Northern Territory
2016 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 2016 there were 45 road fatalities. This compares to 49 in 2015 and the ten year average (2007-2016) of 48 people.
- Fatal crash data is extracted from Northern Territory Police crash reports and is updated as further information becomes available.

Statistical Data

2016 Annual Statistics

- Of the 45 fatalities in 2016:
  - 35 (78%) were vehicle occupants;
  - 6 (13%) were pedestrians;
  - 4 (9%) were motorcyclists.

  Of these:
  - 9 (20%) were under the age of 25 years;
  - 34 (76%) were male;
  - 23 (51%) were Indigenous;
  - 6 (13%) were international or interstate visitors; and
  - 34 (76%) were in rural areas.

- Causal and compounding factors sourced from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics’ Vehicle Accident Database state:
  - 4 (9%) of the crashes involved alcohol; *(Note: This number is underestimated as alcohol involvement is yet to be confirmed for the 2016 crashes)*
  - 7 (16%) were speed related;
  - 13 (29%) of the 32 vehicle occupants were not wearing a seatbelt; and
  - 7 (16%) were known to be fatigue related *(Note: This is difficult to determine).*
10 year road injury trend data summary (2007-2016)

- Over the last 10 years (2007-2016) 476 people have died and 5242* have been seriously injured on Territory roads. *(Note: This number will increase due to a lag in data processing.)*

- On average, over the last 10 years:
  - 48 people died each year (almost one person per week); and
  - 542 people were seriously injured each year, requiring hospitalisation. *(Based on 2006 – 2015 data).*

- Of the 476 road fatalities on NT roads:
  - 331 (70%) were occupants of vehicles;
  - 94 (20%) were pedestrians;
  - 47 (10%) were motorcyclists;
  - 4 (1%) were cyclists;
  - 340 (71%) were male;
  - 237 (50%) were Indigenous;
  - 400 (84%) were Territory residents and 75 (16%) were from interstate or overseas;
  - 130 (27%) under the age of 25 years; and
  - 338 (71%) occurred in rural areas.

- Causal and compounding factors sourced from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics’ Vehicle Accident Database state: *(Note: Each fatality could have more than one factor)*
  - 182 (38%) were alcohol related; *(Note: This number is underestimated as alcohol involvement is yet to be confirmed for the 2016 crashes)*
  - 133 (40%) of the 331 drivers and passengers killed were not wearing a seatbelt;
  - 118 (28%) were known to be speed related, *(Note: Vehicle speed influences all crashes);*
  - 32 (7%) were known to be fatigue related, *(Note: This factor is difficult to conclude.)*

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