



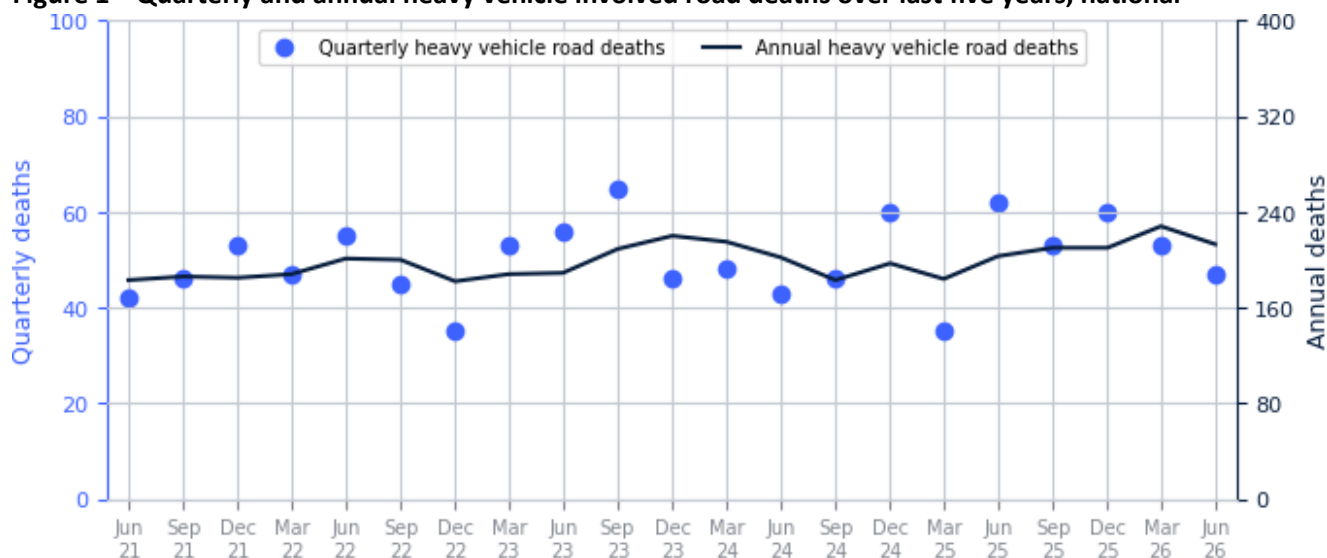
# Road deaths in crashes involving heavy vehicles

Quarterly bulletin: April to June 2026

## This quarter's key figures

- There was a total of 47 road deaths involving heavy vehicles during the quarter ending June 2026. The current figure is 8.9% lower than the average for the June quarter over the previous 5 years (2021-2025).
- During the 12 months ending June 2026, there were 213 road deaths which involved a heavy vehicle. This is a 4.9% increase compared to the 12-month period ending June 2025.
  - 79 people died in crashes involving heavy rigid trucks, a 17.7% decrease compared to the previous 12-month period.
  - 116 people died in crashes involving articulated trucks, a 16.0% increase compared to the previous 12-month period.
  - 24 people died in crashes involving buses, a 20.0% 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 |
|------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|
| 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            | 62           | 53                | 60               | 210   |
| 2026 | 53            | 47           | –                 | –                | 100   |

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

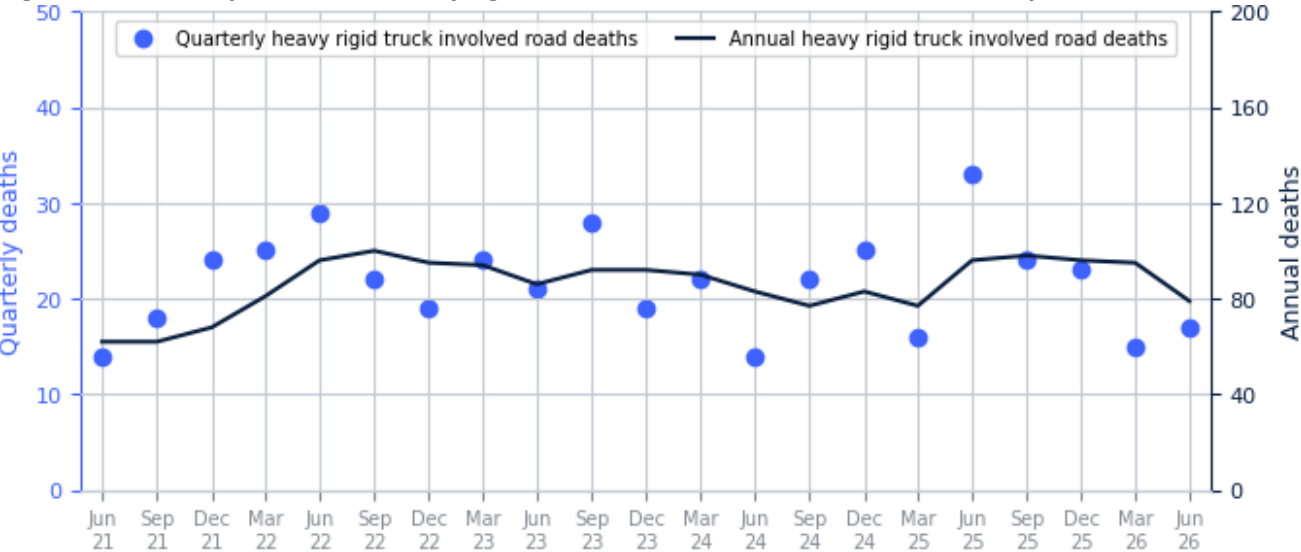


Figure 3 Quarterly and annual articulated truck involved road deaths over last five years, national

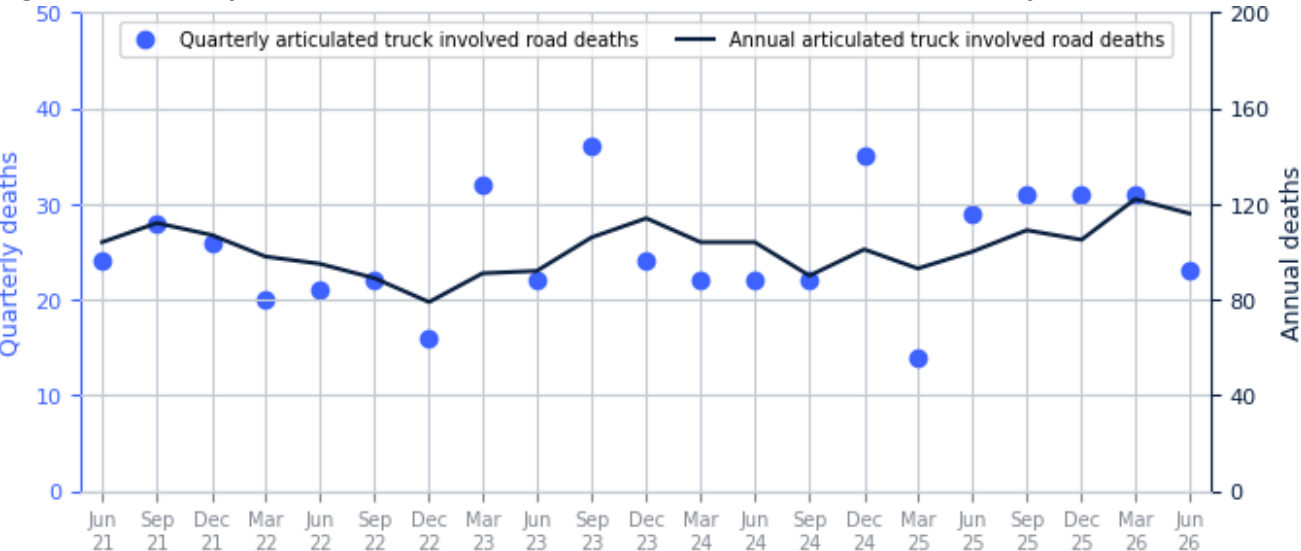
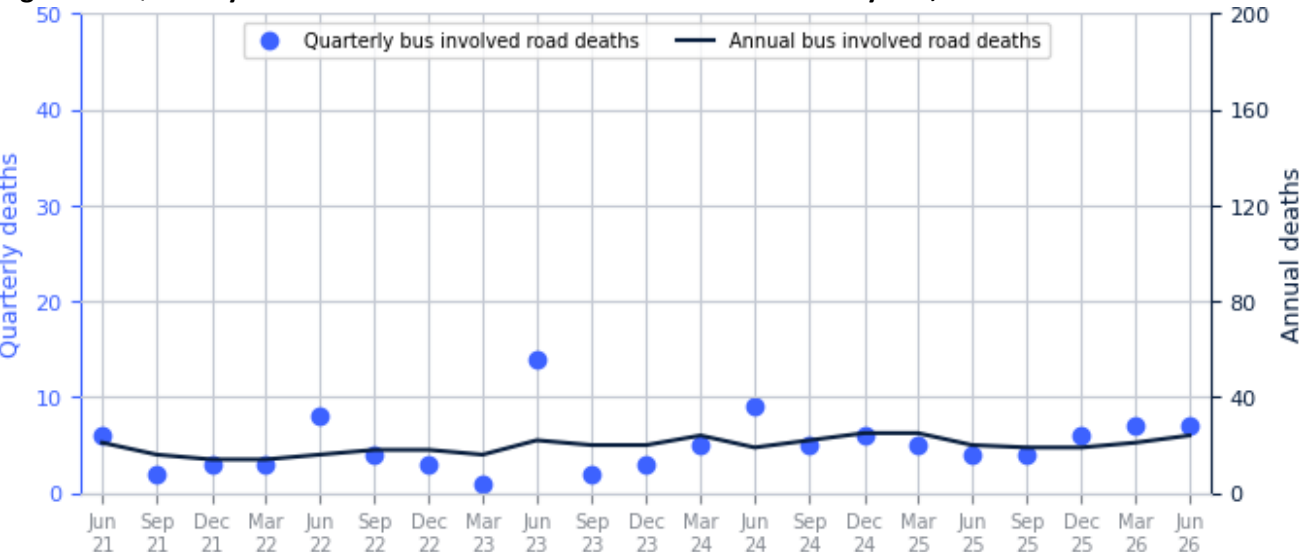


Figure 4 Quarterly and annual bus involved road deaths over last five years, national



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

Table 2.1 Deaths by type of vehicle involved

| 12 months ending June  | Heavy vehicle involved | No heavy vehicle involved | Total |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 2022                   | 201                    | 966                       | 1,167 |
| 2023                   | 189                    | 967                       | 1,170 |
| 2024                   | 202                    | 1,083                     | 1,285 |
| 2025                   | 203                    | 1,119                     | 1,322 |
| 2026                   | 213                    | 1,104                     | 1,330 |
| Latest per cent change | 4.9%                   | -1.3%                     | 0.6%  |

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 |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 2022                   | 180                    | 898                       | 1,078 |
| 2023                   | 161                    | 904                       | 1,079 |
| 2024                   | 175                    | 1,003                     | 1,178 |
| 2025                   | 188                    | 1,034                     | 1,222 |
| 2026                   | 194                    | 1,027                     | 1,234 |
| Latest per cent change | 3.2%                   | -0.7%                     | 1.0%  |

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 2025        | 21  | 10  | 11  | 4  | 13 | 2   | 1  | 0   | 62    |
| Jun 2026        | 16  | 2   | 13  | 5  | 11 | 0   | 0  | 0   | 47    |

Table 3.2 Calendar year to date

| Year to date           | NSW   | VIC    | QLD  | SA    | WA     | TAS     | NT      | ACT  | Total |
|------------------------|-------|--------|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| Jan to Jun 2025        | 28    | 17     | 20   | 9     | 20     | 2       | 1       | 0    | 97    |
| Jan to Jun 2026        | 42    | 12     | 21   | 11    | 14     | 0       | 0       | 0    | 100   |
| Latest per cent change | 50.0% | -29.4% | 5.0% | 22.2% | -30.0% | -100.0% | -100.0% | 0.0% | 3.1%  |

Table 3.3 12 months ending June

| 12 months ending June  | NSW   | VIC   | QLD   | SA     | WA     | TAS    | NT     | ACT  | Total |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| 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                   | 53    | 37    | 52    | 16     | 33     | 7      | 5      | 0    | 203   |
| 2026                   | 72    | 47    | 48    | 14     | 27     | 4      | 1      | 0    | 213   |
| Latest per cent change | 35.8% | 27.0% | -7.7% | -12.5% | -18.2% | -42.9% | -80.0% | 0.0% | 4.9%  |

## 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 2025             | 24                         | 31                         | 4            |
| Dec 2025             | 23                         | 31                         | 6            |
| Mar 2026             | 15                         | 31                         | 7            |
| Jun 2026             | 17                         | 23                         | 7            |

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  |
|------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| 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                   | 17    | 22     | 19   | 4      | 25     | 7      | 2      | 0    | 96     |
| 2026                   | 19    | 17     | 20   | 3      | 15     | 4      | 1      | 0    | 79     |
| Latest per cent change | 11.8% | -22.7% | 5.3% | -25.0% | -40.0% | -42.9% | -50.0% | 0.0% | -17.7% |

**Table 5.2 Deaths by articulated truck involvement**

| 12 months ending June  | NSW   | VIC   | QLD    | SA   | WA    | TAS   | NT      | ACT  | Total |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|---------|------|-------|
| 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    | 32     | 10   | 6     | 3     | 3       | 0    | 100   |
| 2026                   | 45    | 25    | 24     | 10   | 8     | 4     | 0       | 0    | 116   |
| Latest per cent change | 66.7% | 31.6% | -25.0% | 0.0% | 33.3% | 33.3% | -100.0% | 0.0% | 16.0% |

**Table 5.3 Deaths by bus involvement**

| 12 months ending June  | NSW   | VIC | QLD   | SA     | WA    | TAS  | NT      | ACT  | Total |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-------|--------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|
| 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                   | 11    | 0   | 3     | 2      | 3     | 0    | 1       | 0    | 20    |
| 2026                   | 10    | 5   | 4     | 1      | 4     | 0    | 0       | 0    | 24    |
| Latest per cent change | -9.1% | —   | 33.3% | -50.0% | 33.3% | 0.0% | -100.0% | 0.0% | 20.0% |

# 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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