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More Queenslanders admit to breaking driving laws

RACQ has revealed almost one in 10 Queensland drivers (8.1%) admitted to not wearing a seatbelt at some point over the past 12 months.

Spokesperson Tristan Vorias said the Club's Annual Road Safety Survey also showed the number of drivers speeding, drink driving and driving tired had increased from last year.

"This Road Safety Week, we want to highlight the importance of staying safe on Queensland roads, so it's very disappointing to see so many drivers making life-threatening decisions when behind the wheel," Mr Vorias said.

"Already this year, nearly 200 people have died on Queensland roads and, unfortunately, we're on track to record our worst road toll in more than a decade."

The survey found nearly three quarters (74.3%) of motorists surveyed admitted to speeding, 41.2% said they had driven tired, and 13.3% had driven when they thought they may be over the legal blood alcohol limit.

In the past year, 28.6% of Queenslanders surveyed admitted to engaging in an activity that would interfere with their ability to drive safely such as using their mobile phone or driving while distracted.

Mr Vorias said far too many drivers were not taking the Fatal Five seriously.

"These are not called the Fatal Five for no reason, they are the top causes of deaths on Queensland roads," Mr Vorias said.

"No matter your age or how confident you feel behind the wheel, making poor decisions can kill you or others on the road in a matter of seconds.

"We encourage all Queenslanders to reflect on these shocking figures during Road Safety Week and vow to drive like your life depends on it, because it does."

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FATAL 5 DRIVING BEHAVIOURS



Consistent with previous years, **driving over the speed limit is the most common dangerous behaviour reported among Queenslanders, followed by driving tired and driving while distracted.** There has been a large increase of drivers self-reporting driving tired. A higher proportion of men self-report drink driving, while more women self-report driving distracted.

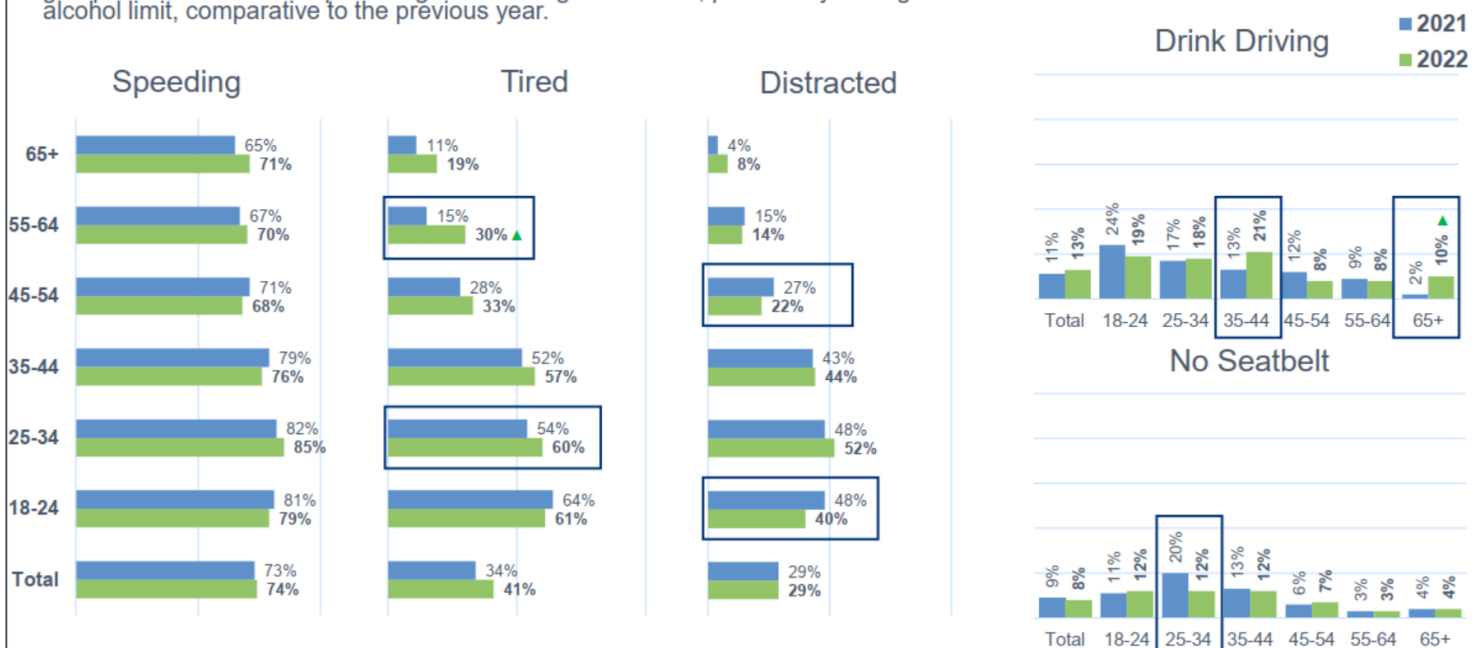
Drivers who have self-reported the following "Fatal 5" behaviours at least once in the last 12 months*:

		2020	2021	2022	% of Males**	% of Females**
SPEEDING	Driven (intentionally or unintentionally) over the speed limit.	72.0%	73.4%	74.3% (+0.9%)	74.0%	74.6%
TIRED	Driven while tired and experiencing difficulty staying awake.	35.5%	34.2%	41.2% ▲ (+7.0%)	40.6%	41.8%
DISTRACTION	Driven while engaging in an activity that would interfere with your ability to safely operate your car e.g. using a mobile phone while driving.	27.6%	28.6%	28.6% (+0.0%)	26.5%	30.5%
DRINK DRIVING	Driven when you thought you may be over the blood alcohol limit for your licence class	14.4%	11.3%	13.3% (+2.0%)	15.2%	11.5%
NO SEATBELT	Driven on a public road (including car parks) while not wearing a seatbelt.	9.5%	8.8%	8.1% (-0.7%)	8.3%	7.9%

FATAL 5 DRIVING BEHAVIOURS (% AGE GROUP*)



Younger age groups most commonly self-report dangerous driving behaviours, particularly 25-34 year-olds speeding, or driving distracted, and 18-24 year-olds driving tired. However, more older age groups are seen to self-report dangerous driving behaviours, particularly driving tired and over the blood alcohol limit, comparative to the previous year.



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