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	1  billion = 1,000  million	1 litre = $0.220$ gallons

Symbols: The following symbols have been used throughout.

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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

The following symbols have been used throughout.

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- .. Not available/ not applicable

#### SUMMARY CASUALTIES: 2004 compared with 2003

- There were 280,840 reported casualties on roads in Great Britain in 2004, 3 per cent less than in 2003. 3,221 people were killed, 8 per cent less than in 2003. 31,130 were seriously injured (down 8 per cent on 2003) and 246,489 were slightly injured (down 3 per cent on 2003).
- There were 207,410 road accidents involving personal injury in 2004, 3 per cent less than in 2003. Of these, 29,726 involved death or serious injury.
- Child casualties fell by 3 per cent. There were 166 child fatalities, 3 per cent fewer than in 2003. The number of children killed or seriously injured in 2004 was 3,905 down 5 per cent on 2003. Of those, 2,339 were pedestrians, 2 per cent down on 2003.
- Car user casualties decreased by 2 per cent on the 2003 level to 183,858 although fatalities were 6 per cent lower.
- Pedestrian casualties were 34,881 in 2004, 4 per cent less than 2003. Pedestrian deaths were 13 per cent less than 2003 at 671 and serious injuries fell by 5 per cent to 6,807.
- Pedal cyclist casualties were 2 per cent lower than in 2003 at 16,648. There were 2,174 seriously injured casualties, 5 per cent less than in 2003. The number of pedal cyclists killed went up by 18 per cent from 114 to 134.
- Two wheeled motor vehicles user casualties were lower than the 2003 level at 25,641 in 2004. The number killed fell 16 per cent to 585 and the number of seriously injured also fell by 13 per cent to 6,063.

#### CASUALTIES: 2004 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 2004 indicate

- the number of people killed or seriously injured was 28 per cent below the baseline;
- the number of children killed or seriously injured was 43 per cent below the baseline;
- the provisional estimate of the slight casualty rate was 20 per cent below baseline.

	Baseline average	2003	2004	Percent change	Percent change
	(1994 - 1998)			over baseline	from last year
Pedestrians					
Killed	1,008	774	671	-33	-13
Seriously injured	10,662	7,159	6,807	-36	-5
Slightly injured	34,874	28,472	27,403	-21	-4
All casualties	46,543	36,405	34,881	-25	-4
edal Cyclists <sup>1</sup>					
Killed	186	114	134	-28	18
Seriously injured	3,546	2,297	2,174	-39	-5
Slightly injured	20,653	14,622	14,340	-31	-2
All casualties	24,385	17,033	16,648	-32	-2
Two wheeled motor rehicle users					
Killed	467	693	585	25	-16
Seriously injured	6,008	6,959	6,063	25	-13
Slightly injured	17,547	20,759	18,993	8	-9
All casualties	24,023	28,411	25,641	7	-10
Car users <sup>2</sup>					
Killed	1,762	1,769	1,671	-5	-6
Seriously injured	21,492	15,522	14,473	-33	-7
Slightly injured	180,034	171,051	167,714	-7	-2
All casualties	203,288	188,342	183,858	-10	-2
Bus and Coach					
Killed	20	11	20	••	82
Seriously injured	696	489	468	-33	-4
Slightly injured	8,883	8,568	8,332	-6	-3
All casualties	9,598	9,068	8,820	-8	-3
Goods vehicle					
Killed	118	116	109	-8	-6
Seriously injured	1,475	1,078	928	-37	-14
Slightly injured All casualties	9,169 10,763	8,764 9,958	8,012 9,049	-13 -16	-9 -9
ll road users <sup>3</sup>					
Killed	3,578	3,508	3,221	-10	-8
Seriously injured	44,078	33,707	31,130	-29	-8
Slightly injured	272,272	253,392	246,489	-2)	-3
All casualties	319,928	290,607	280,840	-12	-3
of whom Children <sup>4</sup>					
Killed	260	171	166	-36	-3
Seriously injured	6,600	3,929	3,739	-43	-5
Slightly injured	37,494	27,888	27,095	-28	-3
All casualties	44,354	31,988	31,000	-30	-3

## Table 1: Casualties: by class of road user and severity: Great BritainComparison of 2004 with baseline average and 2003

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.

							Number/percentage change compared to 2003			
	Killed		Serious	Seriously injured		Slightly injured		All Casualties		
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Percentage change	
Pedestrians										
Children: 0-15 years	77	4	2,262	-2	9,895	-3	12,234	-2		
Adults: 16-59 years	323	-17	3,203	-6	13,256	-3	16,782	-4		
60 and over	266	-13	1,213	-7	3,143	-9	4,622	-8		
Age not reported	5		129		1,109		1,243			
All casualties	671	-13	6,807	-5	27,403	-4	34,881	-4		
Pedal Cyclists										
Children	25		552	-4	4,105	-2	4,682	-2		
Adults	109	15	1,588	-6	9,669	-2	11,366	-2		
Age not reported	0		34		566		600			
All casualties	134	18	2,174	-5	14,340	-2	16,648	-2	-14 <sup>II</sup>	
Two wheeled motor										
vehicle <sup>1</sup> users	585	-16	6,063	-13	18,993	-9	25,641	-10		
Other vehicle users										
Car <sup>2</sup>	1,671	-6	14,473	-7	167,714	-2	183,858	-2	1 1	
Bus and Coach	20		468	-4	8,332	-3	8,820	-3		
Goods vehicle	109	-6	928	-14	8,012	-9	9,049	-9	3 1	
All casualties <sup>3</sup>	1,831	-5	16,086	-7	185,753	-2	203,670	-2	2 4	
All road users										
Children: 0-15 years	166	-3	3,739	-5	27,095	-3	31,000	-3		
Adults: 16-59 years	2,361	-8	22,919	-8	188,995	-3	214,275	-3		
60 and over	676	-10	3,871	-7	23,544	-3	28,091	-4		
Age not reported	18		601		6,855		7,474			
All casualties	3,221	-8	31,130	-8	246,489	-3	280,840	-3	2 4	
Type of road										
Built-up <sup>5</sup>	1,301	-6	19,051	-8	170,455	-4	190,807	-5		
Non Built-up <sup>6</sup>	1,920	-10	12,079	-7	76,034	0	90,033	-1		
All casualties	3,221	-8	31,130	-8	246,489	-3	280,840	-3	2 1	

#### Table 2: Casualties: by age of road user and severity: GB: 2004

1 Includes combinations.

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

3 Includes other vehicles.

4 Includes pedal cycle mileage.

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

6 Subject to a speed limit greater than 40 mph.

P Provisional 2004 traffic data.

#### Table 3: Casualties: by severity of casualty: GB 1994 - 2004

Year and	quarter	Killed	Seriously injured	Slightly injured	All casualties	Motor traffic Thousand million vehicle kilometres
1994-98 b	aseline average	3,578	44,078	272,272	319,928	441.5
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	458.5
1999		3,423	39,122	277,765	320,310	467.0
2000		3,409	38,155	278,719	320,283	467.1
2001		3,450	37,110	272,749	313,309	474.4
2002		3,431	35,976	263,198	302,605	486.6
2003		3,508	33,707	253,392	290,607	490.3
2004		3,221	31,130	246,489	280,840	498.5
2000 C	21	871	9,040	65,148	75,059	111.8
	22	786	9,674	68,115	78,575	111.8
	22 23	858	9,074	68,786	79,386	119.8
Ċ	29 24	894	9,699	76,670	87,263	115.5
2001 Q	21	764	8,428	65,624	74,816	111.2
Ç	22	800	9,130	65,284	75,214	120.7
Ç	23	920	9,562	67,992	78,474	123.5
Ç	24	966	9,990	73,849	84,805	119.0
2002 Q	21	770	8,247	61,820	70,837	114.6
	22	784	8,888	62,731	72,403	124.0
Ç	23	921	9,398	65,259	75,578	127.9
	24	956	9,443	73,388	83,787	120.2
2003 Q	21	840	7,942	59,012	67,794	115.9
Ċ	2	831	8,424	61,989	71,244	124.6
Ç	23	937	8,778	64,966	74,681	128.5
Ç	24	900	8,563	67,425	76,888	121.2
2004 C	21	703	7,096	58,015	65,814	118.5
Ċ	2	825	8,184	60,421	69,430	127.0
ò	Į3	801	7,968	61,974	70,743	129.8
	24	892	7,882	66,079	74,853	123.7
Change of	n same quarter of previo	ous yeai				D
						Percentage
2001 Q	21	-12	-7	1	0	-1
Ç	22 23	2	-6	-4	-4	1
Ç	23	2 7 8	-2	-1	-1	3 3
Ç	24	8	3	-4	-3	3
2002 Q	21 22	1	-2 -3	-6	-5	3
Ç	22	-2	-3	-4	-4	3 3 4
Ç	23	0	-2 -5	-4	-4	
Ç	24	-1	-5	-1	-1	1
2003 Q	21	9	-4	-5	-4	1
Ç	22	6	-5	-1	-2 -1	0
Ċ	23	2	-7	0	-1	0
, c	24	-6	-9	-8	-8	1
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P provisional 2004 traffic data.

Year a	nd quarter	Pedest	rians	Pedal cyclists	Two-wheel motor vehicle <sup>2</sup> users	Car <sup>3</sup> users	Other vehicle users	All Casualties
		All ages	Children <sup>1</sup>					
1994-9	98 baseline average	46,543	18,548	24,385	24,023	203,288	21,689	319,928
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	205,550	21,626	327,803
1998		44,886	17,971	22,923	24,610	210,474	22,319	325,212
1999		42,888	16,876	22,925	26,192	205,735	22,655	320,310
2000		42,033	16,184	20,612	28,212	205,755	22,635	320,283
2000		40,577	15,819	19,114	28,810	202,802	22,006	313,309
2001		38,784	14,231	19,114	28,353	197,425	20,936	313,309
2002		36,405	12,544	17,107	28,555	188,342	20,930	290,607
								,
2004		34,881	12,234	16,648	25,641	183,858	19,812	280,840
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
2001	Q2	9,934	4,479	5,468	7,920	46,645	5,247	75,214
	Q2 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
2002	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
2004	Q1	8,833	2,988	3,168	4,794	44,219	4,800	65,814
	Q2	8,531	3,366	4,752	7,287	43,855	5,005	69,430
	Q3	7,969	2,911	5,031	7,518	45,267	4,958	70,743
	Q4	9,548	2,969	3,697	6,042	50,517	5,049	74,853
Chang	e on same quarter of pre	vious year						Percentage
2001	0.1		12	10				U
2001		-7	-12	-12	-2	3	-2	0
	Q2	-2	2	0	8	-7	-7	-4
	Q3 Q4	-2 -3	0 0	-10 -9	-1 4	0 -3	0 -1	-1 -3
	Q1	-3	-2	-9	-1	-6	-7	-5
2002	Q2	-3	-12	-17	-1 -3	-0 -2	-7	-4
2002		-4 -3	-12 -8	-17 -8	2	-2 -5	-7 -1	-4
2002		-5	-17	-7	-5	-5	-4	-1
2002	Q3 Q4	0				-	_	,
	Q4		-10	5	4	-3	-7	-4
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	Q4 Q1 Q2	-5 -7	-10 -12 -13	1	-2	-1	-7 3 1	-2
	Q4 Q1	-5	-12				3	
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2003	Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2	-5 -7 -5 -8 -4 -3	-12 -13 -13	1 2 -2	-2 2 -3	-1 -2 -10 -2 -3	3 1 -7	-2 -1 -8 -3 -3
2003	Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1	-5 -7 -5 -8 -4	-12 -13 -13 -4	1 2 -2 -4	-2 2 -3 -16	-1 -2 -10 -2	3 1 -7 4	-2 -1 -8 -3

#### Table 4: Casualties: by class of road user: 1994 - 2004: GB

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

Number

#### Table 5: Accidents: by speed limit, class of road severity <sup>1</sup>: GB 2004

Type of road	Fat	al	Seri	ous	Slig	ght	All acc	idents	Road Traffic <sup>2</sup>
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change	Percentage change
Built-up roads <sup>3</sup>	1,238	-6	17,395	-8	130,084	-4	148,717	-4	
Non Built-up roads <sup>4</sup>	1,740	-10	9,353	-7	47,600	2	58,693	0	
Major roads <sup>5</sup>	1,818	-10	13,284	-8	88,399	-3	103,501	-3	2 <sup>p</sup>
Minor roads <sup>6</sup>	1,160	-5	13,464	-7	89,285	-2	103,909	-3	2 <sup>p</sup>
All roads/all speed limits <sup>7</sup>	2,978	-8	26,748	-7	177,684	-2	207,410	-3	2 <sup>p</sup>

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.

P Provisional 2004 traffic data.

#### Table 6: Casualties: by severity: by police force area: 2004

Number

	Severity of injury							
Police force area	Fatal	Serious	Slight	All severities				
Avon and Somerset	83	787	6,101	6,971				
Bedfordshire	23	228	2,090	2,341				
Cambridgeshire	71	578	4,017	4,666				
Cheshire	67	656	5,259	5,982				
City of London	3	41	299	343				
Cleveland	30	222	1,757	2,009				
Cumbria	57	377	2,308	2,742				
Derbyshire	45	627	4,237	4,909				
Devon and Cornwall	86	560	6,916	7,562				
Dorset	44	377	3,187	3,608				
Durham	32	226	2,352	2,610				
Essex	105	1,175	6,875	8,155				
Gloucestershire	36	240	2,438	2,714				
Greater Manchester	94	948	12,501	13,543				
Hampshire	63	923	6,957	7,943				
Hertfordshire	51	640	5,483	6,174				
Humberside	59	662	3,476	4,197				
Kent	100	836	6,651	7,587				
Lancashire Leicestershire	58 65	960 361	6,789 4,194	7,807 4,620				
Lincolnshire	77	439	3,464	3,980				
Merseyside	62	708	6,604	7,374				
Metropolitan Police Norfolk	213	3,914 494	30,111 3,194	34,238 3,751				
North Yorkshire	63 80	765	3,641	4,486				
N. 4. 4. 11	16	152	2.276	0.774				
Northamptonshire Northumbria	46 66	452 582	2,276 6,191	2,774 6,839				
Nottinghamshire	66	792	4,152	5,010				
South Yorkshire	56	649	5,630	6,335				
Staffordshire	77	387	5,527	5,991				
Suffolk	42	374	2,566	2,982				
Surrey	72	576	6,257	6,905				
Sussex	107	748	6,077	6,932				
Thames Valley	130	1,130	8,242	9,502				
Warwickshire	49	466	2,484	2,999				
West Mercia	78	645	4,397	5.120				
West Midlands	82	1,067	10,665	11,814				
West Yorkshire	116	1,099	10,816	12,031				
Wiltshire	60	346	2,810	3,216				
England	2,714	27,057	218,991	248,762				
Dyfed-Powys	49	462	2,289	2,800				
Gwent	39	186	1,902	2,000				
North Wales	58	280	2,865	3,203				
South Wales	55	408	5,094	5,557				
Wales	201	1,336	12,150	13,687				
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Northern	32	237	953	1,222				
Strathclyde	107	1,042	6,982	8,131				
Tayside	35	339	1,087	1,461				
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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;
- to encourage the proper use of statistics through publicity and education.

The Group holds regular seminars on topical subjects connected with the provision and/or use of transport statistics. Recent seminars have included:

- Freight, Road Congestion and transport modelling
- Transport Survey Quality
- Urban Transport Bench Marking
- Transport and the Environment
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- Rail Safety Statistics and Risk Models

A newsletter is sent to all members about four times a year. Corporate membership of the Group is £50, personal membership £22.50, and student membership £10. For further details please contact:

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