

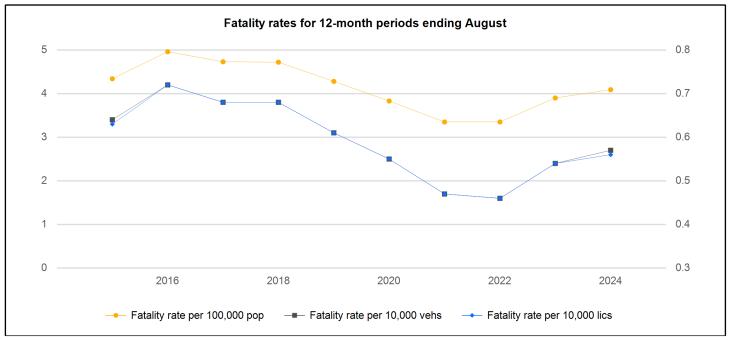
# Monthly bulletin of preliminary traffic crash data August 2024



# Fatality rates for 12-month period ending August 2024

| Year | No of fatalities | Fatality rate per 100,000 population | Fatality rate per 10,000 vehicles | Fatality rate per 10,000<br>licence holders |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2024 | 346              | 4.09                                 | 0.57                              | 0.56  |





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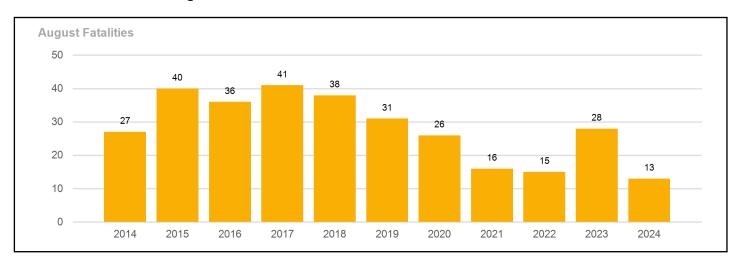
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Explanatory Notes
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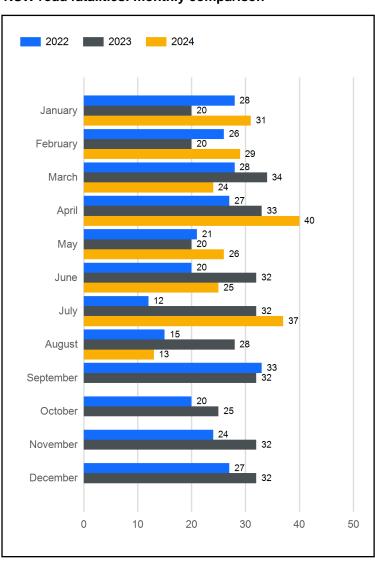
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#### **SECTION 1: MONTHLY COMPARISON AND KEY POINTS**

NSW road fatalities for August: 2014 - 2024



# NSW road fatalities: monthly comparison



| Average     | Year to da | ate  |      |
|-------------|------------|------|------|
| 2021 - 2023 | 2022       | 2023 | 2024 |
| 24.0        | 28         | 20   | 31   |
| 24.0        | 54         | 40   | 60   |
| 27.3        | 82         | 74   | 84   |
| 28.3        | 109        | 107  | 124  |
| 20.7        | 130        | 127  | 150  |
| 27.0        | 150        | 159  | 175  |
| 20.7        | 162        | 191  | 212  |
| 19.7        | 177        | 219  | 225  |
| 27.0        | 210        | 251  |      |
| 23.7        | 230        | 276  |      |
| 26.0        | 254        | 308  |      |
| 30.3        | 281        | 340  |      |
|             |            |      |      |

There were 13 fatalities during August 2024, 15 less (54 per cent) than in August 2023. This is the lowest August total since monthly records began in 1936.

During the eight months ending August 2024, there were 225 fatalities, 6 more (3 per cent) than the eight months ending August 2023. During the 12 months ending August 2024, there were 346 fatalities, 23 more (7 per cent) than the 12 months ending August 2023 and the highest 12 months ending August total since 2018 (with 374 fatalities).

# **SECTION 2: MONTHLY STATISTICS**

# 2.1 FATALITIES

| Road User Class       | Aug 2024 | Aug 2023 | Difference | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Difference |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Driver                | 6        | 14       | -8         | 115      | 106      | 9          |
| Passenger             | 0        | 5        | -5         | 31       | 42       | -11        |
| Motorcyclist          | 4        | 5        | -1         | 42       | 31       | 11         |
| Pedestrian            | 3        | 4        | -1         | 33       | 33       | 0          |
| Pedal cyclist         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 4        | 7        | -3         |
| Other                 | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Total                 | 13       | 28       | -15        | 225      | 219      | 6          |
| Age (years)           |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| 0-4                   | 0        | 0        | 0          | 2        | 3        | -1         |
| 5-16                  | 1        | 2        | -1         | 8        | 13       | -5         |
| 17-20                 | 4        | 4        | 0          | 27       | 21       | 6          |
| 21-25                 | 2        | 6        | -4         | 22       | 26       | -4         |
| 26-29                 | 0        | 0        | 0          | 15       | 17       | -2         |
| 30-39                 | 1        | 3        | -2         | 30       | 28       | 2          |
| 40-49                 | 1        | 5        | -4         | 25       | 23       | 2          |
| 50-59                 | 2        | 1        | 1          | 22       | 28       | -6         |
| 60-69                 | 1        | 3        | -2         | 34       | 17       | 17         |
| 70+                   | 1        | 4        | -3         | 39       | 43       | -4         |
| Unknown               | 0        | 0        | 0          | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| Total                 | 13       | 28       | -15        | 225      | 219      | 6          |
| Gender                |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Male                  | 12       | 22       | -10        | 181      | 164      | 17         |
| Female                | 1        | 6        | -5         | 43       | 55       | -12        |
| Unknown               | 0        | 0        | 0          | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| Total                 | 13       | 28       | -15        | 225      | 219      | 6          |
| TfNSW Region          |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Greater Sydney        | 2        | 10       | -8         | 64       | 59       | 5          |
| North                 | 6        | 8        | -2         | 76       | 73       | 3          |
| South                 | 2        | 5        | -3         | 48       | 56       | -8         |
| West                  | 3        | 5        | -2         | 37       | 31       | 6          |
| Total                 | 13       | 28       | -15        | 225      | 219      | 6          |
| Road Classification   |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Freeway/motorway      | 0        | 0        | 0          | 8        | 7        | 1          |
| State highway         | 3        | 8        | -5         | 57       | 76       | -19        |
| Other classified road | 6        | 7        | -1         | 77       | 57       | 20         |
| Unclassified road     | 4        | 13       | -9         | 83       | 79       | 4          |
| Total                 | 13       | 28       | -15        | 225      | 219      | 6          |

<sup>-</sup> Other classified roads includes main roads, secondary roads and tourist roads - Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

# 2.2 FATAL CRASHES

| Urbanisation               | Aug 2024 | Aug 2023 | Difference | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Difference |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Sydney metro. area         | 2        | 8        | -6         | 56       | 51       | 55         |
| Newcastle met. area        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 8        | 6        | 2          |
| Wollongong met. area       | 1        | 0        | 1          | 11       | 3        | 8          |
| Country urban              | 5        | 8        | -3         | 50       | 65       | -15        |
| Country non-urban          | 4        | 11       | -7         | 79       | 69       | 10         |
| Country unknown            | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | (          |
| Total                      | 12       | 27       | -15        | 204      | 194      | 10         |
| Location Type              |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Intersection locations     | 3        | 6        | -3         | 48       | 43       | 5          |
| Non-intersection locations | 9        | 21       | -12        | 156      | 151      | 5          |
| Total                      | 12       | 27       | -15        | 204      | 194      | 10         |
| Route                      |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Pacific Hwy                | 0        | 1        | -1         | 9        | 10       | -1         |
| Hume Hwy                   | 0        | 1        | -1         | 4        | 8        | -2         |
| New England Hwy            | 0        | 0        | 0          | 4        | 2        | 2          |
| Newell Hwy                 | 0        | 0        | 0          | 7        | 6        | 1          |
| Princes Hwy                | 1        | 3        | -2         | 5        | 10       | -5         |
| Great Western Hwy          | 1        | 0        | 1          | 2        | 2        | (          |
| All other routes           | 10       | 22       | -12        | 173      | 156      | 17         |
| Total                      | 12       | 27       | -15        | 204      | 194      | 10         |
| Road Classification        |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Freeway/motorway           | 0        | 0        | 0          | 7        | 6        | 1          |
| State highway              | 3        | 8        | -5         | 50       | 60       | -10        |
| Other classified road      | 6        | 6        | 0          | 69       | 55       | 14         |
| Unclassified road          | 3        | 13       | -10        | 78       | 73       | 5          |
| Total                      | 12       | 27       | -15        | 204      | 194      | 10         |
| TfNSW Region               |          |          |            |          |          |            |
| Greater Sydney             | 2        | 9        | -7         | 59       | 55       | 2          |
| North                      | 5        | 8        | -3         | 67       | 62       | Ę          |
| South                      | 2        | 5        | -3         | 43       | 48       | -5         |
| West                       | 3        | 5        | -2         | 35       | 29       | 6          |
| Total                      | 12       | 27       | -15        | 204      | 194      | 10         |

<sup>-</sup> Other classified road includes main roads, secondary roads and tourist roads

| Type of crash           | Aug 2024 | Aug 2023 | Difference | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Difference |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Car crash               | 10       | 14       | -4         | 129      | 114      | 15         |
| Light truck crash       | 3        | 11       | -8         | 64       | 64       | 0          |
| Heavy rigid truck crash | 0        | 5        | -5         | 13       | 14       | -1         |
| Articulated truck crash | 0        | 3        | -3         | 24       | 20       | 4          |
| Heavy truck crash       | 0        | 8        | -8         | 34       | 33       | 1          |
| Light bus crash         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| Heavy bus crash         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 2        | 4        | -2         |
| Bus crash               | 0        | 0        | 0          | 3        | 4        | -1         |
| Heavy vehicle crash     | 0        | 8        | -8         | 36       | 37       | -1         |
| Emergency vehicle crash | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 2        | -2         |
| Motorcycle crash        | 3        | 5        | -2         | 41       | 32       | 9          |
| Pedal cycle crash       | 0        | 0        | 0          | 4        | 8        | -4         |
| Pedestrian crash        | 3        | 4        | -1         | 34       | 32       | 2          |

<sup>-</sup> The type of crash categories are not mutually exclusive and must not be added together

# 2.3 COMPARISON WITH OTHER STATES

Data included in this section represent statistics for the previous month.

#### 2.3.1 Fatalities

| State Territory              | July 2024 | July 2023 | Difference | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Difference |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| New South Wales              | 37        | 32        | 5          | 212      | 191      | 21         |
| Victoria                     | 28        | 23        | 5          | 166      | 168      | -2         |
| Queensland                   | 25        | 30        | -5         | 170      | 156      | 14         |
| South Australia              | 6         | 10        | -4         | 50       | 70       | -20        |
| Western Australia            | 15        | 10        | 5          | 105      | 83       | 22         |
| Tasmania                     | 6         | 1         | 5          | 16       | 19       | -3         |
| Northern Territory           | 10        | 1         | 9          | 39       | 7        | 32         |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0         | 1         | -1         | 6        | 3        | 3          |
|                              | 127       | 108       | 19         | 764      | 697      | 67         |

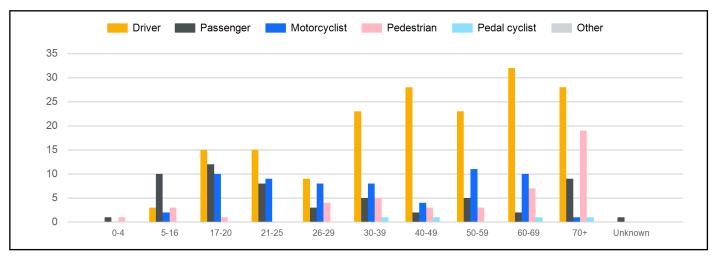
# 2.3.2 Fatal crashes

| State Territory              | July 2024 | July 2023 | Difference | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Difference |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| New South Wales              | 33        | 32        | 1          | 192      | 167      | 25         |
| Victoria                     | 25        | 23        | 2          | 157      | 150      | 7          |
| Queensland                   | 23        | 28        | -5         | 154      | 148      | 6          |
| South Australia              | 6         | 10        | -4         | 45       | 66       | -21        |
| Western Australia            | 14        | 10        | 4          | 94       | 81       | 13         |
| Tasmania                     | 4         | 1         | 3          | 14       | 19       | -5         |
| Northern Territory           | 8         | 1         | 7          | 33       | 7        | 26         |
| Australian Capital Territory | 0         | 1         | -1         | 6        | 3        | 3          |
|                              | 113       | 106       | 7          | 695      | 641      | 54         |

#### **SECTION 3: TRENDS**

# 3.1 FATALITIES - OVERALL TREND

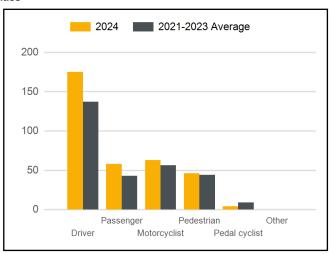
Distribution of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, by age and road user class \*



<sup>-</sup> Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

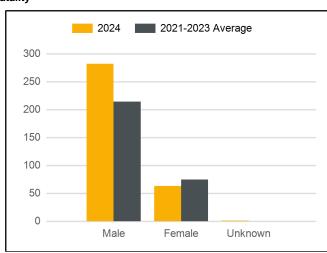
#### 3.1.1 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, road user class

| Road User Class | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|-----------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Driver          | 175  | 137.0     | 27.7%    |
| Passenger       | 58   | 42.7      | 35.9%    |
| Motorcyclist    | 63   | 56.3      | 11.8%    |
| Pedestrian      | 46   | 44.0      | 4.5%     |
| Pedal cyclist   | 4    | 9.0       | -55.6%   |
| Other           | 0    | 0.0       | NA       |
| Total           | 346  | 289.0     | 19.7%    |



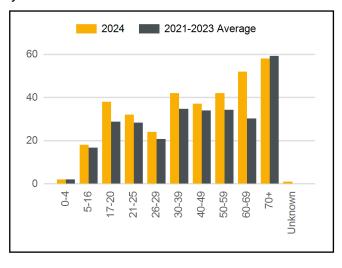
# 3.1.2 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, gender of fatality

| Gender  | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| Male    | 282  | 214.3     | 31.6%    |
| Female  | 63   | 74.7      | -15.6%   |
| Unknown | 1    | 0.0       | NA       |
| Total   | 346  | 289.0     | 19.7%    |



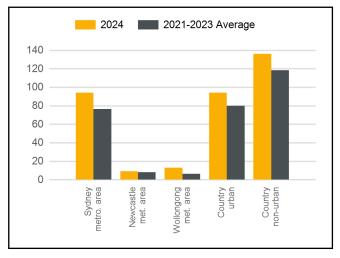
# 3.1.3 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, age of fatality

| Age     | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| 0-4     | 2    | 2.0       | 0.0%     |
| 5-16    | 18   | 16.7      | 8.0%     |
| 17-20   | 38   | 28.7      | 32.6%    |
| 21-25   | 32   | 28.3      | 12.9%    |
| 26-29   | 24   | 20.7      | 16.1%    |
| 30-39   | 42   | 34.7      | 21.2%    |
| 40-49   | 37   | 34.0      | 8.8%     |
| 50-59   | 42   | 34.3      | 22.3%    |
| 60-69   | 52   | 30.3      | 71.4%    |
| 70+     | 58   | 59.3      | -2.2%    |
| Unknown | 1    | 0.0       | NA       |
| Total   | 346  | 289.0     | 19.7%    |



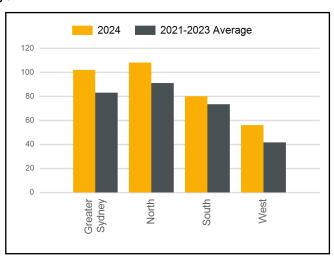
#### 3.1.4 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, urbanisation

| Urbanisation         | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|----------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Sydney metro. area   | 94   | 76.3      | 23.1%    |
| Newcastle met. area  | 9    | 8.0       | 12.5%    |
| Wollongong met. area | 13   | 6.3       | 105.3%   |
| Country urban        | 94   | 80.0      | 17.5%    |
| Country non-urban    | 136  | 118.3     | 14.9%    |
| Total                | 346  | 289.0     | 19.7%    |



#### 3.1.5 Number of fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, TfNSW Region

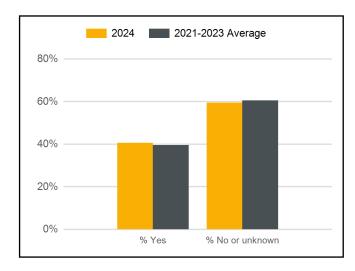
| TfNSW Region   | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|----------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Greater Sydney | 102  | 83.0      | 22.9%    |
| North          | 108  | 91.0      | 18.7%    |
| South          | 80   | 73.3      | 9.1%     |
| West           | 56   | 41.7      | 34.4%    |
| Total          | 346  | 289.0     | 19.7%    |



#### 3.2 FACTORS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

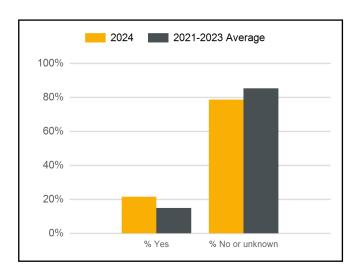
#### 3.2.1 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, speeding involvement

| Excessive Speed? | 2024  | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|------------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Yes              | 127   | 106.0     | 19.8%    |
| Yes %            | 40.6% | 39.5%     |          |
| No or unknown    | 186   | 162.3     | 14.6%    |
| No or unknown %  | 59.4% | 60.5%     |          |
| Total            | 313   | 268.3     | 16.6%    |



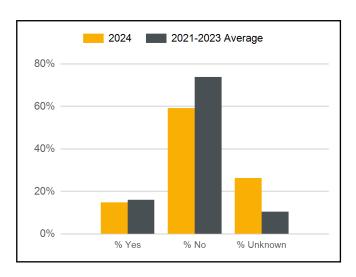
# 3.2.2 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, fatigue involvement

| Fatigue?        | 2024  | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Yes             | 67    | 39.7      | 68.9%    |
| Yes %           | 21.4% | 14.8%     |          |
| No or unknown   | 246   | 228.7     | 7.6%     |
| No or unknown % | 78.6% | 85.2%     |          |
| Total           | 313   | 268.3     | 16.6%    |



#### 3.2.3 Number of fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, alcohol involvement

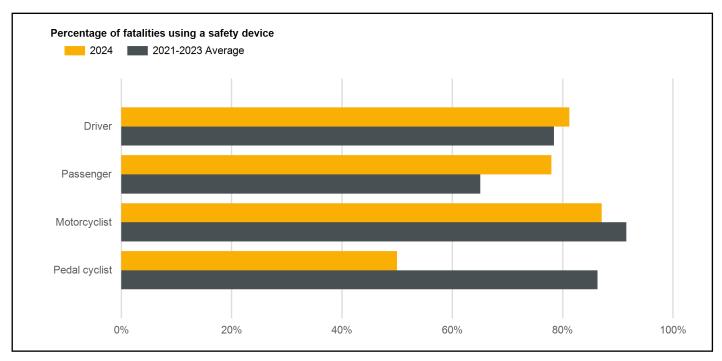
| Alcohol ? | 2024  | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Yes       | 46    | 42.7      | 7.8%     |
| Yes %     | 14.7% | 15.9%     |          |
| No        | 185   | 198.0     | -6.6%    |
| No %      | 59.1% | 73.8%     |          |
| Unknown   | 82    | 27.7      | 196.4%   |
| Unknown % | 26.2% | 10.3%     |          |
| Total     | 313   | 268.3     | 16.6%    |



# 3.3 SAFETY DEVICE USAGE OF FATALITIES

# 3.3.1 Number of road vehicle fatalities for 12 months ending August 2024, safety device usage, road user class

|               | Driv | er                   | Passe | nger                 | Motorc | yclist               | Pedal c | yclist               |
|---------------|------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Safety Device | 2024 | 2021-2023<br>Average | 2024  | 2021-2023<br>Average | 2024   | 2021-2023<br>Average | 2024    | 2021-2023<br>Average |
| Unknown       | 31   | 25.7                 | 8     | 7.3                  | 1      | 1.0                  | 0       | 1.7                  |
| Worn          | 117  | 87.3                 | 39    | 23.0                 | 54     | 50.7                 | 2       | 6.3                  |
| Not Worn      | 27   | 24.0                 | 11    | 12.3                 | 8      | 4.7                  | 2       | 1.0                  |
| Total         | 175  | 137.0                | 58    | 42.7                 | 63     | 56.3                 | 4       | 9.0                  |

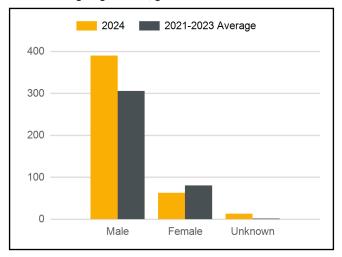


<sup>-</sup> Excludes cases of unknown safety devices usage - Motorcyclist & pedal cyclist includes passengers

# 3.4 MOTOR VEHICLE CONTROLLERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES

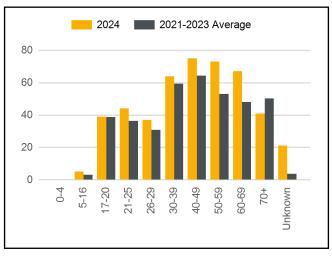
#### 3.4.1 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, gender of controller

| Gender  | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| Male    | 390  | 305.7     | 27.6%    |
| Female  | 63   | 80.0      | -21.3%   |
| Unknown | 13   | 1.7       | 680.0%   |
| Total   | 466  | 387.3     | 20.3%    |



# 3.4.2 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, age of controller

| Age     | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| 0-4     | 0    | 0.0       | NA       |
| 5-16    | 5    | 3.0       | 66.7%    |
| 17-20   | 39   | 38.7      | 0.9%     |
| 21-25   | 44   | 36.3      | 21.1%    |
| 26-29   | 37   | 30.7      | 20.7%    |
| 30-39   | 64   | 59.3      | 7.9%     |
| 40-49   | 75   | 64.3      | 16.6%    |
| 50-59   | 73   | 53.0      | 37.7%    |
| 60-69   | 67   | 48.0      | 39.6%    |
| 70+     | 41   | 50.3      | -18.5%   |
| Unknown | 21   | 3.7       | 472.7%   |
| Total   | 466  | 387.3     | 20.3%    |



# 3.4.3 Number of motor vehicle controllers involved in fatal crashes for 12 months ending August 2024, alcohol involvement

| Alcohol Involvement | 2024 | 2021-2023 | % Change |
|---------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Illegal             | 46   | 43.3      | 6.2%     |
| Legal               | 312  | 314.3     | -0.7%    |
| Unknown             | 108  | 29.7      | 264.0%   |
| Total               | 466  | 387.3     | 20.3%    |

