

# 2004 California Quick Collision Facts

During 2004, California had a total of 538,295 traffic collisions: 3,701 fatal; 203,386 injury; and 331,208 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every minute.

One person was killed every two hours and nine minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

One person was injured every minute and 45 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 23.8% of pedestrian victims and 24.6% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 74 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 28.5% of the fatal and injury collisions.

Beginning in 1999, motorcyclist victims began to increase over the all time low experienced in 1998. Motorcyclists killed in 2004 increased 75.0% from 1998 and those injured increased 49.9% over that same year.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have increased 21.2% and alcohol involved persons killed have also increased 18.6% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.3% were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 35.1% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 8,938 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 121 persons was injured; and one out of every 60 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,701 fatal collisions, 4,094 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.25 persons killed and 92.10 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. (These are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates.)

Hit-and-run was indicated in 10.2% of the fatal and injury collisions.

California has not had a day without a traffic fatality since September 12, 2000.