



QRIC Equine lifecycle
and on-track injury
report
2022-23

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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 Care and Advocacy team 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 euthanased because of a racing incident.

This report is for Queensland, for the financial year July 2022 to June 2023.

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, or a Stewards' report 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, or a Stewards' report 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 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Number of Thoroughbreds Foaled	1882
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Table 2. Standardbred horses foaled between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Number of Standardbreds Foaled	366
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3.2. Naming

Table 3. Thoroughbred horses named between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Number of Thoroughbreds Named	973
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Table 4. Standardbred horses named between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Number of Standardbreds Named	231
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3.3. Injuries and fatalities in racing

Table 5. Thoroughbred racing injuries recorded at race meetings from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Month	Number of injuries recorded	Horses euthanased or deceased
July 22	86	1
August 22	70	0
September 22	54	4
October 22	90	5
November 22	22	1
December 22	85	3
January 23	73	4
February 23	71	2
March 23	93	1
April 23	123	1
May 23	115	1
June 23	131	7
Total	1013	30
Number of starters	43208	
Injuries per 1,000 starters	23.44	0.69

Table 6. Standardbred racing injuries recorded at race meetings from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Month	Number of injuries recorded	Horses euthanased or deceased
July 22	16	0
August 22	15	0
September 22	14	0
October 22	7	0
November 22	23	0
December 22	15	0
January 23	15	0
February 23	8	0
March 23	13	1
April 23	13	0
May 23	14	0
June 23	16	0
Total	169	1
Number of starters	24654	
Injuries per 1,000 starters	6.85	0.04

3.4. Deregistration

Table 7. Thoroughbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

	Number of Thoroughbreds Deregistered from Racing
Died	79
Euthanased	146
Retired	2066

Table 8. Standardbred horses deregistered from racing through death, euthanasia, or retirement from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

	Number of Standardbreds Deregistered from Racing
Died	26
Euthanased	53
Retired	445

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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