

**New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
Summary of School Vehicle Accidents**

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TABLE 1 School Vehicle Accidents		
Category Totals	All Accidents	Police Reported
Total Accidents	1,600	1,541
Fatal Accidents	8	8
Non-Fatal Personal Injury Accidents	897	873
Reportable Property Damage Accidents	695	660
Vehicles	3,286	3,168
Drivers Involved	3,003	2,939
Vehicle Occupants	7,497	7,355
Special Accident Series		
School Vehicle/Pedestrian Accidents	54	54
School Vehicle/Bicycle Accidents	16	16
School Vehicle/Motorcycle Accidents	5	5
Fatalities		
Persons Killed (1)	8	8
Drivers Killed	3	3
Passengers Killed	1	1
Pedestrians Killed	4	4
Bicyclists Killed	0	0
Other	0	0
Non-Fatal Injuries		
Persons Injured (1)	1,577	1,543
Drivers Injured	694	692
Passengers Injured	807	775
Pedestrians Injured	51	51
Bicyclists Injured	15	15
Other	10	10
(1) Includes pedestrians, bicyclists and all other non-vehicle involved persons as well as vehicle occupants regardless of seating position		

TABLE 2(P) Severity of Accident		
	Number	Percent
Total	1,541	100.0
Fatal (K) Accidents	8	0.5
Personal Injury Accidents		
Serious (A)	49	3.2
Moderate (B)	111	7.2
Minor (C)	673	43.7
Unknown Severity	40	2.6
Property Damage (O) Accidents	660	42.8

General Notes

- * Some of the tables are based upon information received from police and motorist reports of motor vehicle accidents. Others are based only on the police reports; these are indicated by a (P).
- * The Property Damage Accident reporting level is \$1,000 or more.
- * The term "vehicle" always excludes bicycles.
- * The term "driver" always excludes bicyclists.
- * Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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TABLE 3 Day of Week/Time of Day										
Day of Week	Total Accidents	Time of Day								
		Mid-3am	3am-6am	6am-9am	9am-Noon	Noon-3pm	3pm-6pm	6pm-9pm	9pm-Mid	Unknown
Total	1,600	6	10	498	239	314	434	41	11	47
Sunday										
<i>Total</i>	18	2	3	2	0	2	3	4	1	1
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	9	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0
Property Damage	9	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	1
Monday										
<i>Total</i>	336	0	2	113	50	65	88	11	0	7
Fatal	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	194	0	1	68	34	33	48	6	0	4
Property Damage	141	0	1	45	16	31	40	5	0	3
Tuesday										
<i>Total</i>	307	0	2	101	61	55	77	5	0	6
Fatal	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	191	0	1	63	34	34	53	1	0	5
Property Damage	115	0	1	37	27	21	24	4	0	1
Wednesday										
<i>Total</i>	309	3	1	100	43	54	89	5	3	11
Fatal	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Personal Injury	165	2	1	44	28	30	47	5	2	6
Property Damage	142	1	0	56	15	24	40	0	1	5
Thursday										
<i>Total</i>	292	0	1	93	35	61	81	6	4	11
Fatal	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Personal Injury	165	0	0	56	20	32	40	4	2	11
Property Damage	126	0	1	37	15	29	40	2	2	0
Friday										
<i>Total</i>	312	1	0	84	44	70	93	8	3	9
Fatal	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Personal Injury	158	1	0	37	21	39	50	3	2	5
Property Damage	151	0	0	46	23	30	42	5	1	4
Saturday										
<i>Total</i>	26	0	1	5	6	7	3	2	0	2
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	15	0	1	3	5	3	1	0	0	2
Property Damage	11	0	0	2	1	4	2	2	0	0

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TABLE 4(P) Police Investigating Agency					
	Total Accidents		Severity Class of Accident		
	Number	Percent	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage
Total	1,541	100.0	8	873	660
State Police	76	4.9	0	41	35
County Police	463	30.0	2	203	258
New York City Police (NYPD)	515	33.4	4	373	138
Municipal Police (non-NYC)	399	25.9	2	220	177
Other	3	0.2	0	2	1
Unknown	85	5.5	0	34	51

TABLE 5 Jurisdictional Road System					
	Total Accidents		Severity Class of Accident		
	Number	Percent	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage
Total	1,600	100.0	8	897	695
State Routes	242	15.1	2	119	121
County Routes	97	6.1	1	50	46
Town Routes	341	21.3	0	141	200
Municipal Streets	795	49.7	4	512	279
Parkways	54	3.4	1	36	17
Thruway	2	0.1	0	2	0
Other Interstates	55	3.4	0	32	23
Unknown	14	0.9	0	5	9

TABLE 6 Manner of Collision					
	Total Accidents		Severity Class of Accident		
	Number	Percent	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage
Total	1,600	100.0	8	897	695
Single Vehicle Accidents	127	7.9	3	100	24
Two Vehicle Accidents	1,296	81.0	4	651	641
3 or More Vehicle Accidents	177	11.1	1	146	30

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TABLE 7(P) Selected Accident Contributing Factors					
	Total Accidents		Severity Class of Accident		
	Number	Percent	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage
Total Accidents	1,541	100.0	8	873	660
Accidents With No Factor Reported	288	18.7	1	169	118
Accidents With One or More Factors Reported	1,253	81.3	7	704	542
Accidents With Human Factors	1,118	72.6	7	630	481
Aggressive Driving/Road Rage*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Alcohol Involvement	7	0.5	0	5	2
Backing Unsafely	48	3.1	0	11	37
Cell Phone (hand held)*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Cell Phone (hands free)*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Driver Inattention/Distraction	311	20.2	0	188	123
Driver Inexperience	17	1.1	1	5	11
Drugs (Illegal)	2	0.1	1	1	0
Failure to Keep Right	0	0.0	0	0	0
Failure to Yield R.O.W.	225	14.6	2	140	83
Fatigued/Drowsy	3	0.2	0	2	1
Fell Asleep	2	0.1	1	1	0
Following Too Closely	197	12.8	0	115	82
Illness	3	0.2	0	2	1
Lost Consciousness	1	0.1	0	1	0
Other Electronic Device*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Outside Car Distraction*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Passenger Distraction*	4	0.3	1	2	1
Passing or Lane Usage Improper	79	5.1	0	35	44
Pedestrian/Bicyclist/Other Ped Error/Confusion	16	1.0	1	15	0
Physical Disability	2	0.1	0	2	0
Prescription Medication	5	0.3	1	2	2
Reaction to Other Uninvolved Vehicle*	0	0.0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Disregarded	77	5.0	1	52	24
Turning Improperly	66	4.3	0	34	32
Unsafe Lane Changing	51	3.3	0	25	26
Unsafe Speed	75	4.9	1	50	24
Other Human	203	13.2	0	119	84
Accidents With Vehicular Factors	75	4.9	0	49	26
Accelerator Defective	2	0.1	0	0	2
Brakes Defective	22	1.4	0	16	6
Driverless/Runaway Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0	0
Headlights Defective	0	0.0	0	0	0
Other Lighting Defects	0	0.0	0	0	0
Oversized Vehicle	13	0.8	0	7	6
Steering Failure	3	0.2	0	3	0
Tire Failure/Inadequate	2	0.1	0	2	0
Tow Hitch Defective	1	0.1	0	1	0
Windshield Inadequate	0	0.0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular	34	2.2	0	22	12
Accidents With Environmental Factors	203	13.2	1	103	99
Animal's Action	4	0.3	0	0	4
Glare	31	2.0	1	17	13
Lane Marking Improper/Inadequate	1	0.1	0	0	1
Obstruction/Debris	5	0.3	0	1	4
Pavement Defective	4	0.3	0	4	0
Pavement Slippery	130	8.4	0	65	65
Shoulders Defective/Improper	0	0.0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Device Improper/Non-Working	2	0.1	0	2	0
View Obstructed/Limited	24	1.6	0	16	8
Other Environmental	9	0.6	0	5	4

* New Category as of July 2001.
Note: Many accidents have multiple factors reported.

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TABLE 8 Driver Age and Gender					
	Total Drivers		Drivers by Severity of Accident		
	Number	Percent	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage
Total	3,003	100.0	20	1,748	1,235
Male	1,866	62.1	10	1,106	750
Under 16	0	0.0	0	0	0
16 - 17	39	1.3	0	21	18
18 - 20	62	2.1	2	41	19
21 - 24	106	3.5	0	76	30
25 - 29	136	4.5	0	80	56
30 - 34	172	5.7	2	102	68
35 - 39	200	6.7	0	121	79
40 - 44	227	7.6	1	146	80
45 - 49	219	7.3	0	133	86
50 - 54	187	6.2	2	104	81
55 - 59	175	5.8	1	103	71
60 - 64	135	4.5	0	70	65
65 - 69	90	3.0	1	47	42
70 - 74	56	1.9	0	29	27
75 - 79	34	1.1	0	21	13
80 and Over	24	0.8	1	9	14
Unknown Age	4	0.1	0	3	1
Female	1,094	36.4	2	625	467
Under 16	2	0.1	0	0	2
16 - 17	17	0.6	0	7	10
18 - 20	30	1.0	0	16	14
21 - 24	61	2.0	0	46	15
25 - 29	99	3.3	0	69	30
30 - 34	119	4.0	0	69	50
35 - 39	144	4.8	0	87	57
40 - 44	163	5.4	1	98	64
45 - 49	124	4.1	0	63	61
50 - 54	119	4.0	0	57	62
55 - 59	104	3.5	0	58	46
60 - 64	50	1.7	0	30	20
65 - 69	21	0.7	1	9	11
70 - 74	17	0.6	0	7	10
75 - 79	16	0.5	0	7	9
80 and Over	8	0.3	0	2	6
Unknown Age	0	0.0	0	0	0
Unknown Gender	43	1.4	8	17	18

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TABLE 9 Persons Killed or Injured by Age				
Age Group	Total Persons		Persons Killed	Persons Injured
	Number	Percent		
Total	1,585	100.0	8	1,577
Under 5	23	1.5	1	22
5 - 9	131	8.3	0	131
10 - 13	176	11.1	0	176
14 - 17	118	7.4	0	118
18 - 20	65	4.1	1	64
21 - 24	85	5.4	0	85
25 - 29	112	7.1	0	112
30 - 34	116	7.3	0	116
35 - 39	137	8.6	0	137
40 - 44	155	9.8	1	154
45 - 49	89	5.6	0	89
50 - 54	83	5.2	1	82
55 - 59	64	4.0	0	64
60 - 64	51	3.2	1	50
65 - 69	31	2.0	0	31
70 - 74	24	1.5	0	24
75 - 79	21	1.3	0	21
80 and Over	16	1.0	3	13
Unknown Age	88	5.6	0	88