

## Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory Annual Report - 1999

### Summary

- 49% were non-Aboriginal NT residents
- 35% were Aboriginal NT residents
- 8% were overseas visitors
- 8% were interstate visitors
  
- 41% were drivers
- 24% were pedestrians
- 16% were passengers
- 10% were motorcyclists
- 2% were cyclists
  
- 27% were struck pedestrians
- 25% were single vehicle rollovers
- 16% were ran off road
  
- 57% were alcohol-related
- 54% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts
- 16% were speed-related
  
- 78% were male
  
- 47% were aged in their 20s
- 22% were aged in their 30s
- 8% were aged in their 40s
- 8% were aged in their late teens
- 6% were aged between 13 and 17 (high school)
- 4% were aged between 5 and 12 (primary school)
- 4% were aged in their 50s+
  
- 75% occurred in clear weather
- 61% occurred from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
  
- 96% occurred on dry roads
- 82% occurred on sealed roads
- 57% occurred in the rural areas
  
- 43% occurred in open speed limit
- 20% occurred in 80 speed limit
- 18% occurred in 60 speed limit
- 9% occurred in 100 speed limit
- 5% occurred in 70 speed limit
- 2% occurred in 40 speed limit
- 2% occurred in 110 speed limit
  
- 35% occurred in the Darwin Police District
- 8% occurred in the Alice Springs Police District
- 8% occurred in the Yulara Police District
- 6% occurred in the Timber Creek Police District
- 6% occurred in the Kulgera Police District

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory for the year 1999 were 49, which was 20 (or -29%) less than 1998. The 49 deaths were a result of 44 fatal crashes, which was 15 (or 25%) less than 1998.

#### Road Fatalities: -

Year	NT	NT Per 100,000 Population	Australia Per 100,000 Population
1999	49	25.4	9.28
1998	69	36.3	9.40

#### Of the 44 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 12 were 'pedestrians struck by vehicles'
- ◆ 11 were 'single vehicle rollovers'
- ◆ 7 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first
- ◆ 5 were 'objects struck by vehicles'
- ◆ 3 were 'angle collisions'
- ◆ 3 were 'head on collisions'
- ◆ 3 were 'rear end collisions'
- ◆ 1 was where the vehicle struck a light pole
- ◆ 1 was 'unknown'

#### Of the 44 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 25 occurred in the rural areas and 19 in urban areas.
- ◆ 34 occurred on sealed dry roads, 8 on unsealed dry roads and 2 on sealed wet roads.

#### Of the 49 fatalities:

- ◆ 38 were male, 11 were female.
- ◆ 24 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 17 were Aboriginal NT residents, 4 were overseas visitors and 4 were interstate visitors.

#### Of the 24 non-Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ The 24 deaths were a result of 21 fatal crashes.
- ◆ 15 were drivers. All were male. 4 of the drivers were aged in their late teens, 7 were aged in their 20s, 2 were aged in their 30s and 2 were aged in their 40s. 4 were not wearing the seatbelts. Eight of the drivers had blood alcohol contents above legal limit. Two fatal crashes were speed-related.



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- ◆ 7 were passengers aged in their late teens and 20s. Three of them were not wearing seatbelts and one was at the rear of utility/truck. Two of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- ◆ 4 were motorcyclists aged in their 20s and 30s. All of the riders had blood alcohol contents above the legal limit. One fatal crash was speed-related. All the fatal crashes occurred in urban areas.
- ◆ 1 was a pedestrian aged in her 50s. The crash was alcohol-related.
- ◆ 10 of the fatal crashes occurred in the Darwin Police District, two in Adelaide River, two in Alice Springs, two in Timber Creek and one in each of the Katherine, Kulgera, Nhulunbuy and Pine Creek Police Districts.

### Of the 17 Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ The 17 deaths were a result of 17 fatal crashes.
- ◆ 2 were drivers aged in their 30s. Both of them were not wearing the seatbelts and had blood alcohol contents above legal limit.
- ◆ For 3 fatalities, it was unclear whether those involved were the drivers or passengers of the vehicles. All of them were not wearing seatbelts. Two of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- ◆ 1 was a motorcyclist aged in his late teens. The fatal crash was speed-related.
- ◆ 11 were pedestrians. One was aged 9 years, one was aged 17 years, 7 were aged in their 20s and 2 were aged in their 30s+. Seven of the pedestrians had blood alcohol contents between .171 to .275. Nine of the fatal crashes were alcohol related. Ten occurred between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. (low visibility).
- ◆ 6 of the fatal crashes occurred in the Darwin Police District, two in Alice Springs and one in each of the Umbakumba, Jabiru, Katherine, Kulgera, Maranboy, Nhulunbuy, Timber Creek, Neutral Junction and Port Keats Police Districts.

### Of the 4 overseas visitor fatalities:

- ◆ The 4 deaths were a result of 4 fatal crashes. 3 were 'overturn' and one was 'head on'.
- ◆ The overseas visitors were from Netherlands, Germany, Japan and Ireland.
- ◆ 1 was a driver aged in his 20s. The fatal crash was speed-related.
- ◆ 2 were passengers aged in their 20s. Both of them were not wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 1 was a cyclist in her 30s. A helmet was not worn. The crash was alcohol-related.

- ◆ The fatal crashes occurred in the Angas Downs, Avon Downs, Pine Creek and Yulara Police Districts.

### Of the 4 interstate visitor fatalities:

- ◆ The 4 deaths were a result of 2 fatal crashes. The two fatal crashes were 'overturned'.
- ◆ 2 were from NSW and 2 were from Victoria.
- ◆ 2 were drivers and 2 were passengers. Three of them were not wearing seatbelts and one was travelling at the rear of truck/utility. Two were aged in their 20s, one was aged in his 40s and one was aged in her 70s. One of the fatal crashes was speed-related.
- ◆ The fatal crashes occurred in the Borroloola and Tennant Creek Police Districts.

### Annual Fatality Statistics

Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	27	32	22	25	24
Aboriginal NT Residents	23	22	27	29	17
Interstate visitors	7	8	9	5*	4
Overseas visitors	4	11	2	10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>

\* Included one Aboriginal interstate visitor.

Year	1998	1999	Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	25	24	-4%
Aboriginal NT Residents	29	17	-41%
Interstate visitors	5	4	-20%
Overseas visitors	10	4	-60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-29%</b>

*This report is produced using the Transport & Works Vehicle Accident Database. Information is correct as at 2 August 2001.*

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