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North Carolina Traffic Accident Summary

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North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles
TRAFFIC RECORDS INFORMATION DIVISION

FATAL ACCIDENTS
SOME OF THE CAUSES CONTRIBUTING TO FATAL ACCIDENTS
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TIME OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

MONTH

DAY

TIME OF DAY

AGE OF THE FATALITIES

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DRIVERS INVOLVED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS

DRIVERS BY AGE

National Safety Council
Chicago

NORTH CAROLINA

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
						Injured			
Motor Vehicle:	Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Total	a	b	c
1. Ran off road	32558	711	12892	18955	827	19503	10497	5009	3997
2. Overturned on road	863	11	432	420	11	579	295	175	109
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	2511	362	2149		369	2273	1204	652	417
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	83110	539	22857	59714	652	40035	14364	9776	15895
5. Parked motor vehicle	4430	1	755	3674	1	990	430	256	304
6. Railroad train	349	28	142	179	37	210	130	43	37
7. Bicyclist % total	0.61 783	1.86 32	1.84 749	0.00 2	32	802	377	298	127
8. Animal	1632	3	226	1403	6	292	160	75	57
9. Fixed object	1039	13	310	716	18	439	220	115	104
10. Other object	229	2	67	160	2	100	36	45	19
11. Other non-collision	366	19	174	173	20	198	112	65	21
12.									
TOTALS	127870	1721	40753	85396	1975	65421	27825	16509	21087

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Summary of Statewide Accidents

For January - December, 1972
(Month or other period)

This summary includes reports and information available on

March 5, 1973

LEGALLY REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS ARE THOSE INVOLVING DEATH, BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OF $200 OR MORE IN THE ACCIDENT.

2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death Record
	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
1. Ran off road	33797	796	18762	32558	827	19503	33797	796	18762	+ 4 %
2. Overturned on road	854	14	579	863	11	579	854	14	579	- 21 %
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	2503	316	2323	2511	369	2273	2503	316	2323	+ 17 %
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	85403	608	36681	83110	652	40035	85403	608	36681	+ 7 %
5. Parked motor vehicle	5677	5	993	4430	1	990	5677	5	993	- 80 %
6. Railroad train	333	38	181	349	37	210	333	38	181	- 3 %
7. Bicyclist	699	28	705	783	32	802	699	28	705	+ 14 %
8. Animal	1753	6	315	1632	6	292	1753	6	315	%
9. Fixed object	1269	20	505	1039	18	439	1269	20	505	- 10 %
10. Other object	324	2	95	229	2	100	324	2	95	%
11. Other non-collision	375	13	221	366	20	198	375	13	221	+ 54 %
12.										%
TOTALS	132987	1846	61360	127870	1975	65421	132987	1846	61360	+ 7 %

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year to Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	1975	1846	+ 7 %
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	37103	33162	+ 12 %
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	5.3	5.6	- 5 %
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	4.6	4.8	- 4 %
5.			%

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TOTAL ACCIDENTS

Month	Urban	Rural	Total	Month	Urban	Rural	Total
January	4427	4904	9331	July	4761	5804	10565
February	4718	4836	9554	August	4376	5518	9894
March	4920	5059	9979	September	5171	5815	10986
April	4549	5155	9704	October	5513	6222	11735
May	5537	5818	11355	November	5308	5875	11183
June	4685	5470	10155	December	6873	6556	13429
				TOTAL	60838	67032	127870

REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	1970	1971	1972	Month	1970	1971	1972
January	10775	9690	9331	July	10169	11543	10565
February	8190	9655	9554	August	10902	11093	9894
March	9421	10326	9979	September	9794	10873	10986
April	9342	10355	9704	October	12148	13383	11735
May	10567	11625	11355	November	10858	11736	11183
June	9518	10182	10155	December	13100	12526	13429
				TOTAL	124784	132987	127870

PERSONS KILLED

Month	Urban	Rural	Total	Month	Urban	Rural	Total
January	23	139	162	July	34	157	191
February	15	91	106	August	34	149	183
March	25	133	158	September	18	166	184
April	23	129	152	October	28	164	192
May	17	140	157	November	11	141	152
June	25	135	160	December	35	143	178
				TOTAL	288	1687	1975

REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Month	1970	1971	1972	Month	1970	1971	1972
January	136	132	162	July	135	180	191
February	104	112	106	August	177	164	183
March	120	138	158	September	164	157	184
April	110	158	152	October	169	194	192
May	166	141	157	November	172	152	152
June	138	130	160	December	181	188	178
				TOTAL	1772	1846	1975

PERSONS INJURED

Month	Urban	Rural	Total	Month	Urban	Rural	Total
January	1961	2459	4420	July	2325	3393	5718
February	2023	2282	4305	August	2245	3050	5295
March	2347	2652	4999	September	2542	3378	5920
April	2168	2928	5096	October	2575	3427	6002
May	2871	3228	6099	November	2450	3019	5469
June	2292	3114	5406	December	3265	3427	6692
				TOTAL	29064	36357	65421

REPORTED PERSONS INJURED

Month	1970	1971	1972	Month	1970	1971	1972
January	4374	4233	4420	July	5139	5619	5718
February	3774	4034	4305	August	5401	5297	5295
March	4347	4489	4999	September	4711	5306	5920
April	4547	4942	5096	October	5742	6210	6002
May	5450	5784	6099	November	4926	5181	5469
June	4607	4728	5406	December	5596	5537	6692
				TOTAL	58614	61360	65421

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3. LOCATION		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
		Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Injured			
							Total	a	b	c
Urban	1. 2,500 to 10,000	9080	47	2697	6336	48	4193	1512	1179	1502
	2. 10,000 to 25,000	10714	44	3270	7400	53	5135	1822	1276	2037
	3. 25,000 to 50,000	8811	42	2989	5780	44	4591	1515	1093	1983
	4. 50,000 to 100,000	9506	28	3114	6364	33	4598	1485	1208	1905
	5. 100,000 to 250,000	22727	104	7046	15577	110	10547	3396	2384	4767
	TOTAL URBAN	60838	265	19116	41457	288	29064	9730	7140	12194
Rural	1. Interstate	2327	85	746	1496	104	1330	685	330	315
	2. U. S.	20098	429	6257	13412	512	11158	5355	2790	3013
	3. N. C.	14689	342	4879	9468	396	8371	4053	2198	2120
	4. Rural paved	27423	570	9047	17806	644	14396	7473	3711	3212
	5. Rural unpaved	2495	30	708	1757	31	1102	529	340	233
	TOTAL RURAL	67032	1456	21637	43939	1687	36357	18095	9369	8893
TOTAL URBAN & RURAL		127870	1721	40753	85396	1975	65421	27825	16509	21087

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4. TIME		Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not Stated	
Hour beginning		All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon	0. Midnight	3385	76	320	8	223	3	275	12	291	5	369	4	933	20	974	24		
	1. 1:00	2797	80	220	3	159	5	166	5	179	6	250	8	936	23	887	30		
	2. 2:00	1933	49	171	8	102	3	101	2	147	2	140	2	629	13	643	19		
	3. 3:00	1313	41	103	3	63	2	78	3	80	3	92	6	458	10	439	14		
	4. 4:00	967	32	76	4	74	5	63		63	1	83	4	325	10	283	8		
	5. 5:00	962	25	125	3	108		97	4	102	1	108	4	226	7	196	6		
	6. 6:00	2711	51	402	5	417	6	501	5	446	10	449	8	305	11	191	6		
	7. 7:00	5668	51	983	7	1018	8	1080	8	962	7	1044	7	385	8	196	6		
	8. 8:00	5994	48	1064	7	1031	13	1047	7	1046	10	1108	5	526	4	172	2		
	9. 9:00	4136	42	685	3	593	10	567	4	583	5	664	8	696	8	348	4		
	10. 10:00	4615	42	655	8	628	4	585	2	611	4	772	7	890	11	474	6		
	11. 11:00	5671	61	795	14	708	5	692	6	810	7	915	8	1187	10	564	11		
After Noon	12. Noon	6778	52	970	5	842	8	821	7	906	4	1183	6	1290	12	766	10		
	13. 1:00	6457	64	844	10	826	7	732	6	808	7	1054	11	1340	11	853	12		
	14. 2:00	7286	74	964	5	927	8	873	8	903	7	1174	12	1340	21	1105	13		
	15. 3:00	10356	91	1451	11	1425	11	1335	10	1461	9	1947	18	1453	15	1284	17		
	16. 4:00	11082	94	1594	10	1537	12	1466	14	1552	11	2201	15	1516	17	1216	15		
	17. 5:00	11129	108	1566	10	1511	7	1380	11	1593	17	2214	15	1507	22	1358	26		
	18. 6:00	7722	124	957	17	814	16	868	12	908	15	1493	24	1417	18	1265	22		
	19. 7:00	6548	118	727	12	700	11	695	12	772	19	1270	26	1379	20	1005	18		
	20. 8:00	5414	101	522	9	547	11	563	13	606	12	1082	15	1232	23	862	18		
	21. 9:00	4872	81	473	9	528	11	470	10	620	10	991	11	1073	20	717	10		
	22. 10:00	4645	100	419	7	510	8	435	12	567	7	1101	28	1082	22	531	16		
	23. 11:00	4691	107	366	5	447	9	420	7	531	8	1235	37	1201	28	491	13		
	24. Not stated	738	9	90	2	87		89		84	1	142	2	140	3	106	1		
	TOTALS	127870	1721	16542	185	15825	183	15399	180	16631	188	23081	291	23466	367	16926	327		

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5. AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Drivers Killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Drivers Injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 thru 4				13	10	3							203	131	72	5	5	
2. 5 thru 9				62	39	23	11	10	1				610	368	242	229	183	46
3. 10 thru 14	7	5	2	16	11	5	13	8	5	* 152	115	36	295	179	116	310	262	48
4. 15 thru 19	143	121	22	38	27	11	3	3		6894	4761	2133	289	193	96	139	123	16
5. 20 thru 24	212	183	29	27	25	2				7796	5298	2498	196	143	53	46	33	13
6. 25 thru 34	195	171	24	37	26	11				7934	4988	2946	189	132	57	18	16	2
7. 35 thru 44	114	89	25	32	23	9				4571	2673	1898	165	123	42	7	6	1
8. 45 thru 54	100	75	25	42	34	8	2	2		3478	2071	1407	160	104	56	6	5	1
9. 55 thru 64	88	75	13	42	29	13	1	1		2274	1406	868	129	78	51	12	12	
10. 65 thru 74	69	55	14	39	24	15	1	1		1085	747	338	105	64	41	7	7	
11. 75 & older	23	18	5	33	22	11	1	1		354	259	95	49	26	23	5	4	1
12. Not stated	3	2	1	5	3	2				* 48	35	6	28	21	7	2	1	1
TOTALS	954	794	160	386	273	113	32	26	6	34586	22353	12225	2418	1562	856	786	657	129

* 8 sex not stated

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road.

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Road Intersection	1. Entering at angle	21859	152	7000	14707
	2a. From same direction–both going straight	1864	5	458	1401
	b. Same – one turn, one straight	3586	6	763	2817
	c. Same – one stopped	6034	10	1769	4255
	d. Same – all others	4487	2	764	3721
	3a. From opposite direction–both going straight	913	11	355	547
	b. Same – one left turn, one straight	5001	31	1806	3164
	c. Same – all others	1129	4	228	897
	4. Not stated	52		9	43
	TOTALS	44925	221	13152	31552

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Ped. Acc.	Fatal Accidents			Nonfatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section	Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section
1. Car going straight	2220	344	45	299	1876	504	1372
2. Car turning right	37				37	36	1
3. Car turning left	83	2	2		81	76	5
4. Car backing	55	5		5	50	11	39
5. All others	113	10	1	9	103	27	76
6. Not stated	3	1		1	2	1	1
TOTALS	2511	362	48	314	2149	655	1494

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
Not at Road Intersection	1. Going opposite direction–head-on collision	3693	158	1636	1899
	2. Going opposite direction-sideswipe collision	3577	49	851	2677
	3. Going same direction–rear-end collision	10428	50	2690	7688
	4. Same direction–sideswipe collision	3261	8	451	2802
	5. One car parked	3413		639	2774
	6. One car stopped in traffic	6583	6	1872	4705
	7. Parking	837	1	75	761
	8. Alley intersection with road	130	1	16	113
	9. Driveway intersection with road	5094	8	1064	4022
	10. All others	5337	38	1145	4154
	TOTALS	42353	319	10439	31595

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS			Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Intersection	Collision with	1. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	513	9	392	112
		2. Fixed object in road	251		65	186
	3. Overturned in road		269	1	150	118
	4. Left road		5602	86	2103	3413
Not at Intersection	Collision with	5. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	2251	54	725	1472
		6. Fixed object in road	787	13	245	529
	7. Overturned in road		594	10	282	302
	Left road	8. At curve	13226	364	5477	7385
		9. Straight road	13596	261	5304	8031
	10. Fell from moving vehicle		145	16	128	1
	11. Driverless Moving		397		29	368
	12. All others		450	5	113	332
	TOTALS		38081	819	15013	22249

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7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and Older	Not Stated
1. Crossing or entering roadway – at intersection	26	467	20	104	51	41	21	70	85	73	2
2. Same – not at intersection	163	1159	107	392	140	86	61	132	124	108	9
3. Coming from behind parked car	13	221	51	86	33	16	7	12	12	3	1
4. Walking in roadway – with traffic	49	199	2	8	22	46	27	47	30	12	5
5. Same – against traffic	25	120	3	12	9	27	23	17	20	7	2
6. Standing in roadway	28	145	2	2	7	25	27	43	30	4	5
7. Going to or from stopped school bus	1	14		8	4	2					
8. Getting on or off vehicle	4	38	2	4	3	5	7	7	7	1	2
9. Working in roadway	1	32				5	5	12	9	1	
10. Playing in roadway	6	65	18	32	8	4	1	1			1
11. Lying in roadway	40	62		1		15	11	24	9	1	1
12. Other in roadway	19	187	6	17	25	32	21	44	30	10	2
13. Not in roadway	11	91	5	6	9	21	12	13	16	6	3
14. Not stated		4				2		1	1		
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	386	2804	216	672	311	327	223	423	373	226	33

8. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Had not been drinking	1280	103	1177
2. Drinking – ability impaired	179	21	158
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	217	60	157
4. Not stated	1128	224	904
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	2804	408	2396

9. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	8	1	7
2. Fatigued	7		7
3. Asleep	5	1	4
4. Other physical impairment	74	7	67
5. Normal	1310	103	1207
6. Condition not known	425	157	268
7. Not stated	975	139	836
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	2804	408	2396

10. KIND OF LOCALITY			
1. Business district	32750	113	9102
2. Residential district	36634	237	12257
3. School or playground district	1224	8	359
4. Open country	57262	1363	19035
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

11. VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL	INTERSECTION			NON-INTERSECTION		
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Stop sign	18859	173	6160	930	5	249
2. Yield sign	1418	3	400	218	1	60
3. Stop-and-go signal	13665	25	4249	1789	1	528
4. Flashing signal – with stop sign	532	4	185	61	1	19
5. Flashing signal – without stop sign	259	1	80	69	3	19
6. Railroad gate and/or flasher	61		22	150	8	53
7. Officer	86		24	135		37
8. Other	563	13	174	1613	57	584
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	35443	219	11294	4965	76	1549
1. Accidents – controls operating properly	35273	219	11238	4949	76	1542
2. Accidents – controls not operating properly	107		35	11		6
3. Accidents – controls not visible	63		21	5		1
4. Accidents – no controls	17041	150	5298	70421	1276	22612
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	52484	369	16592	75386	1352	24161

12. ROADWAY FEATURE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Bridge or underpass	2009	88	766
2. Driveway	18036	127	4571
3. Intersection	52484	369	16592
4. Median cross over	1190	14	346
5. End or beginning – divided highway	267	5	69
6. Alley intersection	286	2	69
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	74272	605	22413

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21. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 and younger	533	11	226
2. 16	9223	69	2695
3. 17	10284	101	2977
4. 18–19	21571	230	6610
5. 20 thru 24	43912	520	13937
6. 25 thru 34	48190	549	15245
7. 35 thru 44	30128	325	9286
8. 45 thru 54	24671	278	7386
9. 55 thru 64	16081	174	4780
10. 65 thru 74	7777	117	2352
11. 75 and older	2342	34	716
12. Not stated	3329	51	634
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

22. SEX OF DRIVER			
1. Male	152036	2003	46083
2. Female	63011	409	20243
3. Not stated	2994	47	518
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

23. DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	328	4	153
2. Fatigued	901	11	365
3. Asleep	1126	13	490
4. Other physical impairment	1804	32	768
5. Restriction on license not complied with	139	2	53
6. Normal	199236	1588	59644
7. Condition not known	11316	750	4402
8. Not stated	3191	59	969
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

24. LICENSE OF DRIVER			
1. Licensed in state	192382	2023	58791
2. Resident – no license	3866	81	1605
3. Nonresident – licensed in other state	11794	191	3636
4. Nonresident – no license	149	4	50
5. Other	5826	65	1813
6. Not stated	4024	95	949
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

25. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speeding below 65 mph	22789	208	7833
2. Speeding 65 to 75 mph	2336	110	1062
3. Speeding over 75 mph	1836	257	941
4. Failed to yield right-of-way	18991	145	5596
5. Driving wrong side road	11852	365	4278
6. Improper overtaking	5035	48	1159
7. Disregarded stop sign or signal	2954	57	1341
8. Disregarded traffic signal	3670	14	1323
9. Following too closely	9282	16	2435
10. Improper turn	4337	23	1052
11. Improper or no signal	1341	1	264
12. Improper parking location	596	11	170
13. Under influence of alcohol	5678	120	2367
14. Reckless driving	2999	84	1417
15. Racing	37	8	15
16. Failed to see movem't safe	15444	30	3395
17. Passing on curve	1		
18. Passing on hill			
19. Passed stopped school bus	8		6
20. Improper lights	138		45
21. Improper brakes	880	2	262
22. Other improper driving	3990	56	997
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	114194	1555	35958

26. VIOLATION CONTROL			
1. Drivers – in violation	105132	1207	32162
2. Drivers – not in violation	103714	1167	31932
3. Drivers – information not stated	9195	85	2750
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

27. APPROXIMATE SPEED (Preceding Accident)			
1. 0–9 miles per hour	50960	143	13018
2. 10–19 miles per hour	30070	113	7704
3. 20–29 miles per hour	28504	109	8118
4. 30–39 miles per hour	33578	215	10999
5. 40–49 miles per hour	24988	408	8144
6. 50–59 miles per hour	21723	595	7771
7. 60–69 miles per hour	8624	311	3383
8. 70 miles per hour and over	4052	383	2052
9. Not stated	21759	193	6906
TOTAL VEHICLES	224258	2470	68095

28. ACCIDENT CONTROL	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents – drivers under influence of alcohol	18810	484	7782
2. Accidents – drivers not under influence	104348	907	31544
3. Accidents – information not stated	5312	330	1427
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753
4. Accidents – speeding violation	26718	565	9737
5. Accidents – other violations	73465	595	21092
6. Accidents – not involving a violation	24750	215	7383
7. Accidents – information not stated	2937	346	2541
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753
8. Accidents – involving vehicle defects	9276	129	3134
9. Accidents – no vehicle defects detected	95625	1177	29883
10. Accidents – information not stated	22969	415	7736
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

29. DRIVER ACTION (Before Accident)			
1. Going straight ahead	141884	2144	47774
2. Changing lanes or merging	3548	11	557
3. Passing	6169	91	1470
4. Making right turn	6879	10	1301
5. Making left turn	22855	92	6177
6. Making U Turn	438	2	114
7. Backing	3865	12	432
8. Slowing or stopping	8129	20	2139
9. Starting in roadway	4346	15	939
10. Parking	139		19
11. Leaving parked position	1059	2	117
12. Stopped in travel lane	17340	44	5353
13. Parked out of travel lanes	5803	10	1207
14. Parked in travel lanes	1688	17	481
15. All others	116		15
TOTAL VEHICLES	224258	2470	68095

30. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION			
1. Had not been drinking	192994	1580	57102
2. Drinking – ability impaired	8486	172	3522
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	10172	334	4447
4. Not stated	6389	373	1773
TOTAL DRIVERS	218041	2459	66844

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13. TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	192215	1905	57486
2. Passenger car and trailer	532	5	115
3. Taxicab	916	4	308
4. Truck – 2 axles	20478	270	5969
5. Truck – 3 axles	1249	19	339
6. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	3118	129	906
7. Truck and trailer	1117	21	301
8. School bus	909	5	245
9. Activity bus	86		30
10. Commercial bus	329	4	110
11. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	332	13	135
12. Motor scooter or motor bicycle	93	2	87
13. Motorcycle	2263	67	1954
14. Other	209	9	66
15. Not stated	412	17	44
TOTAL VEHICLES	224258	2470	68095
Special vehicles included above			
16. Emergency (including privately owned)	165	2	62
17. Military vehicles	103	3	32
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	3387	37	982

14. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all known defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Defective brakes	2961	11	945
2. Improper or defective headlights	97	2	51
3. Improper or defective rear lights	540	3	118
4. Steering mechanism defective	367		133
5. Defective tires	4339	108	1639
6. Other defects	1229	10	312
TOTAL DEFECTS	9533	134	3198
7. Vehicles – with defects	9533	134	3198
8. Vehicles – no defects detected	176239	1804	52518
9. Vehicles – not known if defective	33756	491	11129
10. Not stated	4730	41	1250
TOTAL VEHICLES	224258	2470	68095

15. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Loose material on surface	1489	20	503
2. Holes, ruts	364	6	114
3. Low shoulders	824	27	342
4. Soft shoulders	1170	18	385
5. Other defects	478	7	154
6. Road under construction or repair	1103	22	340
TOTAL DEFECTS	5428	100	1838
7. Accidents – road defects	5428	100	1838
8. Accidents – no road defects	121423	1609	38625
9. Accidents – not stated	1019	12	290
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

16. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Concrete	7614	129	2320
2. Blacktop	115807	1546	37147
3. Gravel	1402	16	386
4. Dirt or sand	1943	18	583
5. Other	141	1	47
6. Not stated	963	11	270
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

17. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	83881	799	25209
2. Dusk	3872	53	1296
3. Dawn	1464	25	496
4. Darkness – street or highway lighted	15475	113	5521
5. Darkness – street or highway not lighted	23106	729	8218
6. Not stated	72	2	13
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

18. WEATHER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Clear	78004	1085	25533
2. Cloudy	23963	359	7565
3. Raining	22479	207	6701
4. Snowing	1157	13	271
5. Fog	1620	42	506
6. Sleet or hail	109	1	25
7. Not stated	538	14	152
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

19. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Straight road – level	71457	786	21941
2. Straight road – hillcrest	6149	53	1967
3. Straight road – on grade	22601	285	7030
4. Sharp curve – level	5544	134	2082
5. Sharp curve – hillcrest	821	15	295
6. Sharp curve – on grade	4716	93	1733
7. Other curve – level	7897	173	2823
8. Other curve – hillcrest	1144	24	390
9. Other curve – on grade	6002	136	2038
10. Not stated	1539	22	454
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

20. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	94729	1384	30979
2. Wet	30553	315	9110
3. Oily	94		34
4. Muddy	227	2	63
5. Snowy	881	8	209
6. Icy	543	4	139
7. Not stated	843	8	219
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	127870	1721	40753

STATEWIDE

COUNTIES	TOTAL ALL ACCIDENTS	Fatal	Non-Fatal	PROP. DAM.	PERSONS Injured	PERSONS Killed
Alamance	2191	26	752	1413	1133	29
Alexander	371	6	146	219	205	6
Alleghany	157	2	41	114	73	2
Anson	552	11	224	317	359	12
Ashe	334	1	98	235	135	1
Avery	304	3	104	197	166	4
Beaufort	756	12	218	526	354	16
Bertie	355	4	96	255	154	4
Bladen	500	17	182	301	349	18
Brunswick	801	18	253	530	441	22
Buncombe	3947	23	1187	2737	1757	25
Burke	1553	21	441	1091	694	22
Cabarrus	1854	26	609	1219	950	32
Caldwell	1656	12	539	1105	843	15
Camden	107	3	34	70	52	3
Carteret	850	14	280	556	470	19
Caswell	415	14	129	272	220	14
Catawba	2776	28	730	2018	1161	35
Chatham	738	22	223	493	360	25
Cherokee	206	1	68	137	117	1
Chowan	194	4	60	130	93	4
Clay	51	4	12	35	35	5
Cleveland	1893	16	675	1202	1109	17
Columbus	1105	30	385	690	699	35
Craven	1193	18	442	733	729	18
Cumberland	4765	53	1640	3072	2524	61
Currituck	201	10	68	123	107	12
Dare	256	3	76	177	125	3
Davidson	2335	37	810	1488	1312	40
Davie	350	8	126	216	197	8
Duplin	779	17	253	509	452	17
Durham	4183	22	1348	2813	2061	22
Edgecombe	1067	16	376	675	620	16
Forsyth	5640	51	1721	3868	2548	54
Franklin	504	18	188	298	346	21
Gaston	3534	29	1154	2351	1846	34
Gates	166	1	58	107	104	1
Graham	80	2	32	46	67	2
Granville	520	17	174	329	315	24
Greene	227	6	72	149	124	8
Guilford	9161	73	3030	6058	4645	87
Halifax	1111	26	375	710	654	27
Hamett	1209	27	464	718	861	35
Haywood	828	12	232	584	348	14
Henderson	1049	8	258	783	384	8
Hertford	611	13	201	397	343	14
Hoke	314	12	122	180	225	12
Hyde	54	2	21	31	30	3
Iredell	1649	17	476	1156	772	20
Jackson	401	7	112	282	163	8
Johnston	1492	47	500	945	882	54
Jones	223	6	72	145	107	7
Lee	949	5	322	622	570	6
Lenoir	1263	15	378	870	634	22
Lincoln	743	13	206	524	338	15
Macon	240	4	53	183	82	4
Madison	223	5	79	139	141	5
Martin	480	8	174	298	293	10
McDowell	808	14	234	560	372	15
Mecklenburg	12413	76	3729	8608	5682	81
Mitchell	224	1	49	174	77	1
Montgomery	480	4	145	331	235	4
Moore	780	12	251	517	421	21
Nash	1628	45	549	1034	949	51
New Hanover	2660	19	844	1797	1316	19
Northampton	503	18	139	346	244	23
Onslow	2003	38	619	1346	959	45
Orange	1293	14	354	925	592	20
Pamlico	143	1	51	91	71	1
Pasquotank	524	6	162	356	246	8
Pender	368	13	142	213	255	18
Perquimans	141		50	91	81	
Person	538	7	185	346	302	8
Pitt	1792	33	599	1160	952	35
Polk	303	7	85	211	139	8
Randolph	1780	32	560	1188	972	38
Richmond	831	19	310	502	506	20
Robeson	2196	64	805	1327	1471	80
Rockingham	1681	23	508	1150	848	32
Rowan	2153	28	634	1491	985	29
Rutherford	1131	15	296	820	508	17
Sampson	1006	29	353	624	596	30
Scotland	562	15	225	322	374	15
Stanly	880	12	282	586	440	14
Stokes	445	9	129	307	221	10
Surry	1241	20	379	842	599	21
Swain	166	4	56	106	123	5
Transylvania	326	3	104	219	139	3
Tyrrell	43		16	27	32	
Union	1144	22	351	771	590	27
Vance	821	15	242	564	416	17
Wake	6966	65	2109	4792	3365	70
Warren	273	11	80	182	154	13
Washington	221	5	84	132	140	5
Watauga	585	8	120	457	171	8
Wayne	2116	25	736	1355	1208	32
Wilkes	1025	27	321	677	503	33
Wilson	1566	26	562	978	960	29
Yadkin	407	6	137	264	221	7
Yancey	238	4	68	166	108	4
TOTAL	127870	1721	40753	85396	65421	1975

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3. LOCATION		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
		Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Injured			
							Total	a	b	c
Urban	1. 2,500 to 10,000									
	2. 10,000 to 25,000									
	3. 25,000 to 50,000									
	4. 50,000 to 100,000									
	5. 100,000 to 250,000									
	TOTAL URBAN									
Rural	1. Interstate	2327	85	746	1496	104	1330	685	330	315
	2. U. S.	20098	429	6257	13412	512	11158	5355	2790	3013
	3. N. C.	14689	342	4879	9468	396	8371	4053	2198	2120
	4. Rural paved	27423	570	9047	17806	644	14396	7473	3711	3212
	5. Rural unpaved	2495	30	708	1757	31	1102	529	340	233
	TOTAL RURAL	67032	1456	21637	43939	1687	36357	18095	9369	8893
TOTAL URBAN & RURAL										

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury; or momentary unconciousness.

4. TIME Hour beginning		Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not Stated	
		All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon	0. Midnight	2054	65	189	8	135	3	152	9	171	4	224	4	565	18	618	19		
	1. 1:00	1761	65	139	3	103	5	109	4	105	6	145	4	582	17	578	26		
	2. 2:00	1285	39	119	7	74	3	69	2	101	2	88	2	420	11	414	12		
	3. 3:00	866	37	74	3	43	2	51	3	64	3	53	4	293	8	288	14		
	4. 4:00	672	32	52	4	58	5	42		43	1	61	4	217	10	199	8		
	5. 5:00	717	21	97	3	82		68	2	79	1	77	4	165	6	149	5		
	6. 6:00	1858	46	273	3	274	6	357	5	317	10	299	7	207	10	131	5		
	7. 7:00	3207	46	575	6	547	8	618	7	528	6	567	6	244	7	128	6		
	8. 8:00	2783	42	457	6	454	10	501	7	478	10	480	4	299	3	114	2		
	9. 9:00	1971	33	312	3	265	8	241	2	259	5	289	6	394	6	211	3		
	10. 10:00	2220	33	320	6	265	3	260	2	273	4	357	5	450	8	295	5		
	11. 11:00	2746	50	356	12	311	3	306	5	373	5	407	6	625	9	368	10		
After Noon	12. Noon	2961	45	396	3	348	7	337	7	374	4	451	5	602	9	453	10		
	13. 1:00	3075	53	375	7	362	6	321	4	361	6	459	11	685	7	512	12		
	14. 2:00	3582	64	428	5	430	7	417	6	415	6	528	10	686	18	678	12		
	15. 3:00	5203	73	720	10	675	8	630	9	727	8	935	13	743	12	773	13		
	16. 4:00	5347	78	735	10	688	8	678	11	709	10	954	11	831	14	752	14		
	17. 5:00	5308	90	671	10	647	5	612	10	706	13	1010	10	842	19	820	23		
	18. 6:00	4273	109	512	15	458	13	469	9	473	15	798	21	791	16	772	20		
	19. 7:00	3609	96	364	11	368	8	388	8	422	16	714	21	776	16	577	16		
	20. 8:00	3014	83	285	8	319	8	301	9	330	8	571	12	694	22	514	16		
	21. 9:00	2746	65	286	7	280	7	260	7	353	8	536	9	588	18	443	9		
	22. 10:00	2716	88	249	7	301	6	238	9	328	4	639	26	626	20	335	16		
	23. 11:00	2854	97	221	5	259	7	268	6	310	7	738	37	746	24	312	11		
	24. Not stated	204	6	21	2	20		17		16	1	30	1	51	2	49			
	TOTALS	67032	1456	8226	164	7766	146	7710	143	8315	163	11410	243	13122	310	10483	287		

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5. AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Drivers Killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Drivers Injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 thru 4				9	7	2							50	33	17	2	2	
2. 5 thru 9				46	29	17	8	7	1				196	125	71	89	70	19
3. 10 thru 14	6	4	2	14	10	4	11	6	5	112	90	22	95	56	39	131	110	21
4. 15 thru 19	126	106	20	36	26	10	3	3		4246	3092	1154	138	103	35	48	40	8
5. 20 thru 24	184	160	24	27	25	2				4461	3257	1204	77	64	13	11	9	2
6. 25 thru 34	170	149	21	32	23	9				4337	2926	1411	76	60	16	4	4	
7. 35 thru 44	101	78	23	25	19	6				2405	1502	903	59	46	13	3	2	1
8. 45 thru 54	89	66	23	30	26	4	2	2		1789	1171	618	48	37	11	4	3	1
9. 55 thru 64	76	65	11	31	24	7	1	1		1192	803	389	48	34	14	3	3	
10. 65 thru 74	60	47	13	26	16	10	1	1		555	403	152	26	21	5	3	3	
11. 75 & older	17	12	5	19	14	5	1	1		196	156	40	11	8	3	1	1	
12. Not stated	3	2	1	4	3	1				* 38	27	5	6	3	3			
TOTALS	832	689	143	299	222	77	27	21	6	19331	13427	5898	830	590	240	299	247	52

*6 sex not stated

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road.

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Road Intersection	1. Entering at angle	6930	115	2152	4663
	2a. From same direction–both going straight	596	5	141	450
	b. Same – one turn, one straight	1312	4	325	983
	c. Same – one stopped	1942	7	491	1444
	d. Same – all others	1877	2	330	1545
	3a. From opposite direction–both going straight	474	8	185	281
	b. Same – one left turn, one straight	1510	24	587	899
	c. Same – all others	397	3	85	309
	4. Not stated	15		4	11
	TOTALS	15053	168	4300	10585

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Ped. Acc.	Fatal Accidents			Nonfatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section	Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section
1. Car going straight	919	266	23	243	653	102	551
2. Car turning right	6				6	6	
3. Car turning left	5	2	2		3	3	
4. Car backing	10	1		1	9	1	8
5. All others	47	10	1	9	37	5	32
6. Not stated	1	1		1			
TOTALS	988	280	26	254	708	117	591

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
Not at Road Intersection	1. Going opposite direction–head-on collision	2828	150	1237	1441
	2. Going opposite direction-sideswipe collision	2757	43	650	2064
	3. Going same direction–rear-end collision	6587	44	1667	4876
	4. Same direction–sideswipe collision	1916	7	309	1600
	5. One car parked	503		92	411
	6. One car stopped in traffic	2625	5	673	1947
	7. Parking	209		32	177
	8. Alley intersection with road	28		5	23
	9. Driveway intersection with road	957	4	192	761
	10. All others	3510	35	816	2659
	TOTALS	21920	288	5673	15959

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS			Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Intersection	Collision with	1. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	169	6	80	83
		2. Fixed object in road	125		29	96
	3. Overturned in road		146	1	67	78
	4. Left road		3438	65	1268	2105
Not at Intersection	Collision with	5. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	1908	49	476	1383
		6. Fixed object in road	483	11	154	318
	7. Overturned in road		439	8	193	238
	Left road	8. At curve	11596	337	4725	6534
		9. Straight road	10266	227	3824	6215
	10. Fell from moving vehicle		79	13	65	1
	11. Driverless Moving		100		7	93
	12. All others		322	3	68	251
	TOTALS		29071	720	10956	17395

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21. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 and younger	334	10	160
2. 16	4961	54	1445
3. 17	5511	83	1586
4. 18–19	11702	209	3674
5. 20 thru 24	22154	438	7137
6. 25 thru 34	23150	465	7294
7. 35 thru 44	14323	272	4378
8. 45 thru 54	11054	241	3343
9. 55 thru 64	7208	144	2163
10. 65 thru 74	3400	96	1046
11. 75 and older	1042	24	335
12. Not stated	1895	43	360
TOTAL DRIVERS	106734	2079	32921

22. SEX OF DRIVER			
1. Male	77890	1698	23784
2. Female	27110	341	8841
3. Not stated	1734	40	296
TOTAL DRIVERS	106734	2079	32921

23. DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	142	4	71
2. Fatigued	536	11	206
3. Asleep	919	12	379
4. Other physical impairment	816	27	372
5. Restriction on license not complied with	65	2	24
6. Normal	97059	1326	29164
7. Condition not known	5640	647	2220
8. Not stated	1557	50	485
TOTAL DRIVERS	106734	2079	32921

24. LICENSE OF DRIVER			
1. Licensed in state	91030	1699	27806
2. Resident – no license	2152	75	956
3. Nonresident – licensed in other state	7797	164	2475
4. Nonresident – no license	111	4	39
5. Other	3291	56	1059
6. Not stated	2353	81	586
TOTAL DRIVERS	106734	2079	32921

25. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speeding below 65 mph	13678	158	4570
2. Speeding 65 to 75 mph	2255	105	1022
3. Speeding over 75 mph	1768	247	905
4. Failed to yield right-of-way	8438	118	2502
5. Driving wrong side road	9310	347	3447
6. Improper overtaking	3597	44	823
7. Disregarded stop sign or signal	1333	50	591
8. Disregarded traffic signal	405	5	142
9. Following too closely	3712	15	853
10. Improper turn	1947	20	518
11. Improper or no signal	1099	1	217
12. Improper parking location	373	11	117
13. Under influence of alcohol	3863	113	1624
14. Reckless driving	1874	71	883
15. Racing	29	8	13
16. Failed to see movem't safe	5174	18	1170
17. Passing on curve	1		
18. Passing on hill			
19. Passed stopped school bus	4		2
20. Improper lights	102		34
21. Improper brakes	357	1	95
22. Other improper driving	1579	44	476
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	60898	1376	20004

26. VIOLATION CONTROL			
1. Drivers – in violation	54015	1054	17071
2. Drivers – not in violation	50406	981	15215
3. Drivers – information not stated	2313	44	635
TOTAL DRIVERS	106734	2079	32921

27. APPROXIMATE SPEED (Preceding Accident)			
1. 0–9 miles per hour	17345	106	4193
2. 10–19 miles per hour	11945	88	3099
3. 20–29 miles per hour	8871	69	2266
4. 30–39 miles per hour	13328	149	3750
5. 40–49 miles per hour	19953	366	6249
6. 50–59 miles per hour	20269	556	7195
7. 60–69 miles per hour	8014	292	3116
8. 70 miles per hour and over	3882	364	1959
9. Not stated	4256	94	1330
TOTAL VEHICLES	107863	2084	33157

28. ACCIDENT CONTROL	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents – drivers under influence of alcohol	11568	430	4963
2. Accidents – drivers not under influence	52358	738	15854
3. Accidents – information not stated	3106	288	820
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637
4. Accidents – speeding violation	17543	500	6438
5. Accidents – other violations	33370	511	9826
6. Accidents – not involving a violation	14943	176	4478
7. Accidents – information not stated	1176	269	895
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637
8. Accidents – involving vehicle defects	6478	116	2202
9. Accidents – no vehicle defects detected	52240	1019	16512
10. Accidents – information not stated	8314	321	2923
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637

29. DRIVER ACTION (Before Accident)			
1. Going straight ahead	72830	1823	24622
2. Changing lanes or merging	844	7	158
3. Passing	5072	84	1231
4. Making right turn	2498	5	496
5. Making left turn	10145	71	2721
6. Making U Turn	242	2	69
7. Backing	1654	8	198
8. Slowing or stopping	4282	18	998
9. Starting in roadway	2009	10	478
10. Parking	27		3
11. Leaving parked position	255	1	45
12. Stopped in travel lane	6040	35	1624
13. Parked out of travel lanes	1026	4	225
14. Parked in travel lanes	919	16	284
15. All others	20		5
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30. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION			
1. Had not been drinking	91192	1302	26838
2. Drinking – ability impaired	5626	161	2383
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	6243	288	2706
4. Not stated	3673	328	994
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1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
	Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Injured			
Motor Vehicle:						Total	a	b	c
1. Ran off road	25333	629	9819	14885	733	15126	8183	3940	3003
2. Overturned on road	585	9	260	316	9	361	187	106	68
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	988	280	708		285	765	503	179	83
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	36371	455	9872	26044	561	18809	8505	4795	5509
5. Parked motor vehicle	669	1	106	562	1	149	68	36	45
6. Railroad train	188	25	78	85	34	124	88	23	13
7. Bicyclist	0.46 309	1.86 27	1.20 281	— 1	27	312	183	89	40
8. Animal	1580	3	197	1380	6	256	143	64	49
9. Fixed object	608	11	183	414	14	280	149	73	58
10. Other object	163	2	45	116	2	68	16	39	13
11. Other non-collision	238	14	88	136	15	107	70	25	12
12.									
TOTALS	67032	1456	21637	43939	1687	36357	18095	9369	8893

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1. Ran off road	25949	720	14270	25333	733	15126	25949	720	14270	+ 2 %
2. Overturned on road	603	11	381	585	9	361	603	11	381	– 18 %
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	935	233	762	988	285	765	935	233	762	+ 22 %
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	35151	517	16836	36371	561	18809	35151	517	16836	+ 9 %
5. Parked motor vehicle	783	2	133	669	1	149	783	2	133	– 50 %
6. Railroad train	165	26	96	188	34	124	165	26	96	+ 31 %
7. Bicyclist	290	21	290	309	27	312	290	21	290	+ 29 %
8. Animal	1695	6	286	1580	6	256	1695	6	286	%
9. Fixed object	701	14	277	608	14	280	701	14	277	%
10. Other object	213	2	65	163	2	68	213	2	65	%
11. Other non-collision	242	8	121	238	15	107	242	8	121	+ 88 %
12.										%
TOTALS	66727	1560	33517	67032	1687	36357	66727	1560	33517	+ 8 %

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year to Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths			%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)			%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%
5.			%

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7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and Older	Not Stated
1. Crossing or entering roadway – at intersection	13	84	6	30	4	9	4	7	12	12	
2. Same – not at intersection	115	442	36	150	52	32	17	52	54	46	3
3. Coming from behind parked car	9	55	6	17	12	8	1	4	6	1	
4. Walking in roadway – with traffic	44	141	1	5	15	32	20	36	20	11	1
5. Same – against traffic	20	79	1	7	5	23	14	11	13	4	1
6. Standing in roadway	25	81		2	2	16	14	26	17	2	2
7. Going to or from stopped school bus	1	6		4	1	1					
8. Getting on or off vehicle	3	14		2	1	2	4	1	4		
9. Working in roadway	1	17				5	1	7	4		
10. Playing in roadway	5	28	8	14	3	1	1				1
11. Lying in roadway	37	55				15	10	21	8		1
12. Other in roadway	17	86		7	10	21	12	21	11	3	1
13. Not in roadway	9	40	1	4	4	9	6	5	8	3	
14. Not stated		1						1			
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	299	1129	59	242	109	174	104	192	157	82	10

8. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Had not been drinking	464	84	380
2. Drinking – ability impaired	98	19	79
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	102	48	54
4. Not stated	465	163	302
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1129	314	815

9. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	2	1	1
2. Fatigued	1		1
3. Asleep	5	1	4
4. Other physical impairment	24	6	18
5. Normal	502	83	419
6. Condition not known	225	126	99
7. Not stated	370	97	273
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1129	314	815

10. KIND OF LOCALITY			
1. Business district	4220	25	1023
2. Residential district	7920	107	2399
3. School or playground district	480	4	140
4. Open country	54412	1320	18075
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637

11. VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL	INTERSECTION			NON-INTERSECTION		
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Stop sign	8027	138	2580	351	3	100
2. Yield sign	441		108	46	1	15
3. Stop-and-go signal	1568	6	416	217		51
4. Flashing signal – with stop sign	152	2	55	35	1	11
5. Flashing signal – without stop sign	64	1	18	39	2	11
6. Railroad gate and/or flasher	22		6	69	5	26
7. Officer	16		4	59		14
8. Other	439	12	138	1415	57	518
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	10729	159	3325	2231	69	746
1. Accidents – controls operating properly	10682	159	3309	2224	69	744
2. Accidents – controls not operating properly	20		6	4		2
3. Accidents – controls not visible	27		10	3		
4. Accidents – no controls	8432	108	2563	45640	1120	15,003
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	19161	267	5888	47871	1189	15,749

12. ROADWAY FEATURE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Bridge or underpass	1504	79	563
2. Driveway	10679	108	2827
3. Intersection	19161	267	5888
4. Median cross over	507	10	143
5. End or beginning – divided highway	156	2	41
6. Alley intersection	96		30
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	32103	466	9492

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13. TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	89116	1614	26946
2. Passenger car and trailer	381	3	83
3. Taxicab	132	2	32
4. Truck – 2 axles	12158	230	3612
5. Truck – 3 axles	691	12	200
6. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	2245	119	658
7. Truck and trailer	614	12	173
8. School bus	570	5	147
9. Activity bus	46		16
10. Commercial bus	92	4	29
11. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	293	10	124
12. Motor scooter or motor bicycle	43	2	40
13. Motorcycle	1214	50	1033
14. Other	112	7	39
15. Not stated	156	14	25
TOTAL VEHICLES	107863	2084	33157
Special vehicles included above			
16. Emergency (including privately owned)	64	1	23
17. Military vehicles	71	2	26
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	1533	26	425

14. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all known defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Defective brakes	1374	9	419
2. Improper or defective headlights	75	2	41
3. Improper or defective rear lights	447	2	89
4. Steering mechanism defective	272		100
5. Defective tires	3724	101	1399
6. Other defects	752	7	198
TOTAL DEFECTS	6644	121	2246
7. Vehicles – with defects	6644	121	2246
8. Vehicles – no defects detected	89050	1554	26816
9. Vehicles – not known if defective	10640	381	3707
10. Not stated	1529	28	388
TOTAL VEHICLES	107863	2084	33157

15. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Loose material on surface	831	10	275
2. Holes, ruts	192	5	62
3. Low shoulders	722	27	296
4. Soft shoulders	1054	17	346
5. Other defects	318	5	98
6. Road under construction or repair	663	19	201
TOTAL DEFECTS	3780	83	1278
7. Accidents – road defects	3780	83	1278
8. Accidents – no road defects	62799	1364	20237
9. Accidents – not stated	453	9	122
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16. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Concrete	3442	98	1085
2. Blacktop	60389	1318	19649
3. Gravel	1188	14	327
4. Dirt or sand	1531	17	454
5. Other	60		17
6. Not stated	422	9	105
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17. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	41152	664	12593
2. Dusk	2045	45	693
3. Dawn	1014	22	356
4. Darkness – street or highway lighted	1758	29	561
5. Darkness – street or highway not lighted	21024	694	7429
6. Not stated	39	2	5
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637

18. WEATHER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Clear	40996	928	13711
2. Cloudy	11908	294	3793
3. Raining	11795	173	3496
4. Snowing	742	12	162
5. Fog	1313	39	405
6. Sleet or hail	64		15
7. Not stated	214	10	55
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19. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Straight road – level	32977	648	10002
2. Straight road – hillcrest	2616	37	842
3. Straight road – on grade	10458	225	3262
4. Sharp curve – level	4567	127	1748
5. Sharp curve – hillcrest	516	11	185
6. Sharp curve – on grade	3867	86	1418
7. Other curve – level	6104	161	2191
8. Other curve – hillcrest	678	19	238
9. Other curve – on grade	4477	125	1515
10. Not stated	772	17	236
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637

20. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	49516	1176	16521
2. Wet	16123	263	4778
3. Oily	48		18
4. Muddy	152	2	37
5. Snowy	584	7	125
6. Icy	382	3	101
7. Not stated	227	5	57
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67032	1456	21637

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COUNTIES	Total all Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	PERSONS Injured	PERSONS Killed
TROOP A						
Beaufort	470	11	138	321	236	15
Bertie	354	4	96	254	154	4
Camden	107	3	34	70	52	3
Carteret	626	14	212	400	366	19
Chowan	115	3	35	77	60	3
Craven	659	17	269	373	462	17
Currituck	201	10	68	123	107	12
Dare	256	3	76	177	125	3
Edgecombe	554	12	204	338	368	12
Gates	166	1	58	107	104	1
Greene	226	6	72	148	124	8
Halifax	665	23	247	395	431	24
Hertford	386	12	146	228	261	13
Hyde	54	2	21	31	30	3
Jones	221	6	72	143	107	7
Lenoir	676	15	188	473	334	22
Martin	346	8	126	212	218	10
Northampton	503	18	139	346	244	23
Pamlico	143	1	51	91	71	1
Pasquotank	228	5	71	152	111	7
Perquimans	141		50	91	81	
Pitt	861	31	311	519	527	33
Tyrrell	43		16	27	32	
Washington	154	5	54	95	99	5
TOTAL	8155	210	2754	5191	4704	245
TROOP B						
Bladen	500	17	182	301	349	18
Brunswick	801	18	253	530	441	22
Columbus	879	30	321	528	590	35
Cumberland	2672	40	882	1750	1407	45
Duplin	591	16	203	372	361	16
Hoke	259	11	101	147	178	11
New Hanover	802	12	234	556	358	12
Onslow	1572	36	491	1045	777	43
Pender	368	13	142	213	255	18
Robeson	1526	59	575	892	1088	74
Sampson	824	28	290	506	499	29
Scotland	365	15	141	209	250	15
TOTAL	11159	295	3815	7049	6553	338
TROOP C						
Durham	947	13	318	616	519	13
Franklin	428	15	174	239	328	18
Granville	414	14	139	261	256	21
Harnett	915	21	365	529	698	29
Johnston	1107	45	378	684	711	52
Lee	456	3	190	263	329	4
Nash	1004	38	347	619	624	44
Orange	758	12	211	535	398	17
Vance	461	13	133	315	243	15
Wake	2540	52	853	1635	1526	57
Warren	273	11	80	182	154	13
Wayne	1052	20	371	661	638	27
Wilson	789	23	278	488	519	26
TOTAL	11144	280	3837	7027	6943	336

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TROOP D						
Alamance	1090	22	329	739	500	25
Caswell	415	14	129	272	220	14
Chatham	578	21	179	378	295	24
Forsyth	1412	28	413	971	659	29
Guilford	2056	39	588	1429	967	47
Moore	648	11	196	441	329	20
Person	332	7	117	208	185	8
Randolph	1264	31	404	829	722	37
Rockingham	948	17	262	669	437	21
Stokes	445	9	129	307	221	10
TOTAL	9188	199	2746	6243	4535	235
TROOP E						
Anson	377	11	160	206	267	12
Cabarrus	1060	22	352	686	560	28
Davidson	1330	31	461	838	764	34
Davie	277	8	108	161	177	8
Mecklenburg	3021	37	859	2125	1309	41
Montgomery	480	4	145	331	235	4
Richmond	495	15	172	308	274	16
Rowan	1267	24	383	860	607	25
Stanly	577	12	197	368	304	14
Union	677	19	221	437	383	24
TOTAL	9561	183	3058	6320	4880	206
TROOP F						
Alexander	371	6	146	219	205	6
Alleghany	157	2	41	114	73	2
Ashe	334	1	98	235	135	1
Caldwell	959	10	351	598	563	13
Catawba	1235	25	341	869	589	30
Cleveland	1163	13	442	708	749	14
Gaston	1589	23	474	1092	803	27
Iredell	900	14	265	621	427	16
Lincoln	615	13	163	439	270	15
Surry	861	18	276	567	448	19
Watauga	387	5	93	289	123	5
Wilkes	836	26	259	551	408	32
Yadkin	406	6	137	263	221	7
TOTAL	9813	162	3086	6565	5014	187
TROOP G						
Avery	304	3	104	197	166	4
Buncombe	1598	19	499	1080	753	21
Burke	1077	17	316	744	484	18
Cherokee	206	1	68	137	117	1
Clay	51	4	12	35	35	5
Graham	79	2	31	46	63	2
Haywood	612	11	185	416	296	13
Henderson	718	7	168	543	252	7
Jackson	401	7	112	282	163	8
Macon	240	4	53	183	82	4
Madison	223	5	79	139	141	5
McDowell	653	14	195	444	323	15
Mitchell	224	1	49	174	77	1
Polk	303	7	85	211	139	8
Rutherford	674	14	183	477	305	16
Swain	166	4	56	106	123	5
Transylvania	245	3	78	164	101	3
Yancey	238	4	68	166	108	4
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2. Overturned on road	278	2	172	104	2	218	108	69	41
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	1523	82	1441		84	1508	701	473	334
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	46739	84	12985	33670	91	21226	5859	4981	10386
5. Parked motor vehicle	3761		649	3112		841	362	220	259
6. Railroad train	161	3	64	94	3	86	42	20	24
7. Bicyclist	0.78 474	1.89 5	2.44 468	— 1	5	490	194	209	87
8. Animal	52		29	23		36	17	11	8
9. Fixed object	431	2	127	302	4	159	71	42	46
10. Other object	66		22	44		32	20	6	6
11. Other non-collision	128	5	86	37	5	91	42	40	9
12.									
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2. Overturned on road	251	3	198	278	2	218	251	3	198	- 33%
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH: 3. Pedestrian	1568	83	1561	1523	84	1508	1568	83	1561	+ 1%
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	50252	91	19845	46739	91	21226	50252	91	19845	%
5. Parked motor vehicle	4894	3	860	3761		841	4894	3	860	* %
6. Railroad train	168	12	85	161	3	86	168	12	85	- 75%
7. Bicyclist	409	7	415	474	5	490	409	7	415	- 29%
8. Animal	58		29	52		36	58		29	%
9. Fixed object	568	6	228	431	4	159	568	6	228	- 33%
10. Other object	111		30	66		32	111		30	%
11. Other non-collision	133	5	100	128	5	91	133	5	100	%
12.										%
TOTALS	66260	286	27843	60838	288	29064	66260	286	27843	+ 1%

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year to Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths			%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)			%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%
5.			%

* No fatalities for comparable period

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3. LOCATION		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
		Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Injured			
							Total	a	b	c
Urban	1. 2,500 to 10,000	9080	47	2697	6336	48	4193	1512	1179	1502
	2. 10,000 to 25,000	10714	44	3270	7400	53	5135	1822	1276	2037
	3. 25,000 to 50,000	8811	42	2989	5780	44	4591	1515	1093	1983
	4. 50,000 to 100,000	9506	28	3114	6364	33	4598	1485	1208	1905
	5. 100,000 to 250,000	22727	104	7046	15577	110	10547	3396	2384	4767
	TOTAL URBAN	60838	265	19116	41457	288	29064	9730	7140	12194
Rural	1. Interstate									
	2. U. S.									
	3. N. C.									
	4. Rural paved									
	5. Rural unpaved									
	TOTAL RURAL									
TOTAL URBAN & RURAL										

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury; or momentary unconciousness.

4. TIME Hour beginning		Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not Stated	
		All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon	0. Midnight	1331	11	131		88		123	3	120	1	145		368	2	356	5		
	1. 1:00	1036	15	81		56		57	1	74		105	4	354	6	309	4		
	2. 2:00	648	10	52	1	28		32		46		52		209	2	229	7		
	3. 3:00	447	4	29		20		27		16		39	2	165	2	151			
	4. 4:00	295		24		16		21		20		22		108		84			
	5. 5:00	245	4	28		26		29	2	23		31		61	1	47	1		
	6. 6:00	853	5	129	2	143		144		129		150	1	98	1	60	1		
	7. 7:00	2461	5	408	1	471		462	1	434	1	477	1	141	1	68			
	8. 8:00	3211	6	607	1	577	3	546		568		628	1	227	1	58			
	9. 9:00	2165	9	373		328	2	326	2	324		375	2	302	2	137	1		
	10. 10:00	2395	9	335	2	363	1	325		338		415	2	440	3	179	1		
	11. 11:00	2925	11	439	2	397	2	386	1	437	2	508	2	562	1	196	1		
After Noon	12. Noon	3817	7	574	2	494	1	484		532		732	1	688	3	313			
	13. 1:00	3382	11	469	3	464	1	411	2	447	1	595		655	4	341			
	14. 2:00	3704	10	536		497	1	456	2	488	1	646	2	654	3	427	1		
	15. 3:00	5153	18	731	1	750	3	705	1	734	1	1012	5	710	3	511	4		
	16. 4:00	5735	16	859		849	4	788	3	843	1	1247	4	685	3	464	1		
	17. 5:00	5821	18	895		864	2	768	1	887	4	1204	5	665	3	538	3		
	18. 6:00	3449	15	445	2	356	3	399	3	435		695	3	626	2	493	2		
	19. 7:00	2939	22	363	1	332	3	307	4	350	3	556	5	603	4	428	2		
	20. 8:00	2400	18	237	1	228	3	262	4	276	4	511	3	538	1	348	2		
	21. 9:00	2126	16	187	2	248	4	210	3	267	2	455	2	485	2	274	1		
	22. 10:00	1929	12	170		209	2	197	3	239	3	462	2	456	2	196			
	23. 11:00	1837	10	145		188	2	152	1	221	1	497		455	4	179	2		
	24. Not stated	534	3	69		67		72		68		112	1	89	1	57	1		
	TOTALS	60838	265	8316	21	8059	37	7689	37	8316	25	11671	48	10344	57	6443	40		

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5. AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Drivers Killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Drivers Injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 thru 4				4	3	1							153	98	55	3	3	
2. 5 thru 9				16	10	6	3	3					414	243	171	140	113	27
3. 10 thru 14	1	1		2	1	1	2	2		* 40	25	14	200	123	77	179	152	27
4. 15 thru 19	17	15	2	2	1	1				2648	1669	979	151	90	61	91	83	8
5. 20 thru 24	28	23	5							3335	2041	1294	119	79	40	35	24	11
6. 25 thru 34	25	22	3	5	3	2				3597	2062	1535	113	72	41	14	12	2
7. 35 thru 44	13	11	2	7	4	3				2166	1171	995	106	77	29	4	4	
8. 45 thru 54	11	9	2	12	8	4				1689	900	789	112	67	45	2	2	
9. 55 thru 64	12	10	2	11	5	6				1082	603	479	81	44	37	9	9	
10. 65 thru 74	9	8	1	13	8	5				530	344	186	79	43	36	4	4	
11. 75 & older	6	6		14	8	6				158	103	55	38	18	20	4	3	1
12. Not stated				1		1				* 10	8	1	22	18	4	2	1	1
TOTALS	122	105	17	87	51	36	5	5		15255	8926	6327	1588	972	616	487	410	77

* 2 Sex not stated

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road.

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Road Intersection	1. Entering at angle	14929	37	4848	10044
	2a. From same direction–both going straight	1268		317	951
	b. Same – one turn, one straight	2274	2	438	1834
	c. Same – one stopped	4092	3	1278	2811
	d. Same – all others	2610		434	2176
	3a. From opposite direction–both going straight	439	3	170	266
	b. Same – one left turn, one straight	3491	7	1219	2265
	c. Same – all others	732	1	143	588
	4. Not stated	37		5	32
	TOTALS	29872	53	8852	20967

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Ped. Acc.	Fatal Accidents			Nonfatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section	Total	Inter-section	Non-Inter-section
1. Car going straight	1301	78	22	56	1223	402	821
2. Car turning right	31				31	30	1
3. Car turning left	78				78	73	5
4. Car backing	45	4		4	41	10	31
5. All others	66				66	22	44
6. Not stated	2				2	1	1
TOTALS	1523	82	22	60	1441	538	903

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
Not at Road Intersection	1. Going opposite direction–head-on collision	865	8	399	458
	2. Going opposite direction-sideswipe collision	820	6	201	613
	3. Going same direction–rear-end collision	3841	6	1023	2812
	4. Same direction–sideswipe collision	1345	1	142	1202
	5. One car parked	2910		547	2363
	6. One car stopped in traffic	3958	1	1199	2758
	7. Parking	628	1	43	584
	8. Alley intersection with road	102	1	11	90
	9. Driveway intersection with road	4137	4	872	3261
	10. All others	1827	3	329	1495
	TOTALS	20433	31	4766	15636

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS			Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Intersection	Collision with	1. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	344	3	312	29
		2. Fixed object in road	126		36	90
	3. Overturned in road		123		83	40
	4. Left road		2164	21	835	1308
Not at Intersection	Collision with	5. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	343	5	249	89
		6. Fixed object in road	304	2	91	211
	7. Overturned in road		155	2	89	64
	Left road	8. At curve	1630	27	752	851
		9. Straight road	3330	34	1480	1816
	10. Fell from moving vehicle		66	3	63	
	11. Driverless Moving		297		22	275
	12. All others		128	2	45	81
	TOTALS		9010	99	4057	4854

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7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and Older	Not Stated
1. Crossing or entering roadway – at intersection	13	383	14	74	47	32	17	63	73	61	2
2. Same – not at intersection	48	717	71	242	88	54	44	80	70	62	6
3. Coming from behind parked car	4	166	45	69	21	8	6	8	6	2	1
4. Walking in roadway – with traffic	5	58	1	3	7	14	7	11	10	1	4
5. Same – against traffic	5	41	2	5	4	4	9	6	7	3	1
6. Standing in roadway	3	64	2		5	9	13	17	13	2	3
7. Going to or from stopped school bus		8		4	3	1					
8. Getting on or off vehicle	1	24	2	2	2	3	3	6	3	1	2
9. Working in roadway		15					4	5	5	1	
10. Playing in roadway	1	37	10	18	5	3		1			
11. Lying in roadway	3	7		1			1	3	1	1	
12. Other in roadway	2	101	6	10	15	11	9	23	19	7	1
13. Not in roadway	2	51	4	2	5	12	6	8	8	3	3
14. Not stated		3				2			1		
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	87	1675	157	430	202	153	119	231	216	144	23

8. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Had not been drinking	816	19	797
2. Drinking – ability impaired	81	2	79
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	115	12	103
4. Not stated	663	61	602
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1675	94	1581
9. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	6		6
2. Fatigued	6		6
3. Asleep			
4. Other physical impairment	50	1	49
5. Normal	808	20	788
6. Condition not known	200	31	169
7. Not stated	605	42	563
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1675	94	1581
10. KIND OF LOCALITY			
1. Business district	28530	88	8079
2. Residential district	28714	130	9858
3. School or playground district	744	4	219
4. Open country	2850	43	960
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

11. VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL	INTERSECTION			NON-INTERSECTION		
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Stop sign	10832	35	3580	579	2	149
2. Yield sign	977	3	292	172		45
3. Stop-and-go signal	12097	19	3833	1572	1	477
4. Flashing signal – with stop sign	380	2	130	26		8
5. Flashing signal – without stop sign	195		62	30	1	8
6. Railroad gate and/or flasher	39		16	81	3	27
7. Officer	70		20	76		23
8. Other	124	1	36	198		66
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	24714	60	7969	2734	7	803
1. Accidents – controls operating properly	24591	60	7929	2725	7	798
2. Accidents – controls not operating properly	87		29	7		4
3. Accidents – controls not visible	36		11	2		1
4. Accidents – no controls	8609	42	2735	24781	156	7609
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	33323	102	10704	27515	163	8412

12. ROADWAY FEATURE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Bridge or underpass	505	9	203
2. Driveway	7357	19	1744
3. Intersection	33323	102	10704
4. Median cross over	683	4	203
5. End or beginning – divided highway	111	3	28
6. Alley intersection	190	2	39
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	42169	139	12921

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13. TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	103099	291	30540
2. Passenger car and trailer	151	2	32
3. Taxicab	784	2	276
4. Truck – 2 axles	8320	40	2357
5. Truck – 3 axles	558	7	139
6. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	873	10	248
7. Truck and trailer	503	9	128
8. School bus	339		98
9. Activity bus	40		14
10. Commercial bus	237		81
11. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	39	3	11
12. Motor scooter or motor bicycle	50		47
13. Motorcycle	1049	17	921
14. Other	97	2	27
15. Not stated	256	3	19
TOTAL VEHICLES	116395	386	34938
Special vehicles included above			
16. Emergency (including privately owned)	101	1	39
17. Military vehicles	32	1	6
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	1854	11	557

14. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all known defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)			
1. Defective brakes	1587	2	526
2. Improper or defective headlights	22		10
3. Improper or defective rear lights	93	1	29
4. Steering mechanism defective	95		33
5. Defective tires	615	7	240
6. Other defects	477	3	114
TOTAL DEFECTS	2889	13	952
7. Vehicles – with defects	2889	13	952
8. Vehicles – no defects detected	87189	250	25702
9. Vehicles – not known if defective	23116	110	7422
10. Not stated	3201	13	862
TOTAL VEHICLES	116395	386	34938

15. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Loose material on surface	658	10	228
2. Holes, ruts	172	1	52
3. Low shoulders	102		46
4. Soft shoulders	116	1	39
5. Other defects	160	2	56
6. Road under construction or repair	440	3	139
TOTAL DEFECTS	1648	17	560
7. Accidents – road defects	1648	17	560
8. Accidents – no road defects	58624	245	18388
9. Accidents – not stated	566	3	168
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

16. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE			
1. Concrete	4172	31	1235
2. Blacktop	55418	228	17498
3. Gravel	214	2	59
4. Dirt or sand	412	1	129
5. Other	81	1	30
6. Not stated	541	2	165
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

17. LIGHT CONDITION			
1. Daylight	42729	135	12616
2. Dusk	1827	8	603
3. Dawn	450	3	140
4. Darkness – street or highway lighted	13717	84	4960
5. Darkness – street or highway not lighted	2082	35	789
6. Not stated	33		8
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

18. WEATHER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Clear	37008	157	11822
2. Cloudy	12055	65	3772
3. Raining	10684	34	3205
4. Snowing	415	1	109
5. Fog	307	3	101
6. Sleet or hail	45	1	10
7. Not stated	324	4	97
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

19. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY			
1. Straight road – level	38480	138	11939
2. Straight road – hillcrest	3533	16	1125
3. Straight road – on grade	12143	60	3768
4. Sharp curve – level	977	7	334
5. Sharp curve – hillcrest	305	4	110
6. Sharp curve – on grade	849	7	315
7. Other curve – level	1793	12	632
8. Other curve – hillcrest	466	5	152
9. Other curve – on grade	1525	11	523
10. Not stated	767	5	218
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

20. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION			
1. Dry	45213	208	14458
2. Wet	14430	52	4332
3. Oily	46		16
4. Muddy	75		26
5. Snowy	297	1	84
6. Icy	161	1	38
7. Not stated	616	3	162
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

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21. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 and younger	199	1	66
2. 16	4262	15	1250
3. 17	4773	18	1391
4. 18–19	9869	21	2936
5. 20 thru 24	21758	82	6800
6. 25 thru 34	25040	84	7951
7. 35 thru 44	15805	53	4908
8. 45 thru 54	13617	37	4043
9. 55 thru 64	8873	30	2617
10. 65 thru 74	4377	21	1306
11. 75 and older	1300	10	381
12. Not stated	1434	8	274
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

22. SEX OF DRIVER			
1. Male	74146	305	22299
2. Female	35901	68	11402
3. Not stated	1260	7	222
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

23. DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION			
1. Ill	186		82
2. Fatigued	365		159
3. Asleep	207	1	111
4. Other physical impairment	988	5	396
5. Restriction on license not complied with	74		29
6. Normal	102177	262	30480
7. Condition not known	5676	103	2182
8. Not stated	1634	9	484
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

24. LICENSE OF DRIVER			
1. Licensed in state	101352	324	30985
2. Resident – no license	1714	6	649
3. Nonresident – licensed in other state	3997	27	1161
4. Nonresident – no license	38		11
5. Other	2535	9	754
6. Not stated	1671	14	363
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

25. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speeding below 65 mph	9111	50	3263
2. Speeding 65 to 75 mph	81	5	40
3. Speeding over 75 mph	68	10	36
4. Failed to yield right-of-way	10553	27	3094
5. Driving wrong side road	2542	18	831
6. Improper overtaking	1438	4	336
7. Disregarded stop sign or signal	1621	7	750
8. Disregarded traffic signal	3265	9	1181
9. Following too closely	5570	1	1582
10. Improper turn	2390	3	534
11. Improper or no signal	242		47
12. Improper parking location	223		53
13. Under influence of alcohol	1815	7	743
14. Reckless driving	1125	13	534
15. Racing	8		2
16. Failed to see movem't safe	10270	12	2225
17. Passing on curve			
18. Passing on hill			
19. Passed stopped school bus	4		4
20. Improper lights	36		11
21. Improper brakes	523	1	167
22. Other improper driving	2411	12	521
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	53296	179	15954

26. VIOLATION CONTROL			
1. Drivers – in violation	51117	153	15091
2. Drivers – not in violation	53308	186	16717
3. Drivers – information not stated	6882	41	2115
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

27. APPROXIMATE SPEED (Preceding Accident)			
1. 0–9 miles per hour	33615	37	8825
2. 10–19 miles per hour	18125	25	4605
3. 20–29 miles per hour	19633	40	5852
4. 30–39 miles per hour	20250	66	7249
5. 40–49 miles per hour	5035	42	1895
6. 50–59 miles per hour	1454	39	576
7. 60–69 miles per hour	610	19	267
8. 70 miles per hour and over	170	19	93
9. Not stated	17503	99	5576
TOTAL VEHICLES	116395	386	34938

28. ACCIDENT CONTROL	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents – drivers under influence of alcohol	6642	54	2819
2. Accidents – drivers not under influence	51990	169	15690
3. Accidents – information not stated	2206	42	607
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116
4. Accidents – speeding violation	9175	65	3299
5. Accidents – other violations	40095	84	11266
6. Accidents – not involving a violation	9807	39	2905
7. Accidents – information not stated	1761	77	1646
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116
8. Accidents – involving vehicle defects	2798	13	932
9. Accidents – no vehicle defects detected	43385	158	13371
10. Accidents – information not stated	14655	94	4813
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	60838	265	19116

29. DRIVER ACTION (Before Accident)			
1. Going straight ahead	69054	321	23152
2. Changing lanes or merging	2704	4	399
3. Passing	1097	7	239
4. Making right turn	4381	5	805
5. Making left turn	12710	21	3456
6. Making U Turn	196		45
7. Backing	2211	4	234
8. Slowing or stopping	3847	2	1141
9. Starting in roadway	2337	5	461
10. Parking	112		16
11. Leaving parked position	804	1	72
12. Stopped in travel lane	11300	9	3729
13. Parked out of travel lanes	4777	6	982
14. Parked in travel lanes	769	1	197
15. All others	96		10
TOTAL VEHICLES	116395	386	34938

30. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION			
1. Had not been drinking	101802	278	30264
2. Drinking – ability impaired	2860	11	1139
3. Drinking – ability impairment not known	3929	46	1741
4. Not stated	2716	45	779
TOTAL DRIVERS	111307	380	33923

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COUNTIES	TOTAL ALL ACCIDENTS	Fatal	Non-Fatal	PROP. DAM.	PERSONS		COUNTIES	TOTAL ALL ACCIDENTS	Fatal	Non-Fatal	PROP. DAM.	PERSONS	
					Injured	Killed						Injured	Killed
Alamance	1101	4	423	674	633	4	Jones	2			2		
Alexander							Lee	493	2	132	359	241	2
Alleghany							Lenoir	587		190	397	300	
Anson	175		64	111	92		Lincoln	128		43	85	68	
Ashe							Macon						
Avery							Madison						
Beaufort	286	1	80	205	118	1	Martin	134		48	86	75	
Bertie	1			1			McDowell	155		39	116	49	
Bladen							Mecklenburg	9392	39	2870	6483	4373	40
Brunswick							Mitchell						
Buncombe	2349	4	688	1657	1004	4	Montgomery						
Burke	476	4	125	347	210	4	Moore	132	1	55	76	92	1
Cabarrus	794	4	257	533	390	4	Nash	624	7	202	415	325	7
Caldwell	697	2	188	507	280	2	New Hanover	1858	7	610	1241	958	7
Camden							Northampton						
Carteret	224		68	156	104		Onslow	431	2	128	301	182	2
Caswell							Orange	535	2	143	390	194	3
Catawba	1541	3	389	1149	572	5	Pamlico						
Chatham	160	1	44	115	65	1	Pasquotank	296	1	91	204	135	1
Cherokee							Pender						
Chowan	79	1	25	53	33	1	Perquimans						
Clay							Person	206		68	138	117	
Cleveland	730	3	233	494	360	3	Pitt	931	2	288	641	425	2
Columbus	226		64	162	109		Polk						
Craven	534	1	173	360	267	1	Randolph	516	1	156	359	250	1
Cumberland	2093	13	758	1322	1117	16	Richmond	336	4	138	194	232	4
Currituck							Robeson	670	5	230	435	383	6
Dare							Rockingham	733	6	246	481	411	11
Davidson	1005	6	349	650	548	6	Rowan	886	4	251	631	378	4
Davie	73		18	55	20		Rutherford	457	1	113	343	203	1
Duplin	188	1	50	137	91	1	Sampson	182	1	63	118	97	1
Durham	3236	9	1030	2197	1542	9	Scotland	197		84	113	124	
Edgecombe	513	4	172	337	252	4	Stanly	303		85	218	136	
Forsyth	4228	23	1308	2897	1889	25	Stokes						
Franklin	76	3	14	59	18	3	Surry	380	2	103	275	151	2
Gaston	1945	6	680	1259	1043	7	Swain						
Gates							Transylvania	81		26	55	38	
Graham	1		1		4		Tyrrell						
Granville	106	3	35	68	59	3	Union	467	3	130	334	207	3
Greene	1			1			Vance	360	2	109	249	173	2
Guilford	7105	34	2442	4629	3678	40	Wake	4426	13	1256	3157	1839	13
Halifax	446	3	128	315	223	3	Warren						
Harnett	294	6	99	189	163	6	Washington	67		30	37	41	
Haywood	216	1	47	168	52	1	Watauga	198	3	27	168	48	3
Henderson	331	1	90	240	132	1	Wayne	1064	5	365	694	570	5
Hertford	225	1	55	169	82	1	Wilkes	189	1	62	126	95	1
Hoke	55	1	21	33	47	1	Wilson	777	3	284	490	441	3
Hyde							Yadkin	1			1		
Iredell	749	3	211	535	345	4	Yancey						
Jackson													
Johnston	385	2	122	261	171	2	TOTAL	60838	265	19116	41457	29064	288