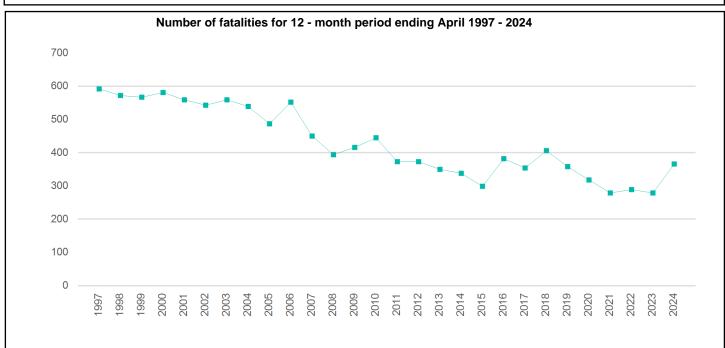


# Monthly bulletin of preliminary traffic crash data April 2024

# Fatality rates for 12-month period ending April 2024

Year	No of fatalities	Fatality rate per 100,000 population	Fatality rate per 10,000 vehicles	Fatality rate per 10,000 licence holders
2024	366	4.35	0.6	0.6





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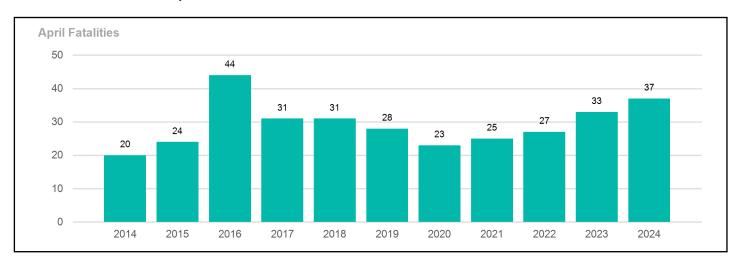
Explanatory Notes
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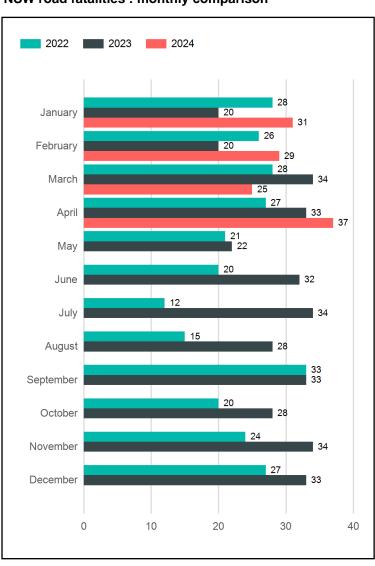
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#### **SECTION 1: MONTHLY COMPARISON AND KEY POINTS**

NSW road fatalities for April: 2014 - 2024



#### NSW road fatalities: monthly comparison



Average	Year to da	ite	
2021 - 2023	2022	2023	2024
24.0	28	20	31
24.0	54	40	60
27.3	82	74	85
28.3	109	107	122
21.3	130	129	
27.0	150	161	
21.3	162	195	
19.7	177	223	
27.3	210	256	
24.7	230	284	
26.7	254	318	
30.7	281	351	

There were 37 fatalities in April 2024, four more fatalities (12 per cent) than in April 2023. This is the highest April fatality total since 2016 (with 44 fatalities). The lowest April total, since monthly records began in 1936, was in 2014 (with 20 fatalities).

During the four months ending April 2024, there were 122 fatalities, 15 more fatalities (14 per cent) than the four months ending April 2023.

During the 12 months ending April 2024, there were 366 fatalities, 87 more fatalities (31 per cent) than the 12 months ending April 2023 and the highest 12 months ending April total since 2018 (with 406 fatalities).

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# **SECTION 2: MONTHLY STATISTICS**

# 2.1 FATALITIES

Road User Class	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	Difference	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Difference
Driver	22	14	8	64	54	10
Passenger	6	8	-2	19	19	C
Motorcyclist	5	3	2	21	15	6
Pedestrian	3	8	-5	16	16	C
Pedal cyclist	1	0	1	2	3	-1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	C
Total	37	33	4	122	107	15
Age (years)						
0-4	1	0	1	2	3	-1
5-16	1	3	-2	3	7	-4
17-20	1	4	-3	8	10	-2
21-25	4	5	-1	11	13	-2
26-29	3	0	3	10	8	2
30-39	9	3	6	21	13	8
40-49	3	2	1	14	11	3
50-59	4	7	-3	14	15	-1
60-69	5	2	3	19	5	14
70+	6	7	-1	20	22	-2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	C
Total	37	33	4	122	107	15
Gender						
Male	29	23	6	95	77	18
Female	8	10	-2	27	30	-3
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total	37	33	4	122	107	15
TfNSW Region						
Greater Sydney	13	8	5	34	30	4
North	12	7	5	39	34	5
South	5	15	-10	30	30	C
West	7	3	4	19	13	6
Total	37	33	4	122	107	15
Road Classification						
Freeway/motorway	2	0	2	4	5	
State highway	10	12	-2	35	30	Ę
Other classified road	10	7	3	39	30	9
Unclassified road	15	14	1	44	42	2
Total	37	33	4	122	107	15

<sup>-</sup> Other classified roads includes main roads, secondary roads and tourist roads - Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

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# 2.2 FATAL CRASHES

Urbanisation	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	Difference	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Difference
Sydney metro. area	11	6	5	28	24	4
Newcastle met. area	1	0	1	1	3	-2
Wollongong met. area	0	1	-1	7	2	5
Country urban	7	8	-1	25	28	-3
Country non-urban	14	12	2	49	36	13
Country unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	27	6	110	93	17
Location Type						
Intersection locations	8	5	3	25	15	10
Non-intersection locations	25	22	3	85	78	7
Total	33	27	6	110	93	17
Route						
Pacific Hwy	1	1	0	3	3	0
Hume Hwy	1	2	-1	4	5	-1
New England Hwy	1	0	1	4	0	4
Newell Hwy	1	0	1	3	4	-1
Princes Hwy	1	0	1	3	2	1
Great Western Hwy	0	0	0	1	0	1
All other routes	28	24	4	92	79	13
Total	33	27	6	110	93	17
Road Classification						
Freeway/motorway	1	0	1	3	4	-1
State highway	9	9	0	31	23	8
Other classified road	8	7	1	35	29	6
Unclassified road	15	11	4	41	37	4
Total	33	27	6	110	93	17
TfNSW Region						
Greater Sydney	11	8	3	31	27	4
North	11	7	4	33	32	1
South	5	9	-4	28	23	5
West	6	3	3	18	11	7
Total	33	27	6	110	93	17

<sup>-</sup> Other classified road includes main roads, secondary roads and tourist roads  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

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Type of crash	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	Difference	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Difference
Car crash	21	16	5	69	55	14
Light truck crash	10	10	0	32	27	5
Heavy rigid truck crash	3	1	2	9	5	4
Articulated truck crash	4	2	2	16	10	6
Heavy truck crash	6	3	3	23	15	8
Light bus crash	0	0	0	1	0	1
Heavy bus crash	2	0	2	2	1	1
Bus crash	2	0	2	3	1	2
Heavy vehicle crash	8	3	5	25	16	9
Emergency vehicle crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle crash	5	3	2	21	16	5
Pedal cycle crash	1	0	1	2	4	-2
Pedestrian crash	3	8	-5	17	16	1

<sup>-</sup> The type of crash categories are not mutually exclusive and must not be added together

# 2.3 COMPARISON WITH OTHER STATES

Data included in this section represent statistics for the previous month.

#### 2.3.1 Fatalities

State Territory	March 2024	March 2023	Difference	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Difference
New South Wales	25	34	-9	85	74	11
Victoria	29	22	7	74	81	-7
Queensland	21	19	2	70	58	12
South Australia	7	17	-10	23	41	-18
Western Australia	17	16	1	42	38	4
Tasmania	3	3	0	5	9	-4
Northern Territory	6	2	4	17	3	14
Australian Capital Territory	1	0	1	2	2	0
	109	113	-4	318	306	12

## 2.3.2 Fatal crashes

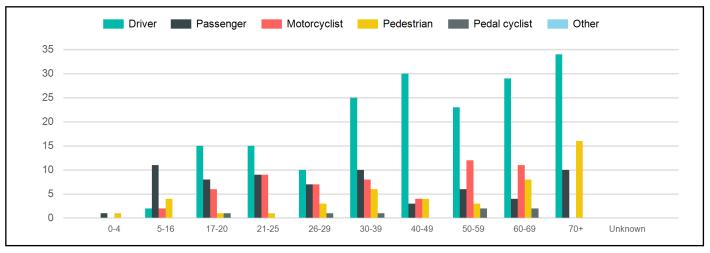
State Territory	March 2024	March 2023	Difference	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Difference
New South Wales	25	30	-5	77	66	11
Victoria	28	20	8	71	73	-2
Queensland	19	19	0	67	55	12
South Australia	6	15	-9	21	38	-17
Western Australia	16	16	0	39	37	2
Tasmania	3	3	0	5	9	-4
Northern Territory	5	2	3	13	3	10
Australian Capital Territory	1	0	1	2	2	0
	103	105	-2	295	283	12

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#### **SECTION 3: TRENDS**

## 3.1 FATALITIES - OVERALL TREND

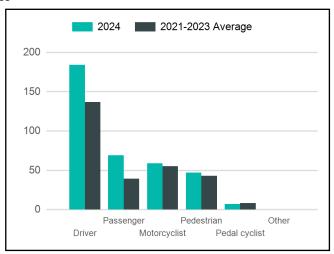
Distribution of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024 , by age and road user class  $^{\star}$ 



<sup>-</sup> Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

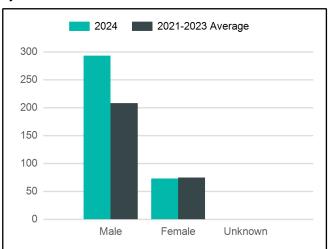
#### 3.1.1 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, road user class

Road User Class	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Driver	184	136.7	34.6%
Passenger	69	39.3	75.4%
Motorcyclist	59	55.0	7.3%
Pedestrian	47	43.0	9.3%
Pedal cyclist	7	8.3	-16.0%
Other	0	0.0	NA
Total	366	282.3	29.6%



# 3.1.2 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, gender of fatality

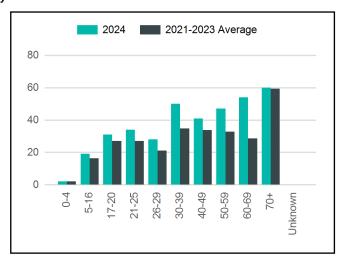
Gender	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Male	293	207.7	41.1%
Female	73	74.7	-2.2%
Unknown	0	0.0	NA
Total	366	282.3	29.6%



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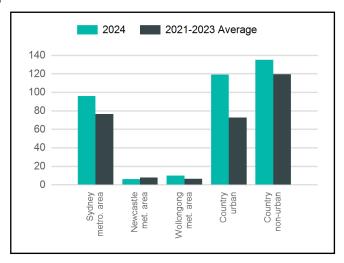
## 3.1.3 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, age of fatality

Age	2024	2021-2023	% Change
0-4	2	2.0	0.0%
5-16	19	16.3	16.3%
17-20	31	27.0	14.8%
21-25	34	27.0	25.9%
26-29	28	21.0	33.3%
30-39	50	34.7	44.2%
40-49	41	33.7	21.8%
50-59	47	32.7	43.9%
60-69	54	28.7	88.4%
70+	60	59.3	1.1%
Unknown	0	0.0	NA
Total	366	282.3	29.6%



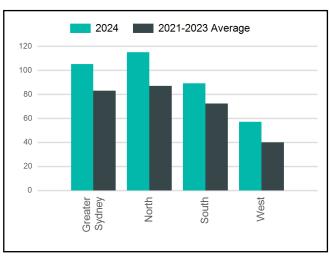
#### 3.1.4 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, urbanisation

Urbanisation	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Sydney metro. area	96	76.3	25.8%
Newcastle met. area	6	7.7	-21.7%
Wollongong met. area	10	6.3	57.9%
Country urban	119	72.7	63.8%
Country non-urban	135	119.3	13.1%
Total	366	282.3	29.6%



# 3.1.5 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, TfNSW Region

TfNSW Region	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Greater Sydney	105	83.0	26.5%
North	115	87.0	32.2%
South	89	72.3	23.0%
West	57	40.0	42.5%
Total	366	282.3	29.6%

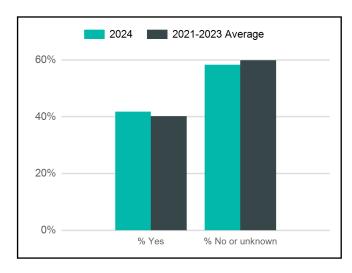


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#### 3.2 FACTORS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

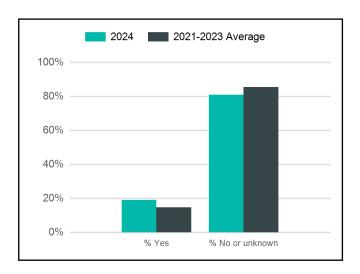
## 3.2.1 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending April 2024, speeding involvement

Excessive Speed?	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Yes	138	105.7	30.6%
Yes %	41.7%	40.2%	
No or unknown	193	157.3	22.7%
No or unknown %	58.3%	59.8%	
Total	331	263.0	25.9%



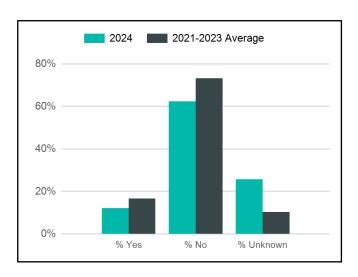
## 3.2.2 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending April 2024, fatigue involvement

Fatigue?	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Yes	63	38.3	64.3%
Yes %	19.0%	14.6%	
No or unknown	268	224.7	19.3%
No or unknown %	81.0%	85.4%	
Total	331	263.0	25.9%



#### 3.2.3 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending April 2024, alcohol involvement

Alcohol ?	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Yes	40	43.7	-8.4%
Yes %	12.1%	16.6%	
No	206	192.3	7.1%
No %	62.2%	73.1%	
Unknown	85	27.0	214.8%
Unknown %	25.7%	10.3%	
Total	331	263.0	25.9%

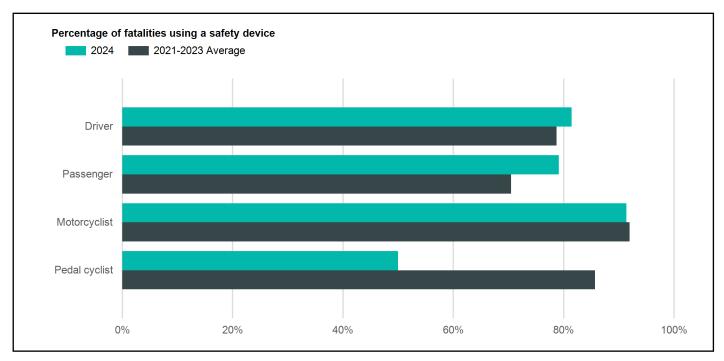


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## 3.3 SAFETY DEVICE USAGE OF FATALITIES

## 3.3.1 Number of road vehicle fatalities for 12 months ending April 2024, saftety device usage , road user class

	Driv	er	Passe	nger	Motorc	yclist	Pedal c	yclist
Safety Device	2024	2021-2023 Average	2024	2021-2023 Average	2024	2021-2023 Average	2024	2021-2023 Average
Unknown	33	25.3	21	7.7	1	1.0	1	1.3
Worn	123	87.7	38	22.3	53	49.7	3	6.0
Not Worn	28	23.7	10	9.3	5	4.3	3	1.0
Total	184	136.7	69	39.3	59	55.0	7	8.3



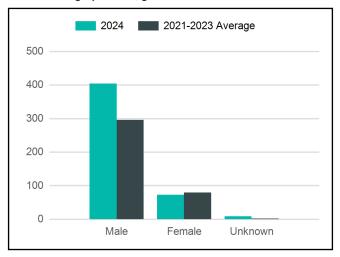
- Excludes cases of unknown safety devices usage
- Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

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## 3.4 MOTOR VEHICLE CONTROLLERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

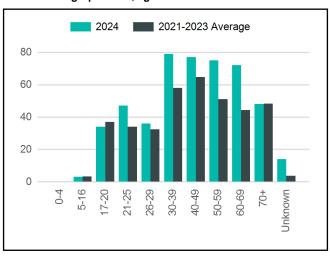
#### 3.4.1 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending April 2024, gender of controller

Gender	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Male	404	296.0	36.5%
Female	73	79.3	-8.0%
Unknown	8	1.3	500.0%
Total	485	376.7	28.8%



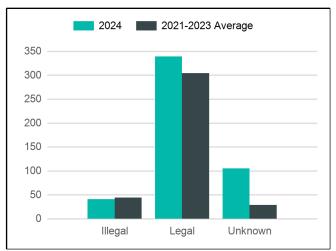
## 3.4.2 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending April 2024, age of controller

Age	2024	2021-2023	% Change
0-4	0	0.0	NA
5-16	3	3.3	-10.0%
17-20	34	37.0	-8.1%
21-25	47	34.0	38.2%
26-29	36	32.3	11.3%
30-39	79	58.0	36.2%
40-49	77	64.7	19.1%
50-59	75	51.0	47.1%
60-69	72	44.3	62.4%
70+	48	48.3	-0.7%
Unknown	14	3.7	281.8%
Total	485	376.7	28.8%



# $3.4.3\ Number\ of\ motor\ vehicle\ controllers\ involved\ in\ fatal\ crashes\ for\ 12\ months\ ending\ April\ 2024,\ alcohol\ involvement$

Alcohol Involvement	2024	2021-2023	% Change
Illegal	41	44.0	-6.8%
Legal	339	304.0	11.5%
Unknown	105	28.7	266.3%
Total	485	376.7	28.8%



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