

## Christmas / New Year 2007/2008 road toll in review

Data extracted on 05 February 2008)

In this section, the characteristics of road fatalities within Queensland during the Christmas / New Year 2007/2008 period are analysed and compared with the 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 Christmas / New Year periods.

### Christmas/New Year Road Toll

The official 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year road toll reporting period extended from 21 December to 4 January.

### National Christmas/New Year Road Toll, 2007/2008

During the 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period, there were 48 people killed as a result of road crashes within Australia. This is 14 fatalities (or 22.6%) fewer than the 2006/2007 period figure of 62 fatalities. Seventeen fatalities (or 35.4%) occurred within Victoria, 12 fatalities (or 25.0%) occurred within Western Australia, and eight fatalities (or 16.7%) occurred within New South Wales.

**Table 5: National Road toll during the 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year Period**

State	2007/2008
Australian Capital Territory	2
New South Wales	8
Northern Territory	1
Queensland	5
South Australia	2
Tasmania	1
Victoria	17
Western Australia	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

### Queensland Christmas/New Year Road Toll, 2007/2008

During the 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period there were five road fatalities within Queensland. This is eight fatalities (or 61.5%) fewer than the 2006/2007 period and nine fatalities (or 63.8%) fewer than the previous five year Christmas/New Year period average.

The 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period has recorded the lowest number of fatalities in over 20 years, since computerised record keeping began in 1986.

The main characteristics of all fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland during the 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period:

- Two fatalities (or 40.0%) were drivers, two fatalities (or 40.0%) were passengers and one fatality (or 20.0%) was a bicyclist,

- Three fatalities (or 60.0%) were male and two fatalities (or 40.0%) were female,
- Two fatalities (or 40.0%) were 17-20 year olds,
- Two fatalities (or 40.0%) were involved in hit object type crashes, one fatality (or 20.0%) was involved in an overturned type crash, one fatality (or 20.0%) was involved in a rear-end type crash and one fatality (or 20.0%) was involved in a fall from vehicle type crash,
- Two fatalities (or 40.0%) occurred within the North Coast Police Region,
- Four fatalities (or 80.0%) were single vehicle type crashes,
- Two fatalities (or 40.0%) occurred on 27 December 2007,
- Five fatalities (or 100.0%) occurred between 10am and 8pm.

**Table 6: Daily road fatalities during Christmas/New Year periods 2002/2003 to 2007/2008, Queensland**

Date	Christmas New Year Reporting Period					
	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
19 Dec	-	1	-	-	-	-
20 Dec	1	0	-	-	-	-
21 Dec	6	2	-	-	-	1
22 Dec	0	1	-	-	2	0
23 Dec	0	2	-	1	1	0
24 Dec	0	0	0	1	0	0
25 Dec	0	0	2	2	2	1
26 Dec	1	3	1	0	0	0
27 Dec	1	0	0	5	2	2
28 Dec	0	2	0	0	1	0
29 Dec	0	0	0	0	0	1
30 Dec	0	0	1	1	0	0
31 Dec	0	3	0	2	2	0
01 Jan	1	4	1	0	0	0
02 Jan	0	1	0	2	1	0
03 Jan	1	-	1	1	1	0
04 Jan	-	-	0	0	1	0
05 Jan	-	-	0	1	0	-
06 Jan	-	-	0	4	-	-
07 Jan	-	-	0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>

## Christmas / New Year 2007/2008 road toll in review (Continued)

**Table 7: Fatalities by time of day during the 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period, Queensland**

Time of Day	Fatalities
Midnight - 2am	0
2am - 4am	0
4am - 6am	0
6am-8am	0
8am - 10am	0
10am - Noon	2
Noon - 2pm	0
2pm - 4pm	1
4pm - 6pm	1
6pm - 8pm	1
8pm - 10pm	0
10pm - Midnight	0
<b>Total Fatalities</b>	<b>5</b>

Two fatalities (or 40.0%) occurred within North Coast Police Region, one fatality (or 20.0%) occurred within Central Police Region, one fatality (or 20.0%) occurred within Metropolitan North Police Region and one fatality (or 20.0%) occurred within Southern Police Region.

**Table 8: Fatalities by Police region and District, 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year period, Queensland**

Police Region	Police District	Fatalities
Central	Rockhampton	1
Far Northern	-	-
Metropolitan North	Metropolitan North	1
Metropolitan South	-	-
North Coast	Maryborough	1
	Sunshine Coast	1
Northern	-	-
South Eastern	-	-
Southern	Toowoomba	1
<b>Total Fatalities</b>		<b>5</b>

### 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year periods, Queensland

Within Queensland, there were 63 road fatalities during the 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year periods.

The main characteristics of all fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland during the 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year periods:

- 34.9% were passengers, 33.3% were drivers, 12.7% were motorbike riders, 12.7% were pedestrians and 6.3% were bicyclists,

- 28.6% were 17-24 year olds, and 15.9% were 30-39 year olds,
- 65.1% were male and 34.9% were female,
- 54.0% occurred within 100 - 110 km/h zones,
- Restraint use could be determined for 27 vehicle occupant fatalities, of which six (or 22.2%) were unrestrained,
- 28.6% were involved in alcohol/drug\* related crashes (positive Blood Alcohol Concentration), 27.0% involved inexperienced drivers or riders, 23.8% were involved in fatigue related crashes, 20.6% involved drivers or riders considered inattentive, 19.0% involved speeding drivers or riders, 17.5% involved drink driver or riders\* and 14.3% involved illegal manoeuvres.
- 11.1% occurred within the Gold Coast Police District, 7.9% occurred within the Logan Police District, 7.9% occurred within the Toowoomba Police District, 7.9% occurred within the Ipswich Police District, 7.9% occurred within the Sunshine Coast Police District and 7.9% occurred within the Rockhampton Police District.

**Figure 1: Fatalities by Police District, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008 Christmas/New Year periods, Queensland**

Police District	No	%
Gold Coast	7	11.1%
Logan	5	7.9%
Toowoomba	5	7.9%
Ipswich	5	7.9%
Sunshine Coast	5	7.9%
Rockhampton	5	7.9%
Dalby	3	4.8%
Redcliffe	3	4.8%
Gladstone	3	4.8%
Townsville	3	4.8%
Warwick	2	3.2%
Gympie	2	3.2%
Maryborough	2	3.2%
Cairns	2	3.2%
Innisfail	2	3.2%
Brisbane West	2	3.2%
North Brisbane	1	1.6%
South Brisbane	1	1.6%
Wynnum	1	1.6%
Bundaberg	1	1.6%
Mackay	1	1.6%
Mareeba	1	1.6%
Pine Rivers	1	1.6%

\* Note: Alcohol figures are not finalised as test results can take up to 7 months to be finalised. Therefore the figures for 2007/2008 are preliminary and hence the percentage for 2003/2004-2007/2008 may increase.