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Data Quality: The PSNI's road traffic statistics are collated by the PSNI's Central Statistics Branch. The figures include only those injury collisions that are brought to the attention of the police. These statistics are National Statistics and are produced to the professional standards as set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

6. Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties

Summary

Overview

- During 2009/10 there were 6,187 injury road traffic collisions. These collisions resulted in 9,675 casualties, of which 101 were killed, 995 were seriously injured and 8,579 were slightly injured.
- Approximately ten per cent (921) of the casualties in 2009/10 were children aged under 16. Of these 3 were killed, 107 were seriously injured and 811 were slightly injured.

Collisions

- The total number of injury road traffic collisions increased from 6,149 in 2008/09 to 6,187 in 2009/10 (an increase of 0.6%). The number of collisions resulting in individuals being killed or seriously injured fell by 3.2% (912 in 2008/09, 883 in 2009/10).
- The total number of injury road traffic collisions involving child casualties decreased from 784 in 2008/09 to 748 in 2009/10 (a decrease of 4.6%). The number of collisions resulting in a child being killed or seriously injured increased by 17.8% (90 in 2008/09, 106 in 2009/10).
- The most common causes of injury road traffic collisions in 2009/10 were 'inattention or attention diverted' (952 collisions), 'excessive speed having regard to conditions' (697 collisions) and 'driving too close' (681 collisions).
- The most common causes of fatal and serious injury road traffic collisions in 2009/10 were 'excessive speed having regard to conditions' (158 collisions), 'alcohol or drugs (all road users)' (112 collisions) and 'inattention or attention diverted' (81 collisions).

Casualties

- Overall there was a 2.2% increase in casualties resulting from injury road traffic collisions (from 9,471 in 2008/09 to 9,675 in 2009/10).
- During the year there were 5 fewer fatalities (down 4.7%) and 3 fewer people seriously injured (down 0.3%).
- Drivers of motor vehicles were the single largest casualty class in 2009/10, accounting for just over half (53.0%) of all casualties, followed by passengers (31.3%), pedestrians (8.6%), motorcyclists (4.2%) and pedal cyclists (2.0%).
- Just under two thirds (64.0%) of all child casualties were passengers, 26.6% were pedestrians and a further 7.7% were pedal cyclists.

Reported injury road traffic collision key statistics for the 2009 calendar year are contained in the appendix of this report.

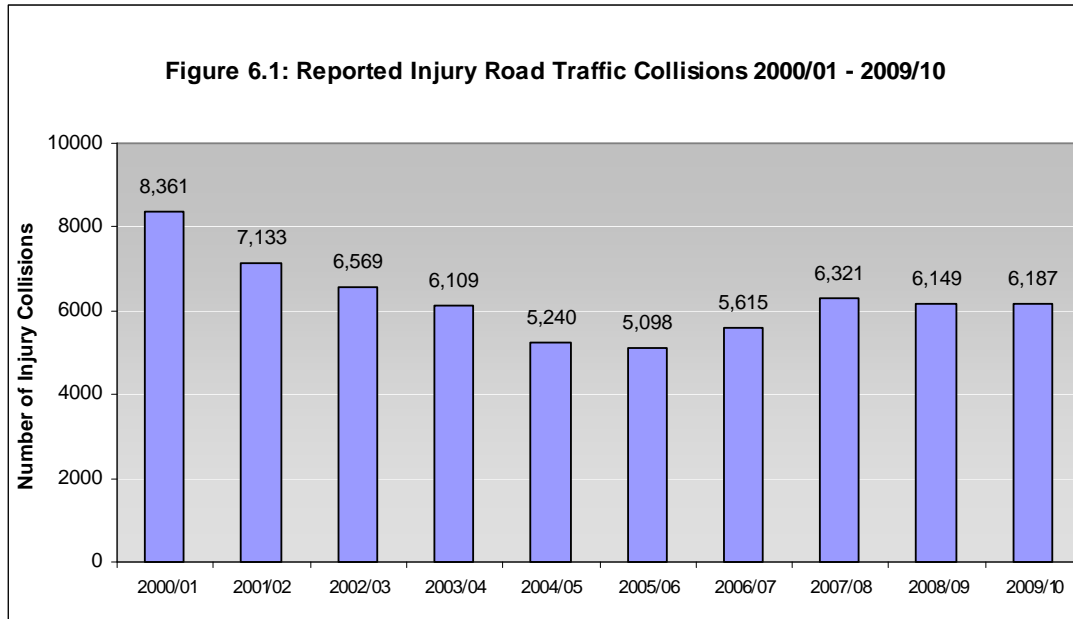


Table 6.2: Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Collisions				Casualties			
	Fatal Collisions	Serious Collisions	Slight Collisions	All Injury Collisions	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
2000/01	142	1,311	6,908	8,361	163	1,801	12,620	14,584
2001/02	140	1,195	5,798	7,133	153	1,638	10,812	12,603
2002/03	139	1,069	5,361	6,569	158	1,487	9,901	11,546
2003/04	121	957	5,031	6,109	142	1,258	9,022	10,422
2004/05	124	867	4,249	5,240	140	1,128	7,478	8,746
2005/06	128	852	4,118	5,098	134	1,115	7,128	8,377
2006/07	112	886	4,617	5,615	128	1,194	7,910	9,232
2007/08	101	844	5,376	6,321	110	1,076	8,562	9,748
2008/09	99	813	5,237	6,149	106	998	8,367	9,471
2009/10	90	793	5,304	6,187	101	995	8,579	9,675

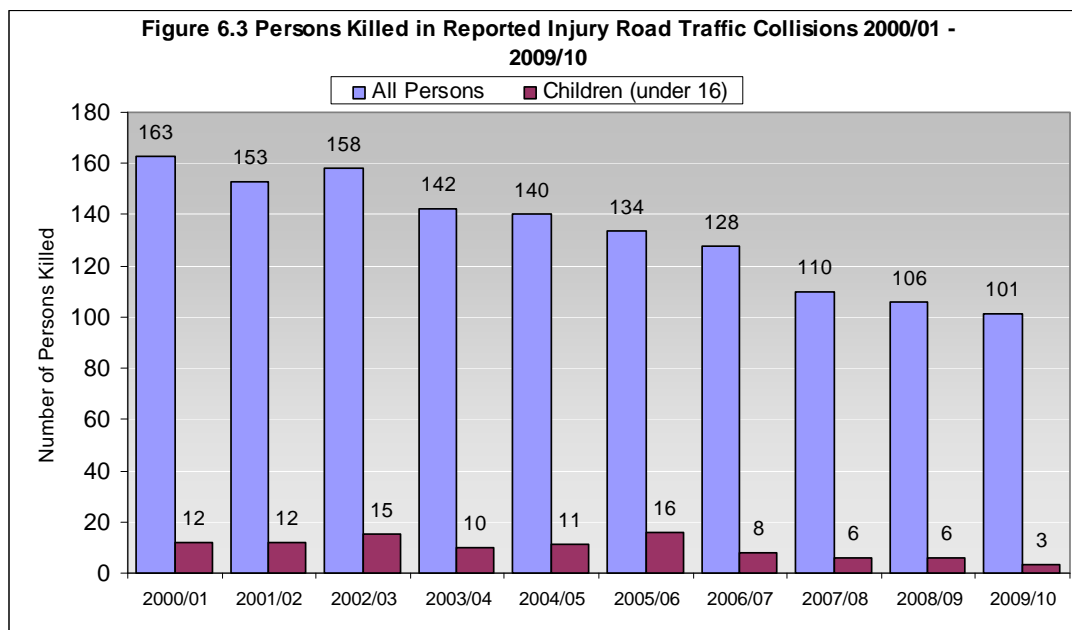


Table 6.4: Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions Involving Child Casualties (under 16) 2000/01 – 2009/10

	Collisions				Killed	Child Casualties		Total Casualties
	Fatal Collisions	Serious Collisions	Slight Collisions	All Injury Collisions		Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	
2000/01	12	210	1,154	1,376	12	226	1,566	1,804
2001/02	12	200	989	1,201	12	219	1,297	1,528
2002/03	14	154	871	1,039	15	173	1,248	1,436
2003/04	9	145	793	947	10	158	1,086	1,254
2004/05	11	118	661	790	11	124	873	1,008
2005/06	16	116	569	701	16	127	752	895
2006/07	8	107	647	762	8	128	847	983
2007/08	5	88	720	813	6	103	931	1,040
2008/09	5	85	694	784	6	96	846	948
2009/10	3	103	642	748	3	107	811	921

Table 6.5: Most Common Principal Causation Factors in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions - 2009/10

Principal Factor	Number of Injury Collisions	Casualties			Total Casualties
		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	
Inattention or attention diverted	952	4	87	1,426	1,517
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	697	28	195	934	1,157
Driving too close	681	1	21	1,074	1,096
Emerging from minor road/driveway without care	628	3	54	986	1043
Alcohol or drugs (All road users)	369	23	120	439	582
Crossing/entering road junction w/o care	367	5	57	525	587
Turning right w/o care	282	4	49	439	492
Pedestrian heedless of traffic	225	4	59	177	240

Table 6.6: Most Common Principal Causation Factors in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions Involving Child Casualties (under 16) 2009/10

Principal Factor	Number of Injury Collisions	Child Casualties		Total Casualties
		Killed and Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	
Inattention or attention diverted	117	8	145	153
Pedestrian heedless of traffic	98	33	67	100
Emerging from minor road/driveway without care	82	7	96	103
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	56	9	71	80
Driving too close	49	0	68	68

Figure 6.7 Reported Casualties by Type of Road User - 2009/10

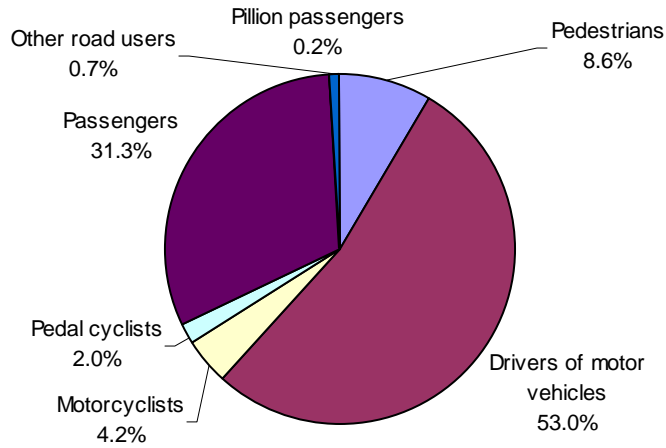


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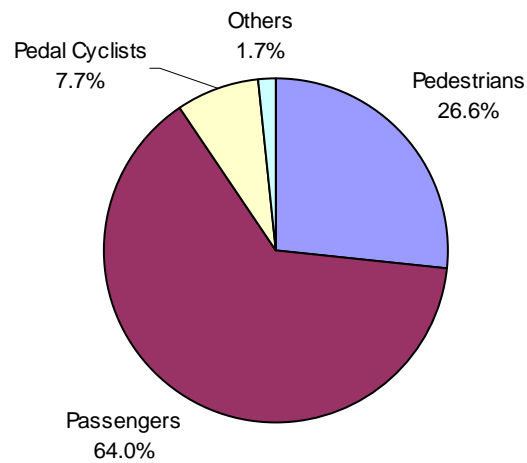


Table 6.9: Casualties in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury and Type of Road User 2005/06 – 2009/10

Type of Road User ¹	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Fatalities:					
Pedestrians	25	23	18	21	19
Drivers of motor vehicles	63	47	43	44	33
Motorcyclists	12	18	19	16	16
Pedal cyclists	4	1	2	2	0
Passengers	30	38	25	21	27
Pillion passengers	0	0	2	0	1
Other road users	0	1	1	2	5
Totals	134	128	110	106	101
Seriously Injured:					
Pedestrians	198	190	163	197	185
Drivers of motor vehicles	467	519	469	415	393
Motorcyclists	126	135	135	121	124
Pedal cyclists	30	30	30	30	32
Passengers	283	300	268	216	237
Pillion passengers	6	8	4	5	8
Other road users	5	12	7	14	16
Totals	1,115	1,194	1,076	998	995
Slightly Injured:					
Pedestrians	484	567	637	638	629
Drivers of motor vehicles	3,754	4,115	4,475	4,435	4,706
Motorcyclists	257	259	316	306	262
Pedal cyclists	120	130	209	176	164
Passengers	2,473	2,787	2,863	2,762	2,765
Pillion passengers	12	21	17	17	11
Other road users	28	31	45	33	42
Totals	7,128	7,910	8,562	8,367	8,579
All Casualties:					
Pedestrians	707	780	818	856	833
Drivers of motor vehicles	4,284	4,681	4,987	4,894	5,132
Motorcyclists	395	412	470	443	402
Pedal cyclists	154	161	241	208	196
Passengers	2,786	3,125	3,156	2,999	3,029
Pillion passengers	18	29	23	22	20
Other road users	33	44	53	49	63
Totals	8,377	9,232	9,748	9,471	9,675

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers. 'Other road users' include drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages, horse-drawn vehicles).

Table 6.10: Child Casualties (under 16) in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury, Type of Road User and Age Group 2008/09 and 2009/10

Type of Road User ¹	2008/09				2009/10			
	Under 5	5 – 10	11 – 15	Totals	Under 5	5 – 10	11 – 15	Totals
Fatalities								
Pedestrians	2	0	2	4	0	1	1	2
Pedal cyclists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passengers	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	2	0	4	6	0	1	2	3
Seriously Injured								
Pedestrians	12	16	27	55	6	23	37	66
Pedal cyclists	0	0	6	6	1	3	7	11
Passengers	8	10	6	24	4	9	9	22
Others	0	0	11	11	0	1	7	8
Totals	20	26	50	96	11	36	60	107
Slightly Injured								
Pedestrians	32	66	96	194	27	73	77	177
Pedal cyclists	3	27	27	57	3	43	14	60
Passengers	132	218	234	584	117	190	260	567
Others	0	0	11	11	0	0	7	7
Totals	167	311	368	846	147	306	358	811
All Child Casualties								
Pedestrians	46	82	125	253	33	97	115	245
Pedal cyclists	3	27	33	63	4	46	21	71
Passengers	140	228	241	609	121	199	269	589
Others	0	0	23	23	0	1	15	16
Totals	189	337	422	948	158	343	420	921

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers.

'Others' include drivers of motor vehicles, riders and pillion passengers on motor cycles and drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages and horse-drawn vehicles etc.).

Table 6.11: Casualties in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury, District and Area 2008/09 and 2009/10

		2008/09				2009/10			
		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total
A District	North Belfast	7	39	564	610	2	34	497	533
	West Belfast	0	33	510	543	0	29	494	523
	A District Total	7	72	1,074	1,153	2	63	991	1,056
B District	East Belfast	0	20	329	349	1	27	328	356
	South Belfast	3	47	577	627	1	21	537	559
	B District Total	3	67	906	976	2	48	865	915
C District	Ards	1	51	388	440	5	43	309	357
	Castlereagh	1	26	256	283	1	23	277	301
	Down	4	42	326	372	8	44	369	421
	North Down	2	24	283	309	1	34	346	381
	C District Total	8	143	1,253	1,404	15	144	1,301	1,460
D District	Antrim	4	27	224	255	0	27	276	303
	Carrickfergus	0	12	93	105	1	21	133	155
	Lisburn	6	64	676	746	3	80	587	670
	Newtownabbey	6	27	418	451	5	35	389	429
	D District Total	16	130	1,411	1,557	9	163	1,385	1,557
E District	Armagh	4	28	244	276	5	41	200	246
	Banbridge	1	22	168	191	6	21	202	229
	Craigavon	1	35	293	329	1	43	401	445
	Newry and Mourne	15	49	404	468	6	63	520	589
	E District Total	21	134	1,109	1,264	18	168	1,323	1,509
F District	Cookstown	3	25	130	158	6	18	133	157
	Dungannon and South Tyrone	8	50	246	304	4	50	282	336
	Fermanagh	8	59	308	375	6	60	265	331
	Omagh	6	49	188	243	6	28	235	269
	F District Total	25	183	872	1,080	22	156	915	1,093
	G District	Foyle	1	64	484	549	6	37	553
Limavady		1	29	182	212	2	23	168	193
Magherafelt		2	32	158	192	4	37	121	162
Strabane		2	22	128	152	0	23	111	134
G District Total		6	147	952	1,105	12	120	953	1,085
H District	Ballymena	3	36	301	340	5	43	352	400
	Ballymoney	4	18	99	121	2	15	118	135
	Coleraine	8	30	196	234	7	36	225	268
	Larne	2	24	124	150	3	20	87	110
	Moyle	3	14	70	87	4	19	64	87
	H District Total	20	122	790	932	21	133	846	1,000
Total		106	998	8,367	9,471	101	995	8,579	9,675

Table 6.12: Child Casualties in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury, District and Area 2008/09 and 2009/10

		2008/09				2009/10			
		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total
A District	North Belfast	0	8	68	76	0	6	71	77
	West Belfast	0	4	51	55	0	7	62	69
	A District Total	0	12	119	131	0	13	133	146
B District	East Belfast	0	1	30	31	0	6	30	36
	South Belfast	0	2	33	35	0	0	34	34
	B District Total	0	3	63	66	0	6	64	70
C District	Ards	0	3	34	37	0	6	18	24
	Castlereagh	0	1	23	24	0	2	33	35
	Down	0	5	53	58	0	7	35	42
	North Down	0	10	14	24	0	4	24	28
	C District Total	0	19	124	143	0	19	110	129
D District	Antrim	0	2	13	15	0	1	17	18
	Carrickfergus	0	1	7	8	0	1	18	19
	Lisburn	1	3	69	73	0	10	44	54
	Newtownabbey	0	2	37	39	0	8	36	44
	D District Total	1	8	126	135	0	20	115	135
E District	Armagh	0	4	31	35	0	3	22	25
	Banbridge	0	2	20	22	1	1	20	22
	Craigavon	0	4	34	38	0	3	38	41
	Newry and Mourne	1	3	34	38	0	4	56	60
	E District Total	1	13	119	133	1	11	136	148
F District	Cookstown	0	2	16	18	0	1	12	13
	Dungannon and South Tyrone	0	4	26	30	0	5	21	26
	Fermanagh	2	3	34	39	0	5	23	28
	Omagh	0	7	23	30	0	3	19	22
	F District Total	2	16	99	117	0	14	75	89
G District	Foyle	0	7	59	66	0	8	58	66
	Limavady	0	1	26	27	0	2	16	18
	Magherafelt	1	3	11	15	1	2	19	22
	Strabane	0	3	12	15	0	4	12	16
	G District Total	1	14	108	123	1	16	105	122
H District	Ballymena	0	5	37	42	0	2	30	32
	Ballymoney	0	0	13	13	0	1	10	11
	Coleraine	1	1	19	21	0	2	20	22
	Larne	0	3	11	14	1	1	4	6
	Moyle	0	2	8	10	0	2	9	11
	H District Total	1	11	88	100	1	8	73	82
Total		6	96	846	948	3	107	811	921

Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions - Definitions

Collisions

Collisions involving personal injury occurring on the public highway (including footpaths) in which a vehicle is involved. Collisions are categorised as either 'Fatal', 'Serious' or 'Slight' according to the most severely injured casualty.

Killed

Died within 30 days from injuries received in a collision.

Serious Injury

An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient', or any of the following injuries whether or not the person is detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, burns, severe cuts and lacerations or severe general shock requiring medical treatment.

Slight Injury

An injury of a minor character such as a sprain, bruise or cut not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention.

Casualty

A person who sustains a slight, serious or fatal injury.

Children

Persons under 16 years of age.

Drivers of motor vehicles

Drivers of hackneys, cars, motor caravans, LGVs, HGVs, cars used as taxis, minibuses and buses.

Motorcyclists

Drivers/riders of mopeds and motorcycles. Includes riders of two-wheeled motor vehicles, motorcycle combinations, scooters and mopeds.

Pedal cyclists

Drivers/riders of pedal cycles. Includes children riding toy cycles on the carriageway and the first rider of a tandem.

Passengers

Occupants of vehicles other than the driver or rider. Passengers of hackneys, cars, motor caravans, LGVs, HGVs, cars used as taxis, minibuses, buses and pedal cycles.

Pillion passengers

Passenger on a moped or motorcycle.

Other road users

Drivers and passengers of invalid/3 wheelers, tractors, ridden horses, other motor vehicles and other non motor vehicles.

Pedestrians

Include:

- Children on scooters, roller skates or skateboards;
- Children riding toy cycles on the footpath;
- Persons pushing bicycles or other vehicles or operating pedestrian-controlled vehicles;
- Persons leading or herding animals;
- Occupants of prams or wheelchairs;
- People who alight safely from vehicles and are subsequently injured;
- Persons other than cyclists holding on to the back of a moving vehicle;
- Persons pushing or pulling a vehicle.

2009 Calendar Year – Key Statistics

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1ST JANUARY 2009 – 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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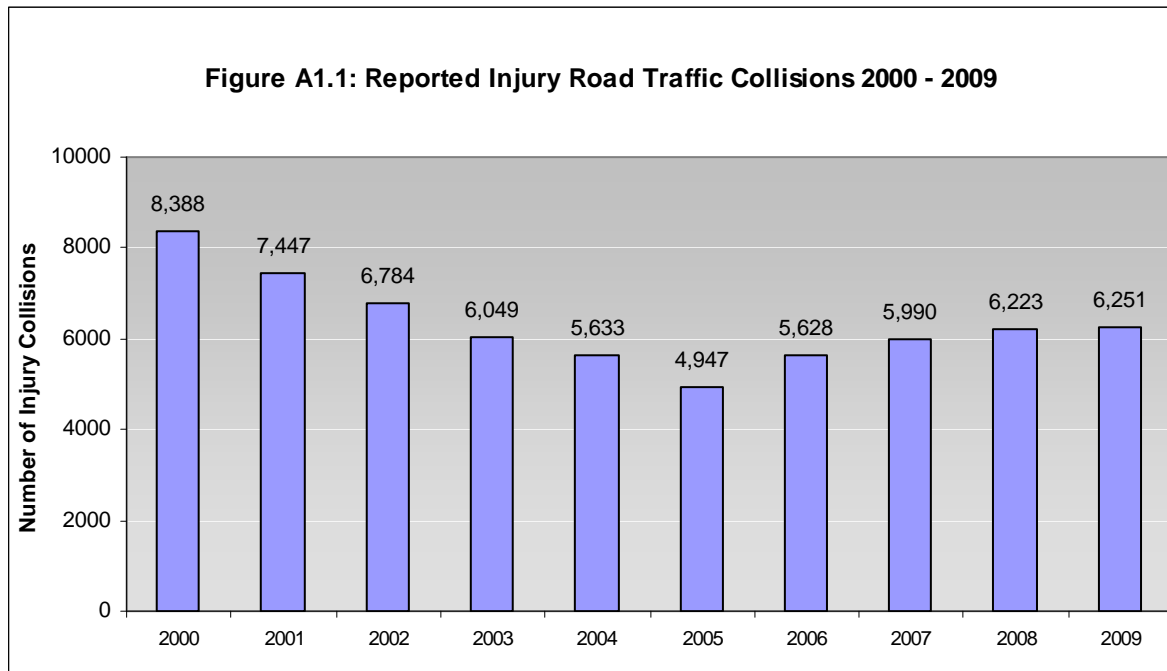


Table A1.2: Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties 2000 – 2009

	Collisions				Killed	Casualties		
	Fatal Collisions	Serious Collisions	Slight Collisions	All Injury Collisions		Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
2000	149	1,275	6,964	8,388	171	1,786	12,763	14,720
2001	137	1,241	6,069	7,447	148	1,682	11,312	13,142
2002	136	1,105	5,543	6,784	150	1,526	10,238	11,914
2003	128	964	4,957	6,049	150	1,288	8,887	10,325
2004	128	895	4,610	5,633	147	1,183	8,177	9,507
2005	127	835	3,985	4,947	135	1,073	6,951	8,159
2006	110	904	4,614	5,628	126	1,211	7,845	9,182
2007	105	838	5,047	5,990	113	1,097	8,226	9,436
2008	98	814	5,311	6,223	107	990	8,454	9,551
2009	104	826	5,321	6,251	115	1,035	8,617	9,767

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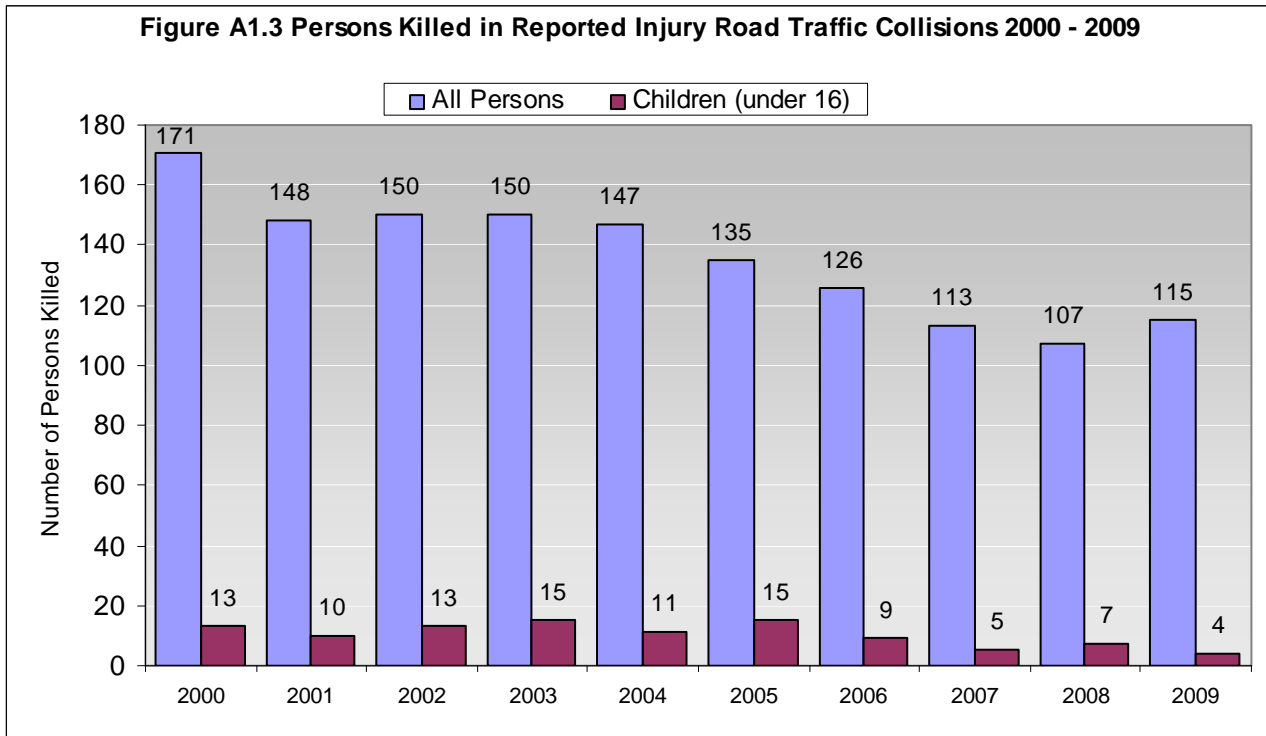


Table A1.4: Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions Involving Child Casualties (under 16) 2000 – 2009

	Collisions				Killed	Child Casualties		Total Casualties
	Fatal Collisions	Serious Collisions	Slight Collisions	All Injury Collisions		Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	
2000	13	206	1,175	1,394	13	221	1,602	1,836
2001	10	213	1,029	1,252	10	226	1,343	1,579
2002	13	159	912	1,084	13	181	1,299	1,493
2003	13	144	798	955	15	156	1,058	1,229
2004	11	130	700	841	11	140	951	1,102
2005	15	106	587	708	15	114	788	917
2006	9	119	635	763	9	143	826	978
2007	5	87	693	785	5	101	894	1,000
2008	5	84	701	790	7	94	851	952
2009	4	112	666	782	4	116	860	980

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Table A1.5: Casualties in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury and Type of Road User 2005 – 2009

Type of Road User ¹	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Fatalities:					
Pedestrians	28	22	17	19	24
Drivers of motor vehicles	66	46	42	45	42
Motorcyclists	14	14	25	15	16
Pedal cyclists	4	1	2	2	0
Passengers	22	43	24	23	29
Pillion passengers	1	0	1	1	0
Other road users	0	0	2	2	4
Totals	135	126	113	107	115
Seriously Injured:					
Pedestrians	176	202	166	193	191
Drivers of motor vehicles	451	526	478	417	417
Motorcyclists	146	128	128	123	138
Pedal cyclists	25	33	30	26	32
Passengers	261	304	282	215	235
Pillion passengers	8	7	5	5	7
Other road users	6	11	8	11	15
Totals	1,073	1,211	1,097	990	1,035
Slightly Injured:					
Pedestrians	463	575	585	632	636
Drivers of motor vehicles	3,682	4,037	4,330	4,472	4,669
Motorcyclists	251	267	297	319	260
Pedal cyclists	118	137	188	178	173
Passengers	2,396	2,777	2,769	2,802	2,817
Pillion passengers	9	23	15	18	13
Other road users	32	29	42	33	49
Totals	6,951	7,845	8,226	8,454	8,617
All Casualties:					
Pedestrians	667	799	768	844	851
Drivers of motor vehicles	4,199	4,609	4,850	4,934	5,128
Motorcyclists	411	409	450	457	414
Pedal cyclists	147	171	220	206	205
Passengers	2,679	3,124	3,075	3,040	3,081
Pillion passengers	18	30	21	24	20
Other road users	38	40	52	46	68
Totals	8,159	9,182	9,436	9,551	9,767

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers. 'Other road users' include drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages, horse-drawn vehicles).

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Table A1.6: Child Casualties (under 16) in Reported Injury Road Traffic Collisions by Severity of Injury, Type of Road User and Age Group 2008 and 2009

Type of Road User ¹	2008				2009			
	Under 5	5 – 10	11 – 15	Totals	Under 5	5 – 10	11 – 15	Totals
Fatalities								
Pedestrians	1	0	2	3	1	1	1	3
Pedal cyclists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passengers	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	1	0	6	7	1	1	2	4
Serious Injuries								
Pedestrians	17	16	21	54	6	23	39	68
Pedal cyclists	0	0	7	7	1	3	7	11
Passengers	6	13	6	25	7	9	10	26
Others	0	0	8	8	0	1	10	11
Totals	23	29	42	94	14	36	66	116
Slight Injuries								
Pedestrians	31	63	96	190	29	74	76	179
Pedal cyclists	3	27	27	57	3	42	17	62
Passengers	127	217	248	592	142	214	255	611
Others	0	0	12	12	0	0	8	8
Totals	161	307	383	851	174	330	356	860
All Child Casualties								
Pedestrians	49	79	119	247	36	98	116	250
Pedal cyclists	3	27	34	64	4	45	24	73
Passengers	133	230	257	620	149	223	265	637
Others	0	0	21	21	0	1	19	20
Totals	185	336	431	952	189	367	424	980

¹ 'Passengers' include pedal cycle passengers.

'Others' include drivers of motor vehicles, riders and pillion passengers on motor cycles and drivers/riders and passengers of 'other vehicles' (e.g. tractors, invalid carriages and horse-drawn vehicles etc.).