

Thoroughbred and Standardbred Race Related Injuries

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1. Background

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) publishes quarterly reports of injuries, retirement, death and euthanasia figures of thoroughbred and standardbred horses in Queensland's racing industry. The Commission's Animal Welfare and Veterinary Services Unit prepare these reports from SNS or Harvey data, on-track race day veterinarians' reports and race day Stewards' reports.

The table below provides an overview of the Commission's current oversight of racing and retired Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses, and the data available for inclusion in this report.

This report is for the period July 2021 to September 2021. The data are derived from the Single National System (SNS) for Thoroughbreds and HARVEY for Standardbreds.

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2. Definitions

Injury

Horses that are injured or involved in an incident at a Queensland race meeting are examined by the race day veterinarian. The race day veterinarian reports all exam findings, including non-findings, to the meeting's Chairman of Stewards for inclusion in the stewards' report.

For this report 'injury' refers to any injury to any horse that is present at a racetrack for the purpose of racing. This includes injuries that have occurred in transport to the racetrack and/or at the racetrack outside of racing. Injuries will range from those that are very minor in nature, not requiring further veterinary treatment or clearance, to severe injuries, euthanasia, and death.

Injuries are standardised as a ratio to the number of horses present at a racetrack for the purposes of racing. This measure is derived from the number of horses that started plus the number of horses that arrived at a racetrack but did not start, identified as late scratchings.

Death

For the purposes of this report death refers to a Thoroughbred or Standardbred that has been reported in SNS or Harvey as deceased by any means other than euthanasia or slaughter. This includes both deaths at race meetings and deaths that occurred outside of the race day environment.

Euthanasia

Euthanasia, for the purposes of this report, means a Thoroughbred or Standardbred that has been reported in SNS or Harvey as having been euthanised. This includes both euthanasia at race meetings and euthanasia that occurred outside of the race day environment.

Retired

Retired, for the purposes of this report, refers to the status given to a registered Thoroughbred or Standardbred that is no longer being trained or raced as self-reported to the ARR and AHRR. In this report 'retired' does not include the death, slaughter, or euthanasia of a horse.

3. Results

3.1. Injuries

Table 1. Registered Thoroughbred horses injured at race meetings from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

	Number of horses at race meetings	Number of non-fatal injuries	Rate of non-fatal and fatal injuries per 1,000 horses at race meetings	Number of fatal injuries	Rate of fatal injuries per 1,000 horses at race meetings	Total number of injuries (non-fatal and fatal)	Total Rate of injuries (non-fatal and fatal) per 1,000 horses at race meetings
Thoroughbreds Registered for	11,215	314	28.00	8	0.71	322	28.71

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Table 2. Registered Standardbred horses injured at race meetings from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

	Number of horses at race meetings	Number of non-fatal injuries	Rate of non-fatal and fatal injuries per 1,000 horses at race meetings	Number of fatal injuries	Rate of fatal injuries per 1,000 horses at race meetings	Total number of injuries (non-fatal and fatal)	Total Rate of injuries (non-fatal and fatal) per 1,000 horses at race meetings
Standardbreds Registered for Racing	6,660	56	8.41	1	0.15	57	8.56

3.2. Death, Euthanasia and Retired

Table 3. Thoroughbred horses deregistered from racing, through death, euthanasia or retired from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

	Number of Thoroughbreds Deregistered from Racing
Death	18
Euthanased	20
Retired	450

Table 4. Standardbred horses deregistered from racing, through death, euthanasia or retired from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021

	Number of Standardbreds Deregistered from Racing
Death	6
Euthanased	12
Retired	129

Data caveats:

- Please note that the data sourced is accurate as at 5 November 2021.
- Reports of injuries are limited to injuries that are reported in Stewards' race day reports, including supplementary reports. Stewards' reports may be amended at any time by the Stewards at their discretion as races are reviewed.
- The injury rate per 1,000 horses at racetracks is included to standardise data relative to the proportion of horses that are present at racetracks for the purposes of racing. These include horses that have started plus horses that are at the racetrack for the purposes of racing and do not start i.e., injury rate per 1,000 horses at racetracks = (number of injuries / (total number of horses started + late scratchings)) x 1000.
- Outside of race day, death and euthanasia figures are dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and self-reporting by industry participants.
- Retirement data is dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and self-reporting by industry participants. Reported retirements may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications.

