

Persons fatally or seriously injured

4. Persons fatally or seriously injured in marine incidents

This section provides demographic and injury data for persons fatally or seriously injured in marine incidents in 2007.

4.1 Profile of persons fatally injured

Of the persons fatally injured in reported marine incidents in 2007 nine were male and four were female. Two of the deceased were children under the age of 16 years, five were persons aged between 31 and 45 years, two were over the age of 60 years, and there was one in each of 16-30 years, 45-60 years and age as yet unknown.

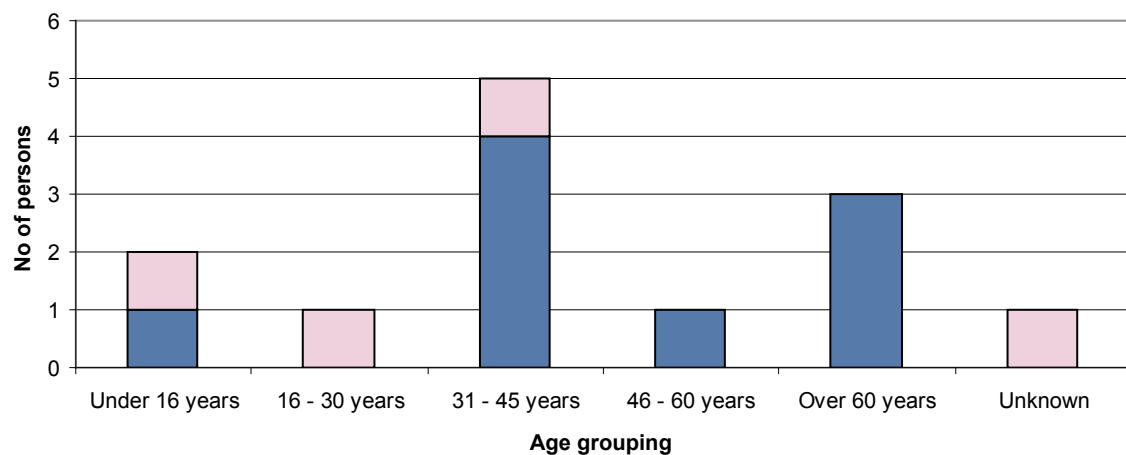
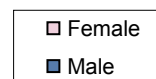


Figure 31: Persons fatally injured in 2007 by age and gender



Four of the deceased were the master of the vessel involved, including two who were alone. Eight were passengers or were being towed by the vessel. One person was not directly associated with the vessel.



4.2 Profile of persons seriously injured

In 2007, 35 persons were seriously injured in reported marine incidents—21 were male and 14 were female. Serious injuries were sustained by five children under the age of 16 years. Most persons seriously injured were between the ages 16 and 45 years.

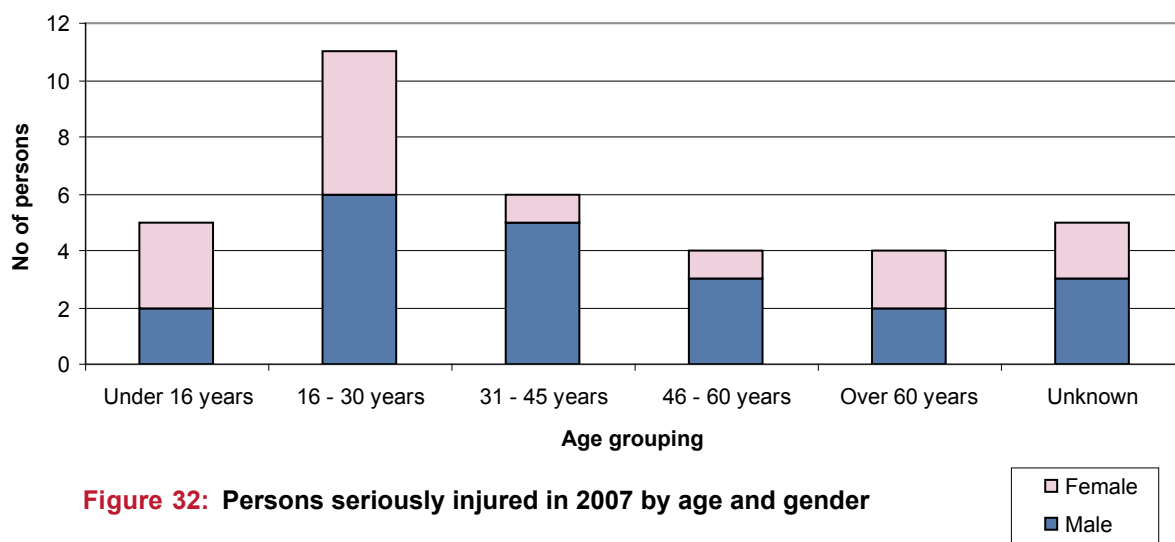


Figure 32: Persons seriously injured in 2007 by age and gender

Two of the five children were injured in two separate towing incidents while being towed on a ski tube or board.

Ten of the seriously injured persons were the master of the vessel involved, eleven were passengers or being towed by the vessel, seven were crew and seven did not have their status specifically identified.

4.3 Nature of injuries sustained

Table 12 provides summary details of the serious injuries sustained. As some persons sustained multiple injuries the total number of injuries exceeds the number of persons seriously injured.



Table 12: Nature of serious injuries, 2007

Nature of injuries	2007
	No
Head, neck or facial	9
Spinal	4
Internal	2
Chest	2
Leg unspecified	1
Hip unspecified	1
Laceration to legs	4
Laceration to arms	1
Lacerations to hands or fingers	4
Lacerations unspecified	4
Severed finger/s	2
Severed arm (partial)	1
Broken leg	1
Unspecified	4
Total	40

In 2007 nine people received head, neck or facial injuries, four persons were in each of the following categories: spinal injuries, laceration to legs, lacerations to hands or fingers, lacerations unspecified and other unspecified.