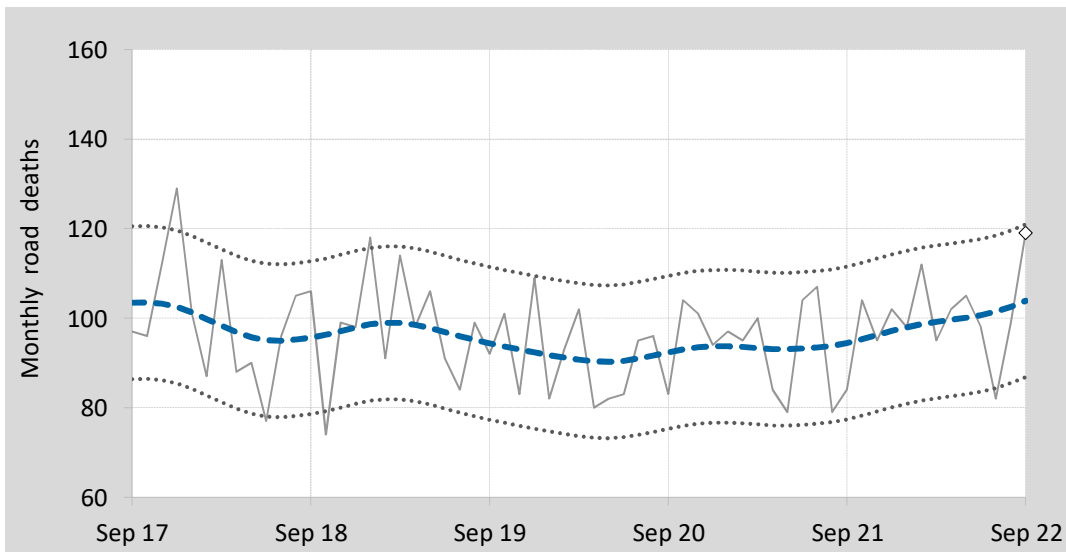




This month's key figures

- There was a total of 119 road deaths during the month of September 2022. The current figure is 28.8 per cent higher than the average for September over the previous five years.
- During the 12 months ended September 2022, there were 1,211 road deaths. This is an increase of 7.4 per cent from the 12-month period ending September 2021.
- Presently, the rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population stands at 4.7. This is a 6.4 per cent increase compared to the rate for the 12-month period ending September 2021.

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.

Data Sources

Data are obtained from

- Transport for NSW
- Department of Transport, Victoria
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, 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 (3101.0)

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I. Deaths by jurisdiction

Table I.1 Current month

Current month	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2021	16	21	16	8	18	3	1	1	84
September 2022	35	28	24	7	19	3	2	1	119
Per cent change	118.8	33.3	50.0	-12.5	5.6	0.0	100.0	0.0	41.7

Table I.2 Year to date

Year to date	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
January 2021 - September 2021	195	165	205	73	128	28	26	9	829
January 2022 - September 2022	226	192	226	55	118	43	38	12	910
Per cent change	15.9	16.4	10.2	-24.7	-7.8	53.6	46.2	33.3	9.8

Table I.3 Year ending September

12 months ended September	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2018	379	225	252	84	171	35	45	9	1,200
2019	342	262	216	105	167	30	37	5	1,164
2020	306	223	250	98	139	33	33	7	1,089
2021	258	218	289	102	175	38	37	11	1,128
2022	306	259	298	81	156	50	47	14	1,211
Latest per cent change	18.6	18.8	3.1	-20.6	-10.9	31.6	27.0	27.3	7.4
Average trend change per year (per cent)	-6.9	1.0	6.5	-1.0	-1.4	10.0	0.9	18.2	-0.1

2. Deaths by road user, age-group and gender

Table 2.1 By road user

12 months ended September	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian	Motorcyclist ^a	Cyclist ^a	Total ^b
2018	557	219	182	196	39	1,200
2019	539	211	166	208	36	1,164
2020	534	185	137	184	46	1,089
2021	540	184	133	228	36	1,128
2022	586	180	153	246	32	1,211
Latest per cent change	8.5	-2.2	15.0	7.9	-11.1	7.4
Average trend change per year (per cent)	1.0	-5.2	-5.5	5.6	-3.9	-0.1

Table 2.2 By age-group (years)

12 months ended September	0 to 16	17 to 25	26 to 39	40 to 64	65 to 74	≥ 75	Total ^b
2018	47	233	255	398	125	140	1,200
2019	46	235	240	365	107	169	1,164
2020	53	205	290	323	85	129	1,089
2021	67	215	265	348	97	135	1,128
2022	65	231	258	385	125	139	1,211
Latest per cent change	-3.0	7.4	-2.6	10.6	28.9	3.0	7.4
Average trend change per year (per cent)	10.8	-1.1	1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-2.4	-0.1

2. Deaths by road user, age-group and gender (continued)

Table 2.3 By gender

12 months ended September	Males	Females	Total ^c
2018	900	299	1,200
2019	875	289	1,164
2020	801	284	1,089
2021	836	291	1,128
2022	929	281	1,211
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	11.1	-3.4	7.4
<i>Average trend change per year (per cent)</i>	0.2	-1.2	-0.1

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 unspecified.

3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

Table 3.1 Year ended September

12 months ended September	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2018	4.8	3.5	5.1	4.8	6.5	6.5	18.2	2.1	4.8
2019	4.3	4.0	4.3	5.9	6.3	5.5	14.9	1.1	4.6
2020	3.8	3.4	4.8	5.5	5.1	5.9	13.3	1.6	4.2
2021	3.2	3.3	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.7	14.8	2.4	4.4
2022	3.8	3.9	5.6	4.5	5.6	8.8	18.8	3.1	4.7
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	18.0	18.1	1.3	-21.3	-11.9	30.6	26.5	26.3	6.4
<i>Average trend change per year (per cent)</i>	-7.4	0.3	4.9	-2.0	-2.8	8.3	0.6	16.3	-1.1

Table 3.2 Calendar year period

Calendar year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2017	5.0	4.1	5.0	5.8	6.1	6.1	12.5	1.2	5.0
2018	4.4	3.3	4.9	4.6	6.0	5.9	20.1	2.1	4.5
2019	4.4	4.1	4.3	6.4	6.1	5.3	14.5	1.4	4.7
2020	3.5	3.2	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.6	12.5	1.6	4.3
2021	3.4	3.5	5.3	5.5	6.0	6.2	14.0	2.4	4.4
<i>Latest per cent change</i>	-3.2	10.9	-1.2	5.9	6.6	-6.1	12.8	56.1	3.1

4. Monthly deaths by jurisdiction — last 24 months

— raw
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 (Whittaker-Henderson)

Figure 4.1 NSW

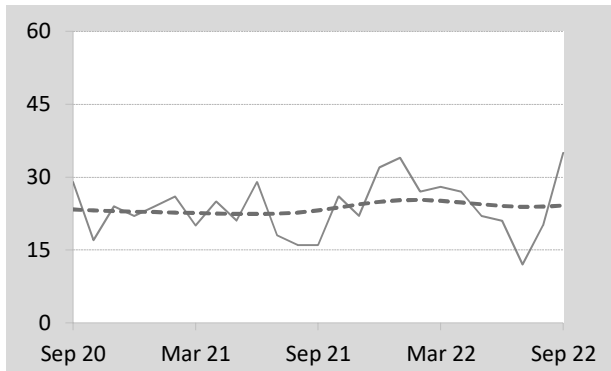


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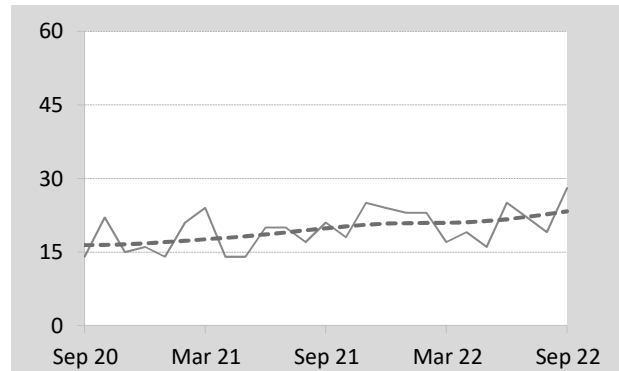


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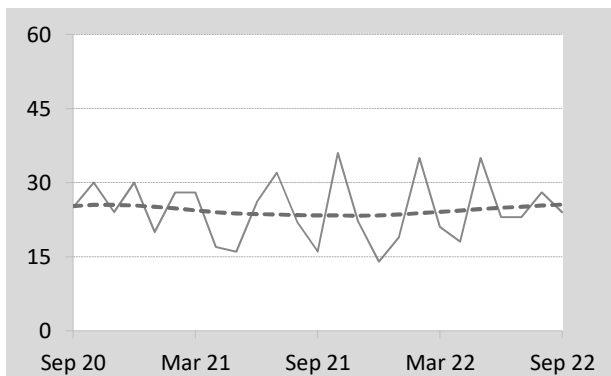


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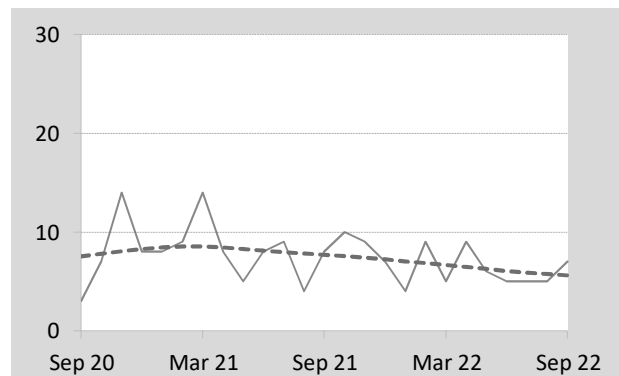


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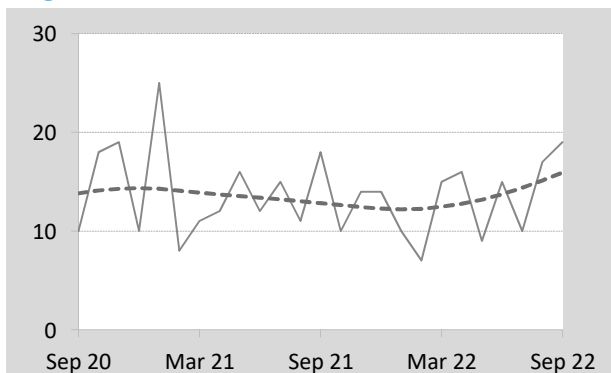


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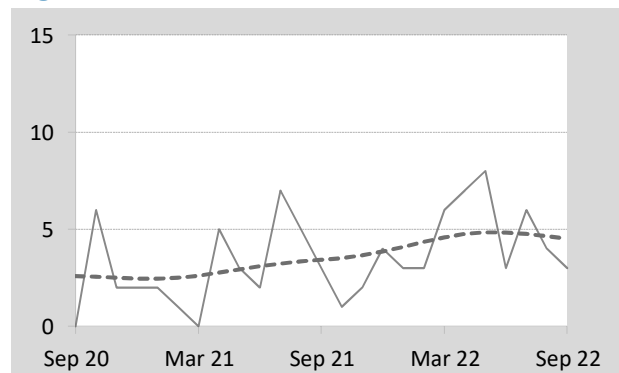


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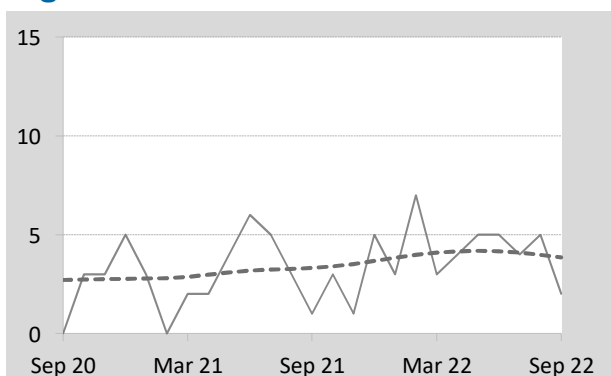
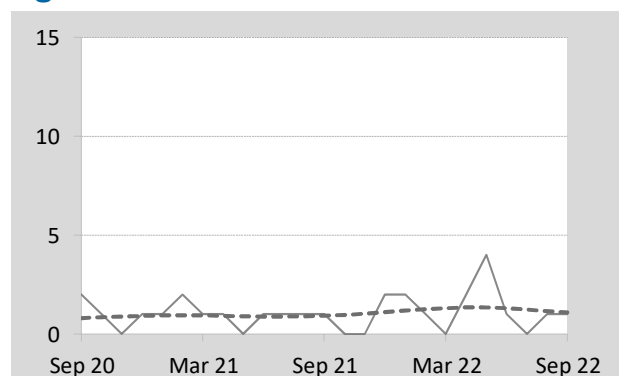


Figure 4.8 ACT



5. Fatal crashes: counts and characteristics

Table 5.1 By crash type and posted speed limit

12 months ended September	Crash type ^a		Posted speed limit (km/h)						Total ^b
	Single	Multiple	≤ 40	50	60 to 70	80 to 90	100	≥ 110	
2018	647	465	25	146	265	175	347	143	1,112
2019	665	416	19	135	233	186	329	170	1,081
2020	578	410	20	117	225	174	331	117	988
2021	589	457	13	128	237	164	340	150	1,046
2022	705	432	21	111	271	182	352	135	1,137
Latest per cent change	19.7	-5.5	61.5	-13.3	14.3	11.0	3.5	-10.0	8.7
Average trend change per year (per cent)	0.5	-0.5	-7.0	-5.8	0.6	-0.5	0.6	-2.4	0.1

Table 5.2 By day of week and time of day

12 months ended September	Day of week ^c		Time of day ^d	
	Weekday	Weekend	Day	Night
2018	675	437	677	435
2019	667	414	668	413
2020	603	385	600	388
2021	621	425	640	406
2022	707	430	672	464
Latest per cent change	13.8	1.2	5.0	14.3
Average trend change per year (per cent)	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	1.1

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

b Includes crashes where speed limit is 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.

Population rates

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

New ongoing fields in September 2018 database

The *Australian Road Deaths Database* now includes geographic location information for fatal crashes. Back series of data for all jurisdictions is in development.

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>.

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