

Christmas and New Year 2009-2010 road toll in review

Preliminary Christmas/New Year Road Toll Reporting Period

The 2009/10 Christmas/New Year road toll reporting period extended from 18 December 2009 to 1 January 2010.

Preliminary national Christmas/New Year Road Toll, 2009/10

During the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year reporting period the preliminary Australian road toll was 65 fatalities. This is six fatalities (or 10.2%) greater than the 2008/09 reporting period (19 December 2008 to 2 January 2009) of 59 fatalities. Twenty-three fatalities (or 35.4%) occurred within New South Wales, 16 fatalities (or 24.6%) occurred within Victoria, 10 fatalities (or 15.4%) within Queensland, nine fatalities (or 13.8%) occurred within Western Australia, four fatalities (or 6.2%) occurred within Tasmania, two fatalities (or 3.1%) occurred within South Australia, one fatality (or 1.5%) occurred within The Northern Territory and no fatalities occurred within the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 1: National Road toll during the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year Period

State	2009/2010
Australian Capital Territory	0
New South Wales	23
Northern Territory	1
Queensland	10
South Australia	2
Tasmania	4
Victoria	16
Western Australia	9
Total	65

Preliminary Queensland Christmas/New Year Road Toll, 2009/10

During the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year period there were 10 road fatalities within Queensland. This is two fatalities (or 16.7%) fewer than the 2008/09 period and one fatality (or 10.2%) fewer than the previous five year Christmas/New Year period average.

The main characteristics of fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland during the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year period were:

- eight fatalities (or 80.0%) were drivers, one fatality (or 10.0%) was a passenger and one fatality (or 10.0%) was a bicyclist
- ten fatalities (or 100.0%) were male
- five fatalities (or 50.0%) were aged 17 to 24 years, two fatalities (or 20.0%) were aged 30 to 39 years, one fatality (or 10.0%) was aged 25 to

29 years, one fatality (or 10.0%) was aged 40 to 49 years, and one fatality (or 10.0%) was aged 75 years or over

- four fatalities (or 40.0%) were involved in hit object type crashes and three fatalities (or 30.0%) were involved in angle type crashes
- three fatalities (or 30.0%) occurred within the North Coast Police Region and three fatalities (or 30.0%) occurred within the Central Police Region
- five fatalities (or 50.0%) occurred within provincial cities, four fatalities (or 40.0%) occurred within rural areas and one fatality (or 10.0%) occurred within the greater Brisbane area (Brisbane Statistical Division)
- three fatalities (or 30.0%) occurred between 2pm and 6pm and two fatalities (or 20.0%) occurred between 5am and 7am
- restraint use was known for six vehicle occupant fatalities. Of these six fatalities, two (or 33.3%) were unrestrained
- six fatalities (or 60.0%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones and two fatalities (or 20.0%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones
- two fatalities (or 20.0%) occurred on 19 December 2009 and two fatalities (or 20.0%) occurred on 26 December 2009.

Table 2: Daily road fatalities during Christmas/New Year periods 2004/05 to 2009/10, Queensland

Date	Christmas New Year Reporting Period					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
18 Dec	-	-	-	-	-	1
19 Dec	-	-	-	-	0	2
20 Dec	-	-	-	-	1	0
21 Dec	-	-	-	1	2	0
22 Dec	-	-	2	0	1	0
23 Dec	-	1	1	0	1	1
24 Dec	0	1	0	0	1	0
25 Dec	2	2	2	1	0	1
26 Dec	1	0	0	0	1	2
27 Dec	0	5	2	2	0	0
28 Dec	0	0	1	0	2	1
29 Dec	0	0	0	1	1	1
30 Dec	1	1	0	0	0	1
31 Dec	0	2	2	0	0	0
1 Jan	1	0	0	0	1	0
2 Jan	0	2	1	0	1	-
3 Jan	1	1	1	0	-	-
4 Jan	0	1	0	0	-	-
5 Jan	0	0	1	-	-	-
6 Jan	0	4	-	-	-	-
7 Jan	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	20	13	5	12	10

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Table 3: Fatalities by time of day during the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year period, Queensland

Time of Day	2009/10
Midnight - 1am	1
2am - 3am	1
5am - 6am	1
6am - 7am	1
11am - Noon	1
Noon - 1pm	1
2pm - 3pm	1
4pm - 5pm	1
5pm - 6pm	1
9pm - 10pm	1
Total Fatalities	10

Table 4: Fatalities by Police region and District, 2009/10 Christmas/New Year period, Queensland

Police Region	Police District	Fatalities
Central	Gladstone	1
	Rockhampton	2
Far Northern	-	0
Metropolitan North	-	0
Metropolitan South	Oxley	1
North Coast	Maryborough	1
	Sunshine Coast	2
Northern	Townsville	1
Southern	Toowoomba	1
South Eastern	Gold Coast	1
Total Fatalities		10

2005/06 to preliminary 2009/10 Christmas/New Year periods, Queensland

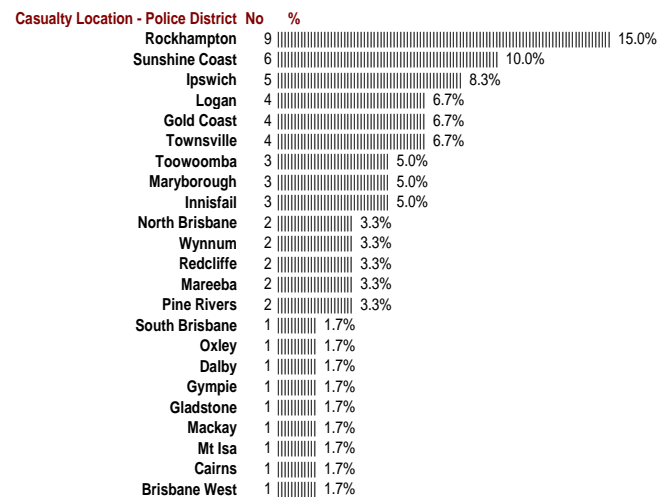
There were 60 road fatalities during the 2005/06 to 2009/10 Christmas/New Year periods within Queensland.

The main characteristics of all fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland during the 2005/06 to 2009/10 Christmas/New Year periods were:

- twenty-six fatalities (or 43.3%) were drivers, 16 fatalities (or 26.7%) were passengers, seven fatalities (or 11.7%) were motorcyclists, six fatalities (or 10.0%) were pedestrians and five fatalities (or 8.3%) were bicyclists
- forty-two fatalities (or 70.0%) were male and 18 fatalities (or 30.0%) were female
- twenty fatalities (or 33.3%) were aged 17 to 24 years, 10 fatalities (or 16.7%) were aged 30 to 39 years, eight fatalities (or 13.3%) were aged 40 to 49 years and six fatalities (or 10.0%) were aged 75 years or over
- twenty fatalities (or 33.3%) were involved in hit object type crashes and 13 fatalities (or 21.7%) were involved in angle type crashes

- thirty fatalities (or 50.0%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones
- restraint use could be determined for 27 vehicle occupant fatalities. Of these 27 fatalities, six (or 22.2%) were unrestrained
- seventeen fatalities (or 28.3%) were involved in alcohol/drug* related crashes (positive Blood Alcohol Concentration), 14 fatalities (or 23.3%) were involved in fatigue related crashes, 14 fatalities (or 23.3%) involved speeding drivers or riders and 10 fatalities (or 16.7%) involved illegal manoeuvres
- nine fatalities (or 15.0%) occurred within the Rockhampton Police District and six fatalities (or 10.0%) occurred within the Sunshine Coast Police District.

Figure 1: Fatalities by Police District, 2005/06 to 2009/10 Christmas/New Year periods, Queensland



* Note: Alcohol figures are not finalised as test results can take up to 12 months to be finalised. Therefore the figures for 2009/10 are preliminary and hence the percentage for 2005/06-2009/10 may increase.