

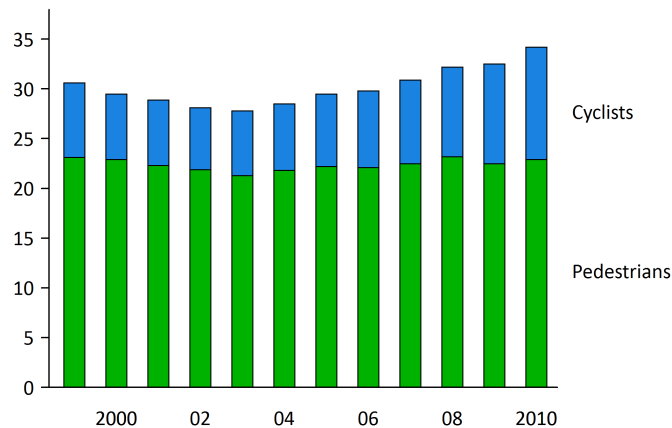
An Increasing Proportion of Reported Road Casualties are Pedestrians or Cyclists

This report presents an analysis of the published data on killed and seriously injured (KSI) road casualties in Great Britain. The data comes from the breakdowns of reported road casualties from 1999 to 2010 that the Department for Transport has published on its website. The published figures for walking and cycling are underestimates, in part because pedestrian and cyclist injuries are not recorded if no motor vehicle was involved e.g. if due to falls on ice.

Main findings:

- In 2010, the total proportion of pedestrian and cyclist KSI casualties was over a third (34%) of the total reported KSI casualties.
- This proportion has risen steadily from 28% in 2003 (see chart below).
- There are wide variations between police areas. In two areas (Greater Manchester and West Midlands), the proportion in 2010 was over 50% (see chart on page 2).
- For children (0 - 15 years), the total proportion of pedestrian and cyclist KSI casualties has risen steadily from 73% in 2003 to 82% in 2010.
- The main reasons for the rise in the total proportion of pedestrian and cyclist casualties are (a) the increase in the total distance cycled - DfT figures indicate that the risks to cyclists per km have not appreciably changed over the period, and (b) the fall in reported casualties among other types of road users.

Pedestrian and Cyclist KSI Casualties as Percentage of Total



Comment

This analysis supports calls for a greater priority to be given to tackling the risks of walking and cycling on Britain's roads.

More details of the analysis are available at www.walkandcyclemerseyside.org.uk

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2010 Pedestrian and Cyclist KSI Casualties as Percentage of Total KSI, by Police Force

