



# Road deaths in crashes involving heavy vehicles

## Quarterly bulletin: October to December 2025

### This quarter's key figures

- There was a total of 60 road deaths involving heavy vehicles during the quarter ending December 2025. The current figure is 21.0% higher than the average for the December quarter over the previous 5 years (2020-2024).
- During the 12 months ending December 2025, there were 210 road deaths which involved a heavy vehicle. This is a 6.6% increase compared to the 12-month period ending December 2024.
  - 98 people died in crashes involving heavy rigid trucks, a 18.1% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
  - 104 people died in crashes involving articulated trucks, a 3.0% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
  - 19 people died in crashes involving buses, a 24.0% decrease compared to the previous 12-month period.

Figure 1 Quarterly and annual heavy vehicle involved road deaths over last five years, national

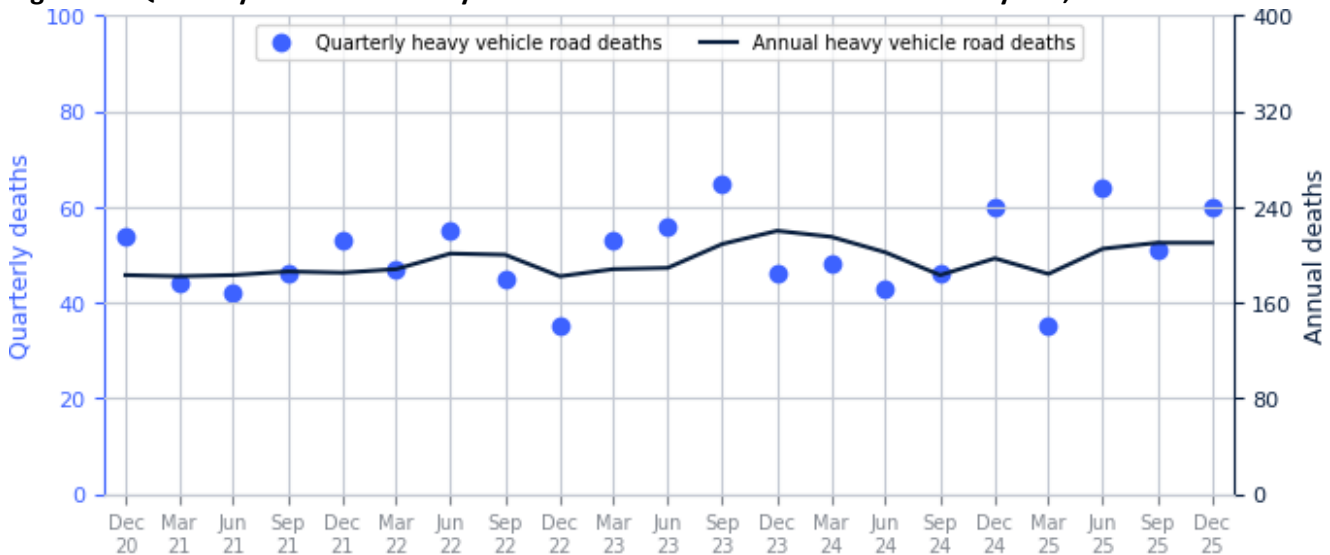
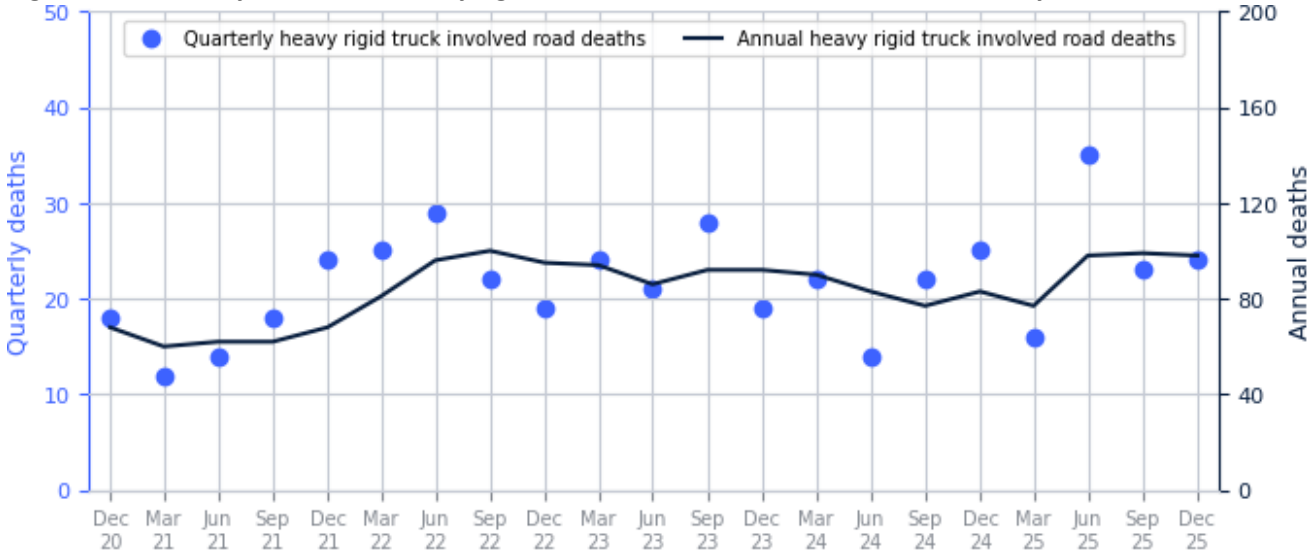


Table 1 Quarterly road deaths involving heavy vehicles over the last 5 years

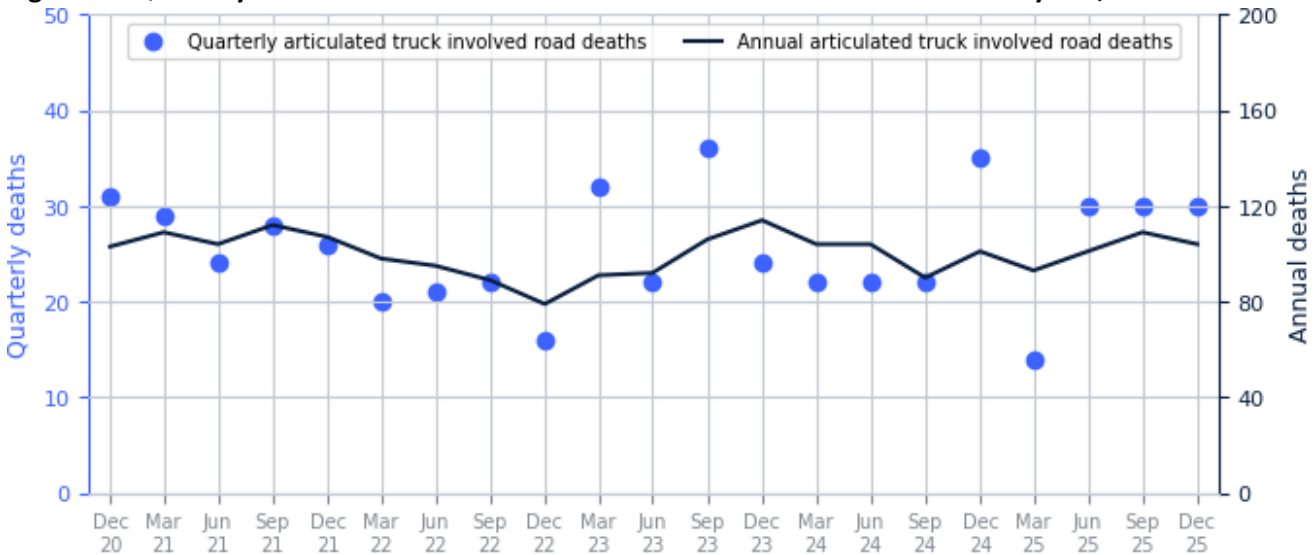
Year	March quarter	June quarter	September quarter	December quarter	Total
2020	45	41	43	54	183
2021	44	42	46	53	185
2022	47	55	45	35	182
2023	53	56	65	46	220
2024	48	43	46	60	197
2025	35	64	51	60	210

# 1. Heavy vehicle involved deaths by type of vehicle – 5 years

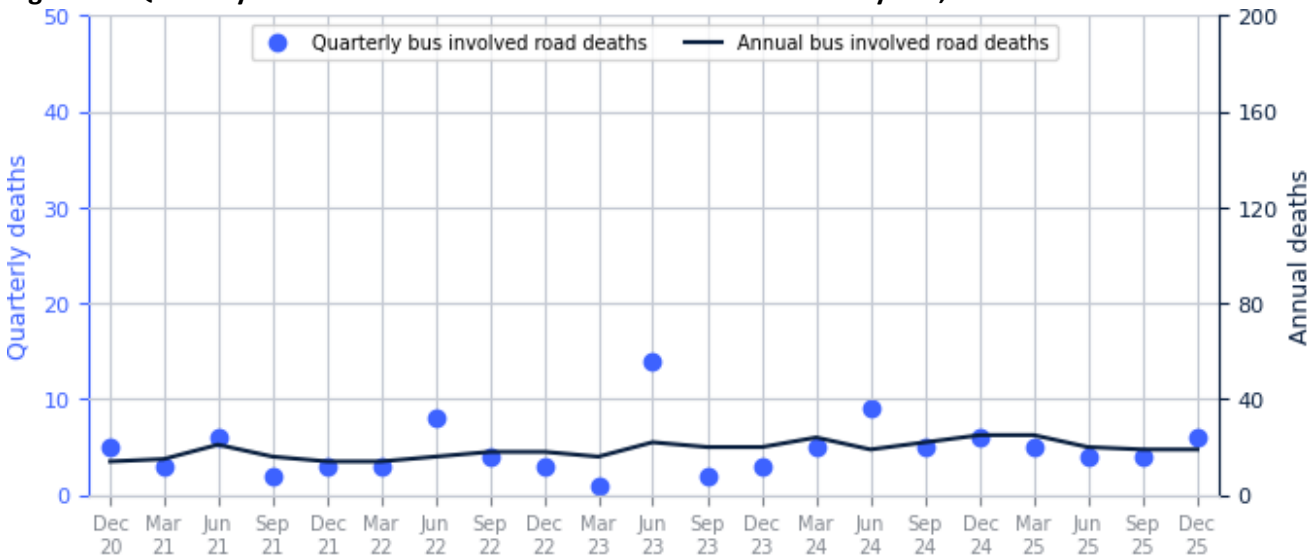
**Figure 2 Quarterly and annual heavy rigid truck involved road deaths over last five years, national**



**Figure 3 Quarterly and annual articulated truck involved road deaths over last five years, national**



**Figure 4 Quarterly and annual bus involved road deaths over last five years, national**



## 2. Heavy vehicle involvement: Annual deaths and fatal crashes

**Table 2.1 Deaths by type of vehicle involved**

12 months ending December	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	185	944	1,129
2022	182	986	1,182
2023	220	1,031	1,251
2024	197	1,095	1,292
2025	210	1,092	1,317
<b>Latest per cent change</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 2.2 Fatal crashes by type of vehicle involved**

12 months ending December	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	171	877	1,048
2022	165	928	1,107
2023	184	958	1,142
2024	175	1,010	1,185
2025	192	1,022	1,228
<b>Latest per cent change</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

Totals may include unknown values

## 3. Deaths by jurisdiction: Any heavy vehicle involved

**Table 3.1 Current quarter**

Current quarter	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Dec 2024	18	12	16	4	8	1	1	0	60
Dec 2025	15	21	16	1	6	0	1	0	60

**Table 3.2 Calendar year to date**

Year to date	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Jan to Dec 2024	56	31	56	16	27	6	5	0	197
Jan to Dec 2025	61	48	47	12	33	7	2	0	210
<b>Latest per cent change</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>54.8%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>-60.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

**Table 3.3 12 months ending December**

12 months ending December	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	55	36	51	16	19	5	3	0	185
2022	46	34	55	3	29	8	7	0	182
2023	70	53	51	16	20	2	8	0	220
2024	56	31	56	16	27	6	5	0	197
2025	61	48	47	12	33	7	2	0	210
<b>Latest per cent change</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>54.8%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>-60.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

## 4. Latest four quarters: By type of heavy vehicle involved

Table 4 Deaths over latest four quarters

Latest four quarters	Heavy rigid truck involved	Articulated truck involved	Bus involved
Mar 2025	16	14	5
Jun 2025	35	30	4
Sep 2025	23	30	4
Dec 2025	24	30	6

Figures may sum to more than the total as some deaths may have involved more than one type of heavy vehicle

## 5. Deaths by jurisdiction: By type of heavy vehicle involved

Table 5.1 Deaths by heavy rigid truck involvement

12 months ending December	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	26	18	9	3	8	3	1	0	68
2022	21	19	24	2	20	8	1	0	95
2023	25	19	26	4	15	2	1	0	92
2024	15	18	17	5	21	6	1	0	83
2025	26	18	21	2	22	7	2	0	98
Latest per cent change	73.3%	0.0%	23.5%	-60.0%	4.8%	16.7%	100.0%	0.0%	18.1%

Table 5.2 Deaths by articulated truck involvement

12 months ending December	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	27	18	40	10	8	3	1	0	107
2022	19	17	29	1	9	0	4	0	79
2023	31	34	25	10	5	2	7	0	114
2024	36	14	33	8	4	3	3	0	101
2025	29	28	24	9	9	5	0	0	104
Latest per cent change	-19.4%	100.0%	-27.3%	12.5%	125.0%	66.7%	-100.0%	0.0%	3.0%

Table 5.3 Deaths by bus involvement

12 months ending December	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	3	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	14
2022	9	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	18
2023	15	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	20
2024	9	0	8	3	3	0	2	0	25
2025	9	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	19
Latest per cent change	0.0%	-	-75.0%	-66.7%	-33.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-24.0%

# Appendix

Road deaths from recent months are preliminary and subject to revision.

## Road death

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Bus

A motor vehicle constructed for the carriage of passengers which has at least 10 seats, including the driver's seat.

## Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)

Tare weight (i.e. unladen weight) of the motor vehicle plus its maximum carrying capacity excluding trailers.

## Other sources for tables in this bulletin

The underlying database used to produce this bulletin — the Australian Road Deaths Database — is available for data extraction at <https://catalogue.data.infrastructure.gov.au/dataset/australian-road-deaths-database>

# Data sources

Data are obtained from:

- Transport for NSW
- Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- Department for Infrastructure and Transport, South Australia
- Western Australia Police and Road Safety Commission
- Department of State Growth, Tasmania
- Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, Northern Territory
- City and Environment Directorate, Australian Capital Territory
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (National, state and territory population)

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