

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

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 30 September 2001 were 35, which was three less than the same time in 2000. The 35 deaths were a result of 30 fatal crashes, which was five less than the same time in 2000.

Summary - Year to Date

- 87% occurred in the rural areas
- 73% occurred on sealed roads

- 63% were male

- 40% were Aboriginals
- 26% were overseas visitors
- 23% were non-Aboriginal NT residents
- 11% were interstate visitors

- 51% were passengers
- 29% were drivers
- 14% were pedestrians
- 6% were motorcyclists

- 40% were "ran off road"
- 20% were single vehicle rollovers

- 46% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts
- 13% were alcohol-related
- 10% were speed-related
- 7% were fatigue-related

Of the 30 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 12 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first
- ◆ 6 were single vehicle rollovers
- ◆ 4 were pedestrians struck by vehicles
- ◆ 3 were angle collisions between vehicles
- ◆ 2 were head on collisions
- ◆ 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 30 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 26 occurred in the rural areas and 4 on urban areas
- ◆ 22 occurred on sealed roads and 8 on unsealed roads
- ◆ 29 occurred on dry roads and 1 on a wet road

Of the 35 fatalities:

- ◆ 22 were male, 13 were female
- ◆ 14 were Aboriginals, 8 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 9 were overseas visitors and 4 were interstate visitors.

Of the 8 non-Aboriginal NT residents:

- ◆ 3 drivers - one of the drivers was wearing a seatbelt. It was unclear if the other two drivers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 2 passengers - both of them were not wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 2 motorcyclists
- ◆ 1 pedestrian
- ◆ one fatal crash was alcohol-related

Of the 14 Aboriginal fatalities:

- ◆ 2 drivers - both of them were not wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 8 passengers - four of them were not wearing seatbelts and 1 was a rear tray passenger. It was unclear if the remaining three passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 4 pedestrians
- ◆ three fatal crashes were alcohol-related
- ◆ one fatal crash was speed-related
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related

Of the 4 interstate visitor fatalities:

- ◆ 1 driver - the driver was wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 3 passengers - one of them was wearing a seatbelt but it was unclear if the other two passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ one fatal crash was related to a tyre blown out
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related

Of the 9 overseas visitor fatalities:

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

Year	12 months to September 2000	12 months to September 2001	% Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	25	12	-52%
Aboriginal NT Residents	13	22	+69%
Interstate visitors	5	4	-20%
Overseas visitors	6	10	+67%
Total	49	48	-2%

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.

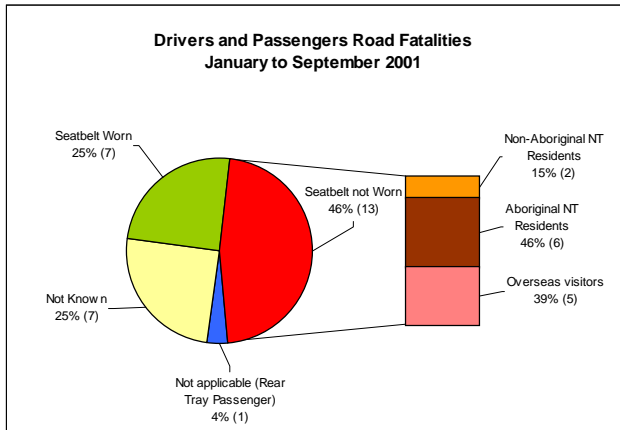


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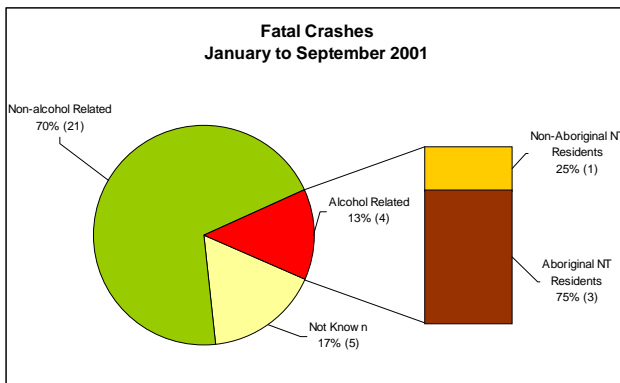
Road Fatalities: -

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

Non-Wearing of Seatbelt Fatalities



Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes



	12 months to September 2000	12 months to September 2001	% Change
Total Fatalities	49	48	-2.0%
Total Injuries	1268	1040	-18.0%
Total Fatal Crashes	43	43	0.0%
Total Injury Crashes	858	722	-15.9%
Total Non-injury Crashes	1522	1545	+1.5%
Seatbelt not Worn Fatalities			
Fatalities	13	15	+15.4%
Injuries	55	55	0.0%
Speed- Related			
Fatal Crashes	8	5	-37.5%
Injury Crashes	84	71	-15.5%
Non-injury Crashes	99	102	+3.0%
Alcohol-Related			
Fatal Crashes	14	12	-14.3%
Injury Crashes	112	66	-41.1%
Non-injury Crashes	97	82	-15.5%

Vehicle Crashes involving heavy vehicles in the NT:-

January to September 2001

Highest Injury Level	State	Rigid Truck > 4.5 GVM	Articulated Vehicle (Semi)	Road Train - Double	Road Train - Triple	Total
Fatal	NT	1				1
	Interstate					0
Serious	NT	1	1		2	4
	Interstate	1				1
Minor	NT	2			1	3
	Interstate				2	2
Non-Injury	NT	21	2	3	8	34
	Interstate	5		1	1	7
Total		31	3	4	14	52

12 months to September 2001

Highest Injury Level	State	Rigid Truck > 4.5 GVM	Articulated Vehicle (Semi)	Road Train - Double	Road Train - Triple	Total
Fatal	NT	1				1
	Interstate					0
Serious	NT	2	2	1	2	7
	Interstate	1				1
Minor	NT	3	1		3	7
	Interstate				3	3
Non-Injury	NT	31	3	3	10	47
	Interstate	8	1	1	3	13
Total		46	7	5	21	79

12 months to September 2000

Highest Injury Level	State	Rigid Truck > 4.5 GVM	Articulated Vehicle (Semi)	Road Train - Double	Road Train - Triple	Total
Fatal	NT	4			3	7
	Interstate					0
Serious	NT	5		2	1	8
	Interstate			1		1
Minor	NT	9	2	1	5	17
	Interstate	1		1	2	4
Non-Injury	NT	28	6	7	11	52
	Interstate	3	3	1	8	15
Total		50	12	12	30	104

This report is produced using the Transport & Works Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 4 Oct. 2001.

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