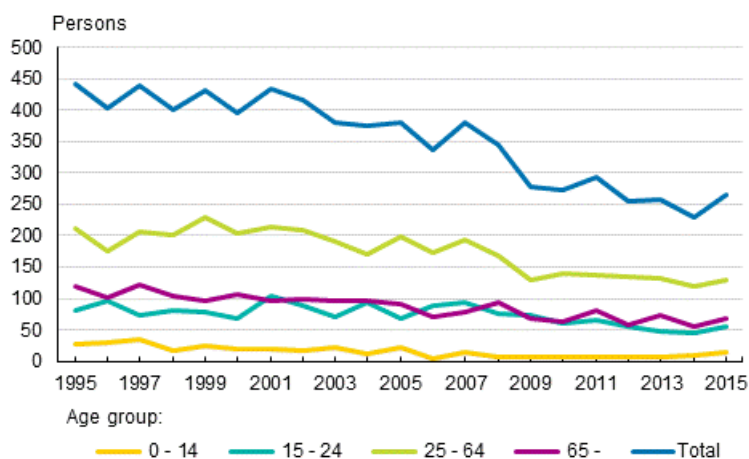


# Statistics on road traffic accidents 2015

## Road traffic claimed 266 lives in 2015

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, 5,164 road traffic accidents involving personal injury occurred in 2015. In them, 266 persons were killed and 6,385 injured. There were 37 more fatalities and 320 fewer injured persons than in 2014.

### Road traffic fatalities by age group in 1995 to 2015



Viewed by age group, the number of road traffic fatalities increased in all the examined age groups in 2015. The number grew least in the age group of children aged 0 to 14, where there were 14 fatalities, which is four more than in the previous year. In all other age groups, the number of deaths grew by 11 compared to 2014. There were 55 fatalities among young people (aged 15 to 24), 130 among adults (aged 25 to 64) and 67 among aged people (aged 64 or over).

The total number of injured in road traffic accidents decreased by over 300 in 2015 from the year before. However, when viewed by age group, it can be said that injuries of children (aged 0 to 14) and aged people (aged 64 or over) increased compared to 2014. In 2015, the number of children injured in road traffic accidents was 427, which was 15 more than in the year before. The number of injured persons among the aged population was 931, which is nine more than in 2014.

Around one-quarter of persons killed and good one-third of those injured in road traffic accidents were young people, aged under 25.

In 2015, the number of road traffic deaths was highest in passenger cars, where 116 were killed as drivers and 40 as passengers. Compared with the previous year, 23 more drivers and 12 more passengers were killed. The number of road traffic fatalities among motorcycle riders also increased in 2015. The number of fatalities was 20, which is three more than in 2014. Two moped riders were killed, that is, one fewer than a year earlier. Altogether, 32 pedestrians were killed in road traffic accidents in 2015, which figure is four lower than in 2014. The number of cyclists' road traffic deaths was 30, or three more than in the year before.

A majority of accidents resulting in death occurred in head-on collisions and swerving accidents. One hundred people were killed in head-on collisions and 75 in swerving accidents. Over one-quarter of injured persons (1,767 persons) sustained injuries in swerving accidents.

In 2015, the number of alcohol-related accidents involving personal injury was 505, which is 30 fewer than in the year before. There were six fewer drunken driving accidents than in the year before, that is, 454. A total of 57 persons died and 569 persons were injured in drunken driving accidents in 2015, while in the previous year, the corresponding figures were 41 deaths and 576 injured persons.

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