



POLICE NEWS RELEASE

MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION 2024

Overall Traffic Situation for January to June 2024

As compared to the first half of 2023, the number of road traffic accidents in the first half of 2024 decreased, but the number of casualties and number of fatalities increased. During this period, the number of fatal speeding-related and fatal drink-driving accidents also increased. These increases continue the concerning trend which we have observed over the last three years. Vulnerable groups such as motorcyclists together with their pillion riders, and elderly pedestrians,¹ remain of concern as they continue to be involved in a disproportionate number of traffic accidents.

Decrease in total traffic accidents resulting in injuries and fatalities

2. The total number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or fatalities decreased by 1.6% to 3,487 in the first half of 2024, from 3,543 in the first half of 2023. However, in the same period, the total number of injured persons and fatalities increased by 2.4% to 4,702 in 2024, from 4,593 in 2023.

(a) The number of fatal accidents remained the same, at 71 accidents in the first half of 2023 and 2024. However, the number of fatalities increased slightly by 2.8% to 73 in the first half of 2024, from 71 in the first half of 2023.

(b) The number of accidents resulting in injuries decreased by 1.6% to 3,416 in the first half of 2024, from 3,472 in the first half of 2023. However, the number of

¹ Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 65 and above.

injured persons increased by 2.4% to 4,629 in the first half of 2024, from 4,522 in the first half of 2023.

Red-Light Running and Speeding-Related Situation

Decrease in red-light running violations and accidents and speeding-related accidents, but increase in speeding-related violations

Red-light running violations and accidents

3. The number of red-light running violations decreased by 0.8% to 16,396 in the first half of 2024, from 16,524 in the first half of 2023. The number of red-light running accidents also decreased, by 23.7% to 45, from 59 in the first half of 2023. Similarly, in the same period, the number of fatal red-light running accidents decreased to four, from seven in 2023. This may be an indication that more motorists are conforming to red-light signals.

Speeding-related violations and accidents

4. The number of speeding-related violations increased by 44.3% to 77,773 in the first half of 2024, from 53,906 in the first half of 2023, in part due to stepped up enforcement against speeding, including the activation of the speed enforcement function in selected red-light cameras since 1 April 2024. More than 5,200 speeding violations have been detected by these red-light cameras so far. The total number of speeding-related accidents decreased by 20.6% to 266, from 335 in the first half of 2023. However, in the same period, the number of fatal speeding-related accidents increased to 25, from 13 in 2023.

Drink-Driving Situation

Increase in drink-driving accidents

5. The number of drink-driving accidents increased by 9.1% to 96 in the first half of 2024, from 88 in the first half of 2023. In the same period, the number of fatal drink-driving accidents increased to nine, from eight in 2023. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving decreased by 4.8% to 812 in the first half of 2024, from 853 in the same period of 2023.

Accidents involving Elderly and Motorcyclists remain a Key Concern

6. Accidents involving vulnerable road users, such as elderly pedestrians and motorcyclists, remain a key concern as they continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death.

(a) Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians

The number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians decreased by 22.1% to 95 in the first half of 2024, from 122 in the first half of 2023.

The number of elderly pedestrian fatalities decreased by 60% to six in the first half of 2024, from 15 in the first half of 2023. In the same period, the number of elderly pedestrians who were injured in accidents decreased by 18.7% to 87 in 2024, from 107 in 2023.

Despite these decreases, elderly pedestrians still made up 42.9% of pedestrian fatalities in the first half of 2024. Approximately 41.4% of all elderly pedestrian accidents were due to jaywalking.

While the Traffic Police (TP) will continue its efforts to educate the elderly, we need family members and friends to reinforce the message to the elderly not to jaywalk, so that we can all help them to stay safe on our roads.

(b) Traffic accidents involving motorcyclists

The number of accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 3.3% to 1,902 in the first half of 2024, from 1,841 accidents in the first half of 2023.

The number of motorcyclist and pillion rider fatalities similarly increased, by 40.6% to 45 in the first half of 2024, from 32 in the first half of 2023. In the same period, the number of injured motorcyclists and pillion riders increased by 5.3% to 2,159 in 2024, from 2,050 in 2023.

Motorcyclists and pillion riders were involved in 54.5% of all traffic accidents and made up 61.6% of all traffic fatalities in the first half of 2024. The top three causes of accidents involving motorcyclists in the first half of 2024 are: (i) failing to keep a proper lookout, (ii) failing to have proper control, and (iii) changing lane without due care.

TP would like to remind all motorcyclists to don protective gear and ride safely on the roads. All road users should exercise graciousness, so that we can keep the roads safe for everyone.

Three-Pronged Approach on Enhancing Road Safety

7. TP has been closely monitoring the statistics of traffic accidents and has stepped up on its three-pronged approach to maintain safer roads through education, engagement and enforcement.

8. TP has intensified enforcement against errant road users, in particular those who speed or drink-drive. TP will continue to progressively and dynamically activate the speed enforcement function in red-light cameras and take firm action against motorists who speed. TP is also working on increasing the composition sums and demerit points for certain traffic offences to further strengthen deterrence against irresponsible driving behaviours. Egregious motorists may also have their licences suspended or revoked.

9. TP continuously educates and engages the public on good road safety habits, both online, and in-person through talks, exhibitions and carnivals. TP reached out to close to 80,000 attendees through these online and physical engagement efforts in the first half of 2024. In partnership with the Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC), TP organised the annual 'Singapore Road Safety Month' campaign in June 2024.

10. TP also continues its targeted outreach efforts, some of which are highlighted below:

(a) Elderly: On 1 and 2 June 2024, local artistes performed songs and skits to raise awareness of road safety among the elderly during the Singapore Road Safety Month carnival held at the Toa Payoh HDB Hub Mall Atrium. Over the two days, more than 9,000 members of the public and volunteers attended the carnival. The launch of the carnival cum mini-concert was also live-streamed online and reached a further 14,000 viewers. To date, TP has engaged more than 30,000 elderly through road safety themed roadshows, talks and exhibitions, and many more online. TP also worked closely with our elderly Road Safety Champions, to engage their peers and spread road safety tips.

(b) Motorcyclists: On 1 April 2024, TP and SRSC launched the "Reward the Sensible Motorists" campaign. Previously known as "Reward the Riders", TP expanded the campaign category and duration this year to include drivers. Motorists who ride or drive safely and responsibly, such as signalling before changing lanes and giving way to other motorists and pedestrians, may be rewarded if spotted by TP officers. This campaign will run for six months, from 1 April to 30 September 2024. Following this, TP will launch the 'Singapore Ride Safe Campaign' in October 2024 to encourage motorcyclists to adopt safe riding habits and don protective riding gear.

(c) Children: On 8 November 2024, TP will be collaborating with the SRSC to launch the Singapore Traffic Games 2024 at the Road Safety Community Park to encourage and inculcate the right road safety values in young students.

Launch of New Road Safety Video Campaign

11. This year, TP launched a new road safety video campaign, targeting road users such as pedestrians and motorcyclists. The campaign emphasises the dangers of irresponsible driving behaviours such as drink-driving and speeding. The first video, launched on 1 June 2024 and targeted at the elderly, highlighted the dangers of jaywalking. Since its launch, the video has garnered more than 8 million impressions and reached over 650,000 users on TP's 'Use Your Road Sense' Facebook page. On SPF's YouTube channel, the video attracted more than 500,000 impressions and reached over 200,000 users. These videos will also be broadcast during the evening primetime slots on free-to-air TV channels, as well as at outdoor media platforms such as bus stops and HDB lift lobbies. Earlier today, TP launched the second video titled "Get Home Safe", on road safety for all road users (see **Annex B**). The remaining videos will be released progressively later this year.

12. TP will continue to engage the public and leverage different online platforms to impart road safety habits to a wider audience. While TP continues to tailor our public education efforts based on the interests and behaviours of vulnerable road users, TP's efforts alone will not suffice. Road safety is a shared responsibility, and all road users have a part to play to help keep our roads safe. By working together, we can make our roads safer for everyone in Singapore.

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Comparisons of data for the first half of 2022, 2023 and 2024**A. Traffic accidents resulting in fatalities and injuries**

Overall	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	44	71	71
No. of Injury Accidents	3,125	3,472	3,416
Total	3,169	3,543	3,487

B. Number of casualties (fatalities or persons injured) in accidents

Overall	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatalities	45	71	73
No. of Injured Persons	3,841	4,522	4,629
Total	3,886	4,593	4,702

C. Red-light running violations

Red-Light Running	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Violations Detected	23,645	16,524	16,396

D. Red-light running accidents

Red-Light Running	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	1	7	4
No. of Injury Accidents	61	52	41
Total	62	59	45

E. Speeding violations

Speeding-Related	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Violations Detected	69,936	53,906	77,773

F. Speeding-related accidents

Speeding-Related	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	6	13	25
No. of Injury Accidents	499	322	241
Total	505	335	266

G. Drink-driving arrests

Drink-Driving	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Persons Arrested for Drink-Driving	790	853	812

H. Drink-driving accidents

Drink-Driving	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	3	8	9
No. of Injury Accidents	67	80	87
Total	70	88	96

I. Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians

Elderly Pedestrians	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	6	15	6
No. of Injury Accidents	77	107	89
Total	83	122	95

J. Traffic accidents involving motorcyclists

Motorcyclists & Pillion Riders	1H2022	1H2023	1H2024
No. of Fatal Accidents	25	34	45
No. of Injury Accidents	1,726	1,807	1,857
Total	1,751	1,841	1,902



<https://go.gov.sg/roadsafetyvideo-gethomeSAFE>

QR code to the “Get Home Safe” video of the Road Safety video campaign



Road safety poster accompanying the “Get Home Safe” video.