

## ROAD CASUALTIES ON THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY'S TRUNK ROAD NETWORK 2008: MAIN RESULTS

The Agency has already made progress towards the casualty reduction targets through engineering interventions to improve sites with a poor safety record. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work with our customers directly to encourage more responsible driver behaviour to reduce personal injury accidents. In recent years, this has required the Agency to develop an educational role alongside its network operator and traditional engineering roles.

### 2007 to 2008 Trends on the Trunk Road Network

<b>Highways Agency casualty data on Motorways and 'A' Trunk Roads</b>				
Years	Fatal	Serious	KSI	Slight
1994-98 average	416	2,950	3,366	20,114
2001	418	2,822	3,240	22,324
2002	457	2,656	3,113	22,067
2003	444	2,487	2,931	21,488
2004	367	2,361	2,728	22,331
2005	408	2,201	2,609	21,052
2006	376	2,023	2,399	20,450
2007	363	1,997	2,360	19,591
2008	340 *	1,713 *	2,053 *	17,463 *
* including 'unknown': 1 fatal, 13 serious and 213 slight casualties				
* 12,566 accidents involving 26,943 vehicles, resulting in 19,516 casualties				

- Fatal injuries were down by 6.3%, from 363 in 2007 to 340 in 2008.
- Serious injuries were down by 14.2%, from 1,997 in 2007 to 1,713 in 2008.
- KSIs were down by 13.0%, from 2,360 in 2007 to 2,053 in 2008.
- Slight injuries were down by 10.8%, from 19,591 in 2007 to 17,463 in 2008.
- All casualties were down by 11.0%, from 21,951 in 2007 to 19,516 in 2008.
- The numbers of accidents were down by 10.9%, from 14,105 in 2007 to 12,566 in 2008.
- The numbers of vehicles involved in accidents were down by 10.9%, from 30,249 in 2007 to 26,943 in 2008.

## **Motorways**

- Fatal injuries were down by 9.0%, from 155 in 2007 to 141 in 2008.
- Serious injuries were down by 17.5%, from 941 in 2007 to 776 in 2008.
- KSIs were down by 16.3%, from 1,096 in 2007 to 917 in 2008.
- Slight injuries were down by 10.4%, from 10,373 in 2007 to 9,289 in 2008.

## **'A' Roads**

- Fatal injuries were down by 4.3%, from 208 in 2007 to 199 in 2008.
- Serious injuries were down by 11.2%, from 1,056 in 2007 to 937 in 2008.
- KSIs were down by 10.1%, from 1,264 in 2007 to 1,136 in 2008.
- Slight injuries were down by 11.3%, from 9,218 in 2007 to 8,174 in 2008.

The data illustrated in this report has been extracted from the Department for Transport's National Accident Database by the Transport Research Laboratory.

The statistics relate to personal injury accidents on the Highways Agency's Trunk Road Network that are reported to the Police. Figures for death relate to persons killed immediately or who have died within 30 days of the accident. This is the usual international definition, adopted by the Vienna Convention in 1968.



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