DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

DRIVER EDUCATION AND ACCIDENT RECORDS DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Annual Report

1961

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STATEWIDE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

There were 60,844 reported motor vehicle traffic accidents in the State during the year 1961. This is a two per cent increase over the 59,734 motor vehicle traffic accidents reported for the year 1960. Fifty-five per cent of the total traffic accidents during 1961 were reported in rural areas, while forty-five per cent were reported in urban areas.

Reported traffic fatalities for the year 1961 totaled 1,254. This is an increase of two per cent when compared to the 1,226 traffic fatalities reported for last year. Sixty-four per cent of the total traffic fatalities resulted in one-car accidents. The death rate per one hundred million vehicle miles of travel for this year is 6.3, a decrease of three per cent over the 6.5 for last year.

Personal injuries received in motor vehicle traffic accidents numbered 34,438 * for the year 1961. This is an increase of twenty-eight per cent over the 26,947 injuries reported for the year 1960.

There were 2,180 pedestrians involved in accidents during 1961. Of these pedestrians 231 were killed and 1,949 injured. Pedestrian fatalities represent eighteen per cent of the total deaths and pedestrian injuries represent six per cent of the total injuries for the year 1961.

There were 100,923 drivers involved in reported motor vehicle traffic accidents during the year 1961. Of the total drivers, 50,159 or fifty per cent were in violation of the law at the time of the accident. Some of the most frequent violations are: Failed to yield right of way, 10,206; Speeding, 9,956 with 5,015 exceeding stated speed limit and 4,941 exceeding safe speed but not stated limit; Driving on wrong side of road, 7,881; Following too closely, 7,110; Reckless driving, 4,196 and Driving drunk, 3,154.

Traffic accidents in which one or more drivers were in violation at the time of each accidents accounted for seventy-eight per cent of the total reported accidents during the year 1961.

Motor vehicle traffic accidents reported during night hours accounted for thirty-nine per cent of the total accidents and fifty-five per cent of the fatal accidents during the year 1961.

More accidents were reported during the hour of 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Reported accidents for this hour on Saturday amounted to nineteen per cent of all the accidents occuring during this hour. In fatal accidents the hour with the highest frequency was 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. accounting for nine per cent of the total fatal accidents.

*Personal injuries for 1961 include those who were injured and those who had complaint of pain or momentary unconsciousness at the time of accident.

STATEWIDE ACCIDENTS

COUNTIES	TOTAL ALL ACCIDENTS	Fatal	Non-Fatal	PROP. DAM.	PERSONS	
					Injured	Killed
Alamance	1147	16	385	746	631	22
Alexander	158	6	37	115	71	7
Alleghany	87	6	19	62	38	6
Anson	205	7	66	132	114	7
Ashe	249	3	68	178	109	3
Avery	142	2	42	98	80	4
Beaufort	473	12	157	304	261	12
Bertie	230	5	72	153	125	8
Bladen	278	7	106	165	189	13
Brunswick	252	8	95	149	196	10
Buncombe	2140	26	749	1365	1236	28
Burke	616	13	188	415	321	14
Cabarrus	1109	12	322	775	537	14
Caldwell	763	10	261	492	433	12
Camden	42		17	25	36	
Carteret	351	9	127	215	230	11
Caswell	236	6	59	171	110	9
Catawba	1199	20	318	861	553	24
Chatham	345	6	87	252	131	6
Cherokee	107	3	27	77	61	3
Chowan	105	1	39	65	52	1
Clay	37		10	27	24	
Cleveland	856	14	277	565	481	15
Columbus	474	14	191	269	356	16
Craven	580	12	194	374	320	13
Cumberland	1673	26	729	918	1258	35
Currituck	72	3	30	39	54	3
Dare	80	2	19	59	36	3
Davidson	1146	15	368	763	605	15
Davie	240	6	53	181	75	6
Duplin	512	15	193	304	345	15
Durham	2111	13	718	1380	1141	14
Edgecombe	547	13	209	325	340	14
Forsyth	3021	33	1031	1957	1530	36
Franklin	262	6	81	175	154	7
Gaston	1756	27	662	1067	1087	30
Gates	64	1	19	44	28	2
Graham	62		13	49	15	
Granville	359	6	113	240	184	7
Greene	136	4	23	109	43	4
Guilford	4161	37	1385	2739	2052	51
Halifax	591	23	147	421	295	25
Harnett	748	13	296	439	535	15
Haywood	366	4	89	273	123	5
Henderson	581	5	157	419	248	6
Hertford	303	6	103	194	179	6
Hoke	178	9	62	107	120	10
Hyde	36	2	13	21	18	3
Iredell	898	22	227	649	422	28
Jackson	170	3	64	103	118	3
Johnston	784	28	308	448	562	29

COUNTIES	TOTAL ALL ACCIDENTS	Fatal	Non-Fatal	PROP. DAM.	PERSONS	
					Injured	Killed
Jones	96	5	33	58	86	8
Lee	446	15	123	308	230	22
Lenoir	740	13	234	493	415	14
Lincoln	269	9	87	173	154	.11
Macon	132	4	40	88	59	4
Madison	193	3	57	133	115	3
Martin	272	5	82	185	162	6
McDowell	348	8	126	214	244	12
Mecklenburg	5136	38	1961	3137	3009	40
Mitchell	81	2	25	54	48	2
Montgomery	241	7	54	180	96	12
Moore	357	15	140	202	252	17
Nash	840	19	311	510	553	26
New Hanover	1128	18	411	699	709	24
Northampton	307	12	88	207	208	12
Onslow	744	18	193	533	329	21
Orange	503	9	156	338	264	10
Pamlico	58	1	19	38	23	1
Pasquotank	296	3	98	195	152	3
Pender	177	8	65	104	149	12
Perquimans	90	1	30	59	47	4
Person	324	9	92	223	145	9
Pitt	839	11	244	584	417	11
Polk	102	2	27	73	50	2
Randolph	885	14	251	620	410	19
Richmond	405	22	111	272	239	23
Robeson	1186	31	499	656	1006	39
Rockingham	711	17	227	467	381	21
Rowan	884	20	244	620	413	21
Rutherford	481	8	165	308	275	9
Sampson	473	15	184	274	339	15
Scotland	276	10	91	175	170	10
Stanly	466	6	158	302	276	7
Stokes	189	3	50	136	94	6
Surry	733	10	216	507	374	10
Swain	88	4	34	50	54	5
Transylvania	96	5	34	57	50	9
Tyrrell	33		8	25	14	
Union	490	12	208	270	384	12
Vance	411	8	154	249	291	8
Wake	3172	29	1055	2088	1695	34
Warren	176	5	50	121	106	5
Washington	96	4	30	62	56	5
Watauga	196	3	43	150	76	3
Wayne	918	13	325	580	559	14
Wilkes	654	24	195	435	328	32
Wilson	759	14	268	477	450	22
Yadkin	206	6	66	134	124	6
Yancey	103	3	37	63	96	3
TOTAL	60844	1061	20424	39359	34438	1254

SUMMARY REPORT OF Statewide ACCIDENTS

January – December, 1961

TABLE A—TYPE OF ACCIDENT, URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

I. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NO. OF ACCIDENTS				NO. OF PERSONS					COMPARATIVE TOTALS									
						Injured				SAME MONTH LAST YEAR			THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			Change Cumulat. Death Record
Collision of Motor Vehicle with—	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Total	a	b	c	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
1. Pedestrian	1993	219	1774		220	1869	903	811	155	2067	247	1885	1993	220	1869	2067	247	1885	– 11 %
2. Other motor vehicle	40071	327	11119	28625	454	20719	7474	9037	5208	40244	398	15065	40071	454	20719	40244	398	15065	+ 14 %
3. Railroad train	196	29	68	99	39	108	62	38	8	191	44	104	196	38	108	191	44	104	– 14 %
4. School bus	391	1	61	329	1	153	37	77	39				391	1	153				%
5. Animal-drawn vehicle	19	1	13	5	1	22	14	4	4	29	2	30	19	1	22	29	2	30	– 50 %
6. Bicycle	533	33	492	8	34	531	225	256	50	477	19	482	533	34	531	477	19	482	+ 79 %
7. Animal	529	3	74	452	3	96	44	44	8	535	1	76	529	3	96	535	1	76	+200 %
8. Fixed object	2787	46	1059	1682	53	1650	835	674	141	2925	64	1443	2787	53	1650	2925	64	1443	– 17 %
9. Other object	91		16	78		19	10	8	1	91	3	38	91		19	91	3	38	%
10. Overturned in roadway	1557	71	630	856	80	1122	580	419	123	1720	74	959	1557	80	1122	1720	74	959	+ 8 %
11. Ran off roadway	12440	320	4980	7140	359	7993	4300	2863	830	11231	356	5809	12440	359	7993	11231	356	5809	– 1 %
12. Other non-collision	234	11	139	84	11	156	80	67	9	234	18	176	234	11	156	234	18	176	– 39 %
TOTALS	60844	1061	20424	39359	1254	34438	14564	13298	6576	59734	1226	26947	60844	1254	34438	59734	1226	26947	+ 2 %

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 movements.
c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury or momentary unconsciousness.

II. URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

Incorporated city or town																			
1. 2,500 to 5,000 pop.	1430	26	427	977	29	776	299	287	190	1300	22	532	1430	29	776	1300	22	532	+ 32 %
2. 5,000 to 10,000 pop.	2038	24	709	1305	25	1179	374	530	275	2397	19	1055	2038	25	1179	2397	19	1055	+ 32 %
3. 10,000 to 50,000 pop.	9488	68	3533	5887	73	5693	1712	2592	1389	9711	63	4618	9488	73	5693	9711	63	4618	+ 16 %
4. 50,000 and over	14479	64	5155	9260	68	7661	2314	3053	2294	13092	85	6145	14479	68	7661	13092	85	6145	– 20 %
Total Urban Accidents	27455	182	9824	17449	195	15309	4699	6462	4148	26500	189	12351	27455	195	15309	26500	189	12351	+ 3 %
Outside incorporated areas																			
5. State numbered highways	7378	300	2407	4771	244	4444	2379	1531	534	7030	216	3181	7378	244	4444	7030	216	3181	+ 13 %
6. County and local roads	13539	378	4408	8833	430	7508	3839	2800	869	13567	413	5890	13539	430	7508	13567	413	5890	+ 4 %
7. U. S. numbered highways	12127	388	3706	8133	368	7033	3568	2463	1002	12530	404	5425	12127	368	7033	12530	404	5425	– 0 %
8. Interstate numbered highways	245	13	79	153	17	144	79	42	23	107	4	47	245	17	144	107	4	47	+325 %
9. Limited access highways																			%
Total—Rural Accidents	33389	879	10600	21910	1059	19129	9865	6836	2428	33234	1037	14986	33389	1059	19129	33234	1037	14986	+ 2 %
Total—All Locations	60844	1061	20424	39359	1254	34438	14564	13298	6576	59734	1226	26947	60844	1254	34438	59734	1226	26947	+ 2 %

TABLE B—AGE AND SEX OF KILLED AND INJURED PERSONS

(See Table G for age, sex, and race of drivers)

AGE GROUP AND RACE	Persons Killed									Persons Injured								
	All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0-4 years	46	31	15	29	21	8				1243	658	585	297	184	113	3	2	1
2. 5-9 years	71	49	22	48	32	16	10	9	1	1762	1025	737	583	379	214	163	140	23
3. 10-14 years	38	26	12	10	5	5	13	12	1	1798	1000	798	246	155	91	248	223	25
4. 15-19 years	204	158	46	12	10	2	7	7		6296	4001	2295	97	59	38	46	43	3
5. 20-24 years	185	155	30	8	4	4	1	1		5270	3678	1592	89	55	34	4	4	
6. 25-34 years	195	173	22	18	15	3				6334	4161	2223	105	78	27	13	13	
7. 35-44 years	168	136	40	34	30	4				4809	2799	2010	163	102	61	13	12	1
8. 45-54 years	141	109	32	18	14	4	1	1		3267	1861	1406	111	70	41	9	9	
9. 55-64 years	99	76	23	22	19	3	1	1		1964	1071	893	117	71	46	6	6	
10. 65-74 years	68	46	22	20	14	6	1	1		991	563	428	73	50	23	7	7	
11. 75 years and over	34	22	12	23	16	6				304	179	125	41	32	9	1	1	
12. Not stated	5	5								410	201	209	17	11	6	2	2	
Total persons	1254	978	276	231	170	61	34	32	2	34438	21137	13301	1849	1246	703	315	462	53

TABLE C
IMPORTANT CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS

The schedule to the right summarizes the circumstances and conditions under which accidents occur, and the actions which contribute to accidents. The material is shown elsewhere in the summary, but here is brought together and stated in percentage form to facilitate its use.

The percentages represent the proportion of accidents which were reported to have had each of the various contributing factors—not the percentages of drivers or vehicles.

Circumstance or Condition	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
All Types of Accidents		
1. Driver violated, including drinking	78 %	72 %
2. Driver defects	6 %	7 %
3. Driver vision obscured	8 %	8 %
4. Vehicle defects	8 %	5 %
5. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely*	30 %	26 %
6. Pedestrian defects, including drinking*	13 %	26 %
7. Road defects	3 %	4 %
8. Night	39 %	55 %
9. Weather—cloudy, rainy, snowy, etc.	32 %	29 %
10. Road wet, icy, snowy, etc.	23 %	17 %
11. At intersection	26 %	18 %
12. Road curved	21 %	26 %
13. Road on grade or hill	30 %	36 %
14.	%	%
15.	%	%
16.	%	%
17.	%	%
***Pedestrian Accidents Only**		
18. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely	30 %	26 %
19. Pedestrian defects, including drinking	13 %	26 %
Bicycle Accidents Only		
20. Bicycle violated, acted unsafely, or had defective equipment	%	%

TABLE D—CUMULATIVE MILEAGE DEATH RATES

	This Year	Last Year	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	1254	1226	+ 2 %
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	19540	18719	+ 7 %
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	6.3	6.5	– 3 %

National Safety Council Traffic 4 (1962)— Revised in North Carolina (6-61)

PERIOD January - December, 1961

This summary includes reports and information available on February 27, 1962

Statewide Accidents

TABLE E—DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS

An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event

I. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Accidents (incl. non-property damage accidents)	Fatal Accidents: Total Fatal Accidents	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Entering	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Within	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Fatal: Non-Inter Section	Fatal: Not Stated	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: Total Non-Fatal Injury	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Entering	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Within	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Non-Fatal: Non-Inter Section	Non-Fatal: Not Stated
1. Car going straight	1762	209	4	11	8	186		1553	142	84	81	1246	
2. Car turning right	32	1			1			31	8	7	12	4	
3. Car turning left	108	2	1			1		106	17	59	22	8	
4. Car backing	56	4		1		3		52	3	5		44	
5. All others	35	3				3		32	4		1	27	
6. Not stated													
Total pedestrian accidents	1993	219	5	12	9	193		1774	174	155	116	1329	

II. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
21. Entering at angle—both going straight	6071	63	2511	3497
22. Same—one right turn, other straight	775	1	151	623
23. Same—one left turn, one straight	2012	13	451	1548
24. Same—all others	638	2	104	522
25. From same direction—both going straight	832	1	208	623
26. Same—one right turn, one straight	576	1	98	477
27. Same—one left turn, one straight	2006	1	426	1579
28. Same—one stopped	2650	6	939	1705
29. Same—all others	221	2	40	179
30. From opposite direction—both going straight	439	7	149	273
31. Same—one left turn, one straight	2122	14	742	1366
32. Same—one right turn, one straight	40		12	28
33. Same—all others	273	1	58	214
Total two motor veh. intersection accidents	18635	112	5889	12634

III. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE NON-INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
34. Going opposite direct'ns—head-on collision	1113	109	575	429
35. Same—sideswipe collision	2893	36	601	2256
36. Going same direction—rear-end collision	3617	27	1073	2517
37. Same—sideswipe collision	1510	7	206	1297
38. One car parked—proper location	2950	6	538	2406
39. One car parked—improper location	379	5	89	285
40. One car stopped in traffic	3144	7	997	2140
41. One car forward from parked position	481		48	433
42. One car backward from parked position	174	1	20	153
43. One car into parked position	34		4	30
44. One car entering or leaving alley	62		10	52
45. One car entering or leaving driveway	4644	12	962	3670
46. All others	632	6	128	498
Total two motor veh. non-intersection acc.	21633	216	5251	16166

IV. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
47. Collision with non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.—at intersection	305	18	253	34
48. Same—not at intersection	541	44	325	172
49. Collision with fixed object in roadway—at intersection	752	4	243	505
50. Same—not at intersection	1897	38	767	1092
51. Overturned in roadway—at intersection	191	5	74	112
52. Same—not at intersection	1332	64	540	728
53. Left roadway—at intersection—then overturned	387	11	175	201
54. Same —then struck fixed object	1086	16	448	622
55. Same—then struck other vehicle	49	2	10	37
56. Same—then struck pedestrian	12	1	10	1
57. Left roadway—at curve—then overturned	2509	98	1202	1209
58. Same—then struck fixed object	3450	90	1356	2004
59. Same—then struck other vehicle	72	2	19	51
60. Same—then struck pedestrian	4		4	
61. Left roadway—on straight road—then overturned	1577	51	634	892
62. Same—then struck fixed object	3184	50	1154	1980
63. Same—then struck other vehicle	193	3	34	156
64. Same—then struck pedestrian	13	2	11	
65. Driverless moving vehicle	273	1	36	236
66. Occupant fell from vehicle—boarding or alighting in traffic	11		10	1
67. Same—not boarding or alighting	136	11	120	5
68. Injured within vehicle (no other event)	8		8	
69. Mechanical failure (no other event)	5		2	3
70. Fire (no other event)	51		2	49
71. All others	545	3	83	459
Total all other accidents	18583	514	7510	16559

TABLE F—PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS

PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE, SEX AND LIGHT CONDITIONS	Total Pedestrians	Pedestrians Killed	Pedestrians Killed and Injured: Age: 0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	Not Stated	Sex: Male	Female	Light Conditions: Daylight	Dust	Darkness	Not Stated
01. Crossing at intersection—with signal	125	1	5	6	4	11	6	29	35	29		52	73	95	2	28	
02. Same—against signal	83	3	6	24	11	5	1	10	16	10		51	32	60	2	21	
03. Same—no signal	201	15	19	65	22	14	7	35	26	13		124	77	127	6	68	
04. Same—diagonally	16	1		5	5	1		1	3		1	11	5	12		4	
05. Crossing not at intersection	878	102	178	327	92	22	21	84	86	63	5	576	302	638	44	188	8
06. Coming from behind parked cars	278	12	68	136	29	6	5	7	12	4	1	162	116	227	15	34	2
07. Walking in roadway—with traffic—sidewalks available	20	2		1	6		2	1	5	4	1	14	6	8		11	1
08. Same—sidewalks not available	102	16	3	3	16	16	9	29	17	8	1	69	33	39	5	57	1
09. Walking in roadway—against traffic—sidewalks available	10	2		3	1		2	1	2	1		6	4	5	1	4	
10. Same—sidewalks not available	70	20		6	13	9	5	15	14	8		52	18	22	2	46	
11. Standing in roadway	63	4	7	1	5	5	11	24	6	4		46	17	23	4	35	1
12. Walking to or from stopped school bus	12	3		10	1	1						7	5	12			
13. Getting on or off vehicle	17	2	1	3	1	1	4	3	2	2		8	9	7	1	9	
14. Pushing or working on vehicle	14	3		3		1	2	4	4			10	4	5	1	8	
15. Other working in roadway	18	1	1		1			12	3	1		17	1	16		2	
16. Playing in roadway	96	7	30	34	26	2	1	2	1			76	20	78	7	11	
17. Lying in roadway	31	23	1	1		5	1	16	7			29	2	3		27	1
18. Other in roadway	49	5	5	8	5	2	2	11	10	1	5	33	16	34	1	14	
19. Not in roadway	85	7	3	3	8	8	13	24	17	7	2	63	22	60	1	24	
20. Not stated	12	3	2				3	3	2	1	1	7	5	7		5	
Total pedestrians	2160	231	327	639	256	109	97	311	268	156	17	1413	767	1478	92	596	14

Summary Statewide January - December, 1961

TABLE G—DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

(Excluding drivers of cars in proper parking location)

I. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under driving age	195	2
2. 16-17	7053	99
3. 18-19	8625	109
4. 20-24	17276	264
5. 25-34	24484	375
6. 35-44	18926	260
7. 45-54	12584	178
8. 55-64	7027	82
9. 65-74	3091	42
10. 75 and over	715	6
11. Not stated	947	21
Total drivers	100923	1438

II. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Male	80821	1270
2. Female	19274	157
3. Not stated	828	11
Total drivers	100923	1438

III. RACE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. White	80066	1111
2. Negro	17863	285
3. Other	700	19
4. Not stated	2294	23
Total drivers	100923	1438

IV. PROXIMITY OF DRIVER'S RESIDENCE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Residing within 25 miles of acci. location	75200	926
2. Residing elsewhere in state	17971	253
3. Non-resident of state	6845	144
4. Not stated	907	15
Total drivers	100923	1438

V. LICENSE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Licensed in state	88723	1146
2. Resident—no license	3348	63
3. Non-resident—licensed in other state	6122	123
4. Non-resident—no license	156	4
5. Other	2002	31
6. Not stated	1472	71
Total drivers	100923	1438

VI. EXPERIENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Learner under instruction	335	4
2. Less than three months	1000	6
3. Three to six months	836	11
4. Six to twelve months	1130	14
5. 1-5 years	33334	305
6. 6-10 years	16219	236
7. 11 years or more	47709	630
8. Not stated	10360	232
Total drivers	100923	1438

VII. OCCUPATION OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Professional	3798	35
2. Semi-professional	1449	21
3. Managerial and official	3359	42
4. Clerical and kindred	5320	42
5. Sales and kindred	5080	60
6. Domestic, personal & building service workers	3109	38
7. Protective service	1112	11
8. Military	3646	43
9. Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery, Forestry, Hunting, Trapping	7039	166
10. Manufacturing & related activities	9954	111
11. Miscellaneous	22727	400
12. Commercial truck drivers	5883	111
13. Students	8067	118
14. Housewives	6244	51
15. Not Stated	14136	169
Total drivers	100923	1438

VIII. APPROXIMATE SPEED (PRECEDING ACCIDENT)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Standing still (excl. proper parking location)	9386	32
2. 1 - 9 miles per hour	8482	23
3. 10 - 19 miles per hour	14823	84
4. 20 - 29 miles per hour	14811	73
5. 30 - 39 miles per hour	13219	165
6. 40 - 49 miles per hour	11198	251
7. 50 - 59 miles per hour	9856	279
8. 60 - 69 miles per hour	3027	140
9. 70 miles per hour and over	1937	231
10. Not stated	14184	160
Total drivers	100923	1438

TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

IX. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under influence of alcohol	3154	66
2. Exceeded stated speed limit	5015	356
3. Exceeded safe speed—but not stated limit	4941	80
4. Passed standing school bus	7	2
5. Improper starting from parked position	272	
6. Improper use of headlights	15	
7. Hit and run	1683	13
8. Passing on hill	25	
9. Passing on curve	37	1
10. Improper lights	268	2
11. Improper brakes	711	4
12. Failed to yield right of way	10206	67
13. Driving on wrong side of road	7881	238
14. Improper overtaking	2661	34
15. Disregarded stop sign or signal	1714	38
16. Disregarded traffic signal	1918	23
17. Following too closely	7110	16
18. Improper turn	2963	14
19. Failed to signal or improper signal	1732	5
20. Improper parking location	458	7
21. Other violations	4613	107
22. Reckless Driving	4196	66
23.		
Total violations	61581	1139

FURTHER BREAKDOWN FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
Speeding below 65 MPH	7192	149
Speeding 65 - 75 MPH	3161	150
Speeding over 75 MPH	603	137

VIOLATION CONTROL	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Drivers—in violation	50159	807
2. Drivers—not in violation	48830	613
3. Drivers—information not stated	1934	18
Total drivers	100923	1438
4. Accidents—involving a violation	47167	768
5. Accidents—not involving a violation	12494	276
6. Accidents—information not stated	1183	17
Total accidents	60844	1061
7. Accidents—drivers under influence of alcohol	3142	66
8. Accidents—drivers not under influence	51250	904
9. Accidents—information not stated	6452	91
Total accidents	60844	1061
10. Accident—under the influence and speeding	752	36
11. Accident—under the influence but no speed	2402	31
12. Accident—speeding but not under the influence	9077	386
13. Accident—other violations	34936	315
14. Accident—no violations	12494	276
15. Accident—information not stated	1183	17
Total accidents	60844	1061

X. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Had been drinking	8746	205
2. Under the influence	3155	66
3. Had not been drinking	74602	763
4. Not known	4078	318
5. Not stated	10342	86
Total drivers	100923	1438

DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Ill	217	4
2. Fatigued	863	15
3. Asleep	903	25
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	1946	33
5. Normal	80736	942
6. Condition not known	2782	296
7. Restriction on license complied with	753	5
8. Restriction on license not complied with	61	1
9. Not stated	13662	117
Total drivers	100923	1438
10. Accidents—driver defects (excl. drinking)	3819	77
11. Accidents—no driver defects	46462	627
12. Accidents—information not stated	10563	357
Total accidents	60844	1061

XI. MISCELLANEOUS DRIVER ACTIONS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Passing or overtaking other vehicle	4894	59
2. Avoiding other vehicle	2526	34
3. Avoiding fixed object	357	3
4. Avoiding pedestrian	178	5
5. Vehicle skidded	10137	258
6. Driverless moving vehicle	278	2
7. Hit and run—apprehended	1097	7
8. Hit and run—not apprehended	444	5
9. Backing	1457	8
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TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

XII. VISION OBSTRUCTION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Windshield or windows: (rain, snow, fog, sleet, smoke, dust, etc.)	3172	43
2. Buildings, signs, bushes, crops, embankment, parked cars, etc.	4489	66
3. No vision obstruction	74975	1151
4. Not stated	18287	180
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Total vision obstruction	100923	1438
17. Accidents—vision obscured	5103	80
18. Accidents—vision not obscured	38300	789
19. Accidents—information not stated	17441	192
Total accidents	60844	1061

TABLE H—MOTOR VEHICLES

(Including cars in proper parking location)

I. TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Passenger car	89309	1185
2. Passenger car and trailer	100	1
3. Passenger car and house trailer	33	1
4. Truck (less than one ton)	2761	36
5. Truck	8751	129
6. Truck and trailer	261	8
7. Truck tractor and/or semi-trailer	1329	49
8. Farm equipment	268	15
9. Activity bus	17	
10. Taxicab	553	2
11. Commercial bus	327	8
12. School bus	527	5
13. Motorcycle	233	6
14. Other	185	8
15. Not stated	407	5
Total vehicles	105061	1458

Special vehicles included above	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
16. Emergency vehicle (incl. privately owned)	66	2
17. Military vehicles	47	
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	305	2

II. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Defective brakes	3216	8
2. Improper or defective headlights	105	3
3. Improper or defective rear lights	315	2
4. Steering mechanism defective	364	1
5. Defective tires	1162	32
6. Other defects	590	8
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Total defects	4752	54
14. Vehicles—with defects	4752	54
15. Vehicles—no defects	68883	773
16. Vehicles—not known if defective	16196	474
17. Not stated	15220	155
Total vehicles	105061	1458
18. Accidents—involving vehicle defects	4588	54
19. Accidents—no vehicle defects	37579	541
20. Accidents—information not stated	18677	466
Total accidents	60844	1061

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS

(See Table F for pedestrian action)

I. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Had been drinking	132	28
2. Under the influence	63	9
3. Had not been drinking	1253	111
4. Not known	93	33
5. Not stated	639	49
Total pedestrians	2180	231

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS (CONTINUED)

II. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Ill	4	1
2. Fatigued	12	4
3. Asleep	5	3
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	62	13
5. Normal	1242	110
6. Condition not known	128	41
7. Not stated	727	59
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Total pedestrians	2180	231

TABLE J—HIGHWAY

I. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Loose surface material—gravel, etc.	1013	22
2. Holes, ruts, etc.	176	3
3. Defective shoulders	209	5
4. Other defects	302	4
5. Road under construction or repair	399	13
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8.		
Total defects	2099	47
9. Accidents—road defect	2099	47
10. Accidents—no road defect	56993	1001
11. Accidents—not stated	1752	13
Total accidents	60844	1061

II. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY		
1. Straight road—level	33510	447
2. Straight road—hillcrest	2201	38
3. Straight road—on grade	10392	175
4. Sharp curve—level	3205	99
5. Sharp curve—hillcrest	467	7
6. Sharp curve—on grade	2500	72
7. Other curve—level	3596	114
8. Other curve—hillcrest	431	12
9. Other curve—on grade	2378	78
10. Not stated	2164	19
Total accidents	60844	1061

III. CHARACTER OF LOCATION	Urban		Rural	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Intersection	13934	66	8089	124
2. Driveway	2072	2	2909	30
3. Railroad crossing	114	10	145	21
4. Bridge, overpass, culvert	100	3	553	24
5. Underpass	17		8	
6. In alley	51	1	18	
7. All others	11166	100	20666	680
8. Not stated	1		1	
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Total non-intersection	27455	182	33389	879

IV. TRAFFIC CONTROL	Intersection		Non-Intersection	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Stop sign or signal	6871	79	547	7
2. Stop-and-go light	5063	18	798	1
3. Officer or watchman	48		90	
4. R. R. gates or signal	31		126	8
5. Warning sign or signal	1299	16	2361	101
6. Other	362		332	15
7. Control not functioning, inadequate or obscured	51	2	55	1
Total traffic controls	13725	115	4311	133
8. Accident—control present	13725	115	4311	133
9. Accident—no control present	7676	72	33400	726
10. Accident—control not stated	622	3	1110	12
Total accidents	22023	190	38821	871

TABLE J—HIGHWAY (CONTINUED)

V. KIND OF LOCALITY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Manufacturing or industrial district	1896	21
2. Shopping or business district	9292	43
3. Residential Dist. (apt. & one-family homes)	19770	197
4. School or playground district	769	11
5. Open country (farms, fields, not developed)	28636	785
6. Not stated	481	4
7.		
Total accidents	60844	1061

VI. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE		
1. Concrete	6622	98
2. Blacktop	47476	880
3. Gravel	1281	28
4. Dirt or sand	2019	33
5. Other	85	2
6. Not stated	3361	20
7.		
8.		
Total accidents	60844	1061

VII. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION		
1. Dry	47029	881
2. Wet	12093	162
3. Oily	38	1
4. Muddy	135	2
5. Snowy	222	1
6. Icy	1327	14
Total accidents	60844	1061

TABLE K—TIME AND WEATHER

I. HOUR	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Midnight to 12:59 a.m.	1850	56
2. 1:00 a.m. to 1:59 a.m.	1330	40
3. 2:00 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.	895	30
4. 3:00 a.m. to 3:59 a.m.	680	27
5. 4:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	589	31
6. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	518	14
7. 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	1247	25
8. 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	2329	29
9. 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	2715	24
10. 9:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.	2084	23
11. 10:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.	2426	30
12. 11:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	2855	34
13. Noon to 12:59 p.m.	2879	32
14. 1:00 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.	2896	31
15. 2:00 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.	3142	34
16. 3:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.	4302	62
17. 4:00 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.	4864	65
18. 5:00 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.	5122	90
19. 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.	3889	73
20. 7:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.	3608	94
21. 8:00 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.	2846	56
22. 9:00 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.	2583	50
23. 10:00 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.	2542	57
24. 11:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	2599	62
25. Not stated	64	
Total accidents	60844	1061

II. DAY OF WEEK		
1. Monday	7239	104
2. Tuesday	6396	88
3. Wednesday	6739	96
4. Thursday	7093	123
5. Friday	10103	134
6. Saturday	13377	273
7. Sunday	9895	243
8. Not stated	2	
Total accidents	60844	1061

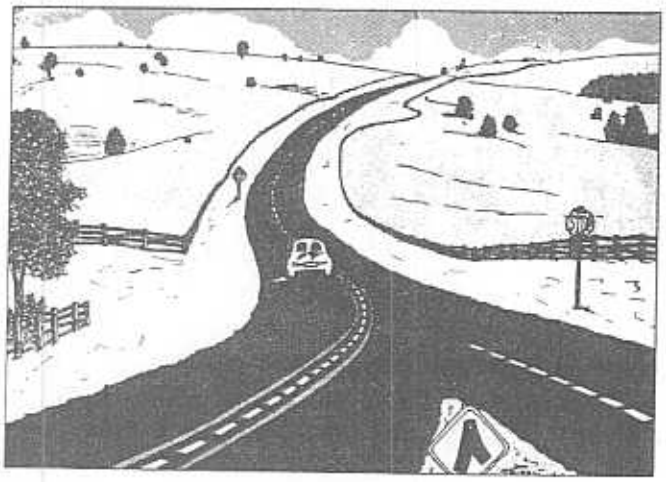
III. LIGHT CONDITION		
1. Daylight	37207	467
2. Dusk	1719	44
3. Dawn	628	11
4. Darkness—street or highway lighted	7475	93
5. Darkness—street or highway not lighted	13414	436
6. Not stated	401	10
7.		
Total accidents	60844	1061

IV. WEATHER		
1. Clear	40960	747
2. Cloudy	9087	158
3. Raining	9011	114
4. Snowing	409	4
5. Fog	670	22
6. Other	149	5
7. Not stated	567	11
Total accidents	60844	1061

STATEWIDE

ACCIDENTS BY HOUR OF EACH DAY

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	1850	56	175	3	114	2	122	3	147	4	166	2	459	14	667	28		
	1. 1:00	1320	40	116	1	77	3	83	1	111	3	113	5	306	9	514	18		
	2. 2:00	896	30	76	3	47	1	55	2	51	3	70		251	7	346	14		
	3. 3:00	680	27	51	1	43		55	1	59	4	59		196	9	217	12		
	4. 4:00	589	21	67	3	46	4	42	1	54	1	63		132	3	185	9		
	5. 5:00	518	14	62	1	53	1	51	1	54	1	77		120	6	101	4		
	6. 6:00	1247	25	162	3	183	4	168	2	206	4	246	1	168	6	114	5		
	7. 7:00	2329	29	412	4	373	5	373	3	386	7	397	2	272	7	116	1		
	8. 8:00	2715	24	455	4	388	3	468	4	434	3	474	2	360	3	136	5		
	9. 9:00	2084	23	279	1	265	2	252	3	251	1	317	5	480	8	240	3		
	10. 10:00	2426	30	280	5	278	1	305	1	267	3	354	4	592	8	350	8		
	11. 11:00	2855	34	370	6	305	5	309		328	5	391	6	693	7	459	5		
After Noon	12. Noon	2879	32	370	2	332	2	368	6	313		422	4	617	11	457	7		
	13. 1:00	2896	31	350	2	317	3	299	2	336	3	457		684	11	453	10		
	14. 2:00	3142	34	398	3	321	4	321	2	373	6	445	8	699	4	585	7		
	15. 3:00	4302	62	585	12	493	8	507	10	569	8	660	6	793	7	695	11		
	16. 4:00	4864	65	669	12	554	6	566	4	630	4	822	5	848	17	775	17		
	17. 5:00	5122	90	669	11	585	7	590	5	699	16	858	13	932	22	789	16		
	18. 6:00	3889	75	420	7	402	12	438	7	437	5	655	5	874	26	663	13		
	19. 7:00	3608	94	385	8	304	4	353	11	375	14	688	16	899	24	604	17		
	20. 8:00	2846	56	264	5	251		249	3	270	5	558	9	811	24	443	10		
	21. 9:00	2582	50	252	4	237	3	255	9	243	5	536	12	678	9	381	8		
	22. 10:00	2542	57	191		205	2	257	8	265	7	619	14	679	17	326	9		
	23. 11:00	2599	62	172	3	217	6	246	7	225	11	650	15	824	14	265	6		
24. Not stated		64		9		6		7		10		6		10		14		2	
Totals		60844	1061	7239	104	6396	88	6739	96	7093	123	10103	134	13377	273	9895	243	2	



RURAL

ACCIDENTS

There were 33,389 rural traffic accidents reported for the year 1961. This is an increase of one per cent when compared to 33,234 motor vehicle traffic accidents reported for the year 1960. Of the 33,389 rural traffic accidents reported; 13,639 were on county and local roads, 12,127 were on U.S. numbered highways, 7,378 were on State numbered highways, and 245 reported on Interstate numbered highways.

Rural fatalities for the year 1961 totaled 1,059. This is an increase of two per cent when compared to the 1,037 rural fatalities reported for the year 1960. During 1961, rural fatalities that occurred on U.S. numbered highways decreased nine per cent, while on Interstate numbered highways it increased three hundred twenty-five per cent. (More Interstate highways were open for traffic in 1961.)

Personal injuries received in rural motor vehicle traffic accidents totaled 19,129* for the year 1961. This is an increase of thirty-one per cent when compared to the 14,596 injuries reported for the year 1960. Of the total injuries, 9,865 were severely injured, 6,836 were slightly injured, and 2,428 had complaint of pain.

During the year 1961 there were 755 pedestrians involved in rural accidents. Of these pedestrians, 168 were killed and 587 were injured. Pedestrain fatalities represent sixteen per cent of the total deaths and pedestrian injuries represent three per cent of the total injuries in rural areas for this year. Twenty-seven per cent of the pedestrians killed had violated the law or acted unsafely at the time of the accident.

There were 52,602 drivers involved in rural traffic accidents during the year 1961. Of these drivers, 28,196 or fifty-four per cent were in violation of the law at the time of the accidents. Some of the most frequent violations in rural accidents are: Speeding, 7,397 with 4,192 exceeding stated speed limit and 3,205 exceeding safe speed but not stated limit; Driving on wrong side of road, 6,378; Failed to yield right of way, 4,093; Following too closely, 3,272; Reckless driving, 2,510; and Driving drunk, 1,808.

Rural traffic accidents in which one or more drivers were in violation at the time of each accident accounted for seventy-eight per cent of the total reported during the year 1961.

Motor vehicle traffic accidents reported during night hours accounted for forty-three per cent of the total accidents and fifty-four per cent of the fatal accidents in rural areas for the year 1961.

*Personal injuries for 1961 include those who were injured and those who had complaint of pain or momentary unconsciousness at the time of accident.

RURAL ACCIDENTS

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	523	12	159	352	290	17	Jones	96	5	33	58	86	8
Alexander	158	6	37	115	71	7	Lee	234	11	60	163	117	16
Alleghany	87	6	19	62	38	6	Lenoir	358	11	96	251	189	12
Anson	167	7	50	110	95	7	Lincoln	261	9	85	167	147	11
Ashe	249	3	68	178	109	3	Macon	132	4	40	88	59	4
Avery	142	2	42	98	80	4	Madison	193	3	57	133	115	3
Beaufort	269	10	82	177	142	10	Martin	195	5	55	135	114	6
Bertie	230	5	72	153	125	8	McDowell	291	7	110	174	209	9
Bladen	278	7	106	165	189	13	Mecklenburg	873	17	300	556	508	18
Brunswick	251	8	95	148	196	10	Mitchell	61	2	19	40	39	2
Buncombe	839	19	279	541	493	21	Montgomery	240	7	54	179	96	12
Burke	565	12	175	378	299	13	Moore	349	10	137	202	246	11
Cabarrus	468	10	130	328	219	12	Nash	523	17	156	350	307	23
Caldwell	527	8	186	333	315	10	New Hanover	311	11	97	203	206	17
Camden	42		17	25	36		Northampton	306	12	88	206	208	12
Carteret	245	9	92	144	172	11	Onslow	582	18	148	416	264	21
Caswell	236	6	59	171	110	9	Orange	347	8	109	230	190	9
Catawba	669	17	166	486	316	21	Pamlico	58	1	19	38	23	1
Chatham	338	5	84	249	124	5	Pasquotank	118	3	29	86	60	3
Cherokee	107	3	27	77	61	3	Pender	177	8	65	104	149	12
Chowan	66		24	42	28		Perquimans	90	1	30	59	47	4
Clay	36		10	26	24		Person	223	8	69	146	116	8
Cleveland	556	12	156	388	269	13	Pitt	396	9	101	286	199	9
Columbus	392	12	157	223	291	14	Polk	102	2	27	73	50	2
Craven	386	11	129	246	220	12	Randolph	713	13	187	513	306	18
Cumberland	872	17	318	537	569	26	Richmond	315	16	84	215	175	17
Currituck	71	3	29	39	52	3	Robeson	849	29	378	442	779	37
Dare	79	2	19	58	36	3	Rockingham	486	10	148	328	243	14
Davidson	739	13	230	496	392	13	Rowan	468	11	120	337	209	11
Davie	240	6	53	181	75	6	Rutherford	280	6	100	174	166	7
Duplin	510	15	193	302	345	15	Sampson	388	11	147	230	264	11
Durham	490	9	166	315	289	10	Scotland	170	10	50	110	94	10
Edgecombe	288	12	105	171	165	13	Stanly	302	6	87	209	142	7
Forsyth	911	22	267	622	425	25	Stokes	189	3	50	136	94	6
Franklin	221	6	73	142	119	7	Surry	522	8	157	357	274	8
Gaston	890	24	311	555	522	26	Swain	88	4	34	50	54	5
Gates	64	1	19	44	28	2	Transylvania	95	5	34	56	50	9
Graham	61		13	48	15		Tyrrell	33		8	25	14	
Granville	330	6	100	224	169	7	Union	369	9	150	210	279	9
Greene	136	4	23	109	43	4	Vance	211	6	74	131	177	6
Guilford	869	20	278	571	476	31	Wake	1040	21	380	639	674	26
Halifax	504	21	130	353	270	23	Warren	176	5	50	121	106	5
Hamett	607	13	245	349	457	15	Washington	84	3	25	56	41	4
Haywood	326	3	78	245	110	4	Watauga	192	2	43	147	76	2
Henderson	341	4	76	261	117	5	Wayne	488	10	162	316	310	11
Hertford	195	6	73	116	132	6	Wilkes	555	24	170	361	283	32
Hoke	155	8	56	91	112	9	Wilson	466	13	135	318	249	21
Hyde	36	2	13	21	18	3	Yadkin	206	6	66	134	124	6
Iredell	559	18	140	401	284	24	Yancey	103	3	37	63	96	3
Jackson	170	3	64	103	118	3							
Johnston	595	28	247	320	456	29	TOTAL	33389	879	10600	21910	19129	1059

SUMMARY REPORT OF Rural ACCIDENTS

January - December, 1961

TABLE A—TYPE OF ACCIDENT, URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

I. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NO. OF ACCIDENTS				NO. OF PERSONS					COMPARATIVE TOTALS									
						Injured				SAME MONTH LAST YEAR			THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			% Change Cumulat. Death Record
Collision of Motor Vehicle with—	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Total	a	b	c	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
1. Pedestrian	691	160	531		161	580	361	197	22	756	174	606	691	161	580	756	174	606	- 7%
2. Other motor vehicle	18149	270	4470	13409	391	9494	4556	3416	1522	18942	342	7161	18149	391	9494	18942	342	7161	+ 14%
3. Railroad train	104	19	41	44	26	69	46	21	2	115	34	69	104	26	69	115	34	69	- 26%
4. School bus	329	1	43	285	1	122	31	60	31				329	1	122				%
5. Animal-drawn vehicle	17	1	11	5	1	20	13	4	3	28	2	18	17	1	20	28	2	18	- 50%
6. Bicycle	181	24	153	4	25	175	100	62	13	179	15	177	181	25	175	179	15	177	+ 67 %
7. Animal	513	3	68	442	3	89	41	40	8	504	1	72	513	3	89	504	1	72	+200 %
8. Fixed object	888	36	304	548	43	199	289	175	35	899	46	413	888	43	499	999	46	413	- 7%
9. Other object	69		9	60		12	7	5		68	3	20	69		12	68	3	20	%
10. Overturned in roadway	1418	68	564	786	77	1026	553	366	107	1553	72	855	1418	77	1026	1553	72	855	+ 7%
11. Ran off roadway	10888	289	4340	6259	323	6970	3820	2483	681	9928	334	5089	10888	323	6970	9928	334	5089	- 3%
12. Other non-collision	142	8	66	68	8	73	42	27	4	162	14	116	142	8	73	162	14	116	- 43%
TOTALS	33389	879	10600	21910	1059	19129	9865	6836	2428	33234	1037	14596	33389	1059	19129	33234	1037	14596	+ 2%

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 unconsciousness.

II. URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

Incorporated city or town																			
1. 2,500 to 5,000 pop.																			%
2. 5,000 to 10,000 pop.																			%
3. 10,000 to 50,000 pop.																			%
4. 50,000 and over																			%
Total Urban Accidents																			%
Outside Incorporated areas																			%
5. State numbered highways	7378	300	2407	4771	244	4444	2379	1531	534	7030	216	3181	7378	244	4444	7030	216	3181	+ 13 %
6. County and local roads	13639	378	4408	8853	430	7508	3839	2800	869	13567	413	5893	13639	430	7508	13567	413	5893	+ 4 %
7. U. S. numbered highways	12127	288	3706	8133	368	7033	3568	2463	1002	12530	404	5475	12127	368	7033	12530	404	5475	- 9 %
8. Interstate numbered highways	245	13	79	153	17	144	79	42	23	107	4	47	245	17	144	107	4	47	+325 %
9. Limited access highways																			%
Total—Rural Accidents	33389	879	10600	21910	1059	19129	9865	6836	2428	33234	1037	14596	33389	1059	19129	33234	1037	14596	+ 2%
Total—All Locations																			%

TABLE B—AGE AND SEX OF KILLED AND INJURED PERSONS

(See Table G for age, sex, and race of drivers)

AGE GROUP AND RACE	Persons Killed									Persons Injured								
	All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0-4 years	33	22	11	18	13	5				511	281	230	87	58	29			
2. 5-9 years	58	41	17	39	27	12	7	6	1	742	413	329	168	99	69	52	45	7
3. 10-14 years	35	24	11	9	5	4	11	10	1	973	549	424	83	55	28	82	76	6
4. 15-19 years	179	135	44	11	8	3	6	6		4064	2740	1324	30	23	7	12	12	
5. 20-24 years	161	133	28	7	3	4				3300	2525	775	27	23	4	2	2	
6. 25-34 years	172	154	18	15	14	1				3551	2516	1035	38	30	8	3	3	
7. 35-44 years	144	108	36	17	14	3				2503	1610	893	56	41	15	5	5	
8. 45-54 years	120	94	26	13	11	2				1643	1001	642	29	17	12	3	3	
9. 55-64 years	80	62	18	14	13	1				996	561	435	28	17	11	1	1	
10. 65-74 years	48	34	14	11	8	3	1	1		534	318	216	18	16	2	3	3	
11. 75 years and over	25	16	9	14	10	4				155	93	62	16	12	4			
12. Not stated	4	4								157	86	71	7	6	1			
Total persons	1059	827	232	168	127	41	25	23	2	19129	12693	6436	587	397	190	163	150	13

TABLE C
IMPORTANT CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS

The schedule to the right summarizes the circumstances and conditions under which accidents occur, and the actions which contribute to accidents. The material is shown elsewhere in the summary, but here is brought together and stated in percentage form to facilitate its use.

The percentages represent the proportion of accidents which were reported to have had each of the various contributing factors—not the percentages of drivers or vehicles.

Circumstance or Condition	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
All Types of Accidents		
1. Driver violated, including drinking	76 %	75 %
2. Driver defects	5 %	8 %
3. Driver vision obscured	8 %	7 %
4. Vehicle defects	10 %	6 %
5. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely*	27 %	29 %
6. Pedestrian defects, including drinking*	19 %	29 %
7. Road defects	4 %	5 %
8. Night	43 %	54 %
9. Weather—cloudy, rainy, snowy, etc.	22 %	28 %
10. Road wet, icy, snowy, etc.	23 %	16 %
11. At intersection	24 %	14 %
12. Road curved	31 %	40 %
13. Road on grade or hill	32 %	36 %
14.	%	%
15.	%	%
16.	%	%
17.	%	%
***Pedestrian Accidents Only**		
18. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely	27 %	29 %
19. Pedestrian defects, including drinking	19 %	29 %
Bicycle Accidents Only		
20. Bicycle violated, acted unsafely, or had defective equipment	%	%

TABLE D—CUMULATIVE MILEAGE DEATH RATES

	This Year	Last Year	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths			%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)			%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%

PERIOD January - December, 1961

This summary includes reports and information available on February 27, 1962

Rural Accidents

TABLE E—DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS

An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event

I. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Accidents (incl. any property damage accidents)	Fatal Accidents: Total Fatal Accidents	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Entering	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Within	Fatal: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Fatal: Non-Inter Section	Fatal: Not Stated	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: Total Non-Fatal Injury	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Entering	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Within	Non-Fatal: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Non-Fatal: Non-Inter Section	Non-Fatal: Not Stated
1. Car going straight	658	155		7	3	145		503	23	22	10	448	
2. Car turning right	5							5	2	1	1	1	
3. Car turning left	8	2	1			1		6		1	1	4	
4. Car backing	9							9		1		8	
5. All others	11	3				3		8				8	
6. Not stated													
Total pedestrian accidents	691	160	1	7	3	149		531	25	25	12	469	

II. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
21. Entering at angle—both going straight	1468	36	566	866
22. Same—one right turn, other straight	289	1	60	228
23. Same—one left turn, one straight	829	11	164	654
24. Same—all others	257	1	34	222
25. From same direction—both going straight	291	1	52	238
26. Same—one right turn, one straight	209		43	166
27. Same—one left turn, one straight	1170		230	940
28. Same—one stopped	777	4	180	593
29. Same—all others	81		22	59
30. From opposite direction—both going straight	196	6	62	128
31. Same—one left turn, one straight	688	13	244	431
32. Same—one right turn, one straight	23		8	15
33. Same—all others	117		32	85
Total two motor veh. intersection accidents	6393	73	1697	4625

III. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE NON-INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
34. Going opposite direct'ns—head-on collision	887	102	445	340
35. Same—sideswipe collision	2360	31	455	1774
36. Going same direction—rear-end collision	2365	26	613	1726
37. Same—sideswipe collision	845	6	116	723
38. One car parked—proper location	528	3	89	436
39. One car parked—improper location	262	4	61	197
40. One car stopped in traffic	1284	7	283	994
41. One car forward from parked position	124		17	107
42. One car backward from parked position	78	1	9	68
43. One car into parked position	7		1	6
44. One car entering or leaving alley	18		5	13
45. One car entering or leaving driveway	3057	12	633	2412
46. All others	314	6	73	235
Total two motor veh. non-intersection acc.	12029	198	2800	9031

IV. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
47. Collision with non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.—at intersection	69	9	49	11
48. Same—not at intersection	331	34	160	137
49. Collision with fixed object in roadway—at intersection	152	2	35	115
50. Same—not at intersection	670	30	240	400
51. Overturned in roadway—at intersection	149	4	55	90
52. Same—not at intersection	1230	62	493	675
53. Left roadway—at intersection—then overturned	340	9	154	177
54. Same—then struck fixed object	813	14	334	465
55. Same—then struck other vehicle	35	1	8	26
56. Same—then struck pedestrian	3	1	1	1
57. Left roadway—at curve—then overturned	2387	94	1144	1149
58. Same—then struck fixed object	3108	83	1197	1828
59. Same—then struck other vehicle	60	2	16	42
60. Same—then struck pedestrian	3		3	
61. Left roadway—on straight road—then overturned	1487	47	586	854
62. Same—then struck fixed object	2621	39	921	1661
63. Same—then struck other vehicle	135	3	28	104
64. Same—then struck pedestrian	5	2	3	
65. Driverless moving vehicle	47	1	6	40
66. Occupant fell from vehicle—boarding or alighting in traffic	5		5	
67. Same—not boarding or alighting	67	8	58	1
68. Injured within vehicle (no other event)	2		2	
69. Mechanical failure (no other event)	4		1	3
70. Fire (no other event)	48			48
71. All others	503	3	73	427
Total all other accidents	14274	448	5572	8254

TABLE F—PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS

PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE, SEX AND LIGHT CONDITIONS	Total Pedestrians	Pedestrians Killed	Pedestrians Killed and Injured: Age: 0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	Not Stated	Sex: Male	Female	Light Conditions: Daylight	Dusk	Darkness	Not Stated
01. Crossing at intersection—with signal	3	1								2		2		2			
02. Same—against signal	1			1								1		1			
03. Same—no signal	39	5	1	15	3	3	3	7	4	3		25	14	24	1	11	
04. Same—diagonally	5	1		1	2			1	1			5		3		2	
05. Crossing not at intersection	328	79	73	120	34	5	7	30	29	27	3	219	109	235	12	80	1
06. Coming from behind parked cars	67	7	12	27	17		2	5	3	1		36	31	55	4	8	
07. Walking in roadway—with traffic—sidewalks available	5	2							3	2		4	1			5	
08. Same—sidewalks not available	63	11	1	1	10	9	6	19	11	6		45	18	19	5	39	
09. Walking in roadway—against traffic—sidewalks available	5	2		2					2	1		2	3	3		2	
10. Same—sidewalks not available	48	12		6	8	7	2	12	6	7		37	11	14		34	
11. Standing in roadway	35	3	4		3	2	7	15	1	3		26	9	14	2	19	
12. Walking to or from stopped school bus	12	3		10	1	1						7	5	12			
13. Getting on or off vehicle	10	2	1	2	1		2	2		2		3	7	5	1	4	
14. Pushing or working on vehicle	9	3		3		1	1	2	2			6	3	3		6	
15. Other working in roadway	7	1	1					2	3	1		6	1	6		1	
16. Playing in roadway	29	5	10	11	6	1		1				25	4	25	2	2	
17. Lying in roadway	29	22		1		3	1	16	7			28	1	2		26	1
18. Other in roadway	28	4	2	5	4	2		6	4	1	4	20	8	17	1	10	
19. Not in roadway	30	5	1	1	3	6	3	6	7	3		25	5	18		12	
20. Not stated	3							2	1			2	1	1		2	
Total pedestrians	755	168	106	206	92	41	34	126	84	59	7	524	231	459	28	266	2

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TABLE G—DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

(Excluding drivers of cars in proper parking location)

I. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under driving age	137	2
2. 16-17	4633	79
3. 18-19	5049	89
4. 20-24	9569	231
5. 25-34	12542	311
6. 35-44	9338	219
7. 45-54	6115	146
8. 55-64	3330	68
9. 65-74	1603	29
10. 75 and over	360	6
11. Not stated	526	16
Total drivers	52602	1196

II. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Male	43911	1067
2. Female	8229	119
3. Not stated	462	10
Total drivers	52602	1196

III. RACE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. White	42170	921
2. Negro	9038	242
3. Other	502	19
4. Not stated	892	14
Total drivers	52602	1196

IV. PROXIMITY OF DRIVER'S RESIDENCE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Residing within 25 miles of acci. location	34681	736
2. Residing elsewhere in state	12393	321
3. Non-resident of state	4945	126
4. Not stated	483	13
Total drivers	52602	1196

V. LICENSE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Licensed in state	44613	945
2. Resident—no license	1399	57
3. Non-resident—licensed in other state	4530	110
4. Non-resident—no license	65	3
5. Other	1172	26
6. Not stated	823	55
Total drivers	52602	1196

VI. EXPERIENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Learner under instruction	202	4
2. Less than three months	577	6
3. Three to six months	456	6
4. Six to twelve months	654	9
5. 1-5 years	14165	269
6. 6-10 years	9183	215
7. 11 years or more	25624	534
8. Not stated	1741	153
Total drivers	52602	1196

VII. OCCUPATION OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Professional	1830	29
2. Semi-professional	812	17
3. Managerial and official	1683	37
4. Clerical and kindred	2451	31
5. Sales and kindred	2450	49
6. Domestic, personal & building service workers	1363	35
7. Protective service	637	9
8. Military	2708	57
9. Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery, Forestry, Hunting, Trapping	5743	159
10. Manufacturing & related activities	6294	88
11. Miscellaneous	12335	346
12. Commercial truck drivers	3712	93
13. Students	4590	97
14. Housewives	3089	41
15. Not Stated	2965	108
Total drivers	52602	1196

VIII. APPROXIMATE SPEED (PRECEDING ACCIDENT)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Standing still (excl. proper parking location)	3632	25
2. 1 - 9 miles per hour	3358	20
3. 10 - 19 miles per hour	6378	62
4. 20 - 29 miles per hour	5387	36
5. 30 - 39 miles per hour	7622	123
6. 40 - 49 miles per hour	10101	237
7. 50 - 59 miles per hour	9374	269
8. 60 - 69 miles per hour	2907	125
9. 70 miles per hour and over	1837	219
10. Not stated	2006	70
Total drivers	52602	1196

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TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

IX. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under influence of alcohol	1808	59
2. Exceeded stated speed limit	4192	332
3. Exceeded safe speed—but not stated limit	3205	61
4. Passed standing school bus	5	2
5. Improper starting from parked position	76	
6. Improper use of headlights	6	
7. Hit and run	681	10
8. Passing on hill	19	
9. Passing on curve	33	1
10. Improper lights	178	2
11. Improper brakes	366	3
12. Failed to yield right of way	4093	50
13. Driving on wrong side of road	6378	219
14. Improper overtaking	1747	29
15. Disregarded stop sign or signal	727	28
16. Disregarded traffic signal	433	16
17. Following too closely	3272	13
18. Improper turn	1348	12
19. Failed to signal or improper signal	1501	5
20. Improper parking location	324	5
21. Other violations	2706	88
22. Reckless Driving	2510	58
23.		
Total violations	35596	993

FURTHER BREAKDOWN FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS		
Speeding below 65 MPH	4762	121
Speeding 65 - 75 MPH	2077	143
Speeding over 75 MPH	558	129

VIOLATION CONTROL		
1. Drivers—in violation	28196	686
2. Drivers—not in violation	24023	490
3. Drivers—information not stated	383	10
Total drivers	52602	1196
4. Accidents—involving a violation	26032	660
5. Accidents—not involving a violation	7108	211
6. Accidents—information not stated	249	8
Total accidents	33389	879
7. Accidents—drivers under influence of alcohol	1808	59
8. Accidents—drivers not under influence	30457	763
9. Accidents—information not stated	1124	57
Total accidents	33389	879
10. Accident—under the influence and speeding	569	34
11. Accident—under the influence but no speed	1243	28
12. Accident—speeding but not under the influence	6735	343
13. Accident—other violations	17485	257
14. Accident—no violations	7108	211
15. Accident—information not stated	249	8
Total accidents	33389	879

X. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Had been drinking	5411	175
2. Under the influence	1812	59
3. Had not been drinking	41159	642
4. Not known	2740	275
5. Not stated	1480	45
Total drivers	52602	1196

DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Ill	139	4
2. Fatigued	637	15
3. Asleep	708	22
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	1186	29
5. Normal	46027	813
6. Condition not known	1917	258
7. Restriction on license complied with	348	5
8. Restriction on license not complied with	29	1
9. Not stated	1611	49
Total drivers	52602	1196
10. Accidents—driver defects (excl. drinking)	2812	71
11. Accidents—no driver defects	27868	536
12. Accidents—information not stated	2909	272
Total accidents	33389	879

XI. MISCELLANEOUS DRIVER ACTIONS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Passing or overtaking other vehicle	3628	51
2. Avoiding other vehicle	1854	32
3. Avoiding fixed object	207	3
4. Avoiding pedestrian	90	5
5. Vehicle skidded	6951	228
6. Driverless moving vehicle	47	2
7. Hit and run—apprehended	404	5
8. Hit and run—not apprehended	196	4
9. Backing	646	4
10.		
11.		
12.		

TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

XII. VISION OBSTRUCTION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Windshield or windows: (rain, snow, fog, sleet, smoke, dust, etc.)	1567	32
2. Buildings, signs, bushes, crops, embankment, parked cars, etc.	2166	12
3. No vision obstruction	42233	990
4. Not stated	6636	122
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16.		
Total vision obstruction	52602	1196
17. Accidents—vision obscured	2234	63
18. Accidents—vision not obscured	24295	684
19. Accidents—information not stated	6860	132
Total accidents	33389	879

TABLE H—MOTOR VEHICLES

(Including cars in proper parking location)

I. TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Passenger car	44141	9074
2. Passenger car and trailer	71	1
3. Passenger car and house trailer	18	1
4. Truck (less than one ton)	1626	39
5. Truck	5099	110
6. Truck and trailer	193	8
7. Truck tractor and/or semi-trailer	892	44
8. Farm equipment	254	35
9. Activity bus	9	
10. Taxicab	31	1
11. Commercial bus	128	6
12. School bus	452	2
13. Motorcycle	83	3
14. Other	88	9
15. Not stated	185	4
Total vehicles	53330	1206
Special vehicles included above		
16. Emergency vehicle (incl. privately owned)	30	1
17. Military vehicles	29	
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	58	

II. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Defective brakes	1236	7
2. Improper or defective headlights	74	3
3. Improper or defective rear lights	262	2
4. Steering mechanism defective	291	1
5. Defective tires	1050	31
6. Other defects	414	6
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12.		
13.		
Total defects	3327	50
14. Vehicles—with defects	3327	50
15. Vehicles—no defects	38092	644
16. Vehicles—not known if defective	8527	404
17. Not stated	3384	108
Total vehicles	53330	1206
18. Accidents—involving vehicle defects	3259	50
19. Accidents—no vehicle defects	22178	453
20. Accidents—information not stated	7952	376
Total accidents	33389	879

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS

(See Table F for pedestrian actions)

I. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Had been drinking	59	21
2. Under the influence	40	9
3. Had not been drinking	456	85
4. Not known	46	25
5. Not stated	154	28
Total pedestrians	755	168

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS (CONTINUED)

II. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Ill	3	1
2. Fatigued	6	3
3. Asleep	4	3
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	33	11
5. Normal	469	87
6. Condition not known	61	28
7. Not stated	180	35
8.		
9.		
10.		
11.		
Total pedestrians	755	168

TABLE J—HIGHWAY

I. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Loose surface material—gravel, etc.	738	18
2. Holes, ruts, etc.	106	3
3. Defective shoulders	172	5
4. Other defects	184	3
5. Road under construction or repair	300	12
6.		
7.		
8.		
Total defects	1500	41
9. Accidents—road defect	1500	41
10. Accidents—no road defect	31708	835
11. Accidents—not stated	181	3
Total accidents	33389	879

II. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY		
1. Straight road—level	16341	357
2. Straight road—hillcrest	1086	27
3. Straight road—on grade	5005	132
4. Sharp curve—level	2727	90
5. Sharp curve—hillcrest	359	6
6. Sharp curve—on grade	2078	65
7. Other curve—level	2986	109
8. Other curve—hillcrest	322	12
9. Other curve—on grade	1903	72
10. Not stated	582	9
Total accidents	33389	879

III. CHARACTER OF LOCATION	Urban		Rural	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Intersection			8089	124
2. Driveway			3909	30
3. Railroad crossing			145	21
4. Bridge, overpass, culvert			553	24
5. Underpass			8	
6. In alley			18	
7. All others			20666	680
8. Not stated			1	
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				
16.				
Total non-intersection			33389	879

IV. TRAFFIC CONTROL	Intersection		Non-Intersection	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Stop sign or signal	2589	56	172	5
2. Stop-and-go light	538	9	87	
3. Officer or watchman	15		55	
4. R. R. gates or signal	9		60	2
5. Warning sign or signal	858	16	2219	98
6. Other	125		238	11
7. Control not functioning, inadequate or obscured	23	1	35	1
Total traffic controls	4157	81	2866	117
8. Accident—control present	4157	81	2866	117
9. Accident—no control present	3806	41	22153	653
10. Accident—control not stated	126	2	279	5
Total accidents	8089	124	25300	755

TABLE J—HIGHWAY (CONTINUED)

V. KIND OF LOCALITY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Manufacturing or industrial district	337	8
2. Shopping or business district	1157	12
3. Residential Dist. (apt. & one-family homes)	3921	83
4. School or playground district	393	8
5. Open country (farms, fields, not developed)	27453	767
6. Not stated	128	1
7.		
Total accidents	33389	879

VI. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE		
1. Concrete	3519	72
2. Blacktop	26808	745
3. Gravel	1037	25
4. Dirt or sand	1635	30
5. Other	43	1
6. Not stated	347	6
7.		
8.	33389	879
Total accidents		

VII. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION		
1. Dry	25790	737
2. Wet	6562	128
3. Oily	18	
4. Muddy	112	2
5. Snowy	132	1
6. Icy	775	11
Total accidents	33389	879

TABLE K—TIME AND WEATHER

I. HOUR	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Midnight to 12:59 a.m.	1066	45
2. 1:00 a.m. to 1:59 a.m.	831	31
3. 2:00 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.	585	26
4. 3:00 a.m. to 3:59 a.m.	434	23
5. 4:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	379	16
6. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	335	11
7. 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	764	22
8. 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	1230	22
9. 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	1176	20
10. 9:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.	1045	17
11. 10:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.	1240	24
12. 11:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	1456	25
13. Noon to 12:59 p.m.	1342	28
14. 1:00 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.	1550	28
15. 2:00 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.	1679	29
16. 3:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.	2278	51
17. 4:00 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.	2545	62
18. 5:00 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.	2640	74
19. 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.	2337	58
20. 7:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.	2003	79
21. 8:00 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.	1634	42
22. 9:00 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.	1512	36
23. 10:00 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.	1544	50
24. 11:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	1673	58
25. Not stated	26	
Total accidents	33389	879

II. DAY OF WEEK		
1. Monday	3653	82
2. Tuesday	3314	68
3. Wednesday	3514	80
4. Thursday	3715	100
5. Friday	4238	110
6. Saturday	7572	225
7. Sunday	6383	214
8. Not stated		
Total accidents	33389	879

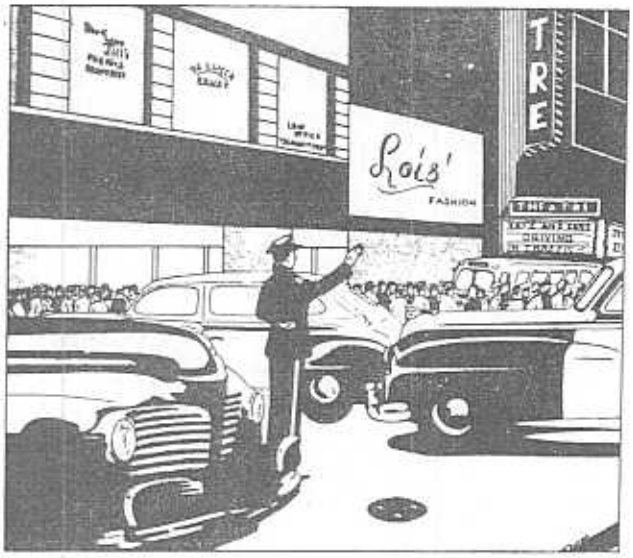
III. LIGHT CONDITION		
1. Daylight	19164	391
2. Dusk	1012	37
3. Dawn	394	10
4. Darkness—street or highway lighted	828	26
5. Darkness—street or highway not lighted	11906	408
6. Not stated	85	7
7.		
Total accidents	33389	879

IV. WEATHER		
1. Clear	22505	624
2. Cloudy	4861	133
3. Raining	4952	89
4. Snowing	221	4
5. Fog	533	20
6. Other	84	4
7. Not stated	233	5
Total accidents	33389	879

RURAL

ACCIDENTS BY HOUR OF EACH DAY

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	1066	45	115	2	55	2	63	2	79	4	78	1	253	9	423	25		
1. 1:00	834	31	76		39	2	57		69	2	62	3	178	8	353	16		
2. 2:00	585	26	53	2	33	1	34	2	30	3	37		162	6	236	12		
3. 3:00	424	23	35	1	25		33	1	29	3	38		123	8	141	10		
4. 4:00	379	18	39	2	31	3	29	1	35	1	39		85	3	121	8		
5. 5:00	335	11	40	1	33	1	34	1	34	1	43		73	4	78	3		
6. 6:00	764	22	94	2	109	4	104	2	119	2	154	1	111	6	73	5		
7. 7:00	1230	22	205	2	196	4	201	3	211	6	202	1	150	5	65	1		
8. 8:00	1176	20	175	3	165	3	196	3	196	2	183	2	179	3	82	4		
9. 9:00	1045	17	132	1	134	1	118	3	122	1	164	3	233	5	142	3		
10. 10:00	1240	24	133	4	142		146	1	134	2	171	3	298	7	216	7		
11. 11:00	1456	25	167	4	142	4	155		159	4	183	5	334	5	316	3		
After Noon																		
12. Noon	1342	28	164	2	139	2	161	6	123		183	3	305	9	267	6		
13. 1:00	1550	28	179	2	152	2	140	2	174	3	236		351	10	318	9		
14. 2:00	1679	29	202	2	167	4	163	1	183	6	206	6	376	3	382	7		
15. 3:00	2278	51	301	11	257	4	251	9	291	7	319	4	433	7	426	9		
16. 4:00	2545	62	310	10	278	6	284	4	317	4	398	5	471	16	487	17		
17. 5:00	2640	74	320	10	279	6	285	5	320	12	389	12	521	15	526	14		
18. 6:00	2337	58	224	6	233	7	251	6	274	4	395	5	534	19	426	11		
19. 7:00	2093	79	192	7	169	3	206	6	219	13	385	14	549	22	373	14		
20. 8:00	1634	42	136	4	144		143	3	156	2	303	4	464	19	288	10		
21. 9:00	1512	36	158	1	135	1	131	6	146	4	295	11	409	6	238	7		
22. 10:00	1544	50	100		116	2	175	7	156	5	369	13	413	16	215	7		
23. 11:00	1673	58	101	3	139	6	148	6	134	9	403	14	563	14	185	6		
24. Not stated	28		2		2		6		5		3		4		6			
Totals	33389	879	3653	82	3314	68	3514	80	3715	100	5238	110	7572	225	6383	214		



URBAN

ACCIDENTS

Reported motor vehicle traffic accidents that occurred in urban areas during the year 1961 totaled 27,455. This is an increase of four per cent when compared to the 26,500 urban traffic accidents reported for the year 1960. Of the 27,455 urban traffic accidents reported; 182 were fatal, 9,824 were non-fatal (injury), and 17,449 were property damage only.

There were 195 traffic fatalities reported in urban areas during the year 1961. This is an increase of three per cent when compared to the 189 traffic fatalities reported for the year 1960. Sixty-Eight per cent of the urban fatalities resulted in one-car accidents.

Personal injuries reported in urban accidents totaled 15,309* during the year 1961. This is an increase of twenty-four per cent when compared to the 12,351 urban injuries reported for the year 1960. Of the total urban injuries reported; 4,699 were severely injured, 6,462 were slightly injured, and 4,148 had only complaint of pain.

During the year of 1961, there were 1,425 pedestrians involved in urban accidents. Of these pedestrians, 63 were killed and 1,362 were injured. Pedestrian fatalities represent thirty-two per cent of the total deaths and pedestrian injuries represent nine per cent of the total injuries in urban areas for the year 1961.

There were 48,321 drivers involved in reported urban traffic accidents during the year 1961. Of the total drivers, 21,963 or forty-five per cent were in violation of the law at the time of the accident. Some of the most frequent violations in urban accidents are: Failed to yield right of way, 6,113; Following too closely, 3,838; Speeding, 2,559 with 823 exceeding stated speed limit and 1,736 exceeding safe speed but not stated limit; Reckless driving, 1,686; Improper turn, 1,617; Driving on wrong side of road, 1,503; Disregarded traffic control, 1,485 and Driving drunk, 1,346.

Urban traffic accidents in which one or more drivers were in violation at the time of each accident accounted for seventy-seven per cent, while in fatal accidents it accounted for fifty-nine per cent during the year 1961.

Motor vehicle traffic accidents reported during night hours accounted for thirty-five per cent of all the accidents and fifty-eight per cent of the fatal accidents in urban areas for the year 1961.

*Personal injuries for 1961 include those who were injured and those who had complaint of pain or momentary unconsciousness at the time of accident.

URBAN ACCIDENTS

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	624	4	226	394	341	5	Jones						
Alexander							Lee	212	4	63	145	113	6
Alleghany							Lenoir	382	2	138	242	226	2
Anson	38		16	22	19		Lincoln	8		2	6	7	
Ashe							Macon						
Avery							Madison						
Beaufort	204	2	75	127	119	2	Martin	77		27	50	48	
Bertie							McDowell	57	1	16	40	35	3
Bladen							Mecklenburg	4263	21	1661	2581	2501	22
Brunswick	1			1			Mitchell	20		6	14	9	
Buncombe	1301	7	470	824	743	7	Montgomery	1			1		
Burke	51	1	13	37	22	1	Moore	8	5	3		6	6
Cabarrus	641	2	192	447	318	2	Nash	317	2	155	160	246	3
Caldwell	236	2	75	159	118	2	New Hanover	817	7	314	496	503	7
Camden							Northampton	1			1		
Carteret	106		35	71	58		Onslow	162		45	117	65	
Caswell							Orange	156	1	47	108	74	1
Catawba	530	3	152	375	237	3	Pamlico						
Chatham	7	1	3	3	7	1	Pasquotank	178		69	109	92	
Cherokee							Pender						
Chowan	39	1	15	23	24	1	Perquimans						
Clay	1			1			Person	101	1	23	77	29	1
Cleveland	300	2	121	177	212	2	Pitt	443	2	143	298	218	2
Columbus	82	2	34	46	65	2	Polk						
Craven	194	1	65	128	100	1	Randolph	172	1	64	107	104	1
Cumberland	801	9	411	381	689	9	Richmond	90	6	27	57	64	6
Currituck	1		1		2		Robeson	337	2	121	214	227	2
Dare	1			1			Rockingham	225	7	79	139	138	7
Davidson	407	2	138	267	213	2	Rowan	416	9	124	283	204	10
Davie							Rutherford	201	2	65	134	109	2
Duplin	2			2			Sampson	85	4	37	44	75	4
Durham	1621	4	552	1065	852	4	Scotland	106		41	65	76	
Edgecombe	259	1	104	154	175	1	Stanly	164		71	93	134	
Forsyth	2110	11	764	1335	1105	11	Stokes						
Franklin	41		8	33	35		Surry	211	2	59	150	100	2
Gaston	866	3	351	512	565	4	Swain						
Gates							Transylvania	1			1		
Graham	1			1			Tyrrell						
Granville	29		13	16	15		Union	121	3	58	60	105	3
Greene							Vance	200	2	80	118	114	2
Guilford	3292	17	1107	2168	1576	20	Wake	2132	8	675	1449	1021	8
Halifax	87	2	17	68	25	2	Warren						
Harnett	141		51	90	78		Washington	12	1	5	6	15	1
Haywood	40	1	11	28	13	1	Watauga	4	1		3		1
Henderson	240	1	81	158	131	1	Wayne	430	3	163	264	249	3
Hertford	108		30	78	47		Wilkes	99		25	74	45	
Hoke	23	1	6	16	8	1	Wilson	293	1	133	159	201	1
Hyde							Yadkin						
Iredell	339	4	87	248	138	4	Yancey						
Jackson													
Johnston	189		61	128	106		TOTAL	27455	182	9824	17449	15309	195

SUMMARY REPORT OF Urban ACCIDENTS

January - December, 1961

TABLE A—TYPE OF ACCIDENT, URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

I. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NO. OF ACCIDENTS				NO. OF PERSONS					COMPARATIVE TOTALS									
						Injured				SAME MONTH LAST YEAR			THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			Change Cumulat Death Record
Collision of Motor Vehicle with—	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Total	a	b	c	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
1. Pedestrian	1302	59	1243		59	1289	542	614	133	1311	73	1279	1302	59	1289	1311	73	1279	- 19%
2. Other motor vehicle	21922	57	6648	15217	63	11225	2918	4621	3686	21302	56	8804	21922	63	11225	21302	56	8804	+ 13%
3. Railroad train	92	10	27	55	12	39	16	17	6	76	10	35	92	12	39	76	10	35	+ 20%
4. School bus	62		18	44		31	6	17	8				62		31				%
5. Animal-drawn vehicle	2		2			2	1		1	1		2	2		2	1		2	%
6. Bicycle	352	9	339	4	9	356	125	194	37	298	4	305	352	9	356	298	4	305	+125%
7. Animal	16		6	10		7	3	4		21		4	16		7	21		4	%
8. Fixed object	1899	10	755	1134	10	1151	546	499	106	1926	18	1030	1899	10	1151	1926	18	1030	- 44%
9. Other object	25		7	18		7	3	3	1	23		8	25		7	23		8	%
10. Overturned in roadway	139	3	66	70	3	96	27	53	16	167	2	104	139	3	96	167	2	104	+ 50%
11. Ran off roadway	1552	31	640	881	36	1023	474	400	149	1303	22	720	1552	36	1023	1303	22	720	+ 64%
12. Other non-collision	92	3	73	16	3	83	38	40	5	72	4	60	92	3	83	72	4	60	- 25%
TOTALS	27455	182	9824	17449	195	15309	4699	6462	4148	26500	189	12351	27455	195	15309	26500	189	12351	+ 3%

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 unconsciousness.

II. URBAN-RURAL LOCATION

Incorporated city or town																			
1. 2,500 to 5,000 pop.	1430	26	427	977	29	776	299	287	190	1300	22	532	1430	29	776	1300	22	532	+ 32%
2. 5,000 to 10,000 pop.	2058	24	709	1325	25	1179	374	530	275	2397	19	1055	2058	25	1179	2397	19	1055	+ 32%
3. 10,000 to 50,000 pop.	9488	68	3533	5887	73	5693	1712	2592	1389	9711	63	4618	9488	73	5693	9711	63	4618	+ 16%
4. 50,000 and over	14479	64	5155	9260	68	7661	2314	3053	2294	13092	85	6146	14479	68	7661	13092	85	6146	- 20%
Total Urban Accidents	27455	182	9824	17449	195	15309	4699	6462	4148	26500	189	12351	27455	195	15309	26500	189	12351	+ 3%
Outside incorporated areas																			
5. State numbered highways																			%
6. County and local roads																			%
7. U. S. numbered highways																			%
8. Interstate numbered highways																			%
9. Limited access highways																			%
Total—Rural Accidents																			%
Total—All Locations																			%

TABLE B—AGE AND SEX OF KILLED AND INJURED PERSONS

(See Table G for age, sex, and race of drivers)

AGE GROUP AND RACE	Persons Killed									Persons Injured								
	All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0-4 years	13	9	4	11	8	3				732	377	355	210	(126)	84	3	2	1
2. 5-9 years	13	8	5	9	5	4	3	3		1020	612	408	425	280	145	111	95	16
3. 10-14 years	3	2	1	1		1	2	2		825	451	374	163	100	63	166	147	19
4. 15-19 years	25	23	2	1	1		1	1		2232	1261	971	67	36	31	34	31	3
5. 20-24 years	24	22	2	1	1		1	1		1970	1153	817	62	32	30	2	2	
6. 25-34 years	23	19	4	3	1	2				2773	1585	1188	67	48	19	10	10	
7. 35-44 years	34	30	4	7	6	1				2306	1189	1117	107	61	46	8	7	1
8. 45-54 years	21	15	6	5	3	2	1	1		1624	860	764	82	53	29	6	6	
9. 55-64 years	19	14	5	8	6	2	1	1		968	510	458	89	54	35	5	5	
10. 65-74 years	20	12	8	9	6	3				457	245	212	55	34	21	4	4	
11. 75 years and over	9	6	3	8	6	2				149	86	63	25	20	5	1	1	
12. Not stated	1	1								253	115	138	10	5	5	2	2	
Total persons	195	151	44	63	43	20	9	9		15309	8444	6865	1362	849	513	352	312	40

TABLE C
IMPORTANT CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS

The schedule to the right summarizes the circumstances and conditions under which accidents occur, and the actions which contribute to accidents. The material is shown elsewhere in the summary, but here is brought together and stated in percentage form to facilitate its use.

The percentages represent the proportion of accidents which were reported to have had each of the various contributing factors—not the percentages of drivers or vehicles.

Circumstance or Condition	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
All Types of Accidents		
1. Driver violated, including drinking	77 %	59%
2. Driver defects	4 %	3%
3. Driver vision obscured	9 %	9%
4. Vehicle defects	5 %	2%
5. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely*	31 %	19%
6. Pedestrian defects, including drinking*	9 %	17%
7. Road defects	2 %	3%
8. Night	35 %	58%
9. Weather—cloudy, rainy, snowy, etc.	32 %	29%
10. Road wet, icy, snowy, etc.	23 %	21%
11. At intersection	51 %	36%
12. Road curved	8 %	15%
13. Road on grade or hill	28 %	37%
14.	%	%
15.	%	%
16.	%	%
17.	%	%
***Pedestrian Accidents Only**		
18. Pedestrian violated or acted unsafely	31 %	19%
19. Pedestrian defects, including drinking	9 %	17%
Bicycle Accidents Only		
20. Bicycle violated, acted unsafely, or had defective equipment	%	%

TABLE D—CUMULATIVE MILEAGE DEATH RATES

	This Year	Last Year	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths			%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)			%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			%

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Urban Accidents

TABLE E—DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS

An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event

I. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Accidents (Incl. any property damage accidents)	Fatal Accidents: Total Fatal Accidents	Fatal Accidents: At Intersection: Car Entering	Fatal Accidents: At Intersection: Car Within	Fatal Accidents: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Fatal Accidents: Non-Inter Section	Fatal Accidents: Not Stated	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: Total Non-Fatal Injury	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: At Intersection: Car Entering	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: At Intersection: Car Within	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: At Intersection: Car Leaving	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: Non-Inter Section	Non-Fatal Injury Accidents: Not Stated
1. Car going straight	1104	54	4	4	5	41		1050	119	62	71	798	
2. Car turning right	27	1			1			26	6	6	11	3	
3. Car turning left	100							100	17	58	21	4	
4. Car backing	47	4		1		3		43	3	4		36	
5. All others	24							24	4		1	19	
6. Not stated													
Total pedestrian accidents	1302	59	4	5	6	44		1243	149	130	104	860	

II. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
21. Entering at angle—both going straight	4603	27	1945	2631
22. Same—one right turn, other straight	486		91	395
23. Same—one left turn, one straight	1183	2	287	894
24. Same—all others	371	1	70	300
25. From same direction—both going straight	541		156	385
26. Same—one right turn, one straight	367	1	55	311
27. Same—one left turn, one straight	836	1	196	639
28. Same—one stopped	1873	2	759	1112
29. Same—all others	140	2	18	120
30. From opposite direction—both going straight	233	1	87	145
31. Same—one left turn, one straight	1434	1	498	935
32. Same—one right turn, one straight	17		4	13
33. Same—all others	156	1	26	129
Total two motor veh. intersection accidents	12240	39	4192	8009

III. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE NON-INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
34. Going opposite direct'ns—head-on collision	226	7	130	89
35. Same—sideswipe collision	633	5	146	482
36. Going same direction—rear-end collision	1252	1	460	791
37. Same—sideswipe collision	665	1	90	574
38. One car parked—proper location	2422	3	449	1970
39. One car parked—improper location	117	1	28	88
40. One car stopped in traffic	1860		714	1146
41. One car forward from parked position	357		31	326
42. One car backward from parked position	96		11	85
43. One car into parked position	27		3	24
44. One car entering or leaving alley	44		5	39
45. One car entering or leaving driveway	1587		329	1258
46. All others	318		55	263
Total two motor veh. non-intersection acc.	9604	18	2451	7135

IV. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	All Accidents	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage
47. Collision with non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.—at intersection	236	9	204	23
48. Same—not at intersection	210	10	165	35
49. Collision with fixed object in roadway—at intersection	600	2	208	390
50. Same—not at intersection	1227	8	527	692
51. Overturned in roadway—at intersection	42	1	19	22
52. Same—not at intersection	102	2	47	53
53. Left roadway—at intersection—then overturned	47	2	21	24
54. Same—then struck fixed object	273	2	114	157
55. Same—then struck other vehicle	14	1	2	11
56. Same—then struck pedestrian	9		9	
57. Left roadway—at curve—then overturned	122	4	58	60
58. Same—then struck fixed object	342	7	159	176
59. Same—then struck other vehicle	12		3	9
60. Same—then struck pedestrian	1		1	
61. Left roadway—on straight road—then overturned	90	4	48	38
62. Same—then struck fixed object	563	11	233	319
63. Same—then struck other vehicle	58		6	52
64. Same—then struck pedestrian	8		8	
65. Driverless moving vehicle	226		20	206
66. Occupant fell from vehicle—boarding or alighting in traffic	6		5	1
67. Same—not boarding or alighting	69	3	62	4
68. Injured within vehicle (no other event)	6		6	
69. Mechanical failure (no other event)	1		1	
70. Fire (no other event)	3		2	1
71. All others	42		10	32
Total all other accidents	4309	66	1938	2305

TABLE F—PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS

PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE, SEX AND LIGHT CONDITIONS	Total Pedestrians	Pedestrians Killed	Age: 0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	Not Stated	Sex: Male	Sex: Female	Light Conditions: Daylight	Dusk	Darkness	Not Stated
01. Crossing at intersection—with signal	123		5	6	4	11	6	29	35	27		50	73	93	2	28	
02. Same—against signal	82	3	6	33	11	5	1	10	16	10		50	32	59	2	21	
03. Same—no signal	162	10	18	50	19	11	4	28	22	10		99	63	103	5	54	
04. Same—diagonally	11			4	3	1			2		1	6	5	9		2	
05. Crossing not at intersection	550	23	103	207	58	17	16	54	57	36	2	357	193	403	32	108	7
06. Coming from behind parked cars	211	5	56	109	22	6	3	2	9	3	1	126	85	172	11	26	2
07. Walking in roadway—with traffic—sidewalks available	15			1	6		2	1	2	2	1	10	5	8		6	1
08. Same—sidewalks not available	39	5	2	2	6	7	3	10	6	2	1	24	15	20		18	1
09. Walking in roadway—against traffic—sidewalks available	5			1	1		2	1				4	1	2	1	2	
10. Same—sidewalks not available	22	8			5	2	3	3	8	1		15	7	8	2	12	
11. Standing in roadway	28	1	3	1	2	3	4	9	5	1		20	8	9	2	16	1
12. Walking to or from stopped school bus																	
13. Getting on or off vehicle	7			1		1	2	1	2			5	2	2		5	
14. Pushing or working on vehicle	5						1	2	2			4	1	2	1	2	
15. Other working in roadway	11				1			10				11		10		1	
16. Playing in roadway	67	2	20	23	20	1	1	1	1			51	16	53	5	9	
17. Lying in roadway	2	1	1			1						1	1	1		1	
18. Other in roadway	21	1	3	3	1		2	5	6		1	13	8	17		4	
19. Not in roadway	55	2	2	2	5	2	10	18	10	4	2	38	17	42	1	12	
20. Not stated	9	2	2				3	1	1	1	1	5	4	6		3	
Total pedestrians	1425	63	221	433	164	68	63	185	184	97	10	889	536	1019	64	330	12

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TABLE G—DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

(Excluding drivers of cars in proper parking location)

I. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under driving age	58	
2. 16-17	3020	20
18-19	3576	20
20-24	7707	33
25-34	11942	64
6. 35-44	9588	41
7. 45-54	6469	32
8. 55-64	3697	14
9. 65-74	1488	13
10. 75 and over	350	
11. Not stated	421	5
Total drivers	48321	242

II. SEX OF DRIVER		
1. Male	36910	203
2. Female	11045	38
3. Not stated	366	1
Total drivers	48321	242

III. RACE OF DRIVER		
1. White	37896	190
2. Negro	8825	43
3. Other	198	
4. Not stated	1402	9
Total drivers	48321	242

IV. PROXIMITY OF DRIVER'S RESIDENCE		
1. Residing within 25 miles of acci. location	40319	190
2. Residing elsewhere in state	6078	32
3. Non-resident of state	1900	18
4. Not stated	424	2
Total drivers	48321	242

V. LICENSE OF DRIVER		
1. Licensed in state	44110	201
2. Resident—no license	1049	6
3. Non-resident—licensed in other state	1592	13
4. Non-resident—no license	91	1
5. Other	830	5
6. Not stated	649	16
Total drivers	48321	242

VI. EXPERIENCE OF DRIVER		
1. Learner under instruction	133	
2. Less than three months	423	
Three to six months	380	5
Six to twelve months	476	5
5. 1-5 years	9169	50
6. 6-10 years	7036	21
7. 11 years or more	22085	96
8. Not stated	8619	79
Total drivers	48321	242

VII. OCCUPATION OF DRIVER		
1. Professional	1968	6
2. Semi-professional	637	4
3. Managerial and official	1676	5
4. Clerical and kindred	2869	11
5. Sales and kindred	2630	11
6. Domestic, personal & building service workers	1806	3
7. Protective service	475	2
8. Military	939	6
9. Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery, Forestry, Hunting, Trapping	1296	7
10. Manufacturing & related activities	3660	23
11. Miscellaneous	10392	54
12. Commercial truck drivers	2171	18
13. Students	3477	21
14. Housewives	3155	10
15. Not Stated	11171	61
Total drivers	48321	242

VIII. APPROXIMATE SPEED (PRECEDING ACCIDENT)		
1. Standing still (excl. proper parking location)	5754	7
2. 1 - 9 miles per hour	5124	3
3. 10 - 19 miles per hour	8445	22
4. 20 - 29 miles per hour	9424	37
5. 30 - 39 miles per hour	5597	42
6. 40 - 49 miles per hour	1097	14
7. 50 - 59 miles per hour	482	10
8. 60 - 69 miles per hour	120	5
9. 70 miles per hour and over	100	12
Not stated	12178	90
Total drivers	48321	242

TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

IX. DRIVER VIOLATIONS INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Under influence of alcohol	1346	7
2. Exceeded stated speed limit	823	24
3. Exceeded safe speed—but not stated limit	1736	19
4. Passed standing school bus	2	
5. Improper starting from parked position	196	
6. Improper use of headlights	9	
7. Hit and run	1002	3
8. Passing on hill	6	
9. Passing on curve	14	
10. Improper lights	91	
11. Improper brakes	345	1
12. Failed to yield right of way	6113	17
13. Driving on wrong side of road	1503	19
14. Improper overtaking	914	5
15. Disregarded stop sign or signal	987	10
16. Disregarded traffic signal	1485	7
17. Following too closely	3838	3
18. Improper turn	1617	2
19. Failed to signal or improper signal	231	
20. Improper parking location	134	3
21. Other violations	1907	19
22. Reckless Driving	1686	8
23.		
Total violations	25985	146

FURTHER BREAKDOWN FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS		
Speeding below 65 MPH	2430	28
Speeding 65 - 75 MPH	84	7
Speeding over 75 MPH	45	8

VIOLATION CONTROL		
1. Drivers—in violation	21963	111
2. Drivers—not in violation	24807	123
3. Drivers—information not stated	1551	8
Total drivers	48321	242
4. Accidents—involving a violation	21135	108
5. Accidents—not involving a violation	5386	65
6. Accidents—information not stated	934	9
Total accidents	27455	182
7. Accidents—drivers under influence of alcohol	1334	7
8. Accidents—drivers not under influence	20793	141
9. Accidents—information not stated	5328	34
Total accidents	27455	182
10. Accident—under the influence and speeding	183	2
11. Accident—under the influence but no speed	1159	5
12. Accident—speeding but not under the influence	2342	43
13. Accident—other violations	17451	58
14. Accident—no violations	5386	65
15. Accident—information not stated	934	9
Total accidents	27455	182

X. DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION		
1. Had been drinking	3335	30
2. Under the influence	1343	7
3. Had not been drinking	33443	121
4. Not known	1338	43
5. Not stated	8862	41
Total drivers	48321	242

DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION		
1. Ill	78	
2. Fatigued	226	
3. Asleep	195	3
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	760	4
5. Normal	34709	129
6. Condition not known	865	38
7. Restriction on license complied with	405	
8. Restriction on license not complied with	32	
9. Not stated	11051	68
Total drivers	48321	242
10. Accidents—driver defects (excl. drinking)	1207	6
11. Accidents—no driver defects	18594	91
12. Accidents—information not stated	7654	85
Total accidents	27455	182

XI. MISCELLANEOUS DRIVER ACTIONS		
1. Passing or overtaking other vehicle	1266	8
2. Avoiding other vehicle	672	2
3. Avoiding fixed object	50	
4. Avoiding pedestrian	88	
5. Vehicle skidded	3186	30
6. Driverless moving vehicle	231	
7. Hit and run—apprehended	693	2
8. Hit and run—not apprehended	248	1
9. Backing	811	4
10.		
11.		
12.		

TABLE G—DRIVERS (CONTINUED)

XII. VISION OBSTRUCTION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Windshield or windows: (rain, snow, fog, sleet, smoke, dust, etc.)	1605	9
2. Buildings, signs, bushes, crops, embankment, parked cars, etc.	2323	14
3. No vision obstruction	32742	161
4. Not stated	11651	58
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16.		
Total vision obstruction	48321	242
17. Accidents—vision obscured	2569	17
18. Accidents—vision not obscured	13005	95
19. Accidents—information not stated	11881	70
Total accidents	27455	182

TABLE H—MOTOR VEHICLES

(Including cars in proper parking location)

I. TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Passenger car	43168	211
2. Passenger car and trailer	29	
3. Passenger car and house trailer	5	
4. Truck (less than one ton)	1135	7
5. Truck	3652	19
6. Truck and trailer	68	
7. Truck tractor and/or semi-trailer	437	5
8. Farm equipment	14	
9. Activity bus	8	
10. Taxicab	462	1
11. Commercial bus	199	2
12. School bus	75	
13. Motorcycle	150	3
14. Other	97	3
15. Not stated	222	1
Total vehicles	51721	252

Special vehicles included above		
16. Emergency vehicle (incl. privately owned)	36	1
17. Military vehicles	16	
18. Other publicly owned vehicles	247	2

II. CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)		
1. Defective brakes	980	1
2. Improper or defective headlights	31	
3. Improper or defective rear lights	53	
4. Steering mechanism defective	73	
5. Defective tires	112	1
6. Other defects	176	2
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8.		
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10.		
11.		
12.		
13.		
Total defects	1425	4
14. Vehicles—with defects	1425	4
15. Vehicles—no defects	30791	131
16. Vehicles—not known if defective	7669	70
17. Not stated	11836	47
Total vehicles	51721	252
18. Accidents—involving vehicle defects	1329	4
19. Accidents—no vehicle defects	15401	88
20. Accidents—information not stated	10725	90
Total accidents	27455	182

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS

(See Table F for pedestrian actions)

I. PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Had been drinking	73	8
2. Under the influence	33	
3. Had not been drinking	797	26
4. Not known	47	8
5. Not stated	485	21
Total pedestrians	1435	63

TABLE I—PEDESTRIANS (CONTINUED)

II. PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Ill	2	
2. Fatigued	6	1
3. Asleep	1	
4. Other physical impairment (eyesight, hearing, etc.)	29	2
5. Normal	773	23
6. Condition not known	67	13
7. Not stated	547	24
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9.		
10.		
11.		
Total pedestrians	1425	63

TABLE J—HIGHWAY

I. ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Loose surface material—gravel, etc.	275	4
2. Holes, ruts, etc.	70	
3. Defective shoulders	37	
4. Other defects	118	1
5. Road under construction or repair	99	1
6.		
7.		
8.		
Total defects	599	6
9. Accidents—road defect	599	6
10. Accidents—no road defect	25285	166
11. Accidents—not stated	1571	10
Total accidents	27455	182

II. CHARACTER OF ROADWAY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Straight road—level	17169	90
2. Straight road—hillcrest	1115	11
3. Straight road—on grade	5387	43
4. Sharp curve—level	478	9
5. Sharp curve—hillcrest	108	1
6. Sharp curve—on grade	422	7
7. Other curve—level	610	5
8. Other curve—hillcrest	109	
9. Other curve—on grade	475	6
10. Not stated	1582	10
Total accidents	27455	182

III. CHARACTER OF LOCATION	Urban		Rural	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Intersection	13934	66		
2. Driveway	2072	2		
3. Railroad crossing	114	10		
4. Bridge, overpass, culvert	100	3		
5. Underpass	17			
6. In alley	51	1		
7. All others	11166	100		
8. Not stated	1			
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16.				
Total non-intersection	27455	182		

IV. TRAFFIC CONTROL	Intersection		Non-Intersection	
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Stop sign or signal	4282	23	375	2
2. Stop-and-go light	4525	10	711	1
3. Officer or watchman	33		35	
4. R. R. gates or signal	22		68	6
5. Warning sign or signal	441		142	3
6. Other	237		94	4
7. Control not functioning, inadequate or obscured	28	1	20	
Total traffic controls	9568	34	1445	16
8. Accident—control present	9568	34	1445	16
9. Accident—no control present	3870	31	11245	93
10. Accident—control not stated	496	1	831	7
Total accidents	13934	66	13521	116

TABLE J—HIGHWAY (CONTINUED)

V. KIND OF LOCALITY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Manufacturing or industrial district	1559	13
2. Shopping or business district	8135	31
3. Residential Dist. (apt. & one-family homes)	15849	114
4. School or playground district	376	3
5. Open country (farms, fields, not developed)	1183	18
6. Not stated	353	3
7.		
Total accidents	27455	182

VI. TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Concrete	3103	26
2. Blacktop	20668	135
3. Gravel	244	3
4. Dirt or sand	384	3
5. Other	42	1
6. Not stated	3014	14
7.		
8.		
Total accidents	27455	182

VII. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Dry	21239	144
2. Wet	5531	34
3. Oily	20	1
4. Muddy	23	
5. Snowy	90	
6. Icy	552	3
Total accidents	27455	182

TABLE K—TIME AND WEATHER

I. HOUR	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Midnight to 12:59 a.m.	784	11
2. 1:00 a.m. to 1:59 a.m.	486	9
3. 2:00 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.	311	4
4. 3:00 a.m. to 3:59 a.m.	256	4
5. 4:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	210	3
6. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	183	3
7. 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	483	3
8. 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	1099	7
9. 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	1539	4
10. 9:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.	1039	6
11. 10:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.	1186	6
12. 11:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	1399	9
13. Noon to 12:59 p.m.	1537	4
14. 1:00 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.	1346	3
15. 2:00 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.	1463	5
16. 3:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.	2024	11
17. 4:00 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.	2319	3
18. 5:00 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.	2482	16
19. 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.	1552	17
20. 7:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.	1515	15
21. 8:00 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.	1212	14
22. 9:00 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.	1070	14
23. 10:00 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.	998	7
24. 11:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	926	4
25. Not stated	36	
Total accidents	27455	182

II. DAY OF WEEK	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Monday	3586	22
2. Tuesday	3082	20
3. Wednesday	3225	16
4. Thursday	3378	23
5. Friday	4865	24
6. Saturday	5805	48
7. Sunday	3512	29
8. Not stated	2	
Total accidents	27455	182

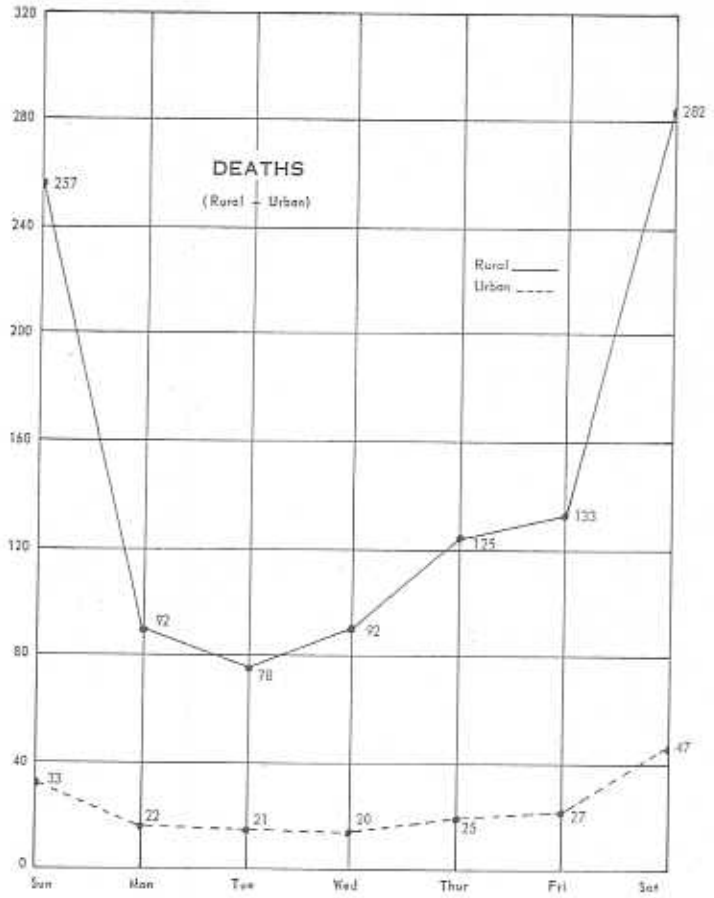
III. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Daylight	18043	76
2. Dusk	707	7
3. Dawn	234	1
4. Darkness—street or highway lighted	6647	67
5. Darkness—street or highway not lighted	1508	28
6. Not stated	316	3
7.		
Total accidents	27455	182

IV. WEATHER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents
1. Clear	18455	123
2. Cloudy	4226	25
3. Raining	4059	25
4. Snowing	188	
5. Fog	137	2
6. Other	56	1
7. Not stated	334	6
Total accidents	27455	182

URBAN

ACCIDENTS BY HOUR OF EACH DAY

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	784	11	60	1	59		59	1	68		88	1	206	5	244	3		
	1. 1:00	486	9	40	1	38	1	26	1	42	1	51	2	128	1	161	2		
	2. 2:00	311	4	23	1	14		21		21		33		89	1	110	2		
	3. 3:00	256	4	16		18		22		30	1	21		73	1	76	2		
	4. 4:00	210	3	28	1	15	1	13		19		24		47		64	1		
	5. 5:00	183	3	22		20		17		20		34		47	2	23	1		
	6. 6:00	483	3	68	1	74		64		87	2	92		57		41			
	7. 7:00	1099	7	207	2	177	1	172		175	1	195	1	122	2	51			
	8. 8:00	1539	4	280	1	223		272	1	238	1	291		181		54	1		
	9. 9:00	1039	6	147		131	1	134		129		153	2	247	3	98			
	10. 10:00	1186	6	147	1	136	1	159		133	1	183	1	294	1	134	1		
	11. 11:00	1399	9	203	2	163	1	154		169	1	208	1	359	2	143	2		
After Noon	12. Noon	1537	4	206		193		207		190		239	1	312	2	190	1		
	13. 1:00	1346	3	171		165	1	159		162		221		333	1	135	1		
	14. 2:00	1463	5	196	1	154		156	1	190		239	2	323	1	203			
	15. 3:00	2024	11	284	1	236	4	256	1	278	1	341	2	360		269	2		
	16. 4:00	2319	3	359	2	276		282		313		424		377	1	288			
	17. 5:00	2482	16	349	1	306	1	305		379	4	469	1	411	7	263	2		
	18. 6:00	1552	17	196	1	169	5	187	1	163	1	260		340	7	237	2		
	19. 7:00	1515	15	193	1	135	1	147	5	156	1	303	2	350	2	231	3		
	20. 8:00	1212	14	128	1	107		106		114	3	255	5	347	5	155			
	21. 9:00	1070	14	94	3	102	2	124	3	97	1	241	1	269	3	143	1		
	22. 10:00	998	7	91		89		82	1	109	2	250	1	266	1	111	2		
	23. 11:00	926	4	71		78		98	1	91	2	247	1	261		80			
24. Not stated		36		7		4		1		5		3		6		8		2	
Totals		27455	182	3586	22	3082	20	3225	16	3378	23	4865	24	5805	48	3512	29	2	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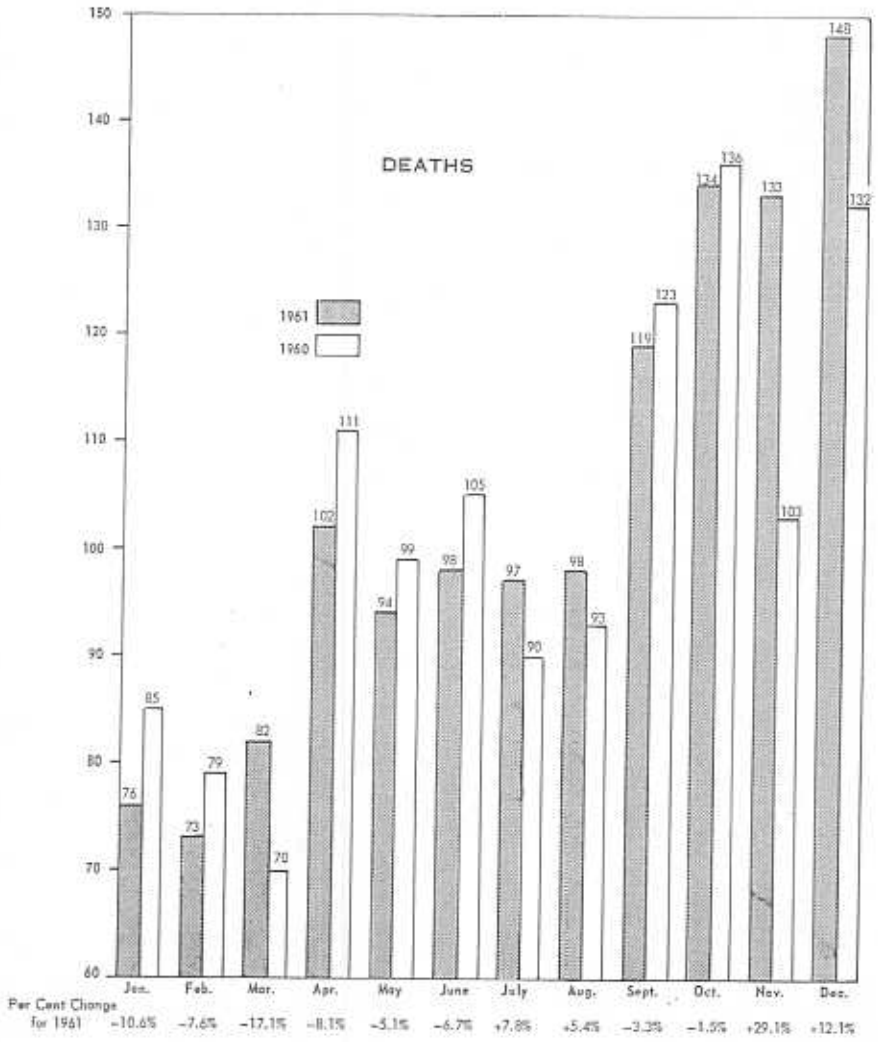
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Per Cent Change for 1961
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-7.6%
-17.1%
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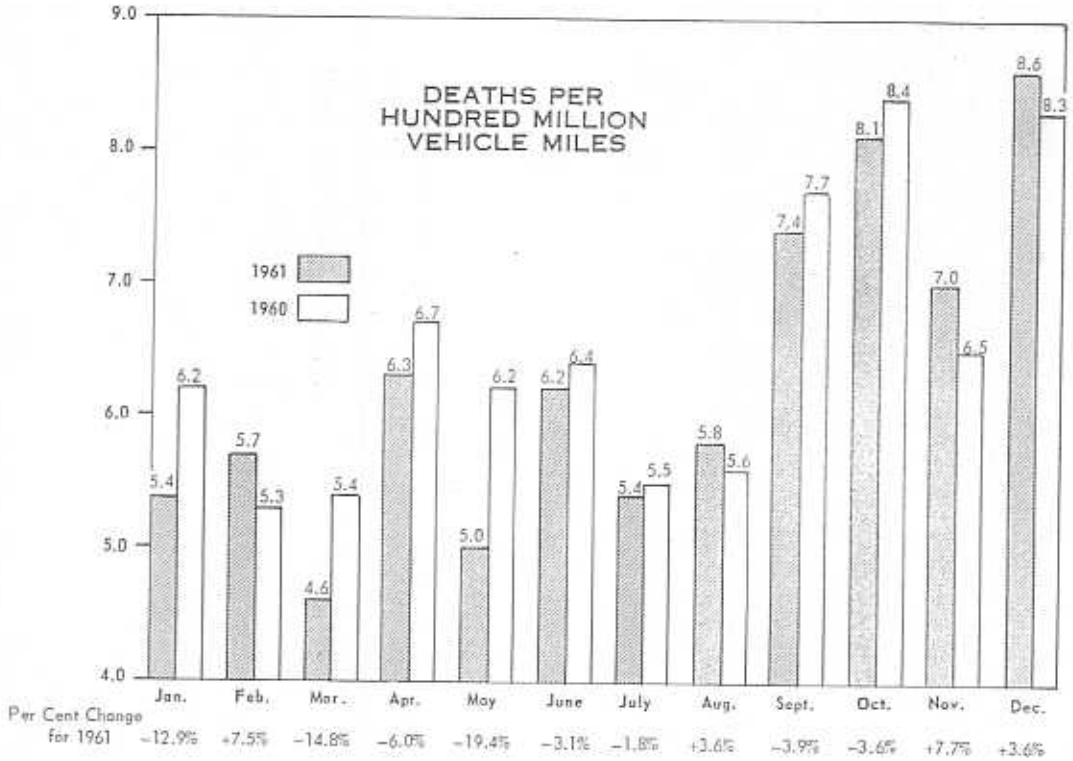
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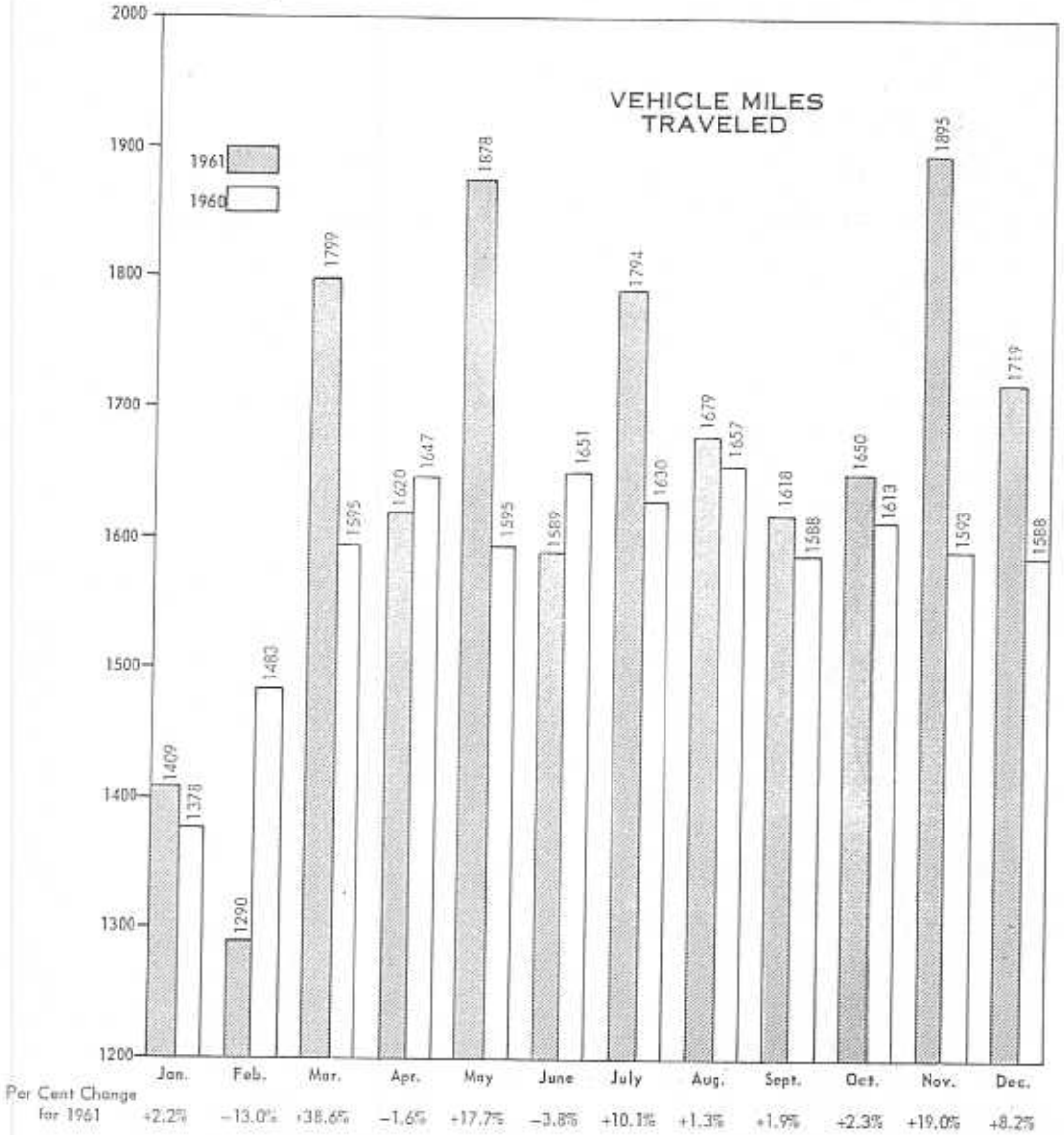
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Per Cent Change for 1961
+2.2%
-13.0%
+38.6%
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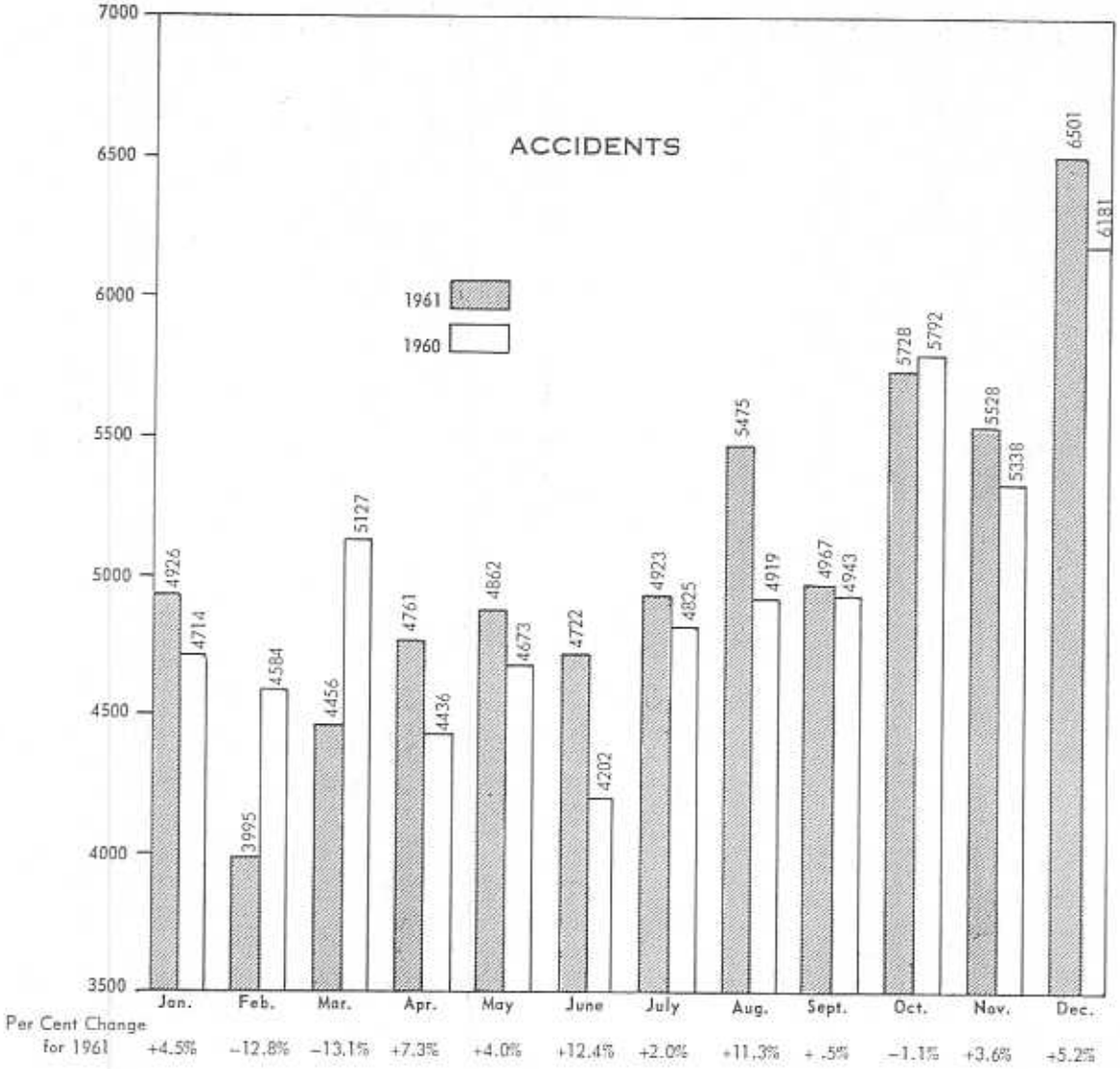
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6000
5500
5000
4500
4000
3500
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4714
3995
4584
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5127
4761
4436
4862
4673
4722
4202
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5475
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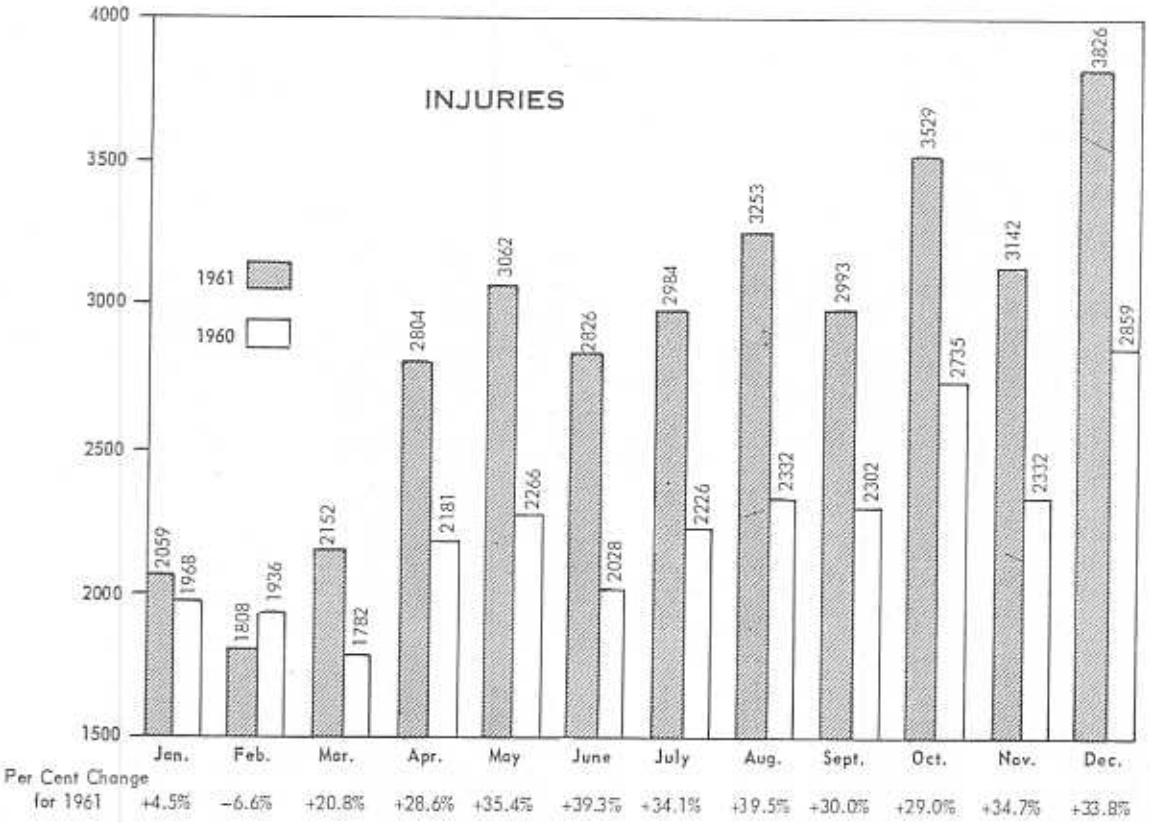
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1782
2804
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3062
2266
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Per Cent Change for 1961
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+29.0%
+34.7%
+33.8%

FATAL ACCIDENTS AND PERSONS KILLED IN MUNICIPALITIES

Cities and Towns	Fatal Accidents	Persons Killed
Asheboro	1	1
Asheville	7	7
Ayden	1	1
Bessemer City	1	2
Boone	1	1
Burlington	2	3
Canton	1	1
Chapel Hill	1	1
Charlotte	21	22
Clinton	4	4
Concord	1	1
Draper	2	2
Durham	4	4
Edenton	1	1
Elkin	1	1
Fayetteville	9	9
Forest City	1	1
Fuquay Springs	3	3
Garner	1	1
Gastonia	1	1
Goldsboro	2	2
Graham	2	2
Greensboro	13	14
Greenville	1	1
Hamlet	3	3
Henderson	2	2
Hendersonville	1	1
Hickory	3	3
High Point	4	6
Kannapolis	4	5
Kings Mountain	2	2
Kinston	2	2
Leaksville	1	1
Lenoir	2	2
Lexington	1	1
Lowell	1	1
Lumberton	2	2
Marion	1	3
Monroe	3	3
Mooresville	1	1
Mount Airy	1	1
Mount Olive	1	1
New Bern	1	1
Plymouth	1	1
Raeford	1	1
Raleigh	4	4
Reidsville	4	4
Roanoke Rapids	2	2
Rockingham	3	3
Rocky Mount	3	4
Roxboro	1	1
Rutherfordton	1	1
Salisbury	6	6
Sanford	4	6
Siler City	1	1
Southern Pines	5	6
Statesville	3	3
Thomasville	1	1
Valdese	1	1
Washington	2	2
Whiteville	2	2
Wilmington	7	7
Wilson	1	1
Winston-Salem	11	11
TOTAL	182	195

PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES IN MUNICIPALITIES

Cities and Towns	Pedestrians Killed
Asheboro	1
Boone	1
Charlotte	8
Clinton	1
Concord	1
Draper	1
Durham	2
Fayetteville	4
Fuquay Springs	1
Goldsboro	2
Graham	1
Greensboro	5
Greenville	1
Hamlet	1
Henderson	1
Hendersonville	1
Hickory	1
High Point	2
Kings Mountain	1
Kinston	1
Lenoir	1
Lumberton	2
Mooresville	1
New Bern	1
Plymouth	1
Raleigh	2
Roanoke Rapids	1
Rocky Mount	1
Roxboro	1
Rutherfordton	1
Salisbury	2
Sanford	1
Siler City	1
Statesville	2
Thomasville	1
Washington	1
Whiteville	2
Wilmington	2
Winston-Salem	2
TOTAL	63

RURAL PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES

Counties	Pedestrians Killed
Alamance	2
Alexander	1
Anson	1
Beaufort	3
Bertie	1
Bladen	1
Brunswick	1
Buncombe	3
Burke	4
Cabarrus	1
Caldwell	1
Carteret	1
Caswell	1
Catawba	4
Chatham	2
Cherokee	1
Cleveland	1
Columbus	4
Cumberland	3
Currituck	1
Davidson	1
Davie	2
Duplin	4
Durham	2
Edgecombe	4
Forsyth	4
Franklin	1
Gaston	6
Guilford	1
Halifax	6
Harnett	4
Haywood	1
Hertford	3
Hoke	1
Hyde	1
Iredell	3
Jones	2
Lee	2
Lenoir	4
Lincoln	1
Macon	1
Madison	1
Martin	2
McDowell	2
Mecklenburg	2
Mitchell	1
Montgomery	2
Moore	1
Nash	5
New Hanover	4
Onslow	3
Orange	2
Pender	3
Pitt	3
Richmond	2
Robeson	2
Rockingham	1
Rowan	4
Sampson	6
Scotland	1
Surry	2
Swain	1
Transylvania	2
Union	1
Vance	1
Wake	3
Washington	1
Watauga	1
Wilkes	2
Wilson	3
TOTAL	168

TOTAL ACCIDENTS

MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL	MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
January	2,312	2,614	4,926	July	2,021	2,902	4,923
February	1,859	2,136	3,995	August	2,321	3,154	5,475
March	2,119	2,337	4,456	September	2,188	2,779	4,967
April	2,233	2,528	4,761	October	2,492	3,236	5,728
May	2,268	2,594	4,862	November	2,496	3,032	5,528
June	2,140	2,582	4,722	December	3,006	3,495	6,501
				TOTAL	27,455	33,389	60,844

PERSONS KILLED

MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL	MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
January	10	66	76	July	17	80	97
February	9	64	73	August	10	88	98
March	15	67	82	September	15	104	119
April	13	89	102	October	21	113	134
May	12	82	94	November	26	107	133
June	17	81	98	December	30	118	148
				TOTAL	195	1,059	1,254

PERSONS INJURED

MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL	MONTH	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
January	984	1,075	2,059	July	1,187	1,797	2,984
February	899	909	1,808	August	1,452	1,801	3,253
March	1,113	1,039	2,152	September	1,291	1,702	2,993
April	1,211	1,593	2,804	October	1,467	2,062	3,529
May	1,338	1,724	3,062	November	1,405	1,737	3,142
June	1,227	1,599	2,826	December	1,735	2,091	3,826
				TOTAL	15,309	19,129	34,438

REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

MONTH	1959	1960	1961	MONTH	1959	1960	1961
January	4,285	4,714	4,926	July	4,775	4,825	4,923
February	3,672	4,584	3,995	August	5,182	4,919	5,475
March	4,344	5,127	4,456	September	5,063	4,943	4,967
April	4,145	4,436	4,761	October	5,925	5,792	5,728
May	4,536	4,673	4,862	November	5,423	5,338	5,528
June	4,078	4,202	4,722	December	5,806	6,181	6,501
				TOTAL	57,234	59,734	60,844

REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MONTH	1959	1960	1961	MONTH	1959	1960	1961
January	115	85	76	July	98	90	97
February	72	79	73	August	105	93	98
March	92	70	82	September	109	123	119
April	98	111	102	October	94	136	134
May	93	99	94	November	115	103	133
June	78	105	98	December	124	132	148
				TOTAL	1,193	1,226	1,254

REPORTED PERSONS INJURED

MONTH	1959	1960	1961	MONTH	1959	1960	1961
January	1,818	1,968	2,059	July	2,102	2,226	2,984
February	1,482	1,936	1,808	August	2,340	2,332	3,253
March	1,899	1,782	2,152	September	2,248	2,302	2,993
April	1,830	2,181	2,804	October	2,451	2,735	3,529
May	2,092	2,266	3,062	November	2,296	2,332	3,142
June	1,867	2,028	2,826	December	2,377	2,859	3,826
				TOTAL	24,802	26,947	34,438