

NORTH CAROLINA
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In any speech, or written article, concerning traffic safety, it is almost impossible to avoid repetition. Difficulty in avoiding such repetition is the seemingly never-ending recurrence of traffic collisions and the attendant property damage, bodily injury and death.

Although some success has been experienced in reducing collision, death and injury rates, the manner in which the collisions occur, remain almost the same from year to year.

The word almost is underlined. As we know there are subtle differences, which if not examined could result in lost opportunity to further reduce collision, injury and death rates, or, worse, result in increasing those rates.

Use of statistics contained in Traffic Accident Facts as a part of the data base to discover and exploit the subtle differences that do exist is infinitely more valuable than the effort expended to produce the summary.



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**An Illustrated Analysis
of North Carolina
Traffic Accident Statistics
for 1977**

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1977 COMPOSITE ACCIDENT PICTURE

North Carolina Motor Vehicle Traffic Deaths have passed the 1,000 mark for TWENTY-THREE consecutive years, 1955 thru 1977.

81,320 persons injured, 3.8% increase from 1976.

145,672 traffic accidents reported, 5.2% increase from 1976.

31% of ALL ACCIDENTS involved only ONE VEHICLE.

1 out of every 18 registered vehicles was involved in an accident.

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. was the highest accident period for urban areas.

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was the highest accident period for rural areas.

57% of FATAL accidents occurred during NIGHT hours.

35% of ALL accidents occurred during NIGHT hours.

FRIDAY was the highest accident day with 19% of ALL ACCIDENTS.

55% of FATAL ACCIDENTS occurred on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

One person KILLED every 6 hours.

One person INJURED every 6 minutes

One ACCIDENT reported every 4 minutes.

28 persons were killed for each 100,000 population.

75 motorcycles were involved in FATAL ACCIDENTS.

20 MALE bicyclists were killed - 2 FEMALE.

Only seventy-nine FEMALE bicyclists have been killed during the past 28 years. TWO occurred during 1950, ONE in 1953, ONE in 1954, FOUR in 1955, ONE in 1956, TWO in 1957, TWO in 1958, ONE in 1959, SIX in 1960, TWO in 1961, TWO in 1962, THREE in 1963, THREE in 1964, THREE in 1965, FIVE in 1967, THREE in 1968, ONE in 1969, TWO in 1970, FOUR in 1971, SIX in 1972, SEVEN in 1973, SIX in 1974, SEVEN in 1975, THREE in 1976 and TWO in 1977.

1 out of every 14 LICENSED DRIVERS was involved in an accident.

Ratio of persons INJURED to KILLED was 56 to 1.

Number of people KILLED per 100 fatal accidents was 114. (1.14 people per fatal accident.)

"SPEEDING" was the leading violation in FATAL accidents.

5% of ALL accidents and 7% of FATAL accidents involved mechanical defects.

19% of the drivers in FATAL ACCIDENTS were known to have been drinking.

Drinking is a known factor in 19% of all injury accidents.

84% of the FATAL ACCIDENTS occurred in RURAL areas.

IN RURAL AREAS 25% OF ALL ACCIDENTS occurred on U. S. NUMBERED HIGHWAYS, 3% on INTERSTATE NUMBERED HIGHWAYS, 20% on N. C. STATE NUMBERED HIGHWAYS, 40% ON RURAL PAVED ROADS, and 12% on DIRT AND GRAVEL ROADS.

1 out of 9 PEDESTRIANS involved in an accident was killed.

19% of ALL FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVED PEDESTRIANS.

18% of ALL FATALITIES were PEDESTRIANS.

19% of PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES were children under 10 years of age.

76% of the FATAL PEDESTRIAN accidents occurred in RURAL areas.

42% of PEDESTRIANS KILLED were killed while crossing NOT at an intersection, while 7% were crossing AT an intersection.

7% of PEDESTRIANS KILLED were killed while WALKING IN ROADWAY – WITH TRAFFIC.

15% of the PEDESTRIANS killed in TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS had been drinking.

In 78% of ALL ACCIDENTS at least one driver was IN VIOLATION of a traffic law.

IN RURAL AREAS:

Interstate had 4% of FATAL ACCIDENTS.

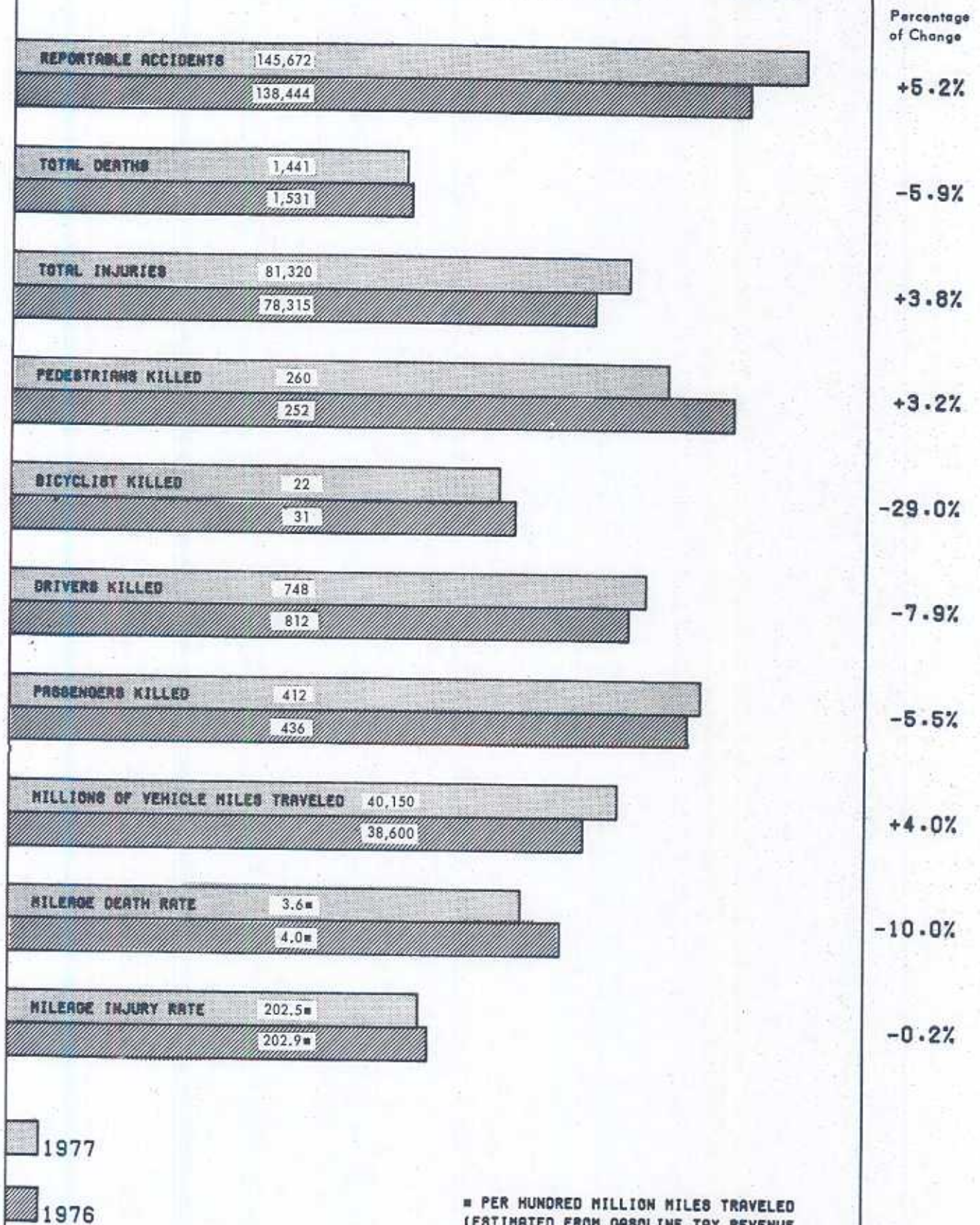
U. S. Highways had 27% of FATAL ACCIDENTS.

N. C. Highways had 21% of FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Rural Paved Roads had 43% of FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Dirt and Gravel had 4% of FATAL ACCIDENTS.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY 1977 - 1976



■ PER HUNDRED MILLION MILES TRAVELED
 (ESTIMATED FROM GASOLINE TAX REVENUE
 BY PLANNING & RESEARCH DEPT
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS)

FATALITIES BY COUNTIES - 1945-1977

Counties	1945 1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Total
Alamance	257	12	17	26	27	35	25	16	27	17	29	25	18	26	20	14	591
Alexander	63	4	5	5	6	10	4	7	5	4	6	5	7	3	9	6	149
Alleghany	35	0	1	4	2	2	6	4	3	3	2	1	2	5	1	4	75
Anson	127	18	7	10	14	8	9	13	9	16	12	16	8	5	5	7	284
Ashe	58	2	5	3	3	8	4	8	8	3	1	3	0	1	8	3	118
Avery	25	2	7	7	3	1	5	2	5	4	4	2	6	1	3	2	79
Beaufort	185	14	15	18	17	13	17	16	10	23	16	14	22	11	8	16	415
Bertie	120	7	11	7	6	11	12	5	11	14	4	10	9	7	6	6	246
Bladen	169	8	12	15	10	12	16	14	24	22	18	18	13	15	13	21	400
Brunswick	170	7	10	15	12	17	22	20	16	19	24	24	23	9	12	11	411
Buncombe	444	28	40	30	43	27	25	39	31	35	26	37	34	36	34	29	938
Burke	207	15	18	20	25	31	20	24	27	21	22	30	28	20	22	15	545
Cabarrus	245	14	14	17	32	25	22	22	8	17	32	20	16	11	12	6	513
Caldwell	163	14	18	22	20	24	14	14	19	13	15	15	18	9	15	17	410
Camden	31	6	3	4	3	2	1	4	6	2	3	1	1	3	7	0	77
Carteret	146	3	9	13	18	11	14	16	10	13	19	23	13	8	8	7	331
Caswell	99	5	17	9	9	11	6	17	13	11	14	6	11	5	6	11	250
Catawba	283	27	22	35	45	45	17	28	33	25	35	45	20	24	26	19	729
Chatham	178	18	10	15	15	13	21	24	10	25	25	19	17	15	11	20	436
Cherokee	76	6	3	7	0	13	6	7	3	7	1	4	6	6	3	6	154
Chowan	48	5	1	2	0	8	2	7	4	4	4	3	1	0	1	2	92
Clay	19	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	3	36
Cleveland	264	19	22	21	19	21	30	18	22	22	17	25	24	17	25	23	589
Columbus	288	26	12	19	32	24	27	23	22	37	35	39	24	14	32	21	675
Craven	271	16	11	21	15	20	17	34	22	26	18	24	17	25	28	21	586
Cumberland	575	40	43	38	57	73	64	65	42	53	61	54	38	55	63	41	1362
Currituck	62	6	3	3	9	8	5	8	5	4	12	8	9	2	9	12	165
Dare	64	3	4	1	10	6	8	9	7	6	3	5	6	6	4	3	145
Davidson	290	30	24	35	34	30	33	35	41	38	40	41	30	34	38	21	794
Davie	95	6	22	9	14	8	9	8	9	12	8	4	7	3	2	3	219
Duplin	211	15	10	12	19	11	13	22	19	20	17	26	12	15	18	12	452
Durham	285	21	37	37	31	36	37	21	36	22	22	27	12	28	20	24	696
Edgecombe	209	16	14	17	20	10	27	23	17	18	17	20	16	17	15	17	473
Forsyth	457	33	28	39	40	37	54	57	56	46	54	51	44	41	35	36	1108
Franklin	177	11	14	6	10	7	10	13	11	17	21	27	14	10	7	12	367
Gaston	389	25	22	41	34	40	35	34	36	32	34	40	36	25	26	37	886
Gates	69	7	6	4	9	5	9	3	6	5	1	11	5	6	3	6	155
Graham	13	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	4	0	27
Granville	142	10	27	15	16	22	25	7	24	21	24	16	11	15	6	8	389
Greene	69	8	5	5	8	6	7	7	5	9	8	6	8	4	3	6	164
Guilford	686	58	72	54	54	61	76	81	83	74	88	64	42	57	66	58	1674
Halifax	287	16	41	27	40	31	30	23	18	28	27	29	19	23	20	21	680
Harnett	339	26	23	41	31	40	33	23	28	40	35	36	27	25	29	21	797
Haywood	96	13	4	9	11	5	8	6	11	11	14	17	7	11	10	7	240
Henderson	152	18	9	11	9	7	11	8	11	5	8	14	10	16	24	16	329
Hertford	95	8	8	4	9	15	8	9	6	16	14	13	17	7	9	10	248
Hoke	130	7	6	11	14	11	14	13	10	30	12	11	20	12	12	5	318
Hyde	36	1	5	1	4	3	3	2	1	1	3	0	3	6	3	4	76
Iredell	244	25	18	15	24	25	33	26	26	19	20	19	20	18	12	22	566
Jackson	73	3	6	4	8	4	3	7	6	11	8	6	6	13	9	12	179

FATALITIES BY COUNTIES – 1945-1977 (Continued)

Counties	1945 1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Total
Johnston	334	37	34	36	33	34	53	35	40	36	55	24	30	31	18	23	853
Jones	57	7	8	4	3	7	8	10	9	8	7	5	8	5	3	2	151
Lee	183	14	23	15	13	15	14	14	14	22	6	20	11	14	15	15	408
Lenoir	246	11	34	14	15	19	25	17	10	21	22	12	24	14	12	14	510
Lincoln	149	12	9	17	17	9	15	17	18	15	15	15	15	12	12	15	362
Macon	45	2	2	4	3	7	2	6	5	4	4	3	4	9	3	4	107
Madison	77	3	5	3	4	4	6	3	4	13	5	3	5	4	5	3	147
Martin	89	3	6	12	10	14	9	15	12	11	10	23	15	2	5	4	240
McDowell	147	13	12	10	16	7	10	12	8	9	15	24	14	12	22	13	344
Mecklenburg	755	57	67	65	62	64	79	82	85	95	82	66	69	84	70	56	1838
Mitchell	21	2	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	42
Montgomery	105	7	8	15	11	12	18	7	10	9	4	9	7	5	4	15	246
Moore	220	15	16	18	17	21	26	22	17	34	21	25	11	11	15	10	499
Nash	383	25	36	34	34	28	37	29	34	27	51	30	26	32	22	20	848
New Hanover	220	6	27	19	25	17	13	22	21	24	19	25	14	18	14	17	501
Northampton	185	9	17	18	8	14	17	20	8	20	23	18	6	7	15	16	401
Onslow	278	28	32	15	31	42	37	18	25	34	45	32	42	35	38	37	769
Orange	140	12	14	21	21	17	10	9	14	20	20	21	17	21	8	13	378
Pamlico	46	3	1	6	1	4	5	4	3	6	1	3	7	1	2	5	98
Pasquotank	84	4	3	4	2	7	7	8	5	4	8	4	4	7	8	6	165
Pender	164	7	10	10	17	22	14	12	9	20	18	12	8	6	12	12	353
Perquimans	54	5	6	2	7	7	4	3	1	5	0	2	5	2	1	4	108
Person	120	6	8	9	9	15	10	13	11	8	8	8	19	5	12	7	268
Pitt	227	8	24	19	18	8	27	18	31	24	35	14	29	22	18	15	537
Polk	54	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	5	5	8	3	2	3	2	1	102
Randolph	291	20	21	30	26	35	31	36	31	26	38	30	23	18	23	28	707
Richmond	247	13	21	16	10	21	27	17	22	25	20	21	18	17	16	18	529
Robeson	618	45	47	66	59	63	61	66	65	54	80	66	66	62	59	40	1517
Rockingham	327	20	24	20	28	28	36	24	28	17	33	26	20	22	26	21	700
Rowan	289	28	28	27	27	21	30	37	36	26	29	24	19	31	26	24	702
Rutherford	169	13	14	23	9	16	13	18	14	24	17	15	14	13	19	23	414
Sampson	294	26	29	30	28	22	29	29	20	19	30	24	28	18	29	29	684
Scotland	175	14	20	11	14	21	16	16	12	19	15	13	14	9	8	9	386
Stanly	156	11	10	16	18	10	18	14	13	18	14	11	5	10	4	11	339
Stokes	96	8	7	7	10	6	8	14	11	11	10	12	8	11	13	12	244
Surry	245	19	16	13	18	22	11	14	16	15	21	17	23	27	18	22	517
Swain	32	1	0	2	3	1	5	6	2	2	5	2	1	5	2	4	73
Transylvania	43	1	3	4	5	7	1	4	7	7	3	5	2	4	3	4	103
Tyrrell	29	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	47
Union	222	20	30	20	19	12	23	23	18	17	27	31	23	24	19	11	539
Vance	169	17	9	15	8	17	14	20	25	10	17	25	14	9	9	3	381
Wake	636	42	53	57	83	56	71	57	64	61	70	78	44	47	58	59	1536
Warren	105	3	5	8	4	11	13	7	12	8	13	4	11	6	4	19	233
Washington	63	6	4	4	5	3	7	5	4	5	5	10	3	7	4	4	139
Watauga	49	7	5	6	2	8	10	12	5	8	8	5	6	9	6	3	149
Wayne	283	29	34	31	25	20	25	34	25	23	32	32	27	22	24	12	678
Wilkes	310	24	20	20	16	19	22	16	24	14	33	24	21	16	16	16	611
Wilson	296	22	19	34	25	19	35	35	38	27	29	40	37	34	29	22	741
Yadkin	98	9	9	13	5	15	9	9	9	5	7	14	3	6	9	12	232
Yancey	38	5	4	1	2	3	5	3	7	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	96
TOTAL	18879	1386	1584	1635	1724	1751	1869	1810	1772	1846	1983	1892	1585	1522	1531	1441	44210

**REGISTRATION — MILEAGE
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA — 1930-1977**

YEAR	ANNUAL TOTALS				
	VEHICLES REGISTERED	MILES † DRIVEN	REPORTED ACCIDENTS	PERSONS INJURED	PERSONS KILLED
1930	474,081	3,556,916,334	3,251	4,426	777
1931	442,448	3,451,834,967	3,696	5,075	762
1932	397,455	3,178,488,182	3,266	4,783	674
1933	409,095	3,215,203,038	3,465	4,875	853
1934	471,084	3,726,650,376	4,552	6,273	986
1935	512,076	4,204,641,812	5,368	6,950	1,095
1936	550,050	4,726,295,819	6,639	7,575	1,026
1937	586,660	5,351,585,068	7,413	7,990	1,123
1938	593,035	5,518,464,937	7,495	7,633	937
1939	632,301	5,833,236,940	8,135	7,190	943
1940	669,259	6,261,226,331	9,010	5,298	991
1941	737,108	7,267,717,822	11,672	6,444	1,289
1942	696,140	5,410,409,297	6,456	3,790	842
1943	669,625	4,612,824,255	5,334	3,161	684
1944	671,517	4,769,294,681	6,191	3,448	658
1945	686,436	5,733,264,095	7,529	4,376	732
1946	779,930	8,142,967,055	10,242	6,062	1,028
1947	883,498	8,932,927,542	12,501	6,527	836
1948	958,541	9,585,411,742	16,218	7,490	734
1949	1,030,319	10,409,375,895	21,202	9,721	843
1950	1,171,228	11,852,054,320	28,251	12,352	989
1951	1,247,824	12,900,246,745	37,606	15,123	1,071
1952	1,297,550	13,879,289,065	42,941	15,409	1,115
1953	1,384,757	14,471,064,522	45,757	15,171	1,118
1954	1,437,823	14,620,223,380	40,449	15,600	991
1955	1,601,357	15,967,235,901	45,054	17,875	1,165
1956	1,672,440	16,849,512,043	49,235	19,480	1,108
1957	1,720,162	17,026,878,360	47,705	19,061	1,064
1958	1,708,324	17,293,201,314	50,739	21,412	1,083
1959	1,820,166	18,355,880,228	57,234	24,802	1,193
1960	1,907,988	18,719,108,363	59,734	26,947	1,226
1961	1,984,233	19,940,427,803	60,845	34,435*	1,258
1962	2,056,888	20,245,863,536	65,338	37,404*	1,325
1963	2,101,132	21,470,972,331	72,810	42,662*	1,386
1964	2,258,006	22,757,339,201	82,071	49,122*	1,584
1965	2,409,978	23,660,587,224	86,842	50,050*	1,635
1966	2,575,520	25,197,358,036	97,306	52,111*	1,724
1967	2,722,948	26,615,511,764	101,616	54,428*	1,751
1968	2,898,420	27,845,824,795	109,383	55,127*	1,869
1969	3,071,561	29,849,573,189	120,493	58,614*	1,810
1970	3,208,282	31,351,571,206	124,784	58,614*	1,772
1971**	3,456,743	33,162,464,879	132,987	61,360*	1,846
1972**	3,696,849	37,129,721,185	127,872	65,416*	1,983
1973**	3,981,699	38,972,306,425	125,825	72,069*	1,892
1974**	4,145,821	36,017,619,408	121,552	68,102*	1,585
1975**	4,274,227	36,400,000,000	128,683	73,978*	1,522
1976**	4,490,274	38,600,000,000	138,444	78,315*	1,531
1977**	4,603,442	40,150,000,000	145,672	81,320*	1,441

† Column 2 — Vehicle Miles Driven are Estimated from Gasoline Tax Revenue by Planning & Research, Division of Highways.

* Injuries Reported Since 1961 Reflect the Use of Revised Report Form that Records Non-Bleeding Injuries.

** Basis for Accident Reporting Raised From \$100 damage to \$200 damage effective July 1, 1971.

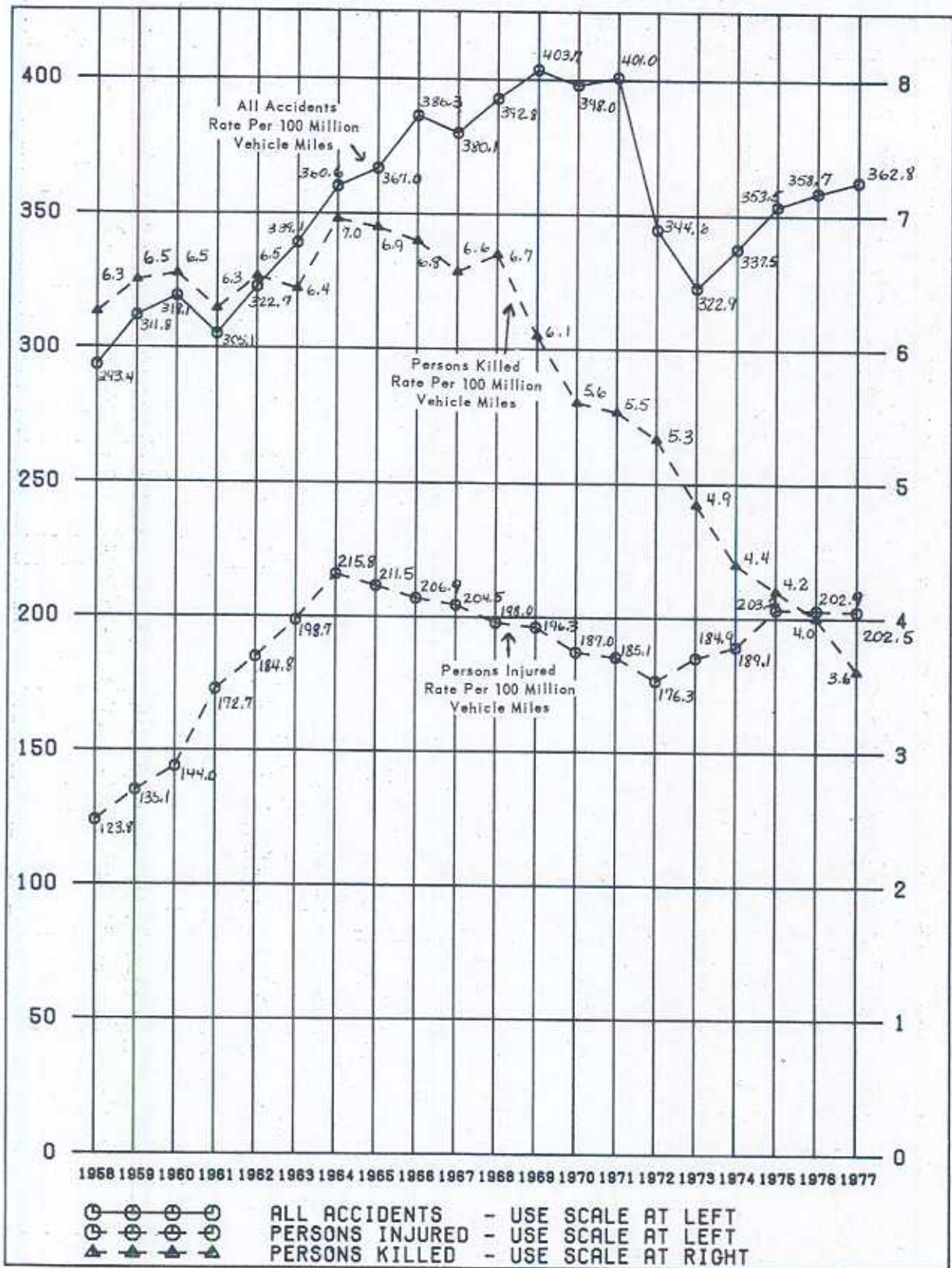
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, DEATHS AND INJURY RATES - 1930-1977

YEAR	RATE PER 100 MILLION VEHICLE MILES DRIVEN			RATE PER 100 REPORTED ACCIDENTS		DEATH RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION
	REPORTED ACCIDENTS	PERSONS INJURED	PERSONS KILLED	PERSONS INJURED	PERSONS KILLED	
1930	91.4	124.4	21.84	136.1	23.9	24.51
1931	107.1	147.0	22.08	137.3	20.6	24.03
1932	102.8	150.5	21.21	146.4	20.6	21.26
1933	107.8	151.6	26.53	140.7	24.6	26.9
1934	122.1	168.3	26.46	137.8	21.7	31.10
1935	127.7	165.3	26.04	129.5	20.4	34.54
1936	140.5	160.3	21.71	114.1	15.5	32.36
1937	138.5	149.3	20.99	107.8	15.2	35.42
1938	135.8	138.3	16.98	101.8	12.5	29.55
1939	139.5	123.3	16.17	88.34	11.6	29.74
1940	143.9	84.6	15.83	58.80	11.0	27.45
1941	160.6	88.7	17.74	55.21	11.0	36.02
1942	119.3	70.0	15.56	58.70	13.0	23.47
1943	115.6	68.5	14.83	59.26	12.8	19.15
1944	129.8	72.3	13.80	55.69	10.6	18.37
1945	131.3	76.3	12.77	58.12	9.72	20.5
1946	125.8	74.4	12.62	59.19	10.04	28.79
1947	139.9	73.1	9.359	52.21	6.69	23.41
1948	169.2	78.1	7.657	46.18	4.53	20.56
1949	203.7	93.8	8.098	45.85	3.98	23.61
1950	238.4	104.2	8.345	43.72	3.50	24.35
1951	291.5	117.2	8.302	40.21	2.85	26.05
1952	309.4	111.0	8.034	35.88	2.60	26.80
1953	316.2	104.8	7.726	33.16	2.44	26.56
1954	276.7	106.7	6.778	38.57	2.450	23.26
1955	282.2	111.9	7.296	39.67	2.586	27.04
1956	292.2	115.6	6.576	39.57	2.250	25.42
1957	280.2	111.9	6.249	39.96	2.230	24.14
1958	293.4	123.8	6.263	42.20	2.134	24.30
1959	311.8	135.1	6.499	43.33	2.084	26.19
1960	319.1	144.0	6.549	45.11	2.052	26.91
1961	305.1	172.7*	6.289	56.59*	2.068	27.24
1962	322.7	184.8*	6.530	57.24*	2.023	28.31
1963	339.1	198.7*	6.437	58.60*	1.898	30.42
1964	360.6	215.8*	6.960	59.86*	1.930	34.77
1965	367.0	211.5*	6.893	57.64*	1.878	35.87
1966	386.3	206.9*	6.78	53.57*	1.757	37.84
1967	380.1	204.5*	6.57	53.68*	1.720	38.43
1968	392.8	198.0*	6.70	50.41*	1.707	41.02
1969	403.7	196.3	6.10	48.64*	1.498	39.73
1970	397.4	186.7	5.64	47.00*	1.420	34.87
1971**	400.6	184.8	5.66	46.14*	1.388	36.32
1972**	344.7	176.3	5.35	51.15*	1.55	39.02
1973**	322.6	184.8	4.85	57.29*	1.50	37.23
1974**	337.6	189.2	4.40	56.00*	1.30	31.19
1975**	353.5	203.2	4.18	57.48*	1.18	29.95
1976**	358.7	202.9	3.97	56.57*	1.11	30.13
1977**	362.8	202.5	3.59	55.82	0.99	28.35

* Injuries Reported Since 1961 Reflect the Use of Revised Report Form that Records Non-Bleeding injuries.

** Basis for Accident Reporting Raised from \$100 damage to \$200 damage effective July 1, 1971.

1958 - 1977 TWENTY YEAR RATE SUMMARY



RATE PER 100 MILLION VEHICLE MILES

HOLIDAY DATA

HOLIDAY	PERIOD		ALL ACCIDENTS	PERSONS INJURED	PERSONS KILLED
	BEGINNING (6:00 P.M.)	ENDING (MIDNIGHT)			
NEW YEAR					
1972-1973	12-29-72	1- 1-73	1092	678	15
1973-1974	12-28-73	1- 1-74	1107	678	18
1974-1975	12-31-74	1- 1-75	402	223	4
1975-1976	12-31-75	1- 4-76	1375	745	12
1976-1977	12-30-76	1- 2-77	1144	640	15
EASTER					
1973	4-20-73	4-23-73	1160	756	18
1974	4-12-74	4-15-74	1094	710	20
1975	3-28-75	3-31-75	1141	645	25
1976	4-16-76	4-19-76	1191	828	18
1977	4- 8-77	4-11-77	1229	824	16
MEMORIAL DAY					
1973	5-25-73	5-28-73	1241	751	13
1974	5-24-74	5-27-74	1152	789	13
1975	5-23-75	5-26-75	1127	658	13
1976	5-28-76	5-31-76	1497	927	19
1977	5-27-77	5-30-77	1211	796	14
FOURTH OF JULY					
1973	7- 3-73	7- 4-73	445	312	6
1974	7- 3-74	7- 7-74	1665	1023	27
1975	7- 3-75	7- 6-75	1164	780	22
1976	7- 2-76	7- 5-76	1461	923	19
1977	7- 1-77	7- 4-77	1356	974	23
LABOR DAY					
1973	8-31-73	9- 3-73	1182	788	25
1974	8-30-74	9- 2-74	1290	849	26
1975	8-29-75	9- 1-75	1208	817	34
1976	9- 3-76	9- 6-76	1144	813	16
1977	9- 2-77	9- 5-77	1142	710	18
THANKSGIVING					
1973	11-21-73	11-25-73	1466	916	29
1974	11-27-74	12- 1-74	1688	944	24
1975	11-26-75	11-30-75	1546	978	26
1976	11-24-76	11-28-76	2055	1191	25
1977	11-23-77	11-27-77	1745	988	15
CHRISTMAS					
1973	12-21-73	12-25-73	1438	771	22
1974	12-24-74	12-25-74	459	282	11
1975	12-24-75	12-28-75	1677	1031	23
1976	12-23-76	12-26-76	1426	852	29
1977	12-23-77	12-26-77	1295	792	13

**HIGHWAY ACCIDENT PERSPECTIVE
COUNTY DATA**

COUNTIES	PEDESTRIAN		BICYCLIST		VIOLATIONS CAUSING ACCIDENTS					
	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	DUI	Exceeding Legal Speed	Unsafe Movement	Yield	Wrong Side	Following too Closely
Alamance	46	5	19	9	185	330	460	284	203	144
Alexander	7	1	4	—	33	194	54	71	79	73
Alleghany	—	—	1	—	8	51	13	13	23	8
Anson	3	3	1	—	24	89	108	38	20	66
Ashe	5	—	—	—	40	164	79	42	88	24
Avery	4	2	1	—	18	51	34	26	67	31
Beaufort	18	3	2	—	54	110	302	54	106	64
Bertie	9	—	2	—	19	91	92	38	74	39
Bladen	10	7	3	—	39	80	100	37	75	29
Brunswick	16	1	2	—	29	212	125	69	65	63
Buncombe	51	9	21	—	208	567	1297	384	457	540
Burke	14	—	7	—	89	337	318	188	162	160
Cabarrus	30	1	13	—	89	325	465	238	131	115
Caldwell	21	1	5	—	109	365	415	208	235	190
Camden	3	—	1	—	19	29	19	9	21	16
Carteret	15	1	5	—	98	161	296	51	130	105
Caswell	3	—	3	—	29	72	66	24	99	23
Catawba	27	4	10	—	150	553	824	325	214	349
Chatham	7	1	2	—	52	160	194	43	105	52
Cherokee	2	1	—	—	34	48	62	26	44	40
Chowan	7	—	4	—	22	31	72	25	22	6
Clay	1	—	1	—	6	20	10	7	14	2
Cleveland	21	3	18	—	152	275	467	254	199	173
Columbus	20	1	13	—	61	183	273	68	76	74
Craven	29	3	15	—	57	208	320	95	71	95
Cumberland	98	10	54	—	470	829	1556	382	202	813
Currituck	2	2	2	—	19	70	39	3	23	41
Dare	11	1	1	—	18	26	77	22	20	49
Davidson	33	3	22	—	183	533	549	233	243	224
Davie	2	—	1	—	29	119	75	14	38	38
Duplin	14	4	6	—	72	176	209	70	90	40
Durham	87	7	40	—	261	482	1275	321	206	402
Edgecombe	19	3	15	—	86	118	298	81	86	52
Forsyth	103	10	43	1	292	998	1424	875	418	668
Franklin	9	2	6	—	65	113	107	52	70	26
Gaston	66	4	35	1	236	578	1221	399	228	386
Gates	2	1	1	—	10	27	35	17	29	1
Graham	—	—	—	—	8	33	12	6	19	4
Granville	6	1	7	—	45	74	85	55	51	43
Greene	1	3	—	—	14	48	31	21	25	9
Guilford	170	15	82	1	506	1052	1919	942	430	551
Halifax	28	6	12	—	84	123	384	84	101	126
Harnett	7	2	2	1	95	276	341	106	172	103
Haywood	8	—	4	—	109	196	187	61	73	48
Henderson	23	—	4	—	86	233	383	128	156	101
Hertford	12	3	9	2	27	71	120	48	75	41
Hoke	5	2	3	—	38	57	75	31	70	35
Hyde	—	—	—	1	6	13	20	2	8	4
Iredell	29	—	17	—	138	331	420	165	173	169
Jackson	4	—	1	—	27	80	66	33	93	48

HIGHWAY ACCIDENT PERSPECTIVE COUNTY DATA

COUNTIES	PEDESTRIAN		BICYCLIST		VIOLATIONS CAUSING ACCIDENTS					
	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	DUI	Exceeding Legal Speed	Unsafe Movement	Yield	Wrong Side	Following too Closely
Johnston	27	3	9	1	95	240	411	133	133	125
Jones	3	—	—	—	23	31	31	10	23	9
Lee	3	1	—	—	54	109	399	57	57	69
Lenoir	23	3	23	2	94	188	390	135	136	187
Lincoln	10	4	1	—	55	193	130	123	98	90
Macon	1	—	—	—	20	84	37	13	46	19
Madison	—	—	1	—	7	36	32	11	70	4
Martin	11	1	10	—	42	98	180	42	46	48
McDowell	7	1	2	—	46	210	205	78	79	84
Mecklenburg	191	14	84	1	425	1316	4010	1571	449	1529
Mitchell	1	1	—	—	7	47	61	22	46	25
Montgomery	6	1	—	—	29	96	69	20	106	50
Moore	9	4	8	—	77	275	181	88	87	59
Nash	28	3	22	1	122	218	488	201	115	138
New Hanover	53	5	40	1	186	434	736	557	129	376
Northampton	3	2	4	1	46	106	53	39	88	33
Onslow	44	10	17	—	229	406	505	264	202	298
Orange	34	4	20	—	80	264	401	103	90	192
Pamlico	7	1	—	—	16	58	47	8	22	10
Pasquotank	12	3	14	1	42	87	191	51	32	44
Pender	6	1	3	—	28	114	57	28	69	29
Perquimans	3	—	2	—	13	40	12	13	18	16
Person	6	1	5	—	57	111	194	27	88	52
Pitt	39	5	32	1	137	280	705	195	139	217
Polk	1	—	—	—	16	84	50	10	44	7
Randolph	15	5	9	—	73	350	297	142	160	183
Richmond	15	1	8	—	89	134	179	124	99	95
Robeson	41	8	24	3	183	321	451	248	114	197
Rockingham	34	3	13	—	109	335	508	125	200	103
Rowan	29	6	9	—	132	384	633	254	167	147
Rutherford	11	3	7	—	46	209	177	158	90	108
Sampson	14	5	11	—	64	209	164	95	107	42
Scotland	19	2	6	—	58	79	97	86	23	42
Stanly	14	—	5	—	78	204	275	63	94	73
Stokes	3	2	1	—	25	100	76	26	56	14
Surry	21	5	9	—	86	308	279	175	183	137
Swain	2	—	—	—	19	29	18	20	28	11
Transylvania	4	—	2	—	14	98	78	32	57	53
Tyrrell	1	—	2	—	6	7	9	3	8	—
Union	20	4	7	1	84	216	226	195	75	167
Vance	23	2	7	—	54	125	282	80	76	83
Wake	118	10	63	—	390	1190	2001	817	303	561
Warren	4	1	2	—	9	41	33	14	34	14
Washington	5	1	5	—	25	46	55	15	22	28
Watauga	8	1	1	—	26	164	156	110	127	120
Wayne	40	3	25	—	92	351	753	260	138	154
Wilkes	13	—	4	—	106	361	225	119	219	99
Wilson	44	6	25	—	80	276	696	104	77	186
Yadkin	6	—	1	—	40	133	67	65	76	43
Yancey	—	—	—	—	17	65	69	15	55	31

COMPARATIVE TOTALS BY ACCIDENT TYPE - 1977-1976

STATEWIDE

COMPARATIVE TOTALS		All Accidents			Persons Killed			Persons Injured		
		1977	1976	Per Cent Change	1977	1976	Per Cent Change	1977	1976	Per Cent Change
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	1. Ran off road	35,682	33,963	+ 5	622	660	- 6	22,507	21,917	+ 3
	2. Overturned on road	856	870	- 2	9	10	- 10	694	740	- 6
	3. Pedestrian	2,132	2,076	+ 3	245	234	+ 5	2,030	1,961	+ 4
	4. Motor vehicle in traffic	94,411	89,131	+ 6	460	519	- 11	51,785	49,372	+ 5
	5. Parked motor vehicle	6,763	6,563	+ 3	12	11	+ 9	1,684	1,656	+ 2
	6. Railroad train	320	307	+ 4	31	25	+ 24	209	175	+ 19
	7. Bicyclist	1,056	955	+ 11	22	32	- 31	1,083	964	+ 12
	8. Animal	2,141	2,112	+ 1	0	3	-100	378	343	+ 10
	9. Fixed object	1,176	1,488	-21	23	19	+ 21	524	803	-35
	10. Other object	439	368	+ 19	3	0	+ 100	136	138	- 1
	11. Other non-collision	696	611	+ 14	14	18	- 22	290	246	+ 18
TOTALS		145,672	138,444	+ 5	1,441	1,531	- 6	81,320	78,315	+ 4

RURAL

COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	1. Ran off road	27,825	26,894	+ 3	559	595	- 6	17,677	17,407	+ 2
	2. Overturned on road	564	610	- 8	8	8		408	494	- 17
	3. Pedestrian	992	923	+ 7	187	176	+ 6	866	809	+ 7
	4. Motor vehicle in traffic	42,364	39,947	+ 6	397	449	- 12	24,457	23,710	+ 3
	5. Parked motor vehicle	1,955	1,859	+ 5	9	6	+ 50	596	562	+ 6
	6. Railroad train	198	169	+ 17	24	18	+ 33	135	103	+ 31
	7. Bicyclist	437	378	+ 16	19	29	- 34	449	370	+ 21
	8. Animal	2,095	2,046	+ 2	0	3	-100	355	310	+ 15
	9. Fixed object	619	656	- 6	14	10	+ 40	297	344	- 14
	10. Other object	286	236	+ 21	3	0	+ 100	91	88	+ 3
	11. Other non-collision	550	474	+ 16	10	15	- 33	184	146	+ 26
TOTALS		77,885	74,192	+ 5	1,230	1,309	- 6	45,515	44,343	+ 3

URBAN

COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	1. Ran off road	7,857	7,069	+ 11	63	65	- 3	4,830	4,510	+ 7
	2. Overturned on road	292	260	+ 12	1	2	- 50	286	246	+ 16
	3. Pedestrian	1,140	1,153	- 1	58	58		1,164	1,152	+ 1
	4. Motor vehicle in traffic	52,047	49,184	+ 6	63	70	- 10	27,328	25,662	+ 6
	5. Parked motor vehicle	4,808	4,704	+ 2	3	5	- 40	1,088	1,094	- 1
	6. Railroad train	122	138	- 12	7	7		74	72	+ 3
	7. Bicyclist	619	577	+ 7	3	3		634	594	+ 7
	8. Animal	46	66	-30	0	0		23	33	-30
	9. Fixed object	557	832	-33	9	9		227	459	-51
	10. Other object	153	132	+ 16	0	0		45	50	- 10
	11. Other non-collision	146	137	+ 7	4	3	- 33	106	100	+ 6
TOTALS		67,787	64,252	+ 6	211	222	- 5	35,805	33,972	+ 5

ACCIDENT TYPE

STATEWIDE

TYPE OF ACCIDENT		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS				
Motor Vehicle:		Total	Fatal	Nonfatal Injury	Property Damage only	Total Killed	Injured			
							Total	a	b	c
COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	Ran off road	35,682	553	15,907	19,222	622	22,507	4,350	11,059	7,098
	Overtaken on road	856	9	535	312	9	694	115	409	170
	Pedestrian	2,132	242	1,890	0	245	2,030	598	885	547
	Motor vehicle in traffic	94,411	366	29,550	64,495	460	51,785	5,146	18,381	28,258
	Parked motor vehicle	6,763	11	1,214	5,538	12	1,684	175	800	709
	Railroad train	320	26	146	148	31	209	55	88	66
	Bicyclist	1,056	22	1,020	14	22	1,083	235	581	267
	Animal	2,141	0	303	1,838	0	378	44	176	158
	Fixed object	1,176	19	340	817	23	524	108	272	144
	Other object	439	2	109	328	3	136	13	63	60
	Other non-collision	696	14	249	433	14	290	80	131	79
TOTALS		145,672	1,264	51,263	93,145	1,441	81,320	10,919	32,845	37,556

RURAL

COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	Ran off road	27,825	493	12,382	14,950	559	17,677	3,719	8,372	5,586
	Overtaken on road	564	8	317	239	8	408	90	224	94
	Pedestrian	992	184	808	0	187	866	344	345	177
	Motor vehicle in traffic	42,364	309	13,138	28,917	397	24,457	3,587	9,242	11,628
	Parked motor vehicle	1,955	8	397	1,550	9	596	79	257	260
	Railroad train	198	19	95	84	24	135	47	52	36
	Bicyclist	437	19	412	6	19	449	129	213	107
	Animal	2,095	0	284	1,811	0	355	41	161	153
	Fixed object	619	12	173	434	14	297	64	168	65
	Other object	286	2	68	216	3	91	11	45	35
	Other non-collision	550	10	154	386	10	184	63	77	44
TOTALS		77,885	1,064	28,228	48,593	1,230	45,515	8,174	19,156	18,185

URBAN

COLLISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH:	Ran off road	7,857	60	3,525	4,272	63	4,830	631	2,687	1,512
	Overtaken on road	292	1	218	73	1	286	25	185	76
	Pedestrian	1,140	58	1,082	0	58	1,164	254	540	370
	Motor vehicle in traffic	52,047	57	16,412	35,578	63	27,328	1,559	9,139	16,630
	Parked motor vehicle	4,808	3	817	3,988	3	1,088	96	543	449
	Railroad train	122	7	51	64	7	74	8	36	30
	Bicyclist	619	3	608	8	3	634	106	368	160
	Animal	46	0	19	27	0	23	3	15	5
	Fixed object	557	7	167	383	9	227	44	104	79
	Other object	153	0	41	112	0	45	2	18	25
	Other non-collision	146	4	95	47	4	106	17	54	35
TOTALS		67,787	200	23,035	44,552	211	35,805	2,745	13,689	19,371

LEGALLY REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS ARE THOSE INVOLVING DEATHS, BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OF \$200.00 OR MORE IN THE ACCIDENT

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

- Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any conditions that required victim be carried from the scene.
- Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movements.
- Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.

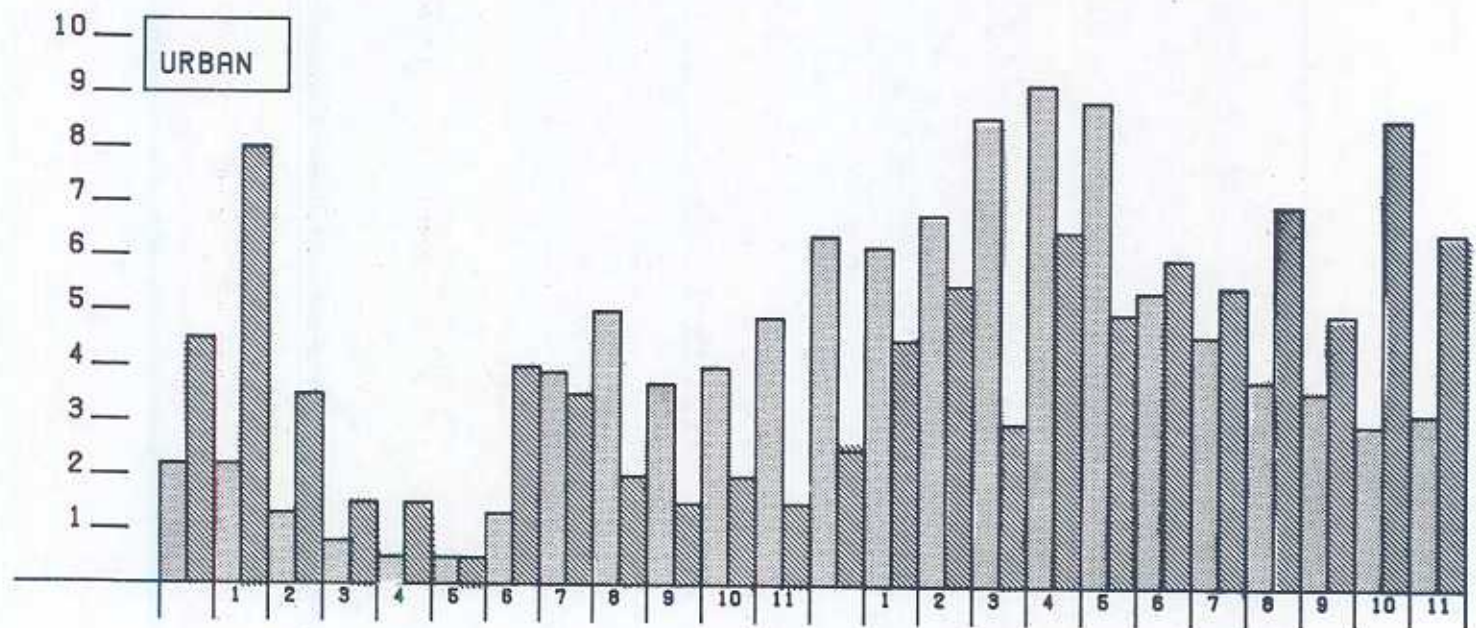
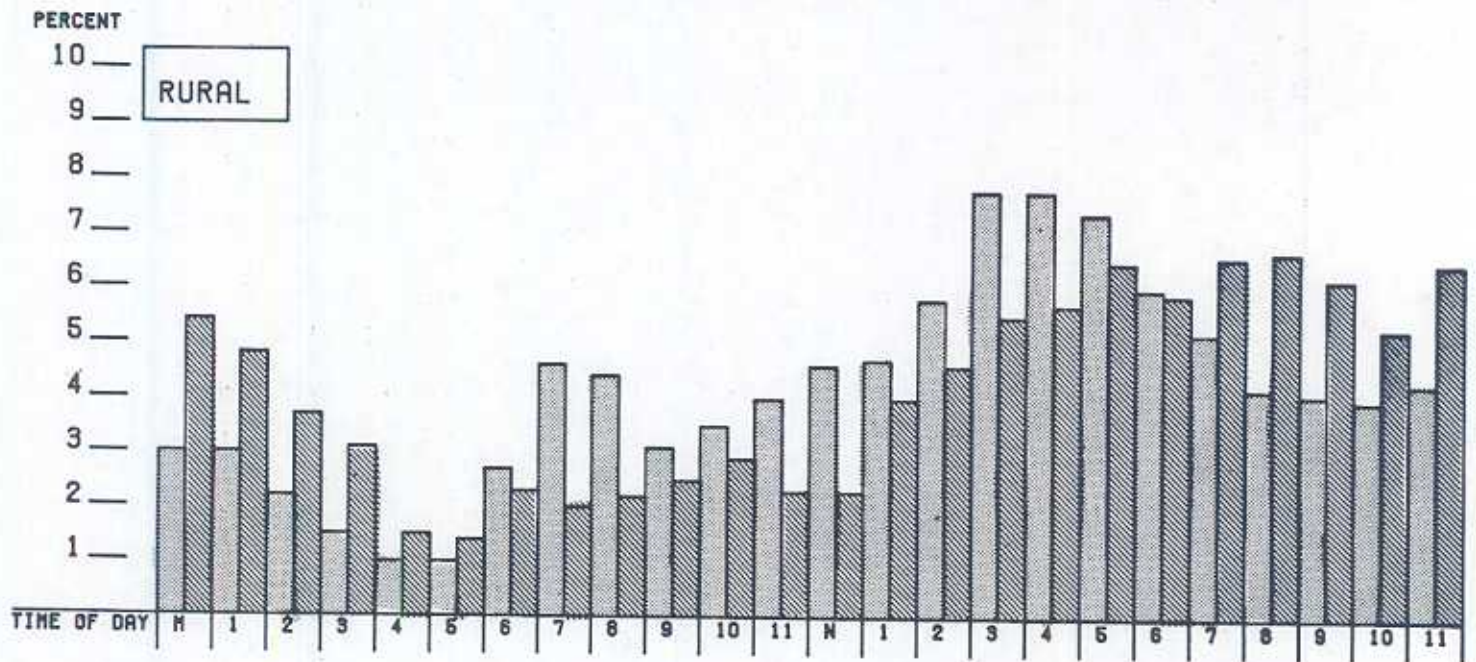
COUNTY DATA

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	2,283	14	924	1,345	1,485	14	CUMBERLAND	5,205	34	2,186	2,985	3,538	41
Rural	1,146	13	403	730	645	13	Rural	3,029	23	1,117	1,889	1,770	29
Urban	1,137	1	521	615	840	1	Urban	2,176	11	1,069	1,096	1,768	12
ALEXANDER	511	6	202	303	338	6	CURRITUCK	280	9	98	173	203	12
Rural	511	6	202	303	338	6	Rural	280	9	98	173	203	12
Urban							Urban						
ALLEGHANY	138	3	60	75	117	4	DARE	327	3	98	226	146	3
Rural	138	3	60	75	117	4	Rural	327	3	98	226	146	3
Urban							Urban						
ANSON	472	7	182	283	317	7	DAVIDSON	2,835	21	1,067	1,747	1,733	21
Rural	472	7	182	283	317	7	Rural	1,629	19	701	909	1,185	19
Urban							Urban	1,206	2	366	838	548	2
ASHE	498	3	102	393	168	3	DAVIE	364	3	151	210	239	3
Rural	498	3	102	393	168	3	Rural	364	3	151	210	239	3
Urban							Urban						
AVERY	341	2	125	214	202	2	DUPLIN	841	11	276	554	479	12
Rural	341	2	125	214	202	2	Rural	841	11	276	554	479	12
Urban							Urban						
BEAUFORT	915	12	303	600	525	16	DURHAM	4,439	23	1,510	2,906	2,353	24
Rural	548	11	196	341	345	15	Rural	984	14	364	606	567	14
Urban	367	1	107	259	180	1	Urban	3,455	9	1,146	2,300	1,786	10
BERTIE	448	6	132	310	199	6	EDGEcombe	1,026	12	360	654	561	17
Rural	448	6	132	310	199	6	Rural	544	11	203	330	310	16
Urban							Urban	482	1	157	324	251	1
BLADEN	531	19	176	336	281	21	FORSYTH	6,657	34	2,286	4,337	3,464	36
Rural	531	19	176	336	281	21	Rural	1,774	18	684	1,072	1,047	19
Urban							Urban	4,883	16	1,602	3,265	2,417	17
BRUNSWICK	673	10	270	393	442	11	FRANKLIN	563	11	229	323	363	12
Rural	673	10	270	393	442	11	Rural	563	11	229	323	363	12
Urban							Urban						
BUNCOMBE	4,769	27	1,484	3,258	2,294	29	GASTON	4,061	29	1,378	2,654	2,169	37
Rural	1,914	19	651	1,244	1,053	21	Rural	1,874	25	695	1,154	1,100	33
Urban	2,855	8	833	2,014	1,241	8	Urban	2,187	4	683	1,500	1,069	4
BURKE	1,699	12	533	1,154	798	15	GATES	174	5	56	113	92	6
Rural	1,207	12	399	796	607	15	Rural	174	5	56	113	92	6
Urban	492	0	134	358	191	0	Urban						
CABARRUS	2,051	6	752	1,293	1,203	6	GRAHAM	100	0	26	74	41	0
Rural	1,188	4	481	703	761	4	Rural	100	0	26	74	41	0
Urban	863	2	271	590	442	2	Urban						
CALDWELL	2,042	16	674	1,352	1,098	17	GRANVILLE	630	6	181	443	287	8
Rural	1,236	14	458	764	758	15	Rural	472	6	135	331	212	8
Urban	806	2	216	588	340	2	Urban	158	0	46	112	75	0
CAMDEN	144	0	51	93	70	0	GREENE	236	6	78	152	111	6
Rural	144	0	51	93	70	0	Rural	236	6	78	152	111	6
Urban							Urban						
CARTERET	1,038	7	389	642	574	7	GUILFORD	10,171	51	3,604	6,516	5,681	58
Rural	824	7	327	490	486	7	Rural	1,984	21	601	1,362	953	26
Urban	214	0	62	152	88	0	Urban	8,187	30	3,003	5,154	4,728	32
CASWELL	440	11	143	286	220	11	HALIFAX	1,325	19	453	853	747	21
Rural	440	11	143	286	220	11	Rural	845	16	284	545	494	17
Urban							Urban	480	3	169	308	253	4
CATAWBA	3,272	17	957	2,298	1,509	19	HARNETT	1,308	20	534	754	907	21
Rural	1,657	13	465	1,179	743	15	Rural	983	19	445	519	758	20
Urban	1,615	4	492	1,119	766	4	Urban	325	1	89	235	149	1
CHATHAM	833	16	280	537	459	20	HAYWOOD	940	7	309	624	475	7
Rural	833	16	280	537	459	20	Rural	662	6	242	414	376	6
Urban							Urban	278	1	67	210	99	1
CHEROKEE	358	4	134	220	216	6	HENDERSON	1,499	11	480	1,008	799	16
Rural	358	4	134	220	216	6	Rural	974	11	352	611	610	16
Urban							Urban	525	0	128	397	189	0
CHOWAN	229	2	66	161	102	2	HERTFORD	592	10	216	366	360	10
Rural	229	2	66	161	102	2	Rural	438	9	175	254	299	9
Urban							Urban	154	1	41	112	61	1
CLAY	104	2	39	63	65	3	HOKE	333	5	130	198	225	5
Rural	104	2	39	63	65	3	Rural	333	5	130	198	225	5
Urban							Urban						
CLEVELAND	2,092	19	703	1,370	1,146	23	HYDE	66	4	22	40	45	4
Rural	1,286	16	460	810	765	20	Rural	66	4	22	40	45	4
Urban	806	3	243	560	381	3	Urban						
COLUMBUS	1,025	18	383	624	638	21	IREDELL	2,012	19	666	1,327	1,002	22
Rural	1,025	18	383	624	638	21	Rural	953	15	330	608	504	18
Urban							Urban	1,059	4	336	719	498	4
Craven	1,368	13	555	800	894	21	JACKSON	507	8	154	345	247	12
Rural	787	11	355	421	600	19	Rural	507	8	154	345	247	12
Urban	581	2	200	379	294	2	Urban						

COUNTY DATA (Cont.)

Counties	Total All Accidents	Fatal	Non- Fatal	Prop. Dom.	Persons		Counties	Total All Accidents	Fatal	Non- Fatal	Prop. Dom.	Persons	
					Injured	Killed						Injured	Killed
JOHNSTON	1,588	18	598	772	957	23	RANDOLPH	1,938	23	644	1,271	1,076	28
Rural	1,321	18	532	771	875	23	Rural	1,461	22	492	947	829	27
Urban	267	0	66	201	82	0	Urban	477	1	152	324	247	1
JONES	226	2	92	132	140	2	RICHMOND	954	17	341	596	550	18
Rural	226	2	92	132	140	2	Rural	671	15	245	411	420	16
Urban							Urban	283	2	96	185	130	2
LEE	1,061	10	336	715	556	15	ROBESON	2,197	36	786	1,375	1,233	40
Rural	404	9	173	222	278	14	Rural	1,573	33	578	962	925	37
Urban	657	1	163	493	278	1	Urban	624	3	208	413	308	3
LENOIR	1,514	13	534	967	836	14	ROCKINGHAM	2,051	19	697	1,335	1,086	21
Rural	822	12	307	503	492	13	Rural	1,140	14	402	724	624	15
Urban	692	1	227	464	344	1	Urban	911	5	295	611	462	6
LINCOLN	853	14	279	560	482	15	ROWAN	2,510	22	831	1,657	1,276	24
Rural	711	12	225	474	397	13	Rural	1,561	20	577	964	889	22
Urban	142	2	54	54	85	2	Urban	949	2	254	693	387	2
MACON	298	4	125	169	195	4	RUTHERFORD	1,172	19	330	823	523	23
Rural	298	4	125	169	195	4	Rural	951	17	279	655	444	21
Urban							Urban	221	2	51	168	79	2
MADISON	230	3	84	143	137	3	SAMPSON	928	27	370	531	622	29
Rural	230	3	84	143	137	3	Rural	753	26	306	421	522	28
Urban							Urban	175	1	64	110	100	1
MARTIN	580	4	217	359	352	4	SCOTLAND	562	8	252	302	417	9
Rural	422	4	161	257	249	4	Rural	303	6	142	155	235	7
Urban	158	0	56	102	103	0	Urban	259	2	110	147	182	2
MCDOWELL	977	8	280	689	423	13	STANLY	1,012	10	357	645	534	11
Rural	977	8	280	689	423	13	Rural	672	10	240	422	381	11
Urban							Urban	340	0	117	223	153	0
MECKLENBURG	12,921	54	5,030	7,837	8,152	56	STOKES	441	11	155	275	239	12
Rural	2,516	20	959	1,537	1,554	21	Rural	441	11	155	275	239	12
Urban	10,405	34	4,071	6,300	6,598	35	Urban						
MITCHELL	269	1	84	184	142	1	SURRY	1,459	16	444	999	705	22
Rural	269	1	84	184	142	1	Rural	1,119	14	341	764	545	20
Urban							Urban	340	2	103	235	160	2
MONTGOMERY	501	12	175	314	281	15	SWAIN	184	3	57	124	77	4
Rural	501	12	175	314	281	15	Rural	184	3	57	124	77	4
Urban							Urban						
MOORE	1,026	10	427	589	671	10	TRANSYLVANIA	468	4	154	310	230	4
Rural	831	9	342	480	528	9	Rural	312	3	109	200	167	3
Urban	195	1	85	109	143	1	Urban	156	1	45	110	63	1
NASH	1,975	20	752	1,203	1,228	20	TYRRELL	58	0	21	37	30	0
Rural	1,181	19	448	714	754	19	Rural	58	0	21	37	30	0
Urban	794	1	304	489	474	1	Urban						
NEW HANOVER	3,184	16	1,251	1,917	2,009	17	UNION	1,395	11	475	909	753	11
Rural	1,017	12	365	640	610	13	Rural	845	10	340	495	526	10
Urban	2,167	4	886	1,277	1,399	4	Urban	550	1	135	414	227	1
NORTHAMPTON	439	15	166	258	282	16	VANCE	899	3	269	627	405	3
Rural	439	15	166	258	282	16	Rural	526	3	152	371	242	3
Urban							Urban	373	0	117	256	163	0
ONSLow	2,338	31	910	1,397	1,529	37	WAKE	8,455	52	2,743	5,660	4,121	59
Rural	1,818	29	734	1,055	1,252	35	Rural	2,896	39	1,076	1,781	1,703	43
Urban	520	2	176	342	277	2	Urban	5,559	13	1,667	3,879	2,418	16
ORANGE	1,451	12	512	927	776	13	WARREN	277	16	108	153	172	19
Rural	765	9	281	475	464	10	Rural	277	16	108	153	172	19
Urban	686	3	231	452	312	3	Urban						
PAMLICO	180	5	73	102	126	5	WASHINGTON	272	4	94	174	142	4
Rural	180	5	73	102	126	5	Rural	272	4	94	174	142	4
Urban							Urban						
PASQUOTANK	681	6	206	469	320	6	WATAUGA	922	3	213	706	313	3
Rural	271	4	90	177	149	4	Rural	583	3	148	432	223	3
Urban	410	2	116	292	171	2	Urban	339	0	65	274	90	0
PENDER	456	10	199	247	329	12	WAYNE	2,466	11	864	1,591	1,321	12
Rural	456	10	199	247	329	12	Rural	1,343	9	501	833	768	10
Urban							Urban	1,123	2	363	758	553	2
PERQUIMANS	168	3	57	108	86	4	WILKES	1,392	13	475	904	759	16
Rural	168	3	57	108	86	4	Rural	1,392	13	475	904	759	16
Urban							Urban						
PERSON	693	7	247	439	382	7	WILSON	1,996	19	677	1,300	1,047	22
Rural	395	7	160	228	253	7	Rural	797	16	315	466	520	19
Urban	298	0	87	211	129	0	Urban	1,199	3	362	834	527	3
PITT	2,246	13	744	1,489	1,115	15	YADKIN	484	9	153	322	239	12
Rural	1,019	10	416	593	608	12	Rural	484	9	153	322	239	12
Urban	1,227	3	328	896	507	3	Urban						
POLK	281	1	100	180	134	1	YANCEY	279	3	108	168	183	3
Rural	281	1	100	180	134	1	Rural	279	3	108	168	183	3
Urban							Urban						
TOTAL	145,672	1,264	51,263	93,145	81,320	1,441	TOTAL	145,672	1,264	51,263	93,145	81,320	1,441
Rural	77,885	1,064	28,228	48,593	45,515	1,230	Rural	77,885	1,064	28,228	48,593	45,515	1,230
Urban	67,787	200	23,035	44,552	35,805	211	Urban	67,787	200	23,035	44,552	35,805	211

TIME OF DAY



ALL ACCIDENTS

FATAL ACCIDENTS

M = MIDNIGHT

N = NOON

HOURS OF DAY AND DAY OF WEEK

RURAL

TIME Hour beginning	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon																
Midnight	2304	57	222	4	171	4	187	1	217	7	250	8	689	17	568	16
1:00	2309	51	170	4	155	4	132	3	196	2	247	6	715	18	694	14
2:00	1730	39	131	4	90	2	104	1	133	3	193	6	577	12	502	11
3:00	1138	33	96	1	72	2	56	1	81	4	122	6	367	9	344	10
4:00	810	16	81	1	48	1	48		65	2	80	3	239	6	249	3
5:00	776	15	84		91	3	72	1	78	3	128		180	7	143	1
6:00	2067	24	281	7	351		298	3	312	2	459	3	227	5	139	4
7:00	3588	21	562	4	661	3	613	3	604	1	771	3	252	5	125	2
8:00	3410	23	545	6	543	3	554	3	591	3	725	6	319	2	133	
9:00	2393	26	352	3	325	4	317	6	343	5	428		401	6	227	2
10:00	2693	31	419	4	331	6	307	5	359	2	475	5	505	5	297	4
11:00	3139	24	483	1	341	4	384	3	402	3	555	4	634	3	340	6
After Noon																
Noon	3555	24	494	2	377	4	445	6	437	1	638	5	629	4	535	2
1:00	3632	42	531	6	393	1	432	3	427	7	637	7	666	6	546	12
2:00	4487	49	595	6	506	6	564	2	593	12	791	3	742	12	696	8
3:00	6106	58	968	6	821	6	854	4	847	8	1130	10	786	10	700	14
4:00	6092	61	934	7	795	7	829	11	837	9	1155	8	803	12	739	7
5:00	5754	69	867	10	747	7	810	6	780	8	1015	15	796	14	739	9
6:00	4651	62	577	9	499	6	555	9	580	11	845	8	881	13	714	6
7:00	4040	70	547	9	413	11	418	6	469	7	784	12	784	15	625	10
8:00	3252	71	356	9	315	4	373	9	380	8	667	18	685	11	476	12
9:00	3169	66	335	9	319	5	339	6	359	7	718	14	648	10	451	15
10:00	3103	56	292	4	305	8	343	7	398	3	702	11	695	18	368	5
11:00	3307	69	279	7	281	7	334	9	396	7	898	16	793	15	326	8
Not stated	380	7	39	1	44	1	43	1	44	1	62		76	1	72	2
TOTALS	77885	1064	10240	124	8994	109	9411	109	9928	126	14475	177	14089	236	10748	183

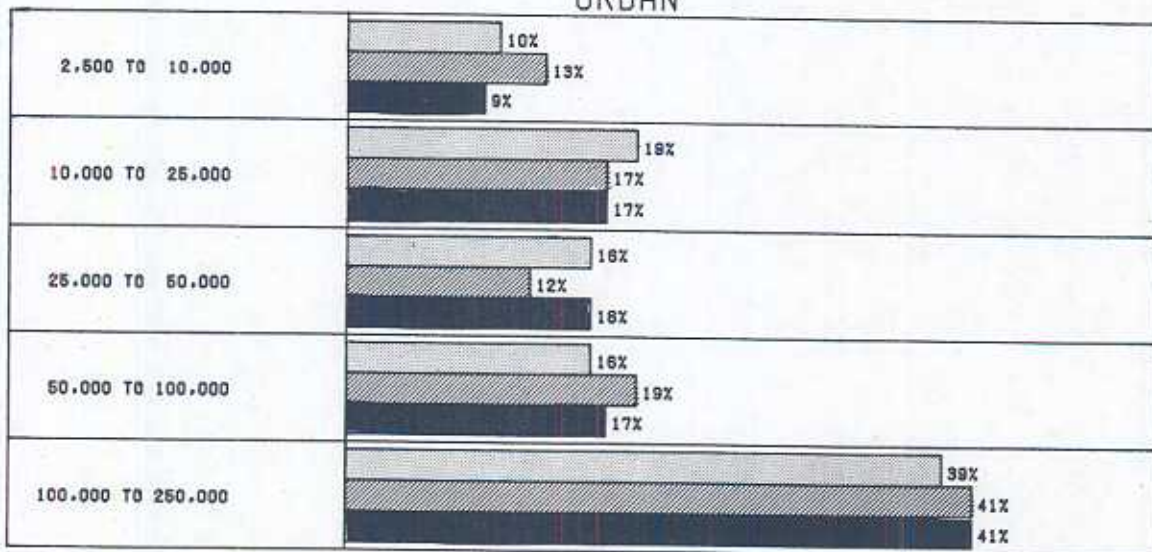
URBAN

TIME Hour beginning	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon																
Midnight	1432	9	139		121		122	1	149	1	170	1	391	5	340	1
1:00	1436	16	127	2	88	2	113	2	147	1	167		420	6	374	3
2:00	885	7	82	1	49	1	55		85	1	104	1	286	1	224	2
3:00	525	3	39		33	1	40		37		66	1	165		145	1
4:00	342	3	29	1	40		23		34		29	1	109	1	78	
5:00	326	1	19		26		30		39		58	1	88		66	
6:00	824	8	120		133	1	140	1	145	1	136	2	85		65	3
7:00	2607	7	436	2	477	1	491		480	2	550	1	112		61	1
8:00	3314	4	540	1	627	1	573		611	1	685	1	195		83	
9:00	2440	3	446	1	383		352		404		410	1	293		152	1
10:00	2611	4	459		356	2	353		377	2	495		401		170	
11:00	3238	3	538		430	1	404		457		669	1	548	1	192	
After Noon																
Noon	4221	5	690	1	575	1	565	1	626	1	863	1	594		308	
1:00	4121	9	633	2	548	2	557		572	1	779	2	643	1	389	1
2:00	4488	11	704	2	602	1	601		659		829	2	636	4	457	2
3:00	5691	6	888	3	814		844	2	880		1115		672	1	478	
4:00	6069	13	956	5	886		895		918	1	1276	3	653	1	485	3
5:00	5918	10	902	2	915		898	4	918	2	1251		618	2	416	
6:00	3565	12	482	1	427	1	459	1	458	4	734		592	2	413	3
7:00	3064	11	368		347	2	405		392	3	629	3	544	3	379	
8:00	2491	14	302	2	258	2	314	2	339		493	2	493	2	292	4
9:00	2403	10	267		243	1	307	2	322	1	518	1	469	3	277	2
10:00	1962	17	198	3	196		229	2	250	2	476	4	407	3	206	3
11:00	2142	13	198	1	194	2	217		295	3	539	5	509	2	190	
Not stated	1672	1	248		202		246		242		284		273	1	177	
TOTALS	67787	200	9810	30	8970	22	9233	18	9836	27	13325	34	10196	39	6417	30

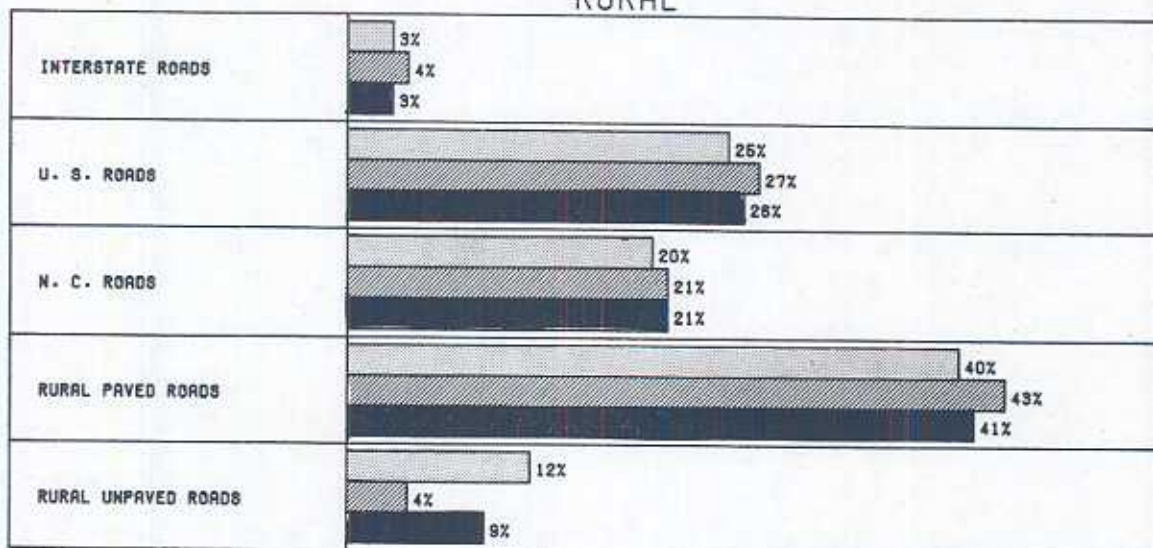
LOCATION OF ACCIDENTS

Location		Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Class A	Class B	Class C
Urban	5,000 to 10,000	6,602	25	1,970	4,607	25	3,030	244	1,271	1,515
	10,000 to 25,000	13,116	33	4,004	9,079	35	6,112	474	2,437	3,201
	25,000 to 50,000	10,770	23	3,732	7,015	23	5,793	416	2,342	3,035
	50,000 to 100,000	10,760	38	3,950	6,772	40	6,246	494	2,377	3,375
	100,000 to 250,000	26,539	81	9,379	17,079	88	14,624	1,117	5,262	8,245
Rural	Interstate	2,133	42	778	1,313	49	1,282	251	538	493
	U. S.	19,707	289	7,252	12,166	360	12,459	2,109	4,964	5,386
	N. C.	15,864	228	5,983	9,653	270	9,995	1,855	3,987	4,153
	Rural paved	30,819	458	11,609	18,752	502	17,732	3,455	7,850	6,427
	Rural unpaved	9,254	44	2,583	6,627	45	4,015	504	1,800	1,711
	City Streets	108	3	23	82	4	32		17	15

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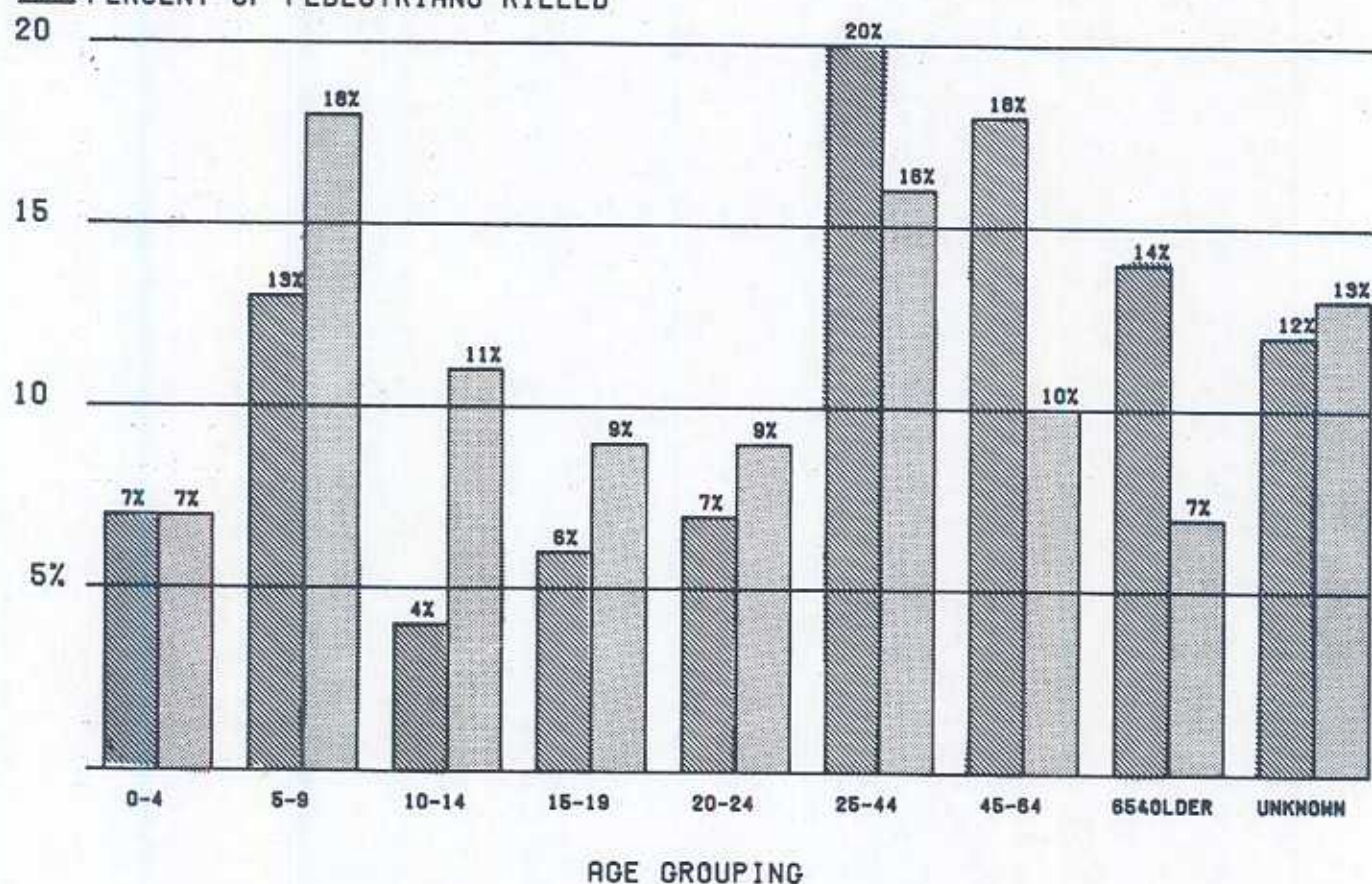
PERCENT OF TOTAL ACCIDENTS
 PERCENT OF FATAL ACCIDENTS
 PERCENT OF INJURY ACCIDENTS

PEDESTRIAN ACTION & AGE DISTRIBUTION STATEWIDE

PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	AGES OF PEDESTRIANS KILLED AND INJURED										
	Killed	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and Older	Not Stated
Crossing or entering roadway — at intersection	17	292	11	38	32	24	29	42	39	34	43
Same — not at intersection	108	974	100	232	105	57	60	129	101	86	104
Coming from behind parked car	6	127	24	44	15	5	5	4	7	6	17
Walking in roadway — with traffic	18	146	3	6	15	29	16	30	25	9	13
Same — against traffic	17	82	2	3	10	12	8	17	11	4	15
Standing in roadway	23	182	3	2	8	24	39	50	23	7	26
Going to or from stopped school bus		1			1						
Getting on or off vehicle	3	37		8	6	4	4	8	1	2	4
Working in roadway	8	54		1		7	6	18	13	1	8
Playing in roadway	4	73	14	34	10	7				1	7
Lying in roadway	19	35	2			4	5	11	3		10
Other in roadway	11	147	8	16	17	19	13	27	15	12	20
Not in roadway	7	93	3	7	9	6	15	23	10	3	17
Not stated	19	157	7	29	20	15	9	24	14	11	28
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	260	2,400	177	420	248	213	209	383	262	176	312

 PERCENT OF PEDESTRIANS INJURED

 PERCENT OF PEDESTRIANS KILLED



PEDESTRIAN DATA

RURAL

URBAN

Pedestrians Killed			Pedestrians Injured			AGE OF CASUALTY	Pedestrians Killed			Pedestrians Injured		
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
10	6	4	56	38	18	.. 0 thru 4 ..	7	4	3	104	61	43
27	18	9	168*	104	62	.. 5 thru 9 ..	6	3	3	219*	149	66
10	5	5	121*	65	55	.. 10 thru 14 ..				117*	63	53
15	12	3	91*	68	21	.. 15 thru 19 ..	1		1	106*	63	42
16	14	2	90*	72	17	.. 20 thru 24 ..	3	2	1	100	70	30
28	24	4	95	74	21	.. 25 thru 34 ..	3	3		98*	67	29
13	11	2	65	46	19	.. 35 thru 44 ..	7	6	1	74*	45	27
18	13	5	51	43	8	.. 45 thru 54 ..	5	3	2	55	38	17
14	13	1	41	28	13	.. 55 thru 64 ..	10	9	1	68	39	29
13	11	2	34*	18	15	.. 65 thru 74 ..	7	5	2	57*	32	24
12	7	5	12	7	5	.. 75 & older ..	5	2	3	36*	21	13
22	19	3	101*	61	32	.. Not stated ..	8	6	2	181*	93	65
198	153	45	925*	624	286	 TOTALS	62	43	19	1215*	741	438

* 15 SEX NOT STATED

* 36 SEX NOT STATED

RURAL

URBAN

All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	PEDESTRIAN'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
576	57	519	... Had not been drinking ...	671	14	657
89	10	79	.. Drinking - ability impaired ...	67		67
105	23	82	Drinking - ability impairment not known	101	7	94
353	108	245	 Not stated	438	41	397
1123	198	925	TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1277	62	1215

RURAL

URBAN

All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	PEDESTRIAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
2	2		 Ill	2		2
4	1	3	 Fatigued	7		7
4	1	3	 Asleep	1		1
46	10	36	 Other physical impairment ...	49	1	48
579	47	532	 Normal	589	7	582
272	104	168	 Condition not known	258	32	226
216	33	183	 Not stated	371	22	349
1123	198	925	 TOTAL PEDESTRIANS	1277	62	1215

PEDESTRIANS BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

URBAN PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES

CITY	FATALITIES	CITY	FATALITIES	CITY	FATALITIES
Asheboro	1	Goldsboro	1	Newton	1
Asheville	1	Greenville	1	Raleigh	2
Burlington	1	Greensboro	11	Reidsville	1
Carroboro	1	Havelock	1	Roanoke Rapids	1
Cary	2	Hickory	1	Rocky Mount	1
Chapel Hill	1	High Point	2	Shelby	1
Charlotte	7	Kannapolis	1	Wilmington	3
Durham	4	Kinston	1	Wilson	2
Elizabeth City	2	Laurinburg	1	Winston Salem	6
Forest City	1	Lexington	1		
Gastonia	1	Lincolnton	1	TOTAL	62

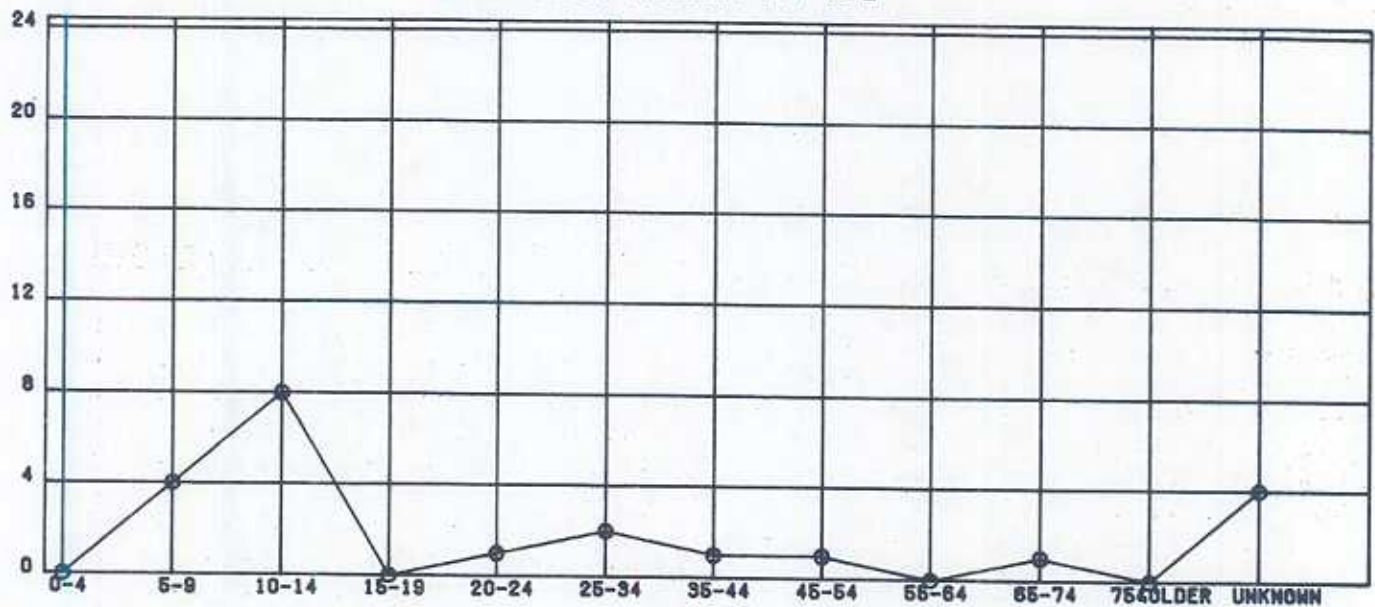
RURAL PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES

COUNTY	FATALITIES	COUNTY	FATALITIES	COUNTY	FATALITIES
Alamance	4	Franklin	2	Pamlico	1
Alexander	1	Gaston	3	Pasquotank	1
Anson	3	Gates	1	Pender	1
Avery	2	Granville	1	Person	1
Beaufort	3	Greene	3	Pitt	4
Bladen	5	Guilford	2	Randolph	4
Brunswick	1	Halifax	5	Richmond	1
Buncombe	8	Hamette	2	Robeson	8
Cabarrus	1	Hertford	3	Rockingham	2
Caldwell	1	Hoke	2	Rowan	5
Carteret	1	Johnston	3	Rutherford	2
Carawba	2	Lee	1	Sampson	5
Chatham	1	Lenoir	2	Scotland	1
Cherokee	1	Lincoln	3	Stokes	2
Cleveland	2	Martin	1	Surry	5
Columbus	1	McDowell	1	Union	4
Craven	2	Mecklenburg	7	Vance	2
Cumberland	10	Mitchell	1	Wake	6
Currituck	2	Montgomery	1	Warren	1
Dare	1	Moore	4	Washington	1
Davidson	2	Nash	3	Watauga	1
Duplin	4	New Hanover	2	Wayne	2
Durham	3	Northampton	2	Wilson	4
Edgecombe	2	Onslow	10		
Forsyth	4	Orange	2	TOTAL	198

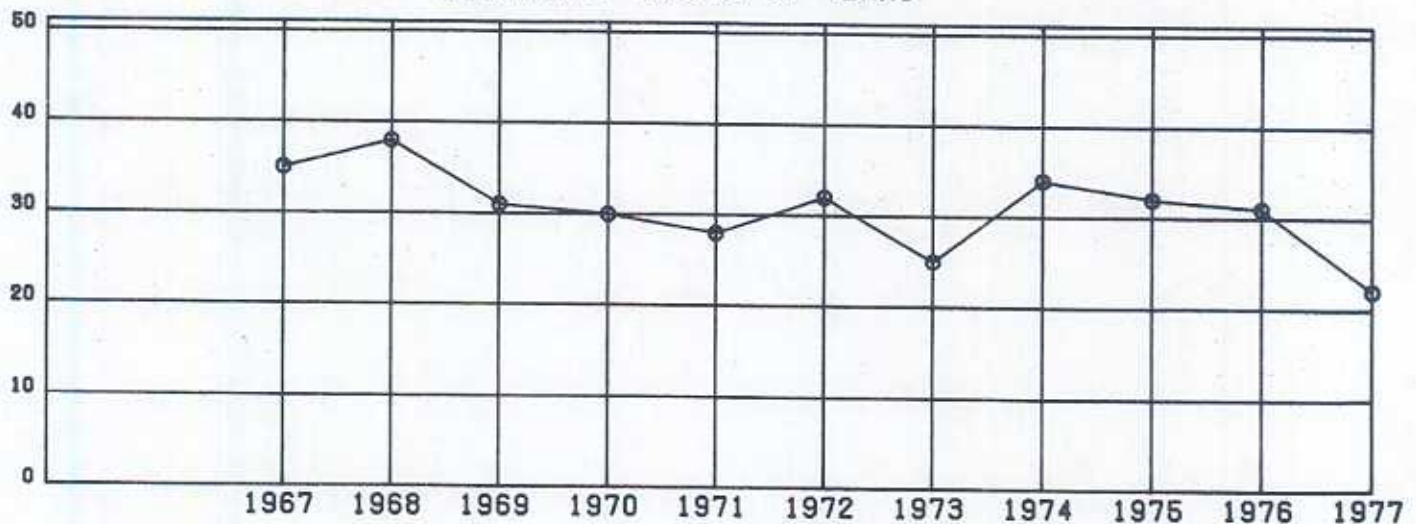
BICYCLE FACTS: 1967 - 1977

Year	NUMBER BICYCLE ACCIDENTS				Total Bicyclist Killed	Total Bicyclist Injured
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents		
1967	782	35	743	4	35	795
1968	759	35	720	4	38	758
1969	694	27	662	5	31	717
1970	737	29	700	8	30	738
1971	699	27	666	6	28	698
1972	783	32	749	2	32	786
1973	995	24	963	8	25	979
1974	1295	35	1254	6	34	1288
1975	1132	31	1087	14	32	1130
1976	955	31	904	20	31	937
1977	1056	22	1020	14	22	1063

BICYCLIST KILLED BY AGE

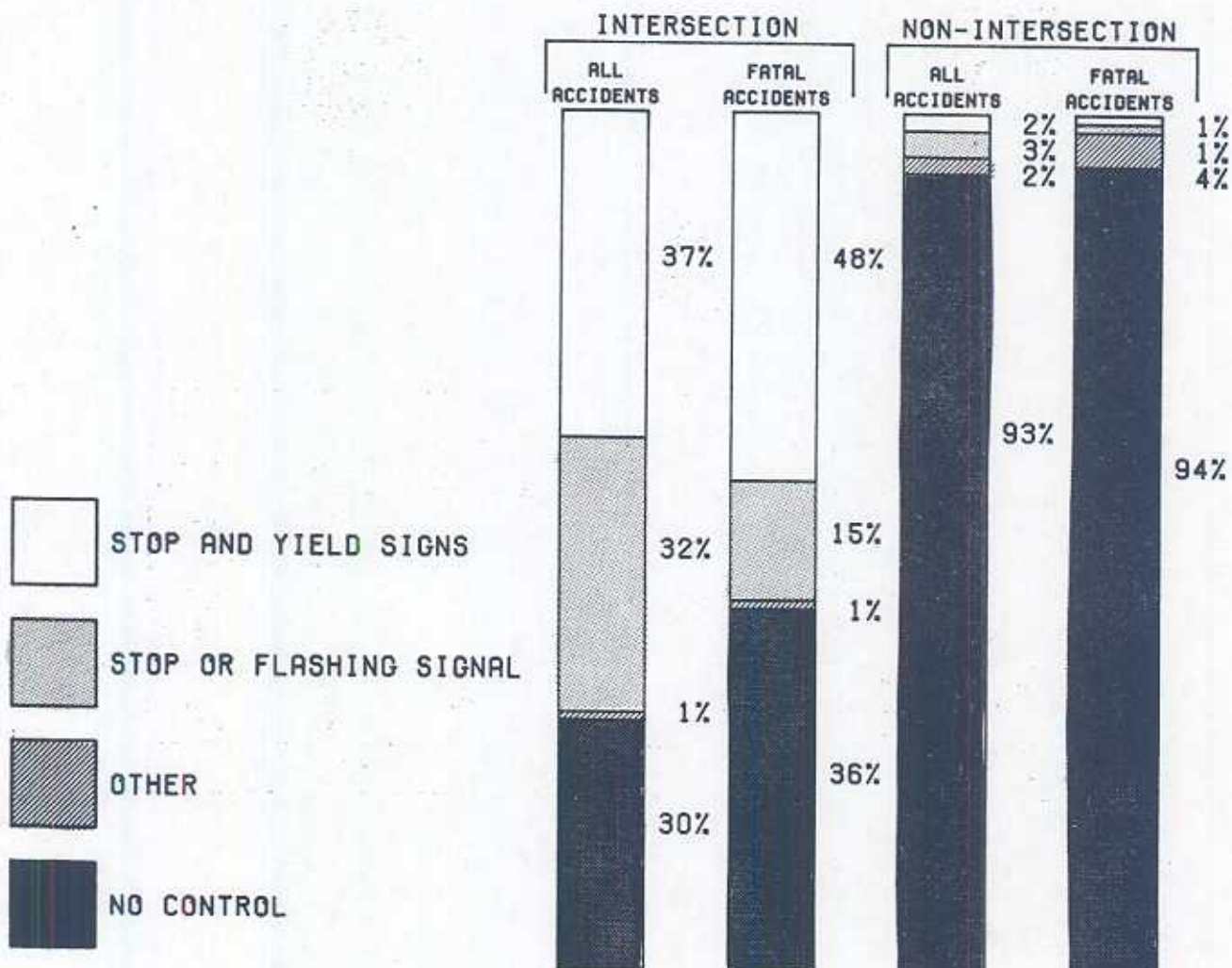


BICYCLIST KILLED BY YEARS



TRAFFIC CONTROLS STATEWIDE

VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL	INTERSECTION			NON-INTERSECTION		
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Stop sign	17,985	106	6,445	1,747	8	483
Yield sign	1,093	1	331	416	1	139
Stop-and-go signal	15,743	28	5,789	2,554	2	820
Flashing signal-with stop sign	588	5	258	98	-	31
Flashing signal-without stop sign	325	-	122	76	-	27
Railroad gate and/or flasher	39	1	8	214	10	78
Officer	83	-	22	139	1	49
Other	616	3	226	1,667	39	622
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	36,472	144	13,201	6,911	61	2,249
Accidents-controls operating properly	36,472	144	13,201	6,911	61	2,249
Accidents-controls not operating properly	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents-controls not visible	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents-no controls	15,625	80	5,433	86,664	979	30,380
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	52,097	224	18,634	93,575	1,040	32,629



DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS STATEWIDE

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Road Intersection	Entering at angle	16,373	86	6,619	9,668
	From same direction—both going straight	1,168		317	851
	Same — one turn, one straight	3,959	6	1,142	2,811
	Same — one stopped	3,873	2	1,429	2,442
	Same — all others	5,049	5	1,314	3,730
	From opposite direction—both going straight . .	333	2	120	211
	Same — one left turn, one straight	5,290	16	2,244	3,030
	Same — all others	1,183	5	206	972
	Not stated	8,450	17	2,083	6,350
	SUB-TOTALS	45,678	139	15,474	30,065



SPEED LIMIT



STOP



B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
Not At Road Intersection	Going opposite direction—head-on collision .	1,309	75	787	447
	Going opposite direction—sideswipe collision	2,219	4	452	1,763
	Going same direction—rear-end collision . . .	8,610	13	3,111	5,481
	Same direction—sideswipe collision	2,549	2	365	2,182
	One car parked	6,097	9	1,106	4,982
	One car stopped in traffic	8,087	5	2,794	5,288
	Parking	61		6	55
	Alley intersection with road	524	1	118	405
	Driveway intersection with road	13,006	28	3,400	9,578
	All others	13,045	97	3,157	9,791
	SUB-TOTALS	55,507	239	15,296	39,972

DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS STATEWIDE

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Ped. Acc.	Fatal Accidents			Nonfatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Inter- section	Non- Inter- section	Total	Inter- section	Non- Inter- section
Car going straight	1818	225	32	193	1593	305	1288
Car turning right	49	1	1		48	41	7
Car turning left	69	1		1	68	55	13
Car backing	60	4	1	3	56	10	46
All others	136	11	1	10	125	22	103
SUB-TOTALS	2132	242	35	207	1890	433	1457



BIKE CROSSING



SCHOOL
CROSSING



RAILROAD
CROSSING

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS				Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents
At Intersection	Collision with	Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.		598	6	460	132
		Fixed object in road		258	4	65	189
	Overtaken in road			246	1	154	91
	Left road			4701	39	1976	2686
Not At Intersection	Collision with	Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.		3353	44	1115	2194
		Fixed object in road		904	15	274	615
	Overtaken in road			589	8	362	219
	Left road			30817	513	13902	16402
	Fell from moving vehicle			194	11	179	4
	Driverless moving			154		6	148
	All others			541	3	110	428
SUB-TOTALS				42355	644	18603	23108
TOTALS				145,672	1,264	51,263	93,145

ACCIDENT CAUSATIVES

RURAL

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			ACCIDENT DATA (Includes Driver Sobriety and Violations, Vehicle Defects)			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
12,717	294	6,315	.. Accidents - drivers under influence of alcohol ..	6,908	44	3,299
60,326	485	20,382	 Accidents - drivers not under influence	56,689	109	18,618
4,842	285	1,531	 Accidents - information not stated	4,190	47	1,118
77,885	1,064	28,228	 TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67,787	200	23,035
17,275	406	7,950	 Accidents - speeding violation	4,668	52	2,067
42,227	389	13,918	 Accidents - other violations	48,961	62	15,651
17,520	257	6,106	 Accidents - not involving a violation	10,172	56	4,009
863	12	254	 Accidents - information not stated	3,986	30	1,308
77,885	1,064	28,228	 TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67,787	200	23,035
4,926	83	2,036	... Accidents - involving vehicle defects	2,357	7	921
65,594	768	23,167	... Accidents - no vehicle defects detected	52,920	141	17,580
7,365	213	3,025	 Accidents - information not stated	12,510	52	4,534
77,885	1,064	28,228	 TOTAL ACCIDENTS	67,787	200	23,035

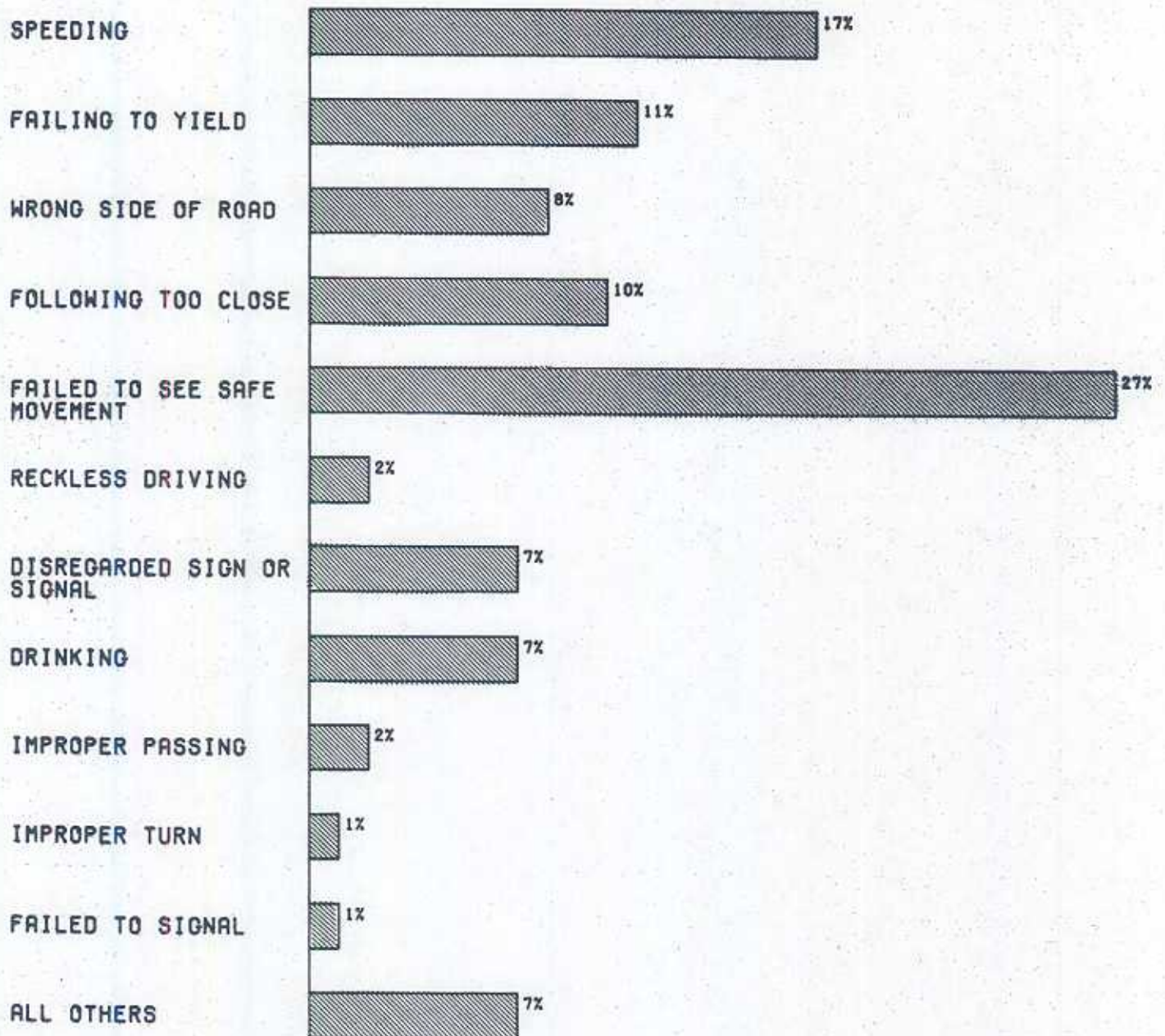
RURAL

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			DRIVER VIOLATIONS			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents		All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
13,624	137	5,814	 Speeding below 65 mph	4,540	37	1,993
2,962	138	1,688	 Speeding 65 to 75 mph	135	7	72
889	134	525	 Speeding over 75 mph	72	8	46
7,599	64	2,577	 Failed to yield right-of-way	6,313	13	2,150
8,985	225	3,543	 Driving wrong side of road	1,894	12	675
1,925	25	498	 Improper overtaking	764	2	154
1,981	37	875	 Disregard stop sign or signal	2,471	1	1,124
631	2	230	 Disregarded traffic signal	3,870	9	1,758
6,054	6	2,024	 Following too closely	6,848	4	2,421
519	3	133	 Improper turn	1,242		287
583	2	146	 Improper or no signal	174	1	47
272	2	103	 Improper parking location	109		29
5,425	123	2,598	 Under influence of alcohol	2,974	15	1,401
1,696	22	952	 Reckless driving	976	4	514
32		9	 Racing	12		6
13,889	39	3,651	 Failed to see movement safe	20,854	18	5,281
3			 Passing on curve	2		1
3		2	 Passing on hill	5		
7		3	 Passed stopped school bus	4		2
40	1	20	 Improper lights	24		8
488	3	180	 Improper brakes	666		267
3,109	60	1,121	 Other improper driving	4,717	17	1,504
70,716	1,023	26,692	 TOTAL VIOLATIONS	58,666	148	19,740

MOST FREQUENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VIOLATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1977

STATEWIDE



LOCALITY, LIGHT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

STATEWIDE

RURAL

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LOCALITY	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Business district	43,647	99	13,805	8,340	37	2,397	35,307	62	11,408
Residential district	39,017	186	13,711	11,180	87	3,712	27,837	99	9,999
School or playground district	1,513	2	463	586	2	185	927		278
Open country	61,495	977	23,284	57,779	936	21,934	3,716	39	1,350
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	145,672	1,264	51,263	77,885	1,064	28,228	67,787	200	23,035

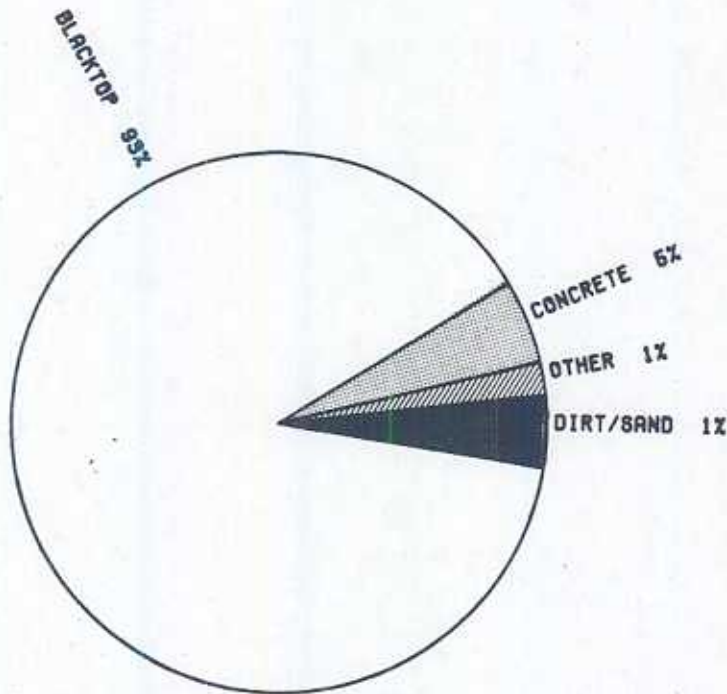
LIGHT CONDITIONS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Daylight	96,939	558	32,404	48,645	479	16,850	48,294	79	15,554
Dusk	3,915	38	1,399	1,953	32	732	1,962	6	667
Dawn	1,580	19	577	1,092	14	393	488	5	184
Darkness - street or highway lighted	17,342	112	6,672	2,943	32	1,034	14,399	80	5,638
Darkness - street or highway not lighted	25,367	531	10,094	23,007	503	9,172	2,360	28	922
Not stated	529	6	117	245	4	47	284	2	70
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	145,672	1,264	51,263	77,885	1,064	28,228	67,787	200	23,035

WEATHER CONDITIONS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Clear	96,472	877	34,748	51,825	743	19,326	44,647	134	15,422
Cloudy	23,802	234	8,435	12,316	193	4,485	11,486	41	3,950
Raining	19,471	123	6,386	9,981	98	3,293	9,490	25	3,093
Snowing	3,028	4	708	1,773	4	432	1,255		276
Fog	1,558	19	596	1,242	19	478	316		118
Sleet or Hail	538	1	170	360	1	116	178		54
Not stated	803	6	220	388	6	98	415		122
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	145,672	1,264	51,263	77,885	1,064	28,228	67,787	200	23,035

ROAD FACTORS STATEWIDE

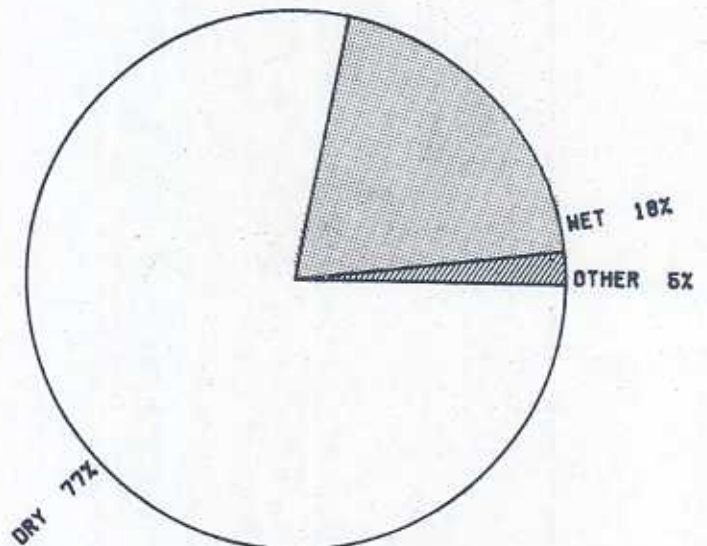
TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Concrete	7,006	78	2,402
Blacktop	134,250	1,160	47,527
Gravel	1,656	6	467
Dirt or sand	2,000	14	659
Other	218	2	56
Not stated	542	4	152
TOTAL ACCIDENTS . . .	145,672	1,264	51,263

ROADWAY FEATURE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Bridge or underpass	2,473	57	947
Driveway	17,515	85	5,173
Intersection	52,097	224	18,634
Median cross over	2,656	18	918
End or beginning-divided Hwy.	680	4	201
Alley intersection	803	3	214
TOTAL ACCIDENTS . . .	76,224	391	26,087



ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Dry	111,761	1,050	40,490
Wet	26,294	197	8,761
Oily	123		54
Muddy	237	2	74
Snowy	2,704	6	603
Icy	3,978	7	1,138
Not stated	575	2	143
TOTAL ACCIDENTS . . .	145,672	1,264	51,263

ROAD DEFECTS	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Loose material on surface . .	2,261	17	776
Holes, ruts	543		195
Low shoulders	1,020	19	455
Soft shoulders	1,085	13	394
Other defects	958	6	293
Road under construction or repair	1,342	10	473
TOTAL ROAD DEFECTS . .	7,209	65	2,586
Accidents - road defects . . .	7,209	65	2,586
Accidents - no road defects .	137,884	1,198	48,508
Accidents - not stated	579	1	169
TOTAL ACCIDENTS . . .	145,672	1,264	51,263

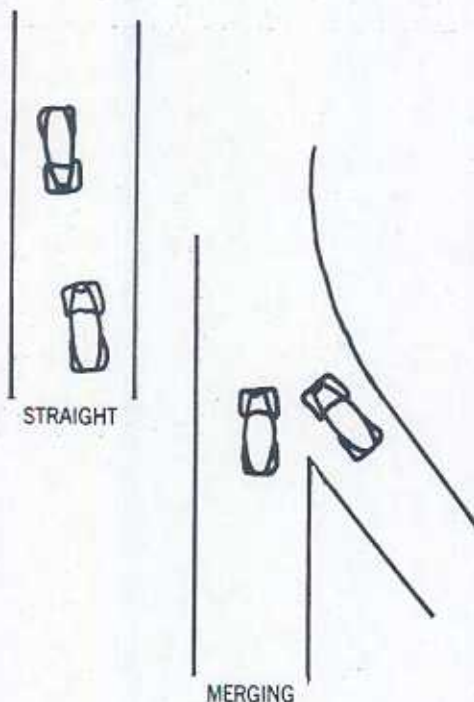


VEHICLE MANEUVER

Before Accident

RURAL

DRIVER ACTION (Before Accident)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Going straight ahead	82,196	1,338	31,102
Changing lanes or merging	1,305	2	282
Passing	4,617	43	1,262
Making right turn	3,522	6	855
Making left turn	12,613	55	4,004
Making U turn	352	4	120
Backing	2,535	7	261
Slowing or stopping	6,687	11	2,117
Starting in roadway	2,382	5	614
Parking	57		10
Leaving parked position	394	1	62
Stopped in travel lane	6,840	12	2,442
Parked out of travel lanes	1,896	11	394
Parked in travel lanes	938	7	263
All others	207	6	68
TOTAL VEHICLES	126,541	1,508	43,856



URBAN

DRIVER ACTION (Before Accident)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Going straight ahead	72,156	232	26,582
Changing lanes or merging	3,882	8	690
Passing	1,048	4	241
Making right turn	5,764	5	1,212
Making left turn	15,463	16	5,043
Making U turn	277		86
Backing	3,097	1	297
Slowing or stopping	7,944	4	2,747
Starting in roadway	2,167	3	559
Parking	145		11
Leaving parked position	873	1	100
Stopped in travel lane	10,627	4	4,088
Parked out of travel lanes	802	6	209
Parked in travel lanes	5,492	2	989
All others	253		82
TOTAL VEHICLES	129,990	286	42,936

VEHICLE DATA

RURAL

TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Passenger car	99,241	1,073	33,800
Passenger car and trailer	213	2	55
Taxicab	66		21
Truck - 2 axles	19,174	237	6,238
Truck - 3 axles	676	17	248
Truck tractor and semi-trailer . .	3,415	99	1,169
Truck and trailer	317	3	87
School bus	823	2	255
Activity bus	52	2	16
Commercial bus	67	2	24
Farm tractor and/or farm equip. .	306	6	107
Motor scooter or motor bicycle . .	80	4	71
Motorcycle	1,968	57	1,711
Other	143	4	54
TOTAL VEHICLES	126,541	1,508	43,856

CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all known defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)			
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Defective brakes	1,410	4	547
Improper or defective headlights .	97	2	49
Improper or defective rear lights .	469	4	135
Steering mechanism defective . .	351	3	151
Defective tires	3,446	83	1,485
Other defects	833	6	283
TOTAL DEFECTS	6,606	102	2,650
Vehicles - with defects	6,606	102	2,650
Vehicles - no defects detected . .	107,491	1,114	36,649
Vehicles - not known if defective .	10,858	281	4,164
Not stated	1,586	11	393
TOTAL VEHICLES	126,541	1,508	43,856

APPROXIMATE SPEED (Preceding Accident)			
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
0 - 9 miles per hour	22,760	58	6,475
10 - 19 miles per hour	15,852	65	4,429
20 - 29 miles per hour	12,316	52	3,388
30 - 39 miles per hour	17,615	100	5,854
40 - 49 miles per hour	23,792	292	8,977
50 - 59 miles per hour	23,320	505	9,662
60 - 69 miles per hour	5,108	135	2,541
70 miles per hour and over	3,321	262	1,855
Not stated	2,457	39	675
TOTAL VEHICLES	126,541	1,508	43,856

URBAN

TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Passenger car	111,218	210	36,571
Passenger car and trailer	52		11
Taxicab	406	1	169
Truck - 2 axles	14,237	34	4,231
Truck - 3 axles	210		68
Truck tractor and semi-trailer . .	1,438	17	390
Truck and trailer	111	1	26
School bus	491		143
Activity bus	81	1	17
Commercial bus	228	2	80
Farm tractor and/or farm equip. .	26		6
Motor scooter or motor bicycle . .	73	2	64
Motorcycle	1,324	18	1,130
Other	95		30
TOTAL VEHICLES	129,990	286	42,936

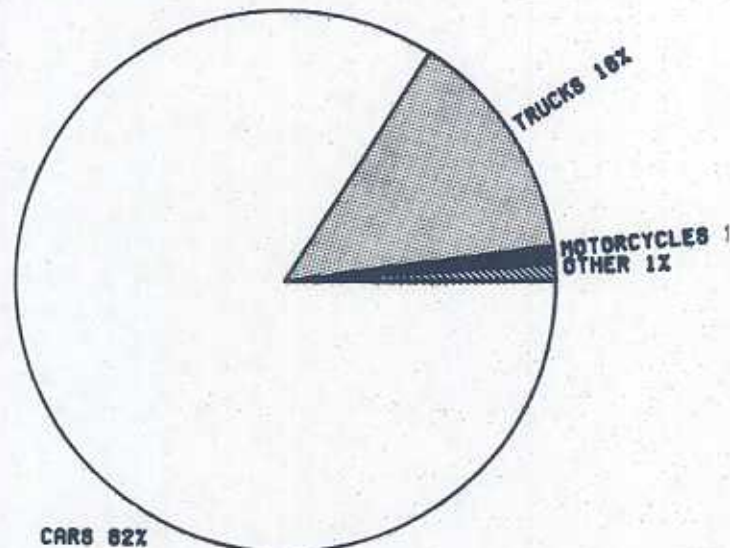
CONDITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE (Includes all known defects, whether or not violation of driver was responsible)			
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Defective brakes	1,480		576
Improper or defective headlights .	57		28
Improper or defective rear lights .	150		45
Steering mechanism defective . .	190		75
Defective tires	964	9	399
Other defects	457	2	140
TOTAL DEFECTS	3,298	11	1,263
Vehicles - with defects	3,298	11	1,263
Vehicles - no defects detected . .	101,911	194	33,353
Vehicles - not known if defective .	21,502	74	7,563
Not stated	3,279	7	757
TOTAL VEHICLES	129,990	286	42,936

APPROXIMATE SPEED (Preceding Accident)			
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
0 - 9 miles per hour	38,275	28	11,026
10 - 19 miles per hour	22,898	14	6,233
20 - 29 miles per hour	23,226	24	7,565
30 - 39 miles per hour	26,479	59	10,433
40 - 49 miles per hour	8,181	46	3,546
50 - 59 miles per hour	2,662	46	1,190
60 - 69 miles per hour	466	16	268
70 miles per hour and over	282	16	155
Not stated	7,521	37	2,520
TOTAL VEHICLES	129,990	286	42,936

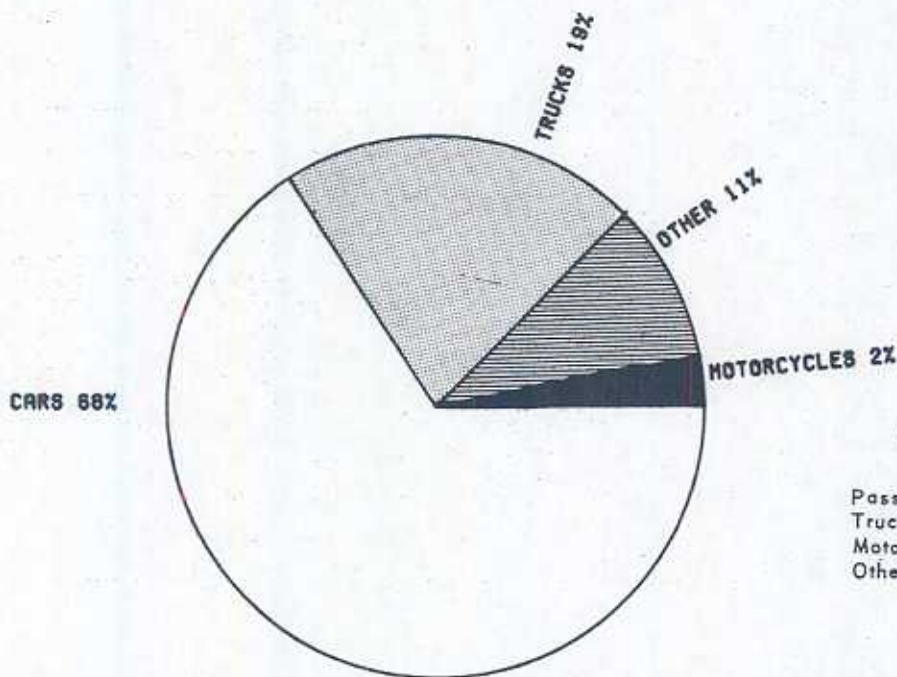
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT

STATEWIDE

TYPE OF VEHICLE (Including cars in proper parking location)	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
Passenger car	210,459	1,283	70,371
Passenger car and trailer	265	2	66
Taxicab	472	1	190
Truck - 2 axles	33,411	271	10,469
Truck - 3 axles	886	17	316
Truck tractor and semi-trailer . .	4,853	116	1,559
Truck and trailer	428	4	113
School bus	1,314	2	398
Activity bus	133	3	33
Commercial bus	295	4	104
Farm tractor and/or farm equip. .	332	6	113
Motor scooter or motor bicycle . .	153	6	135
Motorcycle	3,292	75	2,841
Other	238	4	84
TOTAL VEHICLES	256,531	1,794	86,792
Special vehicles included above			
Emergency (including privately owned) . .	32		16
Military vehicles	74		26
Other publicly owned vehicles . .	3,453	13	1,090



ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Passenger	3,104,935
Trucks	870,836
Motorcycles	103,699
Other	523,972

DRIVER INFORMATION

RURAL

URBAN

Total	Male	Female	DRIVERS KILLED	Total	Male	Female
			0 thru 4			
3	1	2	5 thru 9			
104	82	22	10 thru 14	1	1	
151	134	17	15 thru 19	16	13	3
140	126	14	20 thru 24	23	21	2
82	67	15	25 thru 34	20	16	4
64	57	7	35 thru 44	8	7	1
56	43	13	45 thru 54	8	6	2
27	19	8	55 thru 64	5	2	3
25	22	3	65 thru 74	9	8	1
3	2	1	75 & older	2	2	
			Not stated	1	1	
655	553	102	TOTALS	93	77	16

RURAL

URBAN

Total	Male	Female	DRIVERS INJURED	Total	Male	Female
5	3	2	0 thru 4	9	6	3
14	12	2	5 thru 9	2	2	
93	81	12	10 thru 14	21	14	7
5,912*	3,942	1,969	15 thru 19	3,542*	2,109	1,432
5,997*	4,197	1,799	20 thru 24	4,407*	2,591	1,812
6,537*	4,271	2,264	25 thru 34	5,494*	3,115	2,378
3,009*	1,845	1,162	35 thru 44	2,586	1,340	1,246
2,240	1,352	888	45 thru 54	2,018	1,027	991
1,598	1,002	596	55 thru 64	1,450*	788	661
824	539	285	65 thru 74	748	399	349
287	213	74	75 & older	269	160	109
137*	71	34	Not stated	87*	44	27
26,653*	17,528	9,087	TOTALS	20,633*	11,595	9,015
* 38 SEX NOT STATED				* 23 SEX NOT STATED		

RURAL

URBAN

All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	DRIVER'S DRINKING CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
103,521	732	34,549	Had not been drinking	109,047	157	35,968
6,890	139	3,404	Drinking - ability impaired	3,466	20	1,587
6,096	158	3,024	Drinking - ability impairment not known	3,637	26	1,822
6,226	463	2,209	Not stated	6,900	75	2,321
122,733	1,492	43,186	TOTAL DRIVERS	123,050	278	41,698

RURAL

URBAN

All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	VIOLATION CONTROL	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
62,582	818	22,804	Drivers - in violation	55,685	119	18,418
57,387	652	19,605	Drivers - not in violation	58,382	115	20,316
2,764	22	777	Drivers - information not stated	8,983	44	2,964
122,733	1,492	43,186	TOTAL DRIVERS	123,050	278	41,698

DRIVER INFORMATION

RURAL			URBAN			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
515	8	250	15 and younger	309	1	120
6,514	51	2,279	16	5,072	7	1,509
6,673	67	2,258	17	5,366	10	1,764
13,103	136	4,656	18-19	10,926	30	3,692
25,269	324	9,131	20 thru 24	23,885	66	8,289
28,816	354	10,348	25 thru 34	30,331	74	10,706
15,047	196	5,185	35 thru 44	15,450	32	5,324
11,463	157	3,942	45 thru 54	12,933	17	4,350
8,288	100	2,832	55 thru 64	9,763	19	3,261
4,290	49	1,474	65 thru 74	5,302	17	1,714
1,542	30	508	75 and older	1,864	3	602
1,213	20	323	Not stated	1,849	2	367
122,733	1,492	43,186	TOTALS	123,050	278	41,698

RURAL			URBAN			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
85,699	1,201	29,781	Male	77,247	225	25,952
36,123	274	13,220	Female	44,340	51	15,504
911	17	185	Not stated	1,463	2	242
122,733	1,492	43,186	TOTALS	123,050	278	41,698

RURAL			URBAN			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	DRIVER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
289	4	117	 Ill	322		141
786	10	354	 Fatigued	525	2	254
918	5	442	 Asleep	233		122
2,163	43	1,172	 Other physical impairment	1,596	7	766
48	4	19	 Restriction on license not complied with	79		29
109,166	812	37,117	 Normal	109,932	159	36,069
7,783	587	3,564	 Condition not known	7,999	100	3,632
1,580	27	401	 Not stated	2,364	10	685
122,733	1,492	43,186	 TOTALS	123,050	278	41,698

RURAL			URBAN			
All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	LICENSE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
108,178	1,223	37,800	Licensed in state	112,739	248	38,330
1,143	15	284	Resident-no license	1,648	2	293
10,921	193	3,934	Nonresident-licensed in other state	6,947	22	2,351
4		2	Nonresident-no license	5		2
1		1	Other			
2,486	61	1,165	Not stated	1,711	6	722
122,733	1,492	43,186	TOTALS	123,050	278	41,698

ACCIDENT RATE PER 100 REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES BY COUNTY

County	Statewide	Rural	Urban	County	Statewide	Rural	Urban
Alamance	3.0	5.8	2.0	Johnston	3.0	3.2	2.3
Alexander	2.8	2.8		Jones	3.4	3.4	
Alleghany	1.9	1.9		Lee	3.8	17.8	2.6
Anson	3.1	3.1		Lenoir	3.5	7.4	2.2
Ashe	3.3	3.3		Lincoln	2.7	5.6	0.8
Avery	3.5	3.5		Macon	2.0	2.0	
Beaufort	3.0	3.6	2.4	Madison	2.1	2.1	
Bertie	3.0	3.0		Martin	3.2	5.1	1.6
Bladen	2.7	2.7		McDowell	4.2	4.2	
Brunswick	2.8	2.8		Mecklenburg	4.3	7.9	3.9
Buncombe	4.2	4.1	4.3	Mitchell	2.5	2.5	
Burke	3.4	5.3	1.8	Montgomery	3.4	3.4	
Cabarrus	3.3	10.4	1.7	Moore	2.9	3.0	2.7
Caldwell	4.2	6.5	2.7	Nash	4.1	4.1	
Camden	3.3	3.3		New Hanover	4.5	11.1	3.5
Carteret	3.6	4.0	2.7	Northampton	3.1	3.1	
Caswell	3.5	3.5		Onslow	3.9	6.5	1.6
Catawba	3.8	5.8	2.9	Orange	3.3	3.6	3.0
Chatham	3.5	3.5		Pamlico	2.4	2.4	
Cherokee	2.9	2.9		Pasquotank	3.6	66.4	2.2
Chowan	2.6	2.6		Pender	3.0	3.0	
Clay	2.3	2.3		Perquimans	2.5	2.5	
Cleveland	3.7	9.1	1.9	Person	3.5	7.9	2.0
Columbus	2.8	2.8		Pitt	3.9	4.1	3.8
Craven	2.9	3.7	2.3	Polk	2.9	2.9	
Cumberland	3.7	7.8	2.1	Randolph	2.8	3.5	1.7
Currituck	3.6	3.6		Richmond	3.4	5.0	1.9
Dare	3.5	3.5		Robeson	3.7	4.5	2.6
Davidson	3.4	8.9	1.9	Rockingham	3.5	3.2	4.0
Davie	2.0	2.0		Rowan	3.4	4.4	2.5
Duplin	2.8	2.8		Rutherford	3.2	3.8	1.9
Durham	4.4	18.5	3.6	Sampson	2.6	3.8	1.1
Edgecombe	2.7	6.7	1.6	Scotland	3.1	5.8	2.0
Forsyth	3.6	3.6	3.6	Stanly	2.7	3.3	1.9
Franklin	2.9	2.9		Stokes	2.0	2.0	
Gaston	3.6	5.0	2.9	Surry	3.3	2.5	76.6
Gates	2.7	2.7		Swain	2.5	2.5	
Graham	1.9	1.9		Transylvania	2.8	4.5	1.6
Granville	3.0	5.2	1.3	Tyrrell	2.1	2.1	
Greene	2.3	2.3		Union	3.0	2.2	2.2
Guilford	4.3	5.5	4.1	Vance	3.8	16.4	1.8
Halifax	3.9	4.5	3.1	Wake	3.8	5.1	3.3
Harnett	3.4	3.7	2.8	Warren	2.7	2.7	
Haywood	2.8	7.9	1.1	Washington	2.5	2.5	
Henderson	3.6	6.0	2.1	Watauga	4.8	6.8	3.1
Hertford	4.0	5.5	2.2	Wayne	3.7	5.8	2.6
Hoke	3.3	3.3		Wilkes	3.2	3.2	
Hyde	1.7	1.7		Wilson	4.6	6.0	3.9
Iredell	3.3	8.4	2.1	Yadkin	2.1	2.1	
Jackson	3.3	3.3		Yancey	2.8	2.8	

SEAT POSITION

DRIVERS POSITION

Injury	# 1		# 2		# 3	
	Belt Used	No Belt Used	Belt Used	No Belt Used	Belt Used	No Belt Used
None	20,241	160,253	368	10,162	4,354	53,487
C	1,982	16,693	38	1,166	565	7,476
B	1,229	15,657	11	1,103	269	6,255
A	229	5,354	4	309	68	2,082
K	17	665	0	33	4	210
Total	23,698	198,622	421	12,773	5,260	69,510
	10.7%	89.3%	3.2%	96.8%	7.0%	93.0%

Injury	# 4		# 5		# 6	
	Belt Used	No Belt Used	Belt Used	No Belt Used	Belt Used	No Belt Used
None	385	11,808	141	6,366	420	13,527
C	31	1,297	12	609	38	1,532
B	8	916	7	548	15	1,070
A	4	266	1	178	5	304
K	0	41	0	26	1	38
Total	428	14,328	161	7,727	479	16,471
	2.9%	97.1%	2.0%	98.0%	2.8%	97.2%

Information includes reported motor vehicle accidents for the period of January 1 thru December 31, 1976.

Data Furnished By: Highway Safety Research Center.

SEATBELT EFFECTIVENESS STUDY

DRIVER AGE

	Belt Used	No Belt Used
15-17 years	1,790 (7.8%)	21,280 (92.2%)
18-21 years	3,496 (7.8%)	41,132 (92.2%)
22-50 years	14,840 (11.8%)	110,966 (88.2%)
51-65 years	3,308 (11.8%)	24,631 (88.2%)
66+	1,098 (10.1%)	9,811 (89.9%)

OCCUPANT AGE

	Belt Used	No Belt Used
1-5 years	406 (3.7%)	10,695 (96.3%)
6-14 years	620 (3.4%)	17,778 (96.6%)
15-17 years	552 (3.5%)	15,388 (96.5%)
18-21 years	744 (4.2%)	16,870 (95.8%)
22-50 years	2,166 (7.0%)	28,568 (93.0%)
51-65 years	599 (8.3%)	6,651 (91.7%)
66+	277 (8.2%)	3,119 (91.8%)

FACTS

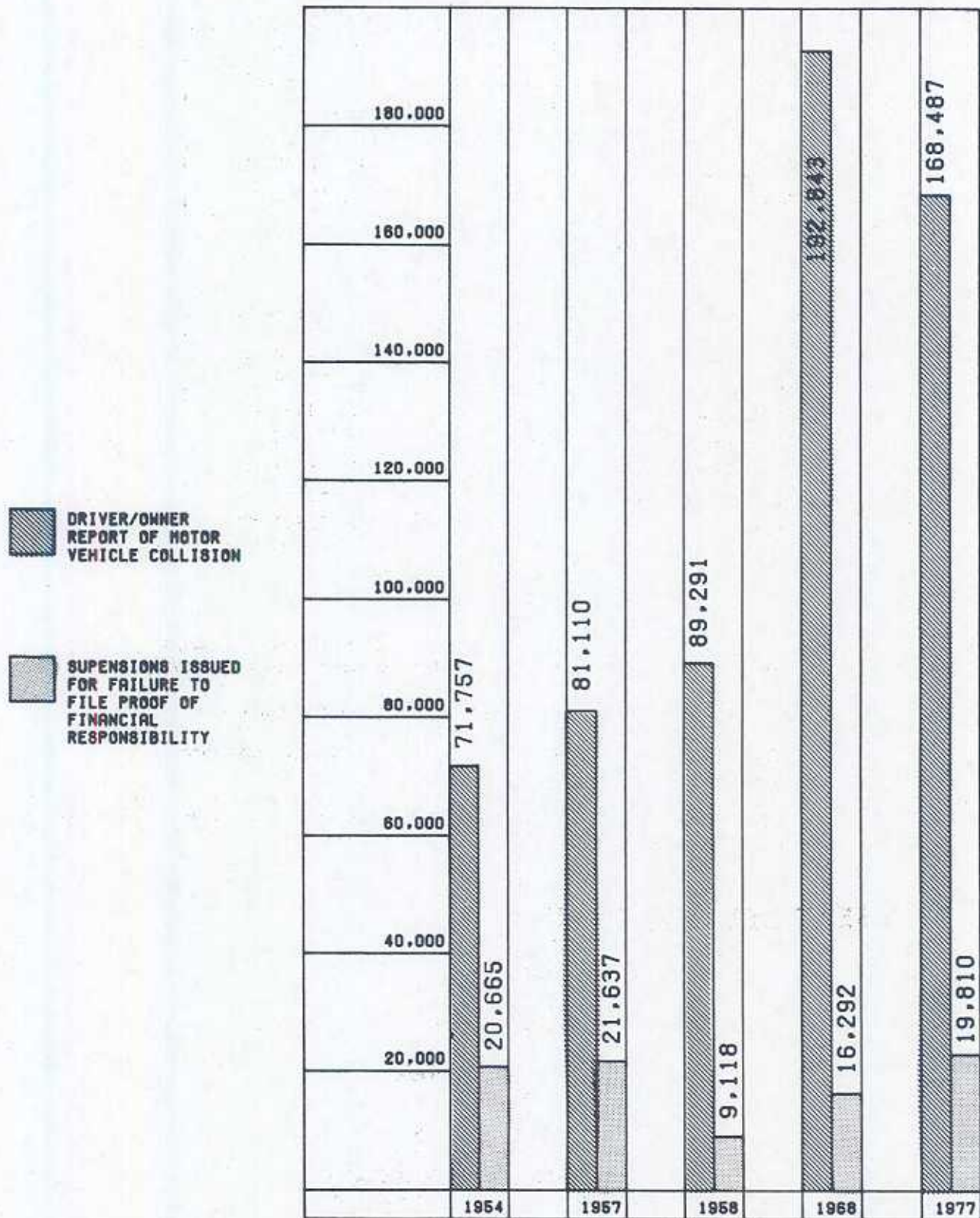
1. North Carolina data indicate that if used, available restraint systems could save 70 to 80 of every 100 unbelted occupants who die in crashes.
2. Only 10.7% of drivers protect themselves by using restraints.
3. Younger drivers (15-21 years of age) use seat belts even less than older drivers.
4. Older drivers (parents?) protect their young children even less than they protect themselves.

SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES



BUT ONLY IF YOU USE THEM!

EVALUATION COMPARISON



It is significant to note that four (4) years prior to compulsory insurance (1954-1957), 29.86% of ALL ACCIDENT PARTICIPANTS were issued a suspension order for failure to file proof of Financial Responsibility. The next four (4) years with compulsory insurance, this percentage was only 7.42%.

EVALUATION OF ACCIDENTS

Year	Driver/Owner Report of Motor Vehicle Collisions	Suspensions — Failure to File Proof of Financial Responsibility
1954	71,757	20,655
1955	77,699	26,805
1956	82,049	24,267
1957	81,110	21,637
1958	89,291	9,118
1959	96,810	5,494
1960	98,179	5,659
1961	97,178	8,061
1962	102,678	8,905
1963	112,348	7,228
1964	139,865	14,350
1965	147,863	15,129
1966	166,299	13,898
1967	178,512	14,524
1968	192,843	16,292
1969	211,756	18,550
1970	214,689	17,818
1971	233,674	15,470
1972	223,515	11,610
1973	218,881	13,476
1974	185,170	13,879
1975	156,401	21,466
1976	168,580	22,807
1977	168,487*	19,810
* 159,835 North Carolina Residents 8,418 Non-Residents		

DEFINITIONS

REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT – An accident involving a motor vehicle on a trafficway resulting in death, injury, or property damage of \$200 or more.

URBAN AREAS – Those incorporated cities or towns of 5,000 population or more – including Kannapolis which is not incorporated.

RURAL AREAS – Unincorporated areas and cities or towns of less than 5,000 population.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED – Estimated on the basis of average (12.1) miles per gallon of fuel sold for motor vehicle use.

TYPE OF ACCIDENT – Classified according to the first event on the road which characterizes the manner of occurrence of a motor vehicle traffic accident.

EVALUATION OF ACCIDENTS – Driver/Owner report of motor vehicle collision includes accidents that come within the jurisdiction of the Safety and Responsibility Act.

Information contained in this booklet has been compiled by the Traffic Records Section from 1977 data received prior to April 1, 1978.

A number of persons injured in traffic accidents during 1977 will not survive those injuries; therefore, injury and death numbers may be changed slightly during the 1978 calendar year.