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### Abstract

This report tables rail safety occurrence data by state and territory between 1 January 2001 and 30 June 2009. Data is adjusted biannually to reflect new information that comes to light during the reporting period. There is a lag period of approximately 3 to 4 months between the end of the 6-monthly reporting period and publication of this data. The data is presented as counts, and normalised using kilometres travelled and number of track kilometres. Data presented in this report conforms to *ON-S1: Occurrence Notification Standard 1 (2004)* and *OC-G1: Occurrence Classification Guideline 1 (2008)*. This report excludes tram and light rail or monorail operations.

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## DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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### Definitions

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	This means an Australian state or territory
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### Abbreviations

<b>ARO</b>	Accredited rail operator
<b>ATSB</b>	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
<b>DIRN</b>	Defined Interstate Rail Network
<b>KM</b>	Kilometres
<b>NA</b>	Not applicable
<b>OC-G1</b>	Occurrence Classification Guideline
<b>ON-S1</b>	Occurrence Notification Standard
<b>RSR</b>	Rail Safety Regulations (Victoria)
<b>RSRP</b>	Rail Safety Regulators' Panel
<b>SPAD</b>	Signal passed at danger

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## INTRODUCTION

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The responsibility for rail safety in Australia is shared by government and industry. To assist in maintaining and continuously improving rail safety, governments from each state and the Northern Territory have implemented rail safety legislation and established a rail safety regulator. The regulators are responsible for establishing standards in rail safety management and monitoring the industry's compliance with those standards in order to meet community expectations and maintain public confidence.

Industry is responsible for addressing risks to safety by identifying and implementing the most effective and efficient solutions via their safety management systems. It is accountable for achieving required safety outcomes.

As part of this process of shared responsibility, industry reports rail safety occurrences to the regulators. The regulators and operators use this data to assist with their safety analyses and programs.

The present count data is designed to assist rail safety professionals and researchers in understanding and mitigating risk. In addition, it can be used for international comparative research, while informing the public about emerging issues in rail safety. The present data set contains frequency counts of the following safety-critical event types:

- derailments
- collisions
- level crossing occurrences
- signals passed at danger (SPAD)
- loading irregularities
- track and civil infrastructure irregularities.

As the data were collected and published on a jurisdictional basis, frequency counts for each of the above occurrences (except for SPADs) are normalised according to the size of the industry. The normalising data used were:

- train kilometres
- freight train kilometres
- passenger train kilometres
- total track kilometres.

In addition, frequency counts are provided for:

- fatalities
- serious personal injuries.

The data comprises railway safety occurrences in Australia from 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009. The first table of each set contains occurrence frequency counts by state and territory, and the second contains counts normalised by appropriate activity data, where available. Rail regulators have provided this data to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) for national publications.

The definitions for data provided in each of the categories for the period are:

- 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2008 are taken from *Occurrence Notification Standard 1* (ON-S1, 2004 Rail Safety Regulators' Panel).
- 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 are taken from *Occurrence Classification Guideline 1* (OC-G1, July 2008 Rail Safety Regulators' Panel).

The ON-S1 was revised in 2008 to clarify definition and terminology issues discovered in ON-S1 (2004) and to further support uniform reporting of rail safety occurrences across Australia. The OC-G1 was developed as a separate document from ON-S1 in order to exclusively deal with the classification of data. A revised ON-S1 (July 2008) is also available, which deals with the notification of occurrences to the regulator by rail transport operators.

The change of classification rules from ON-S1 (2004) to OC-G1 (2008) for the rail safety occurrences contained in this report means that:

- Tables 23 and 24 – Track Infrastructure Irregularities – have previously incorporated both running lines and yard occurrences. Data submitted under the OC-G1 (2008) only includes running line figures for the latter categories; therefore, a decline in numbers for 2008 in comparison to previous years may be apparent.
- Tables 21 and 22 – Loading Irregularities – under the OC-G1 (2008) definitions now includes 'Loose Load Fastening', which had not been included in this category under the ON-S1 (2004); therefore, with this addition, a rise in Load Irregularity occurrences may be apparent.

## **Disclaimer**

The data contained in the tables of this report are subject to review and amendment as additional or more detailed information becomes available through investigations and enquiries into occurrences, or as regulators undertake data audits as part of their quality processes in relation to data management. This review may, in some instances, result in occurrences being re-classified and, therefore, historical data in this report may vary to previously published reports.

This data is supplied to the ATSB by state and territory rail safety regulators. The ATSB accepts no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person or corporation resulting from the use of this data.

## DATA

### Fatal and serious personal injuries

#### *Fatalities*

**Table 1: Biannual count of Australian rail fatalities by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	2	0	2	0	2	0	20	26
	Jul-Dec	3	0	0	2	8	0	14	27
2002	Jan-Jun	2	0	0	1	4	0	21	28
	Jul-Dec	1	1	4	1	10	0	11	28
2003	Jan-Jun	2	0	0	2	4	0	16	24
	Jul-Dec	1	0	0	0	6	0	11	18
2004	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	1	7	0	11	19
	Jul-Dec	2	1	2	0	5	0	13	23
2005	Jan-Jun	1	0	2	0	5	0	5	13
	Jul-Dec	5	0	2	0	9	0	6	22
2006	Jan-Jun	5	0	1	2	7	0	5	20
	Jul-Dec	4	0	1	2	7	1	4	19
2007	Jan-Jun	0	0	2	3	17	0	4	26
	Jul-Dec	3	0	3	0	6	0	4	16
2008	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	0	11	0	4	19
	Jul-Dec	3	0	0	0	6	0	5	14
2009	Jan-Jun	2	0	0	0	6	0	5	13
Total		39	2	20	14	120	1	159	355

#### *Serious personal injuries*

**Table 2: Biannual count of Australian rail serious injuries by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW
2001	Jan-Jun	18	0	3	8	15	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	9	0	4	10	16	0	NA
2002	Jan-Jun	8	0	5	5	15	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	6	0	34	13	11	0	NA
2003	Jan-Jun	13	0	0	4	14	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	5	1	1	2	17	1	NA
2004	Jan-Jun	3	0	2	4	7	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	37	0	7	11	2	0	NA
2005	Jan-Jun	3	1	8	0	12	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	7	0	2	0	40	0	NA
2006	Jan-Jun	4	0	1	2	35	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	6	4	0	7	77	0	NA
2007	Jan-Jun	8	0	1	2	88	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	11	0	2	2	70	0	NA
2008	Jan-Jun	13	0	1	0	55	0	NA
	Jul-Dec	4	0	0	2	38	0	NA
2009	Jan-Jun	15	0	2	4	32	1	NA
Total		170	6	73	76	544	2	NA

## Running line derailments

**Table 3: Biannual count of Australian running line derailments by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	22	1	19	7	12	7	41	109
	Jul-Dec	26	0	13	9	6	3	34	91
2002	Jan-Jun	27	0	18	16	9	8	50	128
	Jul-Dec	25	0	15	20	12	7	43	122
2003	Jan-Jun	27	3	12	11	8	4	29	94
	Jul-Dec	14	2	9	12	8	3	21	69
2004	Jan-Jun	15	2	12	8	14	6	32	89
	Jul-Dec	19	2	8	10	9	3	39	90
2005	Jan-Jun	14	0	11	8	15	2	24	74
	Jul-Dec	12	0	10	8	8	3	29	70
2006	Jan-Jun	14	0	7	6	7	3	16	53
	Jul-Dec	10	2	5	11	14	3	19	64
2007	Jan-Jun	17	0	11	6	7	6	20	67
	Jul-Dec	20	0	9	9	13	5	22	78
2008	Jan-Jun	21	1	5	11	9	8	17	72
	Jul-Dec	17	0	7	7	8	4	10	53
2009	Jan-Jun	23	0	12	8	7	9	23	82
Total		323	13	183	167	166	84	469	1,405

**Table 4: Normalised biannual rate of Australian running line derailments per million km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	1.15	12.99	2.42	0.90	0.65	15.22	1.26	1.26
	Jul-Dec	1.29	0.00	1.52	1.03	0.33	6.52	1.05	1.02
2002	Jan-Jun	1.40	0.00	2.15	1.60	0.48	17.39	1.56	1.44
	Jul-Dec	1.26	0.00	1.68	2.11	0.62	15.22	1.38	1.37
2003	Jan-Jun	1.44	33.33	1.48	1.13	0.43	8.33	0.96	1.09
	Jul-Dec	0.71	21.28	1.12	1.13	0.42	6.00	0.68	0.78
2004	Jan-Jun	0.79	3.05	1.43	0.74	0.74	10.91	1.02	0.99
	Jul-Dec	0.94	3.76	0.92	0.84	0.47	5.45	1.25	0.98
2005	Jan-Jun	0.73	0.00	1.25	0.69	0.79	3.42	0.78	0.82
	Jul-Dec	0.59	0.00	1.15	0.64	0.42	5.22	0.98	0.76
2006	Jan-Jun	0.76	0.00	0.79	0.51	0.37	5.26	0.55	0.60
	Jul-Dec	0.49	2.90	0.58	0.86	0.73	6.52	0.63	0.70
2007	Jan-Jun	0.89	0.00	1.32	0.48	0.37	13.33	0.69	0.75
	Jul-Dec	0.96	0.00	1.03	0.68	0.71	10.64	0.72	0.84
2008	Jan-Jun	1.07	1.27	0.58	0.67	0.50	18.26	0.55	0.76
	Jul-Dec	0.77	0.00	0.78	0.42	0.45	9.70	0.32	0.54
2009	Jan-Jun	1.24	0.00	1.53	0.49	0.44	25.42	0.74	0.90
Rate all periods		0.96	1.61	1.27	0.82	0.53	10.20	0.90	0.91

## Running line collisions

### *Collisions with trains*

**Table 5: Running line collisions with train, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6
	Jul-Dec	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	5
2002	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	1	1	0	3	9
	Jul-Dec	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	7
2003	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	1	4	0	1	10
	Jul-Dec	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	8
2004	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5
	Jul-Dec	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	Jan-Jun	4	1	1	3	1	1	2	13
	Jul-Dec	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	7
2006	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
	Jul-Dec	1	0	3	3	0	3	4	14
2007	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	6
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	2	4	0	4	10
2008	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	2	4	0	3	10
	Jul-Dec	1	1	0	2	2	0	5	11
2009	Jan-Jun	4	0	0	2	0	1	2	9
Total		28	2	7	20	26	6	46	135

**Table 6: Normalised running line collisions with train, biannual rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.11	0.00	0.09	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.06
2002	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.09	0.10
	Jul-Dec	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.08
2003	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.12	0.10	0.21	0.00	0.03	0.12
	Jul-Dec	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.07	0.09
2004	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	1.82	0.10	0.06
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
2005	Jan-Jun	0.21	1.80	0.11	0.26	0.05	1.71	0.06	0.14
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.10	0.00	0.07	0.08
2006	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.07	0.05
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.35	0.23	0.00	6.52	0.13	0.15
2007	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.22	0.00	0.13	0.11
2008	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.22	0.00	0.10	0.11
	Jul-Dec	0.05	1.13	0.00	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.16	0.11
2009	Jan-Jun	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	2.82	0.06	0.10
Rate all periods		0.08	0.25	0.05	0.10	0.08	0.73	0.09	0.09

### ***Collisions with rolling stock***

**Table 7: Running line collisions with rolling stock, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Jul-Dec	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
2002	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	Jul-Dec	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	5
2003	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jul-Dec	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
2004	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
	Jul-Dec	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	7
2005	Jan-Jun	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
	Jul-Dec	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	4
2006	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	6
	Jul-Dec	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
2007	Jan-Jun	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Jul-Dec	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
2008	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	7
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2009	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total		19	0	2	6	26	2	3	58

**Table 8: Normalised running line collisions with rolling stock, biannual rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Jul-Dec	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.07
2002	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.06
2003	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.03
2004	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.02
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.16	1.82	0.00	0.08
2005	Jan-Jun	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.04
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.04
2006	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.05
2007	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
2008	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	2.28	0.00	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.01
2009	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.01
Rate all periods		0.06	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.24	0.01	0.04

### ***Collisions with person***

**Table 9: Running line collisions with person (not at a level crossing),  
biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June  
2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	4	0	0	1	2	0	17	24
	Jul-Dec	3	0	2	3	9	0	22	39
2002	Jan-Jun	5	0	2	0	5	0	25	37
	Jul-Dec	5	0	1	2	8	0	16	32
2003	Jan-Jun	3	0	0	0	6	0	12	21
	Jul-Dec	6	0	1	0	7	0	16	30
2004	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	1	3	0	14	22
	Jul-Dec	3	1	0	2	6	0	18	30
2005	Jan-Jun	0	1	2	0	10	0	10	23
	Jul-Dec	5	0	3	0	8	0	10	26
2006	Jan-Jun	6	0	1	1	8	0	8	24
	Jul-Dec	1	0	2	2	7	0	9	21
2007	Jan-Jun	1	0	2	1	13	0	6	23
	Jul-Dec	4	0	1	0	12	0	3	20
2008	Jan-Jun	5	0	0	0	7	1	8	21
	Jul-Dec	3	0	2	0	15	0	11	31
2009	Jan-Jun	1	0	1	0	10	0	7	19
Total		58	2	21	13	136	1	212	443

**Table 10: Normalised running line collisions with person (not at a level  
crossing), biannual rate per million train km travelled by  
jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.11	0.00	0.52	0.28
	Jul-Dec	0.15	0.00	0.23	0.34	0.49	0.00	0.68	0.44
2002	Jan-Jun	0.26	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.78	0.42
	Jul-Dec	0.25	0.00	0.11	0.21	0.42	0.00	0.51	0.36
2003	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.40	0.24
	Jul-Dec	0.30	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.52	0.34
2004	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.12	0.09	0.16	0.00	0.45	0.25
	Jul-Dec	0.15	1.88	0.00	0.17	0.32	0.00	0.58	0.33
2005	Jan-Jun	0.00	1.80	0.23	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.32	0.25
	Jul-Dec	0.24	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.42	0.00	0.34	0.28
2006	Jan-Jun	0.33	0.00	0.11	0.08	0.42	0.00	0.27	0.27
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.23	0.16	0.37	0.00	0.30	0.23
2007	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.24	0.08	0.68	0.00	0.21	0.26
	Jul-Dec	0.19	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.10	0.21
2008	Jan-Jun	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	2.28	0.26	0.22
	Jul-Dec	0.14	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.35	0.32
2009	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.22	0.21
Rate all periods		0.17	0.25	0.15	0.06	0.43	0.12	0.41	0.29



### ***Collisions with infrastructure***

**Table 11: Running line collisions with infrastructure, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	2	1	0	12	19
	Jul-Dec	10	0	3	2	2	0	10	27
2002	Jan-Jun	6	0	3	1	0	0	10	20
	Jul-Dec	8	0	1	1	0	1	13	24
2003	Jan-Jun	4	0	0	0	9	0	21	34
	Jul-Dec	7	0	0	0	15	0	16	38
2004	Jan-Jun	3	0	3	9	11	0	10	36
	Jul-Dec	10	0	0	8	14	1	18	51
2005	Jan-Jun	3	0	1	1	12	0	22	39
	Jul-Dec	3	0	3	2	28	0	28	64
2006	Jan-Jun	2	0	2	3	15	0	23	45
	Jul-Dec	4	0	1	5	22	0	31	63
2007	Jan-Jun	12	0	1	1	20	0	18	52
	Jul-Dec	15	0	2	2	21	0	8	48
2008	Jan-Jun	21	0	2	3	39	0	16	81
	Jul-Dec	18	0	1	3	35	0	17	74
2009	Jan-Jun	6	0	1	2	24	0	23	56
Total		135	0	25	45	268	2	296	771

**Table 12: Normalised running line collisions with infrastructure, biannual rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.13	0.26	0.05	0.00	0.37	0.22
	Jul-Dec	0.50	0.00	0.35	0.23	0.11	0.00	0.31	0.30
2002	Jan-Jun	0.31	0.00	0.36	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.23
	Jul-Dec	0.40	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	2.17	0.42	0.27
2003	Jan-Jun	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.70	0.39
	Jul-Dec	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.00	0.52	0.43
2004	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.36	0.83	0.58	0.00	0.32	0.40
	Jul-Dec	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.74	1.82	0.58	0.55
2005	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.11	0.09	0.63	0.00	0.71	0.43
	Jul-Dec	0.15	0.00	0.34	0.16	1.47	0.00	0.94	0.70
2006	Jan-Jun	0.11	0.00	0.22	0.25	0.79	0.00	0.79	0.51
	Jul-Dec	0.20	0.00	0.12	0.39	1.15	0.00	1.04	0.69
2007	Jan-Jun	0.63	0.00	0.12	0.08	1.05	0.00	0.62	0.58
	Jul-Dec	0.72	0.00	0.23	0.15	1.14	0.00	0.26	0.52
2008	Jan-Jun	1.07	0.00	0.23	0.18	2.19	0.00	0.52	0.86
	Jul-Dec	0.81	0.00	0.11	0.18	1.96	0.00	0.55	0.76
2009	Jan-Jun	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.12	1.50	0.00	0.74	0.62
Rate all periods		0.40	0.00	0.17	0.22	0.85	0.24	0.57	0.50

### ***Collisions with road vehicle***

**Table 13: Running line collisions with road vehicle (not at a level crossing), biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	1	1	13	2	2	0	0	19
	Jul-Dec	4	0	12	0	1	0	0	17
2002	Jan-Jun	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	9
	Jul-Dec	0	0	14	3	3	0	1	21
2003	Jan-Jun	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	6
	Jul-Dec	1	0	7	4	1	0	1	14
2004	Jan-Jun	3	0	5	2	3	0	2	15
	Jul-Dec	1	2	3	1	4	3	0	14
2005	Jan-Jun	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	9
	Jul-Dec	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	7
2006	Jan-Jun	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
	Jul-Dec	0	0	4	1	3	0	3	11
2007	Jan-Jun	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	5
	Jul-Dec	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	6
2008	Jan-Jun	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	7
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
2009	Jan-Jun	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
Total		22	3	79	18	27	4	17	170

**Table 14: Normalised running line collisions with road vehicle (not at a level crossing), biannual rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.05	12.99	1.66	0.26	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.22
	Jul-Dec	0.20	0.00	1.40	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.19
2002	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.10
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	1.57	0.32	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.24
2003	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.87	0.38	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.16
2004	Jan-Jun	0.16	0.00	0.60	0.18	0.16	0.00	0.06	0.17
	Jul-Dec	0.05	3.76	0.34	0.08	0.21	5.45	0.00	0.15
2005	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.23	0.17	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.10
	Jul-Dec	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.08
2006	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.05
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.08	0.16	0.00	0.10	0.12
2007	Jan-Jun	0.10	0.00	0.12	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.06
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.06
2008	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.06	0.06	2.28	0.07	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.02
2009	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.04
Rate all periods		0.07	0.37	0.55	0.09	0.09	0.49	0.03	0.11

## Level crossing occurrences

### Road vehicle collisions

**Table 15: Road vehicle collisions at level crossings, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	8	0	8	1	27	1	9	54
	Jul-Dec	14	0	9	0	9	0	6	38
2002	Jan-Jun	9	0	5	5	18	1	11	49
	Jul-Dec	12	1	6	0	16	2	7	44
2003	Jan-Jun	11	0	4	2	8	2	3	30
	Jul-Dec	9	0	7	1	27	1	9	54
2004	Jan-Jun	2	1	6	1	22	1	5	38
	Jul-Dec	10	0	5	1	8	2	8	34
2005	Jan-Jun	14	0	3	2	11	3	4	37
	Jul-Dec	7	0	5	4	15	2	2	35
2006	Jan-Jun	8	0	3	1	13	3	7	35
	Jul-Dec	14	2	7	3	14	2	2	44
2007	Jan-Jun	6	0	3	3	11	1	6	30
	Jul-Dec	7	0	3	2	8	1	4	25
2008	Jan-Jun	9	0	4	2	13	1	2	31
	Jul-Dec	9	1	1	2	9	2	3	27
2009	Jan-Jun	8	2	2	3	7	1	4	27
Total		157	7	81	33	236	26	92	632

**Table 16: Normalised road vehicle collisions at level crossings, biannual rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.42	0.00	1.02	0.13	1.46	2.17	0.28	0.63
	Jul-Dec	0.69	0.00	1.05	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.18	0.43
2002	Jan-Jun	0.47	0.00	0.60	0.50	0.96	2.17	0.34	0.55
	Jul-Dec	0.61	10.87	0.67	0.00	0.83	4.35	0.22	0.49
2003	Jan-Jun	0.59	0.00	0.49	0.21	0.43	4.17	0.10	0.35
	Jul-Dec	0.45	0.00	0.87	0.09	1.42	2.00	0.29	0.61
2004	Jan-Jun	0.10	1.52	0.71	0.09	1.17	1.82	0.16	0.42
	Jul-Dec	0.49	0.00	0.57	0.08	0.42	3.64	0.26	0.37
2005	Jan-Jun	0.73	0.00	0.34	0.17	0.58	5.14	0.13	0.41
	Jul-Dec	0.34	0.00	0.57	0.32	0.79	3.48	0.07	0.38
2006	Jan-Jun	0.44	0.00	0.34	0.08	0.68	5.26	0.24	0.40
	Jul-Dec	0.69	2.90	0.81	0.23	0.73	4.35	0.07	0.48
2007	Jan-Jun	0.31	0.00	0.36	0.24	0.58	2.22	0.21	0.34
	Jul-Dec	0.34	0.00	0.34	0.15	0.43	2.13	0.13	0.27
2008	Jan-Jun	0.46	0.00	0.47	0.12	0.73	2.28	0.07	0.33
	Jul-Dec	0.41	1.13	0.11	0.12	0.50	4.85	0.10	0.28
2009	Jan-Jun	0.43	2.42	0.25	0.19	0.44	2.82	0.13	0.30
Rate all periods		0.47	0.87	0.56	0.16	0.75	3.16	0.18	0.41

### ***Level crossing collisions with person***

**Table 17: Level crossing collisions with person, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	6
	Jul-Dec	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	8
2002	Jan-Jun	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	5
	Jul-Dec	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	8
2003	Jan-Jun	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
	Jul-Dec	1	0	3	0	3	1	2	10
2004	Jan-Jun	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
	Jul-Dec	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
2005	Jan-Jun	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
2006	Jan-Jun	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	5
	Jul-Dec	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
2007	Jan-Jun	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4
2008	Jan-Jun	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	5
	Jul-Dec	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2009	Jan-Jun	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total		10	0	18	5	42	1	5	81

**Table 18: Normalised level crossing collisions with person, rate per million train km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.07
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.09
2002	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.06
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.11	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.09
2003	Jan-Jun	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.03
	Jul-Dec	0.05	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.16	2.00	0.07	0.11
2004	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.04
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.04
2005	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.04
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.02
2006	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.06
	Jul-Dec	0.10	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.04
2007	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.16	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.06
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.04
2008	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.05
	Jul-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.01
2009	Jan-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.03
Rate all periods		0.03	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.13	0.12	0.01	0.05

## Signals passed at danger (SPAD)

*Driver misjudged, completely missed and starting against signal (human error)*

**Table 19: Driver misjudged, completely missed and starting against signal, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW
2001	Jan-Jun	85	NA	11	12	9	NA	48
	Jul-Dec	96	NA	15	8	22	NA	80
2002	Jan-Jun	62	NA	12	7	23	NA	46
	Jul-Dec	64	NA	9	10	19	NA	53
2003	Jan-Jun	52	NA	7	9	17	NA	47
	Jul-Dec	57	NA	20	11	16	NA	89
2004	Jan-Jun	63	NA	9	21	16	NA	128
	Jul-Dec	63	NA	12	30	19	NA	104
2005	Jan-Jun	48	NA	9	18	16	NA	103
	Jul-Dec	62	NA	14	25	28	NA	110
2006	Jan-Jun	61	NA	12	23	23	NA	95
	Jul-Dec	53	NA	10	15	24	NA	99
2007	Jan-Jun	53	NA	9	15	25	NA	119
	Jul-Dec	65	NA	20	28	36	NA	125
2008	Jan-Jun	68	NA	16	19	27	NA	98
	Jul-Dec	49	NA	16	21	30	NA	134
2009	Jan-Jun	37	NA	6	31	26	NA	107
Total		1,038	NA	207	303	376	NA	1,585

## *Signal restored as train approaches*

**Table 20: Signal restored as train approaches, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW
2001	Jan-Jun	126	NA	15	33	51	NA	5
	Jul-Dec	131	NA	13	32	81	NA	9
2002	Jan-Jun	147	NA	18	28	61	NA	11
	Jul-Dec	137	NA	18	21	75	NA	13
2003	Jan-Jun	126	NA	11	64	69	NA	17
	Jul-Dec	134	NA	17	43	97	NA	58
2004	Jan-Jun	156	NA	21	41	77	NA	119
	Jul-Dec	161	NA	20	34	56	NA	114
2005	Jan-Jun	120	NA	21	56	58	NA	103
	Jul-Dec	153	NA	19	35	48	NA	112
2006	Jan-Jun	151	NA	18	41	56	NA	110
	Jul-Dec	142	NA	13	47	53	NA	66
2007	Jan-Jun	138	NA	10	31	68	NA	92
	Jul-Dec	149	NA	18	53	88	NA	101
2008	Jan-Jun	134	NA	17	50	46	NA	130
	Jul-Dec	172	NA	18	40	70	NA	109
2009	Jan-Jun	152	NA	20	52	69	NA	144
Total		2,429	NA	287	701	1,123	NA	1,313

## Loading irregularities

**Table 21: Loading irregularities, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	99	0	7	10	5	0	32	153
	Jul-Dec	105	0	5	17	1	0	19	147
2002	Jan-Jun	110	1	11	8	5	1	37	173
	Jul-Dec	116	0	11	10	1	0	64	202
2003	Jan-Jun	88	1	9	9	4	0	59	170
	Jul-Dec	74	0	20	6	3	0	106	209
2004	Jan-Jun	86	10	29	13	5	0	94	237
	Jul-Dec	82	8	19	25	8	0	91	233
2005	Jan-Jun	84	4	28	17	18	3	81	235
	Jul-Dec	72	7	35	37	15	5	97	268
2006	Jan-Jun	48	7	38	53	18	3	61	228
	Jul-Dec	81	4	43	40	22	2	89	281
2007	Jan-Jun	80	4	33	47	16	0	88	268
	Jul-Dec	58	2	28	22	13	2	87	212
2008	Jan-Jun	78	5	29	32	8	1	81	234
	Jul-Dec	64	4	42	24	12	2	139	287
2009	Jan-Jun	63	8	27	26	7	0	92	223
Total		1,388	65	414	396	161	19	1,317	3,760

**Table 22: Loading irregularities, biannual rate per million freight km travelled by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	7.89	0.00	2.05	2.23	1.54	0.00	3.28	4.50
	Jul-Dec	8.06	0.00	1.36	3.62	0.34	0.00	1.99	4.27
2002	Jan-Jun	8.88	16.13	3.33	1.31	1.70	2.22	3.97	5.00
	Jul-Dec	9.16	0.00	3.11	1.58	0.35	0.00	7.95	5.95
2003	Jan-Jun	7.47	15.87	3.03	1.49	1.57	0.00	8.02	5.44
	Jul-Dec	5.85	0.00	6.70	0.89	1.13	0.00	13.62	6.27
2004	Jan-Jun	7.11	17.64	8.46	1.83	1.89	0.00	11.07	6.81
	Jul-Dec	6.18	18.56	4.91	3.29	3.14	0.00	9.53	6.17
2005	Jan-Jun	6.67	9.37	6.97	2.30	6.51	5.63	8.23	6.25
	Jul-Dec	5.32	15.77	9.09	4.65	5.42	9.47	10.54	7.00
2006	Jan-Jun	4.12	16.24	8.95	7.47	6.51	5.77	6.39	6.29
	Jul-Dec	6.08	7.68	11.03	5.09	7.96	4.65	9.36	7.33
2007	Jan-Jun	6.50	7.17	8.32	6.22	5.78	0.00	10.39	7.43
	Jul-Dec	4.18	3.13	7.00	2.70	5.42	4.44	9.69	5.51
2008	Jan-Jun	6.18	8.08	7.35	3.76	3.45	2.52	9.05	6.26
	Jul-Dec	4.31	5.55	10.15	2.85	7.19	5.09	15.11	7.29
2009	Jan-Jun	5.45	11.61	7.68	3.03	4.17	0.00	10.67	6.38
Rate all periods		6.40	10.14	6.60	3.28	3.63	2.47	8.65	6.16

## Track infrastructure irregularities

**Table 23: Track and civil infrastructure irregularities, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	108	0	73	23	12	0	171	387
	Jul-Dec	180	0	76	57	5	0	125	443
2002	Jan-Jun	175	1	111	60	55	0	218	620
	Jul-Dec	242	5	128	118	66	0	280	839
2003	Jan-Jun	158	0	155	116	65	0	246	740
	Jul-Dec	152	2	132	178	72	0	228	764
2004	Jan-Jun	165	4	208	182	69	0	246	874
	Jul-Dec	237	7	161	119	65	0	173	762
2005	Jan-Jun	144	5	70	122	36	0	167	544
	Jul-Dec	159	6	72	86	26	6	195	550
2006	Jan-Jun	82	5	95	110	50	7	200	549
	Jul-Dec	99	12	102	68	43	12	184	520
2007	Jan-Jun	158	9	82	135	51	22	204	661
	Jul-Dec	209	9	53	90	58	8	194	621
2008	Jan-Jun	190	19	73	130	73	10	192	687
	Jul-Dec	281	8	67	131	78	8	209	782
2009	Jan-Jun	292	23	99	125	90	14	230	873
Total		3,031	115	1,757	1,850	914	87	3,462	11,216

**Table 24: Track and civil infrastructure irregularities, biannual rate per 1,000 km of track by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	11.26	0.00	14.90	3.19	2.18	0.00	17.45	10.13
	Jul-Dec	18.76	0.00	15.51	7.90	0.91	0.00	12.76	11.61
2002	Jan-Jun	18.23	3.58	22.65	7.14	10.00	0.00	22.24	15.75
	Jul-Dec	25.17	17.92	26.12	14.05	12.00	0.00	28.57	21.31
2003	Jan-Jun	16.19	0.00	31.66	15.16	11.82	0.00	25.10	19.09
	Jul-Dec	15.60	2.00	26.96	23.26	13.10	0.00	23.27	19.36
2004	Jan-Jun	16.31	2.31	42.66	23.79	12.55	0.00	25.10	21.55
	Jul-Dec	23.39	4.04	33.02	15.56	11.82	0.00	17.65	18.78
2005	Jan-Jun	14.20	2.88	14.60	15.86	5.42	0.00	17.04	13.07
	Jul-Dec	15.87	3.44	15.07	11.18	3.91	7.44	19.90	13.26
2006	Jan-Jun	7.57	2.87	19.90	14.01	7.52	10.29	20.41	12.97
	Jul-Dec	9.12	6.90	21.38	8.66	6.47	17.65	18.78	12.28
2007	Jan-Jun	14.54	5.20	17.19	17.25	7.67	32.35	20.82	15.62
	Jul-Dec	19.23	5.19	11.11	11.37	8.72	11.76	19.80	14.64
2008	Jan-Jun	17.48	10.96	15.59	15.85	10.98	14.71	19.59	16.12
	Jul-Dec	26.87	4.61	14.92	15.95	11.73	11.63	21.33	18.60
2009	Jan-Jun	27.08	13.25	22.01	15.21	13.54	20.50	23.39	20.59
Rate all periods <sup>1</sup>		17.44	5.34	21.57	13.88	8.80	6.48	20.78	16.16

<sup>1</sup> The denominator in this figure is the addition of all track kilometres over 8.5 years between 1 January 2001 and 30 June 2009.

## Rail industry activity

### Total train km

**Table 25: Number of million total train km travelled, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	19.200	0.077	7.849	7.801	18.509	0.460	32.420	86.316
	Jul-Dec	20.190	0.081	8.572	8.698	18.322	0.460	32.470	88.793
2002	Jan-Jun	19.310	0.088	8.373	9.985	18.661	0.460	32.000	88.877
	Jul-Dec	19.790	0.092	8.905	9.489	19.243	0.460	31.132	89.111
2003	Jan-Jun	18.800	0.090	8.120	9.707	18.711	0.480	30.191	86.099
	Jul-Dec	19.820	0.094	8.002	10.635	19.078	0.500	30.702	88.831
2004	Jan-Jun	19.090	0.656	8.396	10.881	18.813	0.550	31.373	89.759
	Jul-Dec	20.250	0.532	8.740	11.917	18.977	0.550	31.193	92.159
2005	Jan-Jun	19.300	0.557	8.786	11.650	19.087	0.584	30.778	90.742
	Jul-Dec	20.480	0.560	8.714	12.570	19.087	0.575	29.694	91.680
2006	Jan-Jun	18.360	0.573	8.889	11.798	19.087	0.570	29.181	88.458
	Jul-Dec	20.260	0.689	8.630	12.830	19.087	0.460	29.951	91.907
2007	Jan-Jun	19.092	0.692	8.304	12.427	19.087	0.450	28.866	88.918
	Jul-Dec	20.834	0.811	8.750	13.250	18.424	0.470	30.489	93.028
2008	Jan-Jun	19.564	0.787	8.582	16.385	17.828	0.438	30.679	94.263
	Jul-Dec	22.118	0.882	8.939	16.555	17.851	0.413	31.046	97.804
2009	Jan-Jun	18.510	0.828	7.848	16.207	16.016	0.354	31.200	90.963
Total		334.968	8.089	144.399	202.784	315.865	8.234	523.365	1,537.704

### Passenger train km

**Table 26: Number of million passenger train km, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

Year		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	6.650	0.026	4.441	3.308	15.259	0.010	22.650	52.344
	Jul-Dec	7.160	0.027	4.892	4.002	15.337	0.010	22.920	54.348
2002	Jan-Jun	6.920	0.026	5.074	3.876	15.728	0.010	22.670	54.304
	Jul-Dec	7.130	0.027	5.363	3.153	16.409	0.010	23.080	55.172
2003	Jan-Jun	7.020	0.027	5.153	3.657	16.160	0.030	22.830	54.877
	Jul-Dec	7.170	0.025	5.017	3.884	16.426	0.040	22.920	55.482
2004	Jan-Jun	7.000	0.089	4.970	3.785	16.160	0.050	22.880	54.934
	Jul-Dec	6.990	0.101	4.867	4.311	16.426	0.050	21.640	54.385
2005	Jan-Jun	6.700	0.130	4.767	4.260	16.321	0.051	20.940	53.169
	Jul-Dec	6.950	0.116	4.865	4.620	16.321	0.047	20.490	53.409
2006	Jan-Jun	6.710	0.142	4.645	4.704	16.321	0.050	19.640	52.212
	Jul-Dec	6.930	0.168	4.730	4.970	16.321	0.030	20.440	53.589
2007	Jan-Jun	6.779	0.134	4.338	4.866	16.321	0.030	20.400	52.868
	Jul-Dec	6.974	0.172	4.748	5.104	16.025	0.020	21.510	54.553
2008	Jan-Jun	6.936	0.168	4.634	7.869	15.510	0.041	21.731	56.889
	Jul-Dec	7.273	0.161	4.803	8.135	16.182	0.020	21.848	58.421
2009	Jan-Jun	6.947	0.139	4.330	7.640	14.337	0.033	22.575	56.000
Total		118.239	1.678	81.637	82.143	271.564	0.531	371.163	926.955



## Freight train km

**Table 27: Number of million freight train km travelled, biannual count by jurisdiction and year, 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2009**

		Qld	NT	SA	WA	VIC	TAS	NSW	Total
2001	Jan-Jun	12.550	0.051	3.408	4.493	3.250	0.450	9.770	33.972
	Jul-Dec	13.030	0.054	3.680	4.696	2.985	0.450	9.550	34.445
2002	Jan-Jun	12.390	0.062	3.299	6.109	2.933	0.450	9.330	34.573
	Jul-Dec	12.660	0.065	3.542	6.336	2.834	0.450	8.052	33.939
2003	Jan-Jun	11.780	0.063	2.967	6.050	2.550	0.450	7.361	31.221
	Jul-Dec	12.650	0.069	2.985	6.751	2.652	0.460	7.782	33.349
2004	Jan-Jun	12.090	0.567	3.426	7.096	2.652	0.500	8.493	34.824
	Jul-Dec	13.260	0.431	3.873	7.606	2.550	0.500	9.553	37.773
2005	Jan-Jun	12.600	0.427	4.019	7.390	2.766	0.533	9.838	37.573
	Jul-Dec	13.530	0.444	3.849	7.950	2.766	0.528	9.204	38.271
2006	Jan-Jun	11.650	0.431	4.245	7.094	2.766	0.520	9.541	36.246
	Jul-Dec	13.330	0.521	3.900	7.860	2.766	0.430	9.511	38.318
2007	Jan-Jun	12.313	0.558	3.966	7.561	2.766	0.420	8.466	36.050
	Jul-Dec	13.860	0.639	4.002	8.146	2.399	0.450	8.979	38.474
2008	Jan-Jun	12.628	0.619	3.948	8.516	2.318	0.397	8.948	37.374
	Jul-Dec	14.845	0.721	4.136	8.420	1.669	0.393	9.198	39.383
2009	Jan-Jun	11.563	0.689	3.517	8.567	1.679	0.321	8.626	34.963
Total		216.729	6.411	62.763	120.641	44.301	7.702	152.202	610.749

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### National

Supported by a contribution from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), the Rail Safety Regulators' Panel (RSRP) completed a national data quality review in December 2006. This review aimed to identify any differences in the process used to categorise rail safety occurrence data. The draft findings from the data audit show marked differences in the methods of safety occurrence reporting and data capture between regulators and accredited rail operators (AROs). Differences in particular safety occurrence categories between some jurisdictions may be the result of different reporting practices, even where the data is normalised. This data excludes tram and monorail data.

### Serious personal injury

Regulators and industry are experiencing difficulties in collecting supporting information necessary to grade injury severity according to the definition in *ON-S1: Occurrence Notification Standard* (2004) and *OC-G1: Occurrence Classification Guideline 1* (2008). They are working to resolve this issue; in the interim, most jurisdictions are attempting to adhere to the definition of serious injury as in ON-S1 and OC-G1.

### States and territories

#### New South Wales

- Occurrences prior to 2005 were reported under a different notification / classification scheme to ON-S1/ OC-G1, and will be incomplete for some rail incident types.
- Injury Statistics: Rail Transport Operators advise they are unable to access the information required to grade injury according to the criteria of ON-S1 (2008). Injury statistics for NSW are based on a broader (more inclusive) definition than ON-S1 (2008) and are not comparable with other jurisdictions.
- The sub-categorisation of Collision into Running Line and Yard was introduced in OC-G1 (2008). All collision data for NSW has been reclassified in accordance with the OC-G1 (2008) definition of Running Line Collision.
- Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD): an increase in SPADs from 2004 is due to a change in a major operator's detection and reporting processes.
- Total Track Kilometres may not include all sidings and loops.

## Northern Territory

- Numbers include occurrences for the construction period of the Alice Springs-Darwin railway at the time when it was not a part of the Defined Interstate Rail Network (DIRN) (became part of DIRN on 01/01/2004).

## Queensland

- Data for Loading Irregularities between 2001 and 2004 excludes the sub-category Loose Load Fastening.
- Maintenance issues detected and corrected as part of normal maintenance programs has not been included in Track/Civil Infrastructure Irregularity as per the current OC-G1 definition.
- Prior to July 2008, Queensland interpreted Buckled Track as applying to horizontal misalignment only. From 1 July 2008 other cases of misalignment which had been previously classified under 'Track and Civil Infrastructure Irregularities– Other' are included in Misaligned Track Irregularities.
- Queensland has revised serious injury numbers between 2003 and 2008 to reflect the inclusion of serious slip, trip and fall occurrences.
- Queensland's serious injury count excludes injuries sustained from assaults on railway premises.

## South Australia

- Track and Civil Infrastructure figures exclude track obstructions, civil infrastructure and other irregularities. South Australia has not distinguished between running line broken rails and broken rails in yards. In future, this data will be segregated.
- South Australia does not collect data relating to maintenance detected broken rails on running lines or in yards.

## Victoria

- With the introduction of the new *Rail Safety Regulations (RSR) 2006*, Victoria had a broader definition of serious injury for the period 1 August 2006 to 29 February 2008. With effect 1 March 2008, the RSR was changed to be in line with ON-S1.
- From 28 January 2003, AROs were requested to report all incidents. Subsequently, the number of incidents has increased from 1 February 2003 to date.
- Normalising data between 1 January 2005 and 30 June 2007 is based on 2004 figures. From 1 July 2007, Total Passenger Train Kilometres (millions) are based on scheduled services.
- Of Victoria's total 17 fatalities for 1 January to 30 June 2007, 11 resulted from the Kerang incident.

- Victoria's increase in the number of Collisions with infrastructure over the 1 January to 31 December 2008 period can be attributed to an increase in minor platform scrapes with a particular type of rolling stock.
- From July 2008, occurrences reported are classified in accordance with OC-G1. Therefore, Loading Irregularities now include Loose Load Fastening (which was previously excluded). For Track and Civil Irregularities, Broken Rails includes both train operations and maintenance detected on the running line only. Misaligned and Spread Track is running line only, whereas previously both running line and yard were reported.

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## APPENDIX A: SOURCES AND SUBMISSIONS

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### Sources of Information

#### References

Rail Safety Regulators' Panel (2004). *ON-S1: Occurrence Notification - Standard 1, 2004*.

Rail Safety Regulators' panel (2008). *OC-G1: Occurrence Classification Guideline 1, 2008*

#### Submissions

A draft of this report was provided to the following organisations:

- New South Wales Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator
- Public Transport Safety Victoria
- Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Western Australian Department of Transport
- South Australian Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure
- Tasmanian Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
- Northern Territory Department of Planning and Infrastructure.



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