

Road traffic collisions, 1998

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Road traffic collisions in South Africa increased by an average of 2,1% per annum between 1990 and 1998 (from 433 287 in 1990 to 511 605 in 1998). This is one of the findings contained in Statistics South Africa's Report No. 71-61-01(1998) on road traffic collisions, which has just been released.

According to this report, which is based on information provided by the South African Police Services and the traffic departments of local authorities, the largest number of road traffic collisions in 1998 occurred in Gauteng (205 652), followed by Western Cape, (94 021),and then KwaZulu-Natal (80 525).

Male drivers accounted for 80,6% (698 695) of collisions in South Africa in 1998 as against 19,4% (167 841) accidents involving female drivers. Motor car drivers accounted for 62,5% of the total number of drivers involved in collisions, followed by drivers of light delivery vehicles, bakkies or panel vans(16,3%), and drivers of minibus/combi-type vehicles (8,0%).

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