

# 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\*;  
*This number is underestimated as Alcohol involvement is yet to be confirmed by Police for the 2015 crashes*
  - 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.