

COMPARISON OF ROAD CRASH FATALITIES WITH OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 1,48,707 people were killed and other 4,82,389 injured in road accidents in India in 2015¹. This implies more than 407 people were killed in road crashes every day in India.

Road Crash Deaths: Comparison with other Natural and Unnatural Causes

Causes of Death	Number of Deaths (2015)	Road Crash Deaths in terms of deaths by other Causes
Drowning	29,822	5 times
Railway Accidents	26,066	6 times
Natural Disasters	10,510	14 times
Fire	17,700	8 times
Air Crash	23	6466 times

Source: National Crime Records Bureau

Other Important Comparisons

- Cognizable Crimes against children-** In 2015, 2128 children were killed in different crimes including murder, infanticide and foeticide.² In the same year, **15633 children were killed in road crashes. (Nearly 635% more than deaths due to crime)**
- Major Terrorist Attacks**
 - 26/11 terrorist attack is one of the gravest terrorist attacks in India. It killed 175 people (166 victims, 9 terrorists).³ **The number of people killed in road crashes amount to having 850 Mumbai terror attacks each day.**
 - In the last 27 years, from 1988 to 2015 a total of 43,746 people have been killed in terrorist violence in India. **The annual road crash deaths are 3 times the total fatalities due to terrorist violence for the past 27 years.**

¹ Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India, 2015 National Crime Records Bureau

² Crimes in India 2015, National Crime Records Bureau

³ <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22673262>

- **Communicable Diseases**

- According to the World Health Organization, every year around 28,000 people die due to Malaria.⁴ **The number of people killed in road crashes is about 431% more than this.**

War Casualties Compared to Road Crash Deaths

Independent India has witnessed five wars. Total number of people killed in all these wars is 10,253. **The annual road crash deaths in India are 15 times the number of people killed in all the wars fought since independence.**

War	No. of Casualties	Annual Road Crash Deaths in terms of War Casualties
Indo-Pak 1948	1500 ⁵	99 times
Indo-China 1962	1383 ⁶	108 times
Indo-Pak 1965	3000 ⁷	50 times
Indo-Pak 1971	3843 ⁸	39 times
Kargil War	527 ⁹	282 times
Total Casualties	10253	15 times

⁴ India Statistical Profile by WHO provides death due to Malaria as 2.3 per 100,000 people. Total mortality calculated based on Census 2011 Population Enumeration

⁵ *India's Armed Forces: Fifty Years of War and Peace* by Ashoka Krishna

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Thomas M. Leonard (2006), *Encyclopedia of the developing world*

⁸ Official Government of India statement

⁹ Parliament of India website, retrieved 2009-05-20.