,190
2024	958	291	1,249
2025	994	326	1,324
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	4%	12%	6.0%
<i>Average trend change per year</i>	6%	2%	4.6%

a Includes pillion passengers.

b Includes deaths of persons with either age or road user type not recorded.

c Includes deaths of persons where gender is not recorded or is unspecified.

## 5. Fatal crashes: counts and characteristics

**Table 5.1** By crash type

12 months end January	Crash type <sup>a</sup>		
	Single	Multiple	Total <sup>b</sup>
2021	581	434	1,015
2022	615	433	1,048
2023	676	431	1,107
2024	685	461	1,146
2025	712	503	1,215
Latest per cent change	4%	9%	6.0%
Average trend change per year	5%	4%	4.6%

**Table 5.2** By posted speed limit

12 months end January	Posted speed limit (km/h)						Total <sup>b</sup>
	≤ 40	50	60 to 70	80 to 90	100	≥ 110	
2021	17	127	229	186	330	119	1,015
2022	17	123	248	162	342	141	1,048
2023	21	120	310	178	335	134	1,107
2024	36	151	280	204	330	139	1,146
2025	30	131	298	210	359	131	1,215
Latest per cent change	-17%	-13%	6%	3%	9%	-6%	6.0%
Average trend change per year	21%	3%	7%	5%	1%	2%	4.6%

**Table 5.3** By day of week

12 months end January	Day of week <sup>c</sup>			Total <sup>b</sup>
	Weekday	Weekend		
2021	595	420		1,015
2022	647	401		1,048
2023	658	449		1,107
2024	730	416		1,146
2025	753	462		1,215
Latest per cent change	3%	11%		6.0%
Average trend change per year	6%	2%		4.6%

**Table 5.4** By time of day

12 months end January	Time of day <sup>d</sup>			Total <sup>b</sup>
	Day	Night		
2021	612	403		1,015
2022	648	400		1,048
2023	653	454		1,107
2024	699	447		1,146
2025	763	452		1,215
Latest per cent change	9%	1%		6.0%
Average trend change per year	5%	3%		4.6%

a 'Single' and 'Multiple' refer to the number of vehicles involved in a fatal crash.

b Includes unknown or not specified.

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.

### Fatality rates

Fatality rates per population are based on road deaths over the last 12-months, and the population at the midpoint of that period. Population estimates are sourced from ABS' *National, state and territory population* statistics. The midpoint population is interpolated if necessary.

### Average trend change (% per year )

Designed to provide a **one-number summary** of growth rates over recent time periods. Calculated by fitting an exponential curve through the data points, and quoting the constant (annual) change of this curve.

### Smooth trend lines

These trend lines are designed to track medium-term trends and turning points in the raw data. Whittaker-Henderson smoothers have been used with value of 80 for the smoothing parameter. The application R (package pracma) can be used for such trend lines. Error bounds are 90% (approximately) around the monthly data.

### Other sources for the tables in this bulletin

The underlying database used to produce this bulletin — *the Australian Road Deaths Database* is available for data extraction 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)>. Road deaths from recent months are preliminary and subject to revision.

## 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
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (National, state and territory population)

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