

Northern Territory

2019 road injury statistical summary

Overview

- Road fatalities in the Northern Territory are highly variable and unpredictable. Trend data provides a truer representation of road trauma in the Northern Territory than annual comparisons.
- In 2019 there were 35 lives lost. This compares to 50 lives lost in 2018 and the ten year average (2010-2019) of 43 lives.
- Reporting to date indicates that there were 319* people seriously injured on NT roads in 2019. This compares to 489 injuries in 2018 and the ten year average (2010-2019) of 493 injuries.
- Road crash data is extracted from Northern Territory Police crash reports and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' Vehicle Accident Database, and is updated as further information becomes available. Contributing factor and serious injury data for 2019 will increase as more data is compiled.

Statistical data

2019 fatality annual statistics

- Of the 35 lives lost in 2019:
 - 28 (80%) were vehicle occupants (15 drivers, 13 passengers);
 - 4 (11%) were pedestrians;
 - 3 (9%) were motorcyclists.
- Of these:
 - 27 (77%) were male;
 - 10 (29%) were under the age of 25 years;
 - 20 (57%) were Aboriginal;
 - 28 (80%) were NT residents;
 - 4 (11%) were international or interstate visitors;
 - 3 (9%) were from an unknown location;
 - 24 (69%) occurred in rural areas; and
 - 20 (57%) of fatalities occurred in vehicle run off road or overturned crashes.
- Contributing key factors:
 - 7 (20%)* were alcohol related;
 - 14 (40%) were speed related;
 - 6 (21%) of the 28 vehicle occupants were not wearing a seatbelt where one was fitted, and
 - 3 (9%) was known to be fatigue related (*Note: This is difficult to determine*).

* Note: These figures may increase as more data is compiled.

10 year road injury trend data summary (2010-2019)

- Over the last 10 years (2010-2019) 430 people lost their lives on NT roads. This is four more than the previous 10 years (2009-18) total.
- Over the 10 years (2010-2019) 4930* people were seriously injured on NT roads. This is fewer than the previous 10 years (2009-18) total of 5013 people.
- The 10 year average number of people dying on our roads has remained the same as the previous 10 year period. On average each year:
 - 43 lives were lost, and
 - 493* people were seriously injured or required hospitalisation.
- Of the 430 lives lost on NT roads:
 - 153 (36%) were drivers;
 - 143 (33%) were passengers;
 - 83 (19%) were pedestrians;
 - 47 (11%) were motorcyclists;
 - 4 (1%) were cyclists;
 - 304 (71%) were male;
 - 216 (49%) were Aboriginal;
 - 360 (80%) were NT residents;
 - 64 (15%) were from interstate or overseas;
 - 6 (1%) were from an unknown location;
 - 106 (25%) under the age of 25 years;
 - 310 (72%) occurred in rural areas, and
 - 216 (50%) occurred in vehicle run off road or overturned crashes.
- Contributing key factors for these fatalities (*Note: Each fatality could have more than one factor*):
 - 183 (42%)* were alcohol related;
 - 99 (33%) of the 296 drivers and passengers who died, were not wearing a seatbelt where one was fitted;
 - 119 (28%) were known to be speed related, (*Note: Vehicle speed influences all crashes*);
 - 29 (7%) were known to be fatigue related, (*Note: This factor is difficult to conclude.*)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Fatalities	50	45	49	37	39	49	45	31	50	35	430
Fatal crashes	46	38	40	33	34	42	40	27	42	28	370
Serious injuries	512	500	535	545	502	506	524	498	489	319*	4930
Serious injury crashes	390	399	424	405	398	401	397	407	364	252*	3837

* Note: These figures may increase as more data is compiled.