

Sentencing @ a glance

Driver licence disqualification

A driver licence disqualification stops a person from holding or obtaining a driver licence for a specified period of time or absolutely (for life). The disqualification order can be made when a person is convicted of an offence connected in any way to the operation of a motor vehicle (*Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* (Qld) s187(1)). Some traffic related offences carry a minimum disqualification period the court must order (a mandatory minimum period).

This data includes court-ordered driver licence disqualifications only.

In 2024–25:



48,664

unique driver licence
disqualifications ordered
by the courts



340

absolute driver licence
disqualifications
handed down



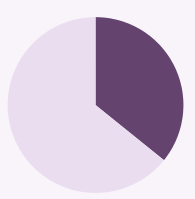
7.3 months

the average driver
licence disqualification



38,030

cases where a driver
licence disqualification
was ordered by the courts



35.8%

of all sentenced cases
included a driver licence
disqualification

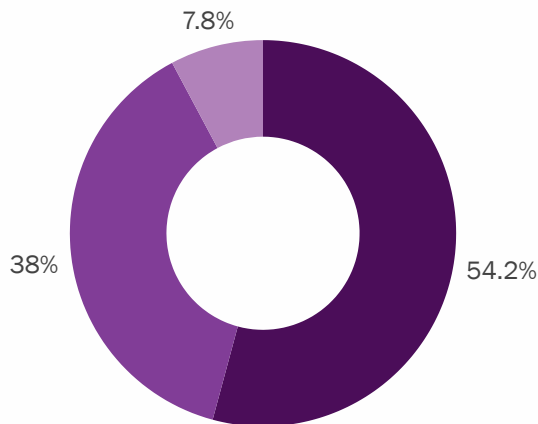


12.4%

decrease in unique driver
licence disqualifications,
from 55,542 in 2005–06

Reason for disqualification:

Statewide:

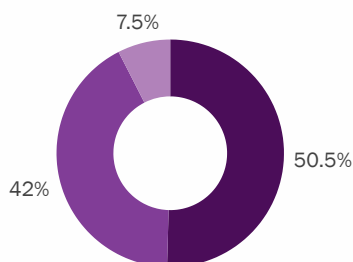


- Vehicle offences involving liquor and other drugs
- Driving of motor vehicle without a driver licence prohibited
- Other offences

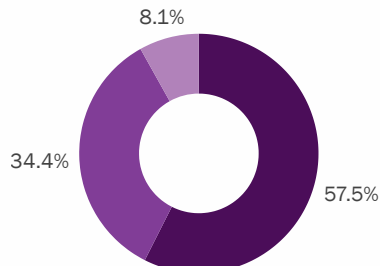
(Proportion of unique driver licence disqualifications imposed in 2024–25)

By area:

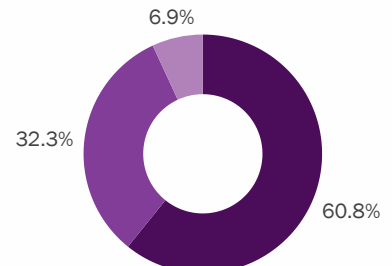
Major cities



Regional areas



Remote areas



Court locations with highest volume of driver licence disqualifications

1.	Brisbane	3,694	24.5%*
2.	Southport	3,046	34.6%*
3.	Ipswich	2,182	38.9%*
4.	Beenleigh	2,137	33.6%*
5.	Caboolture	1,867	42.6%*

(*Proportion of all sentenced cases in that location that included a driver licence disqualification in 2024–25)