

Crash statistics 2008

This leaflet gives East Sussex County Council's annual overview of road casualty statistics in the County. We hope you will find the information helpful, whether you are completing a study related to road safety or have a particular query about road casualties in your local area.

In 2008, there were 1614 crashes on the County's roads, resulting in 2186 casualties. Within this total, 398 people were either killed or seriously injured during the year. The overall number of casualties has reduced by 8% since the previous year, although the number of killed or seriously injured has increased by 5%. The number of two wheeled vehicle casualties increased by 17%, which is unfortunate as it reverses the downward trend of the last five years. However, the number of child casualties reduced by 8%, continuing the downward trend of the last five years.

The Government has set targets to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured by 40%, the number of children killed or seriously injured by 50% and to reduce the slight casualty rate by 10% by 2010. Currently, we are on course to achieve the target reductions for children killed or seriously injured and for slight casualties. However, the total number of people killed and seriously injured has risen for two years running and it is now clear that we will struggle to meet this challenging target. We will continue to strive to reduce casualties on our roads and will be considering the outcome of the current Government consultation on road safety for the period beyond 2010 so that we can set new and challenging targets to work towards.

Further information

More detailed road crash information along with details of the services provided by the County Council's Road Safety Officers is available from:

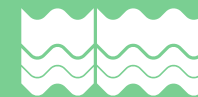
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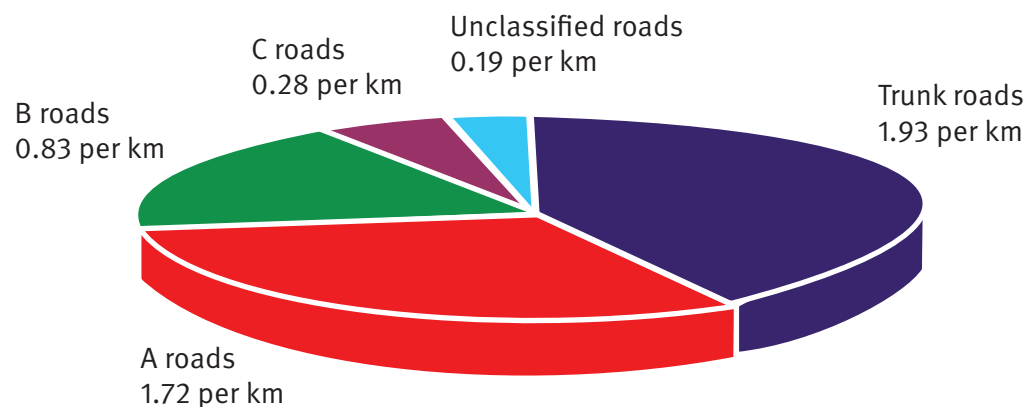
Road crashes in East Sussex 2008



Casualties by severity

			Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Pedestrians						
Child	0 to 4 yrs		0	3	6	9
	5 to 9 yrs		0	4	13	17
	10 to 15 yrs		0	15	31	46
Adult	16 to 59 yrs		2	26	84	112
	60+ yrs		1	17	43	61
	Unknown		0	0	0	0
Sub Total			3	65	177	245
Pedal Cyclists						
Child			1	3	34	38
Adult			2	22	63	87
Unknown			0	0	0	0
Sub Total			3	25	97	125
Powered Two Wheelers						
Drivers			8	89	156	253
Passengers			0	3	7	10
Sub Total			8	92	163	263
Car/Taxi						
Drivers			21	118	815	954
Passengers	Child		0	6	79	85
	Adult		3	40	284	327
	Unknown		0	0	1	1
Sub Total			24	164	1179	1367
Public Service Vehicles						
Drivers			0	0	3	3
Passengers			0	7	92	99
Sub Total			0	7	95	102
Other Vehicles						
Drivers			1	5	62	68
Passengers			0	1	15	16
Sub Total			1	6	77	84
TOTAL			39	359	1788	2186

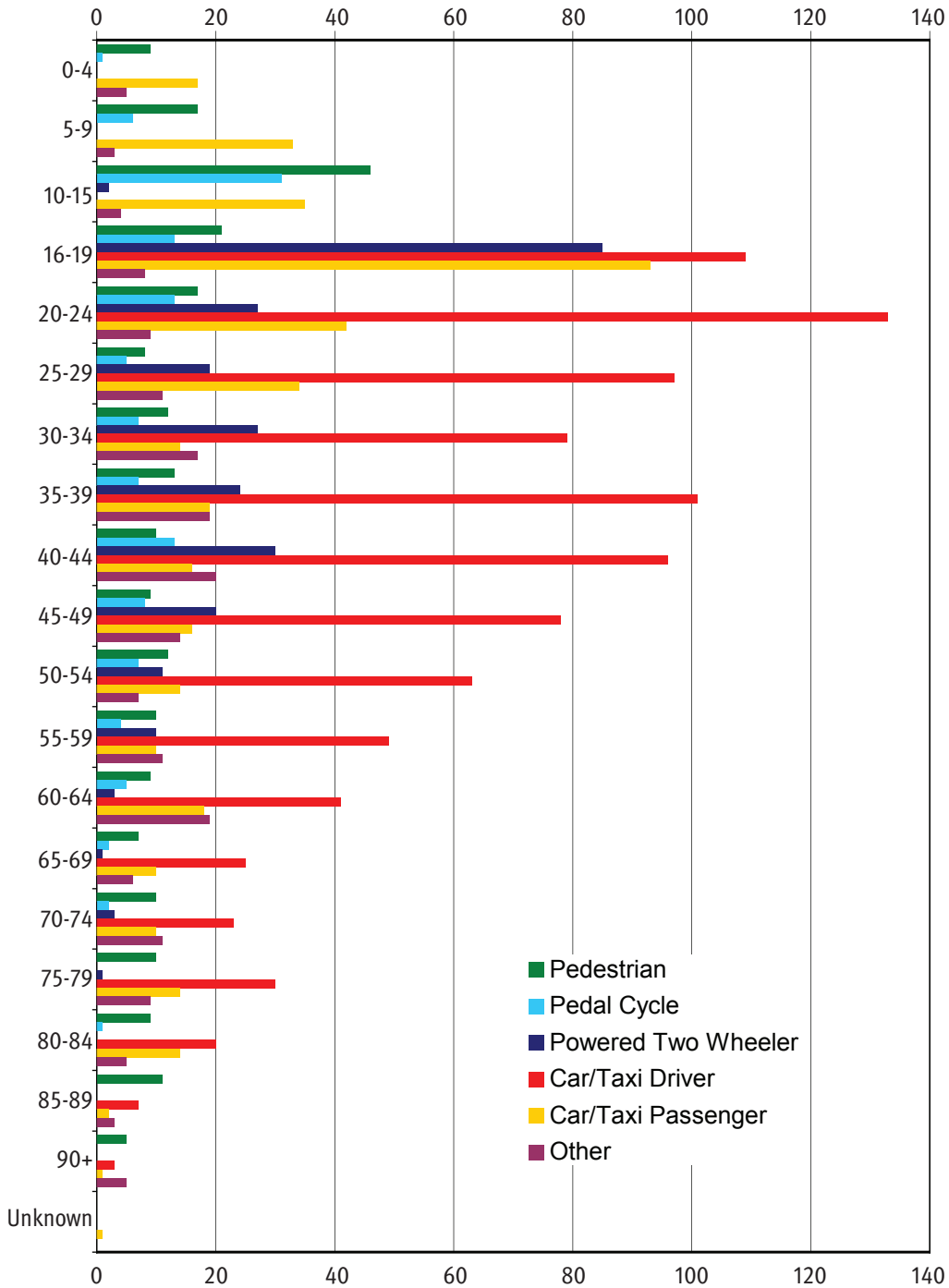
Crashes by road type



Child casualties by user and district

0 to 4 years	Pedestrian	Pedal Cycle	Car/Taxi	Other	Total
Eastbourne	2	0	3	4	9
Hastings	5	1	1	1	8
Lewes	0	0	1	0	1
Rother	1	0	5	0	6
Wealden	1	0	7	0	8
East Sussex	9	1	17	5	32
5 to 9 years	Pedestrian	Pedal Cycle	Car/Taxi	Other	Total
Eastbourne	7	2	3	0	12
Hastings	5	0	7	0	12
Lewes	1	3	7	1	12
Rother	1	0	7	1	9
Wealden	3	1	9	1	14
East Sussex	17	6	33	3	59
10 to 15 years	Pedestrian	Pedal Cycle	Car/Taxi	Other	Total
Eastbourne	11	8	5	0	24
Hastings	14	5	7	0	26
Lewes	4	8	6	2	20
Rother	7	5	6	2	20
Wealden	10	5	11	2	28
East Sussex	46	31	35	6	118
Total all age groups	72	38	85	14	209

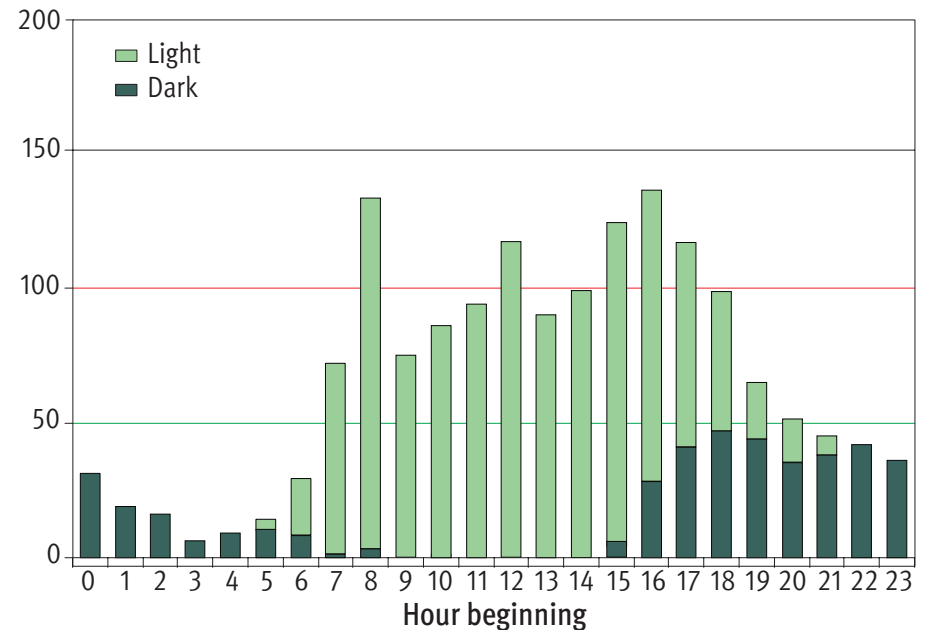
Casualties by age and road user



Manoeuvres involved in crashes

	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
Turning right/ Waiting to turn right	173	138	9	320
Going ahead on bend	221	78	7	306
Stopping	147	59	12	218
Going ahead but held up	94	58	5	157
Parked	39	11	103	153
Starting	65	37	9	111
Overtaking	76	19	7	102
Turning left/ Waiting to turn left	40	29	4	73
Reversing	22	5	5	32
Changing lane	14	5	3	22
U-turning	9	8	1	18
Going ahead	949	424	50	1,423
Total	1,849	871	215	2,935

Crashes by time of day



Crashes by district

	Population	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total	Crashes/ 1,000 pop
Eastbourne	97,691	3	43	219	265	2.71
Hastings	87,188	0	47	222	269	3.09
Lewes	95,193	5	53	214	272	2.86
Rother	88,813	13	61	240	314	3.54
Wealden	145,882	16	113	365	494	3.39
East Sussex	514,767	37	317	1260	1614	3.14

Note: Numbers may not sum due to independent rounding

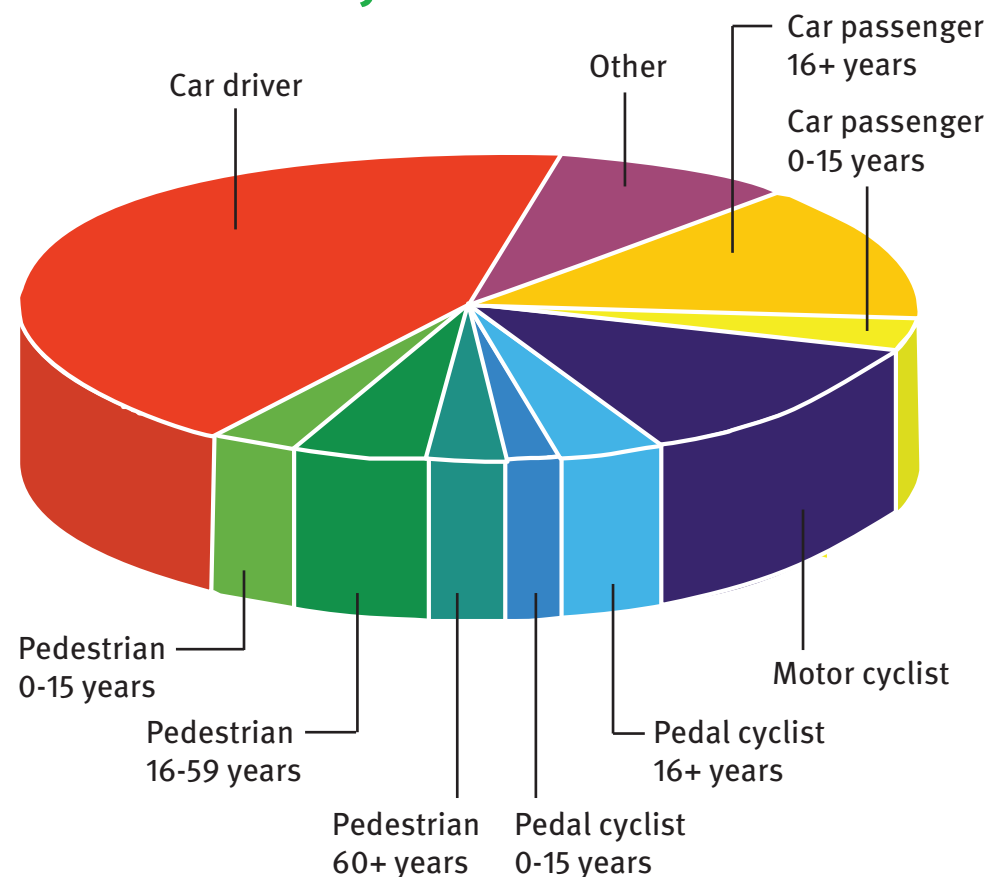
Casualty severity by road user

	Pedestrian	Pedal Cycle	Powered 2 wheeler	Car/Taxi	Other	Total
Fatal	3	3	8	24	1	39
Serious	65	25	92	164	13	359
Slight	177	97	163	1179	172	1788
Total	245	125	263	1367	186	2186

Young car drivers

Age	Male		Female		Total	
	Drivers	Casualties	Drivers	Casualties	Drivers	Casualties
0-16 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
17-19 years	129	74	56	35	185	109
20-24 years	149	70	107	63	256	133
25-29 years	113	52	73	45	186	97
Total	391	196	236	143	627	339

Casualties by road user



Casualties by road user and district

	Pedestrian	Pedal Cycle	Powered 2 wheeler	Car/Taxi	Other	Total
Eastbourne	56	27	40	166	38	327
Hastings	67	23	54	171	19	334
Lewes	33	31	42	244	33	383
Rother	38	19	52	291	28	428
Wealden	51	25	75	495	68	714
East Sussex	245	125	263	1367	186	2186