

**Road traffic collisions and number of
persons killed during the previous Easter holiday
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ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS DURING THE 1996 EASTER HOLIDAYS

In view of the coming Easter holidays, this statistical release directs the attention to road traffic collisions which occurred during the previous Easter holidays.

The total number of road traffic collisions during the 1996 Easter holidays (29 419) increased by 8,7% compared with the 1995 Easter holidays (27 057). The 1996 Easter holidays were 21 days (27 March to 16 April 1996) and the 1995 Easter holidays were 20 days (31 March to 16 April 1995).

The average number of persons killed per day during the 1996 Easter holidays was 30, compared with the 32 killed during the 1995 Easter holidays.

During the 1996 Easter holidays 630 persons were killed of which 234 were passengers, 210 pedestrians and 186 drivers. Most of these collisions occurred during weekends with an average of 43 persons killed on Saturdays, 30 on Sundays and 37 on Fridays.

TABLE 1 - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND CASUALTIES DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

TABLE 1.1 - NUMBER OF ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DEGREE AND INTENSITY OF COLLISIONS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS OF 1996 COMPARED WITH THE EASTER HOLIDAYS OF 1995, 1994 AND 1993

COLLISIONS, CASUALTIES AND INTENSITY OF COLLISIONS	27 MAR. - 16 APR. 1996	31 MAR. - 19 APR. 1995	25 MAR. - 19 APR. 1994	19 MAR. - 20 APR. 1993
ALL COLLISIONS.....	29419	27057	32077	37717
FATAL COLLISIONS....	479	515	615	724
MAJOR COLLISIONS....	1173	1397	1565	1761
MINOR COLLISIONS....	3077	3580	4275	4776
NO INJURY COLLISIONS	24690	21565	25622	30456

PERSONS KILLED.....	630	638	761	891
PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED.....	2287	2378	2697	2994
PERSONS SLIGHTLY INJURED.....	5150	5951	6804	7285
PERSONS KILLED PER 100 FATAL COLLISIONS.....	131.5	123.9	123.7	123.1

TABLE 1.2 - NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DRIVERS, PASSENGERS AND PEDESTRIANS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS OF 1996 COMPARED WITH THE EASTER HOLIDAYS OF 1995, 1994 AND 1993

CASUALTIES	27 MAR. - 16 APR. 1996	31 MAR. - 19 APR. 1995	25 MAR. - 19 APR. 1994	19 MAR. - 20 APR. 1993
PERSONS KILLED				
DRIVERS.....	186	145	208	226
PASSENGERS.....	234	233	238	289
PEDESTRIANS.....	210	260	315	376
PERSONS SERIOUSLY INJURED				
DRIVERS.....	643	721	793	815
PASSENGERS.....	1147	1076	1194	1353
PEDESTRIANS.....	497	581	710	826
PERSONS SLIGHTLY INJURED				
DRIVERS.....	2062	2455	2865	2922
PASSENGERS.....	2068	2333	2492	2749
PEDESTRIANS.....	1020	1163	1447	1614

TABLE 1.3 - FATAL ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED ACCORDING TO DAY OF THE WEEK

TABLE 1.3.1 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1996

	NUMBER	AVERAGE PER DAY
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DAY OF THE WEEK	NUMBER		AVERAGE PER DAY	
	DAYS	FATAL COLLISIONS	FATAL COLLISIONS	PERSONS KILLED
SUNDAY.....	3	73	24	30
MONDAY.....	3	46	15	23
TUESDAY.....	3	52	17	23
WEDNESDAY.....	3	53	18	20
THURSDAY.....	3	81	27	35
FRIDAY.....	3	75	25	37
SATURDAY.....	3	99	33	43
TOTAL.....	21	479	23	30
27 - 31 MARCH.....	5	135	27	35
1 - 16 APRIL.....	16	344	22	29

TABLE 1.3.2 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1995

DAY OF THE WEEK	NUMBER		AVERAGE PER DAY	
	DAYS	FATAL COLLISIONS	FATAL COLLISIONS	PERSONS KILLED
SUNDAY.....	3	70	23	30
MONDAY.....	3	53	18	26
TUESDAY.....	3	57	19	24
WEDNESDAY.....	3	46	15	18
THURSDAY.....	2	62	31	35
FRIDAY.....	3	89	30	36
SATURDAY.....	3	138	46	56
TOTAL.....	20	515	26	32
31 MARCH.....	1	34	34	35
1 - 19 APRIL.....	19	481	25	32

TABLE 1.4 - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONTINUED)

TABLE 1.4.1 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1996

MARCH

DAY AND DATE	NUMBER OF COLLISIONS				
	TOTAL	FATAL	MAJOR	MINOR	NO INJURY
WEDNESDAY 1/ 27	1379	12	53	134	1180
THURSDAY 28	1378	15	46	145	1172
FRIDAY 2/ 29	2069	27	78	222	1742
SATURDAY 30	1623	48	98	207	1270
SUNDAY 31	1066	33	65	126	842

1/ SCHOOLS IN NORTH WEST, NORTHERN CAPE, WESTERN CAPE AND FREE STATE CLOSE

2/ SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CAPE, KWAZULU/NATAL, GAUTENG, MPUMALANGA AND NORTHERN PROVINCE CLOSE

TABLE 1.4 - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONCLUDED)

TABLE 1.4.1 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1996 (CONCLUDED)

APRIL

DAY AND DATE	NUMBER OF COLLISIONS				
	TOTAL	FATAL	MAJOR	MINOR	NO INJURY
MONDAY 1	1625	11	61	149	1404
TUESDAY 2	1689	18	55	161	1455
WEDNESDAY 3	1772	25	56	164	1527
THURSDAY 4	2850	51	90	275	2434
FRIDAY 3/ 5	1031	28	74	138	791
SATURDAY 6	1104	25	57	156	866
SUNDAY 7	720	22	52	78	568
MONDAY 4/ 8	954	22	47	103	782
TUESDAY 9	1369	16	41	127	1185
WEDNESDAY 5/ 10	1195	16	35	112	1032
THURSDAY 11	1121	15	31	111	964
FRIDAY 12	1488	20	58	162	1248
SATURDAY 13	1238	26	46	154	1012

SUNDAY	14	887	18	52	90	727
MONDAY	15	1509	13	35	124	1337
TUESDAY	6/ 16	1352	18	43	139	1152

- 3/ GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/ FAMILY DAY
- 5/ SCHOOLS IN NORTH WEST, NORTHERN CAPE, WESTERN CAPE, FREE STATE, KWAZULU/NATAL AND EASTERN CAPE OPEN
- 6/ SCHOOLS IN GAUTENG, MPUMALANGA AND NORTHERN PROVINCE OPEN

TABLE 1.4 - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE

TABLE 1.4.2 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1995

MARCH

DAY AND DATE	NUMBER OF COLLISIONS				
	TOTAL	FATAL	MAJOR	MINOR	NO INJURY
FRIDAY 1/ 31	1984	34	104	275	1571

1/ SCHOOLS IN GAUTENG, MPUMALANGA, NORTHERN PROVINCE, WESTERN CAPE, NORTHERN CAPE, FREE STATE AND NORTH-WEST CLOSE

TABEL 1.4 - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONTINUED)

TABLE 1.4.2 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1995 (CONCLUDED)

APRIL

DAY AND DATE	NUMBER OF COLLISIONS				
	TOTAL	FATAL	MAJOR	MINOR	NO INJURY
SATURDAY 1	1667	57	127	262	1221

SUNDAY	2	1106	38	80	171	817
MONDAY	3	1429	21	72	187	1149
TUESDAY	4	1414	20	51	154	1189
WEDNESDAY	5	1286	16	55	164	1051
THURSDAY	6	1272	21	45	151	1055
FRIDAY	2/ 7	1736	21	78	243	1394
SATURDAY	8	1497	46	95	249	1107
SUNDAY	9	1132	20	71	153	888
MONDAY	10	1391	13	59	138	1181
TUESDAY	11	1283	18	64	163	1038
WEDNESDAY	12	1383	15	50	147	1171
THURSDAY	13	2043	41	97	244	1661
FRIDAY	3/ 14	1019	34	73	164	748
SATURDAY	15	1120	35	78	169	838
SUNDAY	16	701	12	49	108	532
MONDAY	4/ 17	885	19	50	113	703
TUESDAY	18	1414	19	52	175	1168
WEDNESDAY	5/ 19	1295	15	47	150	1083

- 2/ SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CAPE AND KWAZULU/NATAL CLOSE
3/ GOOD FRIDAY
4/ FAMILY DAY
5/ SCHOOLS IN ALL NINE PROVINCES OPEN

TABLE 1.5 - ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONTINUED)

TABLE 1.5.1 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1996

DAY AND DATE		MARCH			
		NUMBER OF PERSONS			
		TOTAL	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT
WEDNESDAY	1/ 27	290	12	74	204
THURSDAY	28	337	19	90	228
FRIDAY	2/ 29	521	38	132	351
SATURDAY	30	586	67	168	351
SUNDAY	31	390	37	123	230

- 1/ SCHOOLS IN NORTH WEST, NORTHERN CAPE, WESTERN CAPE AND FREE STATE CLOSE
- 2/ SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CAPE, KWAZULU/NATAL, GAUTENG, MPUMALANGA AND NORTHERN PROVINCE CLOSE

TABLE 1.5 - ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONCLUDED)

TABLE 1.5.1 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1996 (CONCLUDED)

DAY AND DATE		APRIL			
		TOTAL	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT
MONDAY	1	333	11	94	228
TUESDAY	2	350	26	100	224
WEDNESDAY	3	433	30	106	297
THURSDAY	4	753	69	198	486
FRIDAY	3/ 5	495	48	171	276
SATURDAY	6	370	27	92	251
SUNDAY	7	401	33	152	216
MONDAY	4/ 8	402	39	123	240
TUESDAY	9	341	20	85	236
WEDNESDAY	5/ 10	266	19	84	163
THURSDAY	11	246	16	53	177
FRIDAY	12	380	24	115	241
SATURDAY	13	353	34	81	238
SUNDAY	14	260	21	93	146
MONDAY	15	241	18	52	171
TUESDAY	6/ 16	319	22	101	196

- 3/ GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/ FAMILY DAY
- 5/ SCHOOLS IN NORTH WEST, NORTHERN CAPE, WESTERN CAPE, FREE STATE KWAZULU/NATAL, AND EASTERN CAPE OPEN
- 6/ SCHOOLS IN GAUTENG, MPUMALANGA AND NORTHERN PROVINCE OPEN

TABLE 1.5 - ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE

TABLE 1.5.2 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1995

DAY AND DATE		MARCH			
		TOTAL	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT

		TOTAL	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT
FRIDAY	1/ 31	576	35	139	402

1/ SCHOOLS IN GAUTENG, MPUMALAGA, NORTHERN PROVINCE, WESTERN CAPE, NORTHERN CAPE, FREE STATE AND NORTH-WEST CLOSE

TABLE 1.5 - ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DAY AND DATE (CONTINUED)

TABLE 1.5.2 - EASTER HOLIDAYS 1995 (CONCLUDED)

APRIL

DAY AND DATE		NUMBER OF PERSONS			
		TOTAL	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT
SATURDAY	1	628	63	183	382
SUNDAY	2	519	48	154	317
MONDAY	3	457	33	106	318
TUESDAY	4	341	20	79	242
WEDNESDAY	5	382	19	77	286
THURSDAY	6	301	23	55	223
FRIDAY	2/ 7	538	23	111	404
SATURDAY	8	651	65	174	412
SUNDAY	9	425	25	116	284
MONDAY	10	330	18	101	211
TUESDAY	11	331	18	88	225
WEDNESDAY	12	301	20	68	213
THURSDAY	13	702	47	195	460
FRIDAY	3/ 14	492	49	153	290
SATURDAY	15	505	39	145	321
SUNDAY	16	304	18	90	196
MONDAY	4/ 17	385	26	129	230
TUESDAY	18	428	34	112	282
WEDNESDAY	5/ 19	371	15	103	253

2/ SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CAPE AND KWAZULU/NATAL CLOSE

- 3/ GOOD FRIDAY
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