

## Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory Annual Report - 2000

### Summary

- 45% were non-Aboriginal NT residents
- 35% were Aboriginal NT residents
- 14% were overseas visitors
- 6% were interstate visitors
  
- 33% were passengers
- 31% were drivers
- 22% were pedestrians
- 10% were motorcyclists
- 4% were cyclists
  
- 27% were single vehicle roll over
- 23% were struck pedestrian
- 21% were ran off road
  
- 38% were alcohol-related
- 24% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts
- 10% were speed-related
  
- 71% were male
  
- 31% were aged in their 20s
- 25% were aged in their 30s
- 14% were aged in their 40s
- 8% were aged in their 50s+
- 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 under 5
  
- 73% occurred in clear weather
- 52% occurred from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
  
- 81% occurred on dry roads
- 65% occurred in the rural areas
- 77% occurred on sealed roads
  
- 38% occurred in open speed limit
- 23% occurred in 60 speed limit
- 21% occurred in 80 speed limit
- 13% occurred in 100 speed limit
  
- 44% occurred in the Darwin Police District
- 10% occurred in the Alice Springs Police District
- 8% occurred in the Katherine Police District
- 8% occurred in the Adelaide River Police District

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory for the year 2000 were 51, which was two (or 4%) more than 1999. The 51 deaths were a result of 48 fatal crashes, which was 4 (or 8%) more than 1999.

#### 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 48 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 13 were 'single vehicle rollovers'
- ◆ 11 were 'pedestrians struck by vehicles'
- ◆ 10 occurred where the car ran off the road without colliding into something first
- ◆ 4 were 'objects struck by vehicles'
- ◆ 3 were 'head on collisions'
- ◆ 3 were 'sideswipe collisions'
- ◆ 2 were 'angle collisions'
- ◆ 2 were 'unknown'

#### Of the 48 fatal crashes:-

- ◆ 31 occurred in the rural areas and 17 on urban areas.
- ◆ 32 occurred on sealed dry roads, 7 on unsealed dry roads, 5 on sealed wet roads and 4 on other roads.

#### Of the 51 fatalities:

- ◆ 36 were male, 15 were female
- ◆ 23 were non-Aboriginal NT residents, 18 were Aboriginals, 7 were overseas visitors and 3 were interstate visitors.

#### Of the 23 non-Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ The 23 deaths were a result of 23 fatal crashes.
- ◆ 8 were drivers. 4 of the drivers were aged in their 30s. 4 were female. One of the drivers had a blood alcohol content above legal limit. Two fatal crashes were speed-related.
- ◆ 7 were passengers (two of them were not wearing seatbelts and one was in a non seating position - two of these passengers were aged between 10 and 19, and one was aged in his 60s).



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- ◆ 5 were motorcyclists. 4 of them were aged in their 20s. One of the riders had a blood alcohol content above the legal limit. Two fatal crashes were speed-related. Four of the fatal crashes occurred in urban areas.
- ◆ 2 were cyclists aged in their late teens. Both of them were not wearing helmets.
- ◆ 1 was a pedestrian aged in his 30s.
- ◆ 13 of the fatal crashes occurred in Darwin Police District, two in Adelaide River, two in Alice Springs, two in Pine Creek, one in Borroloola, one in Elliott, one in Katherine and one in Nhulunbuy.

### Of the 18 Aboriginal NT resident fatalities:

- ◆ The 18 deaths were a result of 18 fatal crashes.
- ◆ 3 were drivers (two were not wearing seatbelts) aged in their 30s. All of them had blood alcohol contents above the legal limit. One fatal crash was speed related.
- ◆ 5 were passengers (two were not wearing seatbelts, one passenger seat had no seatbelt fitted, one passenger was riding in the rear of a truck and one in non-seating position). One passenger was aged 2 years, two were aged in 10 and 11, and two were aged in their 30s and 40s.
- ◆ 10 were pedestrians. One pedestrian was aged 3 years, three were aged in their 20s, two were aged in their 30s and four were aged in their 40s+. 6 of the pedestrians had blood alcohol contents between .18 to .37. 9 of the fatal crashes occurred between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. (low visibility).
- ◆ 12 of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- ◆ 8 of the fatal crashes were occurred in Darwin Police District, 3 were in Katherine and two in Alice Springs.

### Of the 7 overseas visitor fatalities:

- ◆ The 7 deaths were a result of 4 fatal crashes. 3 were 'overturn' and one was 'head on'.
- ◆ 3 were Irish, 2 were English, one was French and one was Swiss.
- ◆ 3 were drivers aged in their 20s and 30s. One of them was not wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 4 were passengers aged in their 20s. All of them were females and one of them was not wearing a seatbelt.

- ◆ One of the fatal crashes occurred in Jabiru Police District, one in Kulgera, one in Pine Creek and one in Yulara.

### Of the 3 interstate visitor fatalities:

- ◆ The 3 deaths were a result of 3 fatal crashes. One was 'ran off road', one was 'hit fixed object' and one was 'side swipe'.
- ◆ 2 were from NSW and one was from SA.
- ◆ 2 were drivers and 1 was passenger. Two were aged in their 20s and one was aged in his 40s. All of them were males.
- ◆ Two of the fatal crashes were in Adelaide River Police District and one in Alice Springs.

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>

\* Included one Aboriginal interstate visitor.

Year	1999	2000	Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	24	23	-4%
Aboriginal NT Residents	17	18	+6%
Interstate visitors	4	3	-25%
Overseas visitors	4	7	+75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>+4%</b>

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

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