

2006 California Quick Collision Facts

During 2006, California had a total of 519,203 traffic collisions: 3,793 fatal; 189,957 injury; and 325,453 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every 1 minute and 1 second.

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

One person was injured every one minute and 53 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 21.0% of pedestrian victims and 21.0% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 66 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 28.8% 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 2006 increased 116.5% from 1998 and those injured increased 60.9% over that same year.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have increased 11.9% and alcohol involved persons killed have also increased 13.2% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.4% were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 35.3% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 8,922 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 135 persons was injured; and one out of every 120 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,793 fatal collisions, 4,197 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.27 persons killed and 84.06 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 10.5% of the fatal and injury collisions.

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