

Northern Territory

2015 Road Injury Statistical Summary

Overview

- Road fatalities in the Northern Territory are highly variable and unpredictable. Trend data provides a truer representation of road fatalities and serious injuries in the Northern Territory than annual comparisons.
- In 2015 there were 49 road fatalities. This compares to 39 in 2014 and the ten year average (2006-2015) of 47.5 people.
- Fatal crash data is extracted from Northern Territory Police crash reports and is updated as further information becomes available.

Statistical Data

2015 Annual Statistics

- Of the 49 fatalities in 2015:
 - 32 (65.31%) were vehicle occupants;
 - 11 (22.45%) were pedestrians;
 - 6 (12.24%) were motorcyclists;Of these:
 - 10 (20.4%) were under the age of 25 years;
 - 35 (71%) were male;
 - 22 (44.89%) were Indigenous;
 - 8 (16.32%) were international or interstate visitors; and
 - 29 (59.18%) were in rural areas.
- Casual and compounding factors sourced from the Department of Transport Vehicle Accident Database state:
 - 8 (16.3%) of the crashes involved alcohol;
(This number is underestimated as Alcohol involvement is yet to be confirmed by Police for the 2015 crashes)
 - 16 (30.61%) were speed related;
 - 12 (37.5%) of the 32 vehicle occupants were not wearing a seatbelt; and
 - 2 (4.08%) were known to be fatigue related *(Note this is difficult to determine).*
- In addition, of the 42 fatal crashes:
 - 19 (45%) were either single vehicle run off road or overturned; and
 - 26 were hit pedestrian crashes.

10 year road injury trend data summary (2006-2015)

- Over the last 10 years (2006-2015) 475 people have died and 5392 have been seriously injured on Territory roads.
- On average, over the last 10 years:
 - 47.5 people died each year (almost one person per week); and
 - 539 people were seriously injured each year, requiring hospitalisation.
- Of the 475 road fatalities on NT roads:
 - 321 (67.57%) were occupants of vehicles
 - 101 (21.26%) were pedestrians
 - 49 (10.31%) were motorcyclists
 - 4 (0.84%) were cyclists;
 - 338 (71.15%) were male;
 - 240 (50.52%) were Indigenous
 - 402 (84.63%) were Territory residents and 73 (15.36%) were from interstate or overseas;
 - 137 (28.84%) under the age of 25 years; and
 - 336 (70.73%) occurred in rural areas.
- Casual and compounding factors sourced from the Department of Transport Vehicle Accident Database state: *(Note: each fatality could have more than one factor)*
 - 189 (39.78%) were alcohol related*;
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 - 133 (41.43%) of the 321 drivers and passengers killed were not wearing a seatbelt;
 - 118 (24.84%) were known to be speed related *(Note: vehicle speed influences all crashes);*
 - 27 (5.68%) were known to be fatigue related *(Note: this factor is difficult to conclude.)*
- In addition of the 418 fatal crashes:
 - 200 (48%) were either single vehicle run off road or overturned; and
 - 98 (23%) were hit pedestrian crashes.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Fatals	44	56	75	31	50	45	49	37	39	49	475
Serious Injuries	527	562	638	518	512	500	537	562	529	507*	5880

* This number will increase due to a lag in Police data.