

The number of Irish road deaths fell to 186 in 2011, the lowest level on record, down 26 from 2010. The Government's road safety target of achieving no more than 252 deaths per annum by the end of 2012 was achieved three years ahead of schedule. There has been 168 road deaths a year to date (i.e. 12-month period measured backward from November 2012).

The 186 who died consisted of 47 pedestrians, 9 cyclists, 65 car drivers, 30 car passengers, 17 goods vehicle and 18 bikers.

Other figures show:

- 30% of deaths were aged under 24
- Friday was the most dangerous day of the week with 35 deaths
- 70% of road deaths were male
- The hours between 3pm and 5pm were the most dangerous, with 39 deaths (21%)
- The average monthly fatality rate was 16 in 2011 compared to 18 in 2010 and 20 in 2009
- The safest month of the year was April when 8 deaths occurred. This is also the safety month on record

2011 road death and injury statistics

County	Road Deaths*	Injuries
Carlow	3	104
Cavan	5	179
Clare	2	169
Cork	27	764
Donegal	6	310
Dublin	11	1550
Galway	13	438
Kerry	7	244
Kildare	15	270
Kilkenny	6	126
Laois	1	107
Leitrim	1	86
Limerick	15	421
Longford	2	66
Louth	6	240
Mayo	12	203
Meath	4	267
Monaghan	6	125
Offaly	4	102
Roscommon	5	142
Sligo	3	129
Tipperary	11	131
Waterford	7	184

Westmeath	6	135
Wexford	5	228
Wicklow	3	252

Note*:

These are preliminary figures for 2011