

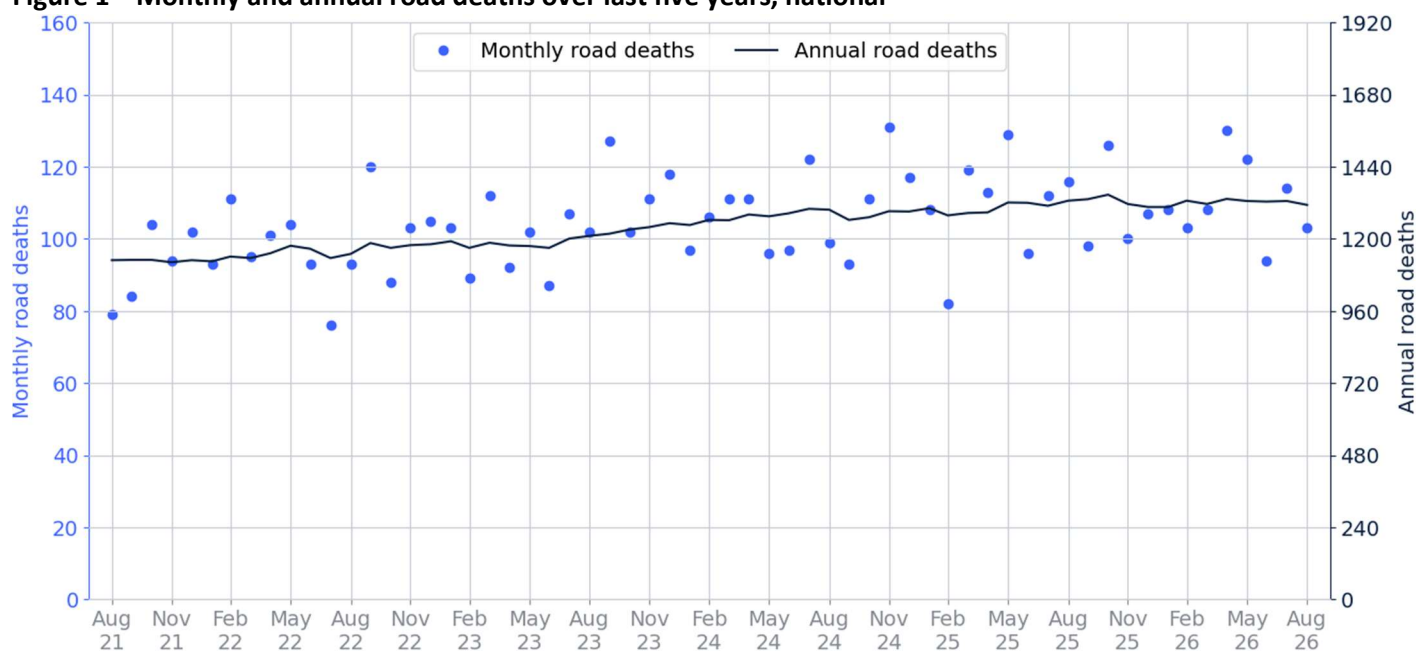


# Road Deaths Australia - August 2026

## This month's key figures

- There was a total of 103 road deaths during the month of August 2026. The current figure is 5.3% higher than the average for August over the previous 5 years (2021-2025).
- During the 12 months ending August 2026, there were 1,313 road deaths. This is a 1.1% decrease compared to the 12-month period ending August 2025.
- Presently, the rate of annual deaths per 100,000 population stands at 4.7. This is a 2.4% decrease compared to the rate for the 12-month period ending August 2025.

**Figure 1 Monthly and annual road deaths over last five years, national**



**Table 1 Monthly fatalities over the last 5 years**

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2021 | 97  | 95  | 100 | 85  | 79  | 103 | 107 | 79  | 84  | 104 | 94  | 102 | 1,129 |
| 2022 | 93  | 111 | 95  | 101 | 104 | 93  | 76  | 93  | 120 | 88  | 103 | 105 | 1,182 |
| 2023 | 103 | 89  | 112 | 92  | 102 | 87  | 107 | 102 | 127 | 102 | 111 | 118 | 1,252 |
| 2024 | 97  | 106 | 111 | 111 | 96  | 97  | 122 | 99  | 93  | 111 | 131 | 117 | 1,291 |
| 2025 | 108 | 82  | 119 | 113 | 129 | 96  | 112 | 116 | 98  | 126 | 100 | 107 | 1,306 |
| 2026 | 108 | 103 | 108 | 130 | 122 | 94  | 114 | 103 | —   | —   | —   | —   | 882   |

# 1. Monthly and annual deaths by jurisdiction – 2 years

Figure 2 Monthly and annual road deaths over last two years, by jurisdiction



## 2. Deaths by jurisdiction

**Table 2.1 Current month**

| Current month          | NSW    | VIC  | QLD    | SA     | WA     | TAS    | NT    | ACT | Total  |
|------------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----|--------|
| August 2025            | 34     | 17   | 41     | 11     | 7      | 2      | 4     | 0   | 116    |
| August 2026            | 23     | 18   | 30     | 7      | 15     | 1      | 7     | 2   | 103    |
| Latest per cent change | -32.4% | 5.9% | -26.8% | -36.4% | 114.3% | -50.0% | 75.0% | –   | -11.2% |

**Table 2.2 Calendar year to date**

| Year to date           | NSW  | VIC    | QLD  | SA    | WA    | TAS    | NT     | ACT    | Total |
|------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Jan to Aug 2025        | 228  | 196    | 205  | 57    | 129   | 29     | 28     | 3      | 875   |
| Jan to Aug 2026        | 230  | 162    | 214  | 76    | 144   | 21     | 24     | 11     | 882   |
| Latest per cent change | 0.9% | -17.3% | 4.4% | 33.3% | 11.6% | -27.6% | -14.3% | 266.7% | 0.8%  |

**Table 2.3 12 months ending August**

| 12 months ending August | NSW   | VIC    | QLD  | SA    | WA   | TAS    | NT     | ACT    | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2022                    | 273   | 245    | 284  | 82    | 156  | 47     | 49     | 14     | 1,150 |
| 2023                    | 323   | 271    | 280  | 98    | 172  | 34     | 22     | 10     | 1,210 |
| 2024                    | 324   | 296    | 290  | 99    | 182  | 31     | 68     | 7      | 1,297 |
| 2025                    | 352   | 290    | 309  | 89    | 196  | 41     | 42     | 8      | 1,327 |
| 2026                    | 349   | 257    | 316  | 106   | 199  | 35     | 34     | 17     | 1,313 |
| Latest per cent change  | -0.9% | -11.4% | 2.3% | 19.1% | 1.5% | -14.6% | -19.0% | 112.5% | -1.1% |

## 3. Annual deaths per 100,000 population

**Table 3.1 12 months ending August**

| 12 months ending August | NSW   | VIC    | QLD  | SA    | WA    | TAS    | NT     | ACT    | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2022                    | 3.4   | 3.7    | 5.4  | 4.5   | 5.6   | 8.2    | 19.5   | 3.1    | 4.4   |
| 2023                    | 3.9   | 4.0    | 5.2  | 5.3   | 6.0   | 5.9    | 8.6    | 2.1    | 4.6   |
| 2024                    | 3.8   | 4.3    | 5.2  | 5.3   | 6.2   | 5.4    | 26.2   | 1.5    | 4.8   |
| 2025                    | 4.1   | 4.1    | 5.5  | 4.7   | 6.5   | 7.1    | 15.9   | 1.7    | 4.8   |
| 2026                    | 4.0   | 3.6    | 5.5  | 5.5   | 6.5   | 6.0    | 12.7   | 3.5    | 4.7   |
| Latest per cent change  | -1.9% | -12.7% | 0.7% | 18.0% | -0.4% | -15.0% | -20.1% | 110.2% | -2.4% |

**Table 3.2 Calendar year period**

| Calendar year          | NSW  | VIC  | QLD  | SA    | WA    | TAS   | NT     | ACT    | Total |
|------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2021                   | 3.4  | 3.5  | 5.3  | 5.5   | 6.0   | 6.2   | 14.1   | 2.4    | 4.4   |
| 2022                   | 3.4  | 3.6  | 5.6  | 3.9   | 6.3   | 8.7   | 20.5   | 3.9    | 4.5   |
| 2023                   | 4.1  | 4.3  | 5.0  | 6.3   | 5.5   | 5.8   | 12.0   | 0.8    | 4.7   |
| 2024                   | 3.9  | 4.1  | 5.4  | 4.7   | 6.3   | 5.4   | 23.0   | 2.3    | 4.7   |
| 2025                   | 4.0  | 4.1  | 5.4  | 4.6   | 6.0   | 7.4   | 14.3   | 1.9    | 4.7   |
| Latest per cent change | 4.9% | 0.7% | 0.2% | -3.3% | -4.3% | 38.0% | -37.9% | -19.2% | -0.4% |

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

**Table 4.1 By road user**

| 12 months ending August       | Driver       | Passenger    | Pedestrian   | Motorcyclist | Pedal cyclist | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 552          | 183          | 139          | 232          | 35            | 1,150        |
| 2023                          | 556          | 193          | 169          | 244          | 44            | 1,210        |
| 2024                          | 571          | 220          | 164          | 286          | 36            | 1,297        |
| 2025                          | 594          | 206          | 206          | 263          | 35            | 1,327        |
| 2026                          | 581          | 198          | 187          | 264          | 58            | 1,313        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>-2.2%</b> | <b>-3.9%</b> | <b>-9.2%</b> | <b>0.4%</b>  | <b>65.7%</b>  | <b>-1.1%</b> |

Motorcyclist and Pedal cyclist categories include pillion passengers

Totals may include unknown values

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

| 12 months ending August       | 0 to 15      | 16 to 24     | 25 to 44    | 45 to 64     | 65 to 79      | 80+         | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 49           | 217          | 324         | 288          | 170           | 97          | 1,150        |
| 2023                          | 46           | 216          | 377         | 301          | 169           | 101         | 1,210        |
| 2024                          | 57           | 226          | 381         | 322          | 210           | 98          | 1,297        |
| 2025                          | 50           | 218          | 392         | 326          | 214           | 124         | 1,327        |
| 2026                          | 62           | 209          | 396         | 325          | 179           | 128         | 1,313        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>24.0%</b> | <b>-4.1%</b> | <b>1.0%</b> | <b>-0.3%</b> | <b>-16.4%</b> | <b>3.2%</b> | <b>-1.1%</b> |

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 4.3 By gender**

| 12 months ending August       | Male         | Female       | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 870          | 279          | 1,150        |
| 2023                          | 890          | 319          | 1,210        |
| 2024                          | 1,001        | 294          | 1,297        |
| 2025                          | 980          | 346          | 1,327        |
| 2026                          | 977          | 336          | 1,313        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>-0.3%</b> | <b>-2.9%</b> | <b>-1.1%</b> |

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 4.4 By remoteness**

| 12 months ending August       | Major cities | Inner regional | Outer regional | Remote      | Very remote   | Unknown       | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 393          | 381            | 244            | 68          | 58            | 6             | 1,150        |
| 2023                          | 447          | 419            | 256            | 38          | 41            | 9             | 1,210        |
| 2024                          | 450          | 412            | 288            | 81          | 59            | 7             | 1,297        |
| 2025                          | 485          | 426            | 294            | 47          | 50            | 25            | 1,327        |
| 2026                          | 473          | 404            | 272            | 48          | 37            | 79            | 1,313        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>-2.5%</b> | <b>-5.2%</b>   | <b>-7.5%</b>   | <b>2.1%</b> | <b>-26.0%</b> | <b>216.0%</b> | <b>-1.1%</b> |

Totals may include unknown values

## 5. Fatal crashes: counts and characteristics

**Table 5.1 By number of vehicles involved in a crash**

| 12 months ending August       | Single      | Multiple     | Total        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 651         | 421          | 1,072        |
| 2023                          | 621         | 497          | 1,121        |
| 2024                          | 648         | 523          | 1,174        |
| 2025                          | 654         | 573          | 1,230        |
| 2026                          | 693         | 534          | 1,228        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>6.0%</b> | <b>-6.8%</b> | <b>-0.2%</b> |

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 5.2 By posted speed limit (km/h)**

| 12 months ending August       | ≤ 40         | 50          | 60 to 75      | 80 to 90     | 100          | ≥ 110        | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 21           | 118         | 274           | 180          | 348          | 124          | 1,072        |
| 2023                          | 33           | 137         | 294           | 191          | 319          | 141          | 1,121        |
| 2024                          | 32           | 138         | 307           | 200          | 347          | 140          | 1,174        |
| 2025                          | 28           | 146         | 312           | 218          | 353          | 142          | 1,230        |
| 2026                          | 50           | 156         | 270           | 209          | 325          | 139          | 1,228        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>78.6%</b> | <b>6.8%</b> | <b>-13.5%</b> | <b>-4.1%</b> | <b>-7.9%</b> | <b>-2.1%</b> | <b>-0.2%</b> |

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 5.3 By day of week**

| 12 months ending August       | Weekday     | Weekend      | Total        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 664         | 408          | 1,072        |
| 2023                          | 698         | 423          | 1,121        |
| 2024                          | 751         | 423          | 1,174        |
| 2025                          | 746         | 484          | 1,230        |
| 2026                          | 787         | 441          | 1,228        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>5.5%</b> | <b>-8.9%</b> | <b>-0.2%</b> |

'Weekday' refers to 6am Monday through to 5:59pm Friday

Totals may include unknown values

**Table 5.4 By time of day**

| 12 months ending August       | Day          | Night       | Total        |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2022                          | 648          | 424         | 1,072        |
| 2023                          | 661          | 460         | 1,121        |
| 2024                          | 736          | 438         | 1,174        |
| 2025                          | 759          | 471         | 1,230        |
| 2026                          | 745          | 483         | 1,228        |
| <b>Latest per cent change</b> | <b>-1.8%</b> | <b>2.5%</b> | <b>-0.2%</b> |

'Day' refers to 6am through to 5:59pm

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# 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.

## 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.

## 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

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- 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
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