

NYS DMV - Statistics - New York State Accident Data - 1998

Category	1998	Average 1995-1997	Percent of Change
Total Motor Vehicle Accidents	306,646	273,590	12.08
Fatal Accidents	1,395	1,445	-3.44
Personal Injury Accidents (1)	181,766	183,321	-0.85
Property Damage Only Accidents	123,485	88,825	39.02
Total Persons Killed (2)	1,505	1,575	-4.44
Drivers Killed	744	771	-3.50
Passengers Killed	335	372	-10.03
Pedestrians Killed	372	381	-2.36
Bicyclists Killed	53	49	8.90
Total Persons Injured (1,2)	281,541	282,714	-0.42
Drivers Injured (1,3)	151,315	152,569	-0.82
Passengers Injured (1,3)	88,615	88,057	0.63
Pedestrians Injured (1)	18,843	18,991	-0.78
Bicyclists Injured (1)	8,618	8,903	-3.20

1. Excludes Fataals
2. Includes pedestrians, bicyclists and all other non-vehicle involved
3. Data gathered only from Police Reported Accidents.
4. The Vehicle and Traffic Law was amended in April, 1997 to provide statutory authority for police officers to report accidents which, in their judgment, appear to meet the reporting criteria for property damage (i.e., damage in excess of \$1,000 or to the property of any one individual). Now, accidents are classified as reportable accidents when police check the box that indicates that it meets the criteria for reporting a property damage accident. As a result, reportable accidents that include a police report and involved only property damage have increased.

NOTE: Counts of persons killed and injured by category may not add to totals shown because of unusual situations or unspecified vehicle occupant seating position.