

Methodological Note

- Survey on Road Accidents** The survey on road accidents is conducted on a monthly basis and it records, for each department of Greece and for each month separately, the number of accidents resulting in death or injury, as well as the number of persons injured by categories (drivers, passengers, pedestrians).
On a yearly basis, road accidents are further analyzed. The competent agencies for filling in/collecting the forms on road accidents are the local Police Authorities and the local Port Authorities of Greece. The main variables are the following: place of accident, kind and type of road, casualties, conditions of road surface and type of road.
The lower level of analysis for the place where an injury road accident occurred is the settlement (oikismos), which is described by a 8-digit geographic code.
Data are collected on a monthly basis.
- Legal basis** The Survey on Road Traffic Accidents is governed by Council Decision 93/704 of the European Community.
- Reference Period** Monthly.
- Availability of Data** Provisional data are available 2 months after the reference month (Press Release)
Final data are available 10 months after the reference year (annual tables).
- National Definitions** **Road accident** (injury accident): Any accident involving at least one road motor vehicle in motion on a public road or square to which the public has access (excluding yards, industrial sites or vehicle depot of public transport enterprises), resulting in at least one injured or killed person. Accidents with only material damages are not included.
- Fatality (Death):** Any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of an injury accident (This national definition applies since 01.01.1996)
- Person injured:** Any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, and who normally needs medical treatment.
- Serious injury:** Any person who sustained an injury as result of an injury accident, such as brain damages, mutilation, multiple injuries, which may result in lack of awareness or which are life-threatening.
- Slight injury:** Any person injured who sustained minor and not life-threatening injuries.
- Vehicle:** Include motor vehicles, trolleybuses, motorcycles, bicycles, motorbikes, agricultural and road making machines, animal and hand-drawn vehicles. Railway vehicles are excluded, unless the road accident involves at least one of the aforementioned types of vehicles and therefore, railway vehicles are considered vehicles.
- Methodology** The forms of the survey are filled in by the local Police Authorities and the local Port Authorities as well.
- References** More information about road accidents is available on ELSTAT's website and more

specifically at the link: www.statistics.gr > Population & Social Conditions > Accidents > Road Traffic Accidents → 2 options Monthly data and Yearly data. Data are accessible also from the domain “Industry, Trade, Services, Transport” of the portal. Moreover metadata of the survey are available with yearly data. It should be noted that previous press releases and time series are available on ELSTAT’s website: www.statistics.gr