

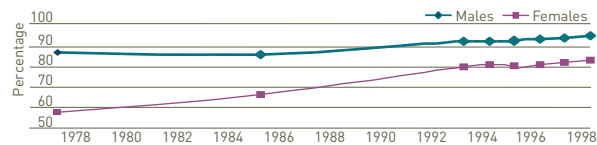
Driving participation

Licence holders

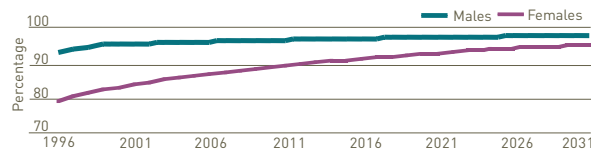
The number of Melburnians with licences has increased over the last three decades, particularly among females. The percentage of females of eligible driving age with a licence increased from 57% in 1978 to 82% in 1999. Male licence holders rose from about 85% to 94% over the same period.

The number of female licence holders is expected to rise from 79% of those of eligible driving age in 1996 to 96% by 2031, with male licence holders rising from 92% in 1996 to 97% in 2031.

1 Licence holders Melbourne



2 Projected future licence holders Melbourne

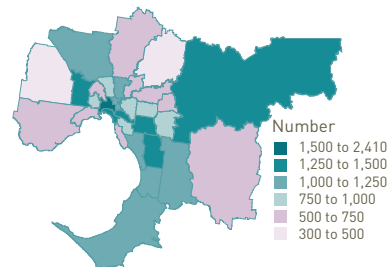


Road user deaths and serious injuries

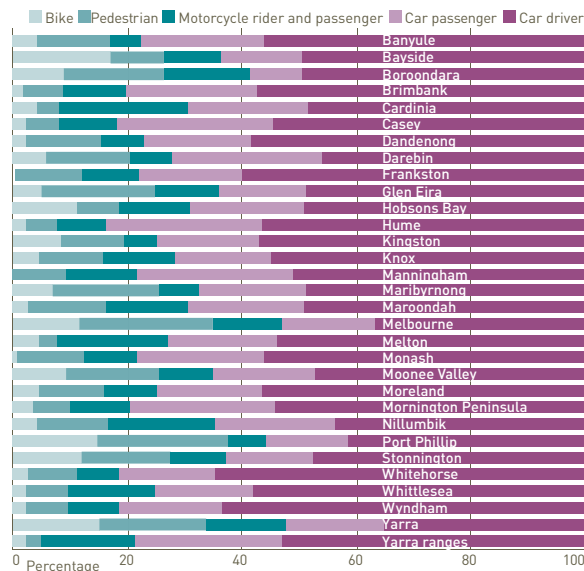
Over the five years from 1999 to 2004 the highest numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the road were in employment hubs such as Dandenong, Monash, Yarra and Stonnington.

Car drivers represent the largest share of deaths and serious injuries. Incidents involving cyclists are higher in Melbourne's inner areas, with pedestrians also being a significant proportion of deaths and serious injuries in inner areas, reflecting the greater mix of road users.

3 Number of deaths and serious injuries to road users Local Government Areas, 1999-2004



4 Deaths and serious injuries by mode share Local Government Areas, 1999-2004

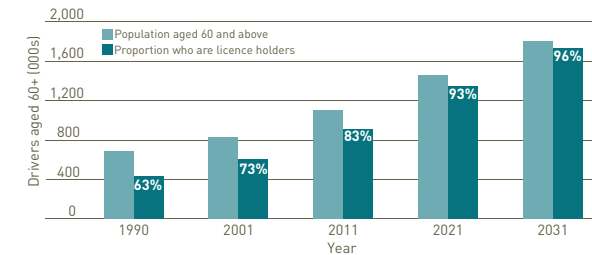


Road safety

Older drivers

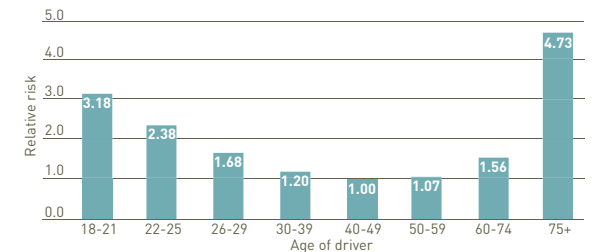
Population projections suggest an average annual increase of 7.7% in people 60 years or older from 2001 to 2031 in Melbourne. Across Victoria, the rate of licence holding for people 60 years and over is predicted to increase from 63% to 96% in 2031. Combined, this gives a predicted four-fold increase in people 60 years and older with a licence between 1990 and 2031.

5 Projected increase in drivers aged 60 and above Victoria, 1990-2031



The relative risk of involvement in a casualty crash on Melbourne's arterial roads per distance travelled was 1.56 times greater for drivers aged 60-74 years compared to drivers aged 40-49 (based on 2001 data). The risk for those over 75 years as a group was 4.73 times that of drivers aged 40-49 years.

6 Relative risk of driver being involved in a casualty crash by age group Victoria, 2001



Sources: 1-2 Steer Davies Gleve, 2001, *Understanding travel by older people*, prepared for VicRoads; 3-6 VicRoads database, 2005