



Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory January to 30 November 2001 Status Report

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 30 November 2001 were 42, which was 5 less than the same time in 2000. The 42 deaths were a result of 37 fatal crashes, which was 7 less than the same time in 2000.

Summary - Year to Date

- 76% occurred in the rural areas.
- 78% occurred on sealed roads.
- 60% were male.
- 48% were Aboriginal.
- 21% were overseas visitors.
- 21% were non-Aboriginal NT residents.
- 10% were interstate visitors.
- 45% were passengers.
- 26% were drivers.
- 22% were pedestrians.
- 7% were motorcyclists.
- 38% were "ran off road".
- 22% were pedestrians struck by vehicles.
- 19% were single vehicle rollovers.
- 47% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts.
- 11% were alcohol-related.
- 9% were speed-related.
- 6% were fatigue-related.

Of the 37 fatal crashes:

- ◆ 14 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first.
- ◆ 8 were pedestrians struck by vehicles.
- ◆ 7 were single vehicle rollovers.
- ◆ 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 37 fatal crashes:

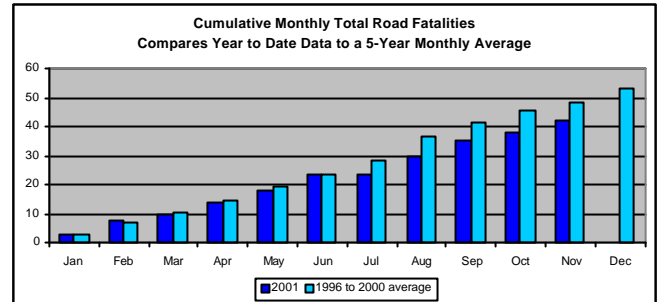
- ◆ 28 occurred in the rural areas and 9 on urban areas.
- ◆ 29 occurred on sealed roads and 8 on unsealed roads.
- ◆ 36 occurred on dry roads and 1 on a wet road.

Of the 42 fatalities:

- ◆ 25 were male, 17 were female.
- ◆ 20 were Aboriginal, 9 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 9 were overseas visitors and 4 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 9 non-Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 3 motorcyclists.
- ◆ 1 pedestrian.
- ◆ one fatal crash was alcohol-related.

Of the 20 Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ 3 drivers - two of them were not wearing seatbelts. It was unclear if the other driver was wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 9 passengers - five of them were not wearing seatbelts and 1 was a rear tray passenger. It was unclear if the remaining three passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 8 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 blown out tyre.
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related.

Of the 9 overseas visitor fatalities:

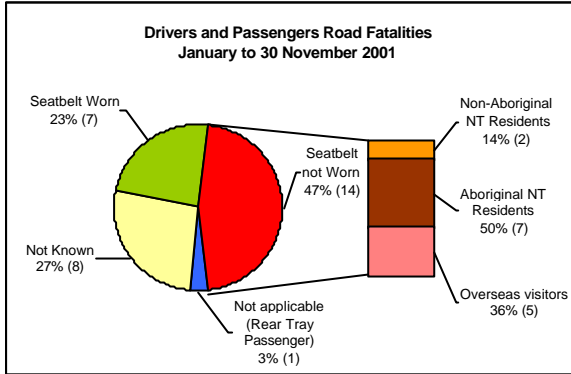
- ◆ 4 drivers - two of them were wearing seatbelts and two of them were not.
- ◆ 5 passengers - two of them were wearing seatbelts and three of them were not.
- ◆ two fatal crashes were single vehicle rollover.
- ◆ two of the fatal crashes were speed-related.



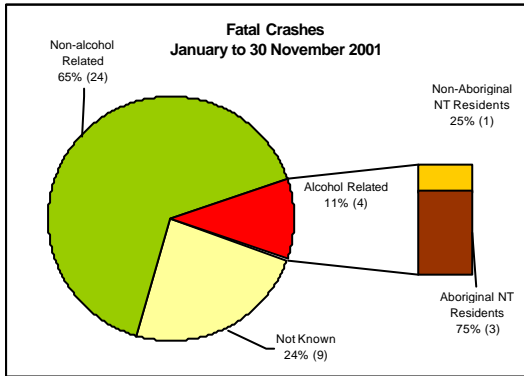


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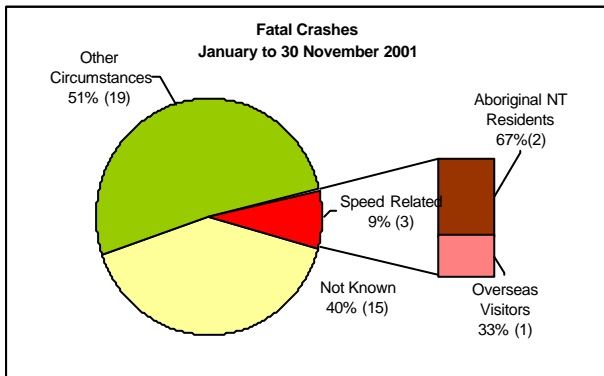
Non-Wearing of Seatbelt Fatalities



Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes



Speed Related Fatal Crashes



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.

	12 months to Nov 2000	12 months to Nov 2001	% Change
Total Fatalities	50	46	-8.0%
Total Injuries	1241	1028	-17.2%
Total Fatal Crashes	45	41	-8.9%
Total Injury Crashes	846	720	-14.9%
Total Non-injury Crashes	1521	1603	5.4%
Seatbelt not Worn Fatalities			
Fatalities	11	14	27.3%
Injuries	63	55	-12.7%
Speed- Related			
Fatal Crashes	8	3	-62.5%
Injury Crashes	89	70	-21.3%
Non-injury Crashes	95	105	10.5%
Alcohol-Related			
Fatal Crashes	15	7	-53.3%
Injury Crashes	105	76	-27.6%
Non-injury Crashes	91	86	-5.5%

Vehicle crashes involving Heavy Vehicles:

Heavy Vehicles Involved (Jan - Nov 2001)	Driver Not Wearing Seatbelt	Driver BAC > 0	Speed Related	Fatigue Related
Fatal Crashes				
Serious Injury Crashes	1			3*
Minor Injury Crashes	1			
Non-injury Crashes	1	2	3	
Total	3	2	3	3

Note: * included two interstate drivers.

January to November 2001

Highest Injury Level	Bus & Coach		Rigid Truck > 4.5 GVM		Articulated Vehicle (Semi)		Road Train (Double)		Road Train (Triple)		Total
	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	
Fatal			1								1
Serious	3		2	1	1				4	1	12
Minor	6	1	5			1			1	2	16
Non-injury	38	5	28	6	2		4	2	8	2	95
Total	53	5	43	7	4	1	6	2	18	2	124

Note: Int. = Interstate

Highest Injury Level Crashes	12 months to November 2000		12 months to November 2001		% Change	
	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	NT	Int.
Fatal	6	1	1	0	-83%	-100%
Serious	18	2	11	2	-39%	0%
Minor	23	3	13	6	-44%	100%
Non-injury	84	14	83	17	-1%	21%
Total	151	17	133	25	-12%	

This report is produced using the Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 2 Dec 2001.

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