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## **Executive summary**

In 2020-21, there were more than 30,050 admissions for traumatic injuries in NSW, of which more than 3,900 were considered major trauma and admitted to a trauma service. How the NSW trauma system responds to these patients is critical for their long-term outcome and quality of life and for reducing the overall financial and social cost of trauma to individuals and the community.

A key priority for the NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management (ITIM), within the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI), is to monitor the effectiveness of the NSW trauma system response to severely injured patients. This group of patients places the greatest demand on the health system, not simply for healthcare, but for a wide range of needs.

This report describes how the NSW trauma system responded to major trauma patients, from the time of injury and provision of pre-hospital services, through to in-hospital services provided at designated trauma hospitals. Findings from the report assist NSW Health in determining whether the NSW trauma system is functioning effectively, to ensure that severely injured patients receive specialist trauma care in a timely matter.

Furthermore, the data presented here help us understand the epidemiology of severe injuries, provide advice and feedback to clinicians and other stakeholders and facilitate health services research and quality improvement.<sup>1</sup> It is important to note that this report does not represent all injuries in NSW, nor does it represent the full work or caseload of trauma services in hospitals or the full set of data recorded in hospital trauma registries.

#### 2020-21 report highlights for major trauma in NSW

- 3,921 major trauma patients resulted in 4,034 major trauma admissions.
- On average, major trauma patients were 52 years old.
- Males were 2.4 times more likely to suffer major trauma than females.
- 8.8% of patients with an Injury Severity Score of greater than 12 died.
- Females were less likely to die (8.1%) with an Injury Severity Score >12 than males (9.0%).
- Falls were the most common mechanism of injury (41.9%) followed by transport incidents (40.9%).
- The most common single injury was 'three or more fractured ribs without flail' (26.7%).
- 39.9% of all major trauma incidents occurred in a rural area.
- Metropolitan major trauma patients had higher proportion of falls (49.3%), whereas rural patients sustained more road trauma (53.8%).
- Pedestrians were more likely to die (16.8%) compared to other transport mechanisms.
- Patients most commonly injured their 'head or neck' (52.2%) or 'chest' (54.2%).

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# Monitoring the NSW trauma system

#### NSW trauma system

The primary function of the NSW trauma system is to facilitate and coordinate an organised multidisciplinary system response with the aim of reducing the burden of physical injury on patients, their families, and the broader health system. The trauma system encompasses a continuum of care that provides traumatically injured patients with the greatest likelihood of returning to their pre-injury level of function within the community. This continuum of care includes injury prevention, pre-hospital care, emergency department trauma care, surgical intervention, intensive, critical and general in-hospital care, and rehabilitation services.

The overall goal of the NSW trauma system is to improve health outcomes for severely injured patients by ensuring equitable and timely access to high-quality specialist trauma care. The main objective of the trauma system is to get the right patient to the right hospital at the right time, receiving the right care. To meet this objective, designated trauma services need to have appropriate resources to meet the complex needs of the injured patient.

#### Mandate for trauma data

The NSW Trauma Services Plan outlines the role of the Institute of Trauma and Injury Management (ITIM), including monitoring the quality of care delivered by NSW trauma services.<sup>2</sup> To enable this, NSW trauma services are required to contribute data as outlined in the Ministry of Health endorsed document, Improving the Quality of Trauma Care in NSW: Trauma Services Model of Care (2020).<sup>3</sup>

#### **NSW Trauma Registry**

ITIM is responsible for managing the collection of data regarding moderate to critically injured people admitted to trauma services in NSW. Data collected are held securely in the NSW Trauma Registry.<sup>1</sup> Data in the registry are submitted from each of the designated NSW trauma services.

The NSW Trauma Registry contains de-identified patient records but does not hold data for every injured person admitted to hospital in NSW. Data are only included for patients with the greatest needs, that is the most seriously injured, who are treated at a designated NSW trauma service. These data are known as the NSW Trauma Minimum Data Set and form the basis of data analysis and reporting activities at ITIM. As the scope of the current data collection is restricted to these designated hospitals, there may be some data for trauma admissions to other hospitals that are not included in the NSW Trauma Registry.

#### **NSW trauma services**

The NSW trauma system consists of 7 adult major trauma services, 3 paediatric major trauma services and 10 regional trauma services. All trauma services contributed data to the NSW Trauma Registry used in this report.

#### Adult major trauma services

- John Hunter Hospital, Hunter New England Local Health District
- Liverpool Hospital, South Western Sydney Local Health District
- Royal North Shore Hospital, Northern Sydney Local Health District
- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney Local Health District
- St George Hospital, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
- St Vincent's Hospital, St Vincent's Health Network
- Westmead Hospital, Western Sydney Local Health District

#### Paediatric major trauma services

- John Hunter Children's Hospital, Hunter New England Local Health District
- Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network

#### **Regional trauma services**

- Coffs Harbour Health Campus, Mid North Coast Local Health District
- Gosford Hospital, Central Coast Local Health District
- Lismore Base Hospital, Northern NSW Local Health District
- Nepean Hospital, Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District
- Orange Health Service, Western NSW Local Health District
- Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Mid North Coast Local Health District
- Tamworth Hospital, Hunter New England Local Health District
- The Tweed Hospital, Northern NSW Local Health District
- Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- Wollongong Hospital, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

#### Methodology

This report was compiled from data submitted by the reporting facilities to the NSW Trauma Registry in accordance with the inclusion and exclusion criteria detailed below. Data for this report were extracted from the NSW Trauma Registry on 30 June 2022.

#### **Inclusion criteria**

All major trauma patient records from the NSW Trauma Registry, where the date of injury occurred between 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2021, are included in this report. Major trauma is defined as all patients of any age, who were admitted to a NSW trauma service within seven days of sustaining an injury, and who:

- had an Injury Severity Score (ISS) >12 (moderate to critically injured), or
- were admitted to an intensive care unit (irrespective of ISS) following injury, or
- died in hospital (irrespective of ISS) following injury.

As a result of these criteria, patient records submitted for inclusion in this report do not represent all injuries in NSW, nor do they represent the full work or caseload of trauma services in hospitals, nor the full set of data recorded in hospital trauma registries.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

The criteria for excluding a patient record from this report are as follows:

- Patients not admitted to a designated NSW trauma service.
- Patients admitted to a designated NSW trauma service greater than seven days after sustaining an injury.
- Patients who die with an isolated fractured neck of femur injury sustained from a fall from a standing height (<1m).\*</li>
- Patients aged 65 years or older who die with minor soft tissue injury only.<sup>†</sup>

Records have also been excluded from this report if the Outcome (survived or died) data element is missing or invalid data recorded in the registry. Based on the criteria outlined above, a total of 16 records were excluded (Figure 1).

<sup>\*</sup> See Glossary for the definition of an isolated fractured neck of femur injury.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> See Glossary for the definition of a minor soft tissue injury.

#### Figure 1: Record of data exclusions



#### Data quality

Data submitted to the NSW Trauma Registry are subject to rigorous checking and validation by ITIM and the reporting facilities. Missing or invalid data are flagged and returned to individual trauma services for completion and validation.

The average data completeness by the trauma facilities was 95.9%, an increase of 0.1% from 2019-20.

A detailed breakdown of data completeness by trauma facility is available in Appendix 1: Data completeness.

#### Data privacy – reporting of small numbers

The Australian Statistical Information Management Committee guidelines suggest that statistical results involving small numbers (<5) can be presented if the population from which they are drawn is more than 1,000 people, as the likelihood of identifying an individual would be very small.<sup>4</sup> This guideline is used for data reporting of small numbers by Health Stats NSW and the Agency for Clinical Innovation.<sup>5</sup>

For the purpose of this report, the demographic population is identified as either:

- those potentially injured within NSW (millions) when reporting on trauma patients as a whole, or
- those potentially injured within a facility's catchment area (thousands) when reporting on admissions to a trauma facility, such as in the facility summaries at Appendix 2.

The risk of a breach of data privacy is further mitigated by not aligning demographic information where the numbers are small (such as age groups in a regional area) with other potentially identifiable data fields such as the mechanism of injury or outcome.

#### Metropolitan and rural categorisation

Various data elements within the report are categorised as either 'metropolitan' or 'rural'. These categories are derived using the postcode of injury and the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Areas (RA).<sup>6</sup> The ASGS-RA is based on the Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia which defines locations in terms of remoteness, that is the physical distance of a location from the nearest urban centre (access to goods and services) based on population size.<sup>7</sup>

The ASGS-RA consists of five categories:

- major cities
- inner regional
- outer regional
- remote
- very remote.

For the purpose of this report, all locations with the ASGS-RA classification of 'major cities' are listed as 'metropolitan'. All other ASGS-RA classified locations are combined and listed as 'rural'. See Appendix 6 for further information on the ASGS-RA categorisation of NSW.

#### The Injury Severity Score and Abbreviated Injury Score

One of the key criteria for inclusion in this report is an Injury Severity Score (ISS) of greater than 12. The ISS is an internationally recognised scoring system which correlates with mortality, morbidity and other measures of severity. The ISS is calculated based on an anatomical injury severity classification, the Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS). The AIS classifies individual injuries by body region on a six-point severity scale from minor (1) to maximum (6 - currently untreatable injury). The NSW Trauma Registry uses the AIS 2005 (Update 2008) dictionary.<sup>8</sup>

The AIS is used by accredited staff at each hospital to score individual patient injuries and their severity. It provides a common tool for comparing and selecting patient records for inclusion in the NSW Trauma Registry. Scoring is undertaken retrospectively but usually within 24-48 hours after admission to allow for the identification of all injuries. On initial evaluation, these patients typically have abnormal vital signs or a significant anatomical injury.

Injuries are individually allocated to one of six body regions, and the severities of the top three injuries in different body regions are used to calculate the ISS. The ISS, along with the body regions and injury and severity codes, used in this calculation, are recorded in the NSW Trauma Registry (see Appendix 5: Calculation of the Injury Severity Score for further detail). The calculated ISS value ranges from 1 to 75. Serious to critically injured trauma patients are defined as those patients with an ISS >15, which is an internationally recognised indicator of serious injury.

In this report, the ISS is reported in ranges:

- 13-15 (moderate injury)
- 16-24 (serious injury)
- 25-40 (severe injury)
- 41-75 (critical injury).

#### Major trauma patients

#### Introduction

The information in this section of the report is based on the number of major trauma patients who received care in a NSW trauma service (n=3,921), not the number of major trauma admissions (n=4,034), as some patients were treated in more than one NSW reporting facility. Trauma admission data (hospital activity) are discussed in detail in the Major trauma admissions section.

#### Summary profile

During the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, there were 3,921 major trauma patients treated at NSW trauma services. Of these, 71.5% (n=2,487) were injured in a metropolitan location, and 277 died (case fatality rate for ISS >12 of 8.8%). The age-standardised injury rate was 44.4 per 100,000 persons, and the age-standardised death rate was 3.7 per 100,000 persons for all ISS. The standardised mortality ratio was 3.9 (Table 1), indicating that the proportion of deaths in major trauma patients during the reporting period was nearly four times greater than that of the general Australian population.

#### Table 1: Summary statistics for major trauma and mortality

Summary statistics	Value
Total number of patients injured overall	3,921
Total number of patients injured with ISS >12	3,163
Injury rate per 100,000 persons (age-standardised)	44.4 (95% Cl: 43-45.8)
Location of injury (metropolitan/rural)	2,487 (71.5%)/993 (28.5%)
Number of male/female patients	2,782 (71.0%)/1,138 (29.0%)
Total number of deaths overall	368 (9.4%)
Total number of traumatic deaths on arrival	19 (0.5%)
Total number of deaths with ISS >12	277 (8.8%)
Total number of deaths with ISS >12 excluding traumatic deaths on arrival	262 (8.3%)
Death rate per 100,000 persons (age-standardised) all ISS	3.7 (95% Cl: 3.3-4.1)
Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	3.9 (95% CI: 3.5-4.3)
Average age (years)	52 (95% Cl: 51.2-52.8)
Average Injury Severity Score (all ISS)	18 (95% Cl: 18-19)
Average Injury Severity Score (ISS >12)	21 (95% CI: 21-21)

Over the 2016-17 to 2020-21 financial years, the mean number of major trauma patients was 3,998, with the number in 2020-21 being slightly below the mean (Figure **2**). There are several contributing factors which may account for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 decrease in presentations, including the COVID-19 pandemic.





Figure 3: Five-year trend in the number of major trauma patients, by facility type



#### Age and sex

The average age of a major trauma patient in NSW during the reporting period was 52 years. Table **2** outlines the age distribution, which demonstrates a sharp rise in the incidence of major trauma in the geriatric population especially those aged 80 years and older, as it has in previous years. From the 75 years and older age group, the case fatality rate for ISS >12 increases compared with the under 75 years age groups.

Age group (years)	Number of injured (% of total)	Cumulative number of injured (% of total)	Age-specific injury rate per 100,000	Age-specific death rate per 100,000	Case fatality rate (ISS >12)
0-4	108 (2.8%)	108 (2.8%)	21.8	2.4	12.5%
5-9	52 (1.3%)	160 (4.1%)	10.1	0.2	2.4%
10-14	90 (2.3%)	250 (6.4%)	18.0	1.0	6.5%
15-19	210 (5.4%)	460 (11.7%)	44.8	3.0	7.4%
20-24	256 (6.5%)	716 (18.3%)	47.4	2.2	5.3%
25-29	220 (5.6%)	936 (23.9%)	36.2	1.8	5.1%
30-34	204 (5.2%)	1,140 (29.1%)	33.4	1.8	4.4%
35-39	172 (4.4%)	1,312 (33.5%)	29.5	1.0	2.1%
40-44	194 (4.9%)	1,506 (38.4%)	37.8	2.1	7.0%
45-49	230 (5.9%)	1,736 (44.3%)	43.6	0.8	2.0%
50-54	249 (6.4%)	1,985 (50.6%)	51.4	2.9	6.3%
55-59	223 (5.7%)	2,208 (56.3%)	45.0	1.8	4.8%
60-64	295 (7.5%)	2,503 (63.9%)	63.9	3.9	5.4%
65-69	236 (6%)	2,739 (69.9%)	58.4	5.4	8.9%
70-74	284 (7.2%)	3,023 (77.1%)	79.9	7.0	7.5%
75-79	245 (6.2%)	3,268 (83.4%)	96.7	12.2	11.2%
80-84	284 (7.2%)	3,552 (90.6%)	162.3	29.1	16.8%
85+	368 (9.4%)	3,920 (100.0%)	205.5	62.0	25.7%

Males suffer more major trauma injuries (n=2,781) than females (n=1,138), except in the 85 years and older age group (Figure 4). Overall, males are 2.44 times more likely to be injured than females.



Figure 4: Number of major trauma patients, by age, sex and mortality







Figure 6: Case fatality rate, by age and sex (ISS >12)

While females had a higher case fatality rate for ISS >12, males had a higher age-specific mortality rate per 100,000 persons (Figure **7**).

Figure 7: Age-specific mortality rate, by age and sex



Figure **8** shows the five-year trend of case fatality rates (ISS >12) for the three facility types. Overall, the case fatality rate has decreased from 10.2% to 8.8% during the last five years.



Figure 8: Five-year trend of case fatality rate, by facility type (ISS >12)

#### Mechanism of injury

The vast majority of major trauma in NSW in the reporting period was caused by blunt injuries (94.8%), such as falls and transport incidents (Table **3**).<sup>‡</sup>

Table 3: <sup>-</sup>	Type of	injury
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Type of injury	Number of patients (% of total)	Case fatality rate (ISS>12)
Blunt	3,641 (94.8%)	8.5%
Penetrating	198 (5.2%)	7.8%

The top three mechanisms of major trauma were:

- falls (41.8%, n=1,641)
- transport incidents (40.9%, n=1,604) out of which 1,190 were road trauma incidents
- assaults (5.9%, n=233).
- All other mechanisms combined accounted for 11.3% (n=442) (Figure 9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Only blunt and penetrating injury types are reported. Other injury types are recorded as 'N/A' or 'Unknown'

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#### Figure 9: Mechanism of injury

The distribution of mechanisms of injury by age group is demonstrated in Table 4.

Table 4 : Mechanism o	of injury, by age
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	Number of patients (age-specific rate per 100,000)						
Age group	Falls	Transport incident	Assault	All other mechanisms			
0-4	39 (7.9)	17 (3.4)	11 (2.2)	41 (8.3)			
5-9	15 (2.9)	27 (5.3)	1 (0.2)	9 (1.8)			
10-14	22 (4.4)	47 (9.4)	3 (0.6)	18 (3.6)			
15-19	37 (7.9)	116 (24.8)	22 (4.7)	35 (7.5)			
20-24	32 (5.9)	153 (28.3)	30 (5.6)	41 (7.6)			
25-29	41 (6.7)	116 (19.1)	30 (4.9)	33 (5.4)			
30-34	35 (5.7)	102 (16.7)	30 (4.9)	37 (6.1)			
35-39	24 (4.1)	97 (16.6)	26 (4.5)	25 (4.3)			
40-44	52 (10.1)	95 (18.5)	22 (4.3)	25 (4.9)			
45-49	61 (11.6)	125 (23.7)	20 (3.8)	24 (4.6)			
50-54	68 (14.0)	126 (26.0)	12 (2.5)	43 (8.9)			
55-59	75 (15.1)	108 (21.8)	9 (1.8)	31 (6.3)			
60-64	122 (26.4)	135 (29.2)	8 (1.7)	30 (6.5)			
65-69	133 (32.9)	80 (19.8)	1 (0.2)	22 (5.4)			
70-74	178 (50.1)	87 (24.5)	6 (1.7)	13 (3.7)			
75-79	172 (67.9)	65 (25.7)	1 (0.4)	7 (2.8)			
80-84	217 (124.0)	61 (34.9)	1 (0.6)	5 (2.9)			
85+	317 (177.0)	47 (26.2)	0 (0.0)	3 (1.7)			
Total	1,640	1,604	233	442			

Figure **10** shows that in the 2020-21 period there was an increase in the percentage of transport-related incidents and a decrease in the percentage of falls resulting in major trauma; however, there is variability from year to year.



Figure 10: Five-year trend in the number of falls and transport incidents

During 2020-21, the greatest burden of major trauma among people aged 65 years and older was falls, at 71.8% (n=1,017) which is slightly less than that in the previous year while for those aged under 65 years it is transport incidents (50.5%, n=1,264), an increase from the previous year.

The highest incidence of assaults was in the 20-24, 25-29 and 30-34 years age groups (n=90) (

	Number of patients (age-specific rate per 100,000)						
Age group	Falls	Transport incident	Assault	All other mechanisms			
0-4	39 (7.9)	17 (3.4)	11 (2.2)	41 (8.3)			
5-9	15 (2.9)	27 (5.3)	1 (0.2)	9 (1.8)			
10-14	22 (4.4)	47 (9.4)	3 (0.6)	18 (3.6)			
15-19	37 (7.9)	116 (24.8)	22 (4.7)	35 (7.5)			
20-24	32 (5.9)	153 (28.3)	30 (5.6)	41 (7.6)			
25-29	41 (6.7)	116 (19.1)	30 (4.9)	33 (5.4)			
30-34	35 (5.7)	102 (16.7)	30 (4.9)	37 (6.1)			
35-39	24 (4.1)	97 (16.6)	26 (4.5)	25 (4.3)			
40-44	52 (10.1)	95 (18.5)	22 (4.3)	25 (4.9)			
45-49	61 (11.6)	125 (23.7)	20 (3.8)	24 (4.6)			
50-54	68 (14.0)	126 (26.0)	12 (2.5)	43 (8.9)			
55-59	75 (15.1)	108 (21.8)	9 (1.8)	31 (6.3)			
60-64	122 (26.4)	135 (29.2)	8 (1.7)	30 (6.5)			
65-69	133 (32.9)	80 (19.8)	1 (0.2)	22 (5.4)			

	Number of patients (age-specific rate per 100,000)								
Age group	Falls	Falls Transport incident Assault All ot mechan							
70-74	178 (50.1)	87 (24.5)	6 (1.7)	13 (3.7)					
75-79	172 (67.9)	65 (25.7)	1 (0.4)	7 (2.8)					
80-84	217 (124.0)	61 (34.9)	1 (0.6)	5 (2.9)					
85+	317 (177.0)	47 (26.2)	0 (0.0)	3 (1.7)					
Total	1,640	1,604	233	442					

and Figures 11, 12 and 13).

#### Figure 11: Mechanism of injury, by age



#### Figure 12: Mechanism of injury as a percentage, by age



Figure 13: Age-specific injury rate, by mechanism of injury



Falls were responsible for 49.3% of the injuries in the metropolitan area, compared with 30.3% in rural areas. Transport incidents accounted for a higher percentage of injuries in rural areas, 53.8%, than in metropolitan areas, 33.6% (Table **5**, Figures **14**-15).

Table 5: Mechanism of injury, by location (n = 3,479)

Mechanism of injury	Metropolitan (% of metropolitan)	Rural (% of rural)
Falls	1,225 (49.3%)	301 (30.3%)
Transport incident	836 (33.6%)	534 (53.8%)
Assault	151 (6.1%)	47 (4.7%)
All other mechanisms	274 (11.0%)	111 (11.2%)
Total	2,486 (71.5%)	993 (28.5%)







#### Figure 15: Mechanism of injury as a percentage, by location

The mechanisms of injury are outlined in more detail in Tables 6-9. Falls from a standing height (lowest level, <1m) accounted for the greatest burden of all heights, accounting for 59.8% of all falls, 25.1% of all trauma mechanisms, 30.4% of all trauma deaths and had case fatality rate for ISS >12 of 15.1% (Table 6).

#### Table 6: Falls in detail (n=1,641)

Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS >12 (case fatality rate) <sup>§</sup>	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Low fall (<1m)	982 (25.1%)	112 (15.1%)	30.4%
Medium fall (1-5m)	525 (13.4%)	27 (5.9%)	7.3%
High fall (>5m)	61 (1.6%)	2 (3.6%)	0.5%
Unspecified fall	73 (1.9%)	9 (17.0%)	2.4%
Total	1,641 (41.9%)	150 (11.5%)	40.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup> The case fatality rates compare the ISS >12 cases for each of these MOI with the deaths (for ISS > 12) in the same MOI cohort

Pedestrian trauma had the highest case fatality rate for ISS >12 (17.6%), well above other forms of transport incidents. Pedestrian deaths were 7.6% of all the trauma deaths (Table **7**).

Table 7: Transport incidents in detail (n=1,604)

Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS >12 (case fatality rate)	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Car occupant	543 (13.9%)	19 (4.3%)	5.2%
Motorcycle rider	470 (12.0%)	16 (3.8%)	4.3%
Pedal cyclist	241 (6.1%)	4 (1.8%)	1.1%
Pedestrian	191 (4.9%)	28 (17.6%)	7.6%
All other transport	159 (4.1%)	3 (2.1%)	0.8%
Total	1,604 (40.9%)	70 (5.1%)	19%

The most common mechanisms of injury in the assault group were assault by knife (n=74, 1.9% of all mechanisms), assault by bodily force (n=72, 1.8%) and assault by blunt object (n=21,0.5%). Assault by firearm remains low with only eight recorded cases (0.2%) (Table 8).

#### Table 8: Assaults in details (n=233)

Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS > 12 (case fatality rate)	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Assault by knife	74 (1.9%)	3 (6.0%)	0.8%
Assault by bodily force	72 (1.8%)	5 (8.5%)	1.4%
All other assaults	58 (1.5%)	1 (2.4%)	0.3%
Assault by blunt object	21 (0.5%)	1 (6.2%)	0.3%
Assault by firearm	8 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Total	233 (5.9%)	10 (5.8%)	2.7%

Of the other mechanisms of injury, self-harm was the most common (n=150, 3.8%). In the current period, burns resulted in the highest case fatality rate for ISS >12 in the 'all other mechanisms' group at 29.4% (Table 9).

Table 9: All other mechanisms of injury in detail (n=442)

Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS > 12 (case fatality rate)	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Self-harm	150 (3.8%)	26 (28.3%)	7.1%
Inanimate mechanical forces	138 (3.5%)	5 (5.0%)	1.4%
Animate mechanical forces	55 (1.4%)	2 (4.8%)	0.5%
Other	37 (0.9%)	4 (16.7%)	1.1%
Burns	34 (0.9%)	5 (29.4%)	1.4%
Drownings	28 (0.7%)	4 (15.4%)	1.1%
Total	442 (11.3%)	46 (12.5%)	12.5%

#### Transport incidents by place of occurrence

In order to provide a greater analysis of the burden road trauma has on the health system, a 'place of occurrence' code qualifier was applied to all transport incidents resulting in two categories: road trauma and other transport incidents. For the purpose of this report, road trauma is defined as a transport incident which occurred on a street, highway or other paved roadway.<sup>\*\*</sup>

Road trauma accounts for 30.4% (n=1,190) of all mechanisms of injury (Table 13), the second highest behind falls at 41.86% (n=1,641). The rates of 'road trauma' and 'other transport incidents' were higher in rural areas, 35.8% and 18.0%, respectively, than in metropolitan areas, 26.9% and 6.7%, respectively (Table 10).

#### Table 10: Transport incidents by location of injury (n=1,604)

Mechanism	Metropolitan (% of metropolitan)	Rural (% of rural)	Unknown location (% of unknown)
Road trauma	669 (26.9%)	355 (35.8%)	166 (37.6%)
Other transport incidents	167 (6.7%)	179 (18.0%)	68 (15.4%)
Total	836	534	234

Injuries to car occupants remains the highest mechanism of injury in the road trauma group (n=515, 13.1%), with pedestrians having the highest case fatality rate for ISS >12 (16.9%), well above other forms of road trauma (Table 11).

#### Table 11: Road trauma in detail (n=1,190)

Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS >12 (case fatality rate)	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Car occupant	515 (13.1%)	19 (4.6%)	5.2%
Motorcycle rider	319 (8.1%)	14 (5.0%)	3.8%
Pedestrian	167 (4.3%)	23 (16.9%)	6.2%
Pedal cyclist	153 (3.9%)	4 (2.9%)	1.1%
All other road transport	36 (0.9%)	1 (3.3%)	0.3%
Total	1,190 (30.4%)	61 (6.1%)	16.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*\*</sup> See Glossary for the definition of 'road trauma' and 'other transport incident).

The most common mechanisms in the 'other transport incidents' group were motorcycle riders (n=151), other land transport incidents (n=105), pedal cyclists (n=88) and pedestrians (n=24). Of the 'other land transport' incident group, animal-rider or animal-drawn vehicle were the most common (n=64) followed by all-terrain vehicle (including quad bike) incidents (n=30) (Table 12). Other transport incidents include incidents being reported as occurring NOT on a street, highway or other paved roadway.

Table	12:	Other	transi	oort	incid	ents	in	detail	(n=4	14)
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Mechanism	Number injured (% of all mechanisms)	Number of deaths, ISS > 12 (case fatality rate)	Percentage of all trauma deaths
Motorcycle rider	151 (3.9%)	2 (1.4%)	0.5%
Other land transport accidents	105 (2.7%)	2 (2.1%)	0.5%
Pedal cyclist	88 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Car occupant	28 (0.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Pedestrian	24 (0.6%)	5 (21.7%)	1.4%
Water transport accidents	9 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Air and space transport accidents	6 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Occupant of pick-up truck or van	2 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Occupant of heavy transport vehicle	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
Total	414 (10.6%)	9 (2.3%)	2.4%

## Time, day and month of injury

While 10 am and 6 pm has been the busiest period in the past years, this year there was a higher activity during 9 am with 180 injuries (Figure 16).

Figure 16: Number of patients, by time of injury



Figure 17: Number of patients, by day of injury





#### Figure 18: Number of patients, by month of injury

#### Injuries

Three or more fractured ribs without a flail segment<sup>++</sup> continued to be the most common single serious injury sustained (26.7%, n=1,047) where the AIS severity was >2 (Table **13**). Head injuries occupied three of the top five injuries.

Injury description	All severity	Number of patients (% of total)
Fractured ≥3 ribs without flail, not further specified	3	1,047 (26.7%)
Cerebrum haematoma – subdural – small; moderate	4	315 (8.0%)
Cerebrum haematoma – subdural – tiny	3	206 (5.3%)
Hemopneumothorax not further specified	3	188 (4.8%)
Base skull fracture, not further specified	3	171 (4.4%)

In addition, 52.2% of major trauma patients sustained injuries to the head or neck body region, with the chest region injured in 54.2% of major trauma patients (Figure 19).



#### Figure 19: All injuries by ISS Body region

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>++</sup> Flail is defined as three or more ribs fractured in more than one location and/or resulting in paradoxical chest movement.<sup>8</sup>

Most major trauma patients (72.2%) sustained serious injury (AIS severity >2) to only one ISS body region (Table **14**).

Number of ISS body regions injured with an AIS severity >2	Number of patients – all ISS (% of total)	Number of patients (% of total) (ISS >12)
0	364 (9.3%)	0 (0.0%)
1	2,832 (72.2%)	2,440 (77.1%)
2	605 (15.4%)	603 (19.1%)
3	109 (2.8%)	109 (3.4%)
4	10 (0.3%)	10 (0.3%)
5	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)

#### Table 14: Number of ISS body regions injured with an AIS severity >2 (n=3,921)

20.4% of major trauma patients sustained polytrauma, defined as sustaining serious injury (AIS severity >2) in two or more ISS body regions (Table **15**).<sup>12</sup>

#### Table 15: Single body region versus polytrauma with an AIS severity >2 (n=3,557)

Body region	Number of patients - all ISS (% of total)	Case fatality rate (ISS >12)
Single body region	2,832 (79.6%)	8.3%
Polytrauma	725 (20.4%)	10.4%

#### **Injury Severity Score**

An ISS of >12 is a key identifier of a major trauma patient. The ISS correlates with mortality – the higher the ISS, the higher the mortality rate (Table **16**). It is important to note that ISS is only calculated on injuries sustained and does not include other potential contributors to mortality and morbidity, such as patient's age and comorbidities. The average ISS for all major trauma patients was 18. This increased to 25 when excluding those with an ISS <13.

#### Table 16: Major trauma patients, by ISS group (n=3,917)

ISS group	Number of patients (% of total)	Number of deaths
ISS <13	754 (19.2%)	87 (11.5%)
ISS 13-15	891 (22.7%)	16 (1.8%)
ISS 16-24	1,427 (36.4%)	53 (3.7%)
ISS 25-40	739 (18.9%)	169 (22.9%)
ISS 41-75	106 (2.7%)	39 (36.8%)



#### Figure 20: Number of major trauma patients, by ISS group and sex



#### Figure 21: Case fatality rate, by ISS and sex
## **Pre-hospital time**

The time from injury to arrival at a designated trauma service can have a significant impact on morbidity and mortality in the major trauma patient cohort. The regional population and geography of NSW are vastly spread, and this impacts on the variation in the time of arrival to a designated trauma service. Overall, patients who were injured in a metropolitan region arrived at a designated trauma service faster (88mins) than those injured in a rural location (175mins) (Table **17**).

See the Methodology section of this report for more information regarding the definitions of metropolitan and rural.

Location of injury	Direct from scene	Transferred from another hospital	Overall
Metropolitan	83mins (n=2,127)	467.5mins (n=280)	88mins (n=2,407)
Rural	144.5mins (n=617)	540.5mins (n=229)	175mins (n=846)
NSW overall	91 mins (n=3,080)	496.5 mins (n=600)	103 mins (n=3,680)

#### Table 17: Median time of injury to arrival to a designated trauma service (n=3,680)

A number of major trauma patients (5%, n=217) who arrived at a designated trauma service needed to be transferred to a higher level of care for specialised treatment.

### Mode of transport

Major trauma patients are transported to a designated trauma service from either the scene of the injury or from another hospital. Road ambulance was by far the most common mode of transport (73.3%), with helicopter, fixed wing aircraft and private transport also used (Table 18, Figures 22-23).

#### Table 18: Mode of transport, by ISS group (n=3,741)

Transport mode	Direct from scene of injury	Transfer from another acute care facility	Total
Road ambulance	2,291 (77.6%)	451 (57.2%)	2,742 (73.3%)
Helicopter	434 (14.7%)	119 (15.1%)	553 (14.8%)
Private vehicle	189 (6.4%)	9 (1.1%)	198 (5.3%)
Unknown	34 (1.2%)	96 (12.2%)	130 (3.5%)
Other	3 (0.1%)	7 (0.9%)	10 (0.3%)
Fixed wing	2 (0.1%)	106 (13.5%)	108 (2.9%)
Total	2953	788	3741

# Figure 22: Mode of transport to definitive care when transported direct from the scene of injury, by injury location





# Figure 23: Mode of transport to definitive care when transferred from another acute care facility, by injury location

## Major trauma admissions

## Introduction

The information in this section of the report is based on the number of major trauma patients admitted to NSW trauma services (n=4,034), not the number of major trauma patients (n=3,921), as some patients were treated in more than one NSW reporting facility. Trauma patient data are discussed in detail in the Major trauma patients section.

## **Overall burden of trauma**

Major trauma patients are an important cohort, but only represent a fraction of all trauma patients who are admitted to facilities across NSW. Based on data from the Admitted Patient Data Collection and using an International Classification of Diseases (ICD) to AIS mapping tool, 30,065 patients with an estimated ISS >5 were admitted to an NSW health facility during the reporting period (Figure **24**).<sup>13,14</sup> This demonstrates the significant burden that trauma places on the health system.



#### Figure 24: Number of patients with an estimated ISS >5, by local health district

Figure **25** shows the monthly trend of the ISS >5 trauma patients.



#### Figure 25: Monthly presentations of patients with an estimated ISS >5

## **Facility overview**

Table **19** provides an overview of the major trauma admissions for each designated trauma service together with averages from the three trauma service types.

#### Table 19: Overview of trauma service admissions (n=4,034)

Facility	Number of admissions	Number of admissions (ISS >12)	Average age	Average ISS	Case fatality rate (ISS >12) excl traumatic DOA
Adult major trauma services	3,071	2,425	54.0	17	8.3%
John Hunter Hospital	617	586	53.0	20	6.8%
Liverpool Hospital	657	456	57.0	16	7.9%
Royal North Shore Hospital	369	268	53.0	17	12.3%
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	333	291	57.0	18	6.6%
St George Hospital	355	246	54.0	16	11.0%
St Vincent's Hospital	175	138	53.0	16	12.4%
Westmead Hospital	565	440	51.0	17	6.7%
Regional trauma services	722	648	54.0	18	7.9%
Coffs Harbour Base Hospital	91	82	53.0	20	8.5%
Gosford Hospital	64	58	59.0	16	6.9%
Lismore Base Hospital	65	60	52.0	16	5.0%
Nepean Hospital	44	25	64.0	13	8.0%
Orange Health Service	101	99	48.0	19	4.0%
Port Macquarie Base Hospital	65	63	53.0	19	7.9%
Tamworth Base Hospital	98	83	52.0	18	9.8%
Tweed Heads District Hospital	34	29	58.0	15	13.8%
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital	82	77	52.0	18	6.6%
Wollongong Hospital	78	72	56.0	20	12.5%

Facility	Number of admissions	Number of admissions (ISS >12)	Average age	Average ISS	Case fatality rate (ISS >12) excl traumatic DOA
Paediatric major trauma services	241	199	7.0	19	6.1%
John Hunter Children	59	55	8.0	19	1.8%
Sydney Children's Hospital	88	71	7.0	18	7.0%
The Children's Hospital at Westmead	94	73	7.0	21	8.5%

### **Admission type**

Most major trauma patients (79%, n=3,190) were admitted to a trauma service direct from the scene of injury. However, there were differences in the admission type between adult and paediatric patient groups (Table **20**).

#### Table 20: Number of admissions, by type (n=4,033)

Admission type	Number of adult admissions (percentage)	No of paediatric admissions (percentage)
Direct from scene	2,991 (80.7%)	199 (60.7%)
Transfer from acute care facility	696 (18.8%)	127 (38.7%)
Unknown and others	18 (0.5%)	2 (0.6%)

## **Revised Trauma Score**

The Revised Trauma Score<sup>#</sup> is an early (<24 hours) indicator of trauma outcomes. The lower the score, the higher the likelihood of death. There was a negative correlation between the Revised Trauma Score and ISS, showing that the higher the ISS, the lower the Revised Trauma Score. The average Revised Trauma Score was 7.18 (Figure **26**).





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> See Glossary for a definition of the Revised Trauma Score.<sup>9</sup>

## Trauma team activation

Major trauma patients require rapid, thorough and systematic assessment and resuscitation. This is conducted on arrival by a multidisciplinary team known as a trauma team. The activation of the trauma team is based on a locally derived set of criteria, including the mechanism of injury and physiological parameters. Of patients who arrived at a trauma service direct from scene, 47.4% received a full trauma team activation compared with 15.6% of those who were transferred from another acute care facility (Figure **27**).



Figure 27: Trauma team activation, by admission type

As expected, the activation of the trauma team increased with severity of injury with 30.9% (n=281) of the ISS 13-15 group patients receiving a full trauma team activation compared to 80.4% (n=90) of the ISS 41-75 group patients (Figure **28**).





### Vital signs on arrival to the emergency department

The initial vital signs on arrival to the emergency department (ED) are useful indicators of injury severity and predictors of death. Major trauma patients who presented with hypotension (systolic blood pressure <100mmHg), a Glasgow Coma Scale <13 or hypothermia (temperature <35°C) represented a higher proportion of those who died compared to all patients (Figures **29**-31).





Figure 30: Initial Glasgow Coma Scale on arrival to the ED and mortality





#### Figure 31: Initial temperature on arrival to ED and mortality

#### Intensive care unit admissions

Overall, 49.3% (n=1,985) of major trauma patients received an intensive care unit (ICU) admission, with the percentage increasing with the level of injury severity (Figure **32**). This is slightly up from 46.5% the previous year. While the number of ICU admissions may be explained by the level of severity of injury, the complexity of injury and other factors such as comorbidities may also influence the requirement for ICU admission.

It is important to note that the ISS <13 group is only included in the report if they have been admitted to ICU or died, hence the high proportion of ICU admissions in this group.





## Length of stay

The length of stay (LOS) in hospital, particularly the LOS in an ICU, is an indicator of the severity and complexity of the injury. The average hospital LOS for major trauma patients was 13.2 days (Table **21**).

#### Table 21: Overview of ICU and hospital length of stay (n=4,027)

LOS description	Number of patients	Average days	Median days
ICU LOS	1,981	4.9	2.0
Total hospital LOS	4,027	13.2	7.0

The average ICU LOS increased with severity: 3.2 days for the ISS 13-15 group and 11.8 days for the ISS 41-75 group being . A similar increasing pattern was observed in the hospital LOS, as expected (Table **22**).

#### Table 22: Overview of ICU and hospital length of stay by ISS group (n=4,027)

ISS group	Average ICU LOS	Median ICU LOS	Average hospital LOS	Median hospital LOS
ISS <13	3.0	1.0	12.1	8.0
ISS 13-15	3.2	2.0	8.9	5.0
ISS 16-24	4.7	3.0	12.5	7.0
ISS 25-40	7.2	3.0	18.8	9.0
ISS 41-75	11.8	6.0	25.7	11.0

No considerable change was observed in the median values of ICU LOS and hospital LOS across different age groups (Table **23**).

Table 23: ICU and hospital length of stay, by age (n=4,026)

Age group	Average ICU LOS	Median ICU LOS	Average hospital LOS	Median hospital LOS
0-4	6.2	2.0	11.4	3.0
5-9	3.8	2.0	7.6	5.0
10-14	3.7	1.0	8.9	5.0
15-19	5.6	3.0	12.3	5.0
20-24	5.2	2.0	11.3	5.0
25-29	3.6	1.5	11.8	5.0
30-34	5.4	2.0	15.9	6.0
35-39	6.2	2.0	13.1	6.0
40-44	4.6	2.0	11.8	7.0
45-49	5.4	2.0	14.1	7.0
50-54	4.2	2.0	13.2	6.0
55-59	4.8	3.0	13.0	8.0
60-64	5.2	3.0	16.2	8.0
65-69	5.2	3.0	14.8	8.0
70-74	4.8	3.0	13.5	8.0
75-79	5.0	2.0	13.6	8.0
80-84	4.7	2.0	13.7	8.0
85+	3.8	2.0	12.5	8.0

#### Procedures

Despite the serious nature of the injuries sustained by major trauma patients, the number of surgical or interventional radiology procedures performed was very low. There were 682 procedures performed on patients (16.7% of all admissions). The highest percentage of procedures were performed in the ISS 41-75 group (Table 24, Figure 33).

Table 24: Procedures performed, by type (n=674)

Procedure	Number of procedures	Percentage of total admissions
Open reduction internal fixation	394	9.8%
Laparotomy	161	4.0%
Embolisation	90	2.2%
Thoracotomy	44	1.1%
Craniotomy	42	1.0%
Total	731	16.7%

An increase in the proportion of laparotomy, open reduction internal fixation and embolisation procedures performed was noted in the ISS 41-75 group (Figure 31).

Figure 33: Procedures performed, by ISS group



Over the preceding five years, there has not been a substantial change in the number of procedures performed, with only embolisation procedures showing a gradual increase; however, since COVID-19 outbreak during 2019-20, the number of some procedures such as craniotomy, ORIF and laparotomy has decreased (Figure 34).



Figure 34: Annual trend of procedures performed

#### **Discharge destination of survivors**

Survivors of major trauma (n=3,658) were discharged to various locations, with the home being the most common (65.3%) followed by rehabilitation (16.4%). 'Other' incorporates locations such as board and care, burns centre, foster care, residential institution, missing and unknown (Figure 35).





Overall, the rate of discharge to home decreased as the injury severity increased, coinciding with an increase in the rate of discharge to rehabilitation services (Figure 36).



Figure 36: Discharge destination of survivors, by ISS group

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## Appendix 1: Data completeness

High levels of data accuracy and entry completion, as entered by the trauma facilities, is crucial in enabling accurate and thorough data analysis as part of a broader trauma quality assurance program. The average overall data completion of mandatory data elements completed was 96.0%, with completion rates ranging from 91.7% to 99.8%. The overall completion rate for this reporting period was 95.8%.



#### Figure 37: Overall data completeness, by facility

A detailed breakdown of data completion by facility, showing each mandatory data element, can be seen in Table 25.

#### Table 25: Trauma data completeness, by facility

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## Appendix 2: Adult major trauma service summaries

#### Table 26: Trauma data profile, John Hunter Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	617	439
Mean monthly admissions	51	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	6.8%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	450/167	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	53.7	54.6
0-4	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	0 (0%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	27 (4.4%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	41 (6.6%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	50 (8.1%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	36 (5.8%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	37 (6%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	29 (4.7%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	46 (7.5%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	38 (6.2%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	46 (7.5%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	45 (7.3%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	46 (7.5%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	49 (7.9%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	43 (7%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	44 (7.1%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	40 (6.5%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	20.6	17.8
ISS <13	31 (5%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	127 (20.6%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	286 (46.4%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	146 (23.7%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	27 (4.4%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	43 (7%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	190 (30.8%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	132 (59.5%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	234 (37.9%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	88 (14.3%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	62 (10%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	575 (93.2%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	33 (5.3%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	9 (1.5%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	450 (72.9%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	165 (26.7%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	2 (0.3%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	405 (65.6%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	140 (22.7%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	72 (11.7%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.1	7.2
ISS <13	6	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.7	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.5	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.4	6.5
ISS 41-75	5.5	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	7,783	6,416
Mean overall	12.6	14.6
ISS <13	12.5	12.6
ISS 13-15	8.2	9.6
ISS 16-24	11.1	13.9
ISS 25-40	17	22.5
ISS 41-75	25.4	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	1,172 (217)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	5.4	5.1
ISS <13	2.4	3
ISS 13-15	3.7	3.2
ISS 16-24	4.4	5.1
ISS 25-40	6.1	7.7
ISS 41-75	11	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	827 (150)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.5	5.5
ISS <13	2.8	3.3
ISS 13-15	4.9	3.6
ISS 16-24	4.1	5.2
ISS 25-40	6.2	7.1
ISS 41-75	9.2	9.6

## Table 27: Trauma data profile, Liverpool Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	657	439
Mean monthly admissions	55	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	7.9%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	456/201	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	57.5	54.6
0-4	2 (0.3%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	1 (0.2%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	1 (0.2%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	36 (5.5%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	39 (5.9%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	34 (5.2%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	33 (5%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	26 (4%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	26 (4%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	37 (5.6%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	41 (6.2%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	44 (6.7%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	48 (7.3%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	38 (5.8%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	58 (8.8%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	56 (8.5%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	58 (8.8%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	79 (12%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	16.3	17.8
ISS <13	201 (30.6%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	136 (20.7%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	217 (33%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	86 (13.1%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	17 (2.6%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	41 (6.2%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	321 (48.9%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	228 (78.9%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	178 (27.1%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	61 (9.3%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	56 (8.5%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	623 (94.8%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	34 (5.2%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	542 (82.5%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	114 (17.4%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	1 (0.2%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	550 (83.7%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	35 (5.3%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	72 (11%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.3	7.2
ISS <13	7.3	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.7	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.6	6.5
ISS 41-75	5.2	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	8,064	6,416
Mean overall	12.3	14.6
ISS < 13	11.9	12.6
ISS 13-15	9.4	9.6
ISS 16-24	11.4	13.9
ISS 25-40	16.8	22.5
ISS 41-75	28.5	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	1,610 (406)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	4	5.1
ISS < 13	3.2	3
ISS 13-15	2.7	3.2
ISS 16-24	3.6	5.1
ISS 25-40	6.3	7.7
ISS 41-75	10.5	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	645 (116)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.6	5.5
ISS < 13	5.3	3.3
ISS 13-15	4.8	3.6
ISS 16-24	4.9	5.2
ISS 25-40	5.4	7.1
ISS 41-75	8.3	9.6

## Table 28: Trauma data profile, Royal North Shore Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	369	439
Mean monthly admissions	31	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	12.3%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	273/96	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	53.3	54.6
0-4	1 (0.3%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	0 (0%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	20 (5.4%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	24 (6.5%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	23 (6.2%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	24 (6.5%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	15 (4.1%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	23 (6.2%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	31 (8.4%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	28 (7.6%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	25 (6.8%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	28 (7.6%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	33 (8.9%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	24 (6.5%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	17 (4.6%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	22 (6%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	31 (8.4%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	17.9	17.8
ISS <13	98 (26.8%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	73 (19.9%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	103 (28.1%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	83 (22.7%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	9 (2.5%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	10 (2.7%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	158 (42.8%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	82 (64.6%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	124 (33.6%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	20 (5.4%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	57 (15.4%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	325 (88.1%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	14 (3.8%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	30 (8.1%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	290 (78.6%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	79 (21.4%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	275 (74.5%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	76 (20.6%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	18 (4.9%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.1	7.2
ISS <13	7	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.6	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.2	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.6	6.5
ISS 41-75	5.3	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	8,161	6,416
Mean overall	22.1	14.6
ISS <13	15.8	12.6
ISS 13-15	10.7	9.6
ISS 16-24	24.9	13.9
ISS 25-40	37	22.5
ISS 41-75	21.3	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	1,657 (268)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	6.2	5.1
ISS <13	3.4	3
ISS 13-15	4.4	3.2
ISS 16-24	6	5.1
ISS 25-40	9.6	7.7
ISS 41-75	12.6	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	756 (145)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.2	5.5
ISS <13	2.7	3.3
ISS 13-15	3.2	3.6
ISS 16-24	4.9	5.2
ISS 25-40	7.4	7.1
ISS 41-75	9.3	9.6

## Table 29: Trauma data profile, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	333	439
Mean monthly admissions	28	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	6.6%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	215/118	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	57.8	54.6
0-4	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	1 (0.3%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	3 (0.9%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	14 (4.2%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	17 (5.1%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	14 (4.2%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	14 (4.2%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	21 (6.3%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	13 (3.9%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	24 (7.2%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	14 (4.2%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	19 (5.7%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	34 (10.2%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	18 (5.4%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	38 (11.4%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	18 (5.4%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	27 (8.1%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	44 (13.2%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	18.1	17.8
ISS <13	42 (12.6%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	85 (25.5%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	135 (40.5%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	62 (18.6%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	9 (2.7%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	22 (6.6%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	181 (54.4%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	116 (80%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	87 (26.1%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	11 (3.3%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	32 (9.6%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	313 (94%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	20 (6%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	269 (80.8%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	64 (19.2%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	269 (80.8%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	2 (0.6%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	62 (18.6%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.4	7.2
ISS <13	7	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.8	6.5
ISS 41-75	4.4	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	3,754	6,416
Mean overall	11.3	14.6
ISS <13	6.6	12.6
ISS 13-15	7.7	9.6
ISS 16-24	11.4	13.9
ISS 25-40	13.8	22.5
ISS 41-75	47	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	702 (153)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	4.6	5.1
ISS <13	2.4	3
ISS 13-15	2.5	3.2
ISS 16-24	5.4	5.1
ISS 25-40	5	7.7
ISS 41-75	13.5	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	358 (67)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.3	5.5
ISS <13	2.1	3.3
ISS 13-15	1.8	3.6
ISS 16-24	6.5	5.2
ISS 25-40	6.2	7.1
ISS 41-75	12.3	9.6

## Table 30: Trauma data profile, St George Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	355	439
Mean monthly admissions	30	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	11%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	253/102	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	54.4	54.6
0-4	1 (0.3%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	1 (0.3%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	21 (5.9%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	23 (6.5%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	28 (7.9%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	16 (4.5%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	14 (3.9%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	19 (5.4%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	21 (5.9%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	31 (8.7%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	21 (5.9%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	30 (8.5%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	20 (5.6%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	21 (5.9%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	23 (6.5%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	27 (7.6%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	38 (10.7%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	16.7	17.8
ISS <13	109 (30.7%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	73 (20.6%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	103 (29%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	65 (18.3%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	5 (1.4%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	16 (4.5%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	150 (42.3%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	93 (72.1%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	120 (33.8%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	32 (9%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	37 (10.4%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	337 (94.9%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	15 (4.2%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	3 (0.8%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	270 (76.1%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	85 (23.9%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	266 (74.9%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	48 (13.5%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	41 (11.5%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.1	7.2
ISS <13	7.4	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.5	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.3	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.1	6.5
ISS 41-75	4.6	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	6,068	6,416
Mean overall	17.1	14.6
ISS <13	14.3	12.6
ISS 13-15	12	9.6
ISS 16-24	18.8	13.9
ISS 25-40	25.9	22.5
ISS 41-75	3.2	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	1,326 (247)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	5.4	5.1
ISS <13	2.8	3
ISS 13-15	3.1	3.2
ISS 16-24	6.3	5.1
ISS 25-40	11	7.7
ISS 41-75	4	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	668 (123)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.4	5.5
ISS <13	2.7	3.3
ISS 13-15	4	3.6
ISS 16-24	5.5	5.2
ISS 25-40	9	7.1
ISS 41-75	3.2	9.6

## Table 31: Trauma data profile, St Vincent's Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	175	439
Mean monthly admissions	15	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	12.4%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	119/55	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	53.8	54.6
0-4	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	0 (0%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	3 (1.7%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	12 (6.9%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	16 (9.2%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	11 (6.3%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	9 (5.2%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	14 (8%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	7 (4%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	20 (11.5%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	12 (6.9%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	11 (6.3%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	13 (7.5%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	7 (4%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	13 (7.5%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	8 (4.6%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	18 (10.3%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	17	17.8
ISS <13	37 (21.1%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	48 (27.4%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	59 (33.7%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	27 (15.4%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	4 (2.3%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	12 (6.9%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	85 (48.6%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	43 (72.9%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	54 (30.9%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	4 (2.3%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	20 (11.4%)	45.1 (10.3%)
Description	Facility	Peer
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Injury type		
Blunt	170 (97.1%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	4 (2.3%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	1 (0.6%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	175 (100%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	0 (0%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	163 (93.1%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	0 (0%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	12 (6.9%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7	7.2
ISS <13	6.4	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.5	7.5
ISS 25-40	5.6	6.5
ISS 41-75	5.2	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	2,794	6,416
Mean overall	16.4	14.6
ISS <13	18.8	12.6
ISS 13-15	17.6	9.6
ISS 16-24	13.5	13.9
ISS 25-40	19.6	22.5
ISS 41-75	4.2	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	377 (88)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	4.5	5.1
ISS <13	3.2	3
ISS 13-15	1.7	3.2
ISS 16-24	4.9	5.1
ISS 25-40	7.7	7.7
ISS 41-75	2.2	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	254 (54)	655 (120)
Mean overall	4.7	5.5
ISS <13	3.2	3.3
ISS 13-15	2	3.6
ISS 16-24	6.1	5.2
ISS 25-40	6.7	7.1
ISS 41-75	2.3	9.6

## Table 32: Trauma data profile, Westmead Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	565	439
Mean monthly admissions	47	37
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	6.4%	8.3%
Sex		
Male/Female	397/168	309/130
Age ranges		
Mean age	51.4	54.6
0-4	4 (0.7%)	1.1 (0.3%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.1%)
10-14	1 (0.2%)	0.9 (0.2%)
15-19	32 (5.7%)	21.9 (5%)
20-24	61 (10.8%)	31 (7.1%)
25-29	29 (5.1%)	27.7 (6.3%)
30-34	39 (6.9%)	24.7 (5.6%)
35-39	30 (5.3%)	21.7 (5%)
40-44	42 (7.4%)	23.7 (5.4%)
45-49	34 (6%)	28.6 (6.5%)
50-54	41 (7.3%)	30.4 (6.9%)
55-59	24 (4.2%)	27.3 (6.2%)
60-64	43 (7.6%)	34.1 (7.8%)
65-69	33 (5.8%)	28.7 (6.5%)
70-74	37 (6.5%)	33.4 (7.6%)
75-79	38 (6.7%)	29.7 (6.8%)
80-84	39 (6.9%)	32.1 (7.3%)
85+	38 (6.7%)	41.1 (9.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	17.5	17.8
ISS <13	125 (22.1%)	91.9 (21%)
ISS 13-15	134 (23.7%)	96.6 (22%)
ISS 16-24	186 (32.9%)	155.6 (35.5%)
ISS 25-40	106 (18.8%)	82.1 (18.7%)
ISS 41-75	14 (2.5%)	12.1 (2.8%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	42 (7.4%)	26.6 (6.1%)
Falls	231 (40.9%)	188 (42.9%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	139 (75.1%)	119 (72.1%)
Road trauma	182 (32.2%)	139.9 (31.9%)
Other transport incident	58 (10.3%)	39.1 (8.9%)
All other injuries	52 (9.2%)	45.1 (10.3%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	525 (92.9%)	409.7 (93.4%)
Penetrating	40 (7.1%)	22.9 (5.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	6.1 (1.4%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	456 (80.7%)	350.3 (79.8%)
Transfer in	104 (18.4%)	87.3 (19.9%)
Unknown	5 (0.9%)	1.1 (0.3%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	425 (75.2%)	336.1 (76.6%)
Helicopter	84 (14.9%)	55 (12.5%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	56 (9.9%)	47.6 (10.8%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	6.9	7.2
ISS <13	6.3	6.9
ISS 13-15	7.6	7.7
ISS 16-24	7.2	7.5
ISS 25-40	6.5	6.5
ISS 41-75	4.9	5.1
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	8,288	6,416
Mean overall	14.7	14.6
ISS <13	10.3	12.6
ISS 13-15	7.6	9.6
ISS 16-24	14.4	13.9
ISS 25-40	27.2	22.5
ISS 41-75	30	26.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	1,468 (259)	1,187 (234)
Mean overall	5.7	5.1
ISS <13	3.1	3
ISS 13-15	4.4	3.2
ISS 16-24	5.6	5.1
ISS 25-40	8.7	7.7
ISS 41-75	18.2	11.8
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	1,078 (182)	655 (120)
Mean overall	5.9	5.5
ISS < 13	3.2	3.3
ISS 13-15	2.3	3.6
ISS 16-24	5.5	5.2
ISS 25-40	8.2	7.1
ISS 41-75	15	9.6

## Appendix 3: Paediatric major trauma service summaries

#### Table 33: Trauma data profile, John Hunter Children's Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	59	80
Mean monthly admissions	5	7
Case fatality rate (ISS > 12 excl. traumatic DOA)	1.8%	5.6%
Sex		
Male/Female	41/18	57/23
Age ranges		
Mean age	8.9	7.8
0-4	21 (35.6%)	30 (37.3%)
5-9	6 (10.2%)	15 (18.7%)
10-14	19 (32.2%)	25 (31.1%)
15-19	13 (22%)	10 (12.4%)
40-44	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	19.4	20
ISS <13	4 (6.8%)	14 (17.4%)
ISS 13-15	7 (11.9%)	11.3 (14.1%)
ISS 16-24	36 (61%)	30.3 (37.8%)
ISS 25-40	10 (16.9%)	19.7 (24.5%)
ISS 41-75	2 (3.4%)	5 (6.2%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	3 (5.1%)	4.3 (5.4%)
Falls	13 (22%)	23 (28.6%)
Road trauma	11 (18.6%)	14 (17.4%)
Other transport incident	20 (33.9%)	17.7 (22%)
All other injuries	12 (20.3%)	21.3 (26.6%)
Injury type		
Blunt	51 (86.4%)	67 (83.4%)
Penetrating	0 (0%)	3 (3.7%)
Unknown	8 (13.6%)	10.3 (12.9%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	35 (59.3%)	41.7 (51.9%)
Transfer in	24 (40.7%)	38.3 (47.7%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	24 (40.7%)	39.7 (49.4%)
Helicopter	16 (27.1%)	12 (14.9%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	19 (32.2%)	28.7 (35.7%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	6.9	6.4
ISS <13	5.4	5.9
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.1
ISS 16-24	7.1	7.1
ISS 25-40	6	5.7
ISS 41-75	7.1	4.6
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	510	931
Mean overall	8.6	11.6
ISS <13	5.8	7.6
ISS 13-15	4.4	6.6
ISS 16-24	7.3	7.8
ISS 25-40	14.1	15.8
ISS 41-75	26	40.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	89 (21)	243 (48)
Mean overall	4.2	5.1
ISS <13	1	1.9
ISS 13-15	0	4.9
ISS 16-24	5.7	3.8
ISS 25-40	3.1	6.2
ISS 41-75	6.5	15.2
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	70 (17)	173 (35)
Mean overall	4.1	5
ISS <13	1.5	2.3
ISS 13-15	0	5
ISS 16-24	6	4.5
ISS 25-40	2.9	5.5
ISS 41-75	5.5	8.7

#### Table 34: Trauma data profile, Sydney Children's Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	88	80
Mean monthly admissions	7	7
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	7%	5.6%
Sex		
Male/Female	62/26	57/23
Age ranges		
Mean age	7.2	7.8
0-4	39 (44.3%)	30 (37.3%)
5-9	15 (17%)	15 (18.7%)
10-14	26 (29.5%)	25 (31.1%)
15-19	7 (8%)	10 (12.4%)
40-44	1 (1.1%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	18.9	20
ISS <13	17 (19.3%)	14 (17.4%)
ISS 13-15	19 (21.6%)	11.3 (14.1%)
ISS 16-24	25 (28.4%)	30.3 (37.8%)
ISS 25-40	22 (25%)	19.7 (24.5%)
ISS 41-75	5 (5.7%)	5 (6.2%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	4 (4.5%)	4.3 (5.4%)
Falls	34 (38.6%)	23 (28.6%)
Road trauma	13 (14.8%)	14 (17.4%)
Other transport incident	17 (19.3%)	17.7 (22%)
All other injuries	20 (22.7%)	21.3 (26.6%)
Injury type		
Blunt	76 (86.4%)	67 (83.4%)
Penetrating	1 (1.1%)	3 (3.7%)
Unknown	11 (12.5%)	10.3 (12.9%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	35 (39.8%)	41.7 (51.9%)
Transfer in	53 (60.2%)	38.3 (47.7%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	34 (38.6%)	39.7 (49.4%)
Helicopter	10 (11.4%)	12 (14.9%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	44 (50%)	28.7 (35.7%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	6.3	6.4
ISS <13	6.1	5.9
ISS 13-15	6.6	7.1
ISS 16-24	7.2	7.1
ISS 25-40	5.8	5.7
ISS 41-75	4	4.6
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	1,153	931
Mean overall	13.1	11.6
ISS <13	5.8	7.6
ISS 13-15	7.6	6.6
ISS 16-24	8.4	7.8
ISS 25-40	14.1	15.8
ISS 41-75	77.6	40.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	278 (55)	243 (48)
Mean overall	5.1	5.1
ISS <13	1.2	1.9
ISS 13-15	5.2	4.9
ISS 16-24	4	3.8
ISS 25-40	4.8	6.2
ISS 41-75	20.8	15.2
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	197 (37)	173 (35)
Mean overall	5.3	5
ISS <13	1.9	2.3
ISS 13-15	4.5	5
ISS 16-24	6.2	4.5
ISS 25-40	5.6	5.5
ISS 41-75	10.4	8.7

#### Table 35: Trauma data profile, The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	94	80
Mean monthly admissions	8	7
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	7%	5.6%
Sex		
Male/Female	68/26	57/23
Age ranges		
Mean age	7.7	7.8
0-4	30 (31.9%)	30 (37.3%)
5-9	24 (25.5%)	15 (18.7%)
10-14	30 (31.9%)	25 (31.1%)
15-19	10 (10.6%)	10 (12.4%)
40-44	0 (0%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	21.4	20
ISS <13	21 (22.3%)	14 (17.4%)
ISS 13-15	8 (8.5%)	11.3 (14.1%)
ISS 16-24	30 (31.9%)	30.3 (37.8%)
ISS 25-40	27 (28.7%)	19.7 (24.5%)
ISS 41-75	8 (8.5%)	5 (6.2%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	6 (6.4%)	4.3 (5.4%)
Falls	22 (23.4%)	23 (28.6%)
Road trauma	18 (19.1%)	14 (17.4%)
Other transport incident	16 (17%)	17.7 (22%)
All other injuries	32 (34%)	21.3 (26.6%)
Injury type		
Blunt	74 (78.7%)	67 (83.4%)
Penetrating	8 (8.5%)	3 (3.7%)
Unknown	12 (12.8%)	10.3 (12.9%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	55 (58.5%)	41.7 (51.9%)
Transfer in	38 (40.4%)	38.3 (47.7%)
Unknown	1 (1.1%)	0.3 (0.4%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	61 (64.9%)	39.7 (49.4%)
Helicopter	10 (10.6%)	12 (14.9%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	23 (24.5%)	28.7 (35.7%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	6.2	6.4
ISS <13	5.9	5.9
ISS 13-15	7.7	7.1
ISS 16-24	6.9	7.1
ISS 25-40	5.4	5.7
ISS 41-75	4.6	4.6
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	1,130	931
Mean overall	12	11.6
ISS <13	9.5	7.6
ISS 13-15	6.4	6.6
ISS 16-24	7.9	7.8
ISS 25-40	17.7	15.8
ISS 41-75	20.5	40.3
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	362 (67)	243 (48)
Mean overall	5.4	5.1
ISS <13	2.6	1.9
ISS 13-15	4.3	4.9
ISS 16-24	2.6	3.8
ISS 25-40	8.4	6.2
ISS 41-75	13.5	15.2
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	252 (50)	173 (35)
Mean overall	5	5
ISS <13	2.7	2.3
ISS 13-15	6	5
ISS 16-24	2.8	4.5
ISS 25-40	6.4	5.5
ISS 41-75	8.5	8.7

## Appendix 4: Regional trauma service summaries

#### Table 36: Trauma data profile, Coffs Harbour Base Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	91	72
Mean monthly admissions	8	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	8.5%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	67/24	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	53.2	54.2
0-4	4 (4.4%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	3 (3.3%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	6 (6.6%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	4 (4.4%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	4 (4.4%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	5 (5.5%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	3 (3.3%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	6 (6.6%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	2 (2.2%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	4 (4.4%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	5 (5.5%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	9 (9.9%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	9 (9.9%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	5 (5.5%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	4 (4.4%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	8 (8.8%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	10 (11%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	20.5	18.4
ISS <13	9 (9.9%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	25 (27.5%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	31 (34.1%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	22 (24.2%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	4 (4.4%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	4 (4.4%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	36 (39.6%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	25 (69.4%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	32 (35.2%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	12 (13.2%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	7 (7.7%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	87 (95.6%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	3 (3.3%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	1 (1.1%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	83 (91.2%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	8 (8.8%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	85 (93.4%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	0 (0%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	6 (6.6%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.5	7.6
ISS <13	7.4	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.7	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.8	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.1	7.1
ISS 41-75	5.1	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	553	532
Mean overall	6.1	7.4
ISS <13	5.7	9.6
ISS 13-15	7.7	6.7
ISS 16-24	7.4	8.6
ISS 25-40	2.8	5.1
ISS 41-75	5	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	80 (31)	63 (20)
Mean overall	2.6	3.1
ISS <13	3	3.6
ISS 13-15	1.8	2.8
ISS 16-24	2.9	3
ISS 25-40	2	2.8
ISS 41-75	2.3	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	36 (14)	15 (6)
Mean overall	2.6	2.3
ISS <13	3.5	3.1
ISS 13-15	2	1.7
ISS 16-24	3.2	2.9
ISS 25-40	1	1.7
ISS 41-75	1.7	1.5

## Table 37: Trauma data profile, Gosford Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	64	72
Mean monthly admissions	5	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	6.9%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	43/21	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	59.4	54.2
0-4	2 (3.1%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	2 (3.1%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	1 (1.6%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	2 (3.1%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	2 (3.1%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	4 (6.2%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	3 (4.7%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	0 (0%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	3 (4.7%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	5 (7.8%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	3 (4.7%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	6 (9.4%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	1 (1.6%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	11 (17.2%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	4 (6.2%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	4 (6.2%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	11 (17.2%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	16.7	18.4
ISS <13	6 (9.4%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	21 (32.8%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	28 (43.8%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	9 (14.1%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	0 (0%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	0 (0%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	28 (43.8%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	21 (67.7%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	19 (29.7%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	9 (14.1%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	8 (12.5%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	63 (98.4%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	1 (1.6%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	64 (100%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	0 (0%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	56 (87.5%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	1 (1.6%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	7 (10.9%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.7	7.6
ISS <13	7.5	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.6	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.5	7.1
ISS 41-75	0	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	343	532
Mean overall	5.4	7.4
ISS <13	2.5	9.6
ISS 13-15	6.4	6.7
ISS 16-24	5.1	8.6
ISS 25-40	5.8	5.1
ISS 41-75	0	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	0 (0)	63 (20)
Mean overall	0	3.1
ISS <13	0	3.6
ISS 13-15	0	2.8
ISS 16-24	0	3
ISS 25-40	0	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	0 (0)	15 (6)
Mean overall	0	2.3
ISS <13	0	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	0	2.9
ISS 25-40	0	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 38: Trauma data profile, Lismore Base Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	65	72
Mean monthly admissions	5	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	5%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	49/16	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	52.7	54.2
0-4	1 (1.5%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	1 (1.5%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	1 (1.5%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	2 (3.1%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	4 (6.2%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	6 (9.2%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	3 (4.6%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	1 (1.5%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	5 (7.7%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	2 (3.1%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	5 (7.7%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	2 (3.1%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	8 (12.3%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	9 (13.8%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	4 (6.2%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	2 (3.1%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	4 (6.2%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	5 (7.7%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	16.7	18.4
ISS <13	5 (7.7%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	19 (29.2%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	34 (52.3%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	7 (10.8%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	0 (0%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	3 (4.6%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	27 (41.5%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	14 (58.3%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	21 (32.3%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	5 (7.7%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	9 (13.8%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	58 (89.2%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	5 (7.7%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	2 (3.1%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	59 (90.8%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	5 (7.7%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	1 (1.5%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	34 (52.3%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	7 (10.8%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	24 (36.9%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.6	7.6
ISS <13	6.8	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.7	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.7
ISS 25-40	6.7	7.1
ISS 41-75	0	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	436	532
Mean overall	6.7	7.4
ISS <13	7	9.6
ISS 13-15	5.8	6.7
ISS 16-24	7.3	8.6
ISS 25-40	5.9	5.1
ISS 41-75	0	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	44 (16)	63 (20)
Mean overall	2.8	3.1
ISS <13	3.2	3.6
ISS 13-15	3.7	2.8
ISS 16-24	2.2	3
ISS 25-40	0	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	10 (5)	15 (6)
Mean overall	2	2.3
ISS <13	2	3.1
ISS 13-15	2.5	1.7
ISS 16-24	0	2.9
ISS 25-40	1	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 39: Trauma data profile, Nepean Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	44	72
Mean monthly admissions	4	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	8%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	27/17	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	64.8	54.2
0-4	0 (0%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	0 (0%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	4 (9.1%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	1 (2.3%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	1 (2.3%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	1 (2.3%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	1 (2.3%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	0 (0%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	3 (6.8%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	2 (4.5%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	2 (4.5%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	2 (4.5%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	2 (4.5%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	7 (15.9%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	2 (4.5%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	6 (13.6%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	10 (22.7%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	13.8	18.4
ISS <13	19 (43.2%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	10 (22.7%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	8 (18.2%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	7 (15.9%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	0 (0%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	3 (6.8%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	24 (54.5%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	21 (77.8%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	7 (15.9%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	4 (9.1%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	6 (13.6%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	42 (95.5%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	2 (4.5%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	34 (77.3%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	10 (22.7%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	35 (79.5%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	0 (0%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	9 (20.5%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.8	7.6
ISS <13	7.7	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.8	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.8	7.1
ISS 41-75	0	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	663	532
Mean overall	15.1	7.4
ISS <13	15.2	9.6
ISS 13-15	12.2	6.7
ISS 16-24	22.5	8.6
ISS 25-40	10.4	5.1
ISS 41-75	0	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	102 (28)	63 (20)
Mean overall	3.6	3.1
ISS <13	3.8	3.6
ISS 13-15	1	2.8
ISS 16-24	3.5	3
ISS 25-40	3.8	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	36 (5)	15 (6)
Mean overall	7.2	2.3
ISS <13	6.7	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	11	2.9
ISS 25-40	5	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 40: Trauma data profile, Orange Health Service

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	101	72
Mean monthly admissions	8	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	4%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	84/17	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	48.9	54.2
0-4	3 (3%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	2 (2%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	5 (5%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	3 (3%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	13 (12.9%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	5 (5%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	4 (4%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	2 (2%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	7 (6.9%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	7 (6.9%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	5 (5%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	2 (2%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	5 (5%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	11 (10.9%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	8 (7.9%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	6 (5.9%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	7 (6.9%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	6 (5.9%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	19.2	18.4
ISS <13	2 (2%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	26 (25.7%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	52 (51.5%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	21 (20.8%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	0 (0%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	2 (2%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	32 (31.7%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	22 (57.9%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	34 (33.7%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	25 (24.8%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	8 (7.9%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	101 (100%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	0 (0%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	78 (77.2%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	16 (15.8%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	7 (6.9%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	57 (56.4%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	21 (20.8%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	23 (22.8%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.8	7.6
ISS <13	7.4	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.8	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.6	7.1
ISS 41-75	0	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	503	532
Mean overall	5	7.4
ISS <13	2.5	9.6
ISS 13-15	4.5	6.7
ISS 16-24	6	8.6
ISS 25-40	3.5	5.1
ISS 41-75	0	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	25 (9)	63 (20)
Mean overall	2.8	3.1
ISS <13	1.5	3.6
ISS 13-15	2.5	2.8
ISS 16-24	5	3
ISS 25-40	3	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	10 (7)	15 (6)
Mean overall	1.4	2.3
ISS <13	1	3.1
ISS 13-15	1.5	1.7
ISS 16-24	2	2.9
ISS 25-40	1.3	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 41: Trauma data profile, Port Macquarie Base Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	65	72
Mean monthly admissions	5	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	7.9%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	45/20	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	53.8	54.2
0-4	0 (0%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	1 (1.5%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	1 (1.5%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	6 (9.2%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	3 (4.6%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	2 (3.1%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	4 (6.2%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	4 (6.2%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	3 (4.6%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	2 (3.1%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	4 (6.2%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	5 (7.7%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	5 (7.7%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	2 (3.1%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	5 (7.7%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	6 (9.2%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	6 (9.2%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	6 (9.2%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	20	18.4
ISS <13	2 (3.1%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	15 (23.1%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	31 (47.7%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	16 (24.6%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	1 (1.5%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	7 (10.8%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	17 (26.2%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	9 (36%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	31 (47.7%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	5 (7.7%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	5 (7.7%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	55 (84.6%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	8 (12.3%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	2 (3.1%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	64 (98.5%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	1 (1.5%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	59 (90.8%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	2 (3.1%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	4 (6.2%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.5	7.6
ISS <13	7.7	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.6	7.7
ISS 25-40	6.9	7.1
ISS 41-75	7.6	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	327	532
Mean overall	5	7.4
ISS <13	13.5	9.6
ISS 13-15	4.1	6.7
ISS 16-24	5.6	8.6
ISS 25-40	3.9	5.1
ISS 41-75	1	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	45 (20)	63 (20)
Mean overall	2.2	3.1
ISS <13	1	3.6
ISS 13-15	2	2.8
ISS 16-24	1.5	3
ISS 25-40	4.6	2.8
ISS 41-75	1	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	6 (6)	15 (6)
Mean overall	1	2.3
ISS <13	1	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	1	2.9
ISS 25-40	1	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 42: Trauma data profile, Tamworth Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	98	72
Mean monthly admissions	8	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	9.8%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	78/20	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	52.2	54.2
0-4	4 (4.1%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	1 (1%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	3 (3.1%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	5 (5.1%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	4 (4.1%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	3 (3.1%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	5 (5.1%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	6 (6.1%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	3 (3.1%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	10 (10.2%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	7 (7.1%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	5 (5.1%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	10 (10.2%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	3 (3.1%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	5 (5.1%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	6 (6.1%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	9 (9.2%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	9 (9.2%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	18.3	18.4
ISS <13	15 (15.3%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	27 (27.6%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	29 (29.6%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	26 (26.5%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	1 (1%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	4 (4.1%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	31 (31.6%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	23 (71.9%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	28 (28.6%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	19 (19.4%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	16 (16.3%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	93 (94.9%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	4 (4.1%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	1 (1%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	77 (78.6%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	21 (21.4%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	69 (70.4%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	11 (11.2%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	18 (18.4%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.4	7.6
ISS <13	7.1	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.5	7.7
ISS 25-40	7	7.1
ISS 41-75	6	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	1,109	532
Mean overall	11.4	7.4
ISS <13	5.2	9.6
ISS 13-15	8	6.7
ISS 16-24	23.6	8.6
ISS 25-40	5.3	5.1
ISS 41-75	1	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	148 (48)	63 (20)
Mean overall	3.1	3.1
ISS <13	3	3.6
ISS 13-15	2.4	2.8
ISS 16-24	4.4	3
ISS 25-40	1.6	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	21 (10)	15 (6)
Mean overall	2.1	2.3
ISS <13	2.2	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	2.5	2.9
ISS 25-40	1.7	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

## Table 43: Trauma data profile, The Tweed Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total admissions	34	72
Mean monthly admissions	3	6
Case fatality rate (ISS >12 excl. traumatic DOA)	13.8%	7.9%
Sex		
Male/Female	25/9	54/18
Age ranges		
Mean age	58.3	54.2
0-4	0 (0%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	1 (2.9%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	1 (2.9%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	1 (2.9%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	2 (5.9%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	3 (8.8%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	1 (2.9%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	0 (0%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	1 (2.9%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	1 (2.9%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	2 (5.9%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	1 (2.9%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	5 (14.7%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	3 (8.8%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	1 (2.9%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	0 (0%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	4 (11.8%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	7 (20.6%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	15.7	18.4
ISS <13	5 (14.7%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	10 (29.4%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	13 (38.2%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	6 (17.6%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	0 (0%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	3 (8.8%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	19 (55.9%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls ≥ 65 years (% of all MOIs for ≥ 65 years)	14 (93.3%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	6 (17.6%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	3 (8.8%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	3 (8.8%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		
Blunt	33 (97.1%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	0 (0%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	1 (2.9%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	27 (79.4%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	6 (17.6%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	1 (2.9%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	12 (35.3%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	0 (0%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	22 (64.7%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.5	7.6
ISS <13	7.8	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.7
ISS 25-40	6	7.1
ISS 41-75	0	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	252	532
Mean overall	7.4	7.4
ISS <13	3.2	9.6
ISS 13-15	7.1	6.7
ISS 16-24	11.2	8.6
ISS 25-40	3.2	5.1
ISS 41-75	0	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	19 (7)	63 (20)
Mean overall	2.7	3.1
ISS <13	1	3.6
ISS 13-15	2.7	2.8
ISS 16-24	3	3
ISS 25-40	3.5	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	8 (2)	15 (6)
Mean overall	4	2.3
ISS <13	0	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	0	2.9
ISS 25-40	4	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

#### Table 44: Trauma data profile, Wagga Wagga Base Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total Admissions	82	72
Mean monthly admissions	7	6
Case fatality rate (ISS > 12 excl. traumatic DOA)	6.6%	7.9%
Sex		
Male / Female	67 / 15	54 / 18
Age ranges		
Mean age	52.3	54.2
0-4	1 (1.2%)	1.6 (2.2%)
5-9	1 (1.2%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	3 (3.7%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	3 (3.7%)	3.5 (4.8%)
20-24	9 (11%)	5 (6.9%)
25-29	3 (3.7%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	2 (2.4%)	3.4 (4.7%)
35-39	2 (2.4%)	2.4 (3.3%)
40-44	4 (4.9%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	3 (3.7%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	7 (8.5%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	9 (11%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	8 (9.8%)	6.4 (8.9%)
65-69	4 (4.9%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	5 (6.1%)	5.5 (7.6%)
75-79	5 (6.1%)	4.1 (5.7%)
80-84	9 (11%)	6.4 (8.9%)
85+	4 (4.9%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Mean ISS	18.2	18.4
ISS < 13	5 (6.1%)	7.3 (10.1%)
ISS 13-15	28 (34.1%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	38 (46.3%)	29.7 (41.2%)
ISS 25-40	9 (11%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 41-75	2 (2.4%)	1.2 (1.7%)
Mechanism of injury		
Assault	6 (7.3%)	3.6 (5%)
Falls	31 (37.8%)	28.7 (39.8%)
Falls >= 65 years (% of all MOIs for >= 65 years)	17 (63%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	29 (35.4%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	9 (11%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	7 (8.5%)	7.5 (10.4%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Injury type		

Blunt	76 (92.7%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	6 (7.3%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	69 (84.1%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	13 (15.9%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	0 (0%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes		
Ambulance	65 (79.3%)	54 (74.8%)
Helicopter	2 (2.4%)	4.4 (6.1%)
Other (private vehicle, fixed wing, unknown)	15 (18.3%)	13.8 (19.1%)
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.7	7.6
ISS < 13	7.8	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.6	7.1
ISS 41-75	3.4	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	387	532
Mean overall	4.7	7.4
ISS < 13	10.2	9.6
ISS 13-15	5.5	6.7
ISS 16-24	3.7	8.6
ISS 25-40	4.4	5.1
ISS 41-75	1	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	80 (26)	63 (20)
Mean overall	3.1	3.1
ISS < 13	2.2	3.6
ISS 13-15	4.7	2.8
ISS 16-24	2.8	3
ISS 25-40	2.5	2.8
ISS 41-75	0	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	21 (15)	15 (6)
Mean overall	1.4	2.3
ISS < 13	2	3.1
ISS 13-15	1	1.7
ISS 16-24	1.4	2.9
ISS 25-40	1.4	1.7
ISS 41-75	1	1.5

## Table 45: Trauma data profile, Wollongong Hospital

Description	Facility	Peer
Total Admissions	78	72

Mean monthly admissions	6	6
Case fatality rate (ISS > 12 excl. traumatic DOA)	12.5%	7.9%
Sex		
Male / Female	55/23	54 / 18
Age ranges		
Mean age	56.4	54.2
0-4	1(1.3%)	16 (2.2%)
5-9	2 (2 6%)	0.9 (1.2%)
10-14	0 (0%)	1.9 (2.6%)
15-19	4 (5 1%)	35(48%)
20-24	8 (10.3%)	5 (6 9%)
25-29	1 (1.3%)	3 (4.2%)
30-34	5 (6 4%)	34(47%)
35-39	2 (2 6%)	2 4 (3 3%)
40-44	5 (6.4%)	3.4 (4.7%)
45-49	5 (6.4%)	3.8 (5.3%)
50-54	1 (1.3%)	4.2 (5.8%)
55-59	5 (6.4%)	3.9 (5.4%)
60-64	6 (7 7%)	6 4 (8 9%)
65-69	1 (1.3%)	4.5 (6.2%)
70-74	4 (5 1%)	55(76%)
75-79	6 (7 7%)	41(57%)
80-84	7 (9%)	6 4 (8 9%)
85+	15 (19.2%)	8.3 (11.5%)
Injury Severity Score		
Moon ISS	20.8	18.4
	5 (6 5%)	7 2 (10 1%)
ISS 13_15	17 (22 1%)	19.8 (27.5%)
ISS 16-24	33 (42 9%)	29 7 (41 2%)
155 10-24	18 (23 4%)	14.1 (19.6%)
ISS 23-40	4 (5 2%)	12 (17%)
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Falle	4 (5.1%)	3.0 (3%)
Falls	42 (55.6%)	28.7 (39.8%)
>= 65 years)	25 (75.8%)	19.1 (66.3%)
Road trauma	18 (23.1%)	22.5 (31.2%)
Other transport incident	8 (10.3%)	9.9 (13.7%)
All other injuries	6 (7.7%)	7.5 (10.4%)
Injury type		
Blunt	75 (96.2%)	68.3 (94.6%)
Penetrating	1 (1.3%)	3 (4.2%)
Unknown	2 (2.6%)	0.9 (1.2%)
Admission type		
Direct admission	59 (75.6%)	61.4 (85%)
Transfer in	17 (21.8%)	9.7 (13.4%)
Unknown	2 (2.6%)	1.1 (1.5%)
Arrival modes	= (== (= (= (= (= (= (= (= (= (= (= (= (	
Ambulance	68 (87 20%)	51 (71 8%)
Heliconter	0 (07.270) 0 (0%)	Δ Δ (6 1%)
Other (private vehicle fixed wing	0 (0 %)	4.4 (0.170)
unknown)	10 (12.8%)	13.8 (19.1%)

Description	Facility	Peer
Revised Trauma Score		
Mean - overall	7.4	7.6
ISS < 13	6.7	7.4
ISS 13-15	7.8	7.8
ISS 16-24	7.7	7.7
ISS 25-40	7.2	7.1
ISS 41-75	4.9	5.2
Hospital length of stay		
Total bed days	742	532
Mean overall	9.5	7.4
ISS < 13	27	9.6
ISS 13-15	8.4	6.7
ISS 16-24	8.9	8.6
ISS 25-40	8.9	5.1
ISS 41-75	2	2.7
ICU length of stay		
ICU total bed days (number of ICU admissions)	87 (19)	63 (20)
Mean overall	4.6	3.1
ISS < 13	9.6	3.6
ISS 13-15	1	2.8
ISS 16-24	3.4	3
ISS 25-40	2.4	2.8
ISS 41-75	4	2.4
Hospital ventilation days		
Total ventilation bed days (number of ventilated cases)	4 (1)	15 (6)
Mean overall	4	2.3
ISS < 13	0	3.1
ISS 13-15	0	1.7
ISS 16-24	4	2.9
ISS 25-40	0	1.7
ISS 41-75	0	1.5

#### Appendix 5: Calculation of the Injury Severity Score

An ISS is calculated for each patient based on the AIS injury severity classification of their specific injuries. The ISS value ranges from 1 to 75 and is calculated as:

### ISS = A2 + B2 + C2

Where A, B and C are the highest AIS severity codes in each of the (up to) three most severely injured ISS body regions.

The six ISS body regions are:

- head or neck
- face
- chest
- abdominal or pelvic contents
- extremities or pelvic girdle
- external.

The following example shows how an ISS is calculated from a set of injuries.

#### Table 46: ISS calculation example

ISS body region	Injury	AIS severity code	Include in ISS calculation?
Head or neck	Small subdural haematoma	AIS-4	Yes
Chest	Bilateral lung contusion	AIS-4	No
Chest	Bilateral flail chest	AIS-5	Yes
Abdominal or pelvic contents	Superficial spleen laceration	AIS-2	Yes
Extremities or pelvic girdle	Left phalange (little toe) fracture	AIS-1	No

Based on the above injuries, the ISS is calculated as:

#### $ISS = 4^2 + 5^2 + 2^2$

#### ISS = 45 (critical injury)

#### Appendix 6: Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Areas

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Areas (RA) is based on the Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia which defines locations in terms of remoteness, i.e. the physical distance of a location from the nearest urban centre (access to goods and services) based on population size (Figure **38**).





Charts based on data available at ABS,

http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/d3310114.nsf/home/remoteness+structure

For further information on ASGS-RA, please see The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

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# Glossary

**Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS)** is an anatomically based, consensus-derived, global severity scoring system that classifies each injury by body region, according to its relative importance on a six-point ordinal scale. The AIS is the basis for the Injury Severity Score (ISS) calculation of the multiply injured patient.

**Age-specific rate** is an annualised rate given as per 100,000 persons, based on the estimated NSW population during the reporting period (end of December). Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. National, state and territory population, Dec 2020. Available from: https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/national-state-and-territory-population/dec-2020/31010do001\_202012.xls

**Age-standardised rate** is an annualised rate given as per 100,000 persons, standardised to the Australian population at 30 June 2001. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Standard Population for Use in Age-Standardisation Table. Australian Demographic Statistics, Mar 2013. Catalogue No. 3101. Canberra: ABS, Dec 2013.10

**Case fatality rate** is the proportion of deaths for a designated population expressed as a percentage. The NSW Trauma Minimum Data Set does not include all survivors with an ISS of less than or equal to 12. The case fatality rate in this report is only calculated on patients with an ISS of greater than 12 and will be expressed as 'case fatality rate for ISS >12'.

**Definitive care** is defined as the hospital providing the highest level of care to meet all the clinical needs of the patient. Many patients receive definitive care at regional trauma services, but a small number of patients are transferred to a major trauma service (higher level) for specialised care.

Geriatric population is defined as those aged 65 years or older.

**Location of injury** is defined as either metropolitan or rural based on the recorded postcode of injury. The process used to define the two categories is outlined in the Methodology section.

**Injury Severity Score (ISS)** assesses the combined effects of the multiply injured patient and is based on an anatomical injury severity classification, the AIS. The ISS is an internationally recognised scoring system which correlates with mortality, morbidity and other measures of severity. The ISS is calculated as the sum of the squares of the highest AIS code in each of the three most severely injured ISS body regions.

ISS body regions consist of six anatomical regions as defined in the AIS dictionary:

- head or neck
- face
- chest
- abdominal or pelvic contents
- extremities or pelvic girdle
- external.

**Isolated fractured neck of femur** is defined as the AIS codes 853161.3 and 853162.3 and where no other injury is recorded.

**Major trauma** is defined as all patients of any age, who were admitted to a designated NSW trauma service within seven days of sustaining an injury, and:

- had an ISS >12 (moderate to critically injured), or
- were admitted to an intensive care unit (irrespective of ISS) following injury or died in hospital (irrespective of ISS) following injury, except those with an isolated fractured neck of femur injury sustained from a fall from a standing height (<1m) and those aged 65 years or older who died with minor soft tissue injury only.

**Major trauma services** can provide the full spectrum of care for major and moderately injured patients, from initial resuscitation through to rehabilitation and discharge. There are currently seven adult and three paediatric designated major trauma services in NSW.

**Mechanism of injury** refers to the mechanisms whereby energy is transferred from the environment to the person.

**Minor soft tissue injury** is defined as a superficial injury including abrasions, contusions, and lacerations (AIS codes: 910000.1; 910200.1; 910400.1; 910600.1, 810099.1, 810202.1, 810402.1, 810600.1, 810602.1, 710099.1, 710202.1, 710402.1, 710600.1, 710602.1, 510099.1, 510202.1, 510402.1, 510600.1, 510602.1, 410099.1, 410202.1, 410402.1, 410600.1, 410602.1, 310099.1, 310202.1, 310402.1, 310600.1, 310602.1, 210099.1, 210202.1, 210402.1, 210600.1, 210602.1).

**Not further specified** is an injury descriptor used in AIS coding where detailed information is lacking, including injury type or severity. Other transport incident is defined as a patient involved in an accident involving a device designed primarily for, or being used at the time primarily for, conveying persons or goods from one place to another (ICD-10 codes: V00 – V99 inclusive) that did not meet place of occurrence road trauma criteria.

Polytrauma is defined as serious injury (AIS severity >2) in two or more ISS body regions.

**Regional trauma services** can provide all aspects of care to patients with minor to moderate trauma, and definitive care to a limited number of major trauma patients in collaboration with the major trauma service. A regional trauma service provides initial assessment, stabilisation, definitive care and initiates transfer to a major trauma service when a patient requires services not available at the regional trauma service. There are currently 10 designated regional trauma services in NSW.

**Road trauma** is defined as a patient involved in an accident involving a device designed primarily for, or being used at the time primarily for, conveying persons or goods from one place to another (ICD-10 codes: V00 – V89 inclusive) AND had a street, highway and other paved roadways as the place of occurrence of the external cause (ICD-10 codes: Y92.4 inclusive).

**Revised Trauma Score** is a physiological scoring system used for predicting death. It consists of the first set of vital signs data obtained on the patient after arrival at hospital including Glasgow Coma Scale, systolic blood pressure and respiratory rate. Values for the Revised Trauma Score are in the range 0 to 7.8408. The lower the score, the higher the likelihood of death.

**Standardised mortality ratio** is a ratio between the observed number of deaths in a study population and the number of deaths that would be expected, based on the age or ISS specific rates in a standard population and the age or ISS distribution of the study population.

**Traumatic death on arrival** is defined as a patient presenting to the emergency department with no recordable pulse or blood pressure (pulse rate = 0; systolic blood pressure = 0), no motor response elicited during the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) assessment (GCS motor score = 1), and the post emergency disposition recorded as 'died'.

## Abbreviations

AIS	Abbreviated Injury Scale
ASGS-RA	Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Areas
CCLHD	Central Coast Local Health District
DBP	Diastolic blood pressure
DOA	Dead on arrival
ED	Emergency department
FWLHD	Far West Local Health District
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
HNELHD	Hunter New England Local Health District
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICU	Intensive care unit
ISLHD	Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
ISS	Injury Severity Score
ITIM	NSW Institute of Trauma and Injury Management
JH&FMHN	Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Service Network
LOS	Length of stay
MLHD	Murrumbidgee Local Health District
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