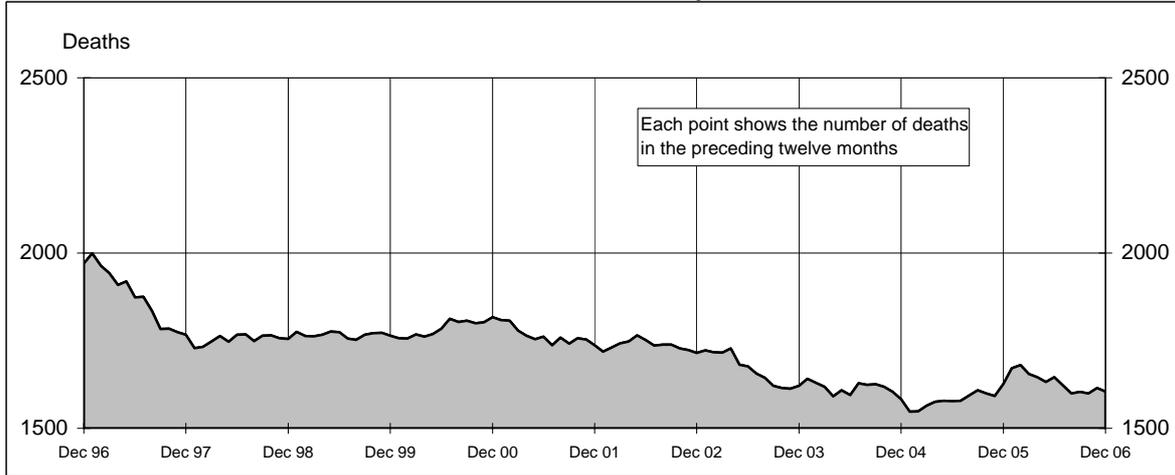
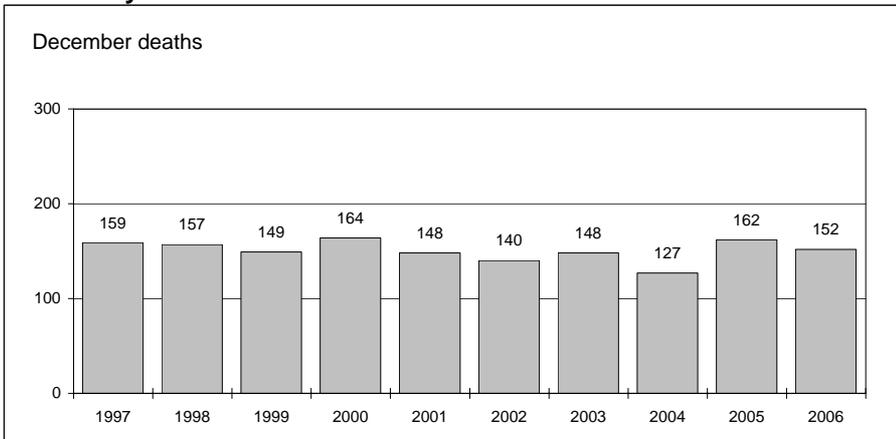




### Australian road deaths for 12 months to date - last 10 years



### Australian road deaths for December - last 10 years



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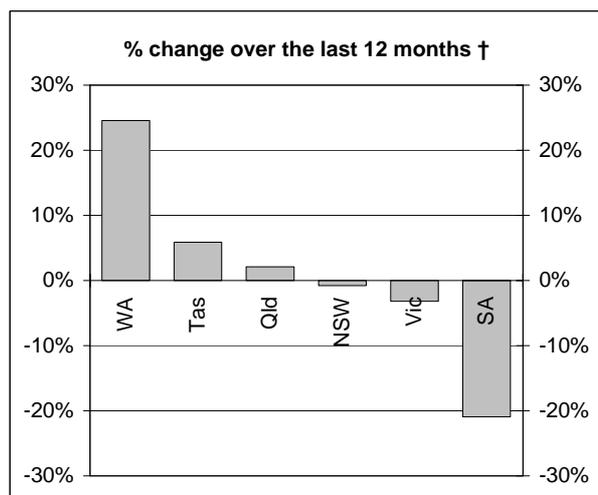
### This month's key figures

The total number of road deaths in December 2006 was 152  
- this is a 6.2% decrease from the December 2005 figure.

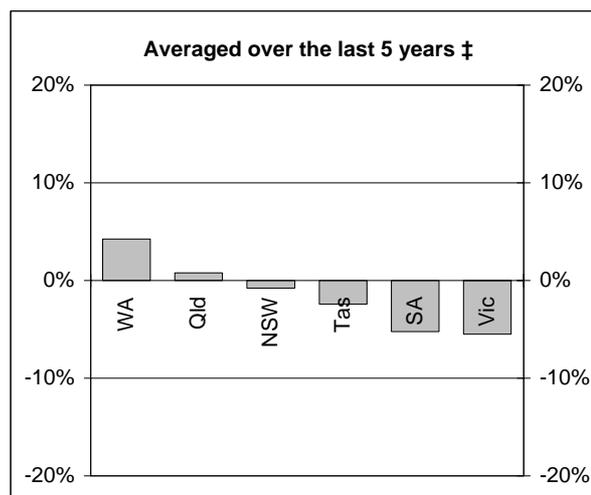
The number of road deaths in 2006 to the end of December is 1,605  
- this is a 1.4% decrease from the same 12 month period in 2005.

# NUMBER OF ROAD CRASH DEATHS

## Percentage change in road deaths in each State



† Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Jan 2005 - Dec 2005 and Jan 2006 - Dec 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Jan 2001 - Dec 2001 to Jan 2006 - Dec 2006

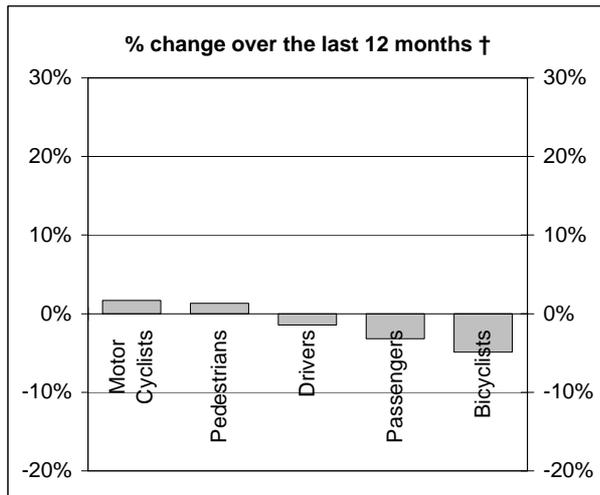
## Road deaths by State/Territory for month, year to date, and twelve months - period ended December 2006 and period ended December 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Current month</b>									
Dec 2006	36	36	36	10	23	5	3	3	152
Dec 2005	46	36	37	14	15	8	5	1	162
% change	-21.7	0.0	-2.7	-28.6	53.3	-37.5	-40.0	200.0	-6.2
<b>Year to date</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	504	335	337	117	203	54	42	13	1605
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	508	346	330	148	163	51	55	26	1627
% change	-0.8	-3.2	2.1	-20.9	24.5	5.9	-23.6	-50.0	-1.4
<b>12-months to date</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	504	335	337	117	203	54	42	13	1605
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	508	346	330	148	163	51	55	26	1627
Difference	-4	-11	7	-31	40	3	-13	-13	-22
% change	-0.8	-3.2	2.1	-20.9	24.5	5.9	-23.6	-50.0	-1.4
<b>Ave annual % change (a)</b>									
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-0.8	-5.5	0.8	-5.2	4.2	-2.4	-3.4	-4.1	-1.6

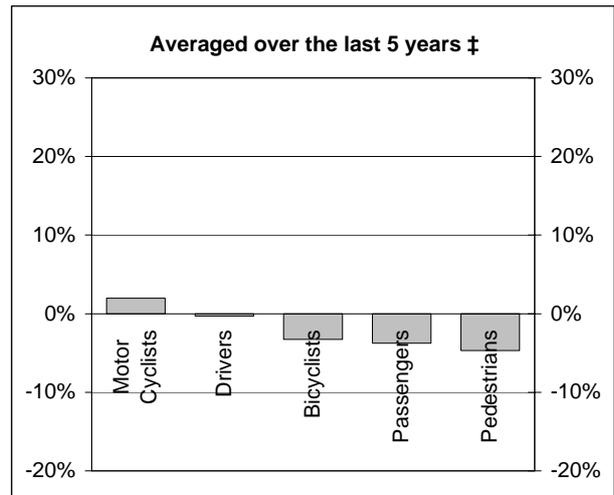
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# DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP

## Percentage change in deaths in each road user group



† Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Jan 2005 - Dec 2005 and Jan 2006 - Dec 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Jan 2001 - Dec 2001 to Jan 2006 - Dec 2006

## Road deaths by road user group and gender for twelve months ended December 2006 and twelve months ended December 2005

	Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	Motor cyclists (a)	Bicyclists	All road users (b)
<b>Males</b>						
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	589	196	150	227	35	1197
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	597	179	145	225	32	1182
% change	-1.3	9.5	3.4	0.9	9.4	1.3
<b>Females</b>						
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	173	139	77	11	4	404
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	178	166	80	9	9	443
% change	-2.8	-16.3	-3.8	22.2	-55.6	-8.8
<b>Persons (c)</b>						
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	764	336	228	238	39	1605
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	775	347	225	234	41	1627
% change	-1.4	-3.2	1.3	1.7	-4.9	-1.4
<b>Ave annual % change (d)</b>						
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-0.3	-3.8	-4.7	2.0	-3.2	-1.6

(a) Includes pillion passengers

(b) Includes road users not separately specified

(c) Includes road users with unstated gender

(d) This represents the average annual exponential change between the annual count of 5 years ago and the current annual count

## DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP - QUARTERLY REPORT

Road deaths by road user group and State/Territory for twelve months ended December 2006 and twelve months ended December 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Drivers</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	257	153	156	58	94	25	15	6	764
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	235	164	157	73	86	28	24	8	775
% change	9.4	-6.7	-0.6	-20.5	9.3	-10.7	-37.5	-	-1.4
Ave annual % change (a) Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	3.3	-5.9	0.7	-5.5	5.5	-1.5	1.4	-	-0.3
<b>Passengers</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	102	64	67	21	52	20	9	1	336
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	100	78	65	39	35	10	16	4	347
% change	2.0	-17.9	3.1	-46.2	48.6	100.0	-43.8	-	-3.2
Ave annual % change (a) Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-5.2	-5.7	-2.7	-6.9	5.4	4.6	-16.4	-	-3.8
<b>Pedestrians</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	72	58	47	12	22	3	12	2	228
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	96	49	38	12	15	2	8	5	225
% change	-25.0	18.4	23.7	0.0	46.7	50.0	50.0	-	1.3
Ave annual % change (a) Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-3.9	-6.5	-1.6	-14.3	1.9	-21.4	1.8	-	-4.7
<b>Motor cyclists (b)</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	66	46	58	22	32	5	6	3	238
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	64	48	64	19	22	7	2	8	234
% change	3.1	-4.2	-9.4	15.8	45.5	-28.6	200.0	-	1.7
Ave annual % change (a) Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-1.2	-6.4	14.9	9.5	2.7	-6.5	14.9	-	2.0
<b>Cyclists</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	7	14	9	4	3	1	0	1	39
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	13	7	5	3	5	4	3	1	41
<b>All road users (c)</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	504	335	337	117	203	54	42	13	1605
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	508	346	330	148	163	51	55	26	1627
% change	-0.8	-3.2	2.1	-20.9	24.5	5.9	-23.6	-50.0	-1.4
Ave annual % change (a) Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-0.8	-5.5	0.8	-5.2	4.2	-2.4	-3.4	-4.1	-1.6

(a) This represents the average annual exponential change between the annual count of 5-years ago and the current annual count

(b) Includes pillion passengers

(c) Includes road users not separately classified

## DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP - QUARTERLY REPORT

Road deaths by road user group and age for twelve months ended December 2006 and twelve months ended December 2005

	0-16 years	17-20 years	21-25 years	26-39 years	40-59 years	60+ years	<b>All fatalities(d)</b>
<b>Drivers</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	7	111	112	193	184	153	764
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	5	95	113	226	185	151	775
% change	<b>40.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<i>Ave annual % change (a)</i>							
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Passengers</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	70	69	43	55	52	44	336
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	74	66	43	45	49	68	347
% change	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-35.3</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<i>Ave annual % change (a)</i>							
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
<b>Pedestrians</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	30	11	14	46	43	82	228
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	20	22	17	41	40	84	225
% change	<b>50.0</b>	<b>-50.0</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<i>Ave annual % change (a)</i>							
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
<b>Motor cyclists (b)</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	4	23	47	88	65	10	238
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	3	18	48	91	59	15	234
% change	<b>33.3</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<i>Ave annual % change (a)</i>							
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Bicyclists</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	7	2	2	6	14	8	39
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	8	2	1	9	12	9	41
<b>All road users (c)</b>							
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	118	216	218	388	358	297	1605
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	110	203	223	414	347	327	1627
% change	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<i>Ave annual % change (a)</i>							
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

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(b) Includes pillion passengers

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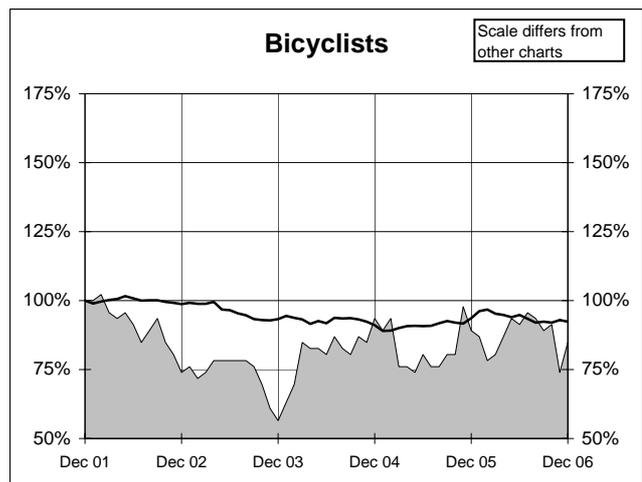
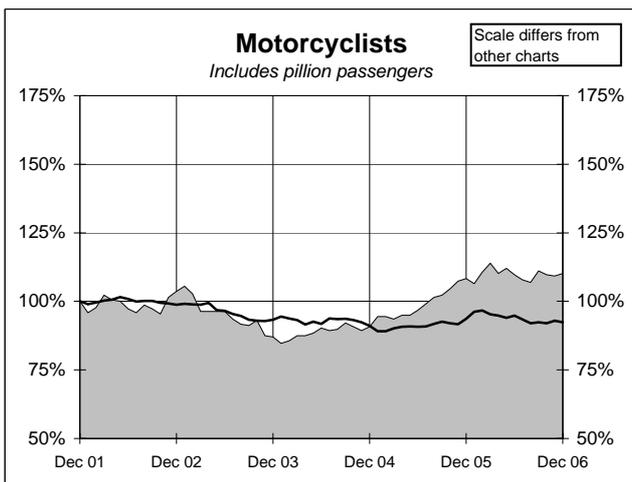
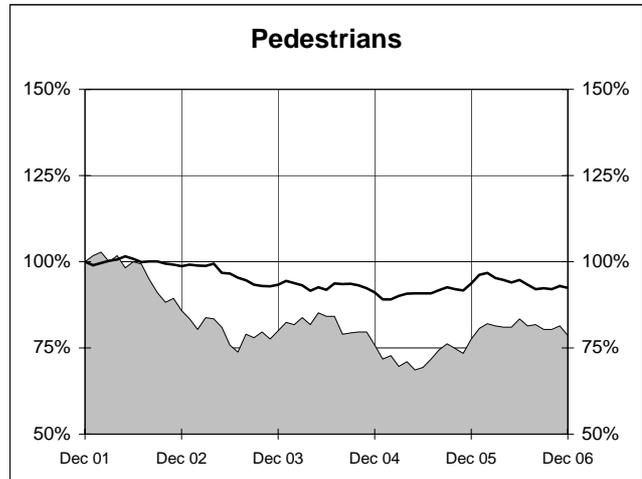
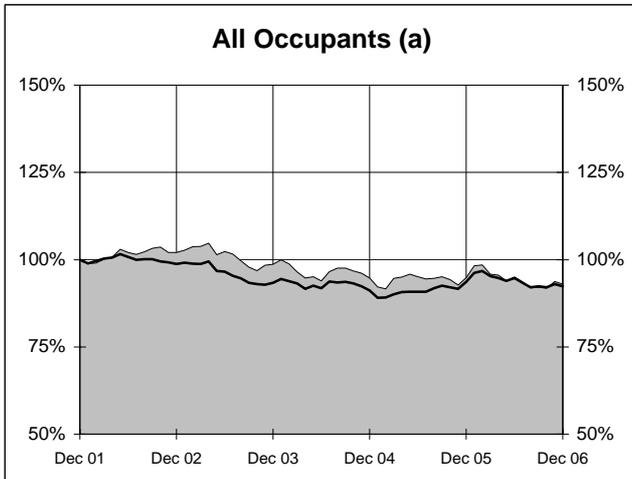
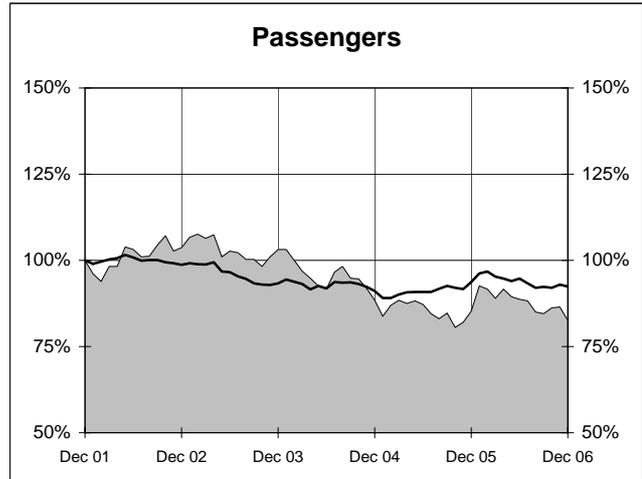
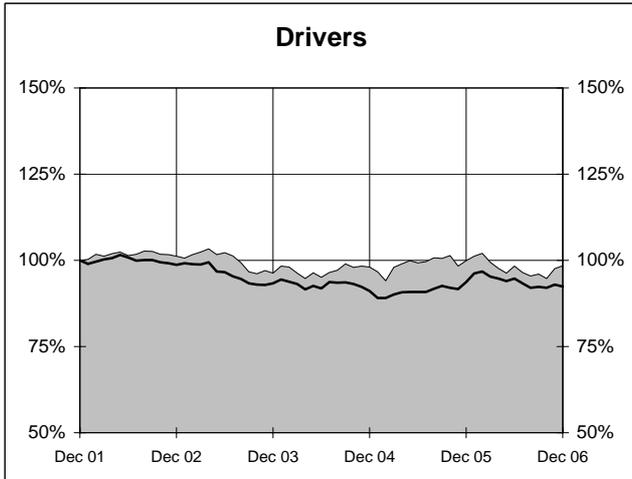
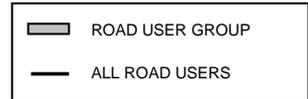
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# DEATHS IN EACH ROAD USER GROUP - TRENDS

## Annual deaths in each road user group - last 5 years

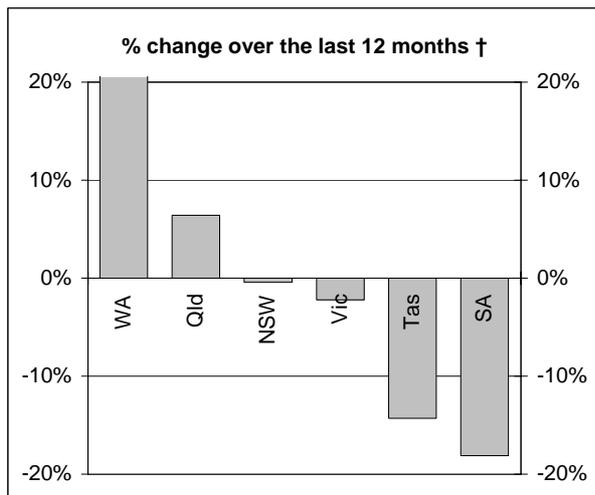
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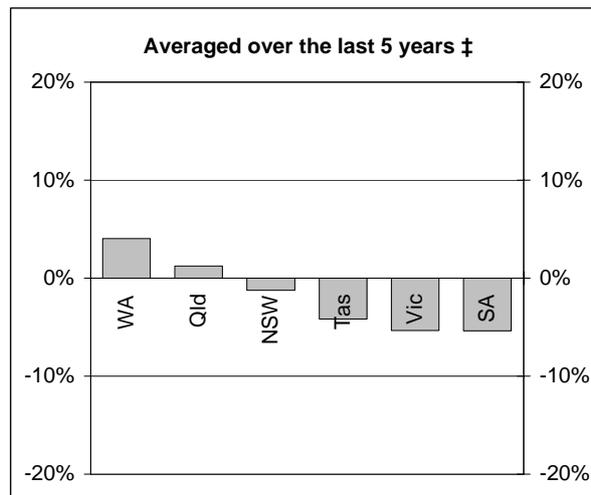
(a) Includes drivers and passengers

# NUMBER OF FATAL ROAD CRASHES

## Percentage change in fatal crashes in each State



† Percentage change between the 12-month periods of Jan 2005 - Dec 2005 and Jan 2006 - Dec 2006



‡ Average annual percentage change over each of the 12-month periods from Jan 2001 - Dec 2001 to Jan 2006 - Dec 2006

## Fatal crashes by State/Territory for month, year to date and twelve months - period ended December 2006 and period ended December 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Current month</b>									
Dec 2006	35	36	33	7	22	4	3	2	142
Dec 2005	37	33	35	10	14	7	5	1	142
% change	-5.4	9.1	-5.7	-30.0	57.1	-42.9	-40.0	100.0	0.0
<b>Year to date</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	457	307	315	104	184	42	39	12	1460
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	459	314	296	127	151	49	51	25	1472
% change	-0.4	-2.2	6.4	-18.1	21.9	-14.3	-23.5	-52.0	-0.8
<b>12 months to date</b>									
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	457	307	315	104	184	42	39	12	1460
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	459	314	296	127	151	49	51	25	1472
% change	-0.4	-2.2	6.4	-18.1	21.9	-14.3	-23.5	-52.0	-0.8
<b>Ave annual % change (a)</b>									
Dec 2001 to Dec 2006	-1.2	-5.3	1.3	-5.4	4.0	-4.2	-1.9	-4.4	-1.6

(a) This represents the average annual exponential change between the annual count of 5 years ago and the current annual count

# FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING TRUCKS AND BUSES

Fatal crashes and deaths involving articulated trucks and buses -  
 twelve months ended December 2006 and twelve months ended December 2005

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
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## FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING ARTICULATED TRUCKS

### Number of crashes

Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	57	N/A	34	9	10	6	3	0	
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	45	28	27	16	11	5	1	0	

### Number of deaths

Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	69	N/A	37	9	11	8	3	0	
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	52	32	35	18	13	5	1	0	

Note: Data on heavy rigid trucks not currently available

## FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING BUSES

### Number of crashes

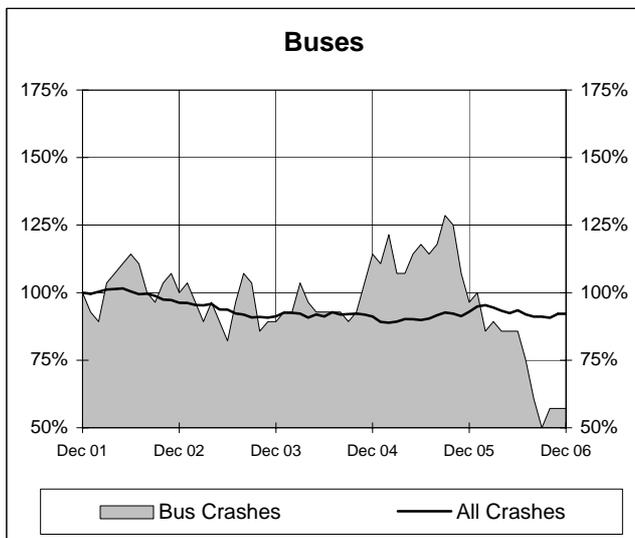
Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	7	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	16
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	15	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	27
									(-40.7%)

### Number of deaths

Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	7	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	16
Jan 2005 - Dec 2005	21	5	9	0	1	0	0	0	36
									(-55.6%)

## Annual count of fatal crashes involving buses - last 5 years

The number shown at each month represents the number of fatal crashes in the preceding 12 months expressed as a percentage of the number of fatal crashes in the 12 months to December 2001.



## TIME SERIES - QUARTERLY REPORT

### Road deaths by road user group, 1992 to 2006

	<i>Drivers</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Pedestrians</i>	<i>Motor cyclists (a)</i>	<i>Bicyclists (b)</i>	<i>All road users (c)</i>
1992	815	570	350	197	41	1974
1993	859	513	331	203	45	1953
1994	809	501	367	190	59	1928
1995	874	491	398	204	48	2017
1996	869	499	351	193	57	1970
1997	776	431	328	177	52	1767
1998	741	468	318	181	44	1755
1999	820	428	299	176	40	1764
2000	852	450	287	191	31	1817
2001	776	407	290	216	46	1737
2002	785	422	249	224	34	1715
2003	747	420	232	188	26	1621
2004	761	360	220	196	43	1583
2005	775	347	225	234	41	1627
2006	764	336	228	238	39	1605

(a) Includes pillion passengers.

(b) From 1989, includes pedal cycle passengers.

(c) Includes road users not separately classified.

### Road deaths by State/Territory, 1992 to 2005

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1992	649	396	416	165	200	74	54	20	1974
1993	581	435	396	218	209	58	44	12	1953
1994	646	377	418	159	211	59	41	17	1928
1995	620	418	456	181	209	57	61	15	2017
1996	581	417	385	181	247	64	72	23	1970
1997	576	377	360	148	197	32	60	17	1767
1998	556	390	279	168	223	48	69	22	1755
1999	577	383	314	151	218	53	49	19	1764
2000	603	407	317	166	212	43	51	18	1817
2001	524	444	324	153	165	61	50	16	1737
2002	561	397	322	154	179	37	55	10	1715
2003	539	330	310	157	180	41	53	11	1621
2004	510	343	311	139	178	58	35	9	1583
2005	508	346	330	148	163	51	55	26	1627
2006	504	335	337	117	203	54	42	13	1605

## DEATH RATES - QUARTERLY REPORT

### Road death rates by State/Territory

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Australia</i>
Per capita (a)									
2006	7.38	6.58	8.31	7.53	9.90	11.05	20.32	3.95	7.79
2002	8.46	8.17	8.68	10.14	9.30	7.83	27.68	3.11	8.73
Per vehicle (b)									
2006	1.19	0.92	1.14	1.30	1.02	1.36	4.82	1.16	1.13
2002	1.36	1.30	1.32	1.44	1.17	1.82	4.82	0.77	1.35

(a) Annual deaths per 100,000 population: 2006 at June 30 (preliminary data); 2002 at June 30 (revised data) taken from ABS catalogue 3201.1

(b) Annual deaths per 10,000 registered motor vehicles: 2006 at Mar 31; 2002 at Oct 31 taken from ABS catalogue 9309.0.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF FATAL CRASHES

Proportion (per cent) of fatal crashes by speed limit, crash type, time of day, and time of week - two years ended December 2006 and two years ended December 2001

	<i>Speed limit (km/h) (a)</i>			<i>Time of Day</i>	
	<i>Up to 60</i>	<i>65-95</i>	<i>100+</i>	<i>Day time</i>	<i>Night-time (b)</i>
<i>Jan 2005 - Dec 2006</i>	32.4	22.6	44.9	55.4	44.6
<i>Jan 2000 - Dec 2001</i>	33.5	20.8	45.7	55.8	44.2

	<i>Crash Type</i>			<i>Time of week</i>	
	<i>Pedestrian crash</i>	<i>Other single veh. crash</i>	<i>Other multiple veh. crash</i>	<i>Week day</i>	<i>Week-end (c)</i>
<i>Jan 2005 - Dec 2006</i>	15.1	46.0	38.9	57.4	42.6
<i>Jan 2000 - Dec 2001</i>	18.0	41.2	40.8	60.5	39.5

(a) Excludes ACT

(b) 6:00 pm to 5:59 am

(c) 6:00 pm Friday to 5:59 am Monday