

# 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.)*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Fatals	56	75	31	50	45	49	37	39	49	45	475
Serious Injuries	562	638	518	512	500	537	563	531	530	351*	4242*

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