

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

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 31 August 2001 were 30, which was three less than the same time in 2000. The 30 deaths were a result of 26 fatal crashes.

Summary - Year to Date

- 96% occurred on dry roads
- 85% occurred in the rural area
- 75% occurred on sealed roads

- 63% were male

- 40% were Aboriginals
- 27% were overseas visitors
- 27% were non-Aboriginal NT residents
- 6% were interstate visitors

- 50% were passengers
- 30% were drivers
- 17% were pedestrians
- 7% were motorcyclists

- 38% were ran off road
- 19% were single vehicle rollovers

- 50% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts
- 12% were alcohol-related
- 8% were speed-related
- 8% were fatigue-related

Of the 26 fatal crashes:-

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

Of the 26 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 22 occurred in the rural area and 4 on urban area
- ◆ 19 occurred on sealed roads and 7 on unsealed roads
- ◆ 25 occurred on dry roads and 1 on a wet road

Of the 30 fatalities:

- ◆ 19 were male, 11 were female
- ◆ 12 were Aboriginals, 8 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 8 were overseas visitors and 2 were interstate visitors.

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 12 Aboriginal fatalities:

- ◆ 1 driver, 6 passengers and 1 rear tray passenger, 4 of them not wearing seatbelts
- ◆ 4 pedestrians
- ◆ two fatal crashes were alcohol-related
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related

Of the 8 non-Aboriginal NT residents:

- ◆ 3 drivers and 2 passengers, two of them not wearing seatbelts
- ◆ 2 motorcyclists
- ◆ 1 pedestrian
- ◆ one fatal crash was alcohol-related

Of the 8 overseas visitor fatalities:

- ◆ 4 drivers and 4 passengers, 5 of them not wearing seatbelts
- ◆ two fatal crashes were single vehicle rollover
- ◆ two of the fatal crashes were speed-related

Of the 2 interstate visitor fatalities:

- ◆ 2 passengers
- ◆ one fatal crash was related to a tyre blown out
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related

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
Interstate 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 August 2000	12 months to August 2001	% Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	26	16	-38
Aboriginal NT Residents	14	21	50
Interstate visitors	5	2	-60
Overseas visitors	7	9	+29
Total	52	48	-8

This report is produced using the Transport & Works Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 3 Sept. 2001.

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