



**Road Fatalities in the Northern Territory January to October 2001 Status Report**

Road fatalities in the Northern Territory from January to 31 October 2001 were 38, which was 5 less than the same time in 2000. The 38 deaths were a result of 33 fatal crashes, which was 7 less than the same time in 2000.

**Summary - Year to Date**

- 82% occurred in the rural areas.
- 76% occurred on sealed roads.
  
- 63% were male.
  
- 45% were Aboriginal.
- 24% were overseas visitors.
- 21% were non-Aboriginal NT residents.
- 10% were interstate visitors.
  
- 47% were passengers.
- 30% were drivers.
- 18% were pedestrians.
- 5% were motorcyclists.
  
- 39% were "ran off road".
- 18% were single vehicle rollovers.
  
- 45% of the driver/passenger fatalities were not wearing seatbelts.
- 12% were alcohol-related.
- 9% were speed-related.
- 6% were fatigue-related.

**Of the 33 fatal crashes:-**

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

**Of the 33 fatal crashes:-**

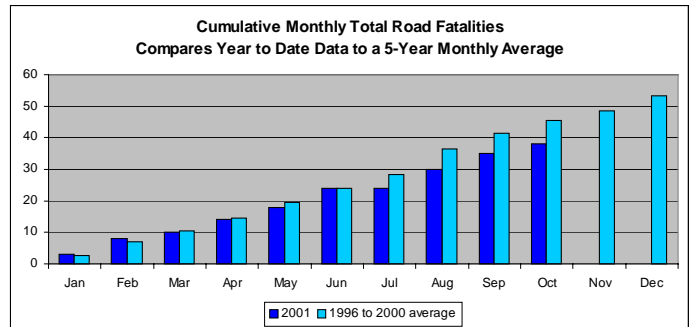
- ◆ 27 occurred in the rural areas and 6 on urban areas.
- ◆ 25 occurred on sealed roads and 8 on unsealed roads.
- ◆ 32 occurred on dry roads and 1 on a wet road.

**Of the 38 fatalities:**

- ◆ 24 were male, 14 were female.
- ◆ 17 were Aboriginal, 8 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
2000	51	26.2	9.49
1999	49	25.4	9.28



**Of the 8 non-Aboriginal NT residents fatalities:**

- ◆ 3 drivers - one of the drivers was wearing a seatbelt. It was unclear if the other two drivers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 2 passengers - both of them were not wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 2 motorcyclists.
- ◆ 1 pedestrian.
- ◆ one fatal crash was alcohol-related.

**Of the 17 Aboriginal NT residents fatalities:**

- ◆ 3 drivers - two of them were not wearing seatbelts. It was unclear if the other driver was wearing a seatbelt.
- ◆ 8 passengers - four of them were not wearing seatbelts and 1 was a rear tray passenger. It was unclear if the remaining three passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ 6 pedestrians.
- ◆ three fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- ◆ one fatal crash was speed-related.
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-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 passengers were wearing seatbelts.
- ◆ one fatal crash was related to a blown out tyre.
- ◆ one fatal crash was fatigue-related.

**Of the 9 overseas visitor fatalities:**

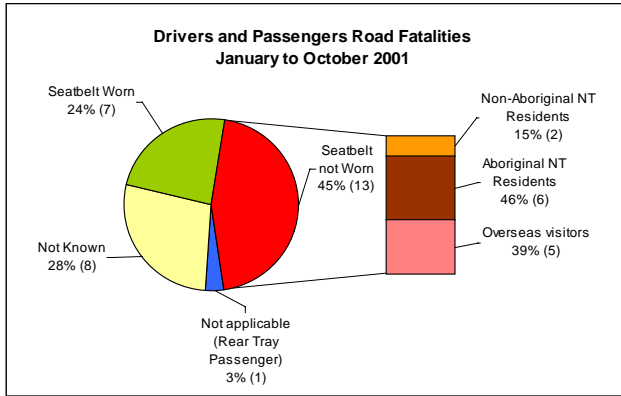
- ◆ 4 drivers - two of them were wearing seatbelts and two of them were not.
- ◆ 5 passengers - two of them were wearing seatbelts and three of them were not.
- ◆ two fatal crashes were single vehicle rollover.
- ◆ two of the fatal crashes were speed-related.



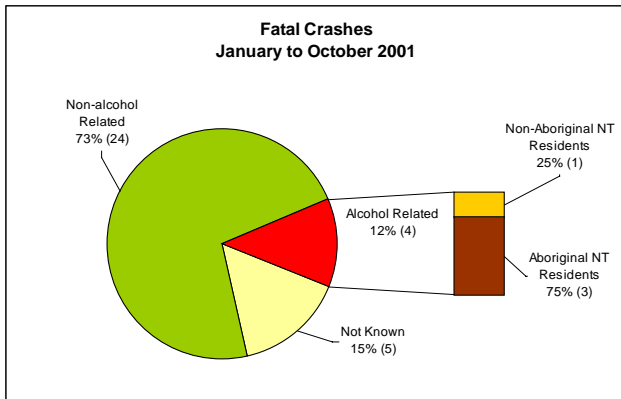


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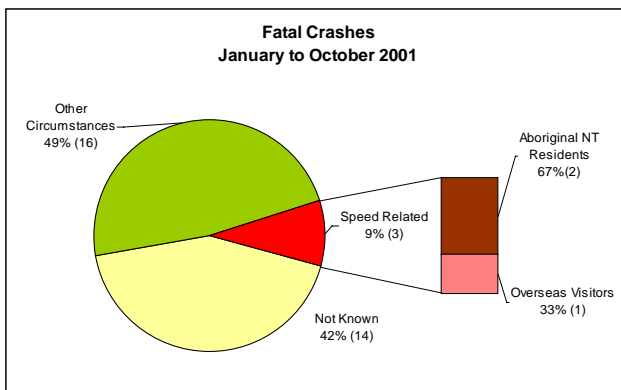
**Non-Wearing of Seatbelt Fatalities**



**Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes**



**Speed Related Fatal Crashes**



	12 months to October 2000	12 months to October 2001	% Change
<b>Total Fatalities</b>	49	46	-6.1%
<b>Total Injuries</b>	1243	1055	-15.1%
<b>Total Fatal Crashes</b>	44	41	-6.8%
<b>Total Injury Crashes</b>	849	732	-13.8%
<b>Total Non-injury Crashes</b>	1509	1597	5.8%
<b>Seatbelt not Worn Fatalities</b>			
Fatalities	11	14	27.3%
Injuries	57	58	1.8%
<b>Speed- Related</b>			
Fatal Crashes	7	4	-42.9%
Injury Crashes	85	73	-14.1%
Non-injury Crashes	107	100	-6.5%
<b>Alcohol-Related</b>			
Fatal Crashes	15	9	-40.0%
Injury Crashes	115	75	-34.8%
Non-injury Crashes	100	82	-18.0%

**Vehicle Crashes involving Heavy Vehicles:-**

Heavy Vehicles Involved (Jan - Oct 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Note: All the above crashes were NT drivers.

**January to October 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.	
<b>Fatal</b>			1								<b>1</b>
<b>Serious</b>	3		1	1	1				2		<b>8</b>
<b>Minor</b>	5	1	3						1	2	<b>12</b>
<b>Non-injury</b>	30	4	25	5	2		4	2	8	2	<b>82</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>103</b>			

Note: Int. = Interstate

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

Road Fatalities	12 months to October 2000	12 months to October 2001	% Change
Non - Aboriginal NT Residents	26	10	-62%
Aboriginal NT Residents	14	22	57%
Interstate visitors	3	4	33%
Overseas visitors	6	10	67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-6%</b>

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