

Provisional Review of Fatal Collisions

January to 31 December 2021

**Data is current as of 23 January 2022*

Note: All data for 2020 and 2021 are provisional and subject to change



Overview



- As of 31 December 2021, there have been **123** fatal collisions, which have resulted in **136** fatalities on Irish roads.
- This represents **12 less** fatal collisions and **10 less** deaths (**-7%**) compared to provisional Garda data for 2020.



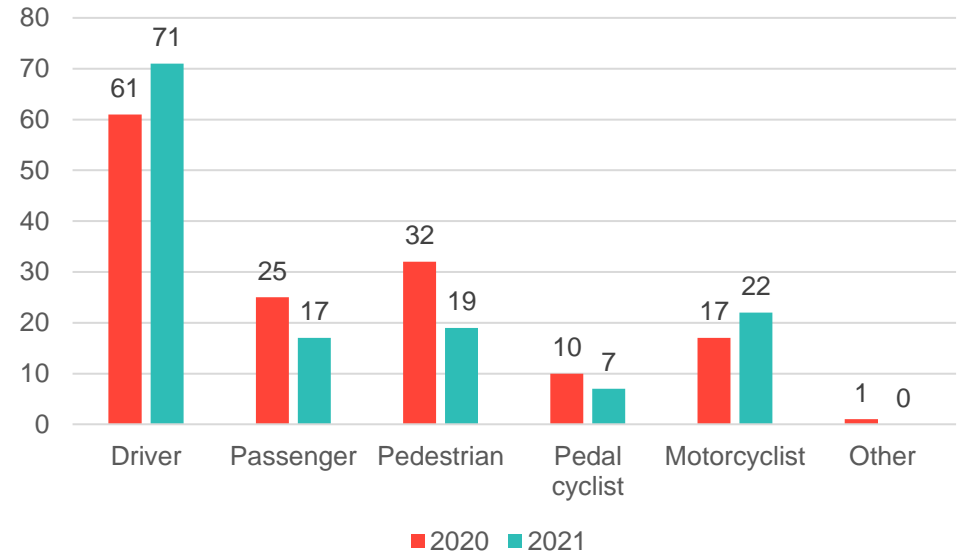
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Road User Type



- **Driver** and **passenger** fatalities represent almost two thirds of fatalities (**65%**) in 2021, compared to 59% in 2020.
- There has been an increase in the number of **drivers (+10)**, and **motorcyclists (+5)** fatalities in 2021 compared to 2020.
- A decrease in fatalities has been seen among **passengers (-8)**, **pedestrians (-13)**, and **cyclists (-3)**.
- Of fatalities, **24%** occurred on an **urban road*** and **76%** occurred on a **rural road***. For **2020**, these proportions were **28%** and **72%** respectively.



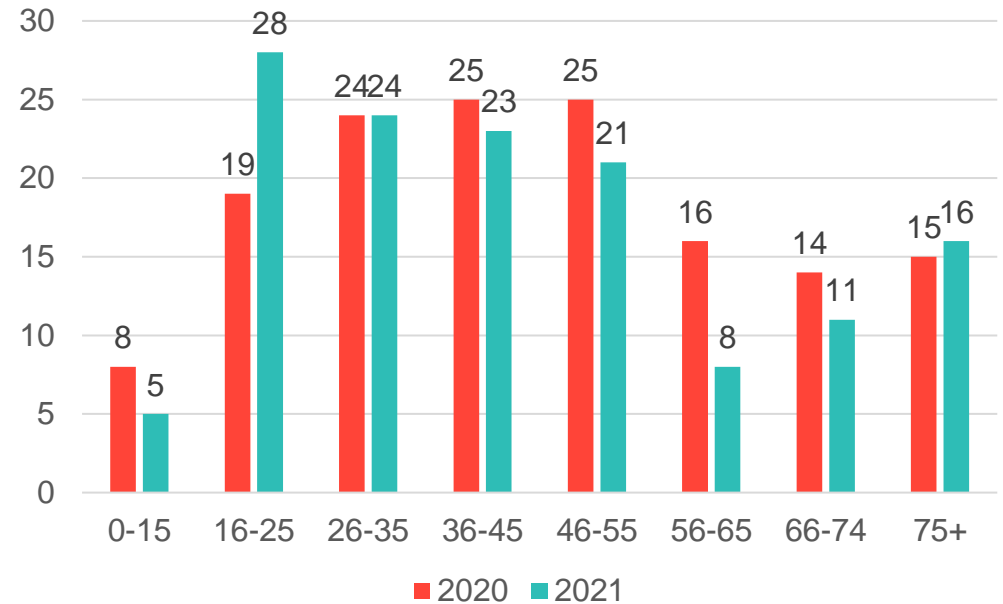
Seatbelts: Of the 88 drivers and passengers killed in seatbelt-equipped motor vehicles in 2021, 38 (43%) were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision; 24 (27%) were not wearing a seatbelt; and for the remaining 26 fatalities, it was not yet known (30%).

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Age group



- In 2021, the highest risk age group was those aged **16-25 years** with **28 fatalities (21%)**. This age group represented **13%** of fatalities in **2020**.
- Over half of fatalities (**75**) were aged **between 16 and 45 years (55%)**
- Compared to 2020, there were **increases in fatalities** in the **16-25 age group (+9)** and the **75+ years age group (+1)**. Figures for the 26-35 age group remained the same.
- **All remaining age groups** saw **decreases** in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Of fatalities, **74% (100)** were **male** and **26% (36)** were **female**.

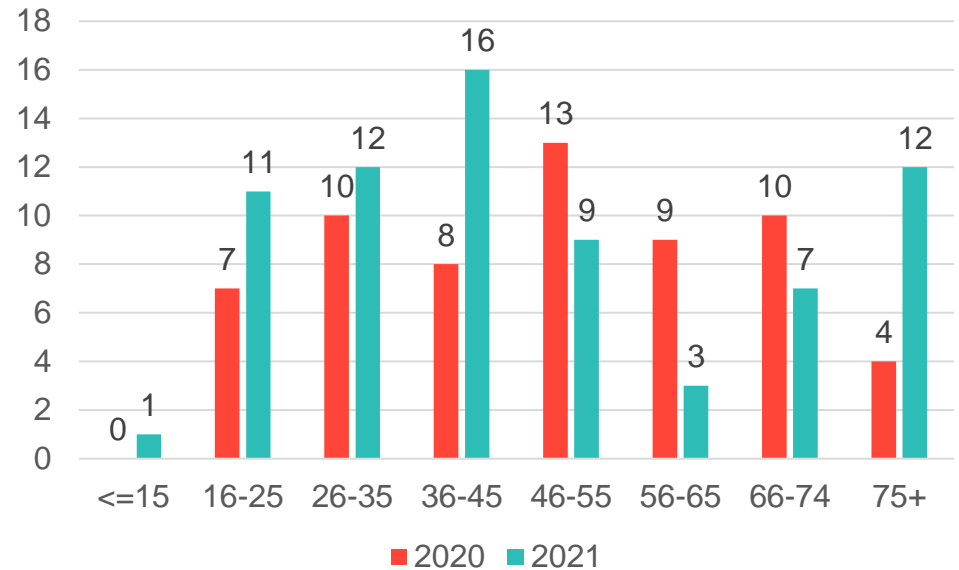


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Driver Fatalities



- **Driver** fatalities represent over half of fatalities (**52%**) in 2021.
- There has been an increase in the number of **driver (+10)** fatalities in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Of the **71 driver fatalities**, **16** were **aged 36-45 years**, **12** were **aged 26-35 years** and **12** were **aged 75+ years**.
- A high number of **driver fatalities (51)** were **male**.
- Of driver fatalities, **17%** occurred on an **urban road*** and **83%** occurred on a **rural road***.

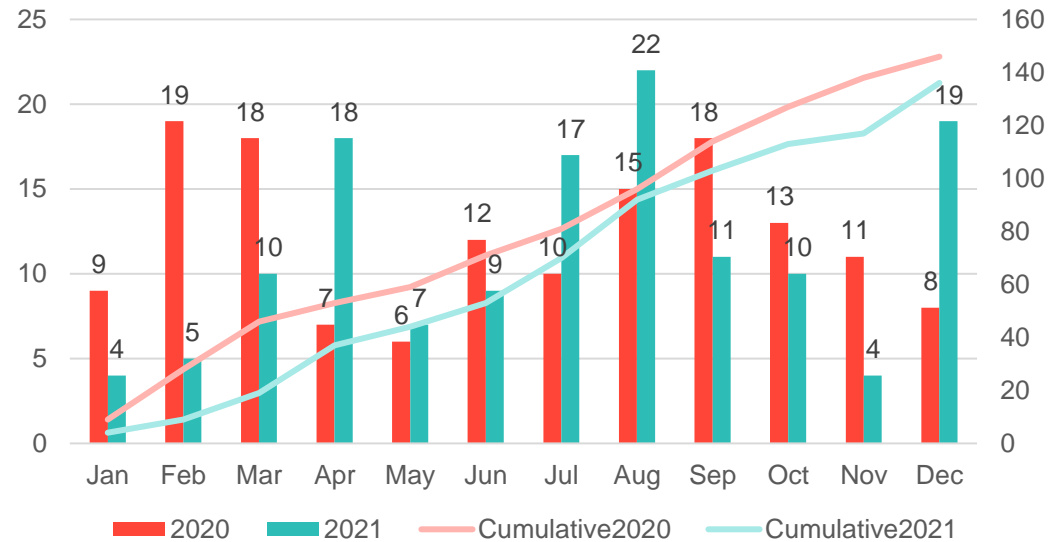


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Month of Year



- **January (4), February (5) and November (4)** had the lowest number of fatalities in 2021.
- **August (22), December (19), April (18), and July (17)** had the highest number of fatalities.
- The average number of deaths per month in 2020 was **12 deaths** while the monthly average in 2021 was **11 deaths per month**.

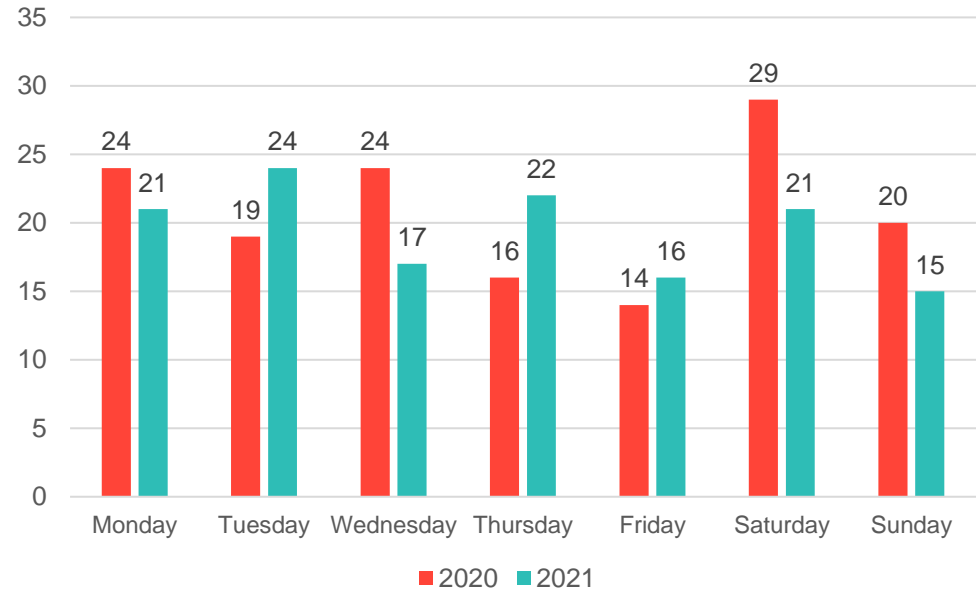


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Day of the Week



- **Tuesday (24)** was the most dangerous day in 2021, followed by **Thursday (22)**, **Monday (21)**, and **Saturday (21)**.
- **A third (33%)** of fatalities occurred **between Monday and Tuesday** in 2021.
- Compared to 2020, **3 more fatalities occurred between Monday and Friday**.
- Compared to 2020, **13 less fatalities occurred between Saturday and Sunday**.



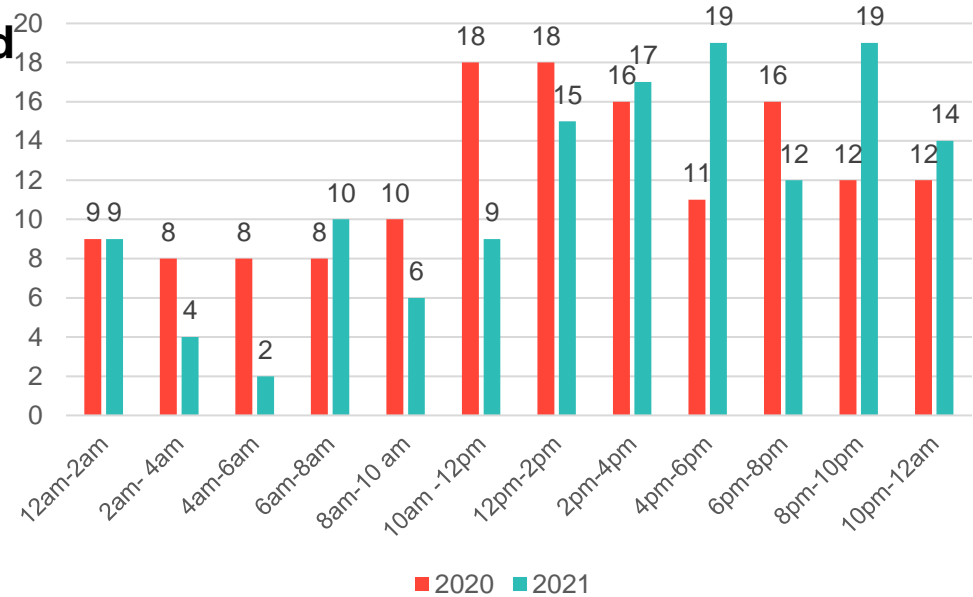
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Time of day



- **71% (96)** of fatalities occurred between **12pm and midnight**, compared to **58% (85)** in 2020.
- Of the **96** fatalities, **73 (76%)** occurred on a weekday (Monday-Friday).
- There were **40** fatalities between **midnight and 12pm (29%)**, compared to **61 (42%)** in 2020.
- Of the **40** fatalities, **13** occurred on **Saturdays and Sundays**, while **27** occurred on weekdays.



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136 road deaths

Up to 31 December 2021

Down 10 on last year



**VISION
ZERO**
NO ROAD DEATHS
OR SERIOUS INJURIES BY 2050

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Fatalities Summary 2021



TO DATE IN 2021

there have been
136 fatalities in
123 fatal
collisions



DECREASE OF 7%

in fatalities
compared to
2020
12 less fatal
collisions and **10**
less fatalities



DEATHS HAVE INCREASED

Among
Drivers: 71 (+10)
and
Motorcyclists: 22 (+5)
& deaths have
decreased among
Passengers: 17 (-8)
Pedestrians: 19 (-13)
Pedal cyclists: 7 (-3)



DUBLIN (21), MEATH (14), GALWAY (12), and TIPPERARY (11)

had the highest
number of
fatalities (**43% of**
total)



AUGUST (22)

was the month with
the highest number
of fatalities

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