

Christmas and New Year 2008-09 road toll in review

Christmas and New Year Road Toll Reporting Period

The 2008-09 Christmas and New Year road toll reporting period extended from 19 December 2008 to 2 January 2009.

National Christmas and New Year Road Toll, 2008-09

During the 2008-09 Christmas and New Year reporting period the preliminary Australian road toll was 57 fatalities. This is nine fatalities (or 18.8%) greater than the 2007-08 reporting period (21 December 2007 to 4 January 2008) of 48 fatalities. Sixteen fatalities (or 28.1%) occurred within Victoria, 12 fatalities (or 21.1%) occurred within Western Australia and within Queensland, 11 fatalities (or 19.3%) occurred within New South Wales, four fatalities (or 7.0%) occurred within the Northern Territory, one fatality (or 1.8%) occurred within South Australia and within Tasmania and no fatalities occurred within the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 1: National Road toll during the 2008-09 Christmas and New Year Period

State	2008/2009
Australian Capital Territory	0
New South Wales	11
Northern Territory	4
Queensland	12
South Australia	1
Tasmania	1
Victoria	16
Western Australia	12
Total	57

Preliminary Queensland Christmas and New Year Road Toll, 2008-09

During the 2008-09 Christmas and New Year period there were 12 road fatalities within Queensland. This is seven fatalities (or 140.0%) greater than the 2007-08 period and one fatality (or 4.8%) 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 2008-09 Christmas and New Year period were:

- Six fatalities (or 50.0%) were drivers, three fatalities (or 25.0%) were passengers, two fatalities (or 16.7%) were motorcyclists and one fatality (or 8.3%) was a bicyclist,
- Eight fatalities (or 66.7%) were male and four fatalities (or 33.3%) were female,
- Three fatalities (or 25.0%) were aged 17 to 20 years, three fatalities (or 25.0%) were aged 30

to 39 years, two fatalities (or 16.7%) were aged 40 to 49 years, two fatalities (or 16.7%) were aged 75 years or over, one fatality (or 8.3%) was aged 25 to 29 years and one fatality (or 8.3%) was aged 60 to 74 years,

- Four fatalities (or 33.3%) were involved in hit object type crashes and three fatalities (or 25.0%) were involved in angle type crashes,
- No fatalities occurred within the Southern Police Region,
- Five fatalities (or 41.7%) occurred within provincial cities, four fatalities (or 33.3%) occurred within rural areas and three fatalities (or 25.0%) occurred within the greater Brisbane area (Brisbane Statistical Division),
- Four fatalities (or 33.3%) occurred between 4am and 10am and four fatalities (or 33.3%) occurred between 2pm and 8pm,
- Restraint use was known for eight vehicle occupant fatalities. Of these eight fatalities, one (or 12.5%) was unrestrained,
- Six fatalities (or 50.0%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones and five fatalities (or 41.7%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones,
- Two fatalities (or 16.7%) occurred on 21 December and two fatalities (or 16.7%) occurred on 28 December 2008.

Table 2: Daily road fatalities during Christmas and New Year periods 2003-04 to 2008-09, Queensland

Date	Christmas New Year Reporting Period					
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
19 Dec	1	-	-	-	-	0
20 Dec	0	-	-	-	-	1
21 Dec	2	-	-	-	1	2
22 Dec	1	-	-	2	0	1
23 Dec	2	-	1	1	0	1
24 Dec	0	0	1	0	0	1
25 Dec	0	2	2	2	1	0
26 Dec	3	1	0	0	0	1
27 Dec	0	0	5	2	2	0
28 Dec	2	0	0	1	0	2
29 Dec	0	0	0	0	1	1
30 Dec	0	1	1	0	0	0
31 Dec	3	0	2	2	0	0
01 Jan	4	1	0	0	0	1
02 Jan	1	0	2	1	0	1
03 Jan	-	1	1	1	0	-
04 Jan	-	0	0	1	0	-
05 Jan	-	0	1	0	-	-
06 Jan	-	0	4	-	-	-
07 Jan	-	0	-	-	-	-
Total	19	6	20	13	5	12

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Table 3: Fatalities by time of day during the 2008-09 Christmas and New Year period, Queensland

Time of Day	Fatalities
Midnight - 2am	0
2am - 4am	1
4am - 6am	2
6am - 8am	0
8am - 10am	2
10am - noon	1
Noon - 2pm	1
2pm - 4pm	1
4pm - 6pm	2
6pm - 8pm	1
8pm - 10pm	0
10pm - midnight	1
Total Fatalities	12

Table 4: Fatalities by Police region and District, 2008-09 Christmas and New Year period, Queensland

Police Region	Police District	Fatalities
Central	Mackay	1
	Rockhampton	2
Far Northern	Innisfail	1
	Mareeba	1
Metropolitan North	North Brisbane	1
	Pine Rivers	1
Metropolitan South	Wynnum	1
North Coast	Sunshine Coast	1
Northern	Mt Isa	1
	Townsville	1
South Eastern	Gold Coast	1
Southern	-	0
Total Fatalities		12

2004-05 to 2008-09 Christmas and New Year periods, Queensland

There were 56 road fatalities during the 2004-05 to 2008-09 Christmas and New Year periods within Queensland.

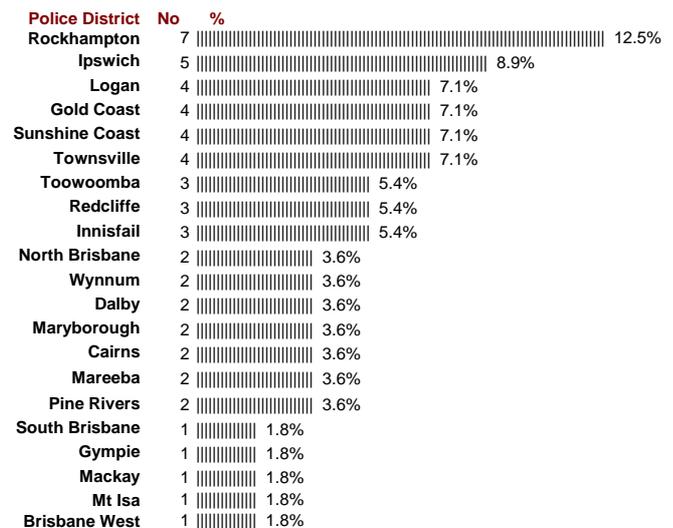
The main characteristics of all fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland during the 2004-2005 to 2008-09 Christmas and New Year periods were:

- 20 fatalities (or 35.7%) were drivers, 17 fatalities (or 30.4%) were passengers, eight fatalities (or 14.3%) were pedestrians, seven fatalities (or 12.5%) were motorcyclists, and four fatalities (or 7.1%) were bicyclists,
- 37 fatalities (or 66.1%) were male and 19 fatalities (or 33.9%) were female,
- 16 fatalities (or 28.6%) were aged 17 to 24 years, nine fatalities (or 16.1%) were aged 30 to 39 years, eight fatalities (or 14.3%) were

aged 40 to 49 years and seven fatalities (or 12.5%) were aged 75 years or over,

- 18 fatalities (or 32.1%) were as a result of hit object type crashes,
- 26 fatalities (or 46.4%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones,
- Restraint use could be determined for 24 vehicle occupant fatalities. Of these 24 fatalities, five (or 20.8%) were unrestrained,
- 18 fatalities (or 32.1%) were involved in alcohol/drug* related crashes (positive Blood Alcohol Concentration), 15 fatalities (or 26.8%) involved inexperience, 14 fatalities (or 25.0%) were involved in fatigue related crashes, 14 fatalities (or 25.0%) involved speeding drivers or riders and 10 fatalities (or 17.9%) involved illegal manoeuvres.
- Seven fatalities (or 12.5%) occurred within the Rockhampton Police District and five fatalities (or 8.9%) occurred within the Ipswich Police District.

Figure 1: Fatalities by Police District, 2004-05 to 2008-09 Christmas and 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 2008-09 are preliminary and hence the percentage for 2004-05-2008-09 may increase.