

Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory January to July 2001 Status Report

There was no road fatality in the Northern Territory for the month of July 2001.

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 31 July 2001 were 24, which was four less than the same time in 2000. The 24 deaths were a result of 20 fatal crashes.

Summary - Year to Date

- 95% occurred on dry roads
- 85% occurred in the rural area
- 75% occurred on sealed roads

- 67% were male

- 42% were Aboriginals
- 29% were overseas visitors
- 25% were non-Aboriginal NT residents
- 4% were interstate visitors

- 54% were passengers
- 21% were drivers
- 17% were pedestrians
- 8% were motorcyclists

- 89% were ran off road
- 20% were single vehicle rollovers

- 50% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts
- 15% were alcohol-related
- 10% were speed-related

Of the 20 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 8 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first
- ◆ 4 were overturn
- ◆ 3 were struck pedestrian
- ◆ 2 were head on
- ◆ 1 was sideswipe and then struck a pedestrian
- ◆ 1 was fell off motorcycle
- ◆ 1 was unknown – suspected to have fallen from the rear of the vehicle

Of the 20 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 17 occurred in the rural areas and 3 on urban areas
- ◆ 15 occurred on sealed roads and 5 on unsealed roads
- ◆ 19 occurred on dry roads and 1 on a wet road

Of the 24 fatalities:

- ◆ 16 were male, 8 were female
- ◆ 10 were Aboriginals, 6 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 7 were overseas visitors and 1 was an interstate visitor.

Road Fatalities: -

Year	NT	NT Per 100,000 Population	Australia Per 100,000 Population
2000	51	26.2	9.49
1999	49	25.4	9.28

Of the 10 Aboriginal fatalities:

- ◆ 6 passengers, 3 of them not wearing seatbelts
- ◆ 1 rear tray passenger
- ◆ 3 pedestrians
- ◆ two of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related

Of the 6 non-Aboriginal NT residents:

- ◆ 2 drivers and 1 passenger, one of them not wearing a seatbelt
- ◆ 2 motorcyclists
- ◆ 1 pedestrian
- ◆ 1 fatal crash was alcohol-related

Of the 7 overseas visitor fatalities:

- ◆ 3 drivers and 4 passengers, 4 of them not wearing seatbelts
- ◆ one fatal crash was a single vehicle roll over
- ◆ two of the fatal crashes were speed-related

Of the 1 interstate visitor fatality:

- ◆ 1 passenger, main cause of the road crash was a tyre blown out.

Annual Fatality Statistics

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	32	22	25	24	23
Aboriginal NT Residents	22	27	29	17	18
Interstates visitors	8	9	5*	4	3
Overseas visitors	11	2	10	4	7
Total	73	60	69	49	51

* Included one Aboriginal interstate visitor.

Year	12 months to July 2000	12 months to July 2001	% Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	23	18	-22
Aboriginal NT Residents	16	19	19
Interstates visitors	6	2	-67
Overseas visitors	9	8	-11
Total	54	47	-13

This report is produced using the Transport & Works Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 2 July 2001.

Contact Officers
Foster Lau, Research /Project Officer: tel: 89247147
Don Shean, VADB Manager, Tel: 89247352

