

Keeping Country Kids Safe statistics

All the tables below relate to the 253 children whose deaths occurred in a rural area of Queensland between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2008.

Table A: Child deaths by gender and age category

Age category	Female <i>n</i>	Male <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>	Yearly average rate per 100,000
Under 1 year	8	12	20	16.9
1–4 years	36	49	85	18.1
5–9 years	12	18	30	4.7
10–14 years	11	15	26	3.9
15–17 years	21	71	92	24.2
Total	88	165	253	11.1
Yearly average rate per 100,000	8.0	14.1	11.1	

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

Notes :

- Rates are calculated per 100,000 children and young people in each age and gender group in rural Queensland.
- Total rates are calculated per 100,000 children and young people aged 0–17 years in rural Queensland.

Table B: Type of incident by age category

Type of incident	Under 1 year <i>n</i>	1–4 years <i>n</i>	5–9 years <i>n</i>	10–14 years <i>n</i>	15–17 years <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>
Transport	6	34	19	24	82	165
Motor Vehicle	5	14	10	12	61	102
Pedestrian	1	13	3	4	5	26
Motorcycle/ATV	0	2	3	6	10	21
Other	0	4	0	1	2	7
Bicycle	0	0	0	1	4	5
Watercraft	0	1	3	0	0	4
Drowning	2	29	7	1	4	43
Swimming pool	0	13	1	0	0	14
Rural water hazard (dam/trough)	0	8	4	0	1	13
Static inland waterway (dam/lake/pond)	0	4	0	0	1	5

Dynamic inland waterway (river/creek)	0	1	1	1	2	5
Bath	2	1	1	0	0	4
Other objects containing water (bucket/tank)	0	2	0	0	0	2
Other non-intentional injury	12	12	1	1	6	32
Non-intentional suffocation, strangulation or choking	10	4	0	0	1	15
Struck by falling object	1	4	0	0	0	5
Animal related	0	1	1	0	1	3
Drug and volatile substance misuse	0	0	0	0	2	2
Explosion	0	0	0	0	2	2
Exposure to heat	1	1	0	0	0	2
Fall from structure	0	1	0	0	0	1
Accidental firearm discharge	0	0	0	1	0	1
Struck by person	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fire	0	10	3	0	0	13
Total	20	85	30	26	92	253

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

Table C: Geographical distribution of child deaths by type of incident

Type of incident	Inner Regional <i>n</i>	Outer Regional <i>n</i>	Remote <i>n</i>	Very Remote <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>	Yearly average rate per 100,000
Transport	77	55	21	12	165	7.3
Drowning	20	13	5	5	43	1.9
Other non-intentional injury	8	16	4	4	32	1.4
Fire	7	4	1	1	13	*
Total	112	88	31	22	253	11.1
Yearly average rate per 100,000	10.2	10.1	20.0	15.6	11.1	

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

*Rates have not been calculated where the average number of death over the 5 year study period was less than 4.

Notes :

- a. Rates are calculated per 100,000 children and young people aged 0–17 years in inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote areas of Queensland.
- b. Total rates are calculated per 100,000 children and young people aged 0–17 years in rural Queensland.

Table D: Child deaths by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status and type of incident

Type of incident	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander <i>n</i>	Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>	Yearly average rate per 100,000
Transport	21	144	165	7.3
Drowning	4	39	43	1.9
Other non-intentional injury	8	24	32	1.4
Fire	5	8	13	*
Total	38	215	253	11.1
Yearly average rate per 100,000	15.6	10.6	11.1	

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

*Rates have not been calculated where the average number of death over the 5 year study period was less than 4.

Notes :

- a. Rates are calculated per 100,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people aged 0–17 years in rural Queensland.
- b. Total rates are calculated per 100,000 children and young people aged 0–17 years in rural Queensland.

Table E: Number of children known to the child protection system by type of incident

Type of incident	Children known to the child protection system <i>n</i>
Transport	20
Drowning	5
Other non-intentional injury	4
Fire	4
Total	33

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

Tables F and G below relates to the 44 deaths which occurred on farms, or in connection to farm work.

Table F: Farm deaths by age category and gender

Age category	Female <i>n</i>	Male <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>	Percentage
Under 1 year	0	1	1	2.3
1–4 years	8	12	20	45.5
5–9 years	5	4	9	20.5
10–14 years	3	5	8	18.2
15–17 years	1	5	6	13.6
Total	17	27	44	100.0
Percentage	38.6	61.4	100.0	

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

Table G: Other non-intentional injury by type of incident and age category

Type of incident	Under 1 year <i>n</i>	1–4 years <i>n</i>	5–9 years <i>n</i>	10–14 years <i>n</i>	15–17 years <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>	Percentage
Transport	0	8	3	7	5	23	52.3
Drowning	0	10	4	0	1	15	34.1
Other non- intentional injury	1	2	0	1	0	4	9.1
Fire	0	0	2	0	0	2	4.5
Total	1	20	9	8	6	44	100.0
Percentage	2.3	45.5	20.5	18.2	13.6	100.0	

Data source : Queensland Child Death Register (2004–2008)

Population estimates used in the calculation of all rates are listed in Tables H-J below. As rates are calculated using the average yearly number of deaths, all population estimates are as 30 June 2006, the mid-point of the 5 year study period.

Table H: Geographical distribution of population

Area	Population estimate <i>n</i>
Major cities	552,391
Inner regional	220,645
Outer regional	174,436
Remote	31,025
Very remote	28,253
All Queensland	1,006,750
Rural Queensland	454,359

Data source :

- Queensland Treasury, *Experimental Indigenous Estimated Resident Population, Queensland Statistical Local Areas, 30 June 2006*.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia - Data only , 2006, Cat no. 2033.0.55.001*.
- GISCA, University of Adelaide, ARIA+ (*Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia*), unpublished data.

Table I: Rural Queensland population by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

	Population estimate <i>n</i>
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	48,792
Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	405,567

Data source :

- Queensland Treasury, *Experimental Indigenous Estimated Resident Population, Queensland Statistical Local Areas, 30 June 2006*.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia - Data only , 2006, Cat no. 2033.0.55.001*.
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Table J: Rural Queensland population by gender and age category

Age category	Female <i>n</i>	Male <i>n</i>	Total <i>n</i>
Under 1 year	11,471	12,193	23,664
1–4 years	45,773	48,313	94,086
5–9 years	61,462	64,933	126,395
10–4 years	65,058	69,203	134,261
15–17 years	36,794	39,159	75,953
Total	220,558	233,801	454,359

Data source :

- a. Queensland Treasury, *Experimental Indigenous Estimated Resident Population, Queensland Statistical Local Areas, 30 June 2006*.
- b. Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia - Data only , 2006, Cat no. 2033.0.55.001*.
- c. GISCA, University of Adelaide, ARIA+ (*Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia*), unpublished data.