



# Injury among young Australians

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Injury has a major, but largely preventable, impact on the health of young Australians. It is the leading cause of death among young people aged 12–24 years—accounting for more deaths than all other causes of death combined—and can leave many with serious disability or long-term conditions.

1. What was the most common cause of injury for young Australians? (pages 5–9)
  - a. Sporting accidents
  - b. Transport accidents
  - c. Suicide
  - d. Accidental poisoning
2. What percentage of 18–24 year olds are injured on average per month while under the influence of alcohol or other substances? (p. 3–4)
  - a. 2%
  - b. 6%
  - c. 15%
  - d. 21%
3. What is the leading cause of injury for both males and females? (p. 3)
  - a. Some form of flesh wound/cut
  - b. Hitting or being hit by something
  - c. A fall (one metre or less)
  - d. Brain damage
4. What was the most common injury sustained? (p. 3)
  - a. Muscle sprain
  - b. Torn tendons/ligaments
  - c. Bruising
  - d. Open wounds
5. What age group is the most injured at school? (p. 10–11)
  - a. 6–8 years
  - b. 9–11 years
  - c. 12–14 years
  - d. 15–17 years
6. In 2005, how many young people (12–24 years) in Australia died? (p. 13–17)
  - a. 1,401
  - b. 950
  - c. 2,500
  - d. 1,750
7. What female age group had the highest rate for inflicting self-harm? (p. 27–29)
  - a. 12–14 years
  - b. 15–17 years
  - c. 18–20 years
  - d. 21–24 years
8. Of the 954 injury-related deaths of young people in 2005, what percentage of deaths and hospitalisations do young males account for? (p. 13–14)
  - a. 25%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 60%
  - d. 75%
9. What was the most common causes of injury death among young Indigenous people in 2003–2005? (p. 13–17)
  - a. Sporting accidents
  - b. Transport accidents
  - c. Suicide
  - d. Accidental poisoning
10. What % of total injury deaths among young people was suicide? (p. 13–17)
  - a. 25%
  - b. 50%
  - c. One third
  - d. 75%