

# Queensland Road Crash Weekly Report

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Fatalities: 1 January to 31 December 2023

Table 1: Comparative Queensland Road Fatalities

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no. <sup>1</sup>	%
<b>Total fatal crashes</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
<b>Total fatalities</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Driver fatalities	121	113	134	116	139	127	-12	-8.6%	2	1.9%
Passenger fatalities	41	37	49	62	49	37	-12	-24.5%	-11	-22.3%
Motorcycle/Moped rider and pillion fatalities	43	45	54	67	73	79	6	8.2%	23	40.1%
Bicycle rider and pillion fatalities	5	6	7	10	6	5	-1	-16.7%	-2	-26.5%
Personal mobility device user fatalities <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	0 <sup>2</sup>	3	-	-	-	-
Pedestrian fatalities	35	18	34	20	28	23	-5	-17.9%	-4	-14.8%
Other fatalities <sup>3</sup>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-
Fatalities involving heavy freight vehicles <sup>4</sup>	53	36	47	51	52	50	-2	-3.8%	2	4.6%

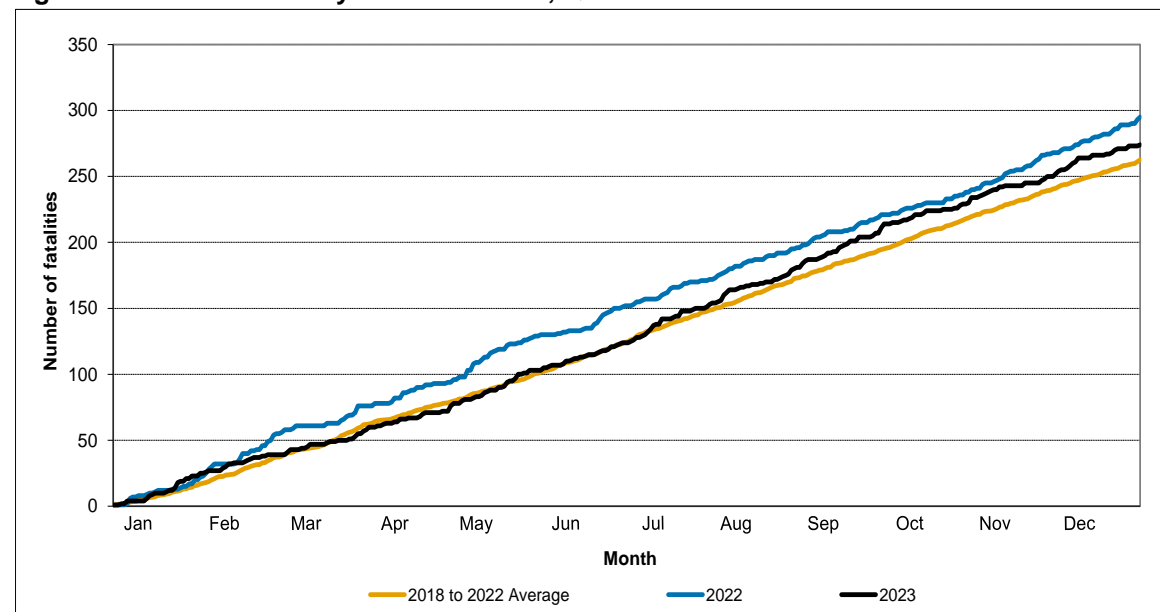
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<sup>1</sup> Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.<sup>2</sup> Personal mobility device users were recorded as pedestrians prior to 1 November 2022.<sup>3</sup> Includes other fatalities such as horse riders and train drivers and passengers.<sup>4</sup> Includes all fatalities as a result of crashes involving heavy freight vehicles. These figures are also included in the road user type breakdown above (e.g. drivers, passengers, etc).

During 1 January to 31 December 2023, there were 274 fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland, which is 21 fatalities (or 7.1%) fewer than the previous year and 11 fatalities (or 4.3%) greater than the previous five year average (Table 1).

Figure 1: Cumulative Daily Road Fatalities, Queensland



**Table 2: Fatalities by Police Region**

Police Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Brisbane	26	26	19	36	33	22	-11	-33.3%	-6	-21.4%
Central	29	32	39	33	52	35	-17	-32.7%	-2	-5.4%
Far Northern	25	30	27	19	35	18	-17	-48.6%	-9	-33.8%
North Coast	64	44	76	72	62	83	21	33.9%	19	30.5%
Northern	17	23	30	25	15	21	6	40.0%	-1	-4.5%
South Eastern	34	16	42	40	40	36	-4	-10.0%	2	4.7%
Southern	50	49	45	50	58	59	1	1.7%	9	17.1%

Note:

Figures are preliminary.

Where Police Region was known.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Table 3: Fatalities by TMR Customer Services Branch Region**

Transport and Main Roads Customer Services Branch Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Central	29	32	40	34	52	35	-17	-32.7%	-2	-6.4%
Northern	42	53	57	44	50	39	-11	-22.0%	-10	-20.7%
SEQ North	40	44	48	52	52	56	4	7.7%	9	18.6%
SEQ South	68	41	67	74	81	64	-17	-21.0%	-2	-3.3%
Southern	66	50	66	71	60	80	20	33.3%	17	27.8%

Note:

Figures are preliminary.

Where CSB Region was known.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Table 4: Fatalities by TMR Program Delivery and Operations Region**

Transport and Main Roads Program Delivery and Operations Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Central Queensland	29	32	40	34	52	35	-17	-32.7%	-2	-6.4%
Metropolitan	30	29	24	40	43	30	-13	-30.2%	-3	-9.6%
North Coast	34	33	42	43	44	44	0	0.0%	5	12.2%
North Queensland	42	53	57	44	50	39	-11	-22.0%	-10	-20.7%
South Coast	39	18	46	41	43	41	-2	-4.7%	4	9.6%
Southern Queensland	71	55	69	73	63	85	22	34.9%	19	28.4%

Note

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Where PDO Region was known.

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# Fatalities: 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023

Table 5: Fatalities by characteristic

Behaviour / Characteristic: Fatalities as a result of crashes	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	no.	%	no.*	%
All fatalities	245	220	278	275	295	274	-	-21	-7.1%	11	4.3%
Involving speeding drivers/riders	51	51	70	78	88	90	32.8%	2	2.3%	22	33.1%
Involving drink drivers/riders	43	46	62	64	66	51	18.6%	-15	-22.7%	-5	-9.3%
Involving drug drivers/riders~	42	43	68	53	64	61	22.3%	-3	-4.7%	7	13.0%
Involving distracted/inattentive drivers/riders	33	22	26	25	37	33	12.0%	-4	-10.8%	4	15.4%
Fatigue related crashes (involving drivers/riders)	30	30	33	42	34	34	12.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.6%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 16 to 24 years	61	69	81	79	73	73	26.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.6%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 16 years	0	4	1	0	2	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	-1	-100.0%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 17 to 20 years	30	42	32	49	33	44	16.1%	11	33.3%	7	18.3%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 21 to 24 years	31	24	49	34	39	31	11.3%	-8	-20.5%	-4	-12.4%
Involving senior adult drivers/riders, aged 60 to 74 years	62	46	49	50	75	54	19.7%	-21	-28.0%	-2	-4.3%
Involving senior adult drivers/riders, aged 75 years or over	18	24	24	17	26	26	9.5%	0	0.0%	4	19.3%
Involving learner drivers/riders	7	9	10	14	8	11	4.0%	3	37.5%	1	14.6%
Involving provisional/P1/P2 drivers/riders	37	43	34	46	46	29	10.6%	-17	-37.0%	-12	-29.6%
Involving unlicensed drivers/riders	26	24	37	39	40	43	15.7%	3	7.5%	10	29.5%
Involving heavy freight vehicles	53	36	47	51	52	50	18.2%	-2	-3.8%	2	4.6%
Involving motorcycles (excluding mopeds)	41	44	55	67	71	81	29.6%	10	14.1%	25	45.7%
Involving mopeds	2	2	0	0	2	1	0.4%	-1	-50.0%	0	-16.7%
Involving buses	5	0	3	3	4	3	1.1%	-1	-25.0%	0	0.0%
Child road user fatalities, aged 16 years or younger^	12	14	15	15	18	7	2.6%	-11	-61.1%	-8	-52.7%
Young adult road user fatalities, aged 17 to 24 years^	45	53	49	48	50	53	19.3%	3	6.0%	4	8.2%
Mature adult road user fatalities, aged 25 to 59 years^	124	98	148	153	149	144	52.6%	-5	-3.4%	10	7.1%
Senior adult road user fatalities, aged 60 to 74 years^	43	31	38	31	45	46	16.8%	1	2.2%	8	22.3%
Senior adult road user fatalities, aged 75 years or over^	20	24	28	28	33	24	8.8%	-9	-27.3%	-3	-9.8%
Vehicle occupant fatalities	162	150	183	178	188	164	-	-24	-12.8%	-8	-4.8%
Vehicle occupant fatalities, where restraint use was known	112	110	139	147	143	137	-	-6	-4.2%	7	5.2%
Unrestrained vehicle occupant fatalities#	31	28	43	40	39	42	30.7%	-	12.4%	-	10.3%

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\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

^ Where age was known.

~ Drug driving figures for fatal crashes are available from 1 January 2017, therefore figures have been compared against the previous four year average.

# Restraint use is not applicable for all road user types (i.e. pedestrians, motorcycle riders/pillions, etc) and is not always known. Therefore the variation in unrestrained vehicle occupant casualties is measured as a change in the percentage of all vehicle occupant casualties, instead of the change in number, where restraint use was known.

## Fatalities per 100,000 population: 12 months to 31 December 2023

Table 6: Fatalities per 100,000 population, by state

State	January to December 2022			January to December 2023			Percentage difference in rate with previous 12 month period
	Fatalities	Population ('000) as at Jun 2022	Fatalities per 100,000 population	Fatalities	Population ('000) as at Jun 2023	Fatalities per 100,000 population	
Queensland	295	5,320.9	5.54	274	5,460.5	5.02	-9.5%
New South Wales	281	8,166.7	3.44	340	8,341.2	4.08	18.5%
Victoria	241	6,630.6	3.63	295	6,816.2	4.33	19.1%
South Australia	71	1,821.2	3.90	117	1,853.0	6.31	62.0%
Western Australia	175	2,791.8	6.27	159	2,883.8	5.51	-12.0%
Tasmania	51	571.1	8.93	36	573.7	6.27	-29.7%
Northern Territory	52	250.2	20.78	31	253.1	12.25	-41.1%
Australian Capital Territory	18	456.9	3.94	4	466.4	0.86	-78.2%
Rest of Australia	889	20,693.5	4.30	982	21,192.3	4.63	7.9%
Australian Total	1,184	26,014.4	4.55	1,256	26,652.8	4.71	3.5%

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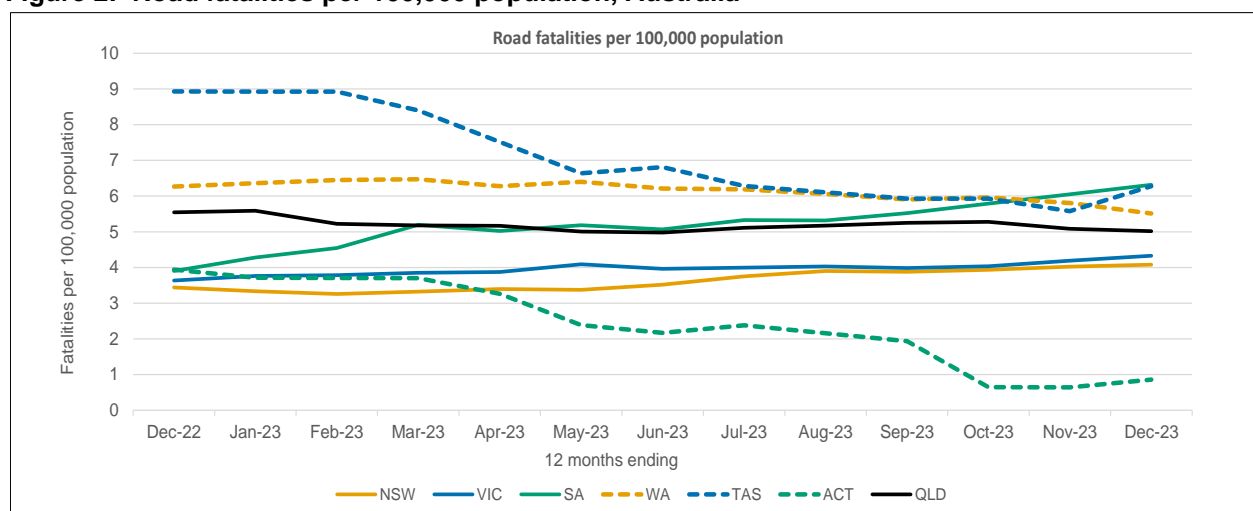
Population: Australian Bureau of Statistics - Catalog 3101.0

Interstate fatalities: Relevant State Authority

Note:

Figures are preliminary

Figure 2: Road fatalities per 100,000 population, Australia



For the 12 month period, 1 January to 31 December 2023:

- There were 274 fatalities within Queensland, which is 21 fatalities (or 7.1%) fewer than the previous 12 month period (295).
- The road fatality rate for Queensland was 5.02 fatalities per 100,000 population which is 9.5% lower than the previous 12 month period (5.54) and is fourth behind the Australian Capital Territory (0.86), New South Wales (4.08) and Victoria (4.33).
- There were 1,256 fatalities within Australia, which is 72 fatalities (or 6.1%) greater than the previous 12 month period (1,184).
- The road fatality rate for Australia was 4.71 fatalities per 100,000 population which is 3.5% higher than the previous 12 month period (4.55).

## Hospitalised Casualties: 1 January to 31 December 2023

**Table 7: Comparative Queensland Hospitalised Casualties**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no. <sup>1</sup>	%
<b>Total hospitalisation crashes</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>5,657</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>6,339</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
<b>Total hospitalised casualties</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>7,908</b>	<b>7,668</b>	<b>8,241</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
Driver hospitalised casualties	3,840	3,947	3,980	4,647	4,317	4,567	250	5.8%	421	10.1%
Passenger hospitalised casualties	1,278	1,359	1,318	1,409	1,496	1,412	-84	-5.6%	40	2.9%
Motorcycle/Moped rider and pillion hospitalised casualties	1,005	1,005	1,016	1,077	1,024	1,210	186	18.2%	185	18.0%
Bicycle rider and pillion hospitalised casualties	346	356	368	353	356	423	67	18.8%	67	18.9%
Personal mobility device user hospitalised casualties <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	24 <sub>2</sub>	212	-	-	-	-
Pedestrian hospitalised casualties	346	336	318	400	439	402	-37	-8.4%	34	9.3%
Other hospitalised casualties <sup>3</sup>	10	17	11	22	12	15	3	25.0%	1	4.2%
Hospitalised casualties involving heavy freight vehicles <sup>4</sup>	495	501	454	500	543	608	65	12.0%	109	21.9%

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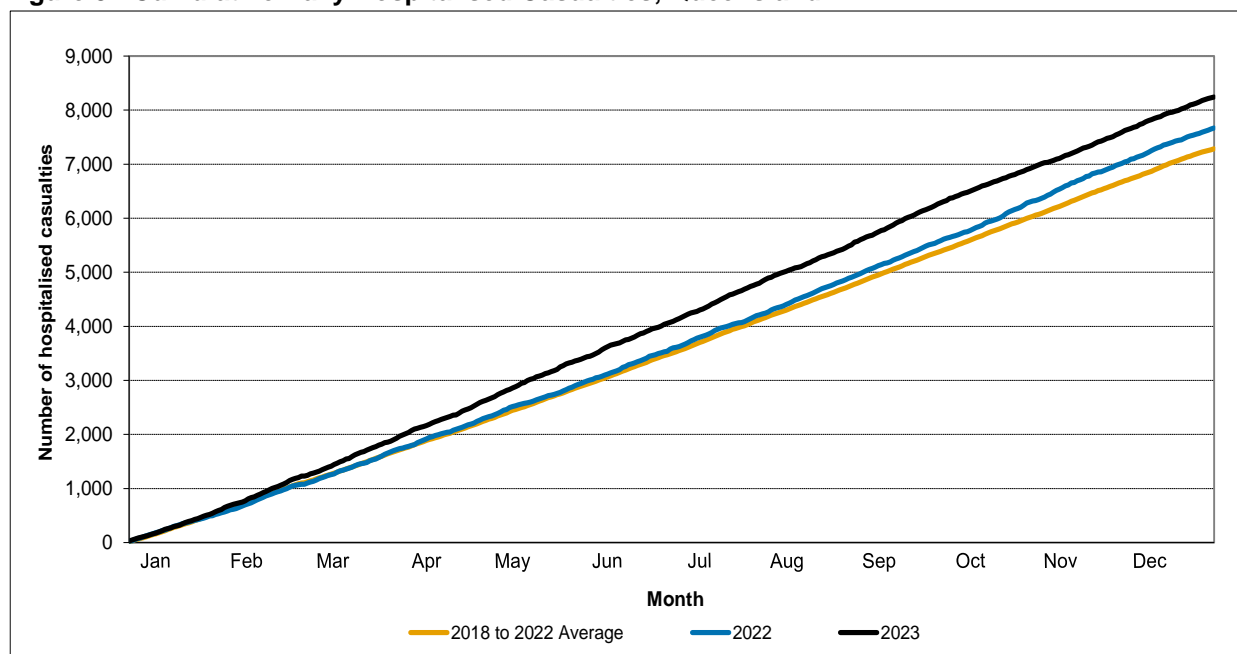
<sup>2</sup> Personal mobility device users were recorded as pedestrians prior to 1 November 2022

<sup>3</sup> Includes other hospitalised casualties such as horse riders and train drivers and passengers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all hospitalised casualties as a result of crashes involving heavy freight vehicles. These figures are also included in the road user type breakdown above (e.g. drivers, passengers, etc).

During 1 January to 31 December 2023, there were 8,241 hospitalised casualties as a result of crashes within Queensland, which is 573 hospitalised casualties (or 7.5%) greater than the previous year and 955 hospitalised casualties (or 13.1%) greater than the previous five year average (Table 7).

**Figure 3: Cumulative Daily Hospitalised Casualties, Queensland**



**Table 8: Hospitalised Casualties by Police Region**

Police Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Brisbane	1,615	1,621	1,496	1,651	1,551	1,805	254	16.4%	218	13.8%
Central	741	773	818	942	862	885	23	2.7%	58	7.0%
Far Northern	513	514	463	517	494	529	35	7.1%	29	5.8%
North Coast	1,357	1,454	1,532	1,599	1,592	1,731	139	8.7%	224	14.9%
Northern	421	419	452	521	498	541	43	8.6%	79	17.0%
South Eastern	1,274	1,238	1,251	1,577	1,545	1,647	102	6.6%	270	19.6%
Southern	904	1,001	999	1,101	1,126	1,103	-23	-2.0%	77	7.5%

Note:

Figures are preliminary.

Where Police Region was known.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Table 9: Hospitalised Casualties by TMR Customer Services Branch Region**

Transport and Main Roads Customer Services Branch Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Central	748	785	821	949	868	900	32	3.7%	66	7.9%
Northern	928	928	913	1,034	989	1,062	73	7.4%	104	10.8%
SEQ North	1,666	1,716	1,710	1,803	1,843	1,928	85	4.6%	180	10.3%
SEQ South	2,563	2,595	2,532	2,975	2,940	3,229	289	9.8%	508	18.7%
Southern	920	996	1,035	1,147	1,028	1,122	94	9.1%	97	9.4%

Note:

Figures are preliminary.

Where CSB Region was known.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**Table 10: Hospitalised Casualties by TMR Program Delivery and Operations Region**

Transport and Main Roads Program Delivery and Operations Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
							no.	%	no.*	%
Central Queensland	748	785	821	949	868	900	32	3.7%	66	7.9%
Metropolitan	1,807	1,880	1,722	1,913	1,861	2,104	243	13.1%	267	14.6%
North Coast	1,027	1,078	1,131	1,155	1,256	1,266	10	0.8%	137	12.1%
North Queensland	928	928	913	1,034	989	1,062	73	7.4%	104	10.8%
South Coast	1,301	1,272	1,292	1,608	1,570	1,684	114	7.3%	275	19.6%
Southern Queensland	1,014	1,077	1,132	1,249	1,124	1,225	101	9.0%	106	9.5%

Note

Figures are preliminary.

Where PDO Region was known.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

# Hospitalised Casualties: 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023

Table 11: Hospitalised Casualties by Characteristic

Behaviour / Characteristic: Hospitalised casualties as a result of crashes	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		Variation in 2023 from 2022		Variation in 2023 from the 2018 to 2022 Avg	
1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	no.	%	no.*	%
<b>All hospitalised casualties</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>7,908</b>	<b>7,668</b>	<b>8,241</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
Involving speeding drivers/riders	380	338	391	452	488	433	5.3%	-55	-11.3%	23	5.7%
Involving drink drivers/riders	621	634	803	891	823	819	9.9%	-4	-0.5%	65	8.6%
Involving drug drivers/riders	180	263	345	273	267	243	2.9%	-24	-9.0%	-23	-8.5%
Involving distracted/inattentive drivers/riders	1,361	1,482	1,488	1,644	1,748	1,671	20.3%	-77	-4.4%	126	8.2%
Fatigue related crashes (involving drivers/riders)	470	479	474	544	548	492	6.0%	-56	-10.2%	-11	-2.2%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 16 to 24 years	2,187	2,226	2,439	2,614	2,437	2,636	32.0%	199	8.2%	255	10.7%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 16 years	41	52	54	66	60	57	0.7%	-3	-5.0%	2	4.4%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 17 to 20 years	1,109	1,166	1,306	1,387	1,308	1,475	17.9%	167	12.8%	220	17.5%
Involving young adult drivers/riders, aged 21 to 24 years	1,103	1,109	1,182	1,259	1,184	1,234	15.0%	50	4.2%	67	5.7%
Involving senior adult drivers/riders, aged 60 to 74 years	1,272	1,386	1,207	1,496	1,478	1,601	19.4%	123	8.3%	233	17.0%
Involving senior adult drivers/riders, aged 75 years or over	500	480	433	558	560	604	7.3%	44	7.9%	98	19.3%
Involving learner drivers/riders	196	189	249	221	270	278	3.4%	8	3.0%	53	23.6%
Involving provisional/P1/P2 drivers/riders	1,270	1,262	1,307	1,511	1,313	1,444	17.5%	131	10.0%	111	8.4%
Involving unlicensed drivers/riders	501	514	560	571	629	628	7.6%	-1	-0.2%	73	13.2%
Involving heavy freight vehicles	495	501	454	500	543	608	7.4%	65	12.0%	109	21.9%
Involving motorcycles (excluding mopeds)	967	965	1,004	1,076	1,031	1,215	14.7%	184	17.8%	206	20.5%
Involving mopeds	61	76	54	37	36	50	0.6%	14	38.9%	-3	-5.3%
Involving buses	121	112	85	131	111	101	1.2%	-10	-9.0%	-11	-9.8%
Child road user hospitalised casualties, aged 16 years or younger^	483	488	524	609	625	646	7.9%	21	3.4%	100	18.4%
Young adult road user hospitalised casualties, aged 17 to 24 years^	1,426	1,451	1,634	1,706	1,592	1,746	21.2%	154	9.7%	184	11.8%
Mature adult road user hospitalised casualties, aged 25 to 59 years^	3,695	3,827	3,787	4,224	4,048	4,381	53.2%	333	8.2%	465	11.9%
Senior adult road user hospitalised casualties, aged 60 to 74 years^	851	871	761	920	949	1,003	12.2%	54	5.7%	133	15.2%
Senior adult road user hospitalised casualties, aged 75 years or over^	357	363	296	434	436	452	5.5%	16	3.7%	75	19.8%
Vehicle occupant hospitalised casualties	5,118	5,306	5,298	6,056	5,813	5,979	-	166	2.9%	461	8.4%
Vehicle occupant hospitalised casualties, where restraint use was known	4,274	4,483	4,369	5,109	4,914	5,066	-	152	3.1%	436	9.4%
Unrestrained vehicle occupant hospitalised casualties#	189	180	188	206	239	188	3.7%	-	-23.7%	-	-14.3%

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