

(c) *The Age and Sex of Persons killed or injured.*

The age and sex of the victims of the 4,383 motor accidents are shown in Tables I and J hereunder.

TABLE I.—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, ACCORDING TO AGE AND SEX.

Age-group.	Number of Persons killed or injured.								
	Killed.			Injured.			Total.		
	Male.	Female.	All Persons.	Male.	Female.	All Persons.	Male.	Female.	All Persons.
0- 4 years	6	4	10	78	49	127	84	53	137
5- 9 years	6	5	11	131	95	226	137	100	237
10-14 years	4	4	8	211	120	331	215	124	339
15-19 years	22	5	27	577	242	819	599	247	846
20-24 years	33	5	38	723	252	975	756	257	1,013
25-34 years	31	4	35	819	271	1,090	850	275	1,125
35-44 years	19	5	24	442	209	651	461	214	675
45-54 years	15	5	20	394	233	627	409	238	647
55-64 years	32	5	37	311	151	462	343	156	499
65 years and over ..	23	12	35	207	96	303	230	108	338
Age not reported ..	1	..	1	16	8	24	17	8	25
Total	192	54	246	3,909	1,726	5,635	4,101	1,780	5,881

TABLE J.—RELATING THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES TO POPULATION IN THE VARIOUS AGE-GROUPS.

Age-group.				Population (1936 Census).	Number of Persons killed during Year.	Number of Persons killed or injured.	Ratio between Number killed and Number of all Victims.	Number of Persons killed per 100,000 Population.	Number of all Road Casualties per 100,000 Population.
							Per Cent.	Per Cent.	
0- 4 years	..	..	..	130,762	10	137	7·3	7·7	105
5- 9 years	..	..	..	140,994	11	237	4·6	7·8	168
10-14 years	..	..	..	145,647	8	339	2·4	5·5	233
15-19 years	..	..	..	140,221	27	846	3·2	19·2	603
20-24 years	..	..	..	141,340	38	1,013	3·7	26·9	717
25-34 years	..	..	..	245,146	35	1,125	3·1	14·3	459
35-44 years	..	..	..	200,180	24	675	3·6	12·0	337
45-54 years	..	..	..	187,295	20	647	3·1	10·7	345
55-64 years	..	..	..	139,631	37	499	7·4	26·5	357
65 years and over ..	..	..	..	100,774	35	338	10·3	34·7	335
Unspecified	..	..	..	1,820	1	25	4·0	..	..
Total	..	..	..	1,573,810	246	5,881	4·2	15·6	374

Table J relates the numbers of casualties in each age-group to the population in those groups. It is seen that in the case of the very young and also the two oldest age-groups the severity of accident is greater than for the other ages. While over all age-groups there was one person killed for every 24 injured, there was one child under five years killed for every 13 injured. Again, in the age-group fifty-five to sixty-four years one person was killed for 13 others injured, while of those persons sixty-five years or over every tenth casualty resulted in a fatality.

When considering deaths on a population basis the older age-groups suffer heavily. The average death-rate for all ages is 15·6 per 100,000, but the group of persons who have reached sixty-five years or more has a road-death rate of nearly 35 per 100,000 population and the fifty-five to sixty-four years group has a death-rate of 26·5 per 100,000. Of the other age-groups the persons from twenty to twenty-four years have the highest death-rate—nearly twenty-seven per 100,000. Children have the lowest rate, the group from ten to fourteen years recording only 5·5 deaths per 100,000.

When all accidents are taken into consideration it is found that the twenty to twenty-four years age-group has the worst record—viz., 717 casualties per 100,000 population. The fifteen to nineteen