



# QRIC Equine Lifecycle and On-track Injury Report 2021 - 2022

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## 1. Background

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) publishes reports of foaling, naming, on-track fatalities, 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 Single National System (SNS) or Harvey data, on-track race day veterinarians' reports and race day Stewards' reports.

Data is standardised as per 1,000 starters and includes every horse that has started in a race that is deceased or was euthanised because of a racing incident.

This report is for the financial year July 2021 to June 2022.

## 2. Definitions

### Foaled

Horses born in Queensland.

### Named

Horses in Queensland registered with a racing name by Racing Australia (Thoroughbreds) or Harness Racing Australia (Standardbreds). Naming usually occurs when a horse is between 12–18 months old.

### Injured

For the purposes of this report injured refers to a thoroughbred or standardbred that has been reported in SNS or Harvey or a Stewards report as having been injured in racing.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Reports

### 3.1. Foaling

**Table 1.** Thoroughbred horses foaled between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<b>Number of Thoroughbreds Foaled</b>	1835
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**Table 2.** Standardbred horses foaled between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<b>Number of Standardbreds Foaled</b>	319
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### 3.2. Naming

**Table 3.** Thoroughbred horses named between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<b>Number of Thoroughbreds Named</b>	1909
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**Table 4.** Standardbred horses named between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<b>Number of Standardbreds Named</b>	219
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## 3.3. Injuries and fatalities in racing

**Table 5.** Thoroughbred racing injuries recorded at race meetings from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

Month	Number of injuries recorded	Horses euthanised	Horses deceased
July 21	95	1	0
August 21	81	2	1
September 21	79	3	1
October 21	106	0	0
November 21	51	0	0
December 21	84	1	2
January 22	66	1	1
February 22	45	0	0
March 22	73	0	0
April 22	74	3	0
May 22	49	3	0
June 22	66	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>
Number of starters	40,983		
<b>Injuries per 1,000 starters</b>	<b>21.20</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.12</b>

**Table 6.** Standardbred racing injuries recorded at race meetings from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

Month	Number of injuries recorded	Horses euthanised	Horses deceased
July 21	18	1	0
August 21	21	0	0
September 21	47	0	0
October 21	37	0	0
November 21	7	0	0
December 21	7	0	0
January 22	14	0	0
February 22	10	0	0
March 22	5	0	0
April 22	7	0	1
May 22	10	1	0
June 22	15	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Number of starters	23,928		
<b>Incidents per 1,000 starters</b>	<b>8.27</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.04</b>

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### 3.4. Deregistration

**Table 7.** Thoroughbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

	<b>Number of Thoroughbreds Deregistered from Racing</b>
<b>Died</b>	83
<b>Euthanised</b>	107
<b>Retired</b>	1544

**Table 8.** Standardbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

	<b>Number of Standardbreds Deregistered from Racing</b>
<b>Died</b>	4
<b>Euthanised</b>	5
<b>Retired</b>	95

**Important information to be read in conjunction with these figures:**

- Injuries at race meetings are reported in Stewards' race day reports. Stewards' reports may be amended at any time by the Stewards at their discretion as races are reviewed.
  - Injuries at race meetings do not include horses that were injured in trials.
  - The injury rate per 1,000 starters at race meetings is included to standardise these data relative to the proportion of horses that raced in during that period.
  - Outside of race day records, the accuracy of death and euthanasia figures is dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and accurate self-reporting by industry participants. The Commission, however, enforces these obligations in accordance with Martin Inquiry Recommendations 2.3.2 and 3.3.
  - The accuracy of foaling, naming and deregistration data is dependent on compliance with the rules of racing and accurate self-reporting by industry participants. The Commission, however, enforces these obligations in accordance with Martin Inquiry Recommendations 2.3.2 and 3.3. Reported retirements may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications.
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