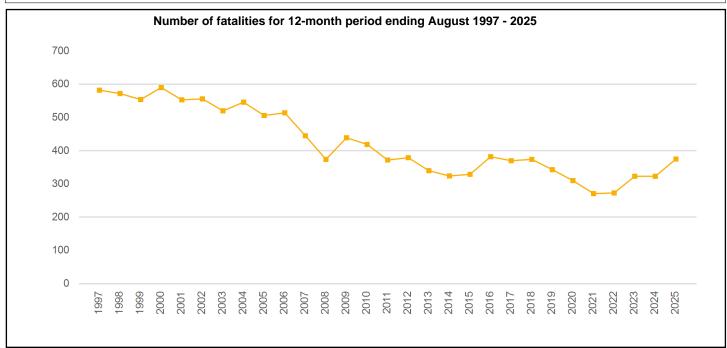


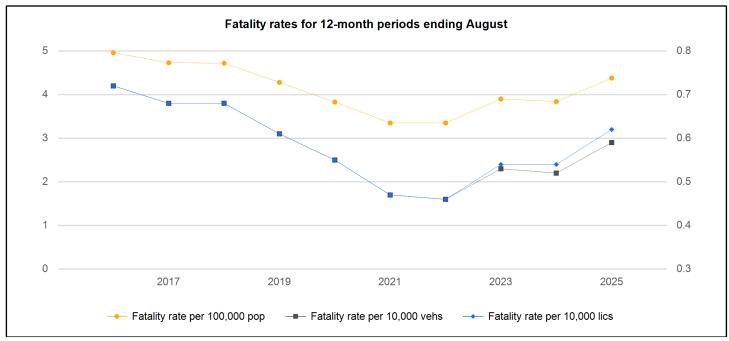
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# Fatality rates for 12-month period ending August 2025

Year	No of fatalities	Fatality rate per 100,000 population	Fatality rate per 10,000 vehicles	Fatality rate per 10,000 licence holders
2025	375	4.38	0.59	0.62





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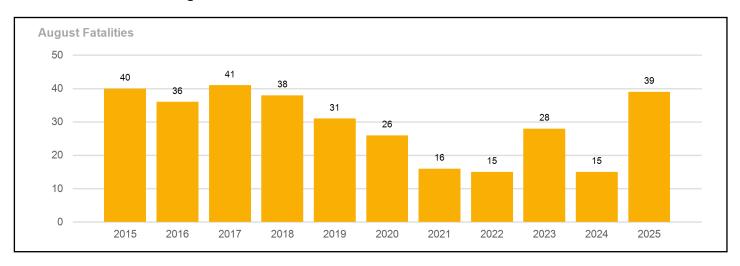
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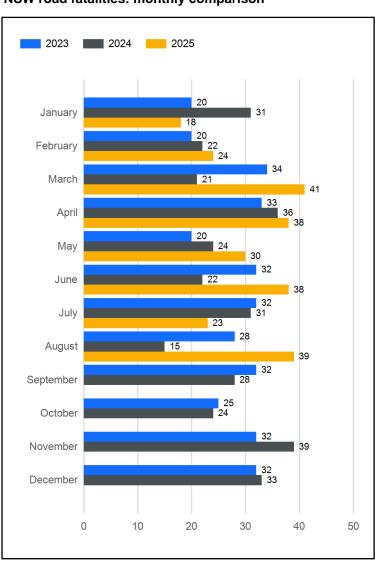
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#### **SECTION 1: MONTHLY COMPARISON AND KEY POINTS**

NSW road fatalities for August: 2015 - 2025



#### NSW road fatalities: monthly comparison



	te	Year to da	Average
2025	2024	2023	2022 - 2024
18	31	20	26.3
42	53	40	22.7
83	74	74	27.7
121	110	107	32.0
151	134	127	21.7
189	156	159	24.7
212	187	191	25.0
251	202	219	19.3
	230	251	31.0
	254	276	23.0
	293	308	31.7
	326	340	30.7

There were 39 fatalities during August 2025, twenty-four more (160 per cent) than in August 2024 and the highest August fatality total since 2017 (with 41 fatalities).

During the eight months ending August 2025, there were 251 fatalities, 49 more (24 per cent) than during the eight months ending August 2024 and the highest January to August total since 2017 (with 254 fatalities).

During the twelve months ending August 2025, there were 375 fatalities, 52 more (16 per cent) than during the 12 months ending August 2024.

# **SECTION 2: MONTHLY STATISTICS**

# 2.1 FATALITIES

Road User Class	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Difference
Driver	14	6	8	109	98	11
Passenger	8	1	7	45	28	17
Motorcyclist	10	5	5	52	42	10
Pedestrian	7	3	4	38	30	8
Pedal cyclist	0	0	0	7	4	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	15	24	251	202	49
Age (years)						
0-4	0	0	0	3	2	1
5-16	1	1	0	5	8	-3
17-20	4	4	0	23	26	-3
21-25	6	2	4	30	21	9
26-29	2	0	2	13	14	-1
30-39	6	1	5	32	27	5
40-49	1	1	0	25	22	3
50-59	4	2	2	26	20	6
60-69	5	2	3	35	26	9
70+	10	2	8	59	36	23
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	15	24	251	202	49
Gender						
Male	32	13	19	197	161	36
Female	7	2	5	54	41	13
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	15	24	251	202	49
TfNSW Region						
Greater Sydney	11	3	8	71	61	10
North	19	7	12	89	65	24
South	3	2	1	48	41	7
West	6	3	3	43	35	8
Total	39	15	24	251	202	49
Road Classification						
Freeway/motorway	1	0	1	5	8	-3
State highway	11	3	8	75	55	20
Other classified road	14	8	6	81	72	9
Unclassified road	13	4	9	90	67	23
Total	39	15	24	251	202	49

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

# 2.2 FATAL CRASHES

Urbanisation	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Difference
Sydney metro. area	8	3	5	65	53	12
Newcastle met. area	1	0	1	11	7	4
Wollongong met. area	0	1	-1	7	9	-2
Country urban	11	5	6	74	44	30
Country non-urban	15	5	10	83	71	12
Country unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35	14	21	240	184	56
Location Type						
Intersection locations	9	3	6	60	42	18
Non-intersection locations	26	11	15	180	142	38
Total	35	14	21	240	184	56
Route						
Pacific Hwy	3	0	3	9	9	0
Hume Hwy	0	0	0	8	4	4
New England Hwy	0	0	0	5	3	2
Newell Hwy	0	0	0	4	7	-3
Princes Hwy	1	1	0	10	4	6
Great Western Hwy	0	1	-1	4	2	2
All other routes	31	12	19	200	155	45
Total	35	14	21	240	184	56
Road Classification						
Freeway/motorway	1	0	1	5	7	-2
State highway	11	3	8	71	48	23
Other classified road	11	8	3	77	64	13
Unclassified road	12	3	9	87	65	22
Total	35	14	21	240	184	56
TfNSW Region						
Greater Sydney	10	3	7	69	56	13
North	17	6	11	83	59	24
South	3	2	1	47	36	11
West	5	3	2	41	33	8
Total	35	14	21	240	184	56

<sup>-</sup> Other classified road includes main roads, secondary roads and tourist roads

Type of crash	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Difference
Car crash	19	11	8	137	116	21
Light truck crash	12	4	8	73	57	16
Heavy rigid truck crash	3	0	3	16	12	4
Articulated truck crash	7	0	7	20	22	-2
Heavy truck crash	8	0	8	33	31	2
Light bus crash	0	0	0	4	1	3
Heavy bus crash	1	0	1	4	2	2
Bus crash	1	0	1	8	3	5
Heavy vehicle crash	9	0	9	37	33	4
Emergency vehicle crash	0	0	0	2	0	2
Motorcycle crash	9	4	5	51	41	10
Pedal cycle crash	0	0	0	8	4	4
Pedestrian crash	7	3	4	39	31	8

<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	July 2025	July 2024	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Difference
New South Wales	23	31	-8	212	187	25
Victoria	31	30	1	181	166	15
Queensland	28	25	3	167	170	-3
South Australia	9	6	3	47	49	-2
Western Australia	22	15	7	122	106	16
Tasmania	3	6	-3	28	15	13
Northern Territory	3	9	-6	24	40	-16
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	0	3	6	-3
	119	122	-3	784	739	45

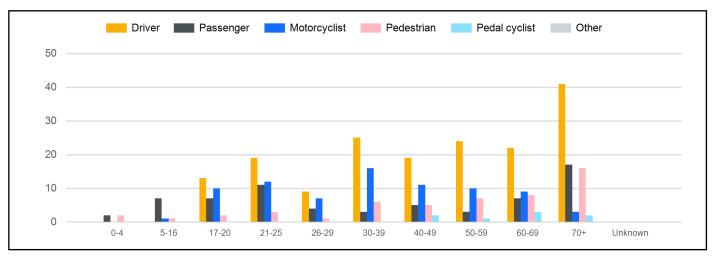
#### 2.3.2 Fatal crashes

State Territory	July 2025	July 2024	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Difference
New South Wales	22	27	-5	205	170	35
Victoria	27	26	1	167	156	11
Queensland	21	23	-2	151	154	-3
South Australia	8	6	2	45	44	1
Western Australia	21	14	7	111	95	16
Tasmania	3	4	-1	25	13	12
Northern Territory	3	6	-3	18	33	-15
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	0	3	6	-3
	105	106	-1	725	671	54

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

#### 3.1 FATALITIES - OVERALL TREND

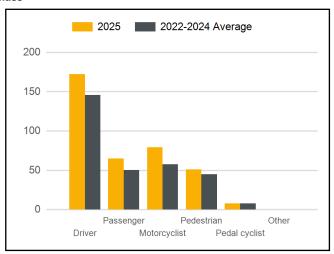
Distribution of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, by age and road user class \*



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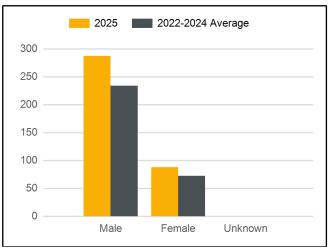
#### 3.1.1 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, road user class

Road User Class	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Driver	172	145.7	18.1%
Passenger	65	50.3	29.1%
Motorcyclist	79	57.7	37.0%
Pedestrian	51	45.0	13.3%
Pedal cyclist	8	7.7	4.3%
Other	0	0.0	NA
Total	375	306.3	22.4%



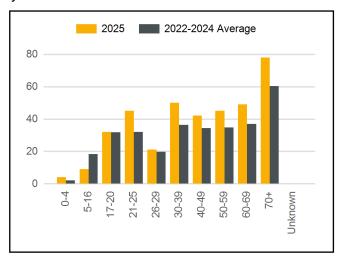
# 3.1.2 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, gender of fatality

Gender	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Male	287	234.0	22.6%
Female	88	72.3	21.7%
Unknown	0	0.0	NA
Total	375	306.3	22.4%



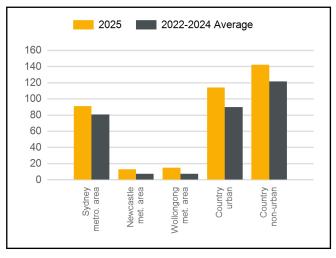
#### 3.1.3 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, age of fatality

Age	2025	2022-2024	% Change
0-4	4	2.0	100.0%
5-16	9	18.3	-50.9%
17-20	32	31.7	1.1%
21-25	45	32.0	40.6%
26-29	21	19.7	6.8%
30-39	50	36.3	37.6%
40-49	42	34.3	22.3%
50-59	45	34.7	29.8%
60-69	49	37.0	32.4%
70+	78	60.3	29.3%
Unknown	0	0.0	NA
Total	375	306.3	22.4%



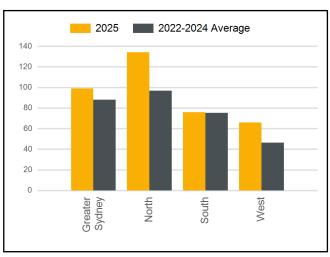
#### 3.1.4 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, urbanisation

Urbanisation	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Sydney metro. area	91	80.7	12.8%
Newcastle met. area	13	7.3	77.3%
Wollongong met. area	15	7.3	104.5%
Country urban	114	89.7	27.1%
Country non-urban	142	121.3	17.0%
Total	375	306.3	22.4%



# 3.1.5 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, TfNSW Region

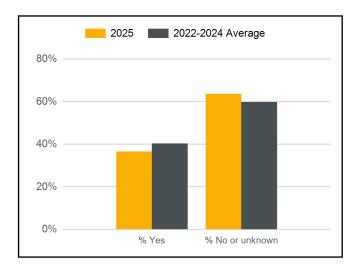
TfNSW Region	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Greater Sydney	99	88.0	12.5%
North	134	96.7	38.6%
South	76	75.3	0.9%
West	66	46.3	42.4%
Total	375	306.3	22.4%



#### 3.2 FACTORS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

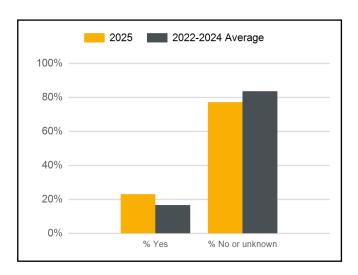
#### 3.2.1 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, speeding involvement

Excessive Speed?	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Yes	129	113.0	14.2%
Yes %	36.5%	40.2%	
No or unknown	224	168.0	33.3%
No or unknown %	63.5%	59.8%	
Total	353	281.0	25.6%



#### 3.2.2 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, fatigue involvement

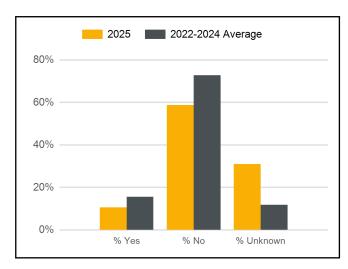
Fatigue?	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Yes	81	46.3	74.8%
Yes %	22.9%	16.5%	
No or unknown	272	234.7	15.9%
No or unknown %	77.1%	83.5%	
Total	353	281.0	25.6%



# 3.2.3 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, alcohol involvement

Alcohol ?	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Yes	37	43.7	-15.3%
Yes %	10.5%	15.5%	
No	207	204.3	1.3%
No %	58.6%	72.7%	
Unknown	109	33.0	230.3%
Unknown %	30.9%	11.7%	
Total	353	281.0	25.6%

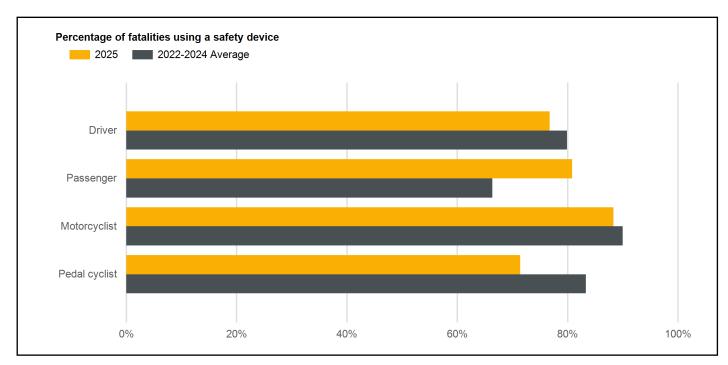
Alcohol test results can lag by several months from date of crash.



#### 3.3 SAFETY DEVICE USAGE OF FATALITIES

#### 3.3.1 Number of road vehicle fatalities for 12 months ending August 2025, safety device usage, road user class

	Driv	er	Passe	nger	Motorc	yclist	Pedal c	yclist
Safety Device	2025	2022-2024 Average	2025	2022-2024 Average	2025	2022-2024 Average	2025	2022-2024 Average
Unknown	43	28.0	18	7.7	2	1.0	1	1.7
Worn	99	94.0	38	28.3	68	51.0	5	5.0
Not Worn	30	23.7	9	14.3	9	5.7	2	1.0
Total	172	145.7	65	50.3	79	57.7	8	7.7



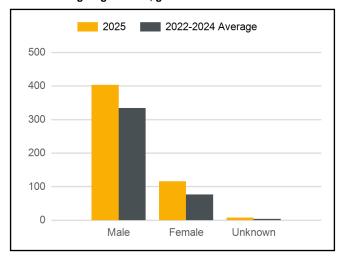
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#### 3.4 MOTOR VEHICLE CONTROLLERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

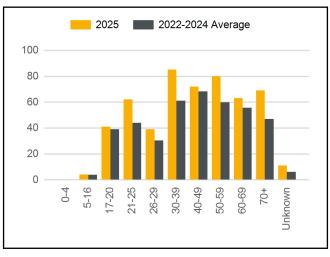
3.4.1 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, gender of controller

Gender	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Male	403	334.3	20.5%
Female	116	76.7	51.3%
Unknown	7	3.7	90.9%
Total	526	414.7	26.8%



3.4.2 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, age of controller

3.4.2 Number of motor vehicle cor	ili oller s	ilivoivea ili i	atai Crasnes
Age	2025	2022-2024	% Change
0-4	0	0.0	NA
5-16	4	3.7	9.1%
17-20	41	39.0	5.1%
21-25	62	44.0	40.9%
26-29	39	30.3	28.6%
30-39	85	61.0	39.3%
40-49	72	68.3	5.4%
50-59	80	59.7	34.1%
60-69	63	55.7	13.2%
70+	69	47.0	46.8%
Unknown	11	6.0	83.3%
Total	526	414.7	26.8%



3.4.3 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2025, alcohol involvement

Alcohol Involvement	2025	2022-2024	% Change
Illegal	37	44.3	-16.5%
Legal	356	333.3	6.8%
Unknown	133	37.0	259.5%
Total	526	414.7	26.8%

Alcohol test results can lag by several months from date of crash.

