

ROAD CRASH STATISTICS 2017

ANALYSIS OF DATA BY MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS, 2017¹

- I. According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, **1, 47,913 people were killed** and **4, 70, 975 persons were injured in 4, 64,910 road crashes** in India in 2017.

This translates to **1, 273 crashes and 405 deaths every day** or **53 crashes and nearly 17 deaths every hour**. The number of road crash deaths has increased by **23.4% from 2008 to 2017**.

Road crash deaths **decreased by 1.9%** compared to last year (from 1, 50,785 in 2016 to 1, 47,913 in 2017). Road crash severity², on the other hand, saw a 0.4% increase as compared to the previous year (31.4% in 2016).

While road crashes reduced by about 3.3%, compared to 2016, the persons injured reduced by nearly 4.8%.

- II. **In case of road crash deaths, Uttar Pradesh topped the list followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra**. Top 15 states in road crash fatalities:

Top 15 States	Crashes	Fatalities
Uttar Pradesh	38,783	20,124
Tamil Nadu	65,562	16,157
Maharashtra	35,853	12,264
Karnataka	42,542	10,609
Rajasthan	22,112	10,444
Madhya Pradesh	53,399	10,177
Andhra Pradesh	25,727	8,060
Gujarat	19,081	7,289
Telangana	22,484	6,596
West Bengal	11,631	5,769
Bihar	8,855	5,554
Haryana	11,258	5,120

¹Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Research Wing, 'Road Accidents in India', 2017.

² Deaths per 100 crashes

Odisha	10, 855	4,790
Punjab	6, 273	4, 463
Chhattisgarh	13, 563	4,136
TOTAL	3,87,978	1,31,552

- III. In a city wise analysis, **Delhi (1,565)** was the city with the highest number of road crash fatalities followed by **Chennai (1,264)** and **Jaipur (753)**.
In terms of road crashes, **Chennai (7, 257)** was the highest followed by **Delhi (6, 673)** and **Indore (4, 513)**.

The following 5 cities ranked highest in road crash deaths in 2017:

City	Road Crash Fatalities
Delhi	1,565
Chennai	1,264
Jaipur	753
Bengaluru	616
Kanpur	608

- IV. As per age wise break up of road crash data, the **maximum lives were lost between the ages 18-35 years (49.9%)**. The age wise break up is as follows:

Age Group	Road Crash Fatalities	% Share
Below 18 years	9,408	6.4
18-35 years	73, 793	49.9
35-45 years	32, 788	22.2
45-60 years	22,462	15.2
60 year and above	9,384	6.3

- V. Put together, **nearly 63% deaths occurred on National and State Highways** alone. The road typology wise data is as follows:

Road Type	Road Crash Fatalities	% Share
National Highways	53,181	30.4
State Highways	39,812	26.9
Other Roads	54,920	37.1

- VI. In a cause wise split, maximum number of road crashes and deaths were caused by Speeding. It accounted for **66.7% deaths** and over **70% crashes and injuries**. The cause wise data is as follows:

Cause	Road Crash Fatalities	% Share
Speeding	98,613	66.7
Driving Under influence of Alcohol/Drugs	4,776	3.2
Use of Mobile Phones	3,172	2.1

- VII. In terms of road user type, **vulnerable road users** (including two wheelers, cyclists, NMVs and pedestrians) formed a **51.6% share to road crash fatalities**. The road user type wise data is as follows:

Road User Type	Road Crash Deaths	% Share
Two-Wheelers	48,746	33
Car, Taxi, Vans & LMVs	26,869	18.2
Trucks/ Lorries	17,158	11.6
Pedestrians	20,457	13.8
Buses	9,069	6.1
Auto-Rickshaws	7,167	4.8
Bicycles	3,559	2.4
Other Motor Vehicles (including Electric Rickshaws)	11,410	7.7
Others (Animal drawn vehicle, Cycle Rickshaws, hand-carts and other persons)	3,479	2.4

- VIII. Other Key Takeaways from the Report are as follows:
- (i) In a gender wise division, **1,27,787 (86.4%) males** and **20,047 (13.6%) females** lost their lives to road crashes.

- (ii) The **non-use of helmets** caused **35,975 (24.3%) deaths** and **non- use of seat belts** caused **26,896 (18.2%) deaths** in 2017.
- (iii) **65, 186 (14%) cases** were registered as **Hit and Run** which caused **25,866 deaths** and **59,544 injuries**.