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## Appendix A

# Summary tables on child deaths in Queensland

## All child deaths

**Table A.1:** Summary of deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All deaths</b>						
Deaths of children 0–17 years	398	410	447	422	427	35.1
<b>Cause of death</b>						
<b>Natural causes</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>External causes</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Transport	31	33	28	20	23	2.3
Drowning	10	10	10	10	10	0.8
Other non-intentional injury-related death	14	20	7	21	7	1.2
Suicide	30	22	20	19	24	1.9
Fatal assault and neglect	3	10	8	3	4	0.5
<b>Unexplained causes</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Cause of death pending</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI)</b>						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	34	44	40	27	29	0.6
<b>Sex<sup>a</sup></b>						
Female	185	175	193	173	171	30.8
Male	213	233	253	241	254	38.7
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	239	250	280	280	278	4.4
1–4 years	41	44	52	43	37	17.6
5–9 years	19	24	37	18	29	7.6
10–14 years	31	43	37	34	32	10.0
15–17 years	68	49	41	47	51	25.1
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	73	71	94	91	88	74.5
Non-Indigenous	325	339	353	331	339	31.0
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	53	69	72	53	57	59.1

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2025)

■ Rate per 1,000 live births.

<sup>a</sup> Excludes deaths of children whose sex was indeterminate.

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2. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland, excepting SUDI and age under 1 year which are per 1,000 births.
3. SUDI is a research category applying to infants only, where the death was sudden with no immediately obvious cause. The category is not a cause of death, which will be counted within the relevant cause, and will not add to the total.
4. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

**Table A.2:** Summary of deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths</b>						
Total	73	71	94	91	88	74.5
<b>Cause of death</b>						
Natural causes	48	33	63	72	66	50.3
External causes	17	23	20	12	12	15.0
Transport	3	4	7	4	3	3.7
Drowning	4	2	2	1	2	2.0
Other non-intentional injury-related death	5	6	3	5	1	3.6
Suicide	4	8	4	2	6	4.3
Fatal assault and neglect	1	3	4	0	0	1.4
Unexplained causes	8	13	11	7	5	7.9
Cause of death pending	0	2	0	0	5	1.2
<b>Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)</b>						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	12	15	14	9	12	1.7
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	50	36	59	67	57	7.5
1–4 years	8	12	11	12	8	41.2
5–9 years	1	4	9	1	8	15.0
10–14 years	4	7	4	7	5	16.9
15–17 years	10	12	11	4	10	52.6
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	27	31	27	22	22	90.9

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2025)

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2. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland, excepting SUDI and age under 1 year which are per 1,000 births.
3. SUDI is a research category applying to infants only, where the death was sudden with no immediately obvious cause. The category is not a cause of death, which will be counted within the relevant cause, and will not add to the total.

## Children known to child protection

**Table A.3:** Summary of deaths of children and young people known to child protection in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>Deaths of children known to child protection</b>						
Total	53	69	72	53	57	59.1
<b>Cause of death</b>						
Natural causes	21	25	32	27	21	24.5
External causes	23	33	30	19	16	23.5
Transport	5	7	10	0	3	4.9
Drowning	5	5	4	3	1	3.5
Other non-intentional injury-related death	7	6	5	11	2	6.0
Suicide	4	8	6	4	7	5.6
Fatal assault and neglect	2	7	5	1	3	3.5
Unexplained causes	9	11	10	7	10	9.1
Cause of death pending	0	0	0	0	10	1.9
<b>Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)</b>						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	13	11	13	8	14	2.5
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	24	22	27	21	28	5.1
1–4 years	9	19	15	14	5	63.9
5–9 years	5	4	11	3	5	19.0
10–14 years	8	11	9	7	6	25.6
15–17 years	7	13	10	8	13	59.2
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	27	31	27	22	22	90.9
Non-Indigenous	26	38	45	31	35	47.0
<b>Child protection status</b>						
No involvement or ongoing intervention	32	26	35	22	20	..
Open intake event	2	1	5	2	5	..
Investigation and assessment (IA)	8	25	16	22	20	..
Child protection order (CPO)	4	12	9	4	10	..
Open intervention with parental agreement (IPA)	5	4	5	2	1	..
Support service case	2	1	1	1	1	..
Other child protection status	0	0	1	0	0	..

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2025)

■ Rate per 1,000 aged under 1 year.

.. Not calculated.

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2. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children, whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death.
3. Five-year average rates of death for children known to child protection use as a denominator the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 years who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake enquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.
4. SUDI is a research category applying to infants only, where the death was sudden with no immediately obvious cause. The category is not a cause of death, which will be counted within the relevant cause, and will not add to the total.

## Natural causes

**Table A.4:** Summary of deaths from natural causes of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All natural cause deaths</b>						
Disease and morbid condition	280	272	337	324	321	25.6
<b>Category</b>						
Perinatal conditions	129	121	162	188	169	12.8
Congenital anomalies	74	80	69	65	64	5.9
Neoplasms	24	27	37	27	31	2.4
Infections <sup>a</sup>	8	14	18	15	20	1.3
Other disease or morbid conditions NEC	45	30	51	29	37	3.2
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	131	131	156	145	126	23.7
Male	149	139	180	171	193	27.0
Indeterminate	0	2	1	8	2	..
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	204	209	240	250	246	3.8
1–4 years	24	18	34	25	22	10.0
5–9 years	13	13	30	13	21	5.4
10–14 years	16	19	17	16	18	4.9
15–17 years	23	13	16	20	14	8.4
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	48	33	63	72	66	50.3
Non-Indigenous	232	239	274	252	255	23.0
<b>Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	4	7	14	6	14	28.8
Outer regional	58	42	49	51	40	29.9
Inner regional	46	56	84	54	69	27.0
Major cities	172	163	187	210	193	23.8
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	71	65	100	105	101	36.8
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	45	27	29	20	22	12.1
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	21	25	32	27	21	24.5

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2025)

■ Rate per 1,000 live births.

.. Not calculated.

<sup>a</sup> 'Infections' is a hybrid category composed of ICD-10 Chapter I, Certain infectious and parasitic diseases; ICD-10 Chapter VI, Diseases of the nervous system, codes G00–G09 only; ICD-10 Chapter X, Diseases of the respiratory system, codes J00–J22 only; Chapter XXII, Codes for special purposes, codes U07.1–U07.2 only.

NEC Not elsewhere classified.

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3. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.
4. The number of children known to the child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

## Transport

**Table A.5:** Summary of transport-related deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All transport deaths</b>						
Transport	31	33	28	20	23	2.3
<b>Incident type</b>						
Motor vehicle	19	19	13	6	16	1.2
Pedestrian	4	5	10	6	4	0.5
<i>Low-speed vehicle run-over</i>	3	4	8	3	1	0.3
Motorcycle	5	5	4	5	0	0.3
Quad bike	2	2	0	2	1	0.1
Bicycle	1	0	1	0	2	0.1
Other	0	2	0	1	0	*
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	14	9	6	3	9	1.4
Male	17	24	22	17	14	3.0
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	1	0	0	1	1	*
1–4 years	5	7	7	3	3	2.0
5–9 years	4	5	2	1	5	1.0
10–14 years	5	9	6	6	3	1.6
15–17 years	16	12	13	9	11	6.0
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3	4	7	4	3	3.7
Non-Indigenous	28	29	21	16	20	2.1
<b>Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	4	1	3	2	0	6.4
Outer regional	8	10	6	3	4	3.9
Inner regional	9	10	8	7	8	3.7
Major cities	9	10	10	6	10	1.2
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	13	5	7	7	5	3.1
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	0	0	0	1	1	*
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	5	7	10	0	3	4.9

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2. Low-speed vehicle run-over is a subset of the 'pedestrian' category; hence, summing categories will exceed the total.

3. Quad bike includes side-by-side vehicles.

4. The 'other' incident type category can include deaths involving aircraft, horse riding and specialised industrial vehicles.

5. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland.

6. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.

7. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

## Drowning

**Table A.6:** Summary of drowning deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All drowning deaths</b>						
Drowning	10	10	10	10	10	0.8
<b>Incident type</b>						
Pool	2	3	4	3	6	0.3
<i>Private pool</i>	2	3	4	3	6	0.3
Non-pool	8	7	6	7	4	0.5
<i>Bath</i>	3	2	4	3	1	0.2
<i>Beach or ocean</i>	0	1	0	0	1	*
<i>Dynamic waterway</i>	1	0	0	3	2	0.1
<i>Object containing water</i>	0	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Rural water hazard</i>	3	2	1	0	0	0.1
<i>Static inland waterway</i>	1	1	1	0	0	*
<i>Other non-pool water hazard NEC</i>	0	1	0	1	0	*
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	6	3	7	4	4	0.8
Male	4	7	3	6	6	0.8
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	2	1	2	3	0	2.6
1–4 years	5	6	5	3	5	1.9
5–9 years	1	1	2	3	1	0.5
10–14 years	1	1	0	1	1	0.2
15–17 years	1	1	1	0	3	0.6
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4	2	2	1	2	2.0
Non-Indigenous	6	8	8	9	8	0.7
<b>Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	0	0	0	1	0	*
Outer regional	3	3	1	2	2	1.4
Inner regional	5	4	5	0	3	1.5
Major cities	2	3	4	7	4	0.5
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	4	5	4	5	2	1.7
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	1	0	1	0	0	*
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	5	5	4	3	1	3.5

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2. 'Other' non-pool water hazards include septic tank and flood-related incidents.

3. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland, excepting rates for age under 1 year which are per 100,000 births.

4. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.

5. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.



## Other non-intentional injury

**Table A.7:** Summary of other non-intentional injury-related deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All other non-intentional injury deaths</b>						
Other non-intentional injury	14	20	7	21	7	1.2
<b>Incident type</b>						
Threats to breathing	9	5	6	3	2	0.4
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	1	3	0	0	0	0.1
Accidental poisoning	1	3	0	2	1	0.1
Deaths from fire	0	2	0	7	1	0.2
Falls	0	3	0	4	0	0.1
Contact with venomous animals and plants	1	2	0	0	1	0.1
Other incidents	2	2	1	5	2	0.2
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	7	3	1	4	4	0.7
Male	7	17	6	17	3	1.6
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	5	4	4	2	0	5.0
1–4 years	4	3	2	9	4	1.8
5–9 years	1	3	0	1	1	0.4
10–14 years	1	5	0	5	0	0.6
15–17 years	3	5	1	4	2	1.5
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5	6	3	5	1	3.6
Non-Indigenous	9	14	4	16	6	0.9
<b>Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	2	0	1	1	0	2.6
Outer regional	2	7	4	9	2	3.0
Inner regional	0	1	2	5	3	1.0
Major cities	10	12	0	6	2	0.8
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	5	7	3	9	2	2.2
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	2	4	0	0	0	0.5
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	7	6	5	11	2	6.0

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2. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland, excepting rates for age under 1 year which are per 100,000 births.

3. Other incidents includes exposure to animate mechanical forces; exposure to electrical current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature/pressure; and exposure to forces of nature.

4. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.

5. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.



## Suicide

**Table A.8:** Summary of suicide deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All suicide deaths</b>						
Suicide	30	22	20	19	24	1.9 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	12	8	9	8	12	3.6
Male	18	14	11	11	12	4.6
<b>Age category</b>						
10–17 years <sup>b</sup>	30	21	20	19	24	4.1
5–9 years	0	1	0	0	0	*
10–14 years	6	6	11	6	8	2.1
15–17 years	24	15	9	13	16	7.6
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4	8	4	2	6	9.6
Non-Indigenous	26	14	16	17	18	3.6
<b>Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	1	1	1	1	1	7.7
Outer regional	6	3	2	4	4	5.0
Inner regional	7	11	4	3	6	5.6
Major cities	16	7	12	10	13	3.3
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	10	5	8	5	11	7.1
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	4	0	3	3	1	1.9
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	4	8	6	4	7	12.4

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2025)

\* Rates have not been calculated for numbers less than 4.

a Overall suicide rates are calculated per 100,000 children aged 0–17 years in Queensland. All other rates are calculated per 100,000 children aged 10–17 years in Queensland.

b Includes deaths of children aged under 10 years.

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2. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland.

3. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.

4. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

5. Data relating to method of death are available to genuine researchers by request.

## Fatal assault and neglect

**Table A.9:** Summary of deaths from assault and neglect of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All fatal assault and neglect deaths</b>						
Fatal assault and neglect	3	10	8	3	4	0.5
<b>Category of fatal assault and neglect</b>						
Intra-familial	2	8	6	3	4	0.4
<i>Domestic homicide</i>	0	1	1	1	2	0.1
<i>Fatal child abuse</i>	1	5	2	1	2	0.2
<i>Fatal neglect</i>	0	2	3	1	0	0.1
<i>Neonaticide</i>	0	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Other intra-familial assault NEC</i>	1	0	0	0	0	*
Extra-familial	1	2	2	0	0	0.1
<i>Intimate partner homicide</i>	0	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Peer homicide</i>	1	2	0	0	0	*
<i>Acquaintance homicide</i>	0	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Stranger homicide</i>	0	0	2	0	0	*
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	2	2	3	1	4	0.4
Male	1	8	5	2	0	0.5
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	0	2	1	2	2	2.3
1–4 years	2	4	2	1	1	0.8
5–9 years	0	1	3	0	0	0.2
10–14 years	0	1	1	0	1	*
15–17 years	1	2	1	0	0	0.4
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1	3	4	0	0	1.4
Non-Indigenous	2	7	4	3	4	0.4
<b>Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	0	0	0	0	0	*
Outer regional	1	4	3	0	0	1.0
Inner regional	0	2	2	2	2	0.7
Major cities	2	4	3	1	2	0.3
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	1	4	6	2	1	1.2
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	0	0	1	0	0	*
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	2	7	5	1	3	3.5

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3. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.
4. The number of children known to child protection represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to child protection services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to child protection services, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

## Unexplained causes

**Table A.10:** Summary of deaths from unexplained causes of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
<b>All deaths from unexplained causes</b>						
Unexplained causes	30	41	37	23	13	2.4
<b>Cause of death</b>						
Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)	17	21	20	13	2	24.1
Undetermined cause (infants)	10	11	13	8	7	16.2
Undetermined cause (1–17 years)	3	9	4	2	4	0.4
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	13	19	11	7	3	1.8
Male	17	22	26	16	10	3.0
<b>Age category</b>						
Under 1 year	27	32	33	21	9	40.3
1–4 years	1	6	2	1	1	0.9
5–17 years	2	3	2	1	3	0.2
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	8	13	11	7	5	7.9
Non-Indigenous	22	28	26	16	8	1.8
<b>Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	0	1	1	1	1	2.6
Outer regional	8	6	4	1	0	2.4
Inner regional	6	8	11	3	4	2.8
Major cities	16	25	21	18	8	2.3
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	11	19	16	8	4	4.8
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	2	1	4	2	2	0.9
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	9	11	10	7	10	9.1

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3. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.
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## Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)

Table A.11: Summary of SUDI in Queensland 2020–25

	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 1,000
<b>All sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)</b>						
SUDI (infants)	34	44	40	27	29	0.6
<b>Cause of death</b>						
<b>Explained causes</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Unrecognised infant illness	2	6	3	3	6	0.1
Sleep accident	5	3	4	2	0	0.0
Fatal assault	0	1	0	0	0	*
<b>Unexplained causes</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)	17	21	20	13	2	0.2
Undetermined	10	11	13	8	6	0.2
<b>Cause of death pending</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	17	21	11	9	11	0.5
Male	17	23	29	18	18	0.7
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12	15	14	9	12	1.7
Non-Indigenous	22	29	26	18	17	0.4
<b>Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)</b>						
Remote and very remote	1	2	1	2	2	0.9
Outer regional	8	9	9	2	3	0.8
Inner regional	7	9	13	5	9	0.8
Major cities	18	23	17	18	15	0.5
<b>Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)</b>						
Q1 (most disadvantaged)	12	24	19	12	14	1.3
Q5 (least disadvantaged)	3	1	2	2	2	0.2
<b>Known to the child protection system</b>						
Known to child protection	13	11	13	8	14	2.5

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