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Note

The statistics refer to personal injury accidents on public roads (including footways) which became known to the police. Figures for deaths refer to persons who sustained injuries which caused death less than 30 days after the accident. This is the usual international definition and differs from that used in other contexts by the Registrars General, whose published statistics cover all deaths on public roads, generally by date of registration.

Research conducted in the 1990s has shown that many non-fatal injury accidents are not reported to the police. In addition some casualties reported to the police are not recorded and the severity of injury tends to be underestimated. The combined effect of under-reporting, under-recording and misclassification suggests that there may be 2.76 times as many seriously injured casualties than are recorded in the national casualty figures and 1.70 slight casualties, according to TRL Report 173 *Comparison of hospital and police casualty data: a national study* by H F Simpson. The Department is undertaking further research to investigate whether the level of under-reporting has changed.

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Symbols

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- Nil, or less than 0.5% changeNot available/ not applicable

SUMMARY CASUALTIES: 2003 compared with 2002

- There were 290,607 reported casualties on roads in Great Britain in 2003, 4 per cent less than in 2002. 3,508 people were killed, 2 per cent more than in 2002. 33,707 were seriously injured (down 6 per cent on 2002) and 253,392 were slightly injured. Road traffic levels were estimated to be 1 per cent higher than in 2002 so the casualty rate per 100 million vehicle kilometres was 5 per cent lower.
- There were 214,030 road accidents involving personal injury in 2003, 3 per cent less than in 2002. Of these, 32,160 involved death or serious injury.
- Child casualties fell by 8 per cent. There were 171 child fatalities, 4 per cent less than in 2002. The number of children killed or seriously injured in 2003 was 4,100 down 11 per cent on 2002. Of those, 2,381 were pedestrians, 16 per cent down on 2002.
- Car user casualties decreased by 5 per cent on the 2002 level to 188,342 although fatalities were 1 per cent higher.
- Pedestrian casualties were 36,405 in 2003, 6 per cent less than 2002. Pedestrian deaths were at about the same level as 2002 at 774 but serious injuries fell by 9 per cent to 7,159.
- Pedal cyclist casualties were at about the same level as in 2002 dropping by only 74 to 17,033 in 2003. There were 2,297 seriously injured casualties, 1 per cent less than in 2002. The number of pedal cyclists killed fell by 12 per cent from 130 to 114. Cycle traffic decreased by an estimated 5 per cent.
- Two wheeled motor vehicles user casualties remained at about the 2002 level at 28,411 in 2003. The number killed rose 14 per cent to 693 and the number of seriously injured rose 1 per cent to 6,959.

CASUALTIES: 2003 compared with 1994 -1998 baseline average

In 2000, the government set a new target for a reduction in the number of casualties to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents by 2010, compared with the average for 1994-98; a 50 per cent reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured; and a 10 per cent reduction in the slight casualty rate, expressed as the number of people slightly injured per 100 million vehicle kilometres.

Figures for reported casualties in 2003 indicate

- the number of people killed or seriously injured was 22 per cent below the baseline;
- the number of children killed or seriously injured was 40 per cent below the baseline;
- the slight casualty rate was 17 per cent below the baseline.

Table 1: Casualties: by class of road user and severity: Great Britain Comparison of 2003 with baseline average and 2002

Number/percentage change 2003 Baseline average 2002 Percent change Percent change (1994 - 1998) over baseline from last year Pedestrians Killed 1,008 775 774 -23 0 Seriously injured 10,662 7,856 7,159 -33 -9 Slightly injured 34,874 28,472 -18 30,153 -6 All casualties 46,543 38,784 36,405 -22 -6 Pedal Cyclists 1 130 -39 Killed 186 114 -12 Seriously injured 3,546 2,320 2,297 -35 -1 20,653 -29 14,657 14,622 0 Slightly injured All casualties 24,385 17,107 17,033 -30 0 Two wheeled motor vehicle users Killed 467 609 693 48 14 Seriously injured 6,008 6,891 6,959 16 Slightly injured 17,547 20,853 20,759 18 0 All casualties 24,023 28,353 28,411 18 0 Car users 2 Killed 1,762 1,747 1,769 0 16,981 15,522 Seriously injured 21,492 -28 -9 Slightly injured 180,034 178,697 171,051 -5 -7 All casualties 203,288 197,425 188,342 -5 **Bus and Coach** Killed 20 19 11 Seriously injured 696 532 489 -30 -8 Slightly injured 8,883 8,454 8,568 -4 1 All casualties 9,598 9,005 9,068 -6 1 Goods vehicle Killed 118 133 116 -2 -13 Seriously injured 1,475 1,171 1,078 -27 -8 8,881 8,764 Slightly injured 9.169 -4 -1 All casualties 10,763 10,185 9,958 -2 All road users3 Killed 3,578 3,431 3,508 -2 2 Seriously injured 44,078 35,976 33,707 -24 -6 Slightly injured 272,272 263,198 253,392 -7 -9 All casualties 319,928 302,605 290,607 -4 of whom Children ⁴ 179 Killed 260 171 -34 Seriously injured 6,600 4,417 3,929 -40 -11 Slightly injured 30,093 27,888 37,494 -26 -7 All casualties 44,354 34,689 31,988 -28 -8

¹ Includes battery-powered cycles and tricycles.

² Three- wheel cars, taxis, four wheel cars, minibuses.

³ Includes other vehicles.

⁴ Aged 0 - 15, inclusive.

Table 2: Casualties: by age of road user and severity: GB: 2003

 $Number/percentage\ change\ compared\ to\ 2002$

	Killed		Seriously injured		Slightly injured		All Casualties		Road Traffic	
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Percentage change	
Pedestrians										
Children: 0-15 years	74	-6	2,307	-16	10,163	-11	12,544	-12		
Adults: 16-59 years	388	2	3,425	-4	13,672	-3	17,485	-3		
60 and over	307	0	1,302	-7	3,437	-2	5,046	-3		
Age not reported	5		125		1,200		1,330			
All casualties	774	0	7,159	-9	28,472	-6	36,405	-6		
Pedal Cyclists										
Children	18		577	1	4,174	-1	4,769	-1		
Adults	95	-11	1,681	-1	9,867	0	11,643	-1		
Age not reported	1		39		581		621			
All casualties	114	-12	2,297	-1	14,622	0	17,033	0	-5	
Two wheeled motor	r									
vehicle ¹ users	693	14	6,959	1	20,759	0	28,411	0		
Other vehicle users	;									
Car ²	1,769	1	15,522	-9	171,051	-4	188,342	-5	I^{-1}	
Bus and Coach	11		489	-8	8,568	1	9,068	1		
Goods vehicle	116	-13	1,078	-8	8,764	-1	9,958	-2	I^{-1}	
All casualties ³	1,927	1	17,292	-9	189,539	-4	208,758	-4	1	
All road users										
Children: 0-15 years	171	-4	3,929	-11	27,888		31,988	-8		
Adults: 16-59 years	2,573	4	24,915	-6	194,124	-4	221,612	-4		
60 and over	747	0	4,180	-4	24,353	0	29,280	-1		
Age not reported	17		683		7,027	••	7,727			
All casualties	3,508	2	33,707	-6	253,392	-4	290,607	-4	1	
Type of road										
Built-up ⁵	1,380	1	20,766	-7	177,710	-4	199,856	-5		
Non Built-up 6	2,128	3	12,941	-5	75,682	-2	90,751	-3		
All casualties	3,508	2	33,707	-6	253,392	-4	290,607	-4	I^{-1}	

¹ Includes combinations.

² Three-wheel cars, taxis, four wheel cars, minibuses.

³ Includes other vehicles.

⁴ Includes pedal cycle mileage.

 $^{\,\,}$ Subject to a speed limit of 40mph or less.

⁶ Subject to a speed limit greater than 40 mph.

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Table 3: Casualties: by severity of casualty: 1993 - 2003: GB

Number

Year a	nd quarter	Killed	Seriously injured	Slightly injured	All casualties	Motor traffic Thousand million vehicle kilometres
1994-9	98 baseline average	3,578	44,078	272,272	319,928	441.5
1993		3,814	45,020	257,301	306,135	412.2
1994		3,650	46,540	265,169	315,359	421.5
1995		3,621	45,533	261,533	310,687	429.7
1996		3,598	44,499	272,481	320,578	441.1
1997		3,599	42,984	281,220	327,803	450.3
1998		3,421	40,834	280,957	325,212	459.6
1999		3,423	39,122	277,765	320,310	466.5
2000		3,409	38,155	278,719	320,283	466.5
2001		3,450	37,110	272,749	313,309	473.9
2002		3,431	35,976	263,198	302,605	486.0
2003		3,508	33,707	253,392	290,607	492.6
1999	Q1	758	8,898	64,463	74,119	109.5
	Q2	793	9,628	66,635	77,056	119.2
	Q3	861	10,409	70,734	82,004	122.3
	Q4	1,011	10,187	75,933	87,131	115.5
2000	Q1	871	9,040	65,148	75,059	111.8
	Q2	786	9,674	68,115	78,575	119.8
	Q3	858	9,742	68,786	79,386	119.5
	Q4	894	9,699	76,670	87,263	115.5
2001	Q1	764	8,428	65,624	74,816	111.1
2001	Q2	800	9,130	65,284	75,214	120.6
	Q3	920	9,562	67,992	78,474	123.3
	Q4	966	9,990	73,849	84,805	118.9
2002	01	770	8,247	61,820	70,837	114.6
2002	Q1	770 784	8,247 8,888	62,731		123.8
	Q2 Q3	921	9,398	65,259	72,403 75,578	127.8
	Q3 Q4	956	9,398	73,388	83,787	120.1
2002		0.40	7.042			1161
2003	Q1	840	7,942	59,012	67,794	116.1
	Q2	831	8,424	61,989	71,244	124.9
	Q3	937	8,778	64,966	74,681	129.8
	Q4	900	8,563	67,425	76,888	122.0
Chang	e on same quarter of previo	us year				Percentage
2000	Q1	15	2	1 2 -3	1 2 -3	2 1
	Q2	-1	0	2	2	1
	Q3	0	-6	-3	-3	-2 0
	Q4	-12	-5	1	0	0
2001	Q1	-12 2 7 8	-7	1	0	-1
	Q2 Q3	2	-6	-4	-4	1
	Q3	7	-2 3	-1	-1	3 3
	Q4	8	3	-4	-3	3
2002	Q1	1	-2	-6	-5	3
	Q2	-2 0	-3	-4	-4	<i>3 3</i>
	Q3	0	-2	-4	-4	4
	Q4	-1	-2 -3 -2 -5	-1	-1	1
	Q1	9 6	-4	-5	-4	1
2003	V 1	/	7		-7	1
2003	02	6	- h	- 1	-/	,
2003	Q2	6	-5 -7	-1 0	-2 -1	2
2003	Q2 Q3 Q4	6 2 -6	-3 -7 -9	-1 0 -8	-2 -1 -8	2 2

Table 4: Casualties: by class of road user: 1993 - 2003: GB

								Number
Year a	nd quarter	Pedest	rians	Pedal cyclists	Two-wheel motor vehicle ² users	Car ³ users	Other vehicle users	All Casualties
		All ages	Children ¹					
1994-9	98 baseline average	46,543	18,548	24,385	24,023	203,288	21,689	319,928
1993		48,128	18,250	24,087	25,094	187,479	21,345	306,135
1994		48,695	19,263	24,839	24,354	195,154	22,316	315,359
1995		47,083	18,590	24,945	23,524	194,027	21,107	310,687
1996		46,450	18,510	24,584	23,133	205,336	21,075	320,578
1997		45,601	18,407	24,636	24,492	211,448	21,626	327,803
1998		44,886	17,971	22,923	24,610	210,474	22,319	325,212
1999		42,888	16,876	22,840	26,192	205,735	22,655	320,310
2000		42,033	16,184	20,612	28,212	206,799	22,627	320,283
2001		40,577	15,819	19,114	28,810	202,802	22,006	313,309
2002		38,784	14,231	17,107	28,353	197,425	20,936	302,605
2003		36,405	12,544	17,033	28,411	188,342	20,416	290,607
1999	Q1	10,702	3,992	4,496	4,953	48,742	5,226	74,119
	Q2	10,345	4,624	6,121	7,030	48,156	5,404	77,056
	Q3	10,162	4,325	7,407	7,898	50,632	5,905	82,004
	Q4	11,679	3,935	4,816	6,311	58,205	6,120	87,131
2000	Q1	10,767	3,978	4,332	5,701	48,782	5,477	75,059
	Q2	10,110	4,387	5,450	7,354	50,005	5,656	78,575
	Q3	9,576	3,861	6,246	8,321	49,715	5,528	79,386
	Q4	11,580	3,958	4,584	6,836	58,297	5,966	87,263
2001	Q1	9,987	3,516	3,817	5,568	50,086	5,358	74,816
	Q2	9,934	4,479	5,468	7,920	46,645	5,247	75,214
	Q3	9,409	3,866	5,650	8,242	49,671	5,502	78,474
	Q4	11,247	3,958	4,179	7,080	56,400	5,899	84,805
2002	Q1	9,661	3,452	3,477	5,488	47,253	4,958	70,837
	Q2	9,501	3,923	4,524	7,714	45,785	4,879	72,403
	Q3	9,099	3,554	5,226	8,437	47,364	5,452	75,578
	Q4	10,523	3,302	3,880	6,714	57,023	5,647	83,787
2003	Q1	9,188	3,110	3,317	5,723	44,932	4,634	67,794
	Q2	8,830	3,468	4,547	7,527	45,304	5,036	71,244
	Q3	8,655	3,087	5,356	8,641	46,540	5,489	74,681
	Q4	9,732	2,879	3,813	6,520	51,566	5,257	76,888
Chang	e on same quarter of pre-	vious year						Percentage
2000	Q1	1	0	-4	15	0	5	1
	Q2	-2 -6	-5	-11	5	4	5	2
	Q3 Q4	-6	-11	-16 -5	5	-2 0	-6	-3
	Q4	-1	1	-5	8	0	-3	0
2001	Q1	-7	-12	-12	-2	3	-2	0
	Q2	-7 -2 -2 -3	2	0	8	-7	-7	-4
	Q3	-2	0	-10	-1	0	0	-1
	Q4	-3	0	-9	4	-3	-1	-3
2002	Q1	-3	-2	-9	-1	-6	-7	-5
	Q2	-4	-12	-17	-3	-2	-7	-4
	Q3	-3	-8	-8	2	-5	-1	-4
	Q4	-6	-17	-7	-5	1	-4	-1
	Q1	-5 -7	-10	-5	4	-5	-7	-4
2003		_		7	2	1	3	-2
2003	Q2	-7	-12	1	-2	-1		-2
2003	Q2 Q3 Q4	-7 -5 -8	-12 -13 -13	2 -2	-2 2 -3	-1 -2 -10	3 1 -7	-1 -8

Aged 0 - 15, inclusive.
 Includes mopeds, motor scooters and combinations.
 Three-wheel cars, taxis, four wheel cars, minibuses.

Table 5: Accidents: by speed limit, class of road severity 1: GB 2003

Number/percentage change compared with 2002

Type of road	Fat	al	Serie	ous	Slig	ght	All acc	idents	Road Traffic 2
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Percentage change
Built-up roads ³	1,322	1	18,889	-7	135,013	-4	155,224	-4	
Non Built-up roads ⁴	1,925	6	10,024	-3	46,857	-3	58,806	-2	
Major roads ⁵	2,031	2	14,463	-6	90,688	-4	107,182	-4	1 P
Minor roads ⁶	1,216	8	14,450	-5	91,182	-3	106,848	-3	2 P
All roads/all speed limits ⁷	3,247	4	28,913	-5	181,870	-3	214,030	-3	1 P

¹ The severity of an accident is defined as " the severity of the most seriously injured casualty in the accident".

² Motor vehicle traffic only.

³ Subject to a speed limit of 40 mph or less.

⁴ Subject to a speed limit greater than 40 mph.

⁵ Motorways, A(M) and A roads (ie motorways, trunk and principal roads).

⁶ B, C and unclassified roads (ie other roads).

⁷ Includes unknown speed limits.

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		Severity of injury		
Police force area	Fatal	Serious	Slight	All severities
Avon and Somerset	78	775	5,947	6,800
Bedfordshire	32	251	2,123	2,406
Cambridgeshire	63	537	4,070	4,670
Cheshire	72	688	5,492	6,252
City of London	1	36	291	328
Cleveland	25	295	1,717	2,037
Cumbria	54	393	2,248	2,695
Derbyshire	63	617	4,275	4,955
Devon and Cornwall Dorset	75 48	756 401	6,794 3,330	7,625 3,779
Durham	42	235	2,501	2,778
Essex	115	1,320	6,858	8,293
Gloucestershire	45	304	2,378	2,727
Greater Manchester Hampshire	126 108	969 1,072	13,049 7,444	14,144 8,624
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Hertfordshire	38	650	5,514	6,202
Humberside	63	647	3,911	4,621
Kent	96	855	6,624	7,575
Lancashire	86	962	6,451	7,499
Leicestershire	56	358	4,193	4,607
Lincolnshire	104	524	3,488	4,116
Merseyside	67	714	6,692	7,473
Metropolitan Police	271	4,856	33,022	38,149
Norfolk	62	484	3,013	3,559
North Yorkshire	88	809	3,570	4,467
Northamptonshire	61	478	2,202	2,741
Northumbria	65	599	6,399	7,063
Nottinghamshire	82	826	4,492	5,400
South Yorkshire	65	683	5,728	6,476
Staffordshire	78	429	5,659	6,166
Suffolk	60	382	2,729	3,171
Surrey	63	493	5,899	6,455
Sussex	100	927	6,304	7,331
Thames Valley	158	1,207	8,658	10,023
Warwickshire	51	470	2,444	2,965
West Mercia	96	632	4,417	5,145
West Midlands	96	1,135	11,356	12,587
West Yorkshire	102	1,136	11,566	12,804
Wiltshire	49	387	2,755	3,191
England	3,004	29,292	225,603	257,899
Dyfed-Powys	49	535	2,182	2,766
Gwent	20	212	1,872	2,104
North Wales	49	304	3,089	3,442
South Wales	55	431	5,238	5,724
Wales	173	1,482	12,381	14,036
Central	20	220	786	1,026
Dumfries and Galloway	10	107	467	584
Fife	18	182	800	1,000
Grampian	50	266	1,137	1,453
Lothian and Borders	45	383	3,211	3,639
Northern	36	235	941	1,212
Strathclyde	116	1,256	6,988	8,360
Tayside	36	284	1,078	1,398
Scotland	331	2,933	15,408	18,672
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- to identify problems in the collection, provision, use and understanding of transport statistics, and to discuss solutions with the responsible authorities;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of views and information between users and providers of transport statistics;
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