

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE CRASH AGE OF VEHICLES AND WHO DOES IT INVOLVE?

QUICK FACTS

Age of car



Average age of vehicles (passenger cars & SUVs) involved in fatal crashes = **12.9** years

(Source: ANCAP (2017))



Average age of all vehicles registered in Australia was **10.1** years, unchanged since 2015



Tasmanian vehicles reported the oldest average age at **12.8** years



Northern Territory had the youngest fleet with an average age of **9.2** years

(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2017), Motor Vehicle Census)

New analysis



Fatality rate **4 times** higher in an older vehicle



Older vehicles [those built 2000 or earlier] account for just **20%** of the registered vehicle fleet, they're involved in **33%** of fatality crashes



Newer vehicles [those built 2011-2016] make up **31%** of the fleet yet are involved in just **13%** of fatality crashes

(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2017), Motor Vehicle Census)

Who does it involve?

> 40

2008-2017 reduction in road fatalities in the under **40** age group



17-25 year olds saw a **7%** decrease over the decade while people over the age of **75** saw a **5%** increase in fatalities

(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2017), Motor Vehicle Census)

Gender



Males made up **72%** of all road fatalities in Australia from **2013-2017**.



Women were reported to have **7000** fewer crash-insurance claims from **2014-2016**

Common causes of crashes



31%
Speeding



19%
Alcohol



10%
Fatigue



5%
Inattention



35%
Other

(Source: Budget Direct (2018))