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ANNUAL ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION 2021

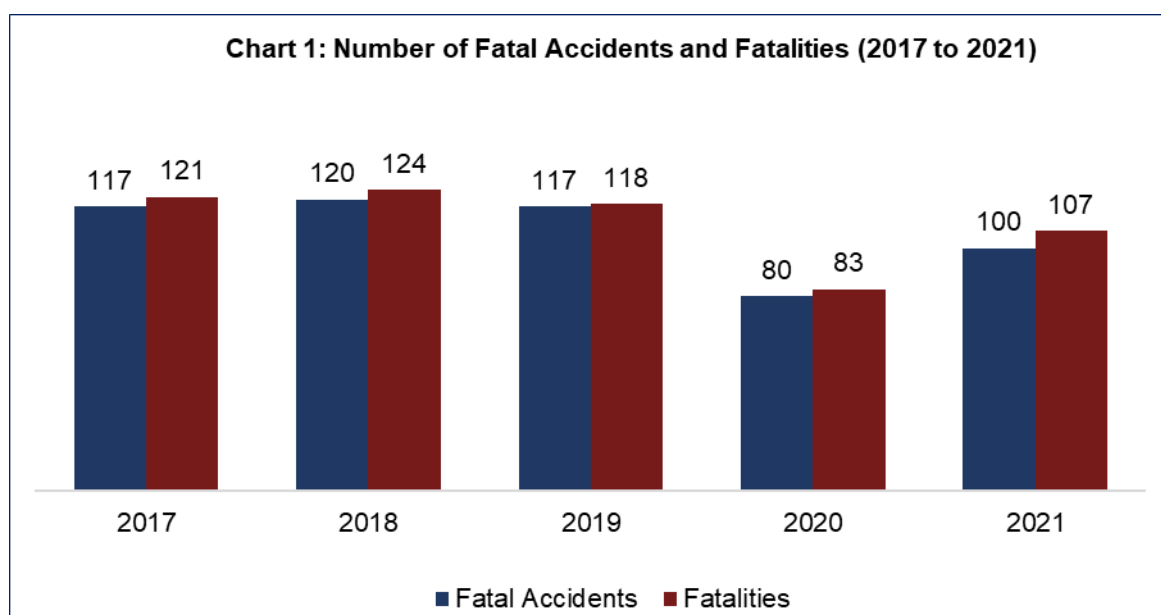
INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WITH THE RESUMPTION OF MORE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

With the resumption of more activities, the number of road traffic accidents rose in 2021 compared to 2020. However, it is still lower than the pre-COVID-19 period.

2. The number of traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians decreased in 2021. Nonetheless, elderly pedestrians as well as motorcyclists remain groups of concern, as they continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death.¹

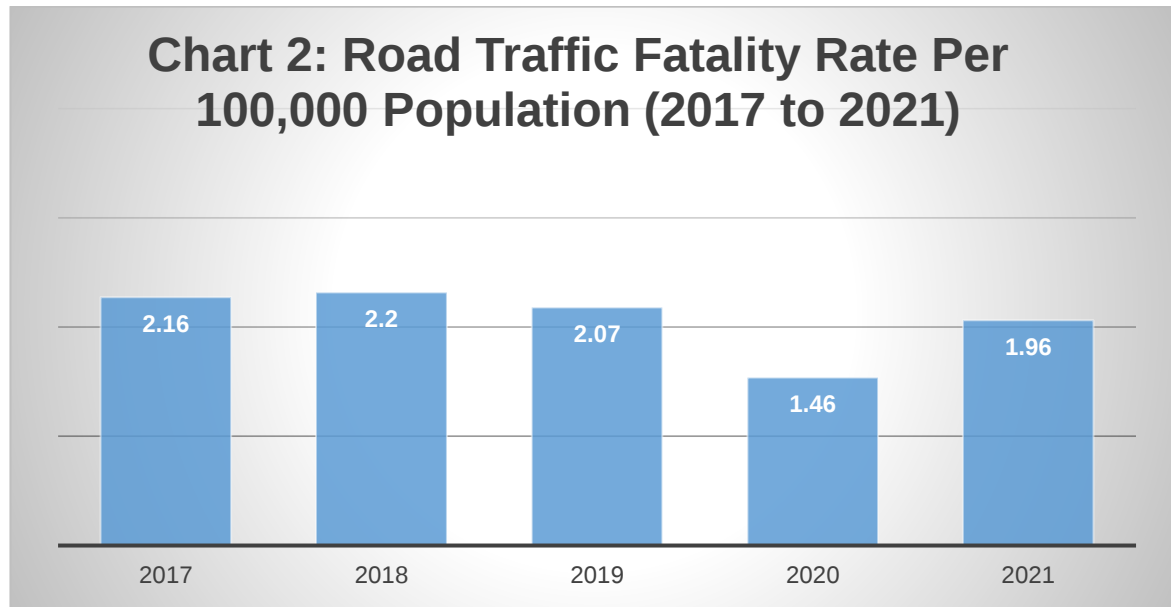
Fatal traffic accidents and fatalities increased in 2021

3. The number of fatal accidents increased by 25%, from 80 cases in 2020 to 100 cases in 2021. The number of fatalities increased by 28.9%, from 83 persons in 2020 to 107 in 2021. However, they were still lower compared to the pre-COVID-19 period. Please refer to [Chart 1](#) for the number of fatal accidents and fatalities for the past five years.



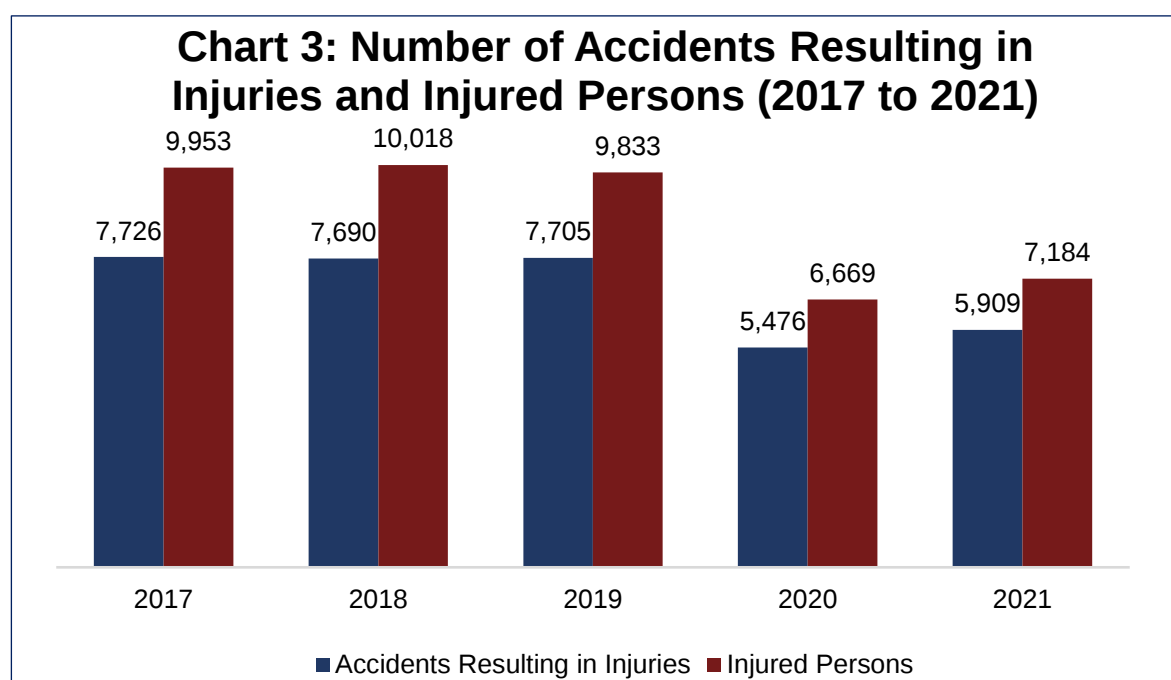
¹ Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 and above.

4. The road traffic fatality rate per 100,000 population increased from 1.46 in 2020 to 1.96 in 2021. Please refer to Chart 2 for the road traffic fatality rates for the past five years.



Increase in accidents resulting in injuries and number of injured persons

5. The number of accidents resulting in injuries increased by 7.9%, from 5,476 cases in 2020 to 5,909 in 2021. The number of injured persons also increased, by 7.7% from 6,669 persons in 2020 to 7,184 in 2021. Please refer to Chart 3 for the number of accidents resulting in injuries and injured persons for the past five years.



Decrease in red-light running and speeding violations, but increase in accidents

6. The number of red-light running violations decreased by 13.3%, from 51,459 cases in 2020 to 44,607 cases in 2021. The number of speeding violations also decreased, by 15.0%, from 163,823 cases in 2020 to 139,277 cases in 2021.

7. However, the number of red-light running accidents increased by 10.9%, from 119 cases in 2020 to 132 cases in 2021. The number of speeding-related accidents also increased, by 28.0%, from 757 cases in 2020 to 969 cases in 2021.

Slight increase in number of drink-driving accidents, and decrease in fatal accidents

8. The number of drink-driving accidents increased slightly, by 4.8% from 146 cases in 2020 to 153 cases in 2021.

9. The number of fatal drink-driving accidents decreased by 38.5%, from 13 cases in 2020 to eight cases in 2021. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving also decreased, by 9.6% from 1,517 persons in 2020 to 1,371 persons in 2021.

10. The Traffic Police (TP) will continue to adopt a very tough enforcement stance against irresponsible driving. Errant motorists who flout traffic rules and regulations such as red-light running, speeding or drink-driving may be prosecuted in court. If grievous hurt or death is caused, motorists may face imprisonment and disqualification from driving.

ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORCYCLISTS REMAIN VULNERABLE

11. Motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians continue to account for a disproportionate number of road traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death. Motorcyclists and pillion riders make up 57.1% of overall traffic accidents and 46.7% of traffic fatalities in 2021. Fatal accidents involving elderly pedestrians accounted for more than 65% of fatal accidents involving pedestrians in 2021.

Decrease in accidents and injured persons involving elderly pedestrians

12. The number of traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians decreased by 13.7%, from 234 in 2020 to 202 in 2021. Similarly, the number of injured persons involving elderly pedestrians decreased by 14.9%, from 222 in 2020 to 189 in 2021. The number of elderly pedestrian fatalities remained at 15 persons in both 2020 and 2021. About half of the fatal accidents involving elderly pedestrians were due to jaywalking.

13. TP will continue to engage and educate elderly road users on good road safety habits. In May 2021, TP and the Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC), with support from Land Transport Authority (LTA) and Lions Befrienders, organised the Road Safety for Seniors 2021 event, which comprised an online road safety talk, sharing session on eye care for seniors, and a quiz.

Increase in accidents, injuries and fatalities involving motorcyclists and pillion riders

14. The number of accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 8.0%, from 3,180 in 2020 to 3,433 in 2021. The number of motorcyclists and pillion riders who sustained injuries increased by 8.2%, from 3,381 in 2020 to 3,659 in 2021.

15. The number of fatal accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 12.0%, from 50 in 2020 to 56 in 2021. The number of motorcyclist and pillion rider fatalities increased slightly by 2.0%, from 49 persons in 2020 to 50 persons in 2021.

16. TP will continue to engage and educate motorcyclists on safe riding habits. In October 2021, TP, together with SRSC and with support from LTA, launched the 15th edition of the Singapore Ride Safe campaign, with the theme 'Gear Up. Ride Safe.'. A road safety video was also produced to encourage motorcyclists to don protective riding gear, and to ride safely and responsibly. Road safety banners were installed at accident-prone locations and hotspots identified by TP and LTA. Campaign messages were also disseminated via LTA's Expressway Monitoring Advisory System (EMAS) electronic signboards. These campaigns built on the previous years' efforts to engage and educate the motorcyclist community on the importance of safe riding behaviour.

A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO SAFER ROADS THROUGH EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT

17. TP will continue its three-pronged approach to maintain safer roads: through education, engagement, and enforcement.

18. In 2021, TP, together with stakeholders and partners, organised road safety initiatives targeted at different road user groups across different age groups to educate, engage and remind them of the importance of road safety. Some of these initiatives include the Singapore Road Safety Month in May 2021, the Road Safety Event for Seniors in July 2021, the Use Your RoadSense Virtual Show and Singapore Ride Safe Campaign in October 2021, as well as the Shell Traffic Games and Anti-Drink Drive Campaign in December 2021.

19. TP also conducted numerous engagements with different road user groups, including motorcyclists, elderly pedestrians, children, new drivers and the general public, throughout the year. This was done through the following initiatives:

- Displaying road safety banners and campaign messages, conducting virtual road safety talks;
- Sharing road safety messages through social media platforms;
- Engaging learner motorists at the Singapore Safety Driving Centre, Bukit Batok Driving Centre and Comfort Delgro Driving Centre; and
- Interviewing and publicising encouraging attitudes of members of the public towards responsible and gracious road use. These interviews were shared on social media alongside road safety tips to remind motorists to keep the roads safe.

20. On top of education and engagement efforts, TP also held joint operations regularly with other government agencies to deter and detect errant motorists and road users.

JOINT COLLABORATION WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO ROLL OUT AN ONLINE ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

21. In 2022, TP will work with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to develop and roll out an online road safety programme titled “The Road Safety Challenge!” for Primary Three to Six students by April 2022. This interactive learning resource will educate students on basic road safety rules and impart good habits to these students through storytelling, animated scenarios, and interactive quizzes.

22. “The Road Safety Challenge!” consists of four levels and students will go through the programme level by level via the MOE Student Learning Space online portal, which gives students the flexibility to learn at their own time and pace. Students will receive a virtual certificate of achievement upon completion of each level. In addition, those who have completed all four levels will be conferred the title of “Junior Road Safety Ambassador”. TP hopes that the students and Junior Road Safety Ambassadors will remember the basic road safety rules and make good road safety habits a part of their daily lives to keep themselves, and their loved ones, safe on the roads.

23. “The Road Safety Challenge!” is one of the many projects rolled out by TP in collaboration with MOE. It adds variety to the current suite of outreach programmes involving school children at the Road Safety Community Park and road safety talks. Interested members of the public who are keen to attempt “The Road Safety Challenge!” can access the online programme via the TP Online Learning Portal on the Singapore Police Force website. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for a sneak preview of the Challenge.

24. TP will continue its education, engagement, and enforcement efforts to keep our roads safe. As road safety is a shared responsibility, TP urges all road users to

continue practising good road safety habits and play their part in making Singapore's roads safer.

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Screenshots of “The Road Safety Challenge!”

