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Police Recorded Injury Road Traffic Casualties Northern Ireland

Monthly Report

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This bulletin presents the most recent injury road traffic casualty statistics relating to collisions recorded by the police for the period 1st January to the 30th November 2011 based on figures that were compiled on 27th January 2012. Any figures relating to the 2011 calendar year are provisional and will be subject to change until the finalised statistics are published in May 2012.

Key Points

- There were 5,025 injury road traffic collisions recorded by PSNI from 1st January to 30th November 2011. These collisions resulted in 53 fatalities, 733 people seriously injured and 7,100 people slightly injured. This is an increase of 2 fatalities, a decrease of 120 (-14.1%) persons seriously injured and a decrease of 336(-4.5%) slightly injured casualties when compared with the same time period in 2010.
- Drivers of motor vehicles were the single largest casualty class from 1st January to 30th November 2011, accounting for 36.3% of all casualties killed or seriously injured. Pedestrians accounted for 23.9% of killed or seriously injured casualties, followed by passengers (18.8%), motorcyclists (13.0%) and pedal cyclists (5.2%).
- There were 188 killed or seriously injured casualties among those aged 16-24, accounting for nearly one in four (23.9%) of all killed or seriously injured casualties. However the number of killed or seriously injured casualties in this age group was 44 (43 male and one female) lower than in the same period in 2010.
- There were 864 child (under 16) casualties recorded from 1st January to 30th November 2011, of which 2 were killed, 86 were seriously injured and 776 were slightly injured. This is an increase of 6.9% on the number of child casualties recorded for the same time period in the previous year.

Table 1 Number of police recorded road traffic casualties by road user type: 1 Jan 2011 – 30 Nov 2011 compared with 1 Jan 2010 – 30 Nov 2010

	01 Jan - 30 Nov 2010					01 Jan - 30 Nov 2011*				
	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total
Pedestrians	8	157	165	525	690	11	177	188	544	732
Drivers of motor vehicles	20	314	334	4040	4374	21	264	285	3731	4016
Motorcyclists	8	110	118	250	368	6	96	102	221	323
Pedal cyclists	0	49	49	163	212	2	39	41	198	239
Passengers	12	202	214	2406	2620	9	139	148	2355	2503
Pillion passengers	2	8	10	9	19	1	7	8	8	16
Other road users	1	13	14	43	57	3	11	14	43	57
Total	51	853	904	7436	8340	53	733	786	7100	7886

¹ Killed or seriously injured

* Figures are provisional and subject to change

Table 2 Number of police recorded road traffic casualties by age and gender: 1 Jan 2011 – 30 Nov 2011 compared with 1 Jan 2010 – 30 Nov 2010

	01 Jan - 30 Nov 2010					01 Jan - 30 Nov 2011*				
	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total
Male										
Under 16	0	56	56	384	440	1	53	54	402	456
16 - 24	14	147	161	1042	1203	13	105	118	975	1093
25 - 34	9	84	93	761	854	3	95	98	723	821
35 - 49	8	122	130	951	1081	6	121	127	889	1016
50 - 64	4	82	86	503	589	9	46	55	467	522
65 +	4	38	42	216	258	5	40	45	200	245
Unknown	0	0	0	6	6	0	1	1	14	15
Total	39	529	568	3863	4431	37	461	498	3670	4168
Female										
Under 16	2	35	37	331	368	1	33	34	374	408
16 - 24	1	70	71	987	1058	3	67	70	836	906
25 - 34	3	48	51	735	786	2	28	30	692	722
35 - 49	2	61	63	785	848	2	54	56	792	848
50 - 64	3	54	57	461	518	2	37	39	463	502
65 +	1	56	57	270	327	6	53	59	263	322
Unknown	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	10	10
Total	12	324	336	3573	3909	16	272	288	3430	3718
All										
Under 16	2	91	93	715	808	2	86	88	776	864
16 - 24	15	217	232	2029	2261	16	172	188	1811	1999
25 - 34	12	132	144	1496	1640	5	123	128	1415	1543
35 - 49	10	183	193	1736	1929	8	175	183	1681	1864
50 - 64	7	136	143	964	1107	11	83	94	930	1024
65 +	5	94	99	486	585	11	93	104	463	567
Unknown	0	0	0	10	10	0	1	1	24	25
Total	51	853	904	7436	8340	53	733	786	7100	7886

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Table 3 Number of police recorded road traffic casualties by injury severity and month: 1 Jan 2011 – 30 Nov 2011 compared with 1 Jan 2010 – 30 Nov 2010

	01 Jan - 30 Nov 2010					01 Jan - 30 Nov 2011*				
	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total	Killed	Seriously injured	KSI ¹	Slightly injured	Total
January	5	70	75	613	688	4	82	86	600	686
February	0	55	55	664	719	5	55	60	593	653
March	7	75	82	710	792	6	62	68	631	699
April	4	71	75	603	678	4	59	63	621	684
May	3	77	80	593	673	5	79	84	606	690
June	9	83	92	650	742	5	63	68	723	791
July	4	81	85	524	609	4	72	76	631	707
August	4	91	95	724	819	6	69	75	659	734
September	5	89	94	751	845	4	63	67	669	736
October	4	85	89	825	914	5	66	71	744	815
November	6	76	82	779	861	5	63	68	623	691
Total	51	853	904	7436	8340	53	733	786	7100	7886

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Notes

The statistics contained in this report only reflect the number of injury collisions and associated casualties that were reported to and recorded by the police. It is possible that some collisions or casualties were not brought to the PSNI's attention for a variety of reasons. Past research conducted in England & Wales has identified discrepancies between casualty data recorded by police compared with that sourced from hospitals. However PSNI is only in a position to report on those collisions and casualties that are brought to their attention. Further research in this area can be accessed via our Traffic Statistics User Guide. See link below.

The differentiation of a slight casualty from a serious casualty is not always a straightforward decision, especially for the more 'minor' serious injury types. It should be remembered that the collision and casualty information is collected by operational police officers whose main priority at the scene of the collision is to assist the injured, prevent other collisions from occurring and to gather evidence for a prosecution if any offence has been committed. As a result, there may be a small proportion of collisions that are incorrectly classified in these statistics. This would have been the case in previous years also. Data validations on each reported casualty are carried out to assist in the accurate recording of casualty severity.

Additional Data

Additional figures to accompany this bulletin are published in a spreadsheet:

http://www.psni.police.uk/calendar_ytd_ksi_figures.xls

This includes statistics covering the 4 main targets within the Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy.

Further Information

Annual injury road traffic collision and casualty figures from 1997 (calendar year) and 1994/95 (financial year) are available at:

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_road_traffic_statistics/updates_road_traffic_statistics_archive.htm

Further details on Police Recorded Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties are available in the User Guide at: http://www.psni.police.uk/traffic_statistics_user_guide.pdf This is a reference guide regarding the issues and definitions which are key to the production of police recorded road traffic statistics.

Copies of other PSNI publications are available from the PSNI Internet site:

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics.htm

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