



# Provisional Review of Fatalities

1 January to 31 December 2023

*\*Data is current as of 9am on the 17 January 2024  
Note: All data for 2020 - 2023 are provisional and subject to change*

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# Overview



- As of 31 December 2023, there have been **177** fatal collisions, which have resulted in **188** fatalities on Irish roads.
- This represents **28 more** fatal collisions and **33 more** deaths (**+21%**) compared to provisional Garda data for 2022.
- Fatalities are highest since 2014 when there were **192** fatalities.
- Of fatalities **57%** were injured in a single vehicle collision, compared to 52% of fatalities in 2022.\*
- Seven fatal collisions resulted in more than one death: four collisions resulted in 2 fatalities, two collisions resulted in 3 fatalities, and one collision resulted in 4 fatalities.



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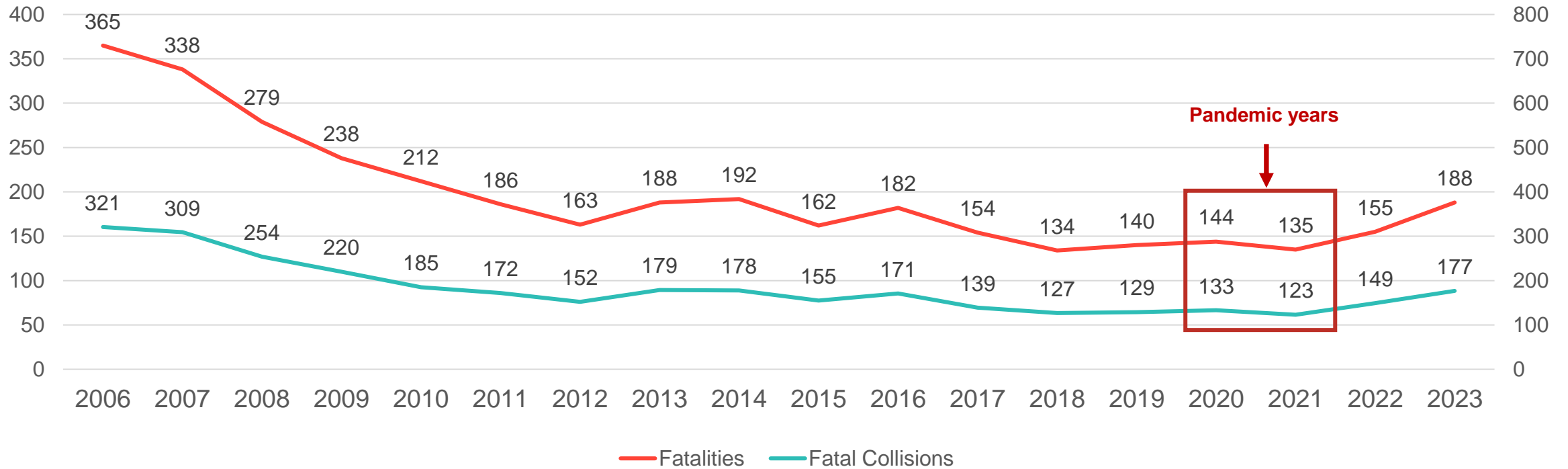


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# Long-term trend

■ The monthly average for 2022 was **13 fatalities**, monthly average 2023 was **16 fatalities**.



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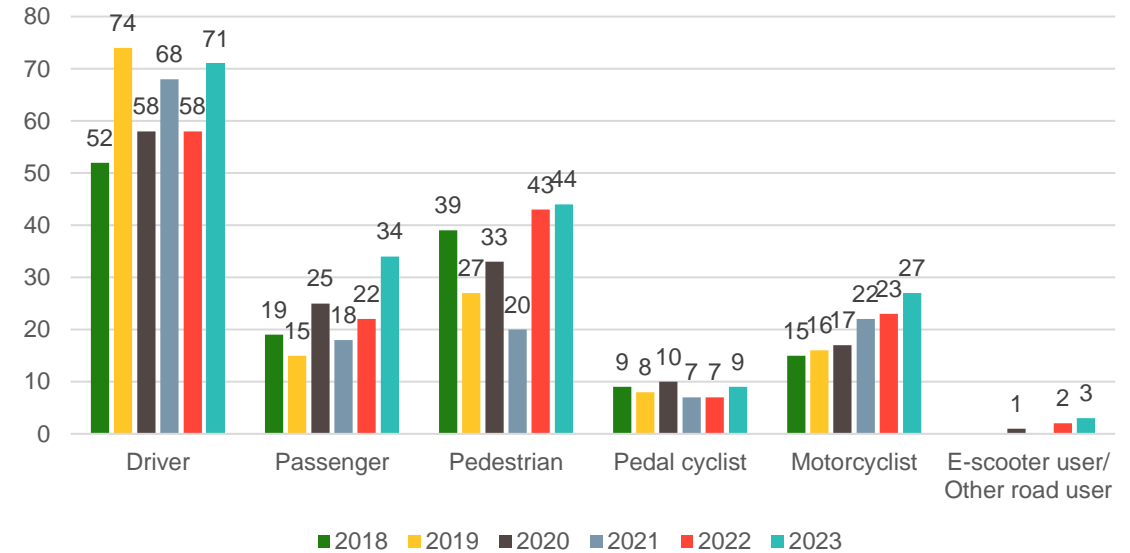
# Road User Type



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- In 2023, **Driver** fatalities represent **over a third of fatalities (38%)**, while **pedestrians** represent **almost a quarter of fatalities (23%)**.
- Compared to 2022, there has been an **increase** in fatalities among all road user groups: **drivers (+13)**, **passengers (+12)**, **motorcyclists (+4)**, **pedal cyclists (+2)**, **pedestrians (+1)** and **Other road users (+1)**.
- The last time there was a higher number of pedestrian fatalities was in 2011 (47).
- Where known, **29%** of fatalities occurred on an **urban road\*** and **71%** occurred on a **rural road\***. These were the same proportions noted for 2022.



**Seatbelts:** Of the 101 drivers and passengers killed in seatbelt-equipped motor vehicles in 2023, 40% (40) were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision; 10% (10) were not wearing a seatbelt; and for the remaining 50% (51) of fatalities, it was not yet known.

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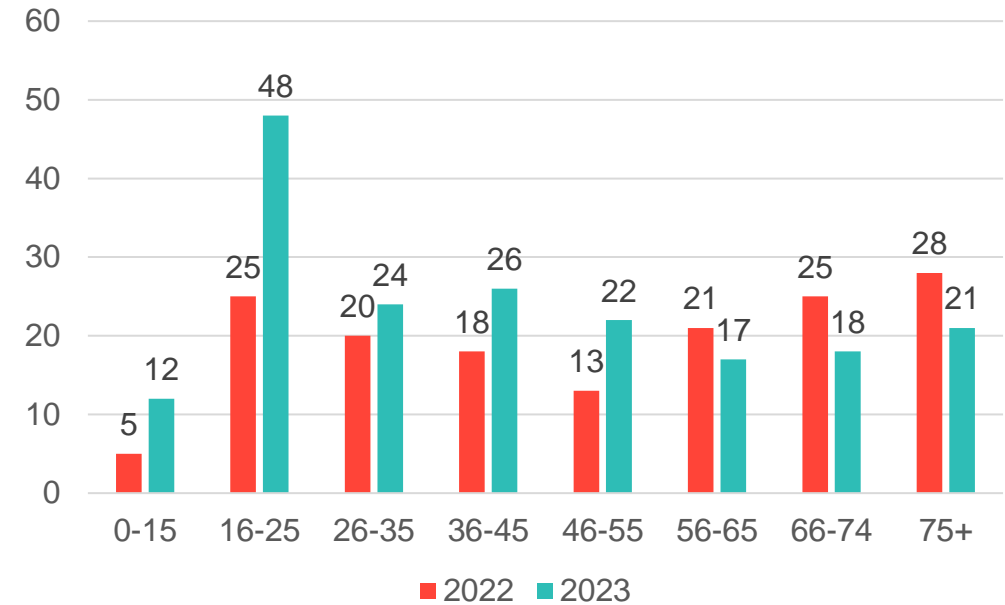


# Age group

- In 2023, the highest risk age group was those aged **16-25 years (26%)**.
- Compared to 2022, there was an **increase (+51)** in fatalities aged **0-55 years**, while there was a **decrease (-18)** in fatalities aged **56+ years (-18)**
- Of fatalities, **78% (147)** were **male** and **22% (41)** were **female**.



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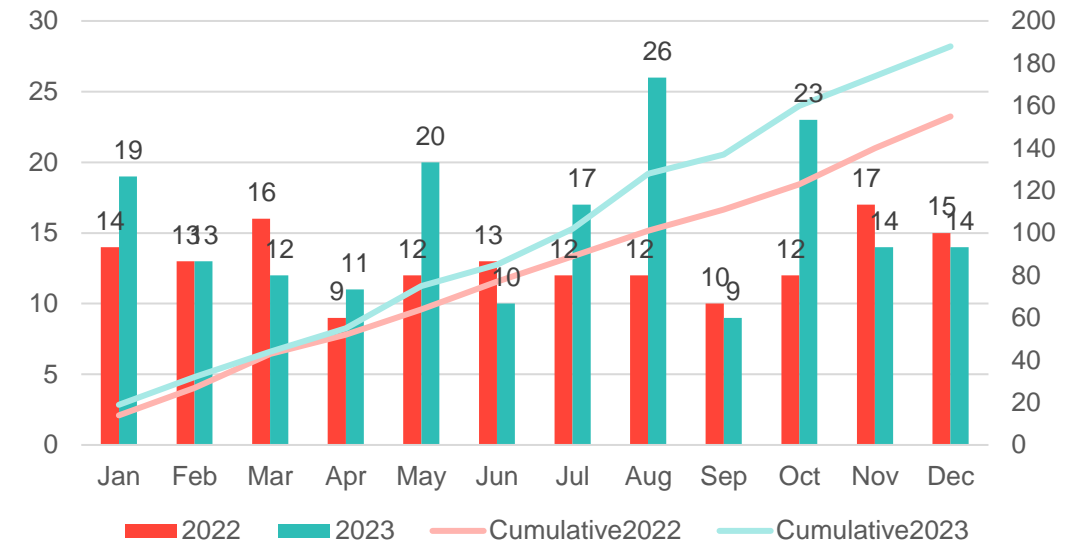
# Month of Year



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- **June (10)** and **September (9)** saw the lowest number of fatalities in 2023.
- **May (20)**, **August (26)**, and **October (23)**, saw the highest number of fatalities.
- The average number of deaths per month in 2022 was **13 deaths** while the monthly average in 2023 was **16 deaths per month**.



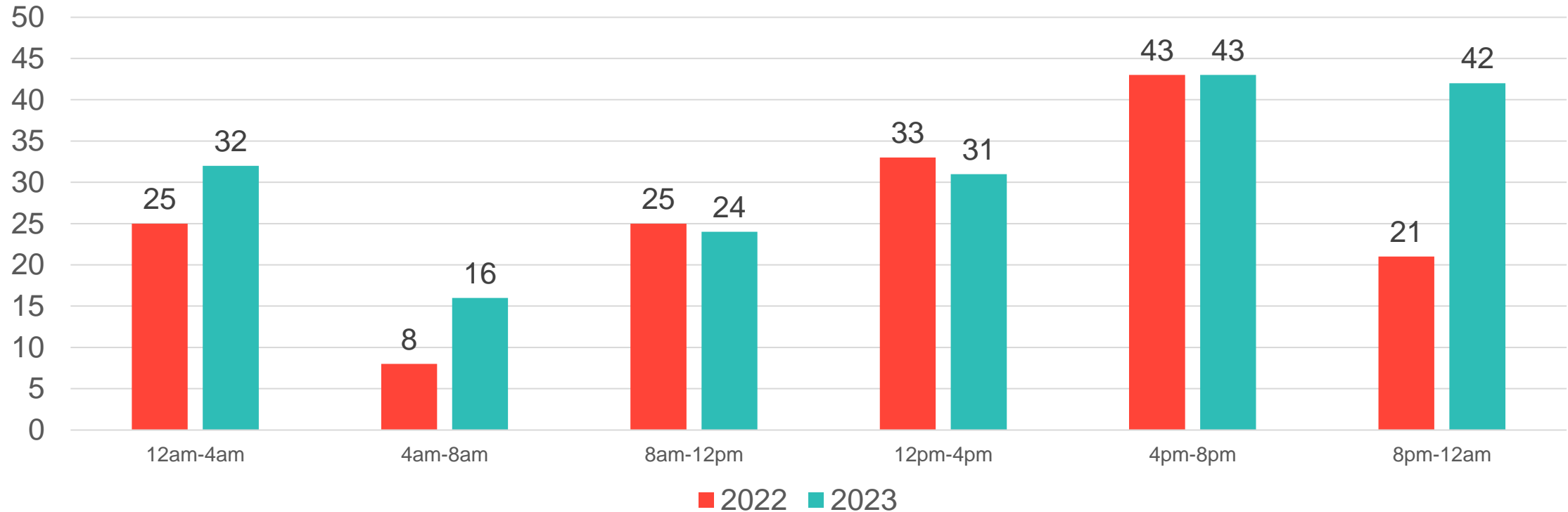
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# Time of day



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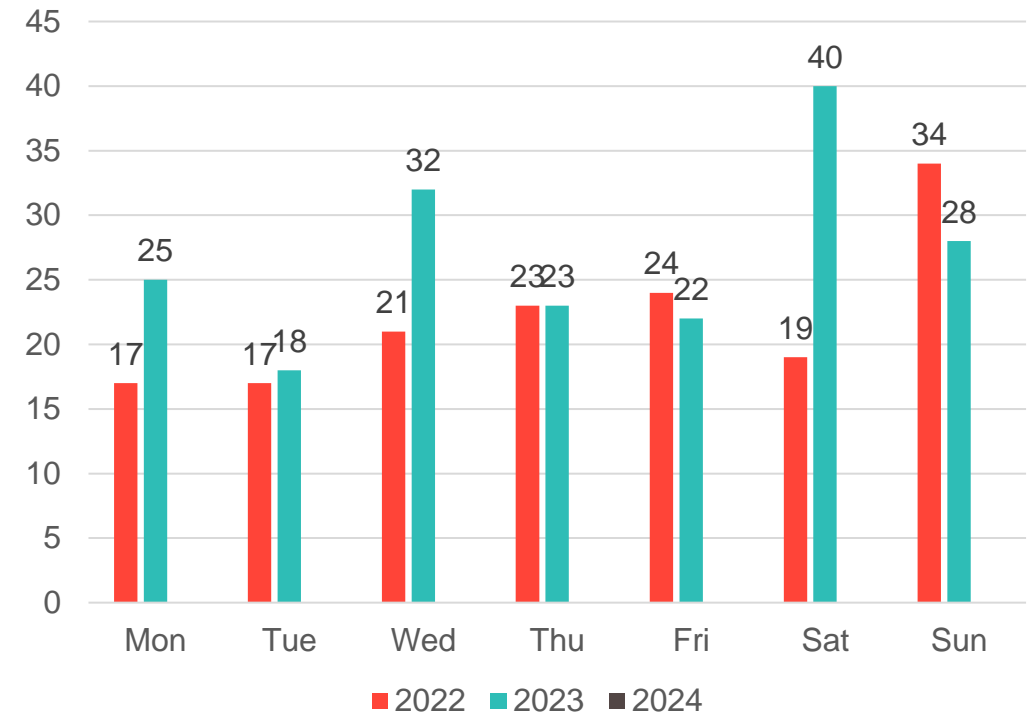


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# Day of week

- Almost half (**90,48%**) of fatalities occurred over **the weekend** (Friday-Sunday).
- Of those 90 fatalities which occurred over the **weekend** (Friday-Sunday), **20** occurred between **12am and 4am**, **37** occurred between **4pm and 12am**.
- Highest number of fatalities occurred on a **Saturday (40, 21%)**, of which **19** occurred between 8pm and 4am.



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**188**  
**road**  
**deaths**

**Up 33 on**  
**last year**

**Up to 31**  
**December**  
**2023**

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# Summary of fatalities 2023

1 January – 31 December 2023



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▮ Fatalities are highest since 2014 when there were 192 fatalities.

▮ Average of 16 fatalities a month

▮ Increasing number of fatalities among passenger, pedestrians and motorcyclists

▮ Over a quarter of fatalities were aged 16-25 years

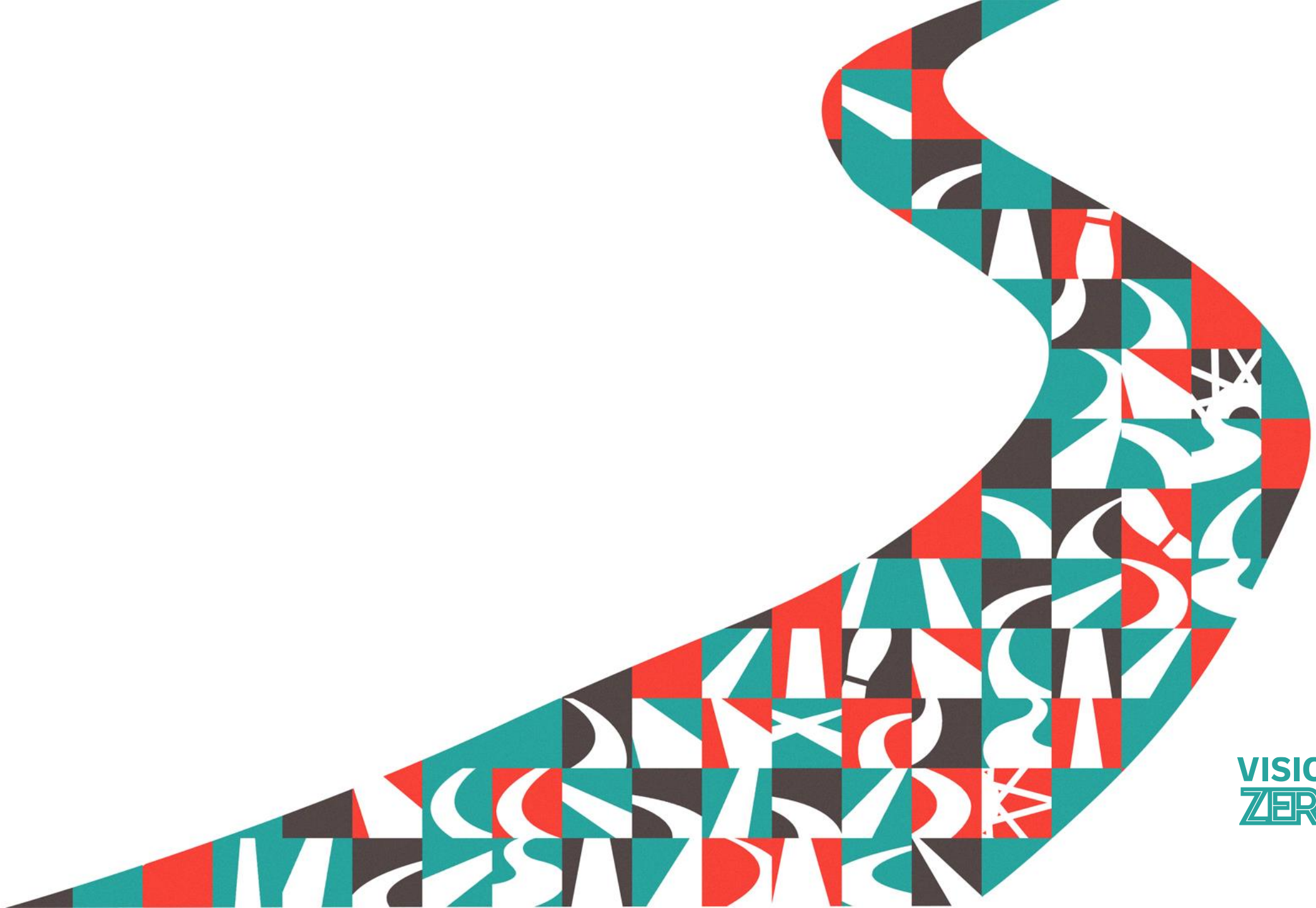
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▮ Approximately 7 in 10 on rural roads, with a speed limit of 80km/h or greater

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