

MORTALITY ON ATTEMPTED IRREGULAR BOAT VOYAGES TO AUSTRALIA¹

Year	VOYAGES						PASSENGERS				
	Boats Arrived	Missing Boats	Total Voyages	Missing boats as percentage of total voyages	Confirmed Drowning Incidents	Percentage of voyages with loss of life due to drowning ²	Number of Passengers Arriving	Uncounted Passengers	Drowned/ Missing Passengers	Total passengers ³	Lives lost as percentage of total passengers
1996	19		19	0.0		0	660			660	0.0
1997	11		11	0.0		0	339			339	0.0
1998	17		17	0.0	1	5.9	200		1	201	0.5
1999	86		86	0.0	2	2.3	3721		16	3737	0.4
2000 ⁴	51	(3) 0	(51) 54	(5.6) 0	1	(7.4) 1.9	2939		(363) 3	(3302) 2942	(11.0) 0.1
2001	43		43	0.0	4	9.3	5516	800 ⁵	360	6676	5.4
2002	1		1	0.0		0	1			1	0.0
2003	1		1	0.0		0	53			53	0.0
2004	1		1	0.0		0	15			15	0.0
2005	4		4	0.0		0	11			11	0.0
2006	6		6	0.0		0	60			60	0.0
2007	5		5	0.0		0	148			148	0.0
2008	7		7	0.0		0	161			161	0.0
2009	60	1	61	1.6	3	6.6	2726		131	2857	4.6
2010	134	1	135	0.7	3	3.0	6555		154	6709	2.3
2011	69		69	0.0	2	2.9	4565	97 ⁶	228	4890	4.7
2012	278	3	281	1.1	5	2.8	17202		361	17563	2.1
2013	300	1	301	0.3	14	5	20587	339 ⁷	296	21222	1.4
TOTAL⁸	1093	(9) 6	(1102) 1099	(0.8) 0.5	35	(4) 3.7	65459	1236	(1910) 1550	(68605) 68245	(2.8) 2.2

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PLEASE NOTE: For all years, the numbers of drowned and missing passenger is comprised of the total numbers in the 'confirmed' and 'probable' columns of the Hutton Drownings table <http://www.sievx.com/articles/background/DrowningsTable.pdf>, with the exception of the calendar year 2000 where a second set of figures shown in a smaller font enclosed within brackets includes the total numbers in the 'doubtful' column of the table – see endnote # 4 below. Figures in red indicate the highest numbers or highest percentages in each column.

¹ The data for numbers of boats and unauthorised arrivals is sourced from : Janet Phillips, 'Boat arrivals in Australia: a quick guide to the statistics', Parliamentary Library, 23 January 2014, online at: http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1314/QG/BoatArrivals ; (copy of earlier version online at:<http://sievx.com/articles/psdp/20130129BoatArrivals1976-2013.pdf>); the data for number of drownings and missing boats is sourced from Marg Hutton, 'Drownings on the Public Record of People Attempting to Enter Australia Irregularly by Boat since 1998', sievx.com, updated 2 February 2014, online at: <http://www.sievx.com/articles/background/DrowningsTable.pdf>

² In both tables, the percentage of voyages with loss of life due to drowning is calculated by dividing the sum of the missing boats plus the confirmed drowning incidents by the total number of voyages.

³ The figure for total passengers is comprised of the Number of passengers arriving plus Uncounted passengers plus Drowned/Missing passengers.

⁴ Two sets of figures are included for the year 2000. The 'correct' figures are in larger font. The figures in small font within brackets include the unsubstantiated deaths in the 'doubtful' column of the Hutton Drownings table cited above. I have chosen to include this second set of figures as a means of demonstrating how the presumed deaths on the three alleged missing boats from 2000 are statistically anomalous in relation to lives lost as a percentage of total passengers. For more on this, see Appendix: 'Howard government claims that three asylum seeker boats went missing in March 2000 with all on board presumed drowned are unsubstantiated' in Hutton op.cit; online at: <http://www.sievx.com/articles/background/DrowningsTable.pdf>

⁵ The 800 uncounted passengers in 2001 calendar year includes the 600 passengers on SIEVs 7, 9, 11 and 12 who were returned to Indonesia as well as the 68 survivors of SIEVX and the 132 survivors of Harapan Jaya II who were returned to Indonesia after being rescued.

⁶ The 97 uncounted passengers in 2011 calendar year includes the 48 survivors from the boat that sank on 1 November 2011 and the 48 survivors from *Barokah* which sank on 17 December 2011.

⁷ The 339 uncounted passengers in 2013 calendar year comprise the 189 survivors from the boat that sank off Indonesia on 23 July 2013 who were returned to Indonesia as well as the 28 survivors of the *Agrabinta* sinking off Java on 27 September, the 75 rescued passengers from 2 boats returned to Indonesia on 27 September and the estimated 47 people on the boat that was allegedly returned/towed to Indonesia under Operation Sovereign Borders on 19 December 2013.

⁸ Two sets of figures are included for the total as per the year 2000 – see endnote #4.