

Data Sheet 139 (DS 139)

Heavy Vehicle Volumes

What are we monitoring?

The volume of heavy vehicles passing through the Blue Mountains as recorded at the Mt Boyce Heavy Vehicle Safety Station. Vehicles classified as Class 4 and above have been deemed to be heavy vehicles for this trend.

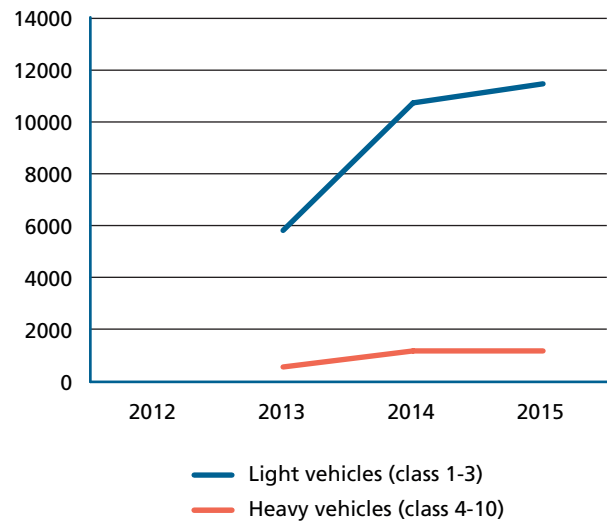
What is the trend?

The proportion of heavy vehicles (Class 4-10 vehicles) passing through the Mt Boyce station has increased from 572 in 2013 to 1,208 in 2015. Over a two year period the number of heavy trucks has nearly doubled.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

The volume of heavy vehicle traffic passing through Mt Boyce Heavy Vehicle Safety Station gives an indication of the use of the Great Western Highway as route for freight to western NSW. The increase in the number of heavy vehicles requires consideration in terms of potential impacts on local amenity, road safety and required levels of road maintenance on the Great Western Highway.

Traffic volumes at Mt Boyce



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Year	2013	2014	2015
Vehicle Class 1-3	5,815	10,748	11,438
Vehicle Class 4-10	572	1,155	1,208
Unclassed	54	0	104
Total Vehicles	6,441	11,903	12,750
Percentage Heavy Vehicles	8.9%	9.7%	9.5%

Source: Roads and Maritime Services 2016