

NOTIFIABLE FATALITIES AUGUST 2014 MONTHLY REPORT

Work health and safety legislation in each Australian state and territory requires work-related fatalities to be notified to the relevant state or territory work health and safety authority. As work-related fatalities due to traffic incidents on public roads are generally investigated by the police and those relating to aircraft and trains are generally investigated by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau they are not always notified to work health and safety authorities. However, work health and safety authorities have agreed to notify Safe Work Australia of these types of fatalities if they become aware of them.

This report is restricted to workers (both employees and self-employed) who suffered a fatal injury at work and bystanders who suffered a fatal injury as a consequence of work activity. Worker fatalities that occurred while commuting or resulted from suicide or natural causes (e.g. stroke or heart attack) are not included in this

report. Bystander fatalities are not included if the bystander was considered to be at fault.

Work health and safety authorities agreed from 1 January 2013 that Safe Work Australia can include in this report un-notified work-related fatalities that occur on public roads where there is sufficient evidence to show they were work-related. This report should be considered a preliminary estimate of work-related fatalities since it is based on initial reports from authority inspectors. The number of notifiable fatalities and/or the circumstances involved may change at a later date after further investigation.

Because of this broadening of the scope of the Notifiable Fatalities collection, comparison with Notified Fatalities reports published before January 2012 should not be made.

Table 1 Number of notifiable fatalities by month, 2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Worker	12	15	21	13	14	10	13	20					118
Public road & air	5	6	11	4	6	3	4	7					46
Other	7	9	10	9	8	7	9	13					72
Bystander	1	8	6	5	6	4	6	8					44
Public road & air	1	7	5	5	5	2	1	7					33
Other	0	1	1	0	1	2	5	1					11
Total	13	23	27	18	20	14	19	28					162

There were 28 work-related notifiable fatalities during August 2014 — 19 male workers and 1 female worker, 5 male bystanders and 3 female bystanders. Of these fatalities, 7 workers and 7 bystanders died as a result of incidents in the air or on public roads.

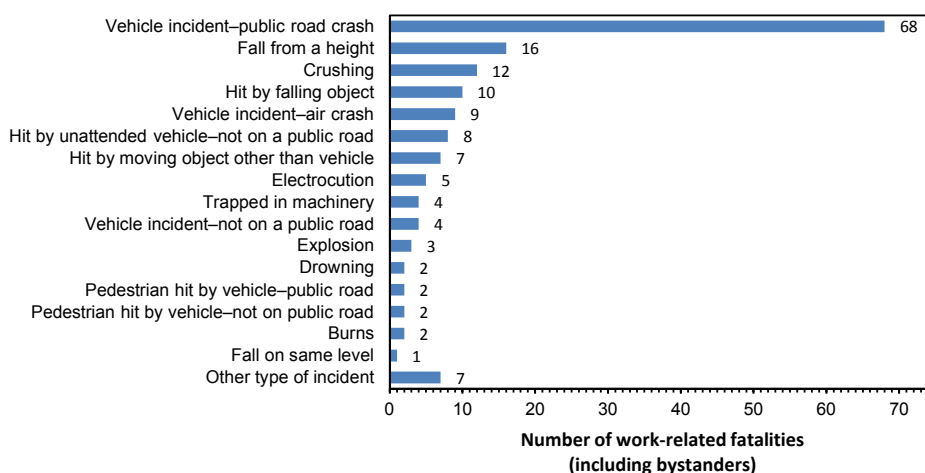
Of the 28 fatalities, 13 involved a *Vehicle incident—public road crash*, 4 were due to being *Hit by falling object*, 3 were due to being *Hit by moving object other than vehicle* and 2 were the result of being *Trapped in machinery*. The remaining 6 fatalities were all different types of incidents, including a *Vehicle incident—air crash*.

Transport, postal & warehousing workplaces accounted for 7 fatalities, 6 fatalities occurred in Construction workplaces, 5 fatalities occurred in Electricity, gas, water

& waste services and 3 fatalities occurred in Agriculture, forestry & fishing workplaces. Manufacturing, Arts & recreation services and Administrative & support services workplaces each had 2 fatalities. The final fatality occurred in a Public administration & safety services workplace.

Information on the total number of notifiable fatalities for the year-to-date is shown in Figures 1 and 2 and Tables 1, 2 and 3. Figure 1 shows the types of fatal incidents that have occurred over the year to date; Figure 2 shows fatalities by sex and age of the deceased; Table 2 shows reporting jurisdictions for workers and bystanders; and Table 3 shows counts based on both the industry of workplace at which the fatality occurred and the industry of the decedent's employer.

Figure 1 Number of notifiable fatalities by type of incident, 1 January — 31 August 2014



**Table 2 Notifiable fatalities by jurisdiction^a,
1 January — 31 August 2014**

Jurisdiction	Worker	Bystander	Total
New South Wales	27	2	29
Queensland	18	5	23
Victoria	12	1	13
Western Australia	9	0	9
South Australia	2	1	3
Commonwealth	2	2	4
Tasmania	1	0	1
Northern Territory	1	0	1
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	0
Public road incidents ^b	39	31	70
Air incidents ^c	7	2	9
Total	118	44	162

a Jurisdictions are ranked on worker fatalities.

b Public road fatalities are a national count and may be revised if further information becomes available. Counts are based on jurisdiction notifications and media reports supported by National Coronial Information System records.

c Counts based on jurisdiction notifications or Australian Transport & Safety Bureau public domain reports.

**Figure 2 Notifiable fatalities by age group and sex,
1 January — 31 August 2014**

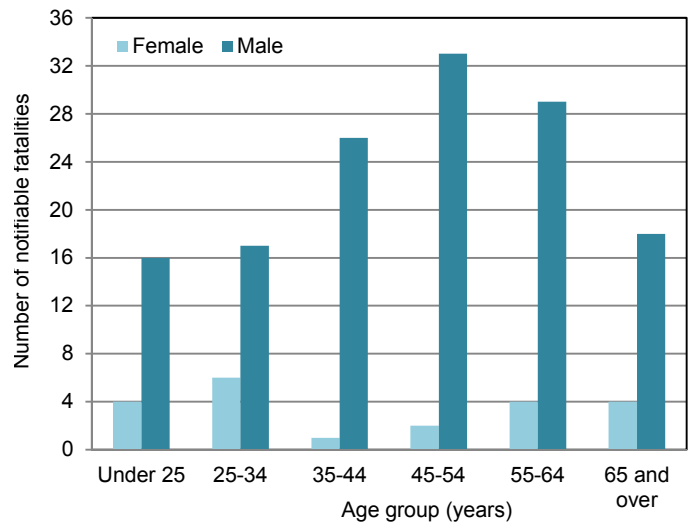


Table 3 Notifiable work-related fatalities by industry^a, August and year-to-date

Industry ^b	Industry of workplace						Industry of employer	
	Worker		Bystander		Total		Worker	
	Aug	Year-to	Aug	Year-to	Aug	Year-to	Aug	Year-to
Transport, postal & warehousing	4	34	3	28	7	62	4	34
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	3	23	0	1	3	24	3	20
Construction	6	18	0	1	6	19	5	19
Mining ^c	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	8
Manufacturing	2	9	0	0	2	9	3	12
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	2	3	3	5	5	8	2	4
Health care & social assistance	0	1	0	4	0	5	0	2
Arts & recreation services	1	2	1	2	2	4	1	1
Accommodation & food services	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
Administrative & support services	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	2
Wholesale trade	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	4
Public administration & safety	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	6
Education & training	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Information media & telecommunications	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Other services	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Rental, hiring & real estate services	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Financial & insurance services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, scientific & technical services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private residence	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Industry unknown or not applicable ^d	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Grand Total	20	118	8	44	28	162	20	118

a Fatalities of workers are coded to both the industry of their employer and the industry of the workplace at which the fatality occurred: these two classifications are different ways of looking at the incident and are not necessarily related. The industry of employer is not applicable to bystanders.

b Ranked in descending order based on the total workplace year-to-date column and then alphabetically.

c Mining fatalities include fatalities that occur in the coal mining, oil and gas extraction, metal ore mining, gravel and sand quarrying, and services to mining sectors.

d Includes notifiable fatalities that occurred overseas.

Data sources:

The work-related fatalities data presented in this report derive from notifications provided by the work health and safety authorities in each state and territory. In addition, Safe Work Australia receives notifications from the New South Wales Department of Industry and Investment; the Western Australia Department of Mines and Petroleum; the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Mines and Energy; and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority. Counts of work-related deaths involving aircraft or trains are supplemented by publicly available reports on the Australian Transport & Safety Bureau website. Counts of work-related deaths on public roads are supplemented by media reports and National Coronial Information System records.