

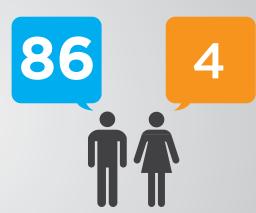
Cause of death?

Most common cause of death was head or facial injury, followed by intracranial haemorrhage (bleeding into the brain), and secondary brain trauma (complications).



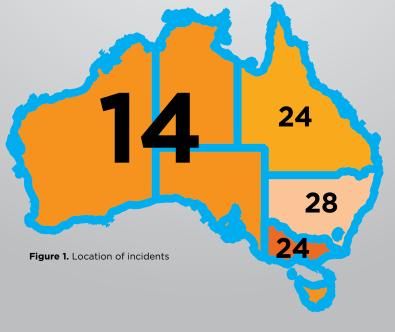
Drug and alcohol involvement

Alcohol intoxication was detected in 79% of cases with median BAD reading of .14. Involvement of other drugs was less common, with cannabis next prevalent (9 cases). Circumstances surrounding the assaults are outlined in the figures below, including location, day, and timing of incidents.



The victims of these one-punch fatalities were 86 males and 4 females, between the ages of 17 and 78 years (median age of 33 years).

Where did they occur?



Type of punch?

fatalities involved

single punches

2 cases involved 2 consecutive, rapid, punches

3 cases involved 3 consecutive punches.





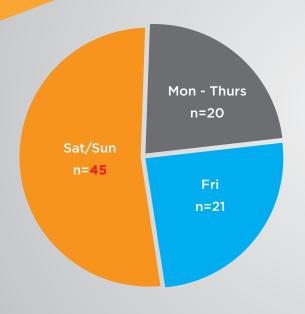




Figure 2.

Day of incident
(occurring from 00:01-23:59 each day)

Figure 3.Time of incident

It should be noted that the figures outlined above are sourced from coroner's toxicology reports, and do not include cases of individuals found deceased without evidence to suggest details of assault. Therefore it is likely they underestimate the true number of cases.

Reference

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