



Road deaths in crashes involving heavy vehicles

Quarterly bulletin: Apr–Jun 2025

This quarter's key figures

- There was a total of 64 road deaths involving heavy vehicles during the quarter ending June 2025. The current figure is 35.0% higher than the average for June quarter over the previous 5 years (2020–2024).
- During the 12 months ending June 2025, there were 205 road deaths which involved a heavy vehicle. This is a 1.5% increase compared to the 12-month period ending June 2024.
 - 98 people died in crashes involving heavy rigid trucks, a 18.1% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
 - 100 people died in crashes involving articulated trucks, a 3.8% decrease compared to the previous 12-month period.
 - 21 people died in crashes involving buses, a 10.5% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.

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

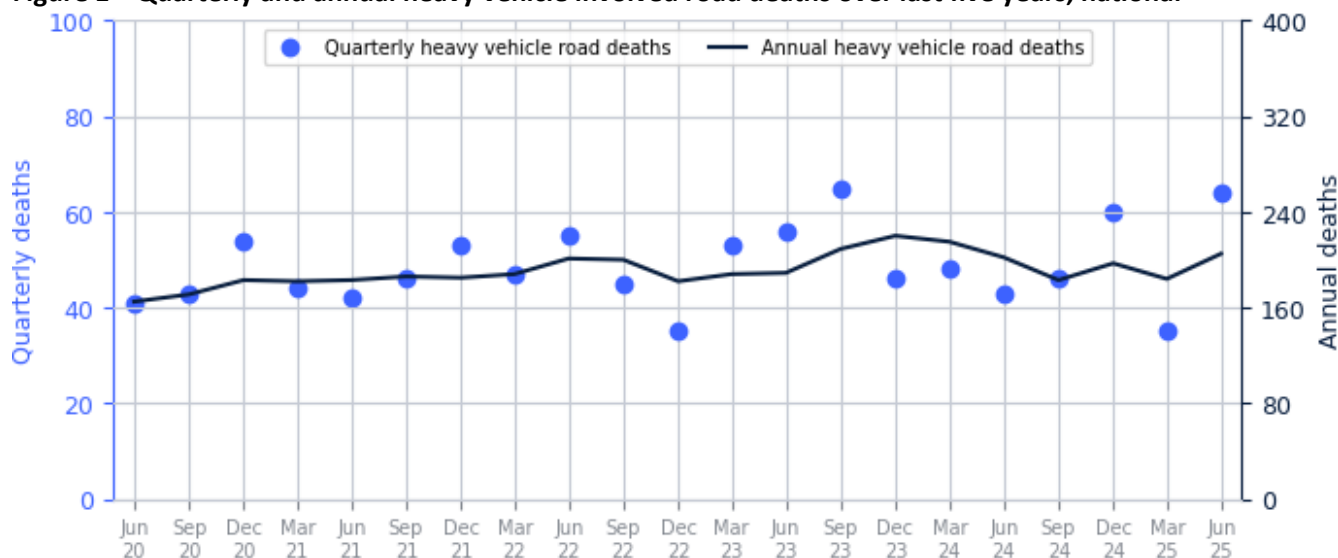


Table 1 Quarterly road deaths involving heavy vehicles over the last 5 years

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	–	–	99

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

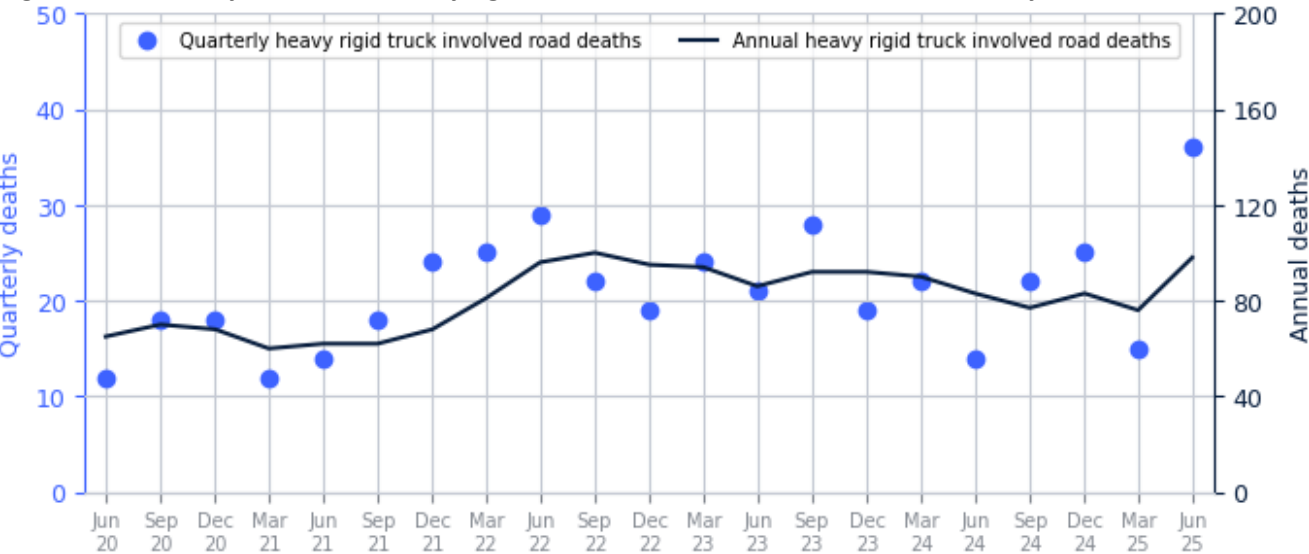


Figure 3 Quarterly and annual articulated truck involved road deaths over last five years, national

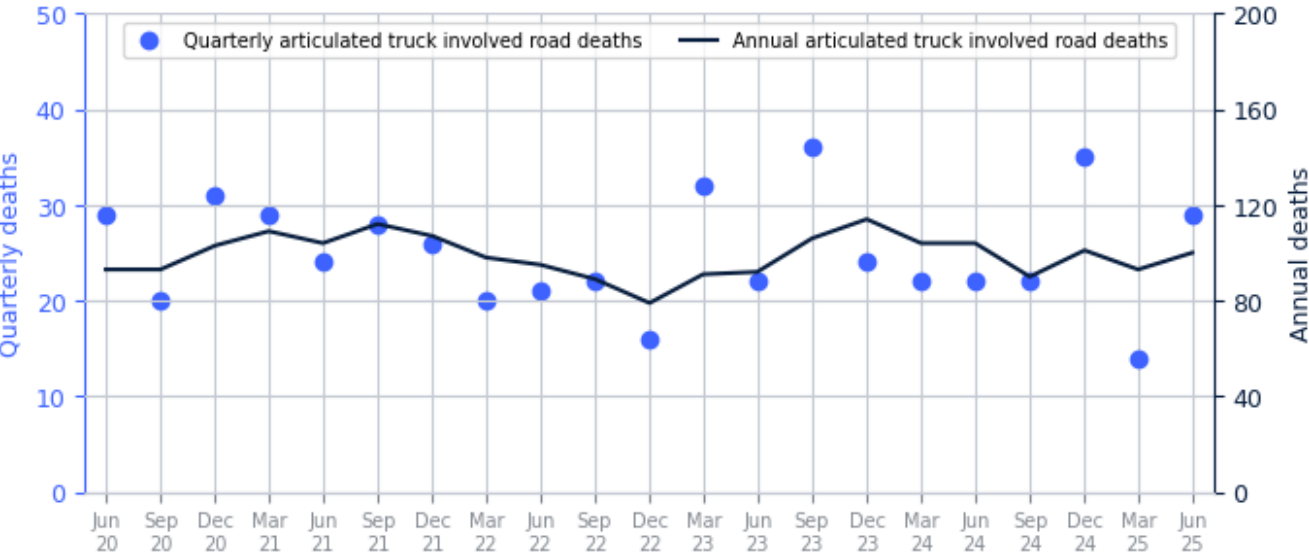
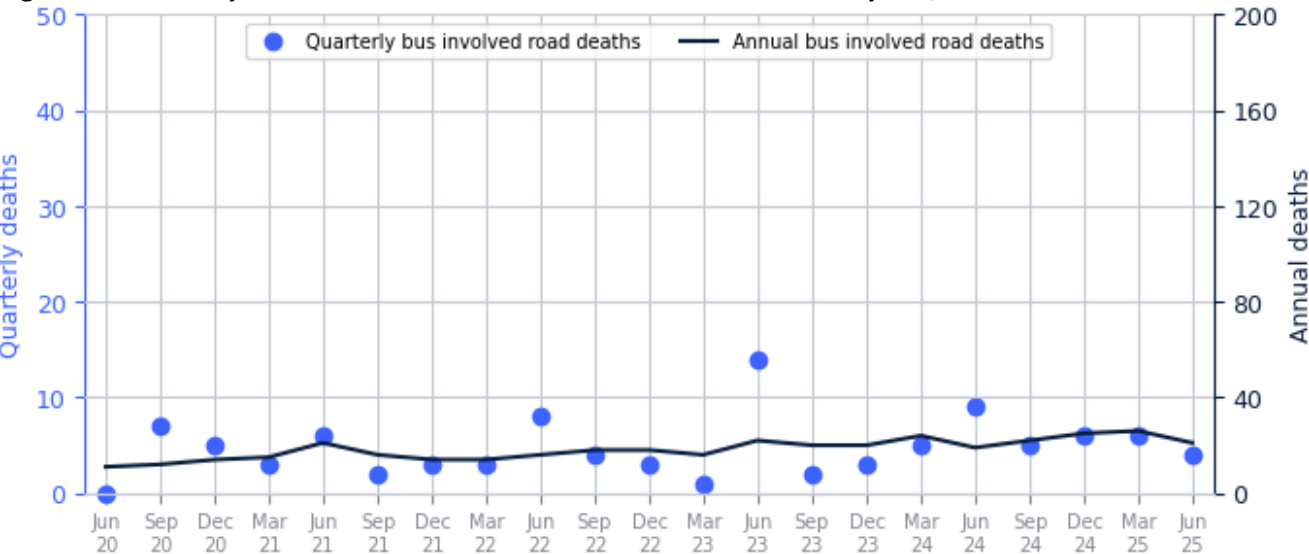


Figure 4 Quarterly and annual bus involved road deaths over last five years, national



2. Heavy vehicle involvement: Annual deaths and crashes

Table 2.1 Deaths by type of vehicle involved

12 months ending June	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	183	952	1,135
2022	201	966	1,167
2023	189	965	1,168
2024	202	1,083	1,285
2025	205	1,115	1,337
Latest per cent change	1.5%	3.0%	4.0%

Totals may include unknown values

Table 2.2 Fatal crashes by type of vehicle involved

12 months ending June	Heavy vehicle involved	No heavy vehicle involved	Total
2021	169	890	1,059
2022	180	898	1,078
2023	161	902	1,077
2024	175	1,003	1,178
2025	190	1,032	1,237
Latest per cent change	8.6%	2.9%	5.0%

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
Jun 2024	12	4	15	6	5	1	0	0	43
Jun 2025	23	10	10	4	13	3	1	0	64

Table 3.2 Calendar year to date

Year to date	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Jan to Jun 2024	31	11	24	9	14	1	1	0	91
Jan to Jun 2025	31	16	19	9	20	3	1	0	99
Latest per cent change	0.0%	45.5%	-20.8%	0.0%	42.9%	200.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8%

Table 3.3 12 months ending June

12 months ending June	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	51	27	58	16	24	5	2	0	183
2022	63	37	55	11	23	7	5	0	201
2023	50	47	48	7	26	6	5	0	189
2024	66	36	49	18	24	1	8	0	202
2025	56	36	51	16	33	8	5	0	205
Latest per cent change	-15.2%	0.0%	4.1%	-11.1%	37.5%	700.0%	-37.5%	0.0%	1.5%

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
Sep 2024	22	22	5
Dec 2024	25	35	6
Mar 2025	15	14	6
Jun 2025	36	29	4

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 June	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	24	12	9	5	8	3	1	0	62
2022	32	23	17	5	14	5	0	0	96
2023	12	19	29	1	18	6	1	0	86
2024	30	12	14	5	20	1	1	0	83
2025	19	21	19	4	25	8	2	0	98
Latest per cent change	-36.7%	75.0%	35.7%	-20.0%	25.0%	700.0%	100.0%	0.0%	18.1%

Table 5.2 Deaths by articulated truck involvement

12 months ending June	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	22	14	43	7	16	1	1	0	104
2022	27	15	36	6	6	2	3	0	95
2023	23	29	22	5	8	2	3	0	92
2024	35	24	27	10	2	0	6	0	104
2025	27	19	31	10	6	4	3	0	100
Latest per cent change	-22.9%	-20.8%	14.8%	0.0%	200.0%	—	-50.0%	0.0%	-3.8%

Table 5.3 Deaths by bus involvement

12 months ending June	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
2021	6	2	6	4	1	2	0	0	21
2022	6	1	3	0	4	0	2	0	16
2023	17	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	22
2024	5	0	8	3	2	0	1	0	19
2025	12	0	3	2	3	0	1	0	21
Latest per cent change	140.0%	0.0%	-62.5%	-33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%

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, 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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