



Contributory factors for reported child pedestrian casualties

The tables on the following pages show the contributory factors for reported child pedestrian casualties (0–15 years old) in road incidents in Great Britain in 2009. These are the key actions and failures that in the opinion of the reporting police officer led directly to the incident. It includes only incidents where a police officer attended the scene and reported at least one contributory factor.

When a road incident is attended by a police officer, the contributory factors are usually recorded.

The first table summarises the main contributory factors that were recorded in 2009 that were attributed to child pedestrians (rather than drivers, for instance).

The second table summarises the main contributory factors that were recorded in 2009 that were attributed to drivers.

The figures in both tables add up to more than 100% because up to six contributory factors can be reported for each incident. For each of the casualties there may be more than one factor assigned to them, and there may also be other contributory factors (whether recorded or not) that are attributable to other vehicles or pedestrians involved in the incident – just because a contributory factor is assigned to a child pedestrian or driver does not mean that there were no other contributory factors. There are more vehicles involved than the total number of pedestrian casualties because some incidents involved more than one vehicle.

Contributory factors for reported child pedestrian casualties (aged 0 – 15 years, all severities) in Great Britain, 2009: factors assigned to pedestrian

Contributory factor	Number	Percent
Pedestrian failed to look properly	4,467	72
Pedestrian careless, reckless or in a hurry	1,938	31
Pedestrian crossing road masked by stationary or parked vehicle	1,739	28
Pedestrian failed to judge vehicle's path or speed	978	16
Dangerous action in carriageway (e.g. playing)	676	11
Pedestrian wrong use of pedestrian crossing facility	302	5
Pedestrian wearing dark clothing at night	119	2
Pedestrian impaired by alcohol	87	1
Pedestrian disability or illness, mental or physical	46	1
Pedestrian impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	9	0
Other factors	210	3
No factor reported for casualty	830	13
All child pedestrians	6,244	

Contributory factors for reported child pedestrian casualties (aged 0 – 15 years, all severities) in Great Britain, 2009: factors assigned to vehicle (driver)

Contributory factor	Number	Percent
Failed to look properly	538	8
Vision affected by stationary or parked vehicle(s)	526	8
Careless, reckless or in a hurry	220	3
Failed to judge other person's path or speed	113	2
Disobeyed pedestrian crossing facility	94	1
Passing too close to cyclist, horse rider or pedestrian	94	1
Travelling too fast for conditions	84	1
Slippery road (due to weather)	75	1
Poor turn or manoeuvre	73	1
Aggressive driving	66	1
Other factors	709	11
No factor reported for vehicle	4,506	71
All vehicles	6,345	