

Key road safety facts:

1. On average, 300 people are killed or seriously injured on Tasmanian road each year
2. Last year, Tasmania failed to meet its National Road Safety Strategy targets. In 2011, 24 people lost their lives on our roads, while there were 272 serious crashes. In 2020, 36 people died and 283 were seriously injured
3. On average between 2011 and 2020, 32 people died and 269 were seriously injured each year on our roads
4. Tasmania has the worst road safety record of any state, with 6.6 deaths per 100,000 population. This is far higher than the best-performing state, Victoria, which has 3.17 deaths per 100,000. If we can match Victoria, we could save 19 lives a year
5. Speed contributes to 29% of annual fatality and serious injury crashes in Tasmania, with distracted driving (mobile phones) and drink/drug driving each contributing 24%
6. On average, 60% of Tasmania's annual fatalities and serious injuries occur on regional roads, compared to 40% on urban roads
7. Traffic policing is expected to reap \$21.5 million in 2020-21. However, Tasmania is the only state that does not reinvest this fine revenue into road safety initiatives, instead channelling it into general government revenue.
 - Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland all have funding mechanisms that see between \$40-\$400 million in enforcement revenue reinvested into road safety and infrastructure each year.

Key infrastructure facts:

1. The state controls 3,774 km of road
2. Councils control 14,022 km of road
3. 48% of Tasmanian roads unsealed
4. 80km/h limit on unsealed roads
5. There are 11,000 km of non-urban roads in Tasmania with a 100km/h speed limit.
6. Road maintenance and road infrastructure investment were the top two member concerns in RACT's 2020 Member Survey

Investment in Tasmanian roads includes:

1. State and Federal investment: In the 2020-21 State Budget, the State and Federal governments allocated \$484 million into road infrastructure. However, just \$76 million of this was for road maintenance – a mere 15% (Tasmanian Budget, 2020)
2. Tasmanian Road Safety Levy: vehicle owners pay a fee each year as part of registration, with 75% of the fund going towards road infrastructure and 25% towards other road safety initiatives. In 2020-21, the levy is expected to generate \$15.5 million in revenue (Department of State Growth, 2020)
3. Black Spot Program: Tasmania will receive \$3.5 million in 2020-21 funding, with councils contributing a further \$1.7 million to the successful projects (Department of Infrastructure and Transport, 2020)
4. Roads to Recovery Program: more than \$17 million committed to Tasmanian councils in 2020-21 (Department of Infrastructure and Transport, 2020)
5. Community Road Safety Grants Program: \$337,000 in grants were provided to community groups in 2019-20 (Department of State Growth, 2020)
6. Bridges Renewal Program: \$5.1 million to be provided in 2020-21 (Tasmanian Budget, 2020)