

Road traffic collisions

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NUMBER OF ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS DECREASES DURING AUGUST 1998

The total number of road traffic collisions during August 1998 (41 691) shows a decrease of 4,7% compared with August 1997 (43 736). Of the total number of collisions in August 1998, 557 were fatal, in 1 697 major injuries were sustained, 3 794 resulted in minor injuries and in 35 643 collisions no injuries were sustained.

Decreases in the number of road traffic collisions occurred in five provinces with the Eastern Cape reporting the biggest decrease (-58,8%). However, the other four provinces reported increases in the number of road traffic collisions, with the Northern Province showing the largest increase (+16,3%).

The number of people killed in road traffic collisions during August 1998 (689) decreased by 25,6% compared with August 1997 (926). 206 passengers, 215 drivers and 268 pedestrians were killed.

The number of vehicles involved in road traffic collisions during August 1998 (70 648) shows a decrease

COLLISIONS								
TOTAL								
ACTUAL.....	41 691	41 321	43 736	323 932	339 771	0,9	-4,7	-4,7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....	40 245	41 094	42 227					
FATAL								
ACTUAL.....	557	515	763	4 486	5 212	8,2	-27,0	-13,9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....	507	516	695					
MAJOR								
ACTUAL.....	1 697	1 612	2 142	13 347	15 327	5,3	-20,8	-12,9
MINOR								
ACTUAL.....	3 794	3 790	5 308	32 960	38 114	0,1	-28,5	-13,5
NO INJURY								
ACTUAL.....	35 643	35 404	35 523	273 139	281 118	0,7	0,3	-2,8
CASUALTIES								
TOTAL								
ACTUAL.....	9 552	9 166	13 033	80 576	94 074	4,2	-26,7	-14,3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....	9 213	9 402	12 596					
KILLED								
ACTUAL.....	689	626	926	5 557	6 442	10,1	-25,6	-13,7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....	646	628	868					
SERIOUSLY INJURED								
ACTUAL.....	2 783	2 557	3 676	22 502	26 367	8,8	-24,3	-14,7
SLIGHTLY INJURED								
ACTUAL.....	6 080	5 983	8 431	52 517	61 265	1,6	-27,9	-14,3
ROAD VEHICLES INVOLVED								
TOTAL.....	70 648	70 070	73 611	551 482	576 833	0,8	-4,0	-4,4
MOTOR, STATION WAGON.....	44 353	43 158	46 475	345 749	369 556	2,8	-4,6	-6,4
MINIBUS, KOMBI.....	5 665	5 556	5 874	44 044	46 495	2,0	-3,6	-5,3
LIGHT DELIVERY VEHICLE, PICK-UP, DELIVERY VAN.....	11 148	11 682	11 989	89 579	92 519	-4,6	-7,0	-3,2
MOTOR CYCLE, SCOOTER, AUTOCYCLE.....	774	731	770	5 904	6 009	5,9	0,5	-1,7
ALL OTHER ROAD VEHICLES.....	8 708	8 943	8 503	66 206	62 254	-2,6	2,4	6,3

TABLE 2 - COLLISIONS AND CASUALTIES RSA BY PROVINCE, DEGREE, URBAN AND RURAL
TABLE 2.1 - COLLISIONS

AUGUST

ITEM	RSA	WESTERN CAPE	EASTERN CAPE	NORTHERN CAPE	FREE STATE

	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997
ALL COLLISIONS										
TOTAL.....	41691	43736	7987	8680	1204	2921	526	703	2202	1996
URBAN.....	37936	39318	7444	8100	1060	2546	316	447	1696	1423
RURAL.....	3755	4418	543	580	144	375	210	256	506	573
FATAL										
TOTAL.....	557	763	88	83	18	61	18	22	57	59
URBAN.....	340	482	62	56	12	41	5	6	14	17
RURAL.....	217	281	26	27	6	20	13	16	43	42
MAJOR										
TOTAL.....	1697	2142	170	250	48	123	44	49	128	146
URBAN.....	1409	1741	147	210	45	101	28	33	81	82
RURAL.....	288	401	23	40	3	22	16	16	47	64
MINOR										
TOTAL.....	3794	5308	846	1141	137	422	77	126	263	319
URBAN.....	3224	4471	764	1021	118	360	44	67	187	199
RURAL.....	570	837	82	120	19	62	33	59	76	120
NO INJURY										
TOTAL.....	35643	35523	6883	7206	1001	2315	387	506	1754	1472
URBAN.....	32963	32624	6471	6813	885	2044	239	341	1414	1125
RURAL.....	2680	2899	412	393	116	271	148	165	340	347

KWAZULU-NATAL

NORTH WEST

GAUTENG

MPUMALANGA

NORTHERN PROVINCE

1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997
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ALL COLLISIONS										
TOTAL.....	6879	6769	1646	1668	17748	17579	2068	2190	1431	1230
URBAN.....	6152	5927	1235	1138	17485	17302	1503	1600	1045	835
RURAL.....	727	842	411	530	263	277	565	590	386	395
FATAL										
TOTAL.....	106	122	39	64	143	222	61	87	27	43
URBAN.....	60	73	17	20	130	207	27	41	13	21
RURAL.....	46	49	22	44	13	15	34	46	14	22
MAJOR										
TOTAL.....	265	320	79	113	747	908	135	152	81	81
URBAN.....	206	232	45	56	728	887	80	96	49	44
RURAL.....	59	88	34	57	19	21	55	56	32	37
MINOR										
TOTAL.....	687	867	143	252	1304	1767	189	279	148	135
URBAN.....	587	698	77	151	1256	1718	107	184	84	73
RURAL.....	100	169	66	101	48	49	82	95	64	62
NO INJURY										
TOTAL.....	5821	5460	1385	1239	15554	14682	1683	1672	1175	971

TOTAL.....	1645	2245	458	789	3218	4269	773	922	517	570
URBAN.....	1198	1521	193	375	3056	4077	382	500	246	254
RURAL.....	447	724	265	414	162	192	391	422	271	316
KILLED										
TOTAL.....	118	162	42	79	173	254	88	111	39	59
URBAN.....	62	79	17	21	159	233	37	51	17	25
RURAL.....	56	83	25	58	14	21	51	60	22	34
SERIOUSLY INJURED										
TOTAL.....	469	662	143	224	1100	1329	283	299	158	219
URBAN.....	312	403	54	102	1037	1261	140	176	81	107
RURAL.....	157	259	89	122	63	68	143	123	77	112
SLIGHTLY INJURED										
TOTAL.....	1058	1421	273	486	1945	2686	402	512	320	292
URBAN.....	824	1039	122	252	1860	2583	205	273	148	122
RURAL.....	234	382	151	234	85	103	197	239	172	170

TABLE 3 - CASUALTIES BY POPULATION GROUP, DEGREE AND STATUS

AUGUST

ITEM	ALL POPULATION GROUPS		AFRICANS/BLACKS		COLOUREDS		INDIANS/ASIANS		WHITES	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997
CASUALTIES										
TOTAL.....	9552	13033	5017	6624	1071	1728	562	814	2902	3867
KILLED										
TOTAL.....	689	926	402	579	84	104	35	48	168	195
DRIVERS.....	215	286	98	136	22	29	11	17	84	104
PASSENGERS.....	206	293	132	197	22	22	9	14	43	60
PEDESTRIANS.....	268	347	172	246	40	53	15	17	41	31
SERIOUSLY INJURED										
TOTAL.....	2783	3676	1768	2248	232	410	144	164	639	854
DRIVERS.....	884	1195	452	548	52	115	35	58	345	474
PASSENGERS.....	1061	1513	689	1022	91	164	65	64	216	263
PEDESTRIANS.....	838	968	627	678	89	131	44	42	78	117

TOTAL.....	36334	26747	1225	5250	822	30	154	532	248	1326
FATAL OR INJURED.....	3571	2418	122	571	58	1	11	200	116	74
NO INJURY.....	32763	24329	1103	4679	764	29	143	332	132	1252

TABLE 5 - COLLISIONS, CASUALTIES AND NUMBER OF ROAD VEHICLES INVOLVED IN COLLISIONS ON ONLY PRIVATE ROADS AND IN PARKING AREAS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

AUGUST 1998

COLLISIONS, CASUALTIES AND NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED	TYPE OF VEHICLE									
	ALL ROAD VEHICLES	MOTOR CAR STATION WAGON	MINIBUS, KOMBI	LIGHT DELIVERY VEHICLE, PICK-UP, ETC.	HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE	ARTICU- LATED VEHICLE UNIT	PASSENGER BUS	MOTOR CYCLE, SCOOTER, AUTOCYCLE	PEDAL CYCLE	ALL OTHER ROAD VEHICLES
COLLISIONS TOTAL.....	977	458	33	137	33	2	4	4	1	305
CASUALTIES TOTAL.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KILLED.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SERIOUSLY INJURED..	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SLIGHTLY INJURED..	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED.....	1247	634	45	187	43	2	4	6	2	324