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Introduction

Information in this report is based on the Reported Road Casualties, Transport Scotland's annual National Statistics publication on injury road collisions in Scotland.

These statistics are based on information Police Scotland collect for road collisions where someone has been injured or killed. Collisions in which there are no injuries, or collisions not reported to the police are therefore not included in these figures.

A casualty is someone who was injured or killed in a collision. Depending on the severity of the injury, Police Scotland classifies the casualty as killed, seriously injured or slightly injured.



The statistics in the publication are used by Transport Scotland, Police Scotland, Local Authorities and road safety professionals to target interventions to make Scotland's roads safer.

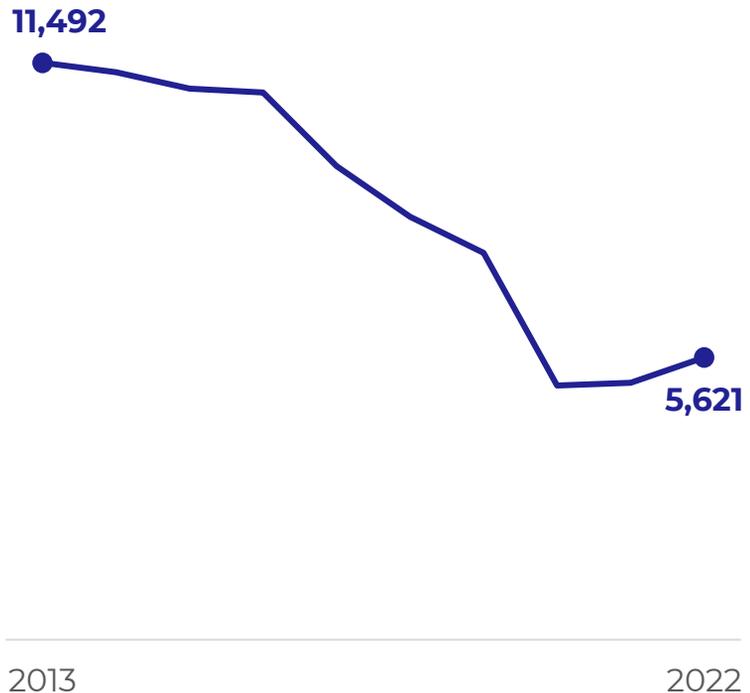
Number of casualties

There were 5,621 road casualties reported in 2022. This is 506 or 10% higher than 2021, and a decrease of 51% compared to 2013.

The increase in casualties in 2022 may be linked to the higher levels of traffic seen in 2022 compared with 2021.

The Department for Transport (DfT) [estimate](#) that motor traffic volume increased by 9% in Scotland in 2022 compared with 2021, almost as high as pre-pandemic levels.

Total number of casualties, 2013 - 2022.



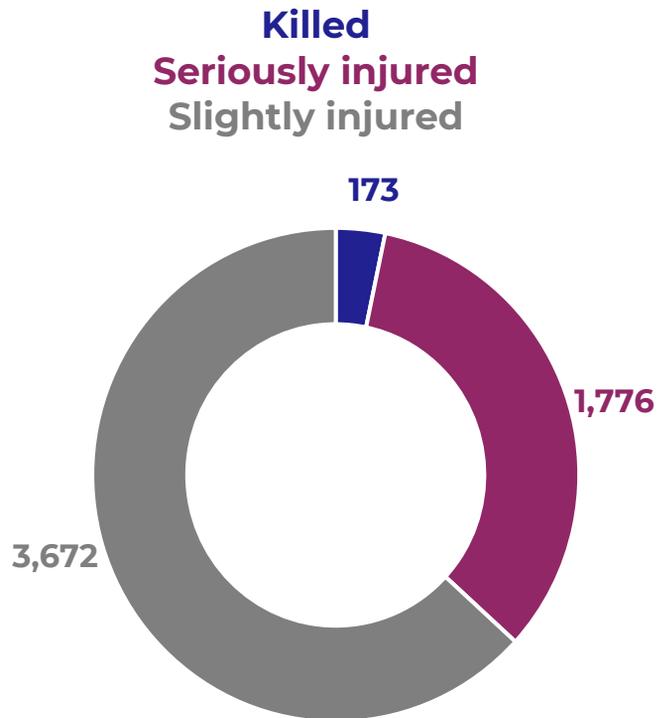
The number of casualties recorded in 2022 is the third lowest since annual records began in 1950.

Casualties by severity

In 2022, 173 people were killed, 1,776 people were seriously injured and 3,672 people were slightly injured in road collisions.

There were 587 child casualties reported in 2022, representing 10% of all casualties. Three children were killed, and 176 children were seriously injured.

Road casualties by severity, 2022



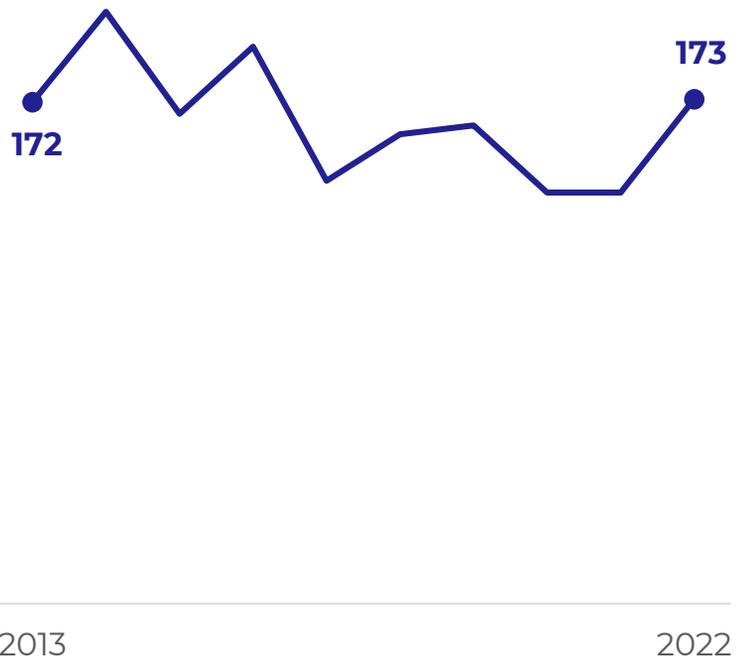
The number of people seriously injured rose by 10% and the number of people slightly injured rose by 9%.

Number of people killed

In 2022, the number of people killed rose by 32, from 141 to 173.

The latest increase means that fatality rates in 2022 were nearly identical to those a decade ago. This follows on from a long-term downward trend. Since 2000, the number of people killed decreased by 47%.

Total number of people killed, 2013 - 2022.



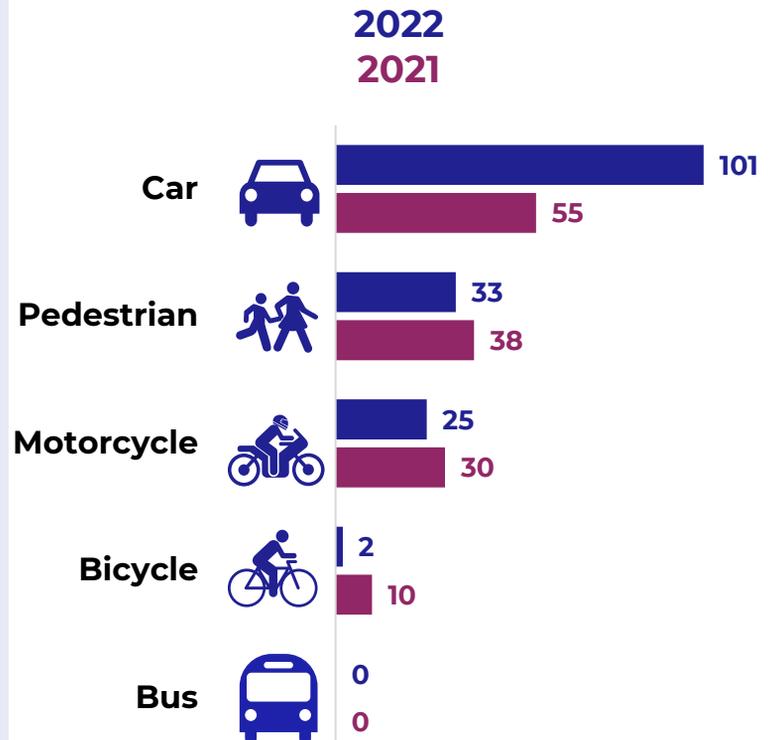
The number of people killed in 2022 is the highest since 2016.

Casualties by mode

Car was the mode of transport with the highest number of casualties (3,198), and the highest number of people killed (101), followed by pedestrians (912 casualties, 33 killed).

Compared to last year, the total reported casualties decreased for pedal cyclists (down 6%) but rose for pedestrians (up 18%), cars (up 10%), and motorcycles (up 2%).

Number of people killed, by mode



Compared to 2021, the number of people killed decreased for pedestrians, pedal cyclists and motor cyclists but increased for cars.

Assessment of 2030 targets

Scotland's Road Safety Framework sets out the vision for road safety in Scotland. It includes specific casualty reduction targets to be achieved by 2030.



To illustrate the reductions necessary, the following table shows the figures for the 2014-2018 baseline period, the latest position, and the eventual target levels.

Target description	2014-2018 average	2022	2030 target
People killed (50% reduction)	174	173	87
People seriously injured* (50% reduction)	2,771	1,776	1,454
Children (aged < 16) killed (3 year average) (60% reduction)	6	5	2
Children (aged < 16) seriously injured * (60% reduction)	264	176	111

* Please note that due to changes in severity recording, the number of seriously and slightly injured people cannot be directly compared to those reported in previous years. Progress against these targets has been calculated on the basis of adjusted figures provided by the Department for Transport.

International comparisons

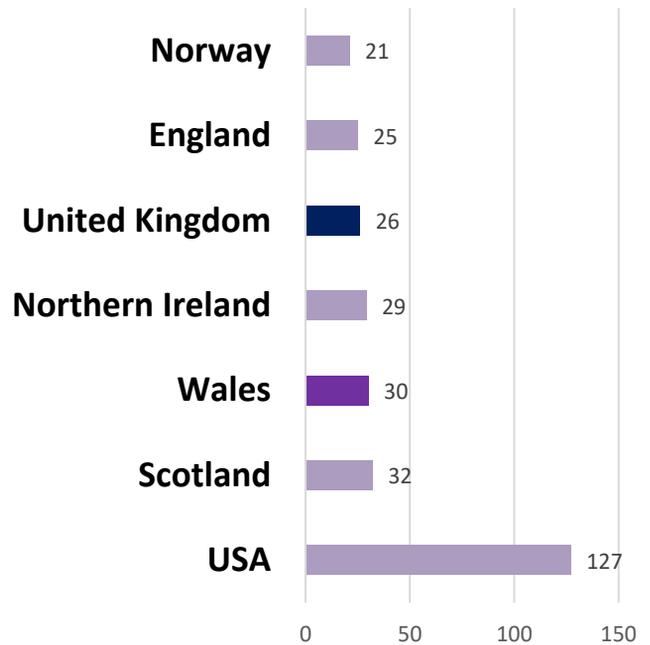
In 2022, Scotland had the eleventh lowest rate of people killed in road collisions out of a list of 40 comparable countries.

In Scotland, 32 people were killed for every million people in the population. This figure was higher than for the United Kingdom as a whole, where 26 people were killed for every million people in the population.

The list of countries with comparable road casualty figures includes most European countries and selected developed countries Worldwide.

Of the countries compared, Norway had the lowest number of road deaths per million population (21), whereas the USA had the highest (127).

Number of people killed per million population



The number of people killed as a proportion of the population has historically been higher in Scotland than in the UK as a whole.

Key Resources

Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland presents provisional annual headline figures for road casualties reported to the police in Scotland. It is usually published in May.

Reported Road Casualties Scotland presents the final annual figures for road casualties reported to the police in Scotland. This publication also provides detailed statistics and analysis on the circumstances of road casualties. It is usually published in October.

Both publications are available on the [Transport Scotland](#) website. The website also provides more information about [Transport Scotland's approach](#) to maintaining and improving road safety.



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