



BENCHMARKING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY



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Key Changes

Key Changes Since March 2017 Report

There has been an increase in the number of road fatalities from the March 2017 quarter to the June 2017 quarter. The 12 months to June 2017 recorded a decrease in fatalities compared with the same period in 2016. The decrease in fatalities is positive, however the data still indicate that the NRSS target for reduction in fatalities may not be achieved. The ability to achieve the targeted reductions in serious injuries is also unclear.

Analytical key

- **Green**

On track to meet or exceed NRSS target.
Reduction in road crash fatalities equal to or greater than the rate required to achieve NRSS target.

- **Amber**

Currently ahead of (notional) target but faster rate of improvement required to achieve NRSS target by 2020.

- **Red**

Road crash fatalities are above the notional NRSS target.

Current National Status



Red

NSW	Red
VIC	Red
QLD	Red
SA	Amber
WA	Red
TAS	Amber
NT	Red
ACT	Amber

Previous National Status



Red

NSW	Red
VIC	Red
QLD	Red
SA	Amber
WA	Red
TAS	Amber
NT	Red
ACT	Amber

User Groups

Previous

Current

Drivers	Red	Red
Passengers	Green	Green
Pedestrians	Red	Red
Motorcyclists	Red	Red
Cyclists	Amber	Amber

Note: The data used to produce this information have been sourced from the Australian Road Deaths Database: www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety/fatal_road_crash_database.aspx, accessed on 17 June 2017 and Road Deaths Australia June 2017 monthly bulletin ISSN 1449-1168.

Foreword

Australia's Road Toll: June 2017

Time to start developing a new road safety policy

The Australian Automobile Association's (AAA) Benchmarking of the National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS) report tracks progress against the NRSS target of reducing road deaths by at least 30 per cent by 2020. All Australian governments committed to this strategy in 2011.

This report finds that in the 12 months to June 2017, there were 1,241 fatalities on Australian roads, a decrease from 1,258 for the same period last year. This is a decrease of 1.3 per cent.

Disturbingly, the report finds that the National Road Safety Strategy has so far delivered a reduction in the annual road toll of 13 per cent. Given that the decade-long NRSS has only three years to run, it is becoming clear the strategy will not deliver the targeted 30 per cent reduction in road deaths.

The AAA has for some time called on the Australian Government to establish a national inquiry into the NRSS. To its credit the Government announced the inquiry as part of the 2017-18 Budget.

The AAA sees this as an important step in understanding what has been successful under the NRSS and what has failed. This information will help guide the development of an effective set of national road safety policies for the next decade.

With around 1,200 people killed on our roads each year, and with around 45,000 seriously injured, getting this inquiry underway is also an urgent task, and one that in the AAA's view, ought to be at the top of the Government's priorities.

The AAA looks forward to the inquiry into the NRSS getting underway, and to playing an active part in developing Australia's road safety policies.



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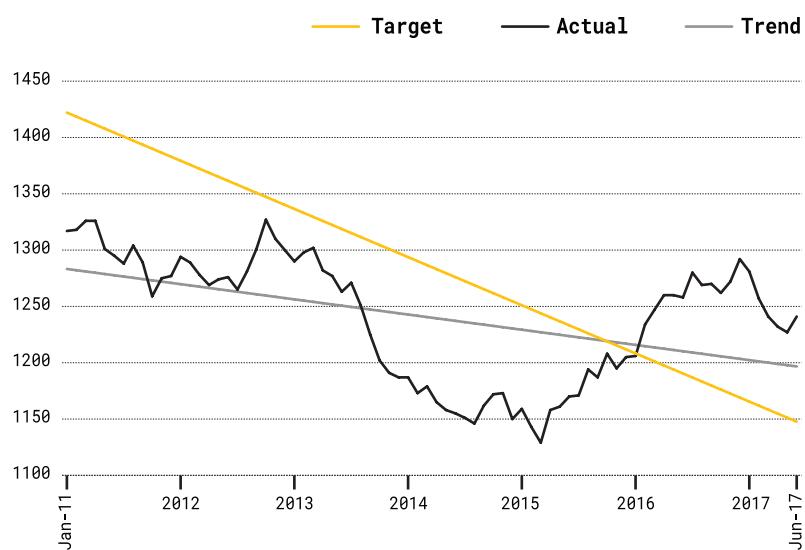


Section One

National Overview

National (Australia) fatalities per annum

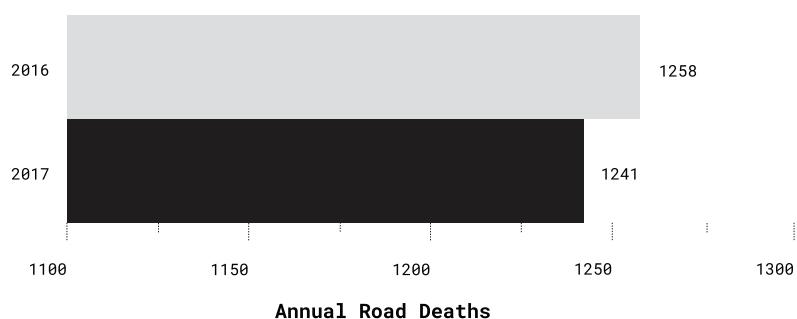
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The NRSS aims to achieve a reduction of at least 30 per cent in road fatalities and serious injuries by 2020. Since the road safety strategy commenced, we have seen an 8.3 per cent decline in the 12-month road toll, which is lower than the rate required to achieve the 2020 target.

In the 12 months ended June, there were 1,241 fatalities on Australian roads, a decrease from 1,258 in the previous calendar year. There were 316 fatalities in the quarter ending June 2017, an 18.8 per cent increase on the 266 recorded in the quarter ending March 2017.

Comparative Performance — Past 12 Months



Yearly Comparison — Deaths to June

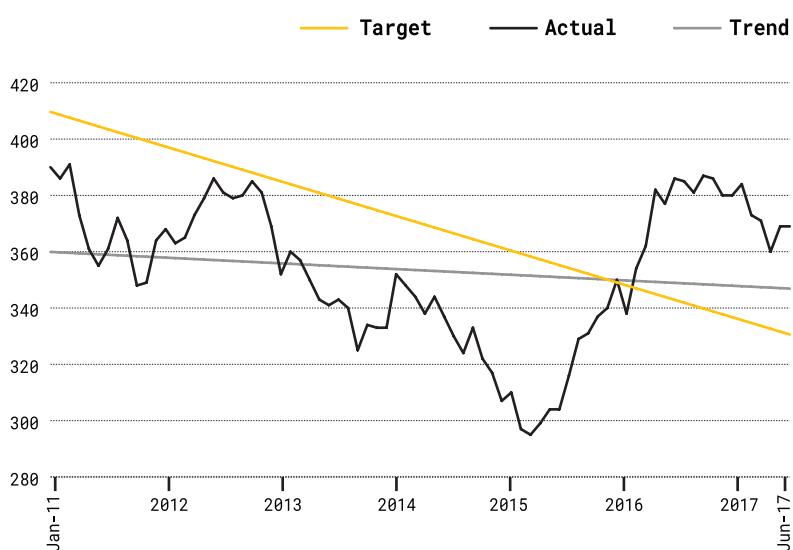
There has been a 1.3 per cent decrease in the road toll in the 12 months ending June 2017, compared with a year earlier.

Section Two

Analysis: States and Territories

New South Wales fatalities per annum

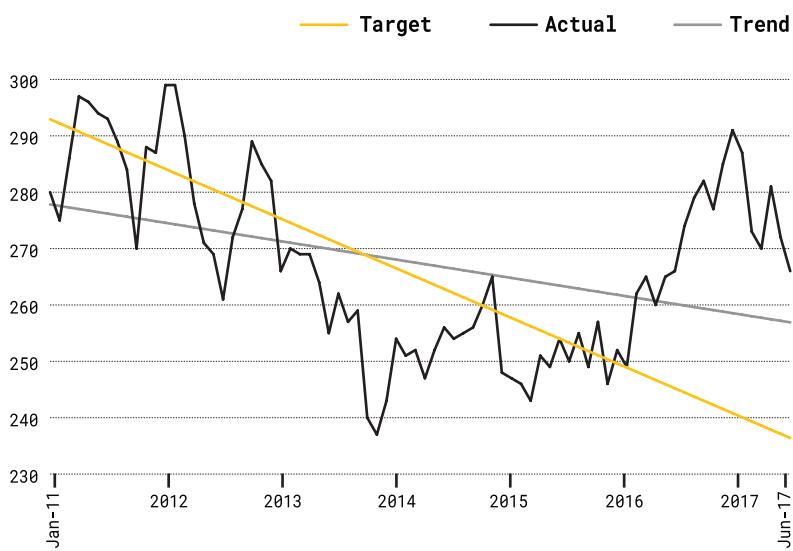
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- 369 road deaths occurred in the 12 months ending June 2017, compared to 386 deaths in the same period in 2016.
- A decrease of 4.4 per cent.

Victoria fatalities per annum

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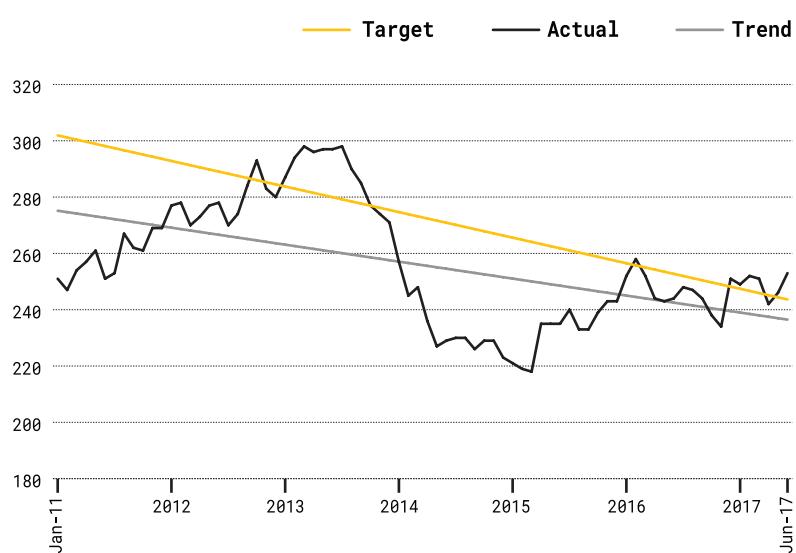


- In the past 12 months, Victoria recorded 266 deaths, compared to 266 deaths in the same period in 2016.

Section Two

Queensland fatalities per annum

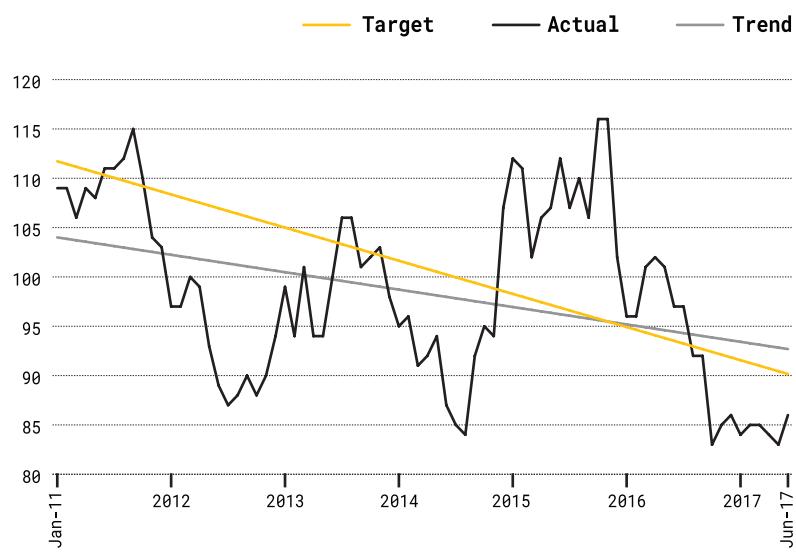
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- In the past 12 months, 253 people have died on Queensland roads, compared to 244 deaths in the same period in 2016.
- A 3.7 per cent increase on a year ago.

South Australia fatalities per annum

Amber



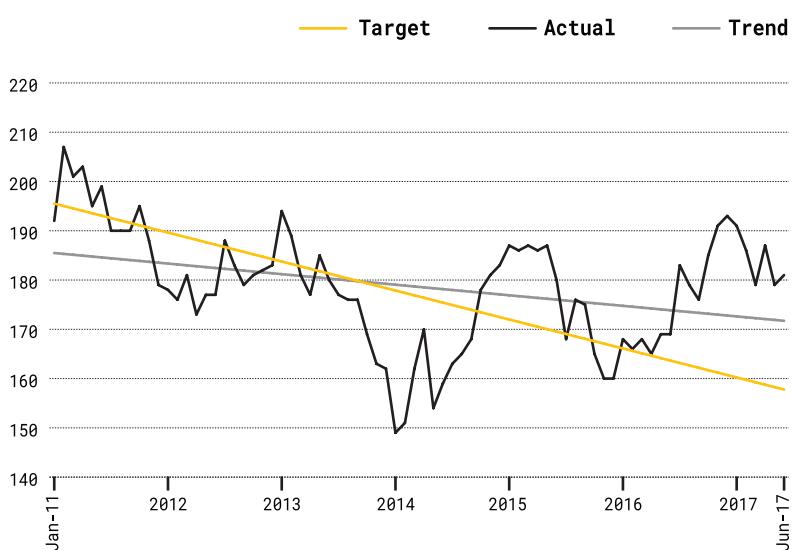
- In the past 12 months, 86 deaths occurred on South Australian roads, compared to 97 deaths in the same period in 2016.
- A decrease of 11.3 per cent over the past year.

Section Two

Analysis: States and Territories

Western Australia fatalities per annum

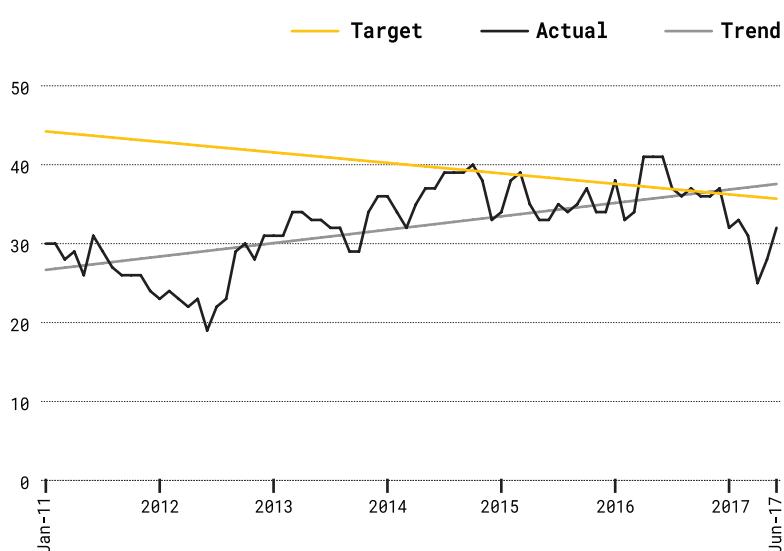
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- In the past 12 months, 181 people were killed on Western Australian roads, up from 169 over the same period in 2016.
- This is a 7.1 per cent increase on a year earlier.

Tasmania fatalities per annum

Amber

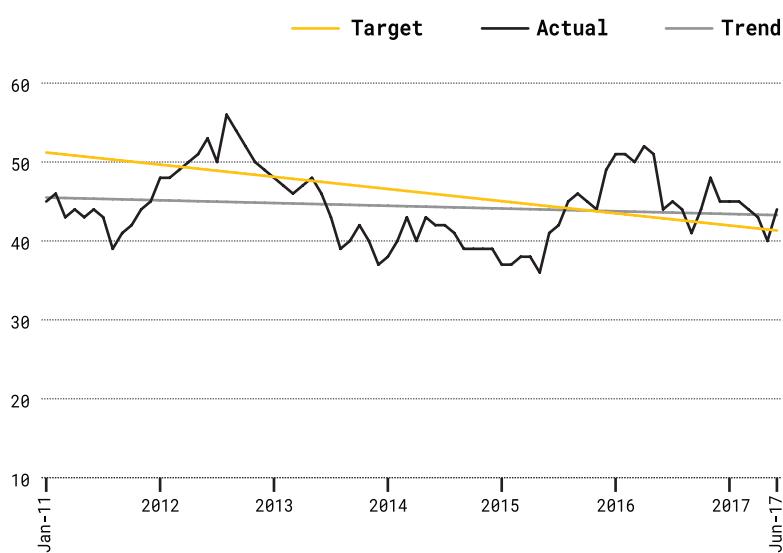


- In the past 12 months, 32 people died on Tasmanian roads, compared to 41 deaths in the same period in 2016.
- This is a 22 per cent decrease on a year earlier.

Section Two

Northern Territory fatalities per annum

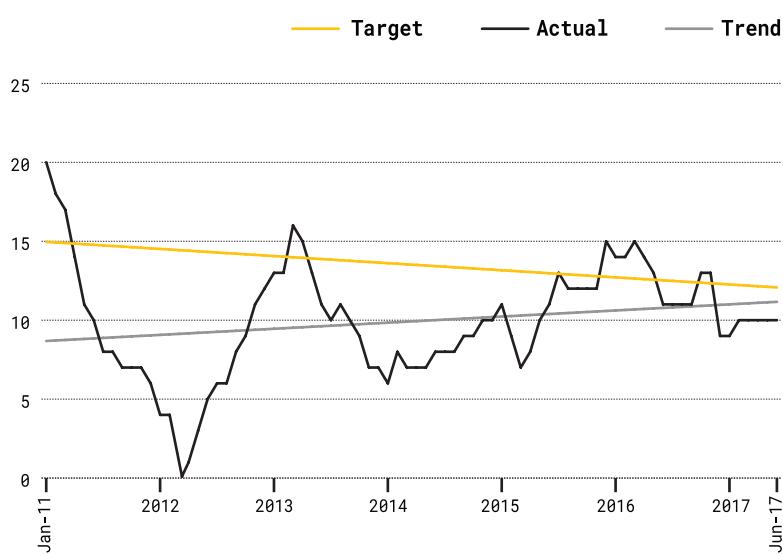
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- In the past 12 months, 44 deaths occurred on Northern Territory roads, compared to 44 deaths in the same period in 2016.

Australian Capital Territory fatalities per annum

Amber



- The ACT recorded 10 deaths in the past 12 months, compared to 11 deaths in the same period in 2016.
- This is a 9.1 per cent decrease on a year earlier.

Section Three

Analysis: Road User Groups

Drivers fatalities per annum



Red

- There have been 592 driver deaths on Australian roads in the past 12 months, a decrease from 600 that occurred in the corresponding period in 2016.
- A decrease of 1.3 per cent over the past year.

Passengers fatalities per annum



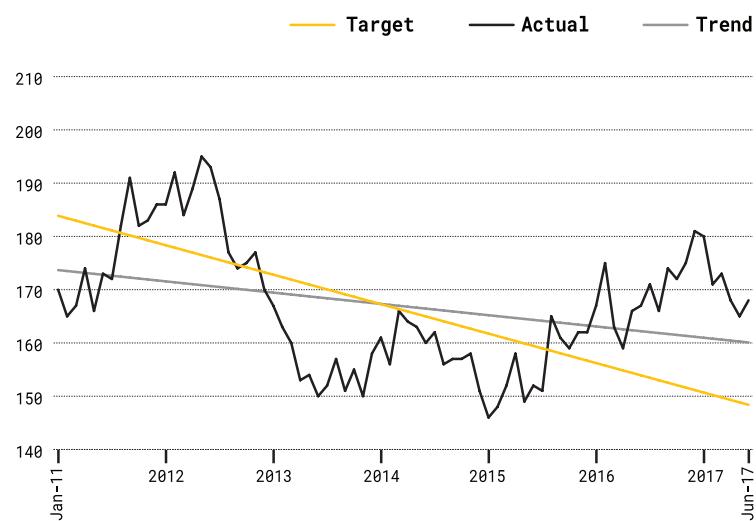
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- In the past 12 months, 210 deaths on Australian roads have been passengers, compared with 225 deaths over the same period in 2016.
- This is a decrease of 6.7 per cent.

Section Three

Pedestrians fatalities per annum

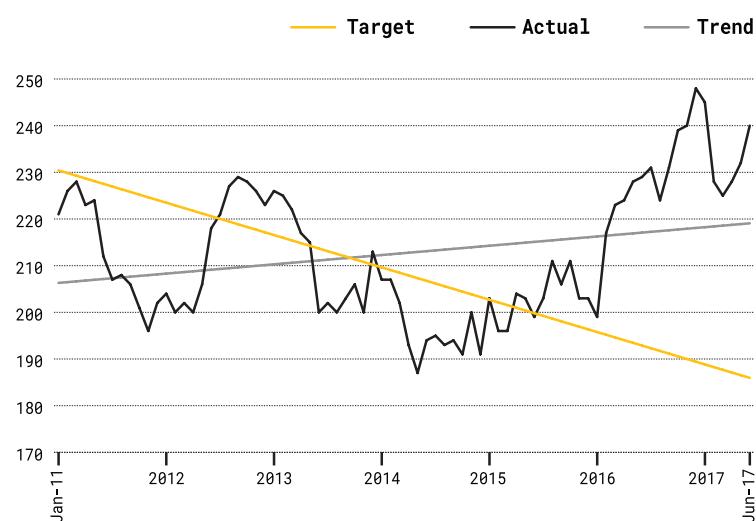
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- There have been 168 pedestrian deaths on Australian roads over the 12 months, an increase from 167 deaths over the same period in 2016.
- This represents an increase of 0.6 per cent.

Motorcyclists fatalities per annum

Red



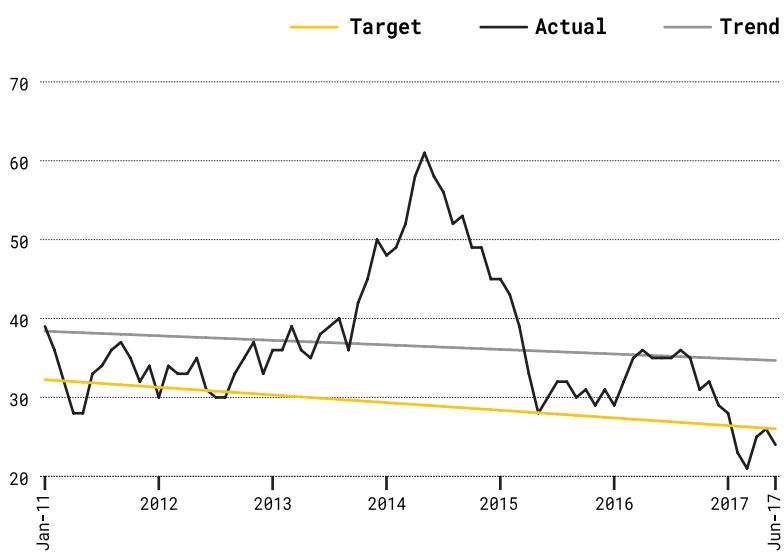
- There have been 240 motorcyclist deaths on Australian roads over the past 12 months, an increase from 229 over the same period in 2016.
- This is a 4.8 per cent increase.

Section Three

Analysis: Road User Groups

Cyclists fatalities per annum

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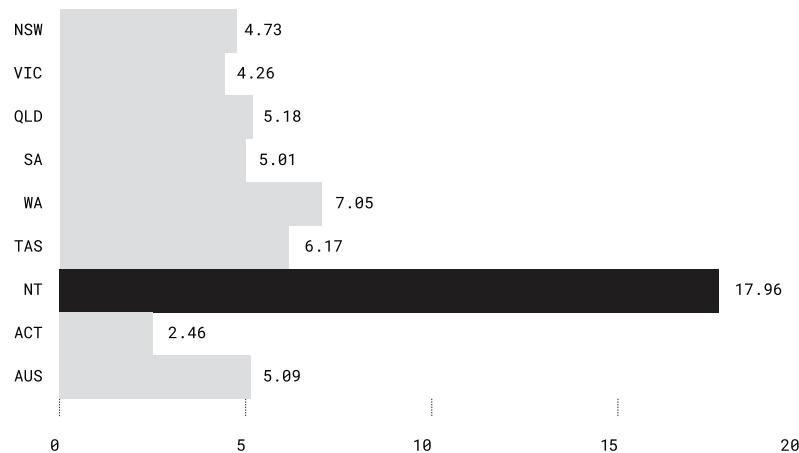


- 24 cyclists have died on Australian roads over the past 12 months, a decrease from 35 deaths over the same period in 2016.
- This is a decrease of 31.4 per cent.

Section Four

Analysis: Road Deaths by Population

Annual Road Deaths per 100,000 population



The National Road Safety Strategy does not include a target for the fatality rate based on population, but it is still a useful indicator to determine priority areas. The data show that the most populous states of New South Wales and Victoria have fewer road deaths in proportion to their population than the other jurisdictions (with the exception of the ACT), while more attention is needed to reduce deaths in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Analysis: Potential Lives Saved

Current number of fatalities	Current fatality rate per 100,000 population	Number of fatalities at 4.26 per 100,000 population	Potential lives saved
NSW	369	4.73	332
VIC	266	4.26	266
QLD	253	5.18	208
SA	86	5.01	73
WA	181	7.05	109
TAS	32	6.17	22
NT	44	17.96	10
ACT*	10	2.46	10
AUS	1241	5.09	1031

If the other jurisdictions were able to achieve the Victorian fatality rate of 4.26 per 100,000 population, 210 lives could be saved nationally, with 72 in Western Australia, 45 in Queensland, 37 in New South Wales, and 34 in the Northern Territory.

* jurisdictions with a rate currently lower than 4.26 would not be anticipated to increase the number of fatalities.

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