

## Fatal and Serious (KSI) Road Traffic **Collisions caused by Careless Driving in** Northern Ireland, 2012-2021



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#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Careless Driving:** Careless driving falls below the minimum standard expected of a careful driver and includes driving without reasonable consideration for other road users.

**KSI Collisions**: Collisions involving personal injury occurring on the public highway (including footpaths) where someone was killed or seriously injured and in which a vehicle is involved.

**Killed**: Died within 30 days from injuries received in a collision.

**Serious Injury:** An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient', or any of the following injuries whether or not the person is detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushing, burns, severe cuts and lacerations or severe general shock requiring medical treatment.

Young People: Aged between 16 and 24.

**Pedestrians:** Include children on scooters, roller skates or skateboards; children riding toy cycles on the footpath; persons pushing bicycles or other vehicles or operating pedestrian-controlled vehicles; persons leading or herding animals; occupants of prams or wheelchairs; people who alight safely from vehicles and are subsequently injured; persons pushing or pulling a vehicle; persons other than cyclists holding on to the back of a moving vehicle.

Car Users: Drivers or passengers in a car, light goods vehicle, car driven as a taxi or hackney cab.

**Motorcyclists**: Drivers/riders of mopeds and motorcycles. Includes riders of two-wheeled motor vehicles, motorcycle combinations, scooters and mopeds.

**Pedal cyclists**: Drivers/riders of pedal cycles. Includes children riding toy cycles on the carriageway and the first rider of a tandem.

#### **Executive Summary**

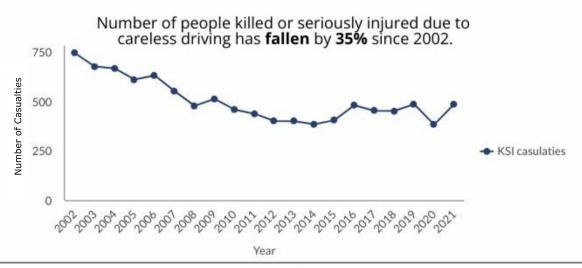
- Careless driving KSI casualties have fallen by 35% since the start of the trend in 2002 and are down 17% from the 2004-2008 baseline.
- In 2021 there were 486 careless driving KSI casualties, accounting for 57% of all KSIs. This is a higher than the 48% of KSIs for the 2004-2008 baseline.
- Between 2012 and 2021 the most common principal careless driving causation factor for KSI casualties was "Inattention or attention diverted" with 926 KSI casualties, which was 23% of all careless driving KSIs casualties (4,332) in the same period. The second most common factor was "Wrong course/position" with 690 (14%).
- 70% of drivers responsible for careless driving KSIs between 2012 and 2021 were male.
- Between 2012 and 2021 63% of careless driving KSIs were male.
- Examining careless driving KSI casualties by road user type, 2,612 (60%) were car users of whom 1,803 were drivers (42%) and 809 were passengers (19%). Of the other 1,720 KSI casualties, 698 (16%) were motorcyclists, 490 (11%) were pedestrian, 425 were pedal cyclists (10%) and the remainder were comprised of 107 other road users (2%).
- Those aged 35-49 accounted for 909 (21%) of careless driving KSIs while those aged 50-64 accounted for 875 (20%) and those aged 16-24 accounted for 822 (19%).
- Of the 4,332 people that were killed or seriously injured over the ten-year period where the principal causation was attributed to careless driving, 1,565 (36%) of the casualties were responsible for the collision in which they were injured.
- Car drivers were responsible for the majority (57%) of their own injuries with 1,025 out of the 1,803.
- Almost half (47%) of all careless driving KSI collisions occurred between 1pm and 7pm.
- The majority of fatal and serious collisions caused by careless driving occurred on rural roads, with 1,847 out of the 3,606 (51%) occurring on a single carriageway road with a speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour. This compares with the 49% of all KSI collisions that occur on rural roads.
- Between 2012 and 2021 Causeway Coast & Glens reports the highest rate of careless driving KSI collisions, with 23.2 KSI collisions per 10,000 people. Ards & North Down had the lowest rate with 15.1 KSI collisions per 10,000 people.



# Careless Driving KSI casualties in Northern Ireland, 2012-2021 Key Findings

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Source: PSNI Road Traffic Collision Statistics



Careless Driving accounted for **57%** of all KSIs in 2017-2021. This is **higher** than the 2004-2008 baseline figure of **48%**.

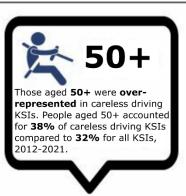




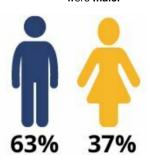


"Inattention or attention diverted was the most common cause of careless driving KSI casualties, with 23% of all careless driving KSI casualties. (2012-2021) **70%** of drivers **responsible** for careless driving KSI collisions between 2012-2021 were **male.** 





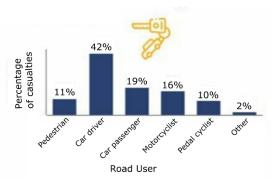
Over **three fifths** of careless driving KSI casualties between 2012-2021 were **male**.

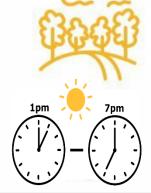




Causeway, Coast & Glens recorded the highest rate of careless driving KSIs, while Ards and North Down recorded the lowest rate.

**Car drivers** represented **over two fifths** (42%) of all careless driving KSI casulaties, 2012-2020.





The majority (51%) of fatal and serious collisions caused by careless driving occurred on rural roads (2012-2021)

Almost **half** of all careless driving KSI collisions occurred between **1pm**-**7pm** (2012-2021)

#### INTRODUCTION

Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) in Dfl is responsible for producing the statistical content of the Northern Ireland Problem Profile. Historically, this document focused on the latest five year road casualty data and reported on a wide range of road user groups and behaviours. The document had grown in size over the years and was becoming cumbersome to update. It was therefore agreed at the Road Safety Strategy Research Coordination Group (RSSRCG) that ASRB would seek to develop a series of smaller documents which could form the shape of a live Problem Profile and the profile would be maintained and updated regularly to ensure relevance with existing and emerging road safety issues.

The Problem Profile supplements the NI Road Safety Strategy (NIRSS) to 2020 Annual Statistical Report. The NIRSS to 2020 sets out four road safety targets for Northern Ireland, and while none relate specifically to drink driving, any change in trends will help contribute to the overall targets:

By 2020, and compared with the base year (2004 to 2008 average), there will be:

- A reduction in the number of people killed in road collisions by at least 60 per cent.
- A reduction in the number of people seriously injured in road collisions by at least 45 per cent.
- A reduction in the number of children (aged 0 to 15) killed or seriously injured in road collisions by at least 55 per cent.
- A reduction in the number of young people (aged 16 to 24) killed or seriously injured in road collisions by at least 55 per cent.

In May 2023 a new fixed penalty notice of £100 and three penalty points was introduced to help tackle careless driving in Northern Ireland. The move by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is seen as an important road safety development as the new fixed penalty will be an additional enforcement tool, to assist police in tackling a major cause of deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

The new fixed penalty will improve the administrative process for the existing careless driving offence by providing proportionate justice for low level careless driving offences without the need for court proceedings, saving public money and time.

Drivers who commit more serious offences will continue to be dealt with before the courts and will be subject to substantial penalties.

New arrangements introduced will also allow the Police Service of Northern Ireland to offer remedial training to careless drivers as an alternative to the fixed penalty notice. The aim is to influence the future decisions of drivers, encouraging more careful driving and improved personal responsibility. Costs associated with the course will be met by the offender as an alternative to receiving penalty points and paying the fixed penalty notice fine.

#### TREND INFORMATION

Figure 1 below shows the number of people killed or seriously injured where the causation factor was related to careless driving over the twenty-year period 2002 to 2021 (Table A1 in the Appendix refers). The dotted green line shows the average number of people killed or seriously injured between 2004 and 2008 which is the baseline period that was used in the 2020 Road Safety Strategy.

Careless Driving KSIs 2004-2008 Baseline 401 400 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

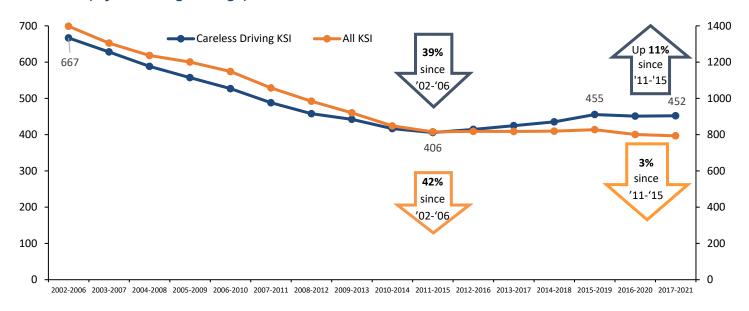
Figure 1: Number of people killed or seriously injured due to careless driving 2002-2021

As can be seen there was a series high of 745 for careless driving KSI casualties in 2002 which fell quite steeply to 478 by 2008 (a decrease of 36%). Since then the numbers have stayed fairly constant between the four to five hundred mark, with series lows of 385 (2014) and 383 (2020).

Table 1: Comparison of careless driving KSI casualties against KSI casualties from all causations 2002-2021 (5 year rolling average)

Year	Number of Careless driving KSI casualties (5 year average)	Number of overall KSI casualties (5 year average)	proportion
2002-2006	666.6	1,397.8	48%
2003-2007	628.0	1,304.6	48%
2004-2008	588.2	1,236.4	48%
2005-2009	557.2	1,200.4	46%
2006-2010	526.8	1,148.2	46%
2007-2011	488.0	1,057.6	46%
2008-2012	457.8	984.2	47%
2009-2013	442.2	920.2	48%
2010-2014	416.6	848.0	49%
2011-2015	405.8	815.6	50%
2012-2016	414.4	818.0	51%
2013-2017	424.8	817.6	52%
2014-2018	435.2	819.2	53%
2015-2019	455.4	827.4	55%
2016-2020	451.0	8.008	56%
2017-2021	452.0	793.4	57%

Figure 2: Comparison of careless driving KSI casualties against KSI casualties from all causations 2002-2021 (5 year rolling average)



Examining a rolling 5-year average as presented in Table 1 and Figure 2 above, there has been a general downward trend in careless driving KSI casualties from 2002-2006, with the average showing a year-on-year decrease from 667 in 2002-2006 to a low of 406 in 2011-2015 (a fall of 39%). Over the same timescale, the number of overall people killed or seriously injured in all road traffic collisions have followed a similar pattern from 1,398 between 2002 and 2006 to 816 in 2011-2015, a 42% reduction. Since then, all KSI casualties have continued to fall but KSIs attributed to careless driving have started to increase.

Figure 3: Careless driving KSI casualties as a proportion of the total number of people killed or seriously injured 2002-2021 comparison with proportion of alcohol/drugs and excess speed (rolling 5 year average)

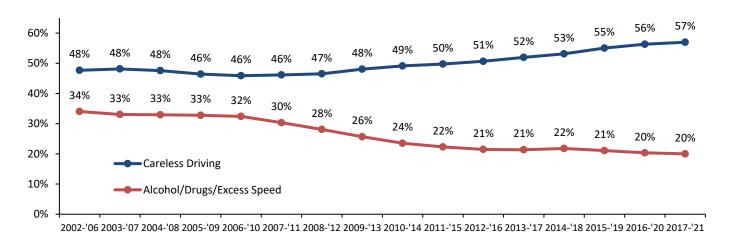


Figure 3 shows that the proportions of KSI casualties that were attributed to careless driving were steady at the start but have risen over time, and steadily increased year on year from the 46% assigned as careless driving in 2006-2010 to 57% in 2017-2021. This has been offset by a general decrease over time in KSI casualties that were assigned an alcohol or drugs or excess speed causation factor.

#### **CONTEXT**

Narrowing the focus of our research to the ten-year period 2012 to 2021, and looking at grouped causation factor, we can examine how careless driving compares with other grouped causation factors during this period. Table 2 below shows that careless driving accounts for the majority of fatal and serious collisions (53%), considerably more than that of the other categories, with other factors (e.g., weather, vehicle defects, obstructions) being next highest with 16%. 'Excessive speed having regard to conditions' and 'impaired by alcohol – driver/rider' had just 9% and 8% of the total causation factors in comparison. In terms of fatalities, careless driving accounted for 274 deaths during the ten-year period (45% of fatalities), with excessive speed a distant second accounting for 99 (16%).

Table 2: Grouped causation factors of KSI Casualties, 2012-2021

Grouped Causation Factor	KSI Collision	Killed	Seriously Injured	KSI Total	% of KSI collisions
Alcohol or drugs – driver/rider	553	93	635	728	8%
Careless driving	3,606	274	4,058	4,332	53%
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	576	99	690	789	9%
Alcohol or drugs – pedestrian	154	23	131	154	2%
Other pedestrian fault	826	46	794	840	12%
Other factors	1,061	71	1,143	1,214	16%
Total	6,776	606	7,451	8,057	-

Figure 4 presents fatal and serious collisions by attribution and you can see that careless driving makes up the majority, accounting for 53% over the last 10 years. Inattention or attention diverted (23%), wrong course/position (14%) and turning right without care (11%) were the top three causation factors within careless driving during this period. See Table 3 for a full breakdown of the top ten.

Figure 4: Fatal and serious collisions by attribution, 2012-2021

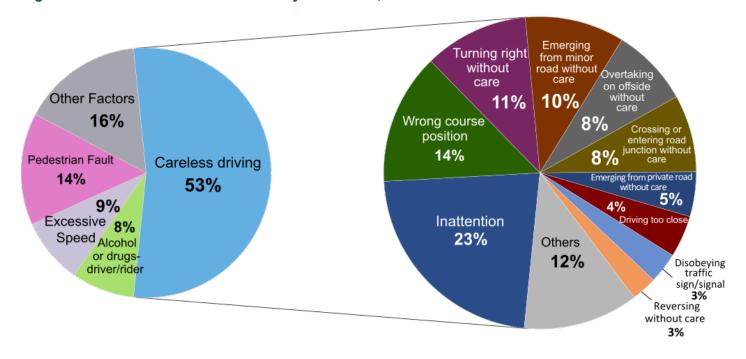


Table 3: Top Ten principal causation factors within Careless Driving 2012-2021

Principal Causation Factor	KSI Collision	Killed	Seriously Injured	KSI Total	% of Careless Driving KSI Collisions	% of all KSI Collisions
Inattention or attention diverted	812	68	858	926	23%	12%
Wrong course/position	489	68	622	690	14%	7%
Turning right without care	390	18	434	452	11%	6%
Emerging from minor road without	371	21	407	428	10%	5%
Overtaking on offside without care	293	28	339	367	8%	4%
Crossing or entering road junction without	288	16	341	357	8%	4%
Emerging from private road/entrance	167	10	183	193	5%	2%
Driving too close	156	3	168	171	4%	2%
Disobeying traffic sign/signal	115	11	132	143	3%	2%
Reversing without care	95	3	92	95	3%	1%
Other factors	430	28	482	510	12%	6%
Total	3,606	274	4,058	4,332	-	53%

In terms of fatalities, joint highest of those assigned as a careless driving principal causation factor were inattention or attention diverted and wrong/course position (both with 68 road traffic deaths), with overtaking on offside without care next highest with 28.

Figure 5: Proportion of casualties that are KSI casualties for top ten careless driving causation factors, 2012-2021

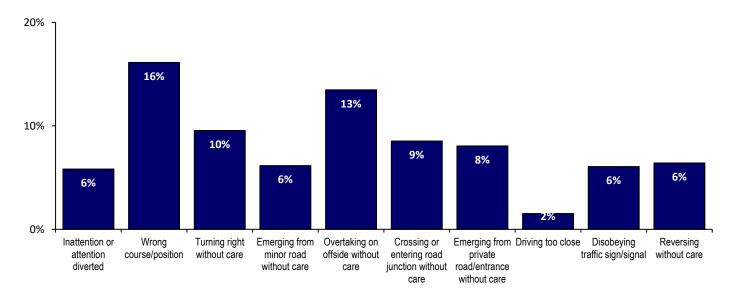
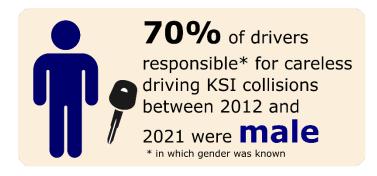


Figure 5 above highlights the proportion of KSI casualties for each of the top ten careless driving causation factors. The highest proportion is that of wrong course/position with 16% (690 KSI casualties out of 4,277 overall), with only disobeying pedestrian crossing (17%) and fatigue (also 16%) outside of the top 10 having a higher proportion. Next highest of the top ten was overtaking on offside without care (13%) followed by turning right without care (10%). At the other end of the scale, was driving too close with 171 KSI casualties out of 11,239 (2%) casualties overall having this causation factor assigned.

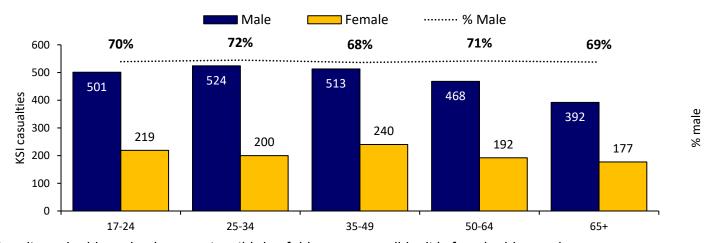
#### **PROFILE OF DRIVERS RESPONSIBLE**



Between 2012 and 2021, of the 3,606 KSI collisions in which the principal causation factor was due to careless driving, there were 3,712 drivers responsible (some collisions had dual responsibility). Of the 3,712 responsible drivers where gender was known, 2,461 were male (66%), 1,037 were female (28%) and 214 were of unknown gender (collisions where the causation is believed to be due to careless driving despite no driver being identified).

Those in the 35 to 49 age group accounted for the most, with a fifth (20%) of those responsible coming from this age group. A breakdown by age and gender is presented below:

Figure 6: Careless drivers responsible for a KSI casualty by age and gender 2012-2021



Despite male drivers having over two-thirds of drivers responsible, it is female drivers who are overrepresented when it comes to careless driving. A female driver was responsible for 26% of all fatal and serious collisions in comparison with 30% responsibility for careless driving KSI collisions.

Figure 7: Age of careless drivers responsible for a KSI collision compared with drivers responsible for a KSI collision with any causation 2012-2021

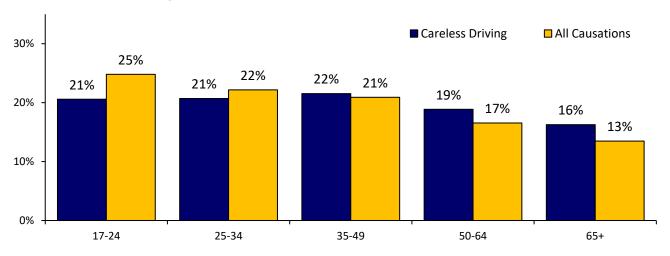
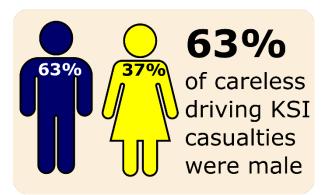


Figure 7 presents the proportions by age group of those responsible for a careless driving KSI collision against the age group proportion for any KSI collision. As can be seen, drivers over the age of 35 are overrepresented in careless driving KSI collisions. In contrast, the young driver age group were underrepresented, with those aged 17-24 accounting for 21% of those drivers responsible for careless driving KSI collisions compared with 25% for all causation factors.

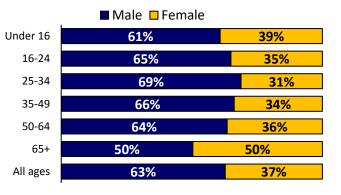
#### **PROFILE OF KSI CASUALTIES**



Between 2012 and 2021, there were 274 people killed and 4,058 people seriously injured where the principal causation factor comprised a careless driving causation, equating to 4,332 KSI casualties. Approximately two-thirds of the casualties were male, with the breakdown being 2,720 male (63%) and 1,612 female (37%). Breakdowns by sex and age group are provided in Table 4 and Figure 8 below.

Table 4 & Figure 8: Careless driving KSI casualties by age group and gender 2012-2021

	Male	Female	Total
Under 16	160	103	263
16 - 24	534	288	822
25 - 34	488	221	709
35 - 49	602	307	909
50 - 64	556	319	875
65 +	378	372	750
All ages	2,720	1,612	4,332

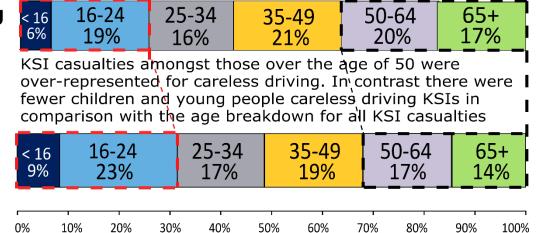


Includes 4 casualties (2 male and 2 female) of unknown age.

The largest age group of careless driving KSI casualties was that of those aged 35 to 49 with 909 making up just over a fifth (21%) of the 4,332 total. This was followed by the 50 to 64 (20%) and 16 to 24 (19%) age categories. Comparing this breakdown with the age breakdown of all KSI casualties shows that careless driving is over-represented amongst those aged 50 plus (38% in comparison with 32% for all KSI casualties) but under-represented amongst those under the age of 24 (25% compared with 32%). Figure 9 compares the proportions below, with those under the age of 24 rimmed in red and those over the age of 50 rimmed in black.

Figure 9: Careless drive KSI casualties versus all KSI casualties by age group 2012-2021

### Careless Driving KSI casualties



All KSI casualties

#### **CASUALTY BY ROAD USER CLASS**

Pedestrian

Car Driver

Concerning careless driving KSI casualties by road user type, 2,612 (60%) were car users of whom 1,803 were drivers (42%) and 809 were passengers (19%). Of the other 1,720 KSI casualties, 698 (16%) were motorcyclists, 490 (11%) were pedestrian, 425 were pedal cyclists (10%) and the remainder were comprised of 107 other¹ road users (2%). Comparative figures for all KSIs were; car drivers (39%), pedestrians (21%), car passengers (19%), motorcyclists (12%), pedal cyclists (7%) and other road users (3%).

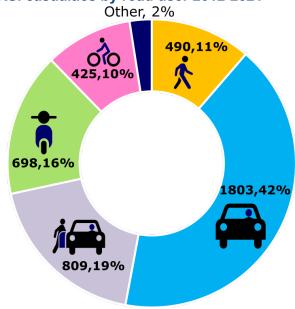


Figure 10: Careless Driving KSI casualties by road user 2012-2021

Looking at the breakdown of each road user class by age group in Figure 11 below shows that those aged 65 and over make up the largest number of careless driving KSI casualties amongst pedestrians (161, 33%). For car drivers, motorcyclists and pedal cyclists, the 35 to 49 age group made up the largest number for each while the 16 to 24 age group made up the highest number of car passengers (218, 27%). Figure 11 presents the breakdown below:

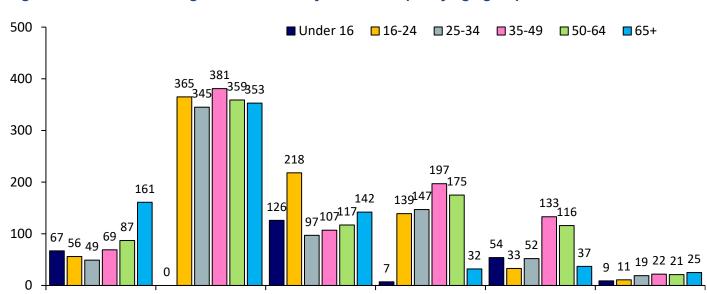


Figure 11: Careless Driving KSI casualties by road user split by age group 2012-2021

Motorcyclist

Car Passenger

**Pedal Cyclist** 

Other

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other road users comprise drivers of goods vehicles, bus drivers, drivers of other motor vehicles, drivers of non-motor vehicles, tractor drivers, horse riders and invalid/other 3 wheelers

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Of the 4,332 people that were killed or seriously injured over the ten-year period where the principal causation was attributed to careless driving, 1,565 (36%) of the casualties were responsible for the collision in which they were injured. Looking at responsibility by casualty class in Figure 12 below, we see that only car drivers were responsible for the majority (57%) of their own injuries with 1,025 out of the 1,803 with motorcyclists next with 45% (316 responsible out of 698). Although it might appear strange that pedestrians were responsible for 11% of their own injuries for a driving causation, this is because of dual causation being assigned to these collisions.

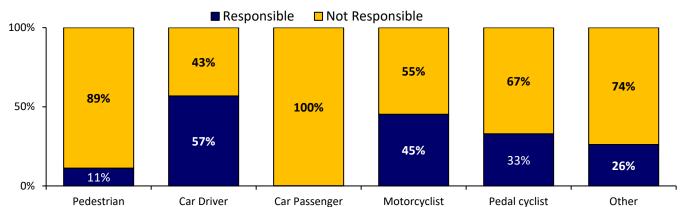


Figure 12: Careless Driving KSI casualties by road user responsibility 2012-2021

In terms of the split by age group, although those aged 35 to 49 accounted for the most careless driving KSI casualties (909), they were second lowest by proportion of responsibility amongst those age groups who were able to drive (33%) with only those aged 50 to 64 having a lower proportion (31%). In contrast, those from the 25 to 34 age group reported the greatest proportion of casualty responsibility, with 312 out of the 709 (44%) KSI casualties from this category being to blame. See Figure 13 below.

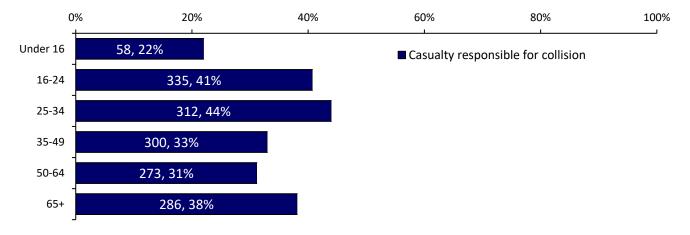
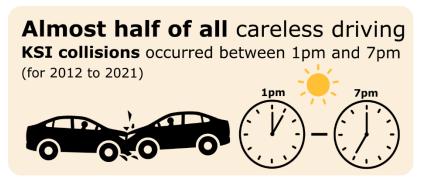


Figure 13: Careless Driving KSI casualties responsibility by selected age group 2012-2021

#### TIME AND MONTH

#### When do careless driving fatal and serious collisions occur?



In the ten years 2012-2021, most careless driving KSI collisions occurred on a Friday with 571 recorded (16%), closely followed by Saturday with 563 (also 16%), but it is reasonable to say that the numbers are spread out evenly over the week with all days recording between 14 and 16 percent, except Sunday which made up 12% of the total. Over the whole week, the

greatest number of fatal and serious collisions occurred between 5pm and 6pm (343 collisions,10%) with the next highest period being between 4pm and 5pm (314 collisions, 9%). In terms of single hour, the greatest was between 5pm and 6pm on a Friday with 60 recorded, with the next highest being over the same day between 4pm and 5pm (57). Almost half the number of careless driving KSI collisions occurred between the hours of 1pm to 7pm (47%) while, in comparison, 42% of all fatal and serious collisions occurred during these hours. This shows that careless driving is slightly over-represented during this time period. See Table 5 below:

Table 5: Carless driving fatal and serious collisions by day and hour 2012-2021

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	
	0601 - 0700	8	9	12	11	11	8	2	61	0601 - 0700
	0701 - 0800	20	27	20	27	25	11	3	133	0701 - 0800
	0801 - 0900	33	33	43	35	29	13	12	198	0801 - 0900
	0901 - 1000	31	26	28	20	20	29	10	164	0901 - 1000
	1001 - 1100	19	17	21	23	20	42	21	163	1001 - 1100
	1101 - 1200	24	27	26	28	35	42	28	210	1101 - 1200
	1201 - 1300	26	27	22	30	32	42	42	221	1201 - 1300
	1301 - 1400	35	30	28	29	40	43	37	242	1301 - 1400
	1401 - 1500	40	35	37	27	51	50	32	272	1401 - 1500
	1501 - 1600	39	47	38	36	43	43	37	283	1501 - 1600
No of KSI Collisions	1601 - 1700	44	45	40	45	57	44	39	314	1601 - 1700
0-9	1701 - 1800	47	56	52	55	60	39	34	343	1701 - 1800
10-19	1801 - 1900	28	43	42	55	35	30	20	253	1801 - 1900
20-29	1901 - 2000	32	33	28	32	28	34	16	203	1901 - 2000
30-39	2001 - 2100	14	25	18	27	23	21	16	144	2001 - 2100
40-49	2101 - 2200	11	17	13	14	19	17	11	102	2101 - 2200
50+	2201 - 2300	9	12	10	20	14	9	6	80	2201 - 2300
	2301 - 2400	5	8	10	8	13	12	6	62	2301 - 2400
	0001 - 0100	4	2	3	3	6	8	11	37	0001 - 0100
	0101 - 0200	7	4	0	2	2	10	10	35	0101 - 0200
	0201 - 0300	4	1	1	1	3	7	12	29	0201 - 0300
	0301 - 0400	3	0	1	3	0	2	9	18	0301 - 0400
	0401 - 0500	1	1	5	2	1	2	0	12	0401 - 0500
	0501 - 0600	4	0	6	6	4	5	2	27	0501 - 0600
	Total	488	525	504	539	571	563	416	3,606	

Figure 14: Careless driving collisions by time of day - weekday vs weekend, 2012-2021

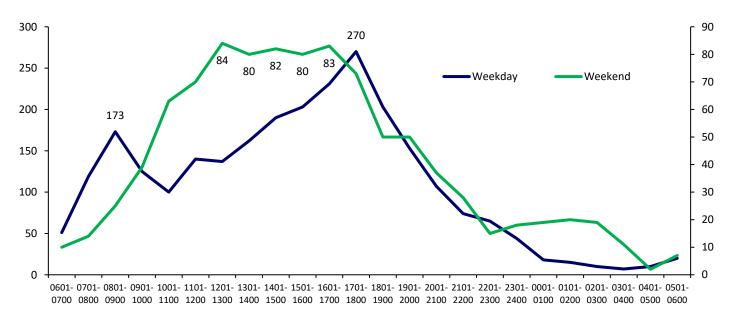
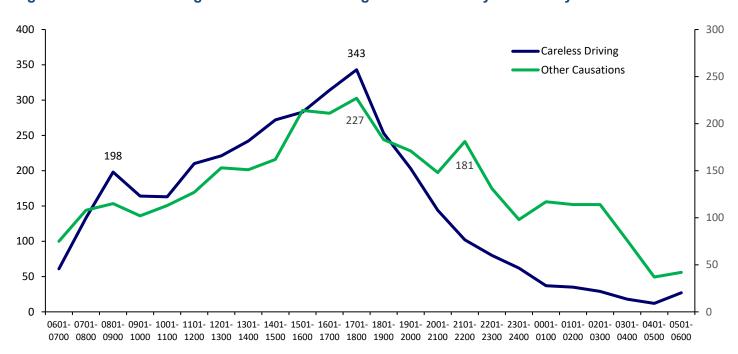


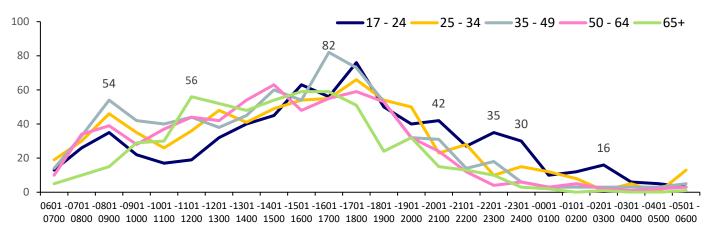
Figure 14 presents the number of fatal and serious collisions by time of day for both Monday to Friday and at the weekend. As can be seen there is not much variation between the two charts during the hours of 5pm to 11pm. However, there is a spike in the weekday collisions between 7am and 8am which doesn't occur in the weekend collisions, and there appear to be relatively more careless driving collisions at the weekend between 12pm and 5pm and between midnight and 3am.

Figure 15: Careless driving vs non careless driving KSI collisions by time of day - 2012 to 2021



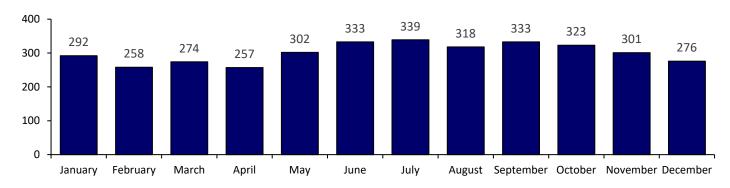
It is interesting to compare the pattern of careless driving fatal and serious collisions with other KSI collisions (Figure 15). The two lines follow each other closely between 6am and 7pm but the careless driving causations fall much more sharply after this time. This indicates that careless driving is more likely to occur during daylight hours and be much less likely during night-time hours when causations like speeding or impairment by alcohol or drugs would be much more prevalent.

Figure 16: Careless driving KSI collisions by time of day for age group of driver – 2012 to 2021



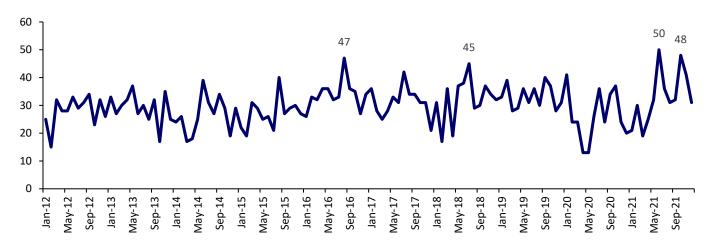
The split of careless driving fatal and serious collisions by age of driver responsible also reveals some useful insights. There are peaks for every age group during rush hour times both in the morning and evening which are more pronounced for those aged 35 to 49. There was also a notable peak for those drivers aged 65 or over between 11am and 1pm which was higher than any other age group at this time of day. There is also a notable difference in the number of careless driving causation factors recorded for those aged 17 to 24 and the other age groups at night time and the early hours of the morning with young drivers being much more likely to be involved in a careless driving collision between 8pm and 3am. A complete breakdown by age group is presented in the Appendix.

Figure 17: Careless driving KSI collisions by month of year- 2012 to 2021



Examining a monthly breakdown in Figure 17 shows that April has the fewest careless driving KSI collisions (257) while July has the most (339), closely followed by June, September (both with 333) and October (323). As Figure 18 shows, these peaks are determined due to random variation rather than any underlying seasonal trend.

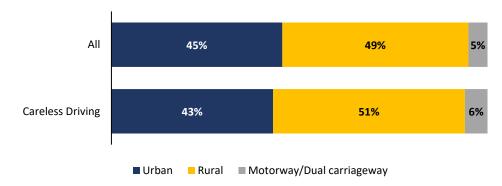
Figure 18: Careless driving KSI collisions for each month-2012 to 2021



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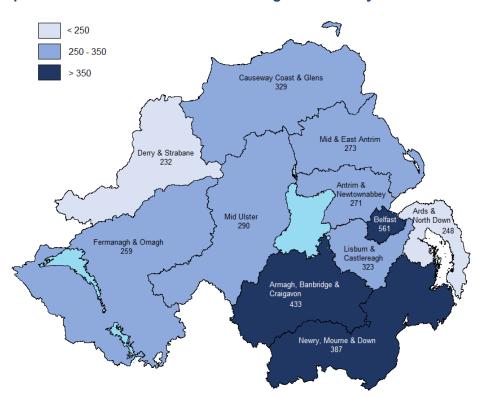
The majority of fatal and serious collisions caused by careless driving occurred on rural roads, with 1,847 out of the 3,606 (51%) occurring on a single carriageway road with a speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour. The remaining 1,759 careless driving KSI collisions comprised of 1,538 on urban roads (43%) and 221 on motorways and dual carriageways (6%). These proportions are broadly in line with the road type for all KSIs. See Figure 19 below. In terms of casualties, those which occurred on rural roads accounted for 187 of the 274 careless driving deaths (68%) and 2,190 of the 4,058 people seriously injured (54%).

Figure 19: Careless driving KSI collisions vs all KSI collisions by road type - 2012 to 2021



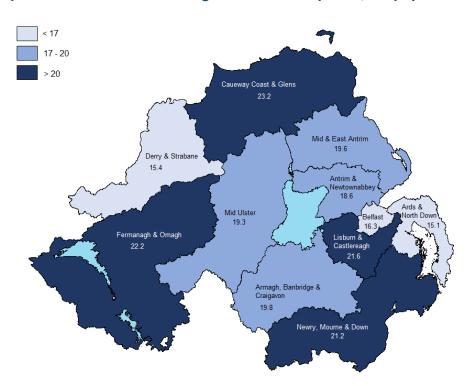
#### MAPPING – WHERE DO CARELESS DRIVING COLLISIONS OCCUR?

Map 1: Fatal and Serious careless driving collisions by District 2012-2021



This map shows the total number of fatal and serious careless driving collisions in 2012-2021 that occurred within each District Council. Belfast reported the most with 561, followed by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon with 433 and Newry, Mourne and Down with 387. Derry and Strabane had the fewest with 232, followed by Ards and North Down with 248.

Map 2: Rate of Careless Driving KSI casualties per 10,000 population by District, 2012-2021



Map 2 aims to take account of the differing populations by plotting the rate of careless driving KSI casualties in each Local Government District in 2012-2021 based on the yearly average per 10,000 population. Causeway Coast & Glens reports the highest rate of careless driving KSIs (23.2) followed by Fermanagh & Omagh with 22.2 and Lisburn & Castlereagh with 21.6; while the lowest is Ards & North Down with 15.1 followed by Derry & Strabane with 15.4.

#### **APPENDIX**

A1: Careless driving casualties by severity of injury 2002-2021

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	KSI Casualties	Slightly Injured	Total
2002	43	702	745	6,821	7,566
2003	51	626	677	6,280	6,957
2004	56	612	668	5,935	6,603
2005	54	557	611	4,977	5,588
2006	40	592	632	5,414	6,046
2007	43	509	552	5,711	6,263
2008	36	442	478	5,979	6,457
2009	33	480	513	6,000	6,513
2010	19	440	459	5,524	5,983
2011	23	415	438	5,577	6,015
2012	14	387	401	5,839	6,240
2013	25	375	400	6,111	6,511
2014	35	350	385	6,249	6,634
2015	32	373	405	6,732	7,137
2016	32	449	481	6,545	7,026
2017	29	424	453	6,285	6,738
2018	25	427	452	5,967	6,419
2019	21	465	486	6,201	6,687
2020	34	349	383	4,319	4,702
2021	27	459	486	4,806	5,292

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data

A2: Number of people killed or seriously injured by careless driving and Drink/Drugs/Excess speed 2002-2021 (5 year rolling average)

Year	Careless driving	Drink/Drugs/ Excess Speed	Total KSIs	Careless Driving %	Drink/drugs/ excess speed %
2002-2006	666.6	475.6	1,397.8	48%	34%
2003-2007	628	431.2	1,304.6	48%	33%
2004-2008	588.2	407.2	1,236.4	48%	33%
2005-2009	557.2	393.4	1,200.4	46%	33%
2006-2010	526.8	372.2	1,148.2	46%	32%
2007-2011	488	320.8	1,057.6	46%	30%
2008-2012	457.8	276.4	984.2	47%	28%
2009-2013	442.2	236.2	920.2	48%	26%
2010-2014	416.6	199.4	848	49%	24%
2011-2015	405.8	181.8	815.6	50%	22%
2012-2016	414.4	175.6	818	51%	21%
2013-2017	424.8	174.6	817.6	52%	21%
2014-2018	435.2	178.4	819.2	53%	22%
2015-2019	455.4	174.4	827.4	55%	21%
2016-2020	451	162.8	8.008	56%	20%
2017-2021	452	158.6	793.4	57%	20%

A3: Comparison of careless driving KSI casualties against all causations and proportion of the total 2002-2021

		ess driving Casualties	Total I	% careless driving KSI	
Year	Number	% change from 2004-2008 baseline (588.2)	Number	% change from 2004-2008 baseline (1,236.4)	casualties of the total
2002	745	27%	1676	36%	44%
2003	677	15%	1438	16%	47%
2004	668	14%	1330	8%	50%
2005	611	4%	1208	-2%	51%
2006	632	7%	1337	8%	47%
2007	552	-6%	1210	-2%	46%
2008	478	-19%	1097	-11%	44%
2009	513	-13%	1150	-7%	45%
2010	459	-22%	947	-23%	48%
2011	438	-26%	884	-29%	50%
2012	401	-32%	843	-32%	48%
2013	400	-32%	777	-37%	51%
2014	385	-35%	789	-36%	49%
2015	405	-31%	785	-37%	52%
2016	481	-18%	896	-28%	54%
2017	453	-23%	841	-32%	54%
2018	452	-23%	785	-37%	58%
2019	486	-17%	830	-33%	59%
2020	383	-35%	652	-47%	59%
2021	486	-17%	859	-31%	57%

A4: Grouped causation factors of KSI Collisions and Casualties, 2012-2021

Grouped Causation Factor	KSI Collision	Killed	Seriously Injured	KSI Total	% of KSI collisions
Alcohol or drugs – driver/rider	553	93	635	728	8%
Careless driving	3,606	274	4,058	4,332	53%
Excessive speed having regard to conditions	576	99	690	789	9%
Alcohol or drugs – pedestrian	154	23	131	154	2%
Other pedestrian fault	826	46	794	840	12%
Other factors	1,061	71	1,143	1,214	16%
Total	6,776	606	7,451	8,057	-

A5: Top Ten principal causation factors of Careless Driving 2012-2021

Principal Causation Factor	KSI Collision	Killed	Seriously Injured	KSI Total	% of Careless Driving KSI Collisions	% of all KSI Collisions
Inattention or attention diverted	812	68	858	926	23%	12%
Wrong course/position	489	68	622	690	14%	7%
Turning right without care	390	18	434	452	11%	6%
Emerging from minor road without	371	21	407	428	10%	5%
Overtaking on offside without care	293	28	339	367	8%	4%
Crossing or entering road junction without	288	16	341	357	8%	4%
Emerging from private road/entrance	167	10	183	193	5%	2%
Driving too close	156	3	168	171	4%	2%
Disobeying traffic sign/signal	115	11	132	143	3%	2%
Reversing without care	95	3	92	95	3%	1%
Other factors	430	28	482	510	12%	6%
Total	3,606	274	4,058	4,332	-	53%

A6: Drivers responsible for careless driving KSI Collisions by age and gender and age group comparison vs all KSI collisions 2021 to 2021

Ago group	C	Careless Driving KSI Collisions				
Age group —	Male	Female	Total	Total		
Under 17	61	9	70	101		
17-24	501	219	720	1,235		
25-34	524	200	724	1,104		
35-49	513	240	753	1,041		
50-64	468	192	660	824		
65+	392	177	569	671		
Total	2,459 <sup>1</sup>	1,037	3,496 <sup>2</sup>	4,976 <sup>3</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> excludes 2 drivers of unknown age, <sup>2</sup> excludes 214 drivers of unknown age, <sup>3</sup> excludes 304 drivers of unknown age (collisions where the causation is believed to be due to careless driving despite no driver being identified) Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data

A7: Careless driving KSI casualties by age group and gender 2012 to 2021

	Ca	All KSI Casualties		
Age group	Male (% male)	Female (% female)	Total (% by age group)	Total (% by age group)
Under 16	160 (61%)	103 (39%)	263 (6%)	726 (9%)
16-24	534 (65%)	288 (35%)	822 (19%)	1,857 (23%)
25-34	488 (69%)	221 (31%)	709 (16%)	1,370 (17%)
35-49	602 (66%)	307 (34%)	909 (21%)	1,543 (19%)
50-64	556 (64%)	319 (36%)	875 (20%)	1,393 (17%)
65+	378 (50%)	372 (50%)	750 (17%)	1,160 (14%)
Unknown	2	2	4	8
Total	2,720 (63%)	1,612 (37%)	4,332	8,057

A8: Careless driving KSI casualties by road user split by age group 2012 to 2021

Age group	Pedestrian	Car Drivers	Car Passengers	Motorcyclists <sup>1</sup>	Pedal Cyclists	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total
Under 16	67	0	126	7	54	9	263
16-24	56	365	218	139	33	11	822
25-34	49	345	97	147	52	19	709
35-49	69	381	107	197	133	22	909
50-64	87	359	117	175	116	21	875
65+	161	353	142	32	37	25	750
Unknown	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
Total	490	1,803	809	698	425	107	4,332

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> includes pillion passengers <sup>2</sup> drivers of goods vehicles, bus drivers, drivers of other motor vehicles, drivers of non-motor vehicles, tractor drivers, horse riders and invalid/other 3 wheelers.

A9: Careless driving KSI casualties by road user split by responsibility 2012 to 2021

Road User class	Casualty not responsible for collision	Casualty responsible for collision	Total
Pedestrian	435	55	490
Car Driver	778	1025	1,803
Car Passenger	808	1	809
Motorcyclist1	382	316	698
Pedal cyclist	285	140	425
Other <sup>2</sup>	79	28	107
Total	2767	1565	4,332

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> includes pillion passenger <sup>2</sup> includes drivers of goods vehicles, bus drivers, drivers of other motor vehicles, drivers of non-motor vehicles, tractor drivers, horse riders and invalid/other 3 wheelers.

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data

A10: Careless driving KSI casualties by age group split by responsibility 2012 to 2021

Age group	Casualty not responsible for collision	Casualty responsible for collision	Total	
Under 16	205 (78%)	58 (22%)	263	
16-24	487 (59%)	335 (41%)	822	
25-34	397 (56%)	312 (44%)	709	
35-49	609 (67%)	300 (33%)	909	
50-64	602 (69%)	273 (31%)	875	
65+	464(62%)	286 (38%)	750	
Unknown	3	1 ,	4	
Total	2,767 (64%)	1,565 (36%)	4,332	

A11: Careless driving KSI collisions by time of day and day of the week 2012 to 2021

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
0601-0700	8	9	12	11	11	8	2	61
0701-0800	20	27	20	27	25	11	3	133
0801-0900	33	33	43	35	29	13	12	198
0901-1000	31	26	28	20	20	29	10	164
1001-1100	19	17	21	23	20	42	21	163
1101-1200	24	27	26	28	35	42	28	210
1201-1300	26	27	22	30	32	42	42	221
1301-1400	35	30	28	29	40	43	37	242
1401-1500	40	35	37	27	51	50	32	272
1501-1600	39	47	38	36	43	43	37	283
1601-1700	44	45	40	45	57	44	39	314
1701-1800	47	56	52	55	60	39	34	343
1801-1900	28	43	42	55	35	30	20	253
1901-2000	32	33	28	32	28	34	16	203
2001-2100	14	25	18	27	23	21	16	144
2101-2200	11	17	13	14	19	17	11	102
2201-2300	9	12	10	20	14	9	6	80
2301-2400	5	8	10	8	13	12	6	62
0001-0100	4	2	3	3	6	8	11	37
0101-0200	7	4	0	2	2	10	10	35
0201-0300	4	1	1	1	3	7	12	29
0301-0400	3	0	1	3	0	2	9	18
0401-0500	1	1	5	2	1	2	0	12
0501-0600	4	0	6	6	4	5	2	27
Total	488	525	504	539	571	563	416	3,606

A12: Careless driving KSI collisions by time of day for age group of driver 2012 – 2021

Time	< 17	17-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Unknown	Total
0601-0700	0	13	19	14	10	5	0	61
0701-0800	1	26	30	33	34	10	4	138
0801-0900	2	35	46	54	39	15	14	205
0901-1000	2	22	35	42	28	29	10	168
1001-1100	2	17	26	40	37	30	17	169
1101-1200	3	19	36	44	44	56	9	211
1201-1300	2	32	48	38	42	52	17	231
1301-1400	4	40	41	45	54	48	16	248
1401-1500	5	45	49	60	63	54	7	283
1501-1600	6	63	54	54	48	59	13	297
1601-1700	6	56	55	82	55	59	15	328
1701-1800	15	76	66	73	59	51	9	349
1801-1900	7	50	54	53	53	24	13	254
1901-2000	7	40	50	32	32	32	14	207
2001-2100	4	42	23	31	24	15	10	149
2101-2200	3	27	28	14	12	13	8	105
2201-2300	1	35	10	18	4	10	6	84
2301-2400	0	30	15	6	6	3	5	65
0001-0100	0	10	12	3	3	2	6	36
0101-0200	0	12	8	3	5	0	7	35
0201-0300	0	16	1	3	2	1	6	29
0301-0400	0	6	5	3	1	0	3	18
0401-0500	0	5	0	3	2	0	2	12
0501-0600	0	3	13	5	3	1	5	30
Total	70	720	724	753	660	569	216	3,712

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data Note that some collisions can have more than one person responsible

A13: Careless driving KSI collisions by month of year 2012 to 2021

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Jan	25	33	24	22	26	36	31	33	41	21	292
Feb	15	27	26	19	33	28	17	39	24	30	258
Mar	32	30	17	31	32	25	36	28	24	19	274
Apr	28	32	18	29	36	28	19	29	13	25	257
May	28	37	25	25	36	33	37	36	13	32	302
Jun	33	27	39	26	32	31	38	31	26	50	333
Jul	29	30	31	21	33	42	45	36	36	36	339
Aug	31	25	27	40	47	34	29	30	24	31	318
Sep	34	32	34	27	36	34	30	40	34	32	333
Oct	23	17	29	29	35	31	37	37	37	48	323
Nov	32	35	19	30	27	31	34	28	24	41	301
Dec	26	25	29	27	34	21	32	31	20	31	276
Total	336	350	318	326	407	374	385	398	316	396	3,606

A14: Careless driving casualties by severity of injury and road type 2012 to 2021

Severity of Injury	Urban	%	Rural	%	Motorway/ Dual C'way	%	Total
Killed	51	19%	187	68%	36	13%	274
Seriously Injured	1,628	40%	2,190	54%	240	6%	4,058
KSI Casualties	1,679	39%	2,377	55%	276	6%	4,332
Slightly Injured	35,036	59%	18,518	31%	5,500	9%	59,054
Total Casualties	36,715	58%	20,895	33%	5,776	9%	63,386

A15: Careless driving KSI collisions vs all collisions by road type 2012 to 2021

KSI Collisions	Urban	%	Rural	%	Motorway/ Dual C'way	%	Total
Careless Driving	1,538	43%	1,847	51%	221	6%	3,606
All	3,062	45%	3,345	49%	369	5%	6,776

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data

A16: Careless driving KSI casualties per 100,000 population by District Council 2012-2021

	KSI Collisions	2021 Mid-Year Population Estimate	Rate KSIs Collisions per 100,000 population
Antrim & Newtownabbey	271	145,852	18.6
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	433	219,127	19.8
Belfast	561	345,006	16.3
Causeway Coast & Glens	329	141,664	23.2
Derry City & Strabane	232	150,834	15.4
Fermanagh & Omagh	259	116,926	22.2
Lisburn & Castlereagh	323	149,272	21.6
Mid & East Antrim	273	139,127	19.6
Mid Ulster	290	150,598	19.3
Newry, Mourne & Down	387	182,345	21.2
Ards & North Down	248	163,827	15.1

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Traffic Collision Data & NISRA Mid-Year Population Estimates