

# Christmas/New Year

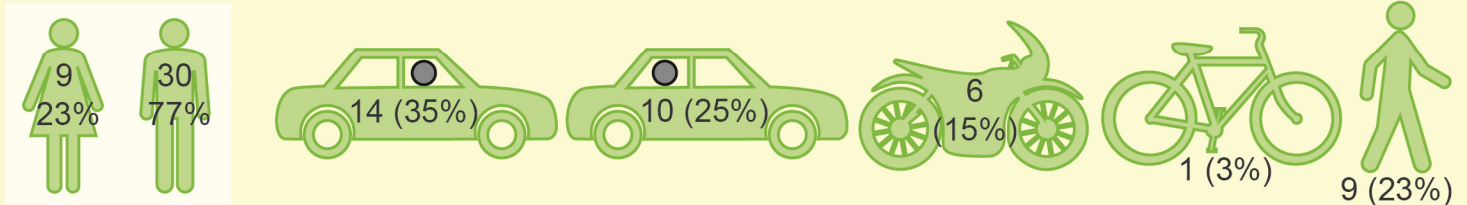
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Queensland road fatalities and hospitalised casualties

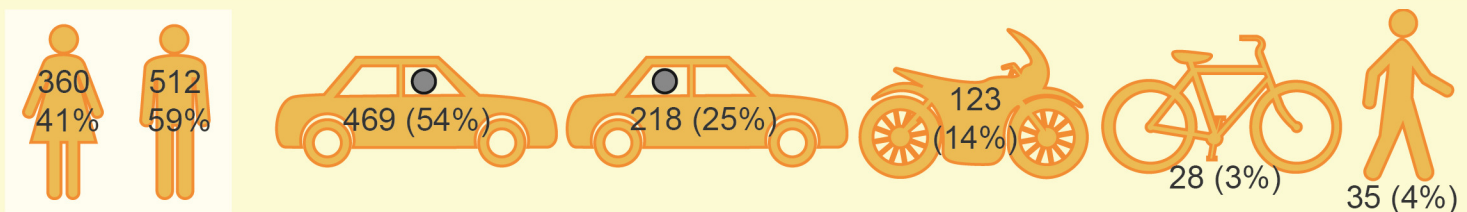
Christmas/New Year reporting period, 23 December to 3 January, 2014-15 to 2018-19

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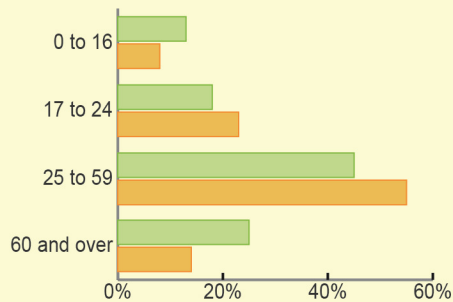
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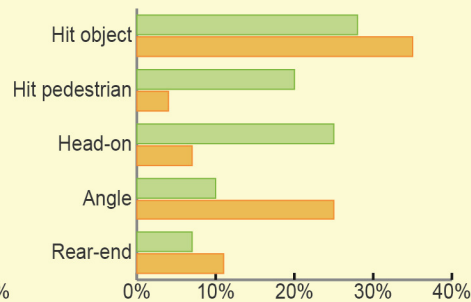
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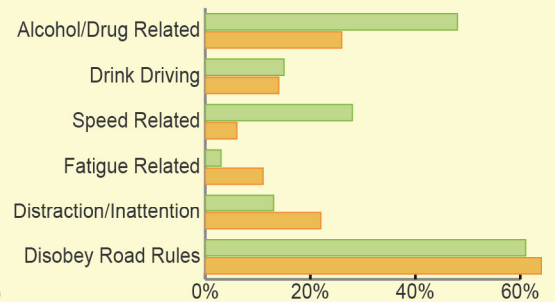
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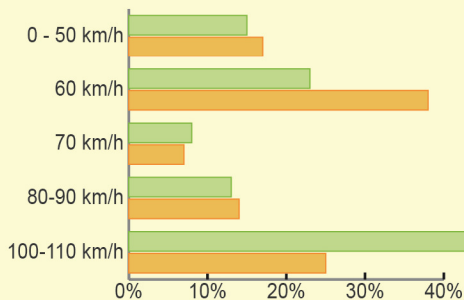
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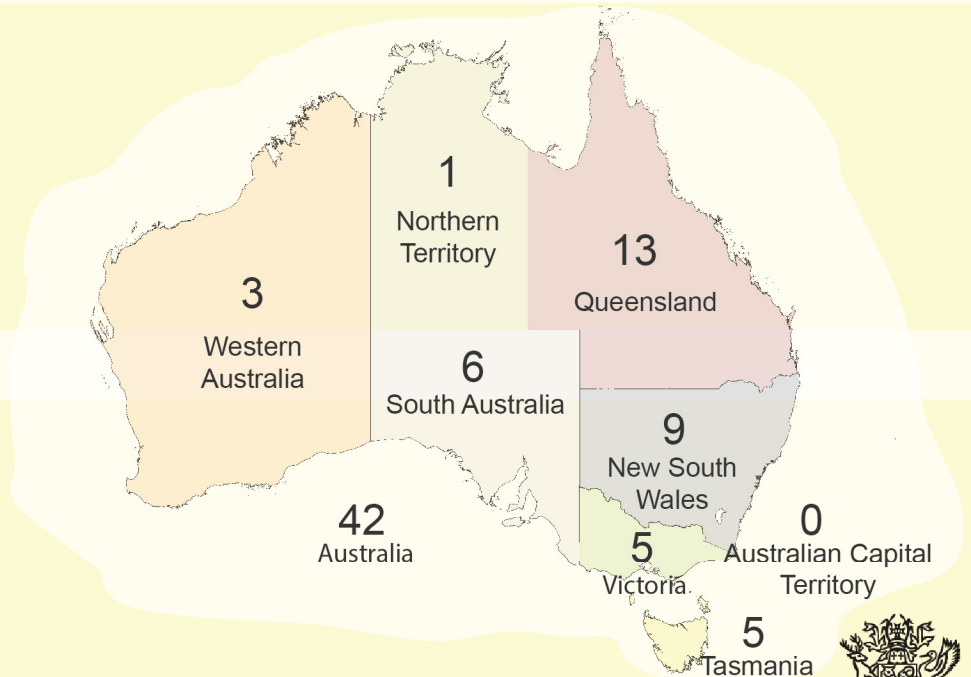
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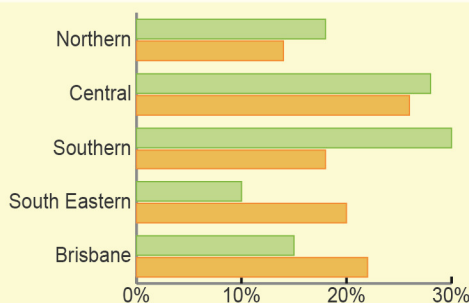
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Road fatalities within Australia, Christmas/New Year, 2018-19



Police Region



# Christmas/New Year Detail

Data Extracted: 14/10/2019

## National road fatalities

There were 42 Australian road fatalities during the 2018-19 Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December 2018 to 3 January 2019) which is 10 (19.2%) fewer than 2017-18.

Of the 42 Australian road fatalities during the Christmas/New Year reporting period 2018-19:

- 13 (31.0%) occurred within Queensland
- nine (21.4%) occurred within New South Wales
- six (14.3%) occurred within South Australia
- five (11.9%) occurred within Victoria
- five (11.9%) occurred within Tasmania
- three (7.1%) occurred within Western Australia
- one (2.4%) occurred within Northern Territory
- no fatalities occurred within the Australian Capital Territory

**Table 1: National road fatalities, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2013-14 to 2018-19**

State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	% of 2018-19 Australian Total
New South Wales	8	7	12	12	21	9	21.4%
Victoria	4	5	8	8	12	5	11.9%
Queensland	4	4	7	6	10	13	31.0%
South Australia	1	9	2	4	3	6	14.3%
Western Australia	6	3	2	8	5	3	7.1%
Tasmania	2	2	4	0	0	5	11.9%
Northern Territory	1	0	1	1	0	1	2.4%
Australian Capital Territory	1	0	2	0	1	0	0.0%
Total	27	30	38	39	52	42	100.0%

## Queensland road fatalities

There were 13 Queensland road fatalities during the 2018-19 Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December 2017 to 3 January 2018) which is three (30.0%) greater than 2017-18 and seven (109.7%) greater than the previous five-year average.

### 2018-19

Of the 13 Queensland fatalities during the Christmas/New Year reporting period, 2018-19:

- three (23.1%) occurred on each of 30 December and 31 December, two (15.4%) occurred on each of 24 December and 27 December and one (7.7%) occurred on each of 26 December, 29 December and 1 January.
- five (38.5%) were drivers, three (23.1%) were pedestrians, two (15.4%) were passengers, two (15.4%) were motorcyclists and one (7.7%) was a bicyclist

- 11 (84.6%) were male and two (15.4%) were female
- Three (23.1%) were 60 to 74 years, three (23.1%) were 75 years or over, two (15.4%) were 17 to 24 years, two (15.4%) were 30 to 39 years, one (7.7%) was 5 to 11 years, one (7.7%) was 40 to 49 years and one (7.7%) was 50 to 59 years
- one vehicle occupant (25.0%) was unrestrained, where vehicle occupant restraint use was known (n=4)
- both motorcyclists wore helmets
- six (46.2%) were as a result of hit object type crashes, three (23.1%) were as a result of hit pedestrian type crashes, two (15.4%) were as a result of rear-end type crashes, one (7.7%) was as a result of a head-on type crash and one (7.7%) was as a result of an angle type crash
- five (38.5%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones, four (30.8%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones, two (15.4%) occurred within 80-90 km/h speed zones, one (7.7%) occurred within a 50 km/h speed zone and one (7.7%) occurred within a 0-40 km/h speed zone
- eight (61.5%) occurred along state controlled roads and five (38.5%) occurred along locally controlled roads
- five (38.5%) occurred within Central Police Region, four (30.8%) occurred within the Southern Police Region, three (23.1%) occurred within the Northern Police Region and one (7.7%) occurred within Brisbane Police Region
- five (38.5%) occurred within inner regional areas, five (38.5%) occurred within outer regional areas and three (23.1%) occurred within major cities
- six (46.2%) were as a result of drivers/riders disobeying road rules and four (30.8%) were alcohol/drug related.

## 2014-15 to 2018-19

Of the 40 Queensland fatalities during the Christmas/New Year reporting period, 2014-15 to 2018-19:

- six (15.0%) occurred on the 27 December, five (12.5%) occurred on both 30 December and 1 January and four (10.0%) on 24 December, 26 December and 31 December
- 14 (35.0%) were drivers, 10 (25.0%) were passengers, nine (22.5%) were pedestrians, six (15.0%) were motorcyclists and one (2.5%) was a bicyclist
- 30 (76.9%) were male and nine (23.1%) were female
- seven (17.5%) were aged 17 to 24 years, seven (17.5%) were aged 30 to 39 years and six (15.0%) were aged 60 to 74 years
- two vehicle occupants (11.1%) were unrestrained, where vehicle occupant restraint use was known (n=18)
- all six motorcyclists wore helmets
- 11 (27.5%) were as a result of hit object type crashes, 10 (25.0%) were as a result of head-on type crashes and eight (20.0%) were as a result of hit pedestrian type crashes
- 17 (42.5%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones and nine (22.5%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones
- 21 (52.5%) occurred along state controlled roads and 19 (47.5%) occurred along locally controlled roads
- 12 (30.0%) occurred within the Southern Police Region, 11 (27.5%) occurred within the Central Police Region, seven (17.5%) occurred within the Northern Police Region, six (15.0%) occurred within the Brisbane Police Region and four (10.0%) occurred within the South Eastern Police Region
- 13 (32.5%) occurred within major cities, 13 (32.5%) occurred within outer regional areas, 11 (27.5%) occurred within inner regional areas and three (7.5%) occurred within remote/very remote areas
- 23 (57.5%) were as a result of drivers/riders disobeying road rules, 19 (47.5%) were alcohol/drug related and 11 (27.5%) were speed related.

**Table 2: Fatality dates, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Date	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
23 December	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
24 December	2	15.4%	4	10.0%
25 December	0	0.0%	3	7.5%
26 December	1	7.7%	4	10.0%
27 December	2	15.4%	6	15.0%
28 December	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
29 December	1	7.7%	1	2.5%
30 December	3	23.1%	5	12.5%
31 December	3	23.1%	4	10.0%
1 January	1	7.7%	5	12.5%
2 January	0	0.0%	3	7.5%
3 January	0	0.0%	3	7.5%

**Table 3: Fatality contributing factors, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Contributing Factor	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Alcohol/drug related	4	30.8%	19	47.5%
Drink driving	1	7.7%	6	15.0%
Fatigue related	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Speeding	2	15.4%	11	27.5%
Distraction/inattention	3	23.1%	5	12.5%
Disobey road rules	6	46.2%	23	57.5%
All casualties	13	100.0%	40	100.0%

**Table 4: Fatality characteristics, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Age Group	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
16 and under	1	7.7%	5	12.5%
17 to 24	2	15.4%	7	17.5%
25 to 29	0	0.0%	4	10.0%
30 to 39	2	15.4%	7	17.5%
40 to 49	1	7.7%	3	7.5%
50 to 59	1	7.7%	4	10.0%
60 to 74	3	23.1%	6	15.0%
75 and over	3	23.1%	4	10.0%
Gender	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Female	2	15.4%	9	23.1%
Male	11	84.6%	30	76.9%
Road User Type	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Driver	5	38.5%	14	35.0%
Passenger	2	15.4%	10	25.0%
Motorcyclist	2	15.4%	6	15.0%
Bicyclist	1	7.7%	1	2.5%
Pedestrian	3	23.1%	9	22.5%
Restraint Use (Vehicle Occupant)	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Restrained	3	75.0%	16	88.9%
Unrestrained	1	25.0%	2	11.1%
Helmet Use (Motorcyclist)	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Worn	2	100.0%	6	100.0%
Helmet Use (Bicyclist)	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Not worn	1	100.0%	1	100.0%

**Table 5: Fatality environment and location characteristics, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

<b>Crash Nature</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Hit object	6	46.2%	11	27.5%
Angle	1	7.7%	4	10.0%
Rear-end	2	15.4%	3	7.5%
Head-on	1	7.7%	10	25.0%
Sideswipe	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Overtaken	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Fall from vehicle	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Hit pedestrian	3	23.1%	8	20.0%
Hit parked vehicle	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
<b>Police Region</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Brisbane	1	7.7%	6	15.0%
Central	5	38.5%	11	27.5%
Northern	3	23.1%	7	17.5%
South Eastern	0	0.0%	4	10.0%
Southern	4	30.8%	12	30.0%
<b>ABS Remoteness Classification</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Major cities	3	23.1%	13	32.5%
Inner regional	5	38.5%	11	27.5%
Outer regional	5	38.5%	13	32.5%
Remote	0	0.0%	1	2.5%
Very remote	0	0.0%	2	5.0%
<b>Road Authority</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Locally controlled	5	38.5%	19	47.5%
State controlled	8	61.5%	21	52.5%
<b>Speed Zone</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
0 - 40 km/h	1	7.7%	1	2.5%
50 km/h	1	7.7%	5	12.5%
60 km/h	4	30.8%	9	22.5%
70 km/h	0	0.0%	3	7.5%
80-90 km/h	2	15.4%	5	12.5%
100-110 km/h	5	38.5%	17	42.5%

# Queensland hospitalised road casualties

There were 182 Queensland hospitalised road casualties during the 2018-19 Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December 2018 to 3 January 2019) which is eight (4.2%) fewer than 2017-18 and five (3.1%) greater than the previous five-year average.

## 2018-19

Of the 182 Queensland hospitalised casualties during the Christmas/New Year reporting period, 2018-19:

- 28 (15.4%) occurred on 31 December, 25 (13.7%) occurred on 24 December and 21 (11.5%) occurred on 26 December
- 105 (57.7%) were drivers, 36 (19.8%) were passengers, 25 (13.7%) were motorcyclists, nine (4.9%) were bicyclists and seven (3.8%) were pedestrians
- 107 (58.8%) were male and 75 (41.2%) were female
- 35 (19.2%) were aged 17 to 24 years, 32 (17.6%) were aged 30 to 39 years, 31 (17.0%) were aged 40 to 49 years and 25 (13.7%) were aged 25 to 29 years
- six vehicle occupants (5.3%) were unrestrained, where vehicle occupant restraint use was known (n=114)
- one motorcyclist (4.0%) was not wearing a helmet, where helmet use was known (n=25)
- three bicyclists (37.5%) were not wearing a helmet, where helmet use was known (n=8)
- 61 (33.5%) were as a result of hit object type crashes and 55 (30.2%) were as a result of angle type crashes
- 67 (36.8%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones, 44 (24.2%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones and 30 (16.5%) occurred within 50 km/h speed zones
- 92 (51.4%) occurred along locally controlled roads and 87 (48.6%) occurred along state controlled roads
- 49 (26.9%) occurred within the Central Police Region, 44 (24.2%) occurred within the South Eastern Police Region, 36 (19.8%) occurred within the Brisbane Police Region, 30 (16.5%) occurred within the Southern Police Region and 23 (12.6%) occurred within the Northern Police Region
- 95 (52.2%) occurred within major cities, 44 (24.2%) occurred within inner regional areas, 34 (18.7%) occurred within outer regional areas and nine (4.9%) occurred within remote/very remote areas
- 115 (63.2%) were as a result of drivers/riders disobeying road rules, 50 (27.5%) were as a result of distracted/inattentive drivers/riders and 35 (19.2%) were alcohol/drug related.

## 2014-15 to 2018-19

Of the 873 Queensland hospitalised casualties during the Christmas/New Year reporting period, 2014-15 to 2018-19:

- 91 (10.4%) occurred on 24 December, 85 (9.7%) occurred on 25 December and 78 (8.9%) occurred on both 23 December and 1 January
- 469 (53.7%) were drivers, 218 (25.0%) were passengers, 123 (14.1%) were motorcyclists, 35 (4.0%) were pedestrians and 28 (3.2%) were bicyclists
- 512 (58.7%) were male and 360 (41.3%) were female, where gender was known
- 201 (23.1%) were aged 17 to 24 years, 151 (17.3%) were aged 30 to 39 years, 135 (15.5%) were aged 40 to 49 years, where age was known
- 18 vehicle occupants (3.3%) were unrestrained, where vehicle occupant restraint use was known (n=549)
- 11 (9.1%) motorcyclists were not wearing helmets, where helmet use was known (n=121)
- seven (25.9%) bicyclists were not wearing helmets, where helmet use was known (n=27)
- 302 (34.6%) were as a result of hit object type crashes, 221 (25.3%) were as a result of angle type crashes and 94 (10.8%) were as a result of rear-end type crashes



- 331 (37.9%) occurred within 60 km/h speed zones, 216 (24.7%) occurred within 100-110 km/h speed zones, 125 (14.3%) occurred within 50 km/h speed zones and 119 (13.6%) occurred within 80-90 km/h speed zones
- 437 (50.3%) occurred along state controlled roads and 432 (49.7%) occurred along locally controlled roads, where road authority was known
- 224 (25.7%) occurred within the Central Police Region, 196 (22.5%) occurred within the Brisbane Police Region, 173 (19.8%) occurred within the South Eastern Police Region, 156 (17.9%) occurred within the Southern Police Region and 124 (14.2%) occurred within the Northern Police Region
- 451 (51.7%) occurred within major cities, 201 (23.0%) occurred within inner regional areas, 171 (19.6%) occurred within outer regional areas and 50 (5.7%) occurred within remote/very remote areas
- 547 (62.7%) were as a result of drivers/riders disobeying road rules, 223 (25.5%) were alcohol/drug related and 189 (21.6%) were as a result of distracted/inattentive drivers/riders.

**Table 6: Hospitalised casualty dates, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Date	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
23 December	7	3.8%	78	8.9%
24 December	25	13.7%	91	10.4%
25 December	7	3.8%	85	9.7%
26 December	21	11.5%	70	8.0%
27 December	13	7.1%	69	7.9%
28 December	15	8.2%	68	7.8%
29 December	11	6.0%	59	6.8%
30 December	9	4.9%	68	7.8%
31 December	28	15.4%	70	8.0%
1 January	9	4.9%	78	8.9%
2 January	19	10.4%	63	7.2%
3 January	18	9.9%	74	8.5%

**Table 7: Hospitalised casualty contributing factors, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Contributing Factor	2018-19 (n)	2018-19 (%)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)	2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)
Alcohol/drug related	35	19.2%	223	25.5%
Drink driving	20	11.0%	118	13.5%
Fatigue related	27	14.8%	95	10.9%
Speeding	8	4.4%	49	5.6%
Distraction/inattention	50	27.5%	189	21.6%
Disobey road rules	115	63.2%	547	62.7%
All casualties	182	100.0%	873	100.0%

**Table 8: Hospitalised casualty characteristics, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
16 and under	13	7.1%	71	8.2%
17 to 24	35	19.2%	201	23.1%
25 to 29	25	13.7%	99	11.4%
30 to 39	32	17.6%	151	17.3%
40 to 49	31	17.0%	135	15.5%
50 to 59	17	9.3%	96	11.0%
60 to 74	21	11.5%	81	9.3%
75 and over	8	4.4%	37	4.2%
<b>Gender</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Female	75	41.2%	360	41.3%
Male	107	58.8%	512	58.7%
<b>Road User Type</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Driver	105	57.7%	469	53.7%
Passenger	36	19.8%	218	25.0%
Motorcyclist	25	13.7%	123	14.1%
Bicyclist	9	4.9%	28	3.2%
Pedestrian	7	3.8%	35	4.0%
<b>Restraint Use (Vehicle Occupant)</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Restrained	108	94.7%	531	96.7%
Unrestrained	6	5.3%	18	3.3%
<b>Helmet Use (Motorcyclist)</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Worn	24	96.0%	110	90.9%
Not worn	1	4.0%	11	9.1%
<b>Helmet Use (Bicyclist)</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Worn	5	62.5%	20	74.1%
Not worn	3	37.5%	7	25.9%



**Table 9: Hospitalised casualty environment and location characteristics, Christmas/New Year reporting period (23 December to 3 January), 2014-15 to 2018-19**

<b>Crash Nature</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Hit object	61	33.5%	302	34.6%
Angle	55	30.2%	221	25.3%
Rear-end	16	8.8%	94	10.8%
Head-on	12	6.6%	60	6.9%
Sideswipe	4	2.2%	22	2.5%
Overtaken	12	6.6%	65	7.4%
Fall from vehicle	8	4.4%	35	4.0%
Hit pedestrian	8	4.4%	35	4.0%
Hit parked vehicle	4	2.2%	33	3.8%
Hit animal	2	1.1%	6	0.7%
<b>Police Region</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Brisbane	36	19.8%	196	22.5%
Central	49	26.9%	224	25.7%
Northern	23	12.6%	124	14.2%
South Eastern	44	24.2%	173	19.8%
Southern	30	16.5%	156	17.9%
<b>ABS Remoteness Classification</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Major cities	95	52.2%	451	51.7%
Inner regional	44	24.2%	201	23.0%
Outer regional	34	18.7%	171	19.6%
Remote	5	2.7%	27	3.1%
Very remote	4	2.2%	23	2.6%
<b>Road Authority</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
Locally controlled	92	51.4%	432	49.7%
State controlled	87	48.6%	437	50.3%
<b>Speed Zone</b>	<b>2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2018-19 (%)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (n)</b>	<b>2014-15 to 2018-19 (%)</b>
0 - 40 km/h	3	1.6%	24	2.7%
50 km/h	30	16.5%	125	14.3%
60 km/h	67	36.8%	331	37.9%
70 km/h	17	9.3%	58	6.6%
80-90 km/h	21	11.5%	119	13.6%
100-110 km/h	44	24.2%	216	24.7%