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Summary tables on child deaths in Queensland

All child deaths

Table A.1: Summary of deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All deaths						
Deaths of children 0–17 years	378	398	410	448	422	34.5
Cause of death						
Natural causes	260	280	271	338	314	24.6
External causes	77	88	92	71	70	6.7
Transport	21	31	33	28	20	2.2
Drowning	13	10	10	10	10	0.9
Other non-intentional injury-related death	9	14	19	7	19	1.1
Suicide	21	30	21	20	19	1.9
Fatal assault and neglect	13	3	9	6	2	0.6
Unexplained causes	39	30	41	34	8	2.6
Cause of death pending	2	0	6	5	30	0.7
Sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI)						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	35	34	44	40	27	0.6
Sex^a						
Female	163	185	175	194	173	30.8
Male	214	213	233	253	241	37.7
Age category						
Under 1 year	246	239	250	281	280	4.2
1–4 years	42	41	44	52	43	18.0
5–9 years	17	19	24	37	18	6.8
10–14 years	28	31	43	37	34	9.9
15–17 years	45	68	49	41	47	25.4
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	66	73	71	94	91	79.8
Non-Indigenous	312	325	339	354	331	30.4
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	53	53	69	72	53	60.4

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

■ Rate per 1,000 live births.

^a Excludes deaths of children whose sex was indeterminate.

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Table A.2: Summary of deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths						
Total	66	73	71	94	91	79.8
Cause of death						
Natural causes	40	48	33	64	67	50.9
External causes	19	17	22	18	11	17.6
Transport	4	3	4	7	4	4.4
Drowning	1	4	2	2	1	2.0
Other non-intentional injury-related death	4	5	6	3	4	4.4
Suicide	7	4	7	4	2	4.8
Fatal assault and neglect	3	1	3	2	0	1.8
Unexplained causes	7	8	13	10	2	8.1
Cause of death pending	0	0	3	2	11	3.2
Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	9	12	15	14	9	1.7
Age category						
Under 1 year	45	50	36	59	67	7.2
1–4 years	6	8	12	11	12	42.9
5–9 years	1	1	4	9	1	11.8
10–14 years	4	4	7	4	7	19.0
15–17 years	10	10	12	11	4	60.1
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	22	27	31	27	22	96.2

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

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3. SUDI is a research category applying to infants only, where the death was sudden with no immediately obvious cause. The category is not a cause of death, which will be counted within the relevant cause, and will not add to the total.

Children known to Child Safety

Table A.3: Summary of deaths of children and young people known to Child Safety in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
Deaths of children known to Child Safety						
Total	53	53	69	72	53	60.4
Cause of death						
Natural causes	16	21	25	34	23	24.0
External causes	27	23	33	27	19	26.0
Transport	5	5	7	10	0	5.4
Drowning	2	5	5	4	3	3.8
Other non-intentional injury-related death	2	7	6	5	11	6.2
Suicide	8	4	8	6	4	6.0
Fatal assault and neglect	10	2	7	2	1	4.4
Unexplained causes	9	9	10	10	2	8.1
Cause of death pending	1	0	1	1	9	2.4
Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)						
Sudden unexpected infant deaths	9	13	11	13	8	2.3
Age category						
Under 1 year	18	24	22	27	21	4.7
1–4 years	16	9	19	15	14	76.4
5–9 years	2	5	4	11	3	17.5
10–14 years	7	8	11	9	7	27.4
15–17 years	10	7	13	10	8	59.0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	22	27	31	27	22	96.2
Non-Indigenous	31	26	38	45	31	47.2
Child protection status						
No involvement or ongoing intervention	23	32	26	35	22	..
Open intake event	12	2	1	5	2	..
Investigation and assessment (IA)	8	8	25	16	22	..
Child protection order (CPO)	5	4	12	9	4	..
Open intervention with parental agreement (IPA)	3	5	4	5	2	..
Support service case	0	2	1	1	1	..
Other child protection status	2	0	0	1	0	..

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

■ Rate per 1,000 aged under 1 year.

.. Not calculated.

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

Natural causes

Table A.4: Summary of deaths from natural causes of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All natural cause deaths						
Disease and morbid condition	260	280	271	338	314	24.6
Category						
Perinatal conditions	132	129	121	163	183	12.2
Congenital anomalies	80	74	80	69	61	6.1
Neoplasms	17	24	27	36	27	2.2
Infections ^a	10	8	12	19	13	1.0
Other disease or morbid conditions NEC	21	45	31	51	30	3.0
Sex						
Female	109	131	131	156	138	23.0
Male	150	149	138	181	168	25.7
Indeterminate	1	0	2	1	8	..
Age category						
Under 1 year	210	204	209	240	244	3.6
1–4 years	17	24	18	34	23	9.4
5–9 years	9	13	12	31	12	4.6
10–14 years	14	16	19	17	15	4.6
15–17 years	10	23	13	16	20	8.3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	40	48	33	64	67	50.9
Non-Indigenous	220	232	238	274	247	22.2
Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	11	4	7	13	6	26.1
Outer regional	37	57	40	49	48	28.7
Inner regional	49	44	53	80	48	24.1
Major cities	157	172	162	189	205	23.0
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	61	68	61	99	99	32.4
Q5 (least disadvantage)	39	45	26	28	17	13.1
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	16	21	25	34	23	24.0

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

■ Rate per 1,000 live births.

.. Not calculated.

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

NEC Not elsewhere classified.

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

Transport

Table A.5: Summary of transport-related deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All transport deaths						
Transport	21	31	33	28	20	2.2
Incident type						
Motor vehicle	12	19	19	13	6	1.2
Pedestrian	6	4	5	10	6	0.5
<i>Low-speed vehicle run-over</i>	2	3	4	8	3	0.3
Motorcycle	1	5	5	4	5	0.3
Quad bike	1	2	2	0	2	0.1
Bicycle	1	1	0	1	0	*
Other	0	0	2	0	1	*
Sex						
Female	7	14	9	6	3	1.3
Male	14	17	24	22	17	3.1
Age category						
Under 1 year	0	1	0	0	1	*
1–4 years	2	5	7	7	3	1.9
5–9 years	3	4	5	2	1	0.9
10–14 years	5	5	9	6	6	1.8
15–17 years	11	16	12	13	9	6.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4	3	4	7	4	4.4
Non-Indigenous	17	28	29	21	16	2.0
Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	1	4	1	3	2	7.0
Outer regional	9	8	10	6	3	4.5
Inner regional	5	9	10	8	7	3.4
Major cities	5	9	10	10	6	1.0
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	4	13	5	7	7	3.0
Q5 (least disadvantage)	5	0	0	0	1	0.5
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	5	5	7	10	0	5.4

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

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1. Data presented are current in the Queensland Child Death Register as at August 2024 and thus may differ from previously published reports.
2. Low-speed vehicle run-over is a subset of the 'pedestrian' category; hence, summing categories will exceed the total.
3. Quad bike includes side-by-side vehicles.
4. The 'other' incident type category can include deaths involving aircraft, horse riding and specialised industrial vehicles.
5. Rates are averaged over 5 years and calculated per 100,000 children (in the sex/age/Indigenous status) in Queensland.
6. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.
7. The number of children known to the child protection system represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to Child Safety Services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to Child Safety, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

Drowning

Table A.6: Summary of drowning deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All drowning deaths						
Drowning	13	10	10	10	10	0.9
Incident type						
Pool	6	2	3	4	3	0.3
<i>Private pool</i>	5	2	3	4	3	0.3
<i>Public pool</i>	1	0	0	0	0	*
Non-pool	7	8	7	6	7	0.6
<i>Bath</i>	0	3	2	4	3	0.2
<i>Beach or ocean</i>	1	0	1	0	0	*
<i>Dynamic waterway</i>	2	1	0	0	3	0.1
<i>Object containing water</i>	1	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Rural water hazard</i>	3	3	2	1	0	0.2
<i>Static inland waterway</i>	0	1	1	1	0	*
<i>Other non-pool water hazard NEC</i>	0	0	1	0	1	*
Sex						
Female	8	6	3	7	4	1.0
Male	5	4	7	3	6	0.8
Age category						
Under 1 year	0	2	1	2	3	2.6
1–4 years	9	5	6	5	3	2.3
5–9 years	2	1	1	2	3	0.5
10–14 years	0	1	1	0	1	*
15–17 years	2	1	1	1	0	0.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1	4	2	2	1	2.0
Non-Indigenous	12	6	8	8	9	0.8
Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	2	0	0	0	1	*
Outer regional	2	3	3	1	2	1.4
Inner regional	4	5	4	5	0	1.6
Major cities	5	2	3	4	7	0.5
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	5	4	5	4	5	1.9
Q5 (least disadvantage)	1	1	0	1	0	0.3
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	2	5	5	4	3	3.8

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

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2. 'Other' non-pool water hazards include objects containing water and flood-related incidents.

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

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

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Other non-intentional injury

Table A.7: Summary of other non-intentional injury-related deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All other non-intentional injury deaths						
Other non-intentional injury	9	14	19	7	19	1.1
Incident type						
Threats to breathing	2	9	4	6	1	0.4
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	3	1	3	0	0	0.1
Accidental poisoning	0	1	3	0	2	0.1
Deaths from fire	1	0	2	0	7	0.2
Falls	0	0	3	0	4	0.1
Contact with venomous animals and plants	1	1	2	0	0	0.1
Other incidents	2	2	2	1	5	0.2
Sex						
Female	2	7	3	1	4	0.6
Male	7	7	16	6	15	1.7
Age category						
Under 1 year	0	5	4	4	1	4.5
1–4 years	3	4	3	2	8	1.6
5–9 years	2	1	3	0	1	0.4
10–14 years	1	1	4	0	5	0.6
15–17 years	3	3	5	1	4	1.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	4	5	6	3	4	4.4
Non-Indigenous	5	9	13	4	15	0.8
Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	1	2	0	1	1	3.2
Outer regional	3	2	7	4	8	3.0
Inner regional	1	0	1	2	4	0.7
Major cities	3	10	11	0	6	0.8
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	2	5	7	3	8	2.1
Q5 (least disadvantage)	0	2	3	0	0	0.4
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	2	7	6	5	11	6.2

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3. Other incidents includes exposure to animate mechanical forces; exposure to electrical current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature/pressure; and exposure to forces of nature.
4. ARIA+ and SEIFA exclude the deaths of children whose usual place of residence was outside Queensland.
5. The number of children known to the child protection system represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to Child Safety Services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 0–17 who were known to Child Safety, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

Suicide

Table A.8: Summary of suicide deaths of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All suicide deaths						
Suicide	21	30	21	20	19	1.9 ^a
Sex						
Female	6	12	8	9	8	3.2
Male	15	18	13	11	11	4.8
Age category						
10–17 years ^b	21	30	21	20	19	4.1
5–9 years	0	0	1	0	0	*
10–14 years	6	6	6	11	6	2.0
15–17 years	15	24	14	9	13	7.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7	4	7	4	2	11.2
Non-Indigenous	14	26	14	16	17	3.5
Geographical area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	3	1	1	1	1	11.0
Outer regional	4	6	3	2	4	5.0
Inner regional	5	7	10	4	3	5.3
Major cities	9	16	7	12	10	3.1
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	7	10	4	8	5	6.3
Q5 (least disadvantage)	2	4	0	3	3	2.1
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	8	4	8	6	4	12.8

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

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

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

b Includes deaths of children aged under 10 years.

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

4. The number of children known to the child protection system represents the number of children whose deaths were registered in the reporting period, who were known to Child Safety Services within the 1-year period prior to their death. The denominator for calculating rates is the 5-year average number of children aged 10–17 who were known to Child Safety, through either being subject to a child concern report, intake inquiry, notification, investigation and assessment, ongoing intervention, orders or placement, in the 1-year period prior to the reporting period.

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

Fatal assault and neglect

Table A.9: Summary of deaths from assault and neglect of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All fatal assault and neglect deaths						
Fatal assault and neglect	13	3	9	6	2	0.6
Category of fatal assault and neglect						
Intra-familial	10	2	7	5	2	0.4
<i>Domestic homicide</i>	3	0	1	1	1	0.1
<i>Fatal child abuse</i>	3	1	5	2	1	0.2
<i>Fatal neglect</i>	4	0	1	2	0	0.1
<i>Other intra-familial assault NEC</i>	0	1	0	0	0	*
Extra-familial	3	1	2	1	0	0.1
<i>Intimate partner homicide</i>	0	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Peer homicide</i>	2	1	2	0	0	0.1
<i>Acquaintance homicide</i>	1	0	0	0	0	*
<i>Stranger homicide</i>	0	0	0	1	0	*
Sex						
Female	6	2	1	3	1	0.4
Male	7	1	8	3	1	0.7
Age category						
Under 1 year	4	0	2	1	2	2.9
1–4 years	5	2	4	2	0	1.1
5–9 years	1	0	1	2	0	0.2
10–14 years	0	0	0	1	0	*
15–17 years	3	1	2	0	0	0.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3	1	3	2	0	1.8
Non-Indigenous	10	2	6	4	2	0.4
Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	0	0	0	0	0	*
Outer regional	0	1	4	3	0	1.0
Inner regional	2	0	2	3	2	0.8
Major cities	11	2	3	0	0	0.4
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	3	1	4	4	2	1.2
Q5 (least disadvantage)	3	0	0	1	0	0.3
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	10	2	7	2	1	4.4

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

Table A.10: Summary of deaths from unexplained causes of children aged 0–17 years in Queensland, 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 100,000
All deaths from unexplained causes						
Unexplained causes	39	30	41	34	8	2.6
Cause of death						
Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)	22	17	21	18	7	27.5
Undetermined cause (infants)	10	10	11	12	1	14.2
Undetermined cause (1–17 years)	7	3	9	4	0	0.4
Sex						
Female	24	13	19	10	3	2.4
Male	15	17	22	24	5	2.7
Age category						
Under 1 year	32	27	32	30	8	41.7
1–4 years	5	1	6	2	0	1.1
5–17 years	2	2	3	2	0	0.2
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7	8	13	10	2	8.1
Non-Indigenous	32	22	28	24	6	2.1
Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	0	0	1	1	0	*
Outer regional	5	8	6	2	1	2.7
Inner regional	8	6	8	11	2	3.1
Major cities	24	16	25	20	5	2.3
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	11	11	19	15	2	4.8
Q5 (least disadvantage)	1	2	1	4	1	0.8
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	9	9	10	10	2	8.1

Data source: Queensland Child Death Register (Aug 2024)

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Sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)

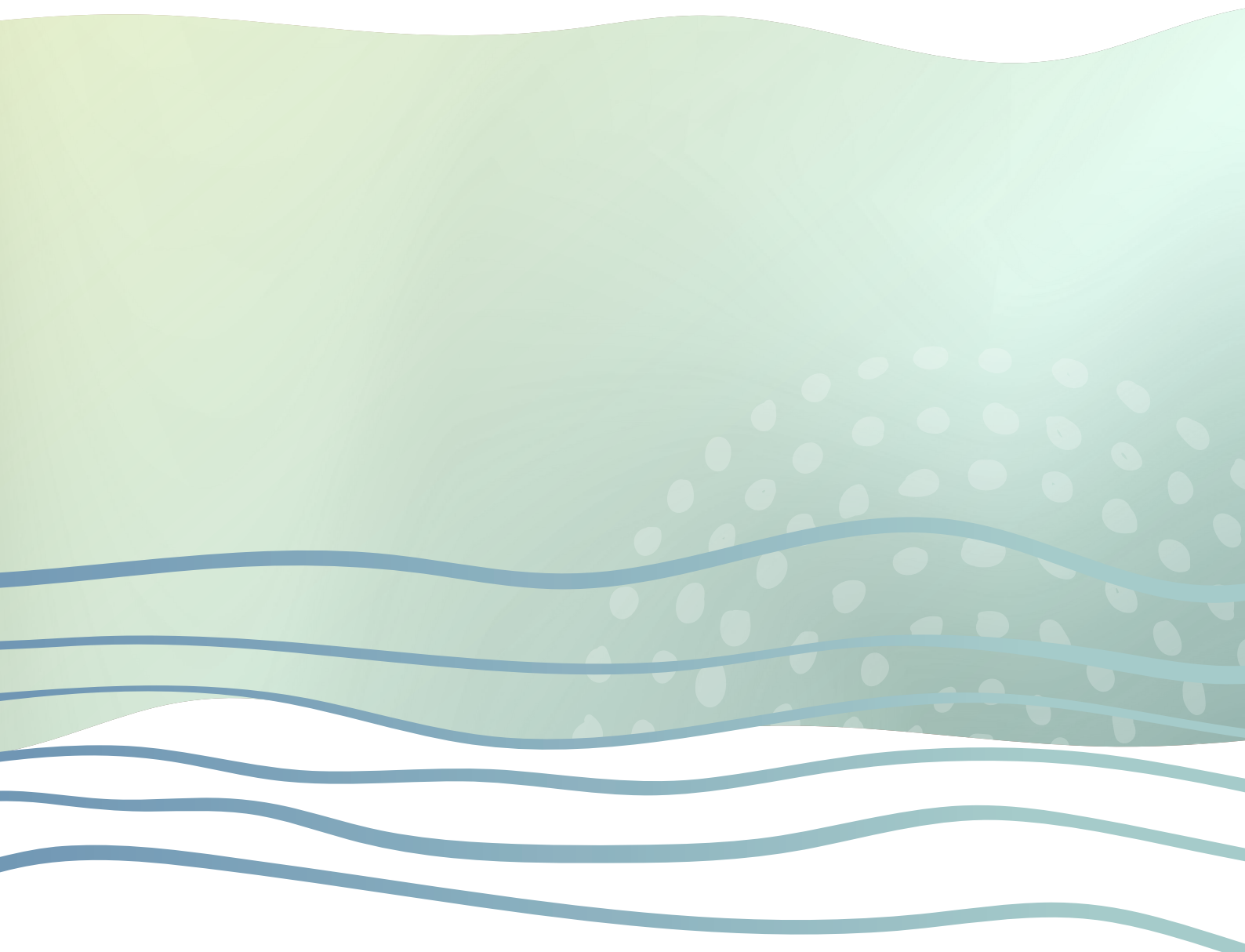
Table A.11: Summary of SUDI in Queensland 2019–24

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	5-year average
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	Rate per 1,000
All sudden unexpected deaths in infancy (SUDI)						
SUDI (infants)	35	34	44	40	27	0.6
Cause of death						
Explained causes	3	7	10	7	2	0.1
Unrecognised infant illness	2	2	6	3	1	0.0
Sleep accident	0	5	3	4	1	0.0
Fatal assault	1	0	1	0	0	*
Unexplained causes	32	27	32	30	8	0.4
SIDS	22	17	21	18	7	0.3
Undetermined	10	10	11	12	1	0.1
Cause of death pending	0	0	2	3	17	0.1
Sex						
Female	21	17	21	11	9	0.5
Male	14	17	23	29	18	0.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	9	12	15	14	9	1.7
Non-Indigenous	26	22	29	26	18	0.4
Geographic area of usual residence (ARIA+)						
Remote and very remote	0	1	2	1	2	0.7
Outer regional	5	8	9	9	2	0.8
Inner regional	6	7	9	13	5	0.7
Major cities	22	18	23	17	18	0.5
Socio-economic status of usual residence (SEIFA)						
Q1 (most disadvantage)	12	12	24	19	12	1.3
Q5 (least disadvantage)	1	3	1	2	2	0.2
Known to the child protection system						
Known to Child Safety	9	13	11	13	8	2.3

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