



Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory January to 31 December 2001 Status Report

There were 50 road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 31 December 2001, which was 1 less than the same time in 2000. The 50 deaths were a result of 43 fatal crashes, which were 5 less than the same time in 2000.

Summary - Year to Date

- 77% of fatal crashes occurred in rural areas.
- 60% of fatal crashes occurred on sealed roads.
- 60% of fatalities were male.
- 50% of fatalities were Aboriginal NT residents.
- 18% of fatalities were overseas visitors.
- 24% of fatalities were non-Aboriginal NT residents.
- 8% of fatalities were interstate visitors.
- 44% of fatalities were passengers.
- 28% of fatalities were drivers.
- 22% of fatalities were pedestrians.
- 6% of fatalities were motorcyclists.
- 35% of fatal crashes were "ran off road".
- 23% of fatal crashes were pedestrians struck by vehicles.
- 19% of fatal crashes were single vehicle rollovers.
- 50% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts.
- 19% of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- 7% of the fatal crashes were speed-related.
- 7% of the fatal crashes were fatigue-related.

Of the 43 fatal crashes:

- ◆ 15 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first.
- ◆ 10 were pedestrians struck by vehicle.
- ◆ 8 were single vehicle rollover.
- ◆ 3 were angle collisions between vehicles.
- ◆ 2 were head on collision.
- ◆ 1 was "sideswipe and then struck a pedestrian".
- ◆ 2 were "fell off motorcycle".
- ◆ 1 was animal struck by vehicle.
- ◆ 1 was unknown - suspected to have fallen from the rear of vehicle.

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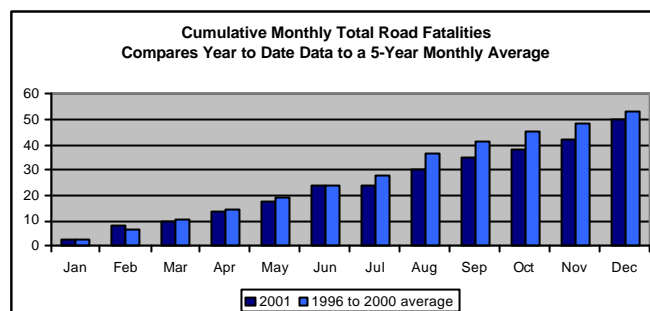
- ◆ 33 occurred in rural areas and 10 in urban areas.
- ◆ 26 occurred on sealed roads and 5 on unsealed roads.
- ◆ 29 occurred on dry roads and 2 on wet roads.

Of the 50 fatalities:

- ◆ 30 were male, 20 were female.
- ◆ 25 were Aboriginal NT residents, 12 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
2001	50	25.3	9.06
2000	51	26.2	9.49
1999	49	25.4	9.28



Of the 25 Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ 5 drivers - four of them were not wearing seatbelts. It was unclear if the other driver was wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 10 passengers - six of them were not wearing seatbelts (1 was a rear tray passenger). It was unclear if the remaining four passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 10 pedestrians.
- ◆ 7 fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- ◆ 2 fatal crashes were speed-related.
- ◆ 3 fatal crashes were fatigue-related.

Of the 12 non-Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ 4 drivers - two of the drivers were wearing seatbelts. It was unclear if the other two drivers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 4 passengers - one was wearing a seatbelt the other three were not.
- ◆ 3 motorcyclists.
- ◆ 1 pedestrian.
- ◆ 1 fatal crash was alcohol-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.
- ◆ 2 fatal crashes were single vehicle rollovers.
- ◆ 2 fatal crashes were speed-related.

Of the 4 interstate visitor fatalities:

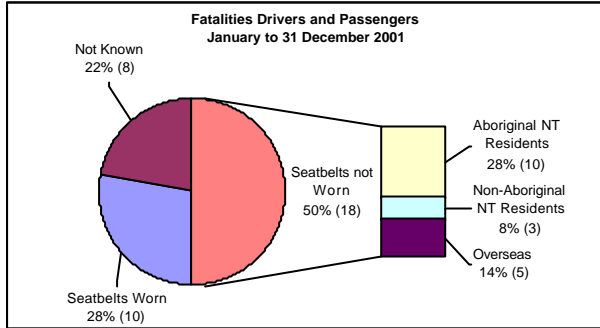
- ◆ 1 driver - the driver was wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 3 passengers - one of them was wearing a seatbelt but it was unclear if the other two were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 1 fatal crash was related to a blown out tyre.



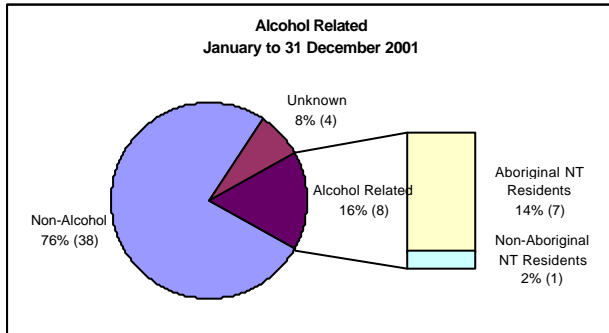


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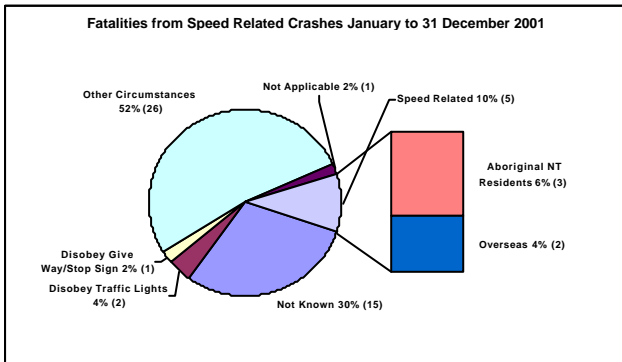
Non-Wearing of Seatbelt Fatalities



Alcohol Related Fatalities



Speed Related Fatalities



Annual Fatality Statistics

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	22	25	24	23	12
Aboriginal NT Residents	27	29	17	18	25
Interstate visitors	9	5*	4	3	4
Overseas visitors	2	10	4	7	9
Total	60	69	49	51	50

* Included one Aboriginal interstate visitor.

	12 months to Dec 2000	12 months to Dec 2001	% Change
Total Fatalities	51	50	-2.0%
Total Injuries	1224	974	-20.4%
Total Fatal Crashes	48	43	-10.4%
Total Injury Crashes	837	678	-19.0%
Total Non-injury Crashes	1502	1509	0.5%
Seatbelt not Worn Fatalities			
Fatalities	8	18	125%
Injuries	62	49	-21.0%
Speed-Related			
Fatal Crashes	8	3	-62.5%
Injury Crashes	82	70	-14.6%
Non-injury Crashes	89	99	11.2%
Alcohol-Related			
Fatal Crashes	18	7	-61.1%
Injury Crashes	104	68	-34.6%
Non-injury Crashes	86	81	-5.8%

Vehicle Crashes Involving Heavy Vehicles:

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

Note: All above crashes were NT drivers.

January to December 2001

Highest Injury Level Crashes	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		1	1	1					2	8
Minor	5	1	3						1	2	12
Non-injury	30	4	25	5	2		4	2	8	2	82
Total	43	4	36	6	3	2	6	4	15	2	103

Note: Int. = Interstate

Highest Injury Level Crashes	12 months to December 2000		12 months to December 2001		% Change	
	NT	Int.	NT	Int.	NT	Int.
Fatal	7	1	1	0	-86%	-100%
Serious	18	2	9	1	-50%	-50%
Minor	21	4	15	5	-29%	25%
Non-injury	91	16	78	18	-14%	13%
Total	160	23	127	24	-21%	

This report is produced using the Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 31 Dec 2001.

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