



ROAD SAFETY PERFORMANCE

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INTRODUCTION

Government Decree No. 303 of November 15, 2011 "On improving the system for recording road traffic accidents" defines the following definitions of road traffic accidents and accidents:

- A traffic accident is an event that occurred while a vehicle was moving on a road and caused the death or injury of a person, damage to vehicles, structures, cargo or other property.
- Deceased person - a person who died as a result of a traffic accident at the scene of an accident or as a result of it within 30 days.
- Injured person - a person who has been admitted to the hospital for first aid and stays for more than one day due to a traffic accident or is being treated on an outpatient basis after receiving first aid.

Registration of traffic accidents should be carried out

- regional bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
- medical facilities where the victims were taken
- legal entities whose vehicles were involved in a traffic accident
- owners of public roads and streets

Data on traffic accidents that occurred in the following cases are not included in the national statistical report:

- inside fenced protected areas with access control
- during motorsport events (competitions, exercises, etc.)
- when performing agricultural, construction work using tractors or special construction equipment (plowing, digging, harvesting, collecting agricultural products from the field, loading and unloading, loading and unloading operations and self-propelled mechanisms on a trawler, installing poles, supports, etc.)
- in case of deliberate aggression with the aim of killing people, causing harm to their health or property (based on documents from the relevant authorities)
- when committing suicide or acting in a state of mind in which the person cannot respond with their own action
- during natural disasters
- as a result of a violation of the safety rules for equipment and the use of a vehicle (ignition of the engine with the gearbox on, when connecting and disconnecting vehicles with trailers, agricultural machinery, etc.)
- explosion, fire in moving vehicles in cases not depending on their technical configuration
- in places not intended for the movement of vehicles (river bed, mountain slope, hill, forest, etc.)
- traffic accidents, when the driver's heart stopped beating while the vehicle was moving, the victim with a convulsion or a similar illness rushed onto the road, etc.

The first stage in the registration of traffic accidents is carried out by the district police department, which is the operational level of the Ministry of the Interior. Each police department must enter the following information related to the accident in a special sealed book:

- Year, month, day, hour when the accident occurred
- Complete information about the persons who reported the accident and the medical institutions where the victims were sent
- The name of the city, district and highway and street where the accident occurred
- Brief description of the accident (initial cause and type of accident)
- Complete information about the persons injured and killed as a result of an accident (name, age, gender)
- Complete information about the vehicles involved in the accident (model, license plate, owner)
- Information about the report of the accident and the full name of the person on duty.

Only preliminary information about the accident will be collected here. Complete information about each accident will be presented in the accident registration form, which is the basis for inclusion in the statistical record (database). The content and template of the registration form is approved by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Medical institutions should register deaths and injuries in road traffic accidents. The current procedure does not clearly describe how the stakeholders referred to in this Decree should collect, use, share, monitor, control and analyze the information collected.

The collection of statistical data on road safety is carried out by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. In accordance with the Law on Official Statistics, adopted on August 11, 2011, the State Committee on Statistics (SCSTAT) is the leading body providing official statistics in all areas of Uzbekistan. According to publicly available data/statistics published by the SSC, the number of fatalities and accidents is the same for all published 8 years. It appears that there are misunderstandings or typos in such publicly available important figures that should be corrected.

Since 2018, the Traffic Police Department has begun to publish some parts of traffic accident data in its own media resources. There is a discrepancy in the published data of the Traffic Police Department and the State Committee for Commodities for 2107-2018. Such discrepancies can lead to a reduction in the credibility of published statistics, jeopardizing sound data-driven road safety management.

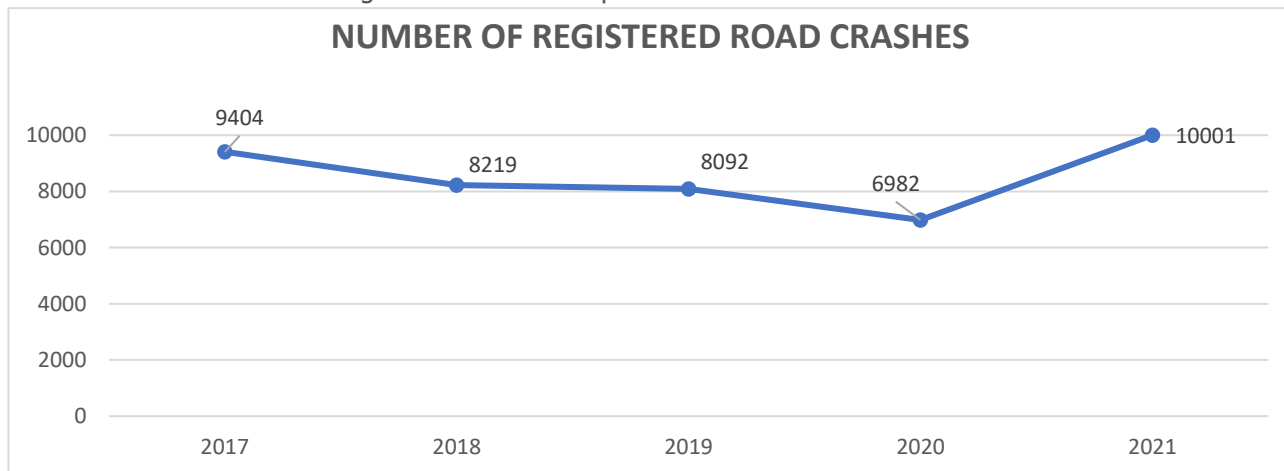
Consistency, coverage, way of presenting publicly available data should demonstrate a systematic approach when publishing key information. Changing the way statistics are presented from year to year may limit the ability to compare data, allowing analysis of the impact of some road safety measures taken (e.g. when analyzing the age group of drivers involved in road traffic crashes, age clusters are defined differently).

According to Government Decree No. 303 of November 15, 2011 "Statistical Report on Road Traffic", only information in which persons died or were injured as a result of road traffic accidents will be considered as an accident. Mining incidents when there are no casualties will not be recorded by any agency. These types of incidents can be reported to the insurance company for future claims.

According to data provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the number of registered traffic accidents, injured and dead is gradually decreasing until the 2020 pandemic. In 2021, these numbers began to rise.

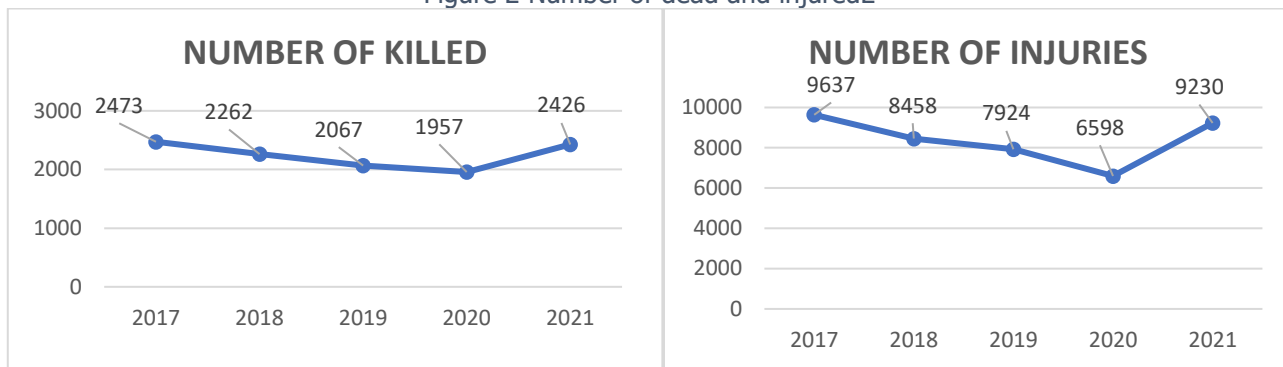
The number of reported road traffic accidents has been declining since 2017 and dropped from 9,404 to 6,982 in pandemic 2020. Its rate increased sharply in 2021 by 43% and reached 10,001. This increase can be attributed to increased mobility of people and economic activity after the pandemic.

Figure 1 Number of reported road traffic accidents1



Almost the same trends are observed in the number of deaths and injuries. The number of those killed decreased (by 26%) from 2,473 to 1,957 in the period 2017-2020. In 2021, it was increased by almost 24% and reached 2,426. The number of injured in 2017-2020 decreased by 46% from 9,637 to 6,598. The number of injured in 2021 increased sharply by almost 40% and reached 9,230

Figure 2 Number of dead and injured2



Considering the type of vehicles, it can be noted that the largest number of vehicles involved in road accidents are cars. Its number gradually decreased from 2017 to 2020, but by 2021 its number has increased dramatically and reached 8,451. Bicycles are in second place. Unfortunately, the number of bicycles involved in road traffic accidents is constantly increasing and reached 1078 in 2021. A more detailed analysis of cyclists and motorcyclists will be presented below in the chapter on vulnerable road users. In third place is the number of accidents involving trucks. The number of agricultural vehicles involved in accidents has decreased compared to 2017 and 2021 - their number has decreased from 64 to 42.

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