

BIKE RIDER FATALITIES

2018 SNAPSHOT

Another year has passed and there has been no meaningful decline in the number of people who have been killed while riding a bike in Australia.

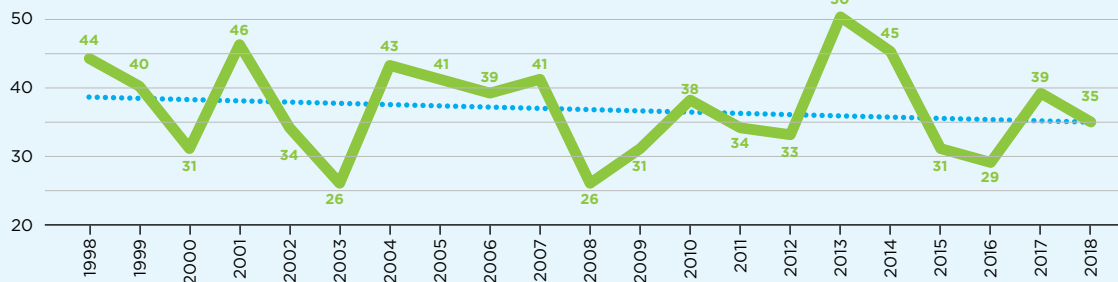
TOTAL BIKE RIDER DEATHS IN 2018

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20-YEAR AVERAGE

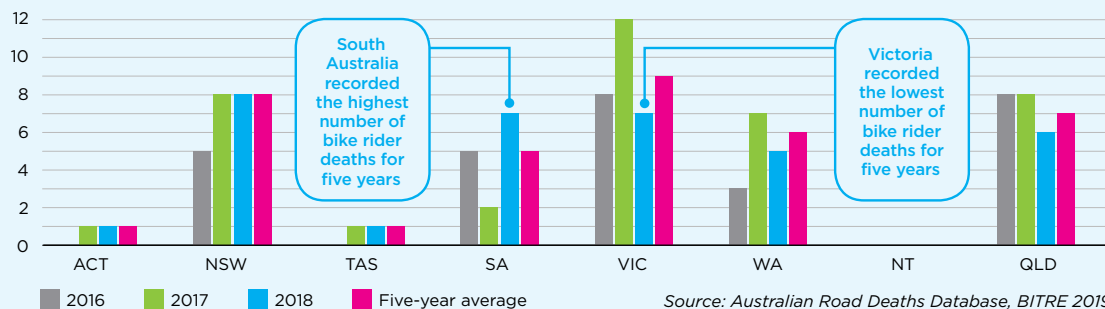
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TOTAL BIKE RIDER FATALITIES (1998-2018)



Source: Australian Road Deaths Database, BITRE 2019

BIKE RIDER FATALITIES (PER STATE) 2016-2018



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THE RISK FACTORS:

Bike riders are still being killed in the same circumstances:

- People riding bikes are killed in crashes with other motor vehicles (80%), with trucks and buses posing a significant risk (34%).
- The higher the speed, the more likely the crash will be fatal, with 83% of bike rider fatalities happening in speed zones of 50km/h or more.
- Middle aged men are the most likely group to be killed while riding a bike – the average age is 49.
- Regional roads pose a high risk, representing 45% of crashes resulting in a bike rider fatality.
- More bike rider fatalities occur during peak hour in warmer months.

HOW CAN WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BIKE RIDERS DYING ON OUR ROADS?

Bike rider fatality data shows that people who ride bikes will continue to die on our roads unless urgent action is taken by all levels of government.

WE NEED OUR DECISION MAKERS TO:

- Invest in places for people to ride separately from motor vehicles
 - Reduce speeds
 - Introduce supportive laws and policies
- Set safer vehicle standards, particularly for heavy vehicles
 - Stop distracted driving