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Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2014

This bulletin presents *provisional* statistics of reported injury road accidents (i.e. road accidents reported to the police in which one or more people were killed or injured) in Scotland in 2014. Final figures will be published in October 2015.

1. Main Points

- 1.1 There were a total of **11,240** road casualties reported in 2014, (264 or 2% fewer than 2013) and the lowest number of casualties since records began in 1950. Of which there were:
 - 200 fatalities: 28 (or 16%) more than 2013 This updates National Indicator 32: "Reduce deaths on Scotland's roads."
 - 1,694 seriously injured: 22 (or 1%) more than 2013
 - 9,346 slightly injured: 314 (or 3%) fewer than 2013 [Table 2].
- 1.2 By mode, in 2014 there were:
 - 6,760 car users injured (204, 3% less than 2013); including 93 fatalities (4 more than 2013)
 - 1,739 **pedestrian** casualties (8, 0.5% less than 2013); including 56 fatalities (18 more than 2013)
 - 819 motorcycle casualties (44, 6% more than 2013); including 31 fatalities (8 more than 2013)
 - 885 pedal cycle casualties (no change from 2013); including 8 fatalities (5 fewer than 2013)
 - 287 bus and coach user casualties (107, 27% fewer than 2013) [Table 3].

These figures take no account of changes in modal choice so changes could be because more or fewer people are travelling by a particular mode.

- 1.3 In 2014 there were 1,040 **child** casualties reported, 24 (2%) fewer than in 2013. This included **7** fatalities, 2 fewer than last year **[Table 4]**. Conclusions on trend cannot be made from a single year's data as the numbers are small and fluctuate from year to year. Trends using a three year average are included in table 7.
- 1.4 In 2014 **male** fatalities rose by 30, 25% (to 149). **Female** fatalities fell by 2, 4% (to 51). Seventeen per cent (1,874) of all casualties were aged 16–22, a fall of 1% on 2013, of which 1,096 were male and 778 were female. Casualties aged under 5 fell by 11%, from 193 to 172 between 2013 and 2014 **[Table 12]**.
- 1.5 Scotland's road safety framework to 2020 contains 5 **national targets for casualty reductions by 2020** a reduction compared to the 2004-2008 baseline has been achieved in each case:
 - 200 people were killed in 2014, a reduction of 31% since the baseline (2020 target: 40% reduction) [Table 5]
 - 1,694 people were seriously injured in 2013, a reduction of 35% since the baseline (2020 target: 55% reduction) [Table 6]
 - On average, there were 6 children killed each year between 2012 and 2014: a reduction of 61% since the baseline (2020 target: 50% reduction) [Table 7]
 - There were 171 **children seriously injured** in 2014: a reduction of **47%** since the baseline (2020 target: 65% reduction) **[Table 8]**
 - the 2014 slight casualty rate was 20.87 casualties per 100 million vehicle kilometres, a reduction of 36% since the baseline (2020 target: 10% reduction) [Table 9].

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2. **Background**

- 2.1 This bulletin presents provisional statistics of reported injury road accidents (i.e. road accidents in which one or more people were killed or injured) in Scotland in 2014. These figures were extracted from Transport Scotland's reported road accident statistical database (based on 'Stats19' statistical returns made by police forces) on 13 May 2015. Final 2014 figures will appear in Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2014. which will be published in October 2015 and may differ slightly due to late returns and amendments. For similar reasons, the figures given here for 2013 and earlier years may differ slightly from those published previously. Further information about the differences between the main figures in the publications can be found in section 11.2.
- The statistics are the numbers of injury road accidents which were reported by the 2.2 police. Each accident is classified according to the severity of its most seriously injured casualty. Very few, if any, fatal accidents do not become known to the police. However, there could be many non-fatal injury accidents which are not reported by the public to the police, and are therefore not counted in these statistics because the police can only report accidents of which they are aware. An article on under counting in the statistics is included in Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2010 http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/strategyand-research/publications-and-consultations/j199237-08.htm.
- 2.3 The Scottish Road Safety Framework published on 15 June 2009, outlined Scotland specific road safety targets. The casualty reduction targets for 2020 are described in section 11.5. Progress towards them is covered in section 8, figures 4 to 7 and tables 5 to 9. More information about the Scottish Road Safety Framework can be found at http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-safety-framework-targets-and-reducingroad-casualties.
- 2.4 Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2014 is one of a series of Transport Statistics publications. A comprehensive statistical picture of transport activity is given in the compendium Scottish Transport Statistics volume and the latest transport and travel trends from Scottish Household Survey transport data published in Transport and Travel in Scotland. Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2014 is followed in October by Reported Road Casualties Scotland, a volume which includes extensive analyses of the numbers of accidents, vehicles and casualties. See the link below for more details: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/analysis/statistics/publications
- 2.5 We welcome comments and feedback on these statistics. Any comments can be addressed to us using the contact details below.

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Infographic Summary: 2014 Road Accidents And Casualties

11,240

road accident casualties in Scotland in 2014

2%

fewer than the previous year



200

People were killed in road accidents

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1,694 people recorded as seriously injured in road accidents in 2014, 22 more than in 2013



9,346 people recorded as slightly injured in road accidents In 2014, 314 fewer than in 2013



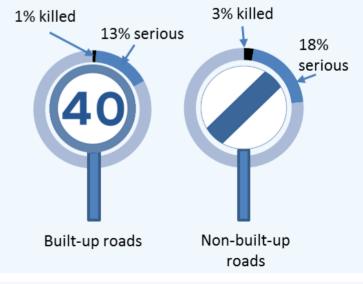
Road accident casualties by mode of transport:

	Number of Casualties 2014	% change in casualties since 2013
	6,760	-3%
次次	1,739	-0.5%
000	819	+6%
₩	885	0%

Road casualties in relation to 2020 targets:

Actual % change in 2014 casualties from 2004-08 average	Casualty reduction milestone for 2015	Casualty reduction target for 2020
Killed		
-31%	-30%	-40%
Serious		
-35%	-43%	-55%
Children kille	ed	
-61%	-35%	-50%
Children seri	ous	
-47%	-50%	-65%

There were more people killed or seriously injured on built-up roads (roads with a speed limit of 40 mph or less), however, proportionally, casualties on non built-up roads were more severe



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3. Reported numbers of Accidents (Table 1)

3.1 *Table 1* shows the downward trend of injury road **accidents** recorded by the police. In 2014, there were 8,789 accidents in which someone was killed or injured, 2 per cent fewer than in 2013 and the lowest number since records began. There were 178 fatal accidents in 2014, nineteen (12%) more than in 2013. In 2014, there were 1,482 serious injury accidents - an increase of 52 (4%) on 2013; and 7,129 slight injury accidents reported in 2014, 4 per cent (272) fewer than 2013.

Table 1: Injury Road Accidents by Severity, 1970 - 2014

			Fatal		
	Fatal	Serious	and	Slight	All
			Serious		Severities
1970	758	7,860	8,618	13,515	22,133
1975	699	6,912	7,611	13,041	20,652
1980	644	7,218	7,862	13,926	21,788
1985	550	6,507	7,057	13,587	20,644
1990	491	5,237	5,728	14,443	20,171
1995	361	4,071	4,432	12,102	16,534
1996	316	3,315	3,631	12,442	16,073
1997	340	3,312	3,652	12,994	16,646
1998	339	3,318	3,657	12,862	16,519
1999	285	3,209	3,494	11,921	15,415
2000	297	3,007	3,304	11,828	15,132
2001	309	2,840	3,149	11,575	14,724
2002	274	2,684	2,958	11,385	14,343
2003	301	2,495	2,796	11,121	13,917
2004	283	2,331	2,614	11,305	13,919
2005	264	2,252	2,516	10,922	13,438
2006	293	2,257	2,550	10,560	13,110
2007	255	2,049	2,304	10,203	12,507
2008	245	2,242	2,487	9,672	12,159
2009	196	1,998	2,194	9,362	11,556
2010	189	1,713	1,902	8,393	10,295
2011	175	1,676	1,851	8,136	9,987
2012	164	1,734	1,898	7,888	9,786
2013	159	1,430	1,589	7,401	8,990
2014 pro	ov. 178	1,482	1,660	7,129	8,789

4. Reported numbers of Casualties (Table 2)

- 4.1 In 2014, 200 people were **killed** in road accidents in Scotland: 28 (16%) more than 2013. Since 1978, there has been a clear, steady long-term downward trend. More recent years' figures have fluctuated around a less pronounced downward trend **[Figure 1]**.
- 4.2 In 2014 there were 1,694 people **seriously injured** in road accidents: 22 (1%) more than in 2013. The long-term trend, has generally been downward since the early 1980s **[Figure 2].**
- 4.3 There were 9,346 people reported as **slightly injured** in 2014 which was 314 (3%) fewer than in 2013. Between 1970 and the late 1990s, the figures fluctuated between 17,000 and 21,000. However, there has been a clear downward trend since 1997 [Figure 3].

Table 2: Casualties by Severity, 1950 - 2014

	Killed	Serious	Killed and	Slight	AII
		injury	Serious	injury	Severities
1950	529	4,553	5,082	10,774	15,856
1955	610	5,096	5,706	15,193	20,899
1960	648	6,632	7,280	19,035	26,315
1965	743	8,744	9,487	22,340	31,827
1970	815	10,027	10,842	20,398	31,240
1975	769	8,779	9,548	19,073	28,621
1980	700	8,839	9,539	19,747	29,286
1985	602	7,786	8,388	18,899	27,287
1986	601	7,422	8,023	18,094	26,117
1987	556	6,707	7,263	17,485	24,748
1988	554	6,732	7,286	18,139	25,425
1989	553	6,998	7,551	19,981	27,532
1990	546	6,252	6,798	20,430	27,228
1991	491	5,638	6,129	19,217	25,346
1992	463	5,176	5,639	18,534	24,173
1993	399	4,454	4,853	17,561	22,414
1994	363	5,208	5,571	17,002	22,573
1995	409	4,930	5,339	16,855	22,194
1996	357	4,041	4,398	17,318	21,716
1997	377	4,047	4,424	18,205	22,629
1998	385	4,072	4,457	18,010	22,467
1999	310	3,765	4,075	16,927	21,002
2000	326	3,568	3,894	16,624	20,518
2001	348	3,410	3,758	16,153	19,911
2002	304	3,229	3,533	15,742	19,275
2003	336	2,957	3,293	15,463	18,756
2004	308	2,766	3,074	15,428	18,502
2005	286	2,666	2,952	14,933	17,885
2005	314	2,635	2,932	14,933	17,865
2007	281	2,035 2,385			•
2007	270	2,365 2,575	2,666 2,845	13,573 12,747	16,239 15,592
2009 2010	216	2,287	2,503	12,540 11,161	15,043
	208	1,969	2,177	11,161	13,338
2011	185	1,880	2,065	10,725	12,790
2012	178	1,981	2,159	10,562	12,721
2013	172	1,672	1,844	9,660	11,504
2014 <i>prov.</i>	200	1,694	1,894	9,346	11,240
2004 - 2008 average	292	2,605	2,897	14,200	17,097
2010 - 2014 average	189	1,839	2,028	10,291	12,319
2014 percentage change:					
on 2013	16%	1%	3%	-3%	-2%
	-31%	-35%	-35%	-34%	-34%

^{1.} Figures for 2012 and earlier years may differ slightly to those previously published due to late returns, or corrections to earlier returns.

2. Although regular records of the numbers of casualties began in 1947, the level of severity was only collected from 1950 and the number of injury road accidents weren't collected until 1970.

4.4 There were a total of 11,240 casualties (of all severities) reported in 2014: 264 (2%) fewer than in 2013 and the lowest number since records began in 1950. Between around 1970 and 1990, the figures fluctuated around a general downward trend, with numbers falling from the short-term peak in 1989 & 1990 (of over 27,000). Since 1998, there has been a consistent reduction every year, with numbers falling below 12,000 in 2013 which was half the level of the early 1990s [Figure 3].

Figure 1: Number of casualties killed, 1950 to 2014

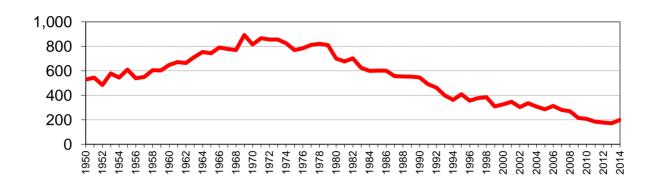
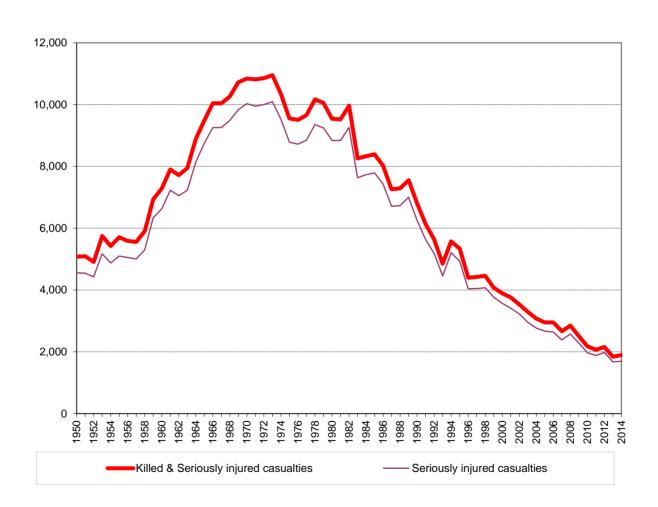


Figure 2: Killed & Seriously injured casualties and Seriously injured casualties, 1950 - 2014



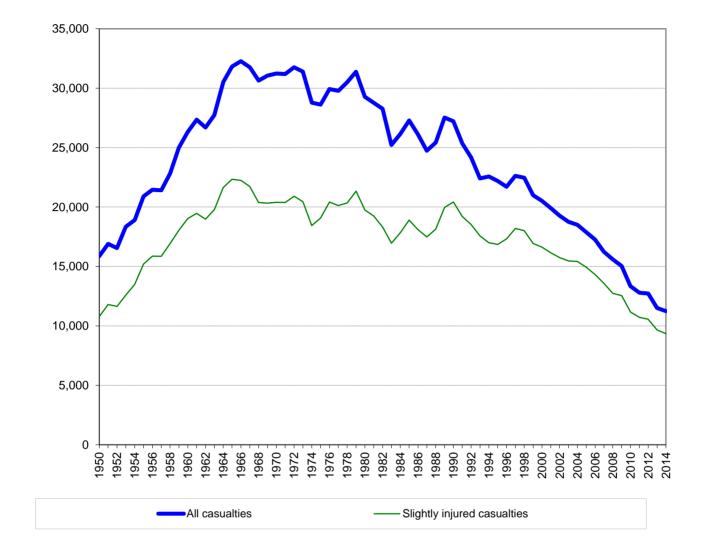


Figure 3: All casualties and Slightly injured casualties, 1950 - 2014

5. Casualties by Type of Road (Table 3)

- 5.1 In 2014, **non built-up roads** (roads with a speed limit of over 40mph, see paragraph 11.4 for more detail) accounted for almost two-fifths of the total number of reported casualties (39%: 4,406 out of 11,240). However, they accounted for almost two thirds of those killed (64%: 128 out of 200) and almost half of the total number of seriously injured combined (47%: 790 out of 1,694). This will be at least in part due to the higher average speed as non built-up roads are those with a speed limit of greater than 40 mph. These roads also make up two thirds of Scotland's road network.
- 5.2 Compared with the 2004-08 average, there has been a greater reduction in casualties on non built-up roads (39%) than built-up roads (31%). The reduction in non built-up roads fatalities was greater at 39% than built-up at 13%. There was a 39% and 31% reduction respectively in those seriously injured for both non built-up and built-up roads.

Table 3: Casualties by built-up and non built-up roads, mode of transport and severity, 2012-2014 & 2004-08 average

Mode of	В	uilt-up road:	S	Non	built-up roa	ads		All roads	
Transport	Killed	Serious	All	Killed	Serious	All	Killed	Serious	All
Pedestrian									
2004-08 average	46	609	2,723	18	47	133	65	656	2,855
2012	44	435	1,899	16	26	87	60	461	1,986
2013	24	370	1,664	14	33	83	38	403	1,747
2014 prov.	39	403	1,658	17	20	81	56	423	1,739
% change on 2013	*	9%	0%	*	*	-2%	*	5%	0%
on 04-08 average	*	-34%	-39%	*	*	-39%	-13%	-35%	-39%
Pedal cycle									
2004-08 average	5	111	673	4	23	83	9	134	756
2012	5	136	792	4	33	114	9	169	906
2013	2	119	782	11	29	103	13	148	885
2014 <i>prov.</i>	3	122	781	5	33	104	8	155	885
% change on 2013	*	3%	0%	*	*	1%	*	5%	0%
on 04-08 average	*	10%	16%	*	*	25%	*	16%	17%
Motor cycle									
2004-08 average	6	159	561	36	212	489	42	371	1,049
2012	3	132	433	18	211	434	21	343	867
2012	5	124	427	18	157	348	23	281	775
2014 <i>prov.</i>	6	142	461	25	177	358	31	319	819
•	*			25 *			31 *		
% change on 2013 on 04-08 average	*	15% -11%	8% -18%	*	13% -16%	3% -27%	*	14% -14%	6% -22%
Car									
2004-08 average	21	337	4,762	141	920	5,844	162	1,258	10,606
2012	12	271	3,660	62	576	4,006	74	847	7,666
2013	14	180	3,374	75	542	3,590	89	722	6,964
2014 <i>prov.</i>	19	186	3,327	74	502	3,433	93	688	6,760
% change on 2013	*	3%	-1%	-1%	-7%	-4%	4%	-5%	-3%
on 04-08 average	*	-45%	-30%	-47%	-45%	-41%	-42%	-45%	-36%
Bus/Coach									
2004-08 average	0	50	669	0	5	80	1	55	749
2012	1	37	335	0	7	106	1	44	441
2013	1	28	317	1	6	77	2	34	394
2014 prov.	1	23	255	0	4	32	1	27	287
% change on 2013	*	*	-20%	*	*	-58%	*	*	-27%
on 04-08 average	*	*	-62%	*	*	-60%	*	-51%	-62%
Other modes of transport									
2004-08 average	4	42	489	10	90	591	14	132	1,080
2012	1	35	400	12	82	455	13	117	855
2013	1	26	354	6	58	385	7	84	739
2014 <i>prov.</i>	4	28	352	7	54	398	11	82	750
% change on 2013	*	*	-1%	*	-7%	3%	*	-2%	1%
on 04-08 average	*	*	-28%	*	-40%	-33%	*	-38%	-31%
All casualties									
2004-08 average	82	1,309	9,877	209	1,297	7,220	292	2,605	17,097
2012	66	1,046	7,519	112	935	5,202	178	1,981	12,721
2013	47	847	6,918	125	825	4,586	172	1,672	11,504
2014 <i>prov.</i>	72	904	6,834	128	790	4,406	200	1,694	11,240
% change on 2013	*	7%	-1%	2%	-4%	-4%	16%	1%	-2%
on 04-08 average	-13%	-31%	-31%	-39%	-39%	-39%	-31%	-35%	-34%

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^{*} indicates that a percentage change is not shown because the denominator is 50 or fewer.

There are two cases where the speed limit is unknown.

6. Casualties by Mode of Transport (Table 3)

- 6.1 Figures on numbers of casualties by mode should be compared with data on mode use since changes could be due to more or fewer people travelling by a particular mode. Information on mode use is published in the road traffic or personal travel sections of Scottish Transport Statistics (STS). Department for Transport (DfT) traffic estimates, STS show car traffic volumes fell by 2% between 2009 and 2013. Over the same period motorcycle/moped use fell by 11% and cycling volumes increased by 15%. Latest Scottish data by mode covers 2013, data for 2014 will be published in August 2015 in *Transport and Travel in Scotland 2014* (http://bit.ly/TSStats-TATIS).
- 6.2 In 2014 there were 6,760 **car users** reported injured in road accidents; three fifths of all casualties (60%: 6,760 out of 11,240) and a 3% fall on 2013. Of these, 93 were killed and 688 seriously injured (an increase of 4% and a decrease of 5% on 2013 respectively). Non built-up roads accounted for just over half of all car user casualties (51%: 3,433 out of 6,760) but a much higher percentage of car user fatalities (80%: 74 out of 93) and those seriously injured (73%: 502 out of 688). Again likely due in part to higher average speeds on these types of roads.
- 6.3 There were 1,739 **pedestrian** casualties recorded in 2014, almost a sixth of all casualties (15%: 1,739 out of 11,240) and down by 8 (less than 0.5%) since 2013. Three per cent of pedestrian casualties were killed (56 out of 1,739) and 24% seriously injured (423 out of 1,739). 95% of pedestrian casualties occurred on built-up roads (1,658 out of 1,739). 46% of pedestrian casualties on non built-up roads were killed or seriously injured (37 out of 81) compared with 27% on built-up roads (442 out of 1,658).
- 6.4 Together, **all other modes of transport** accounted for a quarter (24%) of casualties in 2014 (2,741 out of 11,240), for a slightly higher proportion of those killed (26%: 51 out of 200) and a third of those seriously injured (34%: 583 out of 1,694).
- 6.5 Motorcycle casualty numbers increased by 6% compared to 2013 whilst pedal cycle casualties remained unchanged. In 2014, 819 **motorcycle** casualties were reported, of whom 319 (39% and an increase of 14% on 2013) suffered serious injuries, 31 died, an increase of eight on 2013. There were 885 **pedal cyclist** casualties recorded in 2014, 155 (18% and an increase of 5% on 2013) were seriously injured and 8 died (five less than in 2013). There are now more cyclists on the roads which will likely impact on cycling casualty numbers with numbers. There was an increase of 32% in pedal cycle traffic in the last ten years, as shown by the DfT traffic estimates published in Scottish Transport Statistics (http://bit.ly/TSStats-STS).
- 6.6 A total of 287 **bus and coach** users were reported injured (a reduction of 27% on 2013), of whom 27 (7 fewer than 2013) were seriously injured, one died.

7. Child Casualties (Table 4)

- 7.1 There were 1,040 **child** casualties reported in 2014 representing 9% of all casualties (1,040 out of 11,240) and a reduction of 24 (or 2%) on 2013. Of these, 171 were seriously injured and 7 died, 2 fewer deaths than in 2013. Four of the seven children killed in 2014 were in cars and three were pedestrians. The numbers of fatalities are small, so care should be taken when drawing conclusions from year on year changes and trends should be looked at over the longer term. The three year average used to monitor progress against the Road Safety Framework targets shows individual years as fluctuating around the longer term trend **[Table 7]**.
- 7.2 There were 502 child **pedestrian** casualties recorded in 2014. They accounted for 29% of all pedestrian casualties of all ages (502 out of 1,739). Of the child pedestrian casualties, 116 were seriously injured (3 died). The number killed was two fewer than in 2013 but the number of seriously injured was 24 more than in 2013.
- 7.3 In 2014, there were 392 child casualties in **cars**, 6% of all car user casualties (392 out of 6,760). Of the child casualties in cars, 27 were seriously injured (4 died): a decrease of seven in the number of serious but 2 more killed than in 2013. In 2014, there were 80 child **pedal cycle** casualties (9% of the total of 885 pedal cycle casualties of all ages) including 18 who were seriously injured, there were no children killed on pedal cycles in 2014, compared with two in 2013.

Table 4: Child casualties by built-up and non built-up roads, mode of transport and severity, 2012-2014 & 2004-08 average

Mode of	Bı	uilt-up road	s	Non	built-up roa	ads	All	roads	
Transport	Killed	Serious	All	Killed	Serious	All	Killed	Serious	All
Pedestrian									
2004-08 average	4	210	976	2	9	21	6	218	997
2012	1	127	513	0	5	10	1	132	523
2013	3	88	452	2	4	12	5	92	464
2014 prov.	2	115	494	1	1	8	3	116	502
% change on 2013	*	31%	9%	*	*	*	*	26%	8%
on 04-08 average	*	-45%	-49%	*	*	*	*	-47%	-50%
Pedal cycle									
2004-08 average	2	27	194	1	2	9	2	29	203
2012	1	18	115	0	3	7	1	21	122
2013	1	9	105	1	2	7	2	11	112
2014 <i>prov.</i>	0	17	74	0	1	6	0	18	80
% change on 2013	*	*	-30%	*	*	*	*	*	-29%
on 04-08 average	*	*	-62%	*	*	*	*	*	-61%
Car									
2004-08 average	1	18	316	6	44	353	6	62	670
2012	0	14	224	0	20	227	0	34	451
2013	0	7	210	2	27	204	2	34	414
2014 <i>prov.</i>	0	3	208	4	24	184	4	27	392
% change on 2013	*	*	-1%	*	*	-10%	*	*	-5%
on 04-08 average	*	*	-34%	*	*	-48%	*	-56%	-41%
Bus/Coach									
2004-08 average	0	3	68	0	0	20	0	3	88
2012	0	1	33	0	0	10	0	1	43
2013	0	1	27	0	2	24	0	3	51
2014 <i>prov.</i>	0	2	33	0	0	1	0	2	34
% change on 2013	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-33%
on 04-08 average	*	*	-51%	*	*	*	*	*	-61%
Other									
2004-08 average	1	9	39	0	3	23	1	13	62
2012	0	1	17	0	5	14	0	6	31
2013	0	2	9	0	1	14	0	3	23
2014 <i>prov.</i>	0	6	27	0	2	5	0	8	32
% change on 2013	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
on 04-08 average	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-48%
All child casualties									
2004-08 average	7	267	1,593	8	59	426	15	325	2,019
2012	2	161	902	0	33	268	2	194	1,170
2013	4	107	803	5	36	261	9	143	1,064
2014 <i>prov.</i>	2	143	836	5	28	204	7	171	1,040
% change on 2013	*	34%	4%	*	*	-22%	*	20%	-2%
on 04-08 average	*	-46%	-48%	*	-52%	-52%	*	-47%	-48%

¹ Figures for 2013 and earlier years may differ slightly to those previously published due to late returns, or corrections to earlier returns.

^{2 *} indicates that a percentage change is not shown because the denominator is 50 or fewer.

8. Progress towards the casualty reduction targets for 2020 (Tables 5-9)

- 8.1 The following section provides information on the progress made towards each of the casualty reduction targets set out in Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2020 (see section 11.5 for more information about the Framework).
- 8.2 Progress is assessed towards a milestone in 2015 and the final target by means of an indicative trend based on a constant annual percentage reduction (see section 11.6 for more information). Detailed tables for each of the targets, including a breakdown by mode and historic data are included in *Tables 5 to 9*.

Target: 40% reduction in those killed by 2020

8.3 There were 200 people killed in 2014, a **31%** reduction since the 2004-08 baseline average. The decrease seen to 2014 is greater than that required to achieve the 2015 milestone reduction (30%). *Figure 4* show that the total number of fatalities in 2014 was below the indicative line required to achieve both the milestone and target **[Table 5]**.

200

2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

— Baseline 2004-08 average — Killed
— • Average annual rate of reduction required from 2009 — — Average annual rate of reduction required from 2016

Figure 4: Progress to casualty reduction target: Casualties killed

Target: 55% reduction in those seriously injured by 2020

8.4 There were 1,694 serious injuries in 2014, a **35%** reduction since the 2004-08 baseline level. The decrease seen to 2014 has not yet surpassed the framework milestone for 2015 (a reduction of 43% from 2004-08) **[Table 6]**.

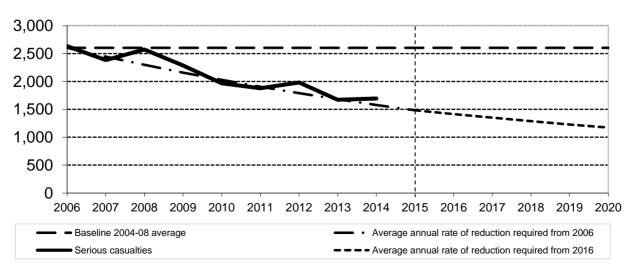


Figure 5: Progress to casualty reduction target: Seriously injured casualties

Target: 50% reduction in children killed by 2020

8.5 Due to small numbers and year-to-year fluctuations this target is measured using a three year average. An average of 6 children a year were killed in the 2012-2014 period, a **61%** reduction since the 2004-2008 baseline. The current reduction seen to 2014 is greater than that required by both the 2015 milestone (a 35% reduction) and the 2020 target **[Table 7]**.

30
25
20
15
10
2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Children killed (3 year average)

Average annual rate of reduction required from 2006

Children killed

Children killed

Figure 6: Progress to casualty reduction target: Children killed

Target: 65% reduction in children seriously injured by 2020

8.6 171 children recorded as seriously injured in 2014, a **47%** reduction since the 2004-08 baseline. The decrease to 2014 has not yet surpassed the 2015 milestone (a 50% reduction) but is greater than the indicative reduction required by 2014 (based on the constant annual percentage reduction) to achieve the milestone and target (see 11.6 for more information) **[Table 8]**.

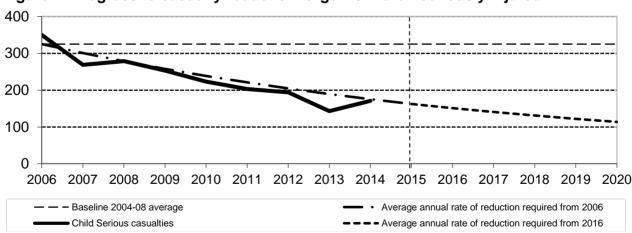


Figure 7: Progress to casualty reduction target: Children seriously injured

Target: 10% reduction in slight casualties by 2020 (per 100 million vehicle kilometres)

8.7 Table 9 shows that the 2014 slight casualty rate was 20.87 casualties per 100 million vehicle kilometres. This was a **36%** reduction since the 2004-08 baseline and is therefore greater than the reduction required to achieve the 2020 target [Table 9].

Table 5: People killed by mode of transport, 1994 – 2014

	Pede-	Pedal	Motor	Car	Bus/	Goods ¹	Other ²	All road
	strian	cycle	cycle		coach			users
1994-98 ave	104	11	31	209	3	15	5	378
1994	111	5	24	197	9	14	3	363
1995	121	11	33	221	1	19	3	409
1996	106	15	29	185	3	14	5	357
1997	87	9	37	219	2	16	7	377
1998	96	13	33	223	1	13	6	385
1999	89	8	30	169	1	11	2	310
2000	72	12	40	182	1	15	4	326
2001	76	10	49	194	0	14	5	348
2002	73	8	46	154	0	21	2	304
2003	63	14	50	189	1	14	5	336
2004	76	7	42	167	3	12	1	308
2005	66	16	34	153	0	15	2	286
2006	61	10	58	175	0	8	2	314
2007	60	4	40	160	0	15	2	281
2008	60	9	34	153	1	8	5	270
2009	47	5	43	116	0	5	0	216
2010	47	7	35	105	1	8	5	208
2011	43	7	33	89	1	9	3	185
2012	60	9	21	74	1	13	0	178
2013	38	13	23	89	2	5	2	172
2014 <i>prov.</i>	56	8	31	93	1	2	9	200
,								
2004-08 average	65	9	42	162	1	12	2	292
2010-14 average	49	9	29	90	1	7	4	189
Numbers in 2014 implied by target	47	7	30	118	1	8	2	212
2014 % change:	*	*	*	4%	*	*	*	16%
on 2013								
on 04-08 ave	-13%	*	*	-42%	*	*	*	-31%

^{*} A percentage change is not shown if the denominator is 50 or fewer.
1. Light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.
2. Taxis, minibuses and other modes of transport.

Table 6: People seriously injured by mode of transport, 1994 – 2014

	Pede-	Pedal	Motor	Car	Bus/	Goods ¹	Other ²	All road
	strian	cycle	cycle		coach			users
1994-98 ave	1,272	238	324	2,292	93	156	84	4,460
1994	1,536	311	329	2,607	141	197	87	5,208
1995	1,466	281	362	2,432	104	192	93	4,930
1996	1,173	201	271	2,108	93	123	72	4,041
1997	1,124	201	321	2,146	53	120	82	4,047
1998	1,060	197	338	2,167	75	150	85	4,072
1999	1,054	181	401	1,835	82	133	79	3,765
2000	925	164	435	1,796	79	106	63	3,568
2001	842	161	405	1,758	62	115	67	3,410
2002	820	144	410	1,628	59	120	48	3,229
2003	712	125	367	1,511	69	114	59	2,957
2004	674	121	353	1,414	63	83	58	2,766
2005	677	116	371	1,304	63	83	52	2,666
2006	688	131	352	1,258	57	91	58	2,635
2007	594	147	381	1,110	33	87	33	2,385
2008	645	155	396	1,203	59	65	52	2,575
2009	509	152	332	1,135	36	73	50	2,287
2010	457	138	319	903	52	60	40	1,969
2011	515	156	293	758	51	63	44	1,880
2012	461	169	343	847	44	68	49	1,981
2013	403	148	281	722	34	45	39	1,672
2014 <i>prov.</i>	423	155	319	688	27	51	31	1,694
2004-08 average	656	134	371	1,258	55	82	51	2,605
2010-14 average	452	153	311	784	42	57	41	1,839
Numbers in 2014 implied by target	398	81	225	763	33	50	31	1,581
2014 % change: on 2013	5%	5%	14%	-5%	*	*	*	1%
on 2013 on 04-08 ave	-35%	16%	-14%	-45%	-51%	-38%	-39%	-35%

^{*} A percentage change is not shown if the denominator is 50 or fewer.
1. Light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.
2. Taxis, minibuses and other modes of transport.

Table 7: Children killed by mode of transport, 1994 – 2014

	Pede-	Pedal	Motor	Car	Bus/	Goods ¹	Other ²	All road	3 year
	strian	cycle	cycle		coach			users	average ³
1994-98 ave	17	3	0	8	1	0	0	30	
1994	18	4	1	10	4	_	_	37	
1995	16	3	_	11	-	-	_	30	31
1996	16	6	1	3	1	-	-	27	28
1997	15	1	-	9	-	1	-	26	28
1998	18	3	-	9	1	-	1	32	28
1999	17	1	-	6	-	-	1	25	26
2000	13	4	-	4	-	-	-	21	22
2001	14	4	-	2	-	-	-	20	18
2002	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	14	17
2003	5	2	-	10	-	-	-	17	14
2004	8	-	1	3	-	-	-	12	13
2005	5	4	-	1	-	-	1	11	16
2006	9	5	-	10	-	1	-	25	15
2007	4	1	-	4	-	-	-	9	18
2008	4	2	1	13	-	-	-	20	11
2009	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	5	10
2010	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	4	5
2011	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	7	4
2012	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
2013	5	2	-	2	-	-	-	9	6
2014 <i>prov.</i>	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	6
2004-08 average	6	2	0	6	-	0	0	15	
2010-14 average	2	1	0	2	-	-	-	6	
2012-14 average									6
2012-14 avg % change									
on 04-08 ave									-61%

Light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.
 Taxis, minibuses and other modes of transport.
 All averages rounded to whole percentages.

Table 8: Children seriously injured by mode of transport, 1994 - 2014

	Pede-	Pedal	Motor	Car	Bus/	Goods ¹	Other ²	All road
	strian	cycle	cycle		coach			users
1994-98 ave	546	96	5	136	10	8	10	812
1994	656	140	5	151	20	12	8	992
1995	622	110	7	142	9	13	17	920
1996	524	94	3	115	14	3	10	763
1997	490	77	4	129	3	6	10	719
1998	437	61	8	144	5	6	5	666
1999	413	68	5	102	2	2	8	600
2000	365	61	7	90	7	5	5	540
2001	339	52	7	108	5	6	7	524
2002	328	46	7	109	9	7	7	513
2003	268	46	5	83	5	2	6	415
2004	239	40	9	74	3	3	4	372
2005	239	26	11	68	6	2	5	357
2006	239	35	10	60	4	0	2	350
2007	181	28	4	51	1	1	3	269
2008	194	18	5	56	2	1	3	279
2009	155	26	2	62	2	1	5	253
2010	150	23	3	40	7	0	0	223
2011	139	23	2	34	4	0	1	203
2012	132	21	1	34	1	5	0	194
2013	92	11	1	34	3	0	2	143
2014 <i>prov.</i>	116	18	4	27	2	1	3	171
2004-08 average	218	29	8	62	3	1	3	325
2010-14 average	126	19	2	34	3	1	1	187
Numbers in 2014 implied by target	118	16	4	33	2	1	2	176
<u>2014 % change:</u> on 2013	26%	*	*	*	*	*	*	20%
on 04-08 ave	-47%	*	*	-56%	*	*	*	-47%

^{*} A percentage change is not shown if the denominator is 50 or fewer.

1. Light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.

2. Taxis, minibuses and other modes of transport.

Table 9: Slight casualties by mode of transport, 1994 - 2014

	Pede-	Pedal	Motor	Car	Bus/	Goods ¹	Other ²	All road		Slight
	strian	cycle	cycle		coach			users	Traffic	casualty rate
								numbers	mill veh-km	per 100 mill veh-km
1994-98 ave	3,009	1,034	580	10,859	912	583	501	17,478	37,653	46.42
1994	3,083	1,068	577	10,123	1,084	669	398	17,002	36,000	47.23
1995	3,048	1,031	576	10,321	802	579	498	16,855	36,737	45.88
1996	3,047	1,081	550	10,740	902	499	499	17,318	37,777	45.84
1997	2,944	1,062	590	11,669	886	525	529	18,205	38,581	47.19
1998	2,921	930	605	11,444	887	643	580	18,010	39,168	45.98
1999	2,620	828	594	10,901	841	609	534	16,927	39,770	42.56
2000	2,607	708	655	10,675	854	542	582	16,623	39,561	42.02
2001	2,487	745	724	10,342	761	595	499	16,153	40,065	40.32
2002	2,423	676	711	10,050	801	621	460	15,742	41,535	37.90
2003	2,215	663	697	10,055	822	537	474	15,463	42,038	36.78
2004	2,328	648	599	10,024	849	561	419	15,428	42,705	36.13
2005	2,308	649	677	9,532	794	495	478	14,933	42,718	34.96
2006	2,104	640	658	9,272	706	484	456	14,320	44,120	32.46
2007	2,050	563	640	8,793	590	506	431	13,573	44,666	30.39
2008	1,888	566	612	8,314	527	467	373	12,747	44,470	28.66
2009	1,643	647	646	8,328	437	423	416	12,540	44,219	28.36
2010	1,509	636	491	7,293	487	386	359	11,161	43,488	25.66
2011	1,506	661	482	6,933	454	384	305	10,725	43,390	24.72
2012	1,465	728	503	6,745	396	411	314	10,562	43,549	24.25
2013	1,306	724	471	6,153	358	388	260	9,660	43,840	22.03
2014 prov.	1,260	722	469	5,979	259	394	263	9,346	44,789	20.87
2004-08 average	2,136	613	637	9,187	693	503	431	14,200	43,736	32.52
2010-14 average	1,409	694	483	6,621	391	393	300	10,291	43,811	23.51
Rate in 2014 implied by target										31.06
2014 % change: on 2013	-4%	0%	0%	-3%	-28%	2%	1%	-3%	2%	-5%
on 04-08 ave	-41%	18%	-26%	-35%	-63%	-22%	-39%	-34%	2%	-36%

^{1.} Light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.

9. Accidents and Casualties by Police Force division and Local Authority area (Tables 10 & 11)

9.1 Tables 10 and 11 show the reported numbers of accidents and casualties in each Police Force division and each Local Authority area. These are *provisional* figures, which are subject to a higher degree of revision from late returns and amendments than the overall national figures. In addition, there can be quite large percentage year-to-year fluctuations in the figures for local authority areas within Scotland, particularly for those with the lower numbers. Therefore, the annual average for 2010 -2014 is shown along with 2004-08 average and the figures for the latest year.

^{2.} Taxis, minibuses and other modes of transport.

Table 10: Accidents by police force division, council and severity, 04-08, 10-14 averages and 2014

	2	004-08 aver	age		2014 (provisiona	ıl)	2010-2014 average (provisional)			
Police division	Fatal	Serious	AII	Fatal	Caulana	A.I.	Fatal	Camianna	AII	
Council	Fatal 5	Serious 74	AII 423	Fatal 6	Serious 76	AII 271	Fatal 6	Serious 86	AII 345	
Aberdeen City	5	74	423	6	76	2/1	6	80	345	
Aberdeenshire & Moray	36	164	783	24	180	507	22	185	632	
Aberdeenshire	30	131	608	22	139	415	18	152	507	
Moray	6	33	175	2	41	92	3	33	125	
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Tayside	28	234	986	20	127	510	21	150	677	
Dundee City	3	61	290	1	37	155	2	41	205	
Angus	11	67	294	6	32	142	5	42	187	
Perth & Kinross	14	105	401	13	58	213	13	67	285	
Argyll 9 West Dunbertenshire	15	99	507	7	61	303		65	362	
Argyll & West Dunbartonshire	_				-		9			
Argyll & Bute	11	67	298	5	47	193	7	46	224	
West Dunbartonshire	4	32	209	2	14	110	2	19	138	
Forth Valley	14	140	679	9	91	454	9	102	533	
Clackmannanshire	2	16	89	-	7	62	1	11	70	
Stirling	7	65	288	7	44	166	5	49	214	
Falkirk	5	58	302	2	40	226	3	42	250	
Dumfries & Galloway	12	106	455	9	66	310	8	64	322	
Ayrshire	20	143	812	6	91	543	11	93	579	
North Ayrshire	6	52	291	3	36	180	3	32	196	
East Ayrshire	7	47	259	1	23	164	3	31	181	
South Ayrshire	7	44	262	2	32	199	4	30	201	
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Greater Glasgow	21	307	2,170	15	181	1,433	12	201	1,473	
Glasgow City	18	264	1,870	14	152	1,237	10	170	1,251	
East Dunbartonshire	2	24	172	1	15	103	1	16	120	
East Renfrewshire	2	19	129	-	14	93	1	15	102	
Lothians & Scottish Borders	28	211	1,296	13	138	901	14	157	990	
West Lothian	9	64	463	5	26	313	4	46	366	
Midlothian	3	36	226	_	29	188	2	26	188	
East Lothian	4	31	208	2	30	179	1	25	172	
Scottish Borders	12	80	399	6	53	221	7	60	264	
Edinburgh	9	177	1,403	9	147	1,259	9	147	1,189	
Highlands & Islands	29	148	754	25	64	516	22	82	553	
Highland	25	124	634	18	54	431	17	70	470	
Orkney Islands	1	6	35	2	3	24	2	4	22	
Shetland Islands	2	6	38	1	2	24	1	4	28	
Eilean Siar	2	11	47	4	5	37	2	4	32	
Fife	15	134	663	10	70	411	10	80	452	
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	9	94	634	9	49	385	6	62	445	
Inverciyde	1	31	194	1	15	130	1	19	141	
Renfrewshire	8	63	441	8	34	255	6	44	304	
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Lanarkshire	25	197	1,463	16	141	986	15	133	1,019	
North Lanarkshire	11	95	742	5	66	481	5	64	530	
South Lanarkshire	15	102	721	11	75	505	9	69	488	
Scotland	268	2,226	13,026	178	1,482	8,789	173	1,607	9,569	

Note: Latest year is provisional, see paragraph 9.1

Table 11: Casualties by police force division, council and severity, 04-08, 10-14 averages and 2014

	2	004-08 aver	age		2014 (provision	al)	2010-201	4 average (orovisional)
Police division	Fatal	Carlana	AII	Fatal	Contour	AII	Fatal	C!	AII
Council Aberdeen City	Fatal 6	Serious 82	AII 496	Fatal 6	Serious 87	AII 310	Fatal 6	Serious 94	AII 395
Aberdeen City		02	430		01	310		34	333
Aberdeenshire & Moray	41	206	1,053	27	223	691	23	229	825
Aberdeenshire	33	166	824	25	177	570	20	190	668
Moray	7	41	230	2	46	121	3	39	157
Tayside	30	278	1,291	20	146	659	22	175	872
Dundee City	3	65	351	1	41	193	2	44	245
Angus	12	83	401	6	37	183	5	49	242
Perth & Kinross	15	131	539	13	68	283	15	83	384
Argyll & West Dunbartonshire	16	121	698	7	68	390	10	79	484
Argyll & Bute	12	87	427	5	54	255	8	58	314
West Dunbartonshire	4	34	271	2	14	135	2	21	170
Forth Valley	15	168	911	12	106	604	10	118	693
Clackmannanshire	2	20	117	-	7	84	1	14	92
Stirling	7	82	392	7	57	224	5	58	282
Falkirk	5	66	401	5	42	296	4	46	319
Dumfries & Galloway	14	127	621	10	74	395	9	75	417
Ayrshire	22	173	1,078	7	107	713	12	109	757
North Ayrshire	6	64	387	4	45	244	4	36	251
East Ayrshire	8	56	338	1	24	224	3	38	24′
South Ayrshire	8	53	353	2	38	245	5	36	266
Greater Glasgow	21	331	2,718	20	196	1,797	13	211	1,838
Glasgow City	18	281	2,332	19	167	1,564	11	178	1,563
East Dunbartonshire	2	26	222	1	15	123	1	18	150
East Renfrewshire	2	24	165	-	14	110	1	15	125
Lothians & Scottish Borders	29	250	1,780	16	163	1,203	16	181	1,320
West Lothian	9	78	659	5	33	414	4	52	487
Midlothian	3	41	297	-	35	251	3	28	255
East Lothian	4	36	267	4	35	243	2	30	225
Scottish Borders	12	95	557	7	60	295	7	71	353
Edinburgh	9	188	1,673	10	154	1,471	9	154	1,396
Highlands & Islands	33	189	1,111	26	82	685	25	104	794
Highland	28	160	942	19	69	580	20	89	677
Orkney Islands	1	7	47	2	5	29	2	5	31
Shetland Islands	2	8	51	1	2	29	1	4	44
Eilean Siar	2	14	71	4	6	47	2	6	42
Fife	18	159	872	12	80	528	11	95	590
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	9	106	823	10	52	503	7	66	578
Inverclyde	2	36	256	1	15	186	1	20	184
Renfrewshire	8	70	567	9	37	317	6	46	394
Lanarkshire	27	228	1,972	17	156	1,291	16	148	1,359
North Lanarkshire	12	107	1,012	5	72	633	6	70	700
South Lanarkshire	16	121	960	12	84	658	10	78	659
Scotland	292	2,605	17,097	200	1,694	11,240	189	1,839	12,31

Note: Latest year is provisional, see paragraph 9.1

10. Casualties by Gender and Age

- 10.1 Table 12 shows the number of reported casualties by gender and age. This table does not account for differences between gender and age groups in the level of exposure to risk, for example, we do not account for the number of people in each group with driving licences.
- 10.2 In 2014 **male** fatalities rose by 30, 25% (to 149). **Female** fatalities fell by 2, 4% (to 51). Seventeen per cent (1,874) of all casualties were aged 16–22, a fall of 1% on 2013, of which 1,096 were male and 778 were female. Casualties aged under 5 fell by 11%, from 193 to 172 between 2013 and 2014

Table 12 Casualties by gender, severity and age, 2004 – 2014

								Male							
							Al	I severitie	s					Child	Adult
	Killed	Serious	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-22	23-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total 1	0-15	16+
2004	225	1,807	191	667	539	2,038	1,392	2,070	1,519	976	571	480	10,473	1,397	9,046
2005	209	1,745	157	603	496	2,165	1,364	1,892	1,578	932	523	480	10,204	1,256	8,934
2006	244	1,672	152	557	451	2,099	1,378	1,662	1,511	946	505	447	9,723	1,160	8,548
2007	207	1,631	130	500	427	2,041	1,300	1,556	1,475	879	521	458	9,302	1,057	8,230
2008	191	1,684	127	449	407	1,869	1,256	1,486	1,424	866	477	469	8,843	983	7,847
2009	162	1,486	105	399	302	1,845	1,197	1,412	1,398	821	511	444	8,450	806	7,628
2010	146	1,275	109	375	336	1,459	1,050	1,275	1,272	817	461	377	7,541	820	6,711
2011	139	1,220	122	364	272	1,276	975	1,201	1,317	856	515	405	7,310	758	6,545
2012	130	1,303	94	317	245	1,322	1,028	1,147	1,237	937	445	448	7,223	656	6,564
2013	119	1,084	97	279	210	1,090	877	1,090	1,172	848	449	398	6,516	586	5,924
2014p	149	1,085	89	266	222	1,096	898	1,027	1,111	827	447	404	6,392	577	5,810

	Female														
							Al	I severitie	S					Child	Adult
	Killed	Serious	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-22	23-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total 1	0-15	16+
2004	83	958	116	450	430	1,424	1,009	1,460	1,078	835	535	667	8,016	996	7,008
2005	77	919	113	375	418	1,375	931	1,295	1,112	820	542	670	7,658	906	6,745
2006	70	962	108	345	404	1,460	908	1,257	1,123	781	519	619	7,532	857	6,667
2007	74	753	96	328	332	1,377	931	1,074	953	760	482	579	6,917	756	6,156
2008	79	890	106	304	295	1,305	920	1,032	1,028	691	476	577	6,738	705	6,029
2009	54	801	96	283	288	1,240	901	1,013	992	717	486	556	6,587	667	5,905
2010	62	693	61	256	240	1,032	835	916	913	635	416	478	5,787	557	5,225
2011	46	659	82	226	249	967	714	873	829	599	424	501	5,474	557	4,907
2012	48	677	84	226	200	978	779	784	839	657	421	522	5,492	510	4,980
2013	53	586	85	210	172	802	690	744	726	629	417	489	4,977	467	4,497
2014p	51	609	80	223	157	778	604	767	731	639	386	475	4,844	460	4,380

	All casualties ²														
				All severities										Child	Adult
	Killed	Serious	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-22	23-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total 1	0-15	16+
2004	308	2,766	307	1,119	969	3,463	2,402	3,530	2,597	1,811	1,107	1,151	18,502	2,395	16,061
2005	286	2,666	280	978	914	3,540	2,296	3,187	2,691	1,752	1,065	1,153	17,885	2,172	15,684
2006	314	2,635	265	902	855	3,559	2,286	2,919	2,634	1,727	1,024	1,066	17,269	2,022	15,215
2007	281	2,385	229	829	759	3,419	2,232	2,630	2,429	1,639	1,003	1,041	16,239	1,817	14,393
2008	270	2,575	234	753	702	3,174	2,179	2,519	2,452	1,557	953	1,047	15,592	1,689	13,881
2009	216	2,287	201	682	590	3,085	2,098	2,425	2,390	1,538	997	1,000	15,043	1,473	13,533
2010	208	1,969	170	631	576	2,491	1,885	2,191	2,185	1,452	877	855	13,338	1,377	11,936
2011	185	1,880	205	590	521	2,243	1,690	2,074	2,146	1,455	939	906	12,790	1,316	11,453
2012	178	1,981	182	543	445	2,300	1,807	1,931	2,076	1,595	866	970	12,721	1,170	11,545
2013	172	1,672	193	489	382	1,892	1,567	1,834	1,898	1,477	866	887	11,504	1,064	10,421
2014p	200	1,694	172	489	379	1,874	1,502	1,794	1,842	1,466	833	879	11,240	1,040	10,190

Notes: 1. Includes unknown ages; 2. Includes unknown gender; 3. 2014 data are provisional.

11. Sources and definitions

11.1 The sources of the data

The figures in this bulletin were compiled from the "Stats 19" statistical returns made by police forces. These cover all accidents in which a vehicle is involved that occur on roads (including footways) and result in personal injury, *if* they become known to the police. As noted in section 2.2, there could be many non-fatal injury accidents which are *not* reported by the public to the police, and are therefore *not* counted in these statistics because the police can only include in their returns details of the accidents of which they are aware. More information about this is given in *Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2010*, in the section entitled *Estimating under-counting of Road Casualties in Scotland*. The vehicle(s) involved in the accident need not be moving, and need not be in collision - for example, the returns include accidents involving people alighting from buses. Damage only accidents (i.e. accidents which do not involve personal injury) are not included in these statistics.

11.2 Provisional data

Data used in this publication were extracted from Transport Scotland's reported road accident statistical database in May 2015. The figures published here are marked as provisional as late returns and amendments will be included in the final figures published in Reported Road Casualties Scotland in October and in figures included in later years publications.

The differences between the provisional and final numbers are likely to be small. The figures for previous years are included in the table below. Over the last three years, there was a difference of 4 more people killed in 2012 between the June and October publications. The 3 year average figure published in Reported Road Casualties Scotland has been 0.4% higher for Serious and 0.3% higher for Slight casualties and all severities. Differences may be larger for some subsets of the data, for example the tables by mode, so small changes should be treated with caution.

		Killed					Seriou	ıs	
Year	KRRC (June)	RRCS (October)	Difference (no.)	Difference (% of June)	Year	KRRC (June)	RRCS (October)	Difference (no.)	Difference (% of June)
2001	347	347	0		2001	3,405	3,406	1	0.0%
2002	304	305	1	0.3%	2002	3,204	3,213	9	0.3%
2003	332	331	-1	-0.3%	2003	2,931	2,940	9	0.3%
2004	307	306	-1	-0.3%	2004	2,712	2,742	30	1.1%
2005	286	286	0		2005	2,594	2,652	58	2.2%
2006	314	314	0		2006	2,594	2,625	31	1.2%
2007	282	281	-1	-0.4%	2007	2,316	2,382	66	2.8%
2008	272	270	-2	-0.7%	2008	2,535	2,568	33	1.3%
2009	216	216	0		2009	2,269	2,269	0	
2010	208	208	0		2010	1,960	1,964	4	0.2%
2011	186	186	0		2011	1,873	1,875	2	0.1%
2012	170	174	4	2.4%	2012	1,959	1,974	15	0.8%
2013	172	172	0		2013	1,667	1,672	5	0.3%
10YA	275	274	-0.1	0.0%	10YA	2,541	2,566	25.3	1.0%
5YA	190	191	0.8	0.4%	5YA	1,946	1,951	5.2	0.3%
ЗҮА	176	177	1.3	0.8%	3YA	1,833	1,840	7.3	0.4%
		Slight	:				All Sever	ities	
Year	KRRC (June)	RRCS	Difference (no.)	Difference (% of June)	Year	KRRC (June)	RRCS (October)	Difference (no.)	Difference (% of June)
2001	16,137	16,141	(110.) 4	0.0%	2001	19,889	19,894	(110.)	0.0%
2001	15,730	15,730	0	0.078	2002	19,238	19,248	10	0.1%
2002	15,736	15,730	29	0.2%	2002	18,669	18,706	37	0.1%
2003	15,400	15,357	130	0.9%	2003	18,246	18,405	159	0.2%
2004	14,912	14,883	-29	-0.2%	2005	17,792	17,821	29	0.9%
2006	14,169	14,328	159	1.1%	2005	17,732	17,021	190	1.1%
2007	13,465	13,550	85	0.6%	2007	16,063	16,213	150	0.9%
2008	12,756	12,738	-18	-0.1%	2008	15,563	15,576	130	0.1%
2009	12,730	12,736	17	0.1%	2009	15,013	15,030	17	0.1%
2010	11,156	11,162	6	0.1%	2010	13,324	13,334	10	0.1%
2011	10,704	10,709	5	0.0%	2011	12,763	12,770	7	0.1%
2012	10,764	10,703	82	0.8%	2012	12,705	12,676	101	0.8%
2012	9,654	9,654	0	0.070	2012	11,493	11,498	5	0.0%
	14.042	14.000	16 G	0.20/	101/4	16 0F0	16 020	71.0	0.40/
10YA	14,042	14,089	46.6	0.3%	10YA	16,858	16,930	71.8	0.4%
	14,042 10,898 10,268	14,089 10,920 10,297	46.6 22.0 29.0	0.3% 0.2% 0.3%	10YA 5YA 3YA	16,858 13,034 12,277	16,930 13,062 12,315	71.8 28.0 37.7	0.4% 0.2% 0.3%

11.3 The definition of "severity" used in the Road Accident statistics

The classification of the severity of an accident (as "fatal", "serious" or "slight") is determined by the severity of the injury to the most severely injured casualty. The police usually record this information soon after the accident occurs. However, if further information becomes available which would alter the classification (for example, if a person dies within 30 days of the accident, as a result of the injuries sustained in the accident) the police change the initial classification of the severity.

For the purposes of the Road Accidents statistical returns:

- a fatal injury is one which causes death less than 30 days after the accident;
- a fatal accident is an accident in which at least one person is fatally injured;
- a **serious injury** is one which does *not* cause death less than 30 days after the accident, *and* which is in one (or more) of the following categories:
 - (a)an injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an in-patient
 - or (b)any of the following injuries (whether or not the person is detained in hospital):fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, severe cuts and lacerations, severe general shock requiring treatment
 - or (c)any injury causing death 30 or more days after the accident;
- a serious accident is one in which at least one person is seriously injured, but no-one suffers a
 fatal injury;
- a "slight" injury is any injury which is neither "fatal" nor "serious" for example, a sprain, bruise or cut which is not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention;
- a "slight" accident is one in which at least one person suffers "slight" injuries, but no-one is seriously injured, or fatally injured.

Over the years, improvements in vehicle design, and the provision and use of additional safety features, together with changes in the law (e.g. on the fitting and wearing of seat belts), will all have helped to reduce the severity of the injuries suffered in some accidents.

Road safety measures should also have reduced the levels of injuries sustained. For example, if traffic calming schemes reduce average speeds, people may suffer only "slight injury" in collisions that previously would have taken place at higher speeds and so might previously have resulted in "serious injury".

However, it is also possible that some of the changes shown in the statistics of "serious injuries" and "slight injuries" may be due to changes in administrative practices, which may have altered the proportion of accidents categorised as "serious". For example, the distinction between "serious" and "slight" injuries could be affected by factors such as changes in hospitals' admission policies. All else being equal, the number of "serious injury" cases would rise, and the number of "slight injury" cases would fall, if it became standard procedure for a hospital to keep in overnight, for precautionary reasons, casualties with a particular type of injury.

The increase in the number of "serious" injury accidents in 1994 was partly attributed to a change in the health boards' policies in admitting more child casualties for overnight observation, which in turn changed the classification of many injuries from "slight" to "serious". The number of child casualties recorded as having serious injuries in 1994 was 35 per cent higher than in the previous year. There could also be changes in hospitals' procedures that would reduce the numbers of "serious injury" cases.

In addition, there is anecdotal evidence that changes in procedures for assigning severity codes may affect the categorisation of injuries. For example, different severity codes might be assigned by a police officer who was at the scene of an accident and by a clerk who bases the code on a police officer's written description of the accident.

11.4 Some other definitions

Built-up roads: accidents which occur on "built-up" roads are those which occur on roads which have speed limits of up to 40 miles per hour (*ignoring* temporary speed limits on roads for which the normal speed limit is over 40 mph).

Children: people under 16 years old.

Pedestrians: includes people riding toy cycles on the footway, people pushing bicycles, occupants of prams or wheelchairs, and people who alight safely from vehicles and are subsequently injured.

11.5 Scottish specific casualty reduction

Scotland's Road Safety Framework was launched in June 2009. It set out the vision for road safety in Scotland, the main priorities and issues and included Scotland-specific targets and milestones which will be adopted from 2010. These targets and milestones are:

Target	2015 milestone % reduction	2020 target % reduction
People killed	30%	40%
People seriously injured	43%	55%
Children (aged < 16) killed *	35%	50%
Children (aged < 16) seriously injured	50%	65%

^{*} As numbers are small, a 3 year average is included in the table to smooth out large fluctuations in the numbers.

Each reduction target will be assessed against the 2004/08 average. In addition to the targets a 10 per cent reduction target in the slight casualty rate will continue to be adopted.

11.6 The calculation of the "indicative lines" shown in the graphs

One way of assessing progress towards the targets is to compare actual casualty numbers in each year with an indicative line that starts at the baseline figure in 2004-08 and falls, by a constant percentage reduction in each subsequent year, to the target for 2020. This is the approach adopted by the GB Road Safety Advisory Panel. The indicative line starts at the baseline figure in 2006 as that is the middle year of the baseline period. Other approaches could have been used: there are many ways of producing lines that indicate how casualty numbers might fall fairly steadily to the targets for 2020.

The method adopted to produce the indicative target lines shown in Figure 4 involves a constant percentage reduction in each year after 2006 to the 2015 milestone, then a constant percentage reduction between 2015 and 2020. The resulting indicative target lines represent the percentages of the baseline averages which are shown in the table below. They are not straight lines, because of the compounding over the years effect of constant annual percentage reductions (to two decimal places, the falls are: 3.89% p.a. for killed to meet the 2015 milestone and 3.02 between 2015 and 2020. For seriously injured casualties the falls are 6.06% and 4.61%. For child killed 4.67% and 4.37 or seriously injured 7.41% and 6.90.

	Killed		Serious		Child killed		Child serious	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	baseline	reduction	baseline	reduction	baseline	reduction	baseline	reduction
	(milestone	from	(milestone	from	(milestone	from	(milestone	from
	from	baseline	from	baseline	from	baseline	from	baseline
	2015)	(milestone)	2015)	(milestone)	2015)	(milestone)	2015)	(milestone)
2006	100%		100%		100%		100%	
2007	96.1%	3.9%	93.9%	6.1%	95.3%	4.7%	92.6%	7.4%
2008	92.4%	7.6%	88.3%	11.7%	90.9%	9.1%	85.7%	14.3%
2009	88.8%	11.2%	82.9%	17.1%	86.6%	13.4%	79.4%	20.6%
2010	85.3%	14.7%	77.9%	22.1%	82.6%	17.4%	73.5%	26.5%
2011	82.0%	18.0%	73.2%	26.8%	78.7%	21.3%	68.0%	32.0%
2012	78.8%	21.2%	68.7%	31.3%	75.0%	25.0%	63.0%	37.0%
2013	75.8%	24.2%	64.6%	35.4%	71.5%	28.5%	58.3%	41.7%
2014	72.8%	27.2%	60.7%	39.3%	68.2%	31.8%	54.0%	46.0%
2015	70.0%	30.0%	57.0%	43.0%	65.0%	35.0%	50.0%	50.0%
2015	100%		100%		100%		100%	
2016	97.0%	3.0%	95.4%	4.6%	95.6%	4.4%	93.1%	6.9%
2017	94.1%	5.9%	91.0%	9.0%	91.5%	8.5%	86.7%	13.3%
2018	91.2%	8.8%	86.8%	13.2%	87.5%	12.5%	80.7%	19.3%
2019	88.5%	11.5%	82.8%	17.2%	83.7%	16.3%	75.1%	24.9%
2020	85.8%	14.2%	79.0%	21.0%	80.0%	20.0%	69.9%	30.1%

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