



## Child Casualties Report 1997-2012

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## **Introduction**

This report has been prepared by the Research Department of the Road Safety Authority and includes statistics on the number of children aged 14 and under who have been killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions on public roads in Ireland in the period 1997-2012.

The information presented in this report is based on information provided to the Road Safety Authority by An Garda Síochána.

2012 is the latest year for which final verified statistics are available; 2013 figures are provisional.

## Main Findings

The following summarises the main trends based on an analysis of child casualty statistics for the period 1997-2012.

- Over the period 1997-2012, 262 children aged 14 and under were killed on our roads. An additional 1,115 children were seriously injured.
- Of all children killed, pedestrians were most vulnerable, representing 44% of all those killed in the period 1997-2012. Car passengers (37%), followed by pedal cyclists (13%) represent the next most vulnerable groups.
- An analysis of road user groups killed or seriously injured (KSI) shows very similar numbers of car passengers and pedestrian casualties; 42% of all children killed or seriously injured were car passengers, while 41% were pedestrians; pedal cyclists and 'other' road users represent a smaller proportion (11% and 6% respectively).
- There has been an 89% decline in the number of children killed on our roads since 1997; while 27 children aged 14 and under lost their lives on our roads in 1997, three children died in 2012. The child fatality rate per million population in 2012 was 3, compared to a rate of 32 in 1997.
- Of note, however, is that provisional figures for 2013 point to an increase in fatalities, as six children lost their lives on our roads in 2013.
- While there has been a 100% decline in child fatalities among car passengers and pedal cyclists in the period 1997-2012, the decline among pedestrians has been weaker (73%).
- Thirty per cent of children killed as car passengers or passengers of other vehicles were either not wearing a seatbelt or were not in a child restraint. Over the period 1997-2005 38% of children who were killed were not restrained, but the proportion declined to 11% for the period 2006-2012.
- Fifty nine per cent of children killed were male, while children aged 10-14 were more likely than younger children to have been killed or injured on our roads.
- The most dangerous time for children on our roads was during the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 5:59 p.m. when 27% of children lost their lives. Children were most likely to be killed during the months April through to August when over half (51%) of children were killed. Friday was the most dangerous day of the week.
- Counties Dublin and Cork are the counties with the highest number of child fatalities, with these counties representing 15% and 10% of all child fatalities in the period.

- By far the greatest number of pedestrian deaths among children occurred in Dublin, accounting for 31 deaths, and 27% of all pedestrian fatalities among children. Limerick and Cork also accounted for a significant number of pedestrian deaths among children, with 9 children having lost their lives in each of these counties.
- By far the highest number of car passenger fatalities among children were in Cork, accounting for 13 deaths and 14% of all car passenger deaths among children.
- The highest number of pedal cyclist fatalities among children occurred in Dublin, accounting for 4 deaths and 12% of all pedal cyclist fatalities among children; in each of the counties Cork and Galway, three child pedal cyclists lost their lives.

## Road User Group

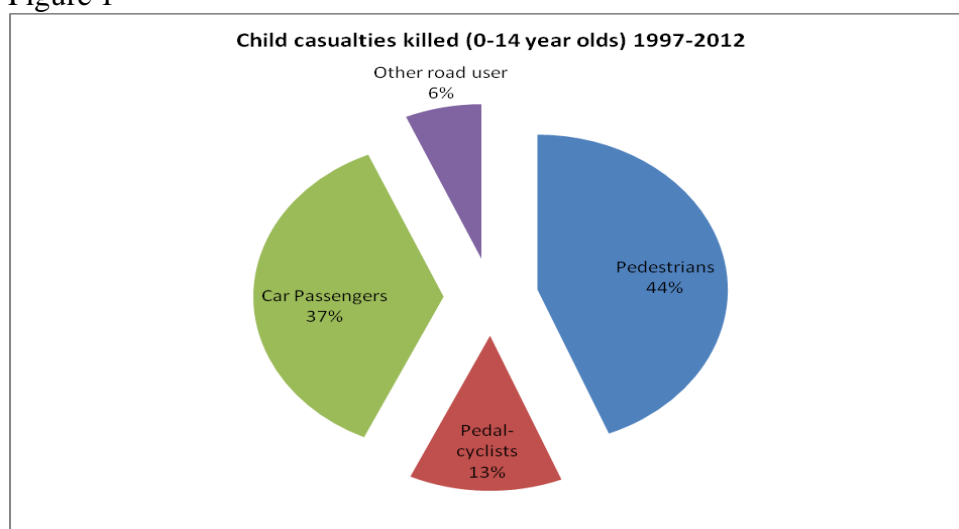
The below table shows the number of child fatalities over time since 1997, broken out by road user type. Child pedestrians were more likely than any other road user group to be killed. Deaths among all road user groups have been declining since 1997.

**Table 1: Child (0-14 years old) Road Users Killed 1997 – 2012**

YEAR	PEDESTRIANS	PEDAL-CYCLISTS	CAR PASSENGERS	OTHER ROAD USER*
2012	3	0	0	0
2011	3	2	2	0
2010	4	0	2	0
2009	7	2	3	0
2008	8	1	9	2
2007	4	3	9	0
2006	6	0	9	1
2005	8	0	1	0
2004	2	0	4	1
2003	7	3	6	0
2002	8	3	5	2
2001	11	2	11	2
2000	8	3	9	2
1999	10	3	6	4
1998	15	8	9	2
1997	11	4	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>17</b>

\* (Motorcycle, PSV, Goods vehicle and miscellaneous types of motor vehicle not falling into any of the main categories or unknown road users)

Figure 1

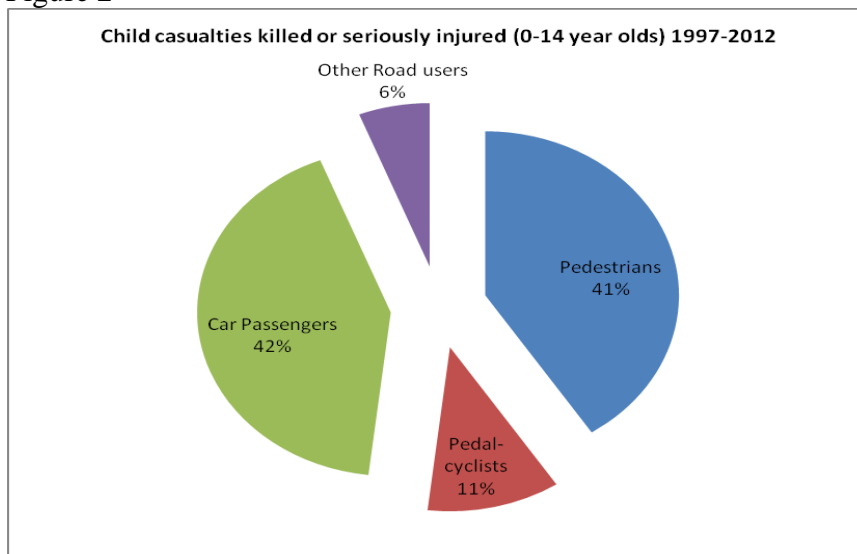


The below table shows the number of children killed and injured over time since 1997, broken out by road user type. Child pedestrians and car passengers were more likely than any other road user group to be killed. Deaths and injuries among all road user groups have been declining since 1997.

**Table 2: Child (0-14 years old) Road Users Killed and Seriously Injured 1997 – 2012**

Year	Pedestrians	Pedal-cyclists	Car Passengers	Other Road users	Total
2012	17	4	12	3	36
2011	20	3	13	4	40
2010	23	1	17	1	42
2009	23	7	21	1	52
2008	35	4	31	2	72
2007	27	10	40	5	82
2006	27	3	34	6	70
2005	35	3	35	5	78
2004	22	10	28	3	63
2003	35	8	25	6	74
2002	45	7	26	2	80
2001	43	10	56	10	119
2000	40	16	50	5	111
1999	37	16	73	11	137
1998	74	19	53	13	159
1997	58	32	67	5	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1377</b>

Figure 2

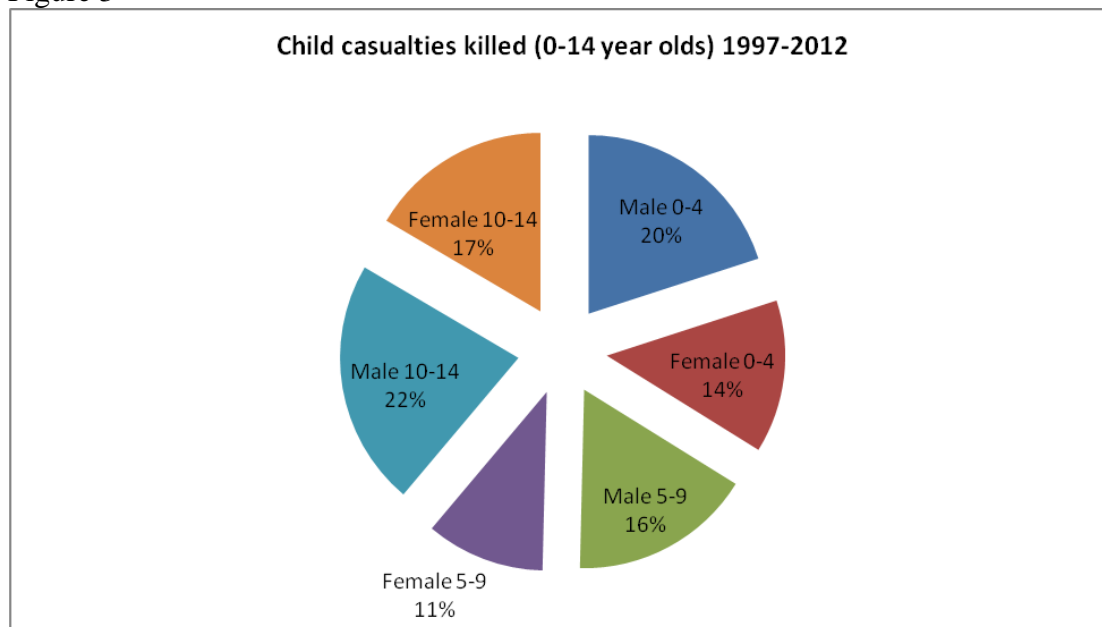


## Age and Gender

The greater majority of children killed were male (59%).

Older children aged 10-14 were more likely than younger children to be killed on our roads, representing 39% of all child fatalities (see figure 3).

Figure 3



A more detailed breakdown of the age and gender of child fatalities is shown in table 3.

**Table 3: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD FATALITIES BY AGE & GENDER**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Male 0-4	4	5	3	3	6	3	4	1	3	5	2	3	5	3	2	0	52	20
Female 0-4	2	3	4	3	3	4	3	1	0	3	5	1	2	0	0	2	36	14
Male 5-9	4	6	5	4	4	3	3	1	1	3	0	3	1	2	2	1	43	16
Female 5-9	5	4	3	4	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	28	11
Male 10-14	7	12	6	3	5	3	2	1	4	1	5	6	2	0	1	0	58	22
Female 10-14	5	3	2	5	6	4	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	0	43	16
Gender Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>100</b>

A more detailed breakdown of the age and gender of children killed and seriously injured is shown in tables 4 and 5.

**Table 4: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD FATALITIES & SERIOUS INJURIES BY AGE & GENDER**

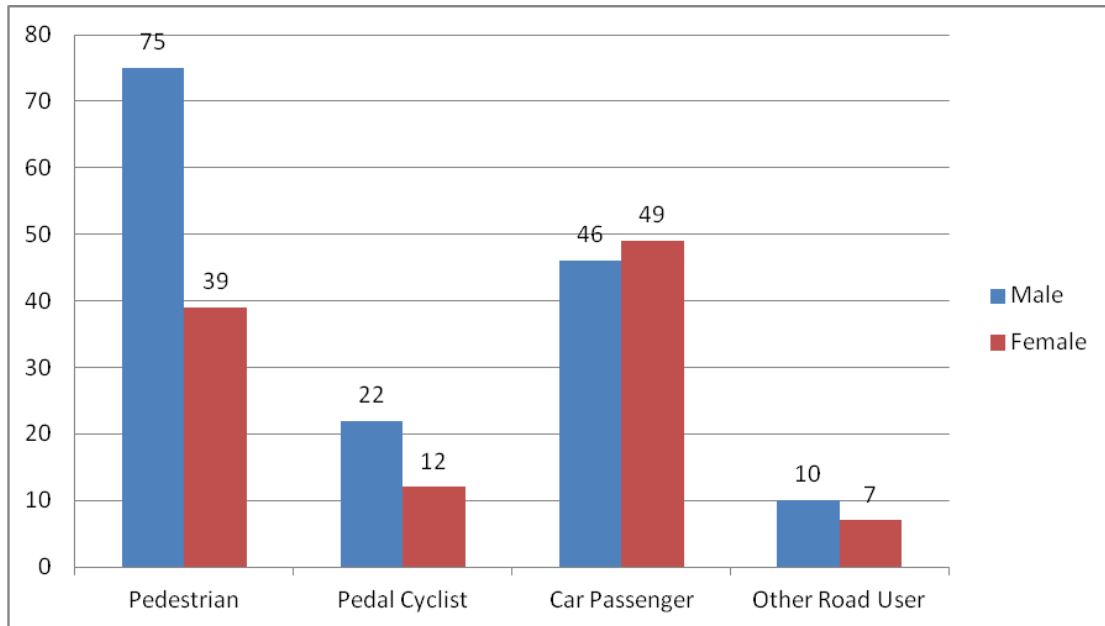
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Male 0-4	17	18	12	14	20	20	9	7	9	12	8	11	13	8	6	8	192	14
Female 0-4	15	13	14	9	7	6	6	2	9	10	10	7	5	8	5	4	130	9
Male 5-9	25	34	27	17	27	12	17	8	12	15	13	17	7	6	7	9	253	18
Female 5-9	21	26	17	15	11	10	8	11	12	9	10	6	3	5	3	5	172	12
Male 10-14	53	36	35	24	29	14	17	17	24	13	24	19	16	6	12	8	347	25
Female 10-14	27	27	27	28	24	14	14	17	9	8	15	11	8	9	7	2	247	18
Gender Unknown	4	5	5	4	1	4	3	1	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	36	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1377</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 5: Child (0-14 years old) Road Users Killed & Seriously Injured, 1997 – 2012**

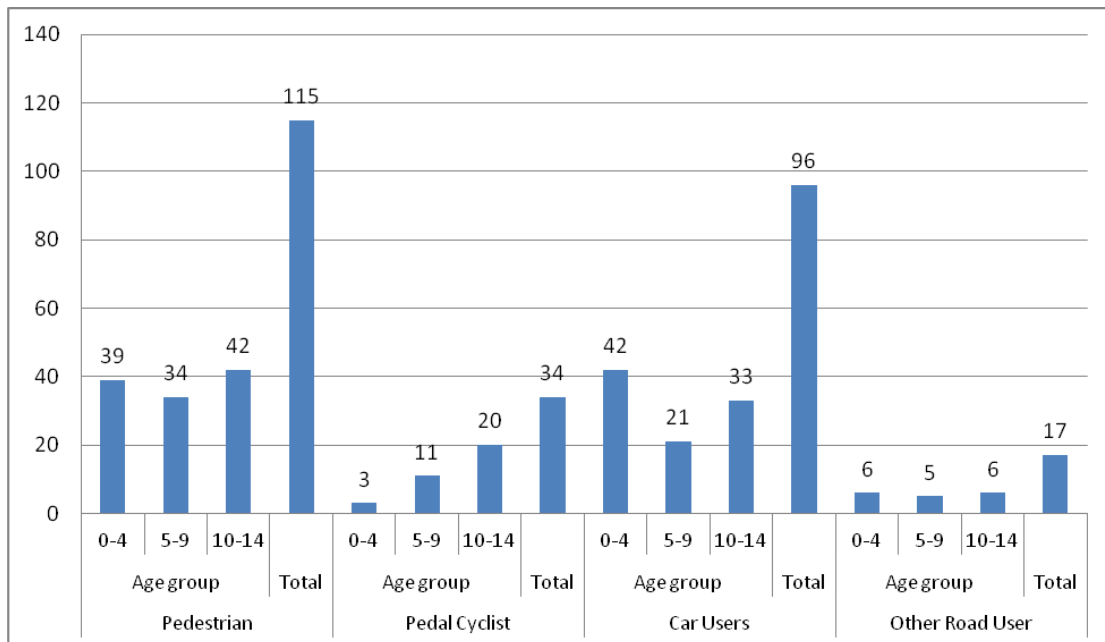
Gender		Severity		Total	
		Killed	Seriously Injured		
<b>Male</b>	Pedestrian	75	266	341	
	Pedal Cyclist	22	99	121	
	Car Passenger	46	241	287	
	Other Road User	10	33	43	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>792</b>	
	<b>Female</b>	Pedestrian	39	172	211
		Pedal Cyclist	12	19	31
Car Passenger		49	224	273	
Other Road User		7	27	34	
<b>Total</b>		<b>107</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>549</b>	



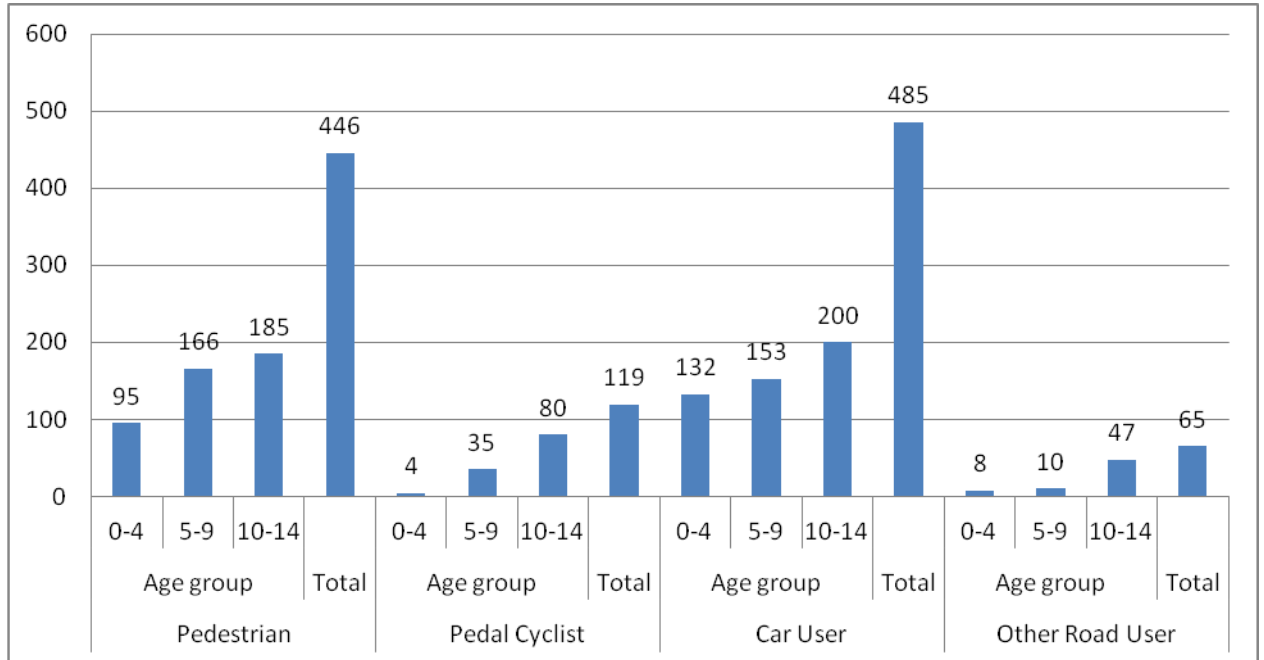
**Figure 4: Child Casualties Killed (0-14 years old) By Road Users and gender, 1997 – 2012**



**Figure 5: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD FATALITIES BY AGE GROUP AND ROAD USER, 1997-2012**



**Figure 6: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD TRAFFIC SERIOUS INJURIES BY AGE GROUP AND ROAD USER, 1997-2012**



## Seatbelt and child restraints

Thirty per cent of children killed over the period 1997-2012 as car passengers or passengers of other vehicles were not wearing a seatbelt or child restraint at the time of the collision. Between 1997 and 2005, 38% of child passengers killed were not wearing a seat belt/not in a child restraint; this proportion dropped to 11% over the period 2006-2012.

**Table 6: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD USERS KILLED NOT WEARING SEATBELT OR CHILD RESTRAINT BY AGE & GENDER**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Male 0-4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	21.2
Female 0-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Male 5-9	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	18.2
Female 5-9	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21.2
Male 10-14	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21.2
Female 10-14	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	18.2
Gender Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD USERS KILLED AND SERIOUSLY INJURED NOT WEARING SEATBELT OR CHILD RESTRAINT BY AGE & GENDER**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Male 0-4	6	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	18	11
Female 0-4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	10	6
Male 5-9	7	6	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	28	17
Female 5-9	5	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	11
Male 10-14	21	9	5	3	4	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	58	35
Female 10-14	7	2	4	6	4	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	31	19
Gender Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>100</b>

## WHEN CHILDREN (0-14 YEARS OLD) WERE KILLED

In the period 1997-2012, there were 262 child fatalities, of which 71 (27%) occurred during the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 5:59 p.m. Eighteen per cent of children were killed on Friday. Twenty-two per cent were killed during the months of July and August.

**Table 8: Children (0-14 years old) Killed By Hour of the Day, 1997-2012**

Hour	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Midnight	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1
8	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	11	4
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
10	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	3
11	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	12	5
12	0	3	1	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	16	6
13	1	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	0	18	7
14	1	2	2	2	4	2	0	1	0	4	5	3	0	1	0	0	27	10
15	2	5	0	2	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	19	7
16	5	4	3	3	5	4	2	0	3	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	36	14
17	5	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	5	1	4	0	3	1	35	13
18	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	18	7
19	1	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	6
20	1	5	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	19	7
21	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	12	5
22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 9: Children (0-14 years old) killed & seriously injured by hour of the day, 1997-2012**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
<b>Midnight</b>	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	1
<b>1</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
<b>3</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
<b>4</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>5</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0
<b>6</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
<b>7</b>	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	8	1
<b>8</b>	2	9	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	0	6	2	1	1	0	40	3
<b>9</b>	1	1	7	4	5	1	2	1	0	2	4	1	0	2	4	1	36	3
<b>10</b>	6	4	4	2	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	27	2
<b>11</b>	11	2	5	6	9	4	0	0	4	3	3	4	1	3	2	0	57	4
<b>12</b>	13	8	8	9	4	3	7	2	3	1	2	6	8	2	2	4	82	6
<b>13</b>	7	4	7	8	7	5	6	3	10	6	5	3	1	4	3	2	81	6
<b>14</b>	9	13	17	9	11	3	1	6	4	13	9	9	3	7	3	3	120	9
<b>15</b>	10	13	8	12	13	7	6	8	8	6	7	6	6	5	2	7	124	9
<b>16</b>	27	20	14	12	12	13	8	3	10	8	6	5	5	1	6	1	151	11
<b>17</b>	19	18	12	10	13	11	11	4	7	6	18	10	7	7	4	3	160	12
<b>18</b>	20	22	14	9	17	7	9	9	9	8	4	7	6	3	5	5	154	11
<b>19</b>	13	14	13	5	2	10	3	3	6	3	5	2	2	0	2	8	91	7
<b>20</b>	9	21	7	14	12	5	6	6	3	4	4	5	6	4	3	0	109	8
<b>21</b>	5	3	3	2	3	3	4	0	2	3	3	4	0	1	1	0	37	3
<b>22</b>	4	3	8	1	0	1	0	2	4	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	30	2
<b>23</b>	1	2	3	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	19	1
<b>Unknown</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	162	159	137	111	119	80	74	63	78	70	82	72	52	42	40	36	1377	100

**Table 10: Children (0-14 years old) killed by day of the week, 1997-2012**

Day of the week	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Sunday	5	3	0	1	0	5	2	1	4	4	1	2	2	0	1	2	33	13
Monday	3	6	4	4	4	2	1	0	0	3	3	3	2	0	1	0	36	14
Tuesday	1	9	3	2	8	1	0	3	0	2	3	3	2	1	1	0	39	15
Wednesday	7	1	3	1	3	5	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	0	1	39	15
Thursday	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	32	12
Friday	3	7	6	5	5	2	4	1	2	1	1	4	2	1	4	0	48	18
Saturday	4	3	4	6	2	0	3	1	1	3	1	4	1	2	0	0	35	13
Total	27	34	23	22	26	18	16	7	9	16	16	20	12	6	7	3	262	100

**Table 11: Children (0-14 years old) killed & seriously injured by day of the week, 1997-2012**

Day of the week	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
Sunday	28	25	13	10	10	14	9	13	17	12	8	10	6	1	8	5	189	14
Monday	20	21	21	22	20	4	7	5	5	10	19	6	5	6	5	3	179	13
Tuesday	17	20	22	13	21	15	5	12	4	9	9	13	6	7	4	3	180	13
Wednesday	22	22	18	15	12	12	18	7	13	10	9	11	6	7	6	7	195	14
Thursday	19	19	18	10	17	9	8	9	11	9	11	7	8	3	4	6	168	12
Friday	26	29	19	20	19	15	10	7	12	7	15	13	7	6	10	5	220	16
Saturday	30	23	26	21	20	11	17	10	16	13	11	12	14	12	3	7	246	18
Total	162	159	137	111	119	80	74	63	78	70	82	72	52	42	40	36	1377	100

**Table 12: Children (0-14 years old) killed by month of the year, 1997-2012**

Month	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
January	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	12	5
February	3	2	3	2	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	2	1	0	25	10
March	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	22	8
April	1	5	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	25	10
May	3	4	3	2	3	1	3	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	27	10
June	4	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	24	9
July	0	7	3	1	5	0	2	0	0	5	1	2	1	1	1	0	29	11
August	5	1	2	4	3	2	4	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	0	29	11
September	2	5	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	18	7
October	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	22	8
November	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	18	7
December	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	11	4
Total	27	34	23	22	26	18	16	7	9	16	16	20	12	6	7	3	262	100

**Table 13: Children (0-14 years old) killed & seriously injured by month of the year, 1997-2012**

Month	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	%
January	6	7	15	7	19	7	7	4	5	6	4	2	7	1	3	1	101	7
February	15	15	9	16	4	10	3	7	5	2	4	11	4	3	3	2	113	8
March	14	7	13	10	5	10	6	6	6	4	4	11	4	5	6	1	112	8
April	12	24	13	10	9	11	3	7	7	6	10	4	3	4	3	3	129	9
May	15	16	11	6	10	4	7	6	4	3	8	5	8	3	5	3	114	8
June	15	13	10	8	9	14	6	12	7	8	4	7	6	7	3	3	132	10
July	18	19	15	5	16	3	7	4	8	10	6	7	6	2	3	4	133	10
August	23	11	18	17	13	9	7	7	13	6	12	8	5	5	7	4	165	12
September	8	10	6	8	13	3	6	3	7	6	8	5	3	4	1	1	92	7
October	22	10	11	7	11	5	12	4	3	10	8	3	3	4	0	9	122	9
November	10	13	4	9	6	2	8	2	8	6	12	5	2	1	3	2	93	7
December	4	14	12	8	4	2	2	1	5	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	71	5
Total	162	159	137	111	119	80	74	63	78	70	82	72	52	42	40	36	1377	100

## WHERE MORE CHILDREN WERE KILLED

In the period 1997-2012, almost 60 per cent of child fatalities occurred outside a built up area (i.e. on roads with posted speed limit more than 60km/h). Fifty seven per cent of all children (0-14 years old) injured (seriously or slightly) were inside built up areas.

**Table 14: Child (0-14 years old) Road Users Killed & Injured in Inside and Outside Built up Areas in 1997-2012**

Areas	Severity	Year																Total
		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Inside Built-up Area	Killed	12	16	9	9	8	8	5	2	3	6	7	6	6	3	4	3	107
	Seriously Injured	69	70	39	41	44	39	29	28	32	24	30	31	25	20	18	17	556
	Minor Injury	627	509	511	436	376	359	338	306	284	312	319	428	438	418	381	404	6,446
Outside Built-up Area	Killed	15	18	14	13	18	10	11	5	6	10	9	14	6	3	3	0	155
	Seriously Injured	66	55	75	48	49	23	29	28	37	30	36	21	15	16	15	16	559
	Minor Injury	420	413	401	387	283	194	206	174	247	207	257	338	365	262	226	256	4,636

Note: Collision omitted when speed limit is unknown

**Table 15: CHILD (0-14 YEARS OLD) ROAD USERS KILLED, SERIOUSLY INJURED AND INJURED**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Killed	27	34	23	22	26	18	16	7	9	16	16	20	12	6	7	3	262
Seriously Injured (SI)	135	125	114	89	93	62	58	56	69	54	66	52	40	36	33	33	1,115
Minor Injury (MI)	1,051	922	912	823	659	553	544	480	531	519	576	766	803	680	607	660	11,086
Injured (SI + MI)	1,186	1,047	1,026	912	752	615	602	536	600	573	642	818	843	716	640	693	12,201



## County Breakdown of Children (0-14 years old) Casualties

Counties Dublin and Cork are the counties with the highest number of child fatalities, representing 15% and 10% of all child fatalities in the period. By far the greatest number of pedestrian deaths among children occurred in Dublin, accounting for 31 deaths, and 27% of all pedestrian fatalities among children. Limerick and Cork also account for a significant number of pedestrian deaths, with 9 children having lost their lives on the roads in each of these counties. By far the highest number of car passenger fatalities among children were in Cork, accounting for 13 deaths and 14% of all car passenger deaths among children. The highest number of pedal cyclist fatalities occurred in Dublin, accounting for 4 deaths and 12% of all pedal cyclist fatalities among children.

### Children (0-14 years old) killed by county and road user type, 1997-2012

County	Road User Type				Total	%
	Pedestrian	Pedal Cyclist	Car Passenger	Other Road User		
Carlow	2	0	1	1	4	2
Cavan	1	2	1	0	4	2
Clare	1	1	4	0	6	2
Cork	9	3	13	2	27	10
Donegal	4	2	6	0	12	5
Dublin	31	4	3	1	39	15
Galway	6	3	7	0	16	6
Kerry	3	1	3	1	8	3
Kildare	7	1	5	0	13	5
Kilkenny	4	0	0	1	5	2
Laois	3	2	2	1	8	3
Leitrim	0	0	1	0	1	0
Limerick	9	2	2	1	14	5
Longford	1	1	3	0	5	2
Louth	3	2	5	0	10	4
Mayo	3	1	4	1	9	3
Meath	4	2	6	0	12	5
Monaghan	2	1	4	3	10	4
Offaly	4	0	0	0	4	2
Roscommon	1	1	3	0	5	2
Sligo	3	0	1	0	4	2
Tipperary	3	1	7	1	12	5
Waterford	1	1	1	0	3	1
Westmeath	3	2	1	0	6	2
Wexford	3	1	9	2	15	6
Wicklow	4	0	4	2	10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>100</b>

**Children (0-14 years old) killed or seriously injured by county and road user type, 1997-2012**

County	Road User Type				Total	%
	Pedestrian	Pedal Cyclist	Car Passenger	Other Road User		
<b>Carlow</b>	6	1	3	2	12	1
<b>Cavan</b>	10	4	11	0	25	2
<b>Clare</b>	8	2	16	0	26	2
<b>Cork</b>	57	13	78	7	155	11
<b>Donegal</b>	23	8	44	3	78	6
<b>Dublin</b>	187	28	36	6	257	19
<b>Galway</b>	19	9	37	5	70	5
<b>Kerry</b>	19	8	31	1	59	4
<b>Kildare</b>	18	6	20	8	52	4
<b>Kilkenny</b>	9	3	6	1	19	1
<b>Laois</b>	10	4	21	3	38	3
<b>Leitrim</b>	2	2	5	3	12	1
<b>Limerick</b>	20	3	24	4	51	4
<b>Longford</b>	2	2	12	0	16	1
<b>Louth</b>	15	7	17	4	43	3
<b>Mayo</b>	18	7	22	4	51	4
<b>Meath</b>	22	7	28	1	58	4
<b>Monaghan</b>	6	2	18	4	30	2
<b>Offaly</b>	12	3	16	1	32	2
<b>Roscommon</b>	7	3	13	3	26	2
<b>Sligo</b>	12	2	12	0	26	2
<b>Tipperary</b>	21	3	31	3	58	4
<b>Waterford</b>	13	6	15	4	38	3
<b>Westmeath</b>	12	5	9	2	28	2
<b>Wexford</b>	15	12	37	8	72	5
<b>Wicklow</b>	18	3	19	5	45	3
<b>Total</b>	561	153	581	82	1377	100

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