

## Pedestrian Injuries for Santa Cruz County, 2000-2008

The pedestrian injury and fatality rate per 100,000 population in Santa Cruz County decreased from 41 in 2007 to 32 in 2008. The county rate averaged 36 compared an average of 39 at the state level from 2000 to 2008. The majority of injuries occur in the urban areas of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety rankings for 2008, the city of Watsonville had the 5<sup>th</sup> highest rate of pedestrian injuries/fatalities and Santa Cruz had the 14<sup>th</sup> highest, compared to 103 other cities in California with a similar population size.

### Santa Cruz County Pedestrian Injury and Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Estimated Co. Population	255,602	259,800	258,900	258,900	260,200	261,345	249,705	251,747	253,137
<b>Fatality Rate per 100,000</b>	0.8	0.8	2	3	0.8	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.2
<b>Injury Rate per 100,000</b>	39	38	32	38	33	33	39	41	32

### State Pedestrian Injury and Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Estimated CA Population	34.4 million	34.8 million	34.4 million	35.3 million	35.9 million	36.1 million	36.4 million	35.5 million	36.7 million
<b>Fatality Rate per 100,000</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2.1	2	1.9	1.7
<b>Injury Rate per 100,000</b>	42	42	42	40	39	38	37	38	36

Healthy People 2010 states that the target for nonfatal pedestrian injuries on public roads is 19 per 100,000 population. The target for pedestrian deaths is 1.0 death per 100,000 population. Santa Cruz County, along with the state, continues to exceed the target for fatalities, and clearly has much work to do to meet the 2010 objective in nonfatal pedestrian injuries.

### Pedestrians Injured and Killed 2000 - 2008, SWITRS

Injured	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Capitola	5	4	6	2	8	4	5	3	2
Santa Cruz	33	31	24	27	33	29	29	36	30
Scotts Valley	2	1	1	0	2	2	5	3	1
Watsonville	31	33	29	31	26	37	27	36	29
Unincorporated county	29	29	22	38	16	16	31	24	19
<b>S.C. County Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>81</b>

<b>Killed</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Capitola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0
Scotts Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watsonville	0	1	2	4	2	0	0	1	1
Unincorporated county	2	0	1	2	0	4	2	2	2
<b>S.C. County Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

In 2008, pedestrians aged 45 to 64 years accounted for 31% of all pedestrian-involved collisions in Santa Cruz County and those aged 15 to 34 years accounted for 39%. Injuries in all age categories declined from 2007 to 2008, except ages 25 to 34 years and ages 55 years and over.

<b>Age Breakdown</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
0 - 4	6	9	1	3	5	0	6	4	2
5 - 14	27	19	16	13	12	18	13	19	13
15 - 24	20	18	25	25	27	29	30	27	15
25 - 34	12	9	7	19	12	11	9	9	18
35 - 44	9	9	9	18	9	11	12	11	3
45 - 54	9	15	16	11	11	10	12	21	16
55 - 64	7	7	7	5	5	6	11	8	10
65 and over	11	5	6	7	4	5	7	7	7
age unknown	1	7	1	4	2	3	0	0	0
<b>S.C. County Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>84</b>

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