

Table 1 Contributory factors and accident severity

Contributory factor reported in accident	Accident severity			All accidents
	Fatal	Serious	Slight	
Driver/ Rider Error or Reaction	65.3%	61.8%	68.6%	67.5%
Failed to look properly	20.5%	29.3%	36.3%	35.0%
Failed to judge other person's path or speed	11.6%	14.0%	20.0%	18.9%
Loss of control	34.0%	19.7%	13.4%	14.7%
Poor turn or manoeuvre	12.0%	13.8%	14.1%	14.1%
Sudden braking	3.0%	4.5%	7.7%	7.2%
Swerved	6.2%	4.2%	3.7%	3.8%
Junction overshoot	1.7%	1.9%	2.4%	2.3%
Failed to signal or misleading signal	0.6%	1.3%	2.0%	1.9%
Junction restart (moving off at junction)	0.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.7%
Passing too close to cyclist, horse rider or pedestrian	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Injudicious Action	31.4%	25.0%	26.1%	26.0%
Travelling too fast for conditions	15.9%	11.3%	9.9%	10.2%
Following too close	1.3%	2.8%	7.5%	6.7%
Exceeding speed limit	13.9%	7.2%	4.6%	5.2%
Disobeyed 'Give Way' or 'Stop' sign or markings	2.1%	2.8%	3.5%	3.4%
Disobeyed automatic traffic signal	1.0%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%
Cyclist entering road from pavement	0.5%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%
Illegal turn or direction of travel	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Disobeyed pedestrian crossing facility	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%
Vehicle travelling along pavement	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Disobeyed double white lines	0.9%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Behaviour or Inexperience	28.0%	25.8%	24.4%	24.7%
Careless, reckless or in a hurry	17.2%	16.7%	16.1%	16.2%
Learner or inexperienced driver/rider	5.3%	5.5%	5.2%	5.3%
Aggressive driving	8.3%	5.1%	3.6%	3.9%
Nervous, uncertain or panic	1.1%	1.3%	1.8%	1.7%
Unfamiliar with model of vehicle	1.4%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%
Inexperience of driving on the left	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Driving too slow for conditions or slow vehicle (e.g. tractor)	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Road Environment	10.9%	13.3%	15.6%	15.1%
Slippery road (due to weather)	5.9%	7.9%	10.6%	10.1%
Road layout (e.g. bend, hill, narrow carriageway)	3.2%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%
Deposit on road (e.g. oil, mud, chippings)	0.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%
Animal or object in carriageway	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%
Poor or defective road surface	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%
Inadequate or masked signs or road markings	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%
Temporary road layout (e.g. contraflow)	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Defective traffic signals	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Traffic calming (e.g. speed cushions, road humps, chicanes)	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

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Pedestrian only (casualty or uninjured)	18.2%	20.4%	11.5%	13.0%
Pedestrian failed to look properly	10.5%	14.8%	8.5%	9.5%
Pedestrian careless, reckless or in a hurry	3.4%	6.3%	3.6%	4.0%
Pedestrian crossing road masked by stationary or parked vehicle	1.9%	4.4%	2.4%	2.7%
Pedestrian failed to judge vehicle's path or speed	5.2%	4.5%	2.4%	2.8%
Pedestrian impaired by alcohol	4.1%	3.5%	1.5%	1.9%
Dangerous action in carriageway (e.g. playing)	2.2%	1.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Pedestrian wrong use of pedestrian crossing facility	1.2%	1.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Pedestrian wearing dark clothing at night	3.3%	1.3%	0.5%	0.7%
Pedestrian disability or illness, mental or physical	1.9%	0.8%	0.3%	0.4%
Pedestrian impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
Impairment or Distraction	19.6%	14.2%	11.1%	11.7%
Impaired by alcohol	9.6%	7.4%	4.7%	5.2%
Distraction in vehicle	2.6%	1.7%	2.1%	2.1%
Fatigue	3.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%
Distraction outside vehicle	1.0%	1.0%	1.5%	1.4%
Illness or disability, mental or physical	3.6%	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%
Impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	2.2%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%
Not displaying lights at night or in poor visibility	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Cyclist wearing dark clothing at night	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Driver using mobile phone	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Uncorrected, defective eyesight	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Vision Affected by:	7.5%	9.2%	10.5%	10.3%
Stationary or parked vehicle(s)	1.1%	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%
Dazzling sun	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	2.2%
Rain, sleet, snow, or fog	1.5%	1.5%	1.9%	1.9%
Road layout (e.g. bend, winding road, hill crest)	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Vehicle blind spot	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%	1.2%
Vegetation	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Dazzling headlights	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Buildings, road signs, street furniture	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Spray from other vehicles	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Visor or windscreen dirty or scratched	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Special codes	6.1%	5.2%	4.5%	4.6%
Other	4.4%	3.3%	2.7%	2.8%
Stolen vehicle	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	0.8%
Emergency vehicle on a call	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Vehicle in course of crime	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Vehicle door opened or closed negligently	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Vehicle Defects	2.8%	2.2%	1.9%	1.9%
Tyres illegal, defective or under inflated	1.5%	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%
Defective brakes	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Overloaded or poorly loaded vehicle or trailer	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Defective lights or indicators	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Defective steering or suspension	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Defective or missing mirrors	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total number of accidents	11,968	104,760	576,959	693,687