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Strategic Road Safety Project

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TTPS Road Traffic Safety Summary Review 2019

Overall Analysis

According to the data from the Traffic & Highway Patrol Branch Roadway Surveillance Unit (RSU), in the year 2019 Trinidad & Tobago continued to experience a sustained reduction in fatal road traffic accidents recording **102 fatal road traffic accidents** in 2019 compared to **110 in 2018**. The figure represented a **7% reduction** in fatal road traffic accidents. Unfortunately, there was an increase in the number of road deaths from **118 in 2018 to 121 in 2019** representing a **3% increase** in lives lost.

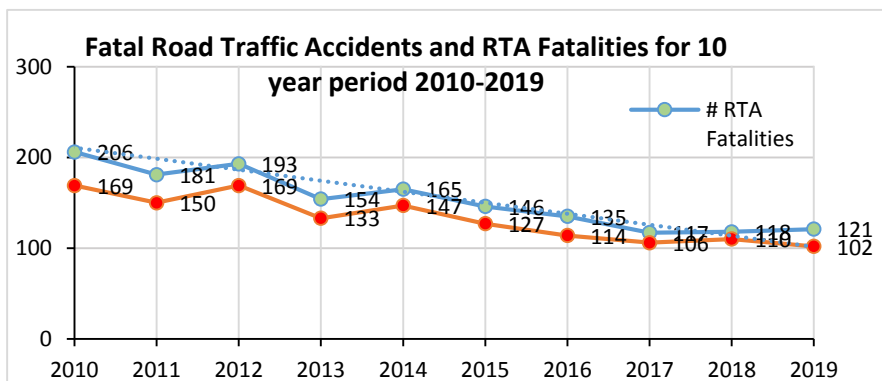


Figure 1 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents and Fatalities for 10 year period 2010-2019. Source Tr. Branch RSU

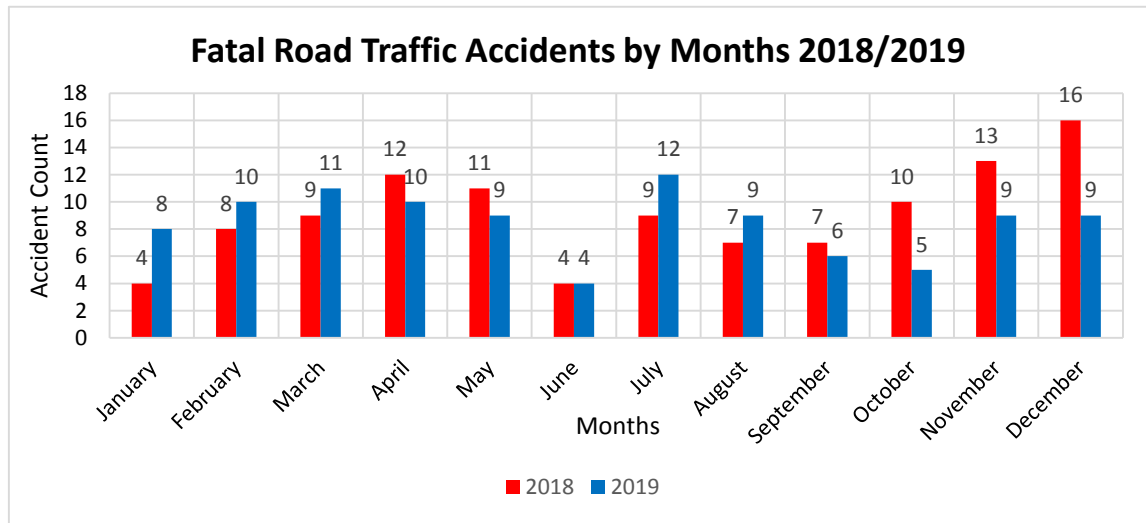


Figure 2 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Months 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- In 2019, notable decreases in fatal road traffic accidents were recorded in three months. With the most significant **decrease of 50% being recorded in October**, a decrease of 44% in December and a 31% decrease in November. **December's accident figure represented the lowest seen for the decade.**

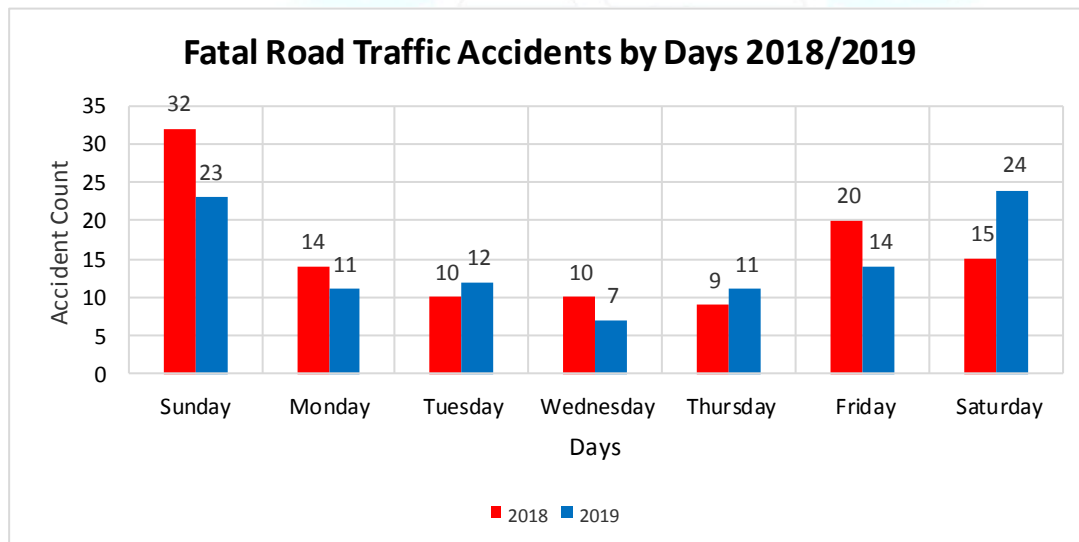


Figure 3 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Days 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- In 2019, most fatal road traffic accidents occurred on **Saturday with a 60% increase** compared to 2018, whilst significant decreases were seen on Friday and Sunday recording a decrease of 30% and 28% respectively.

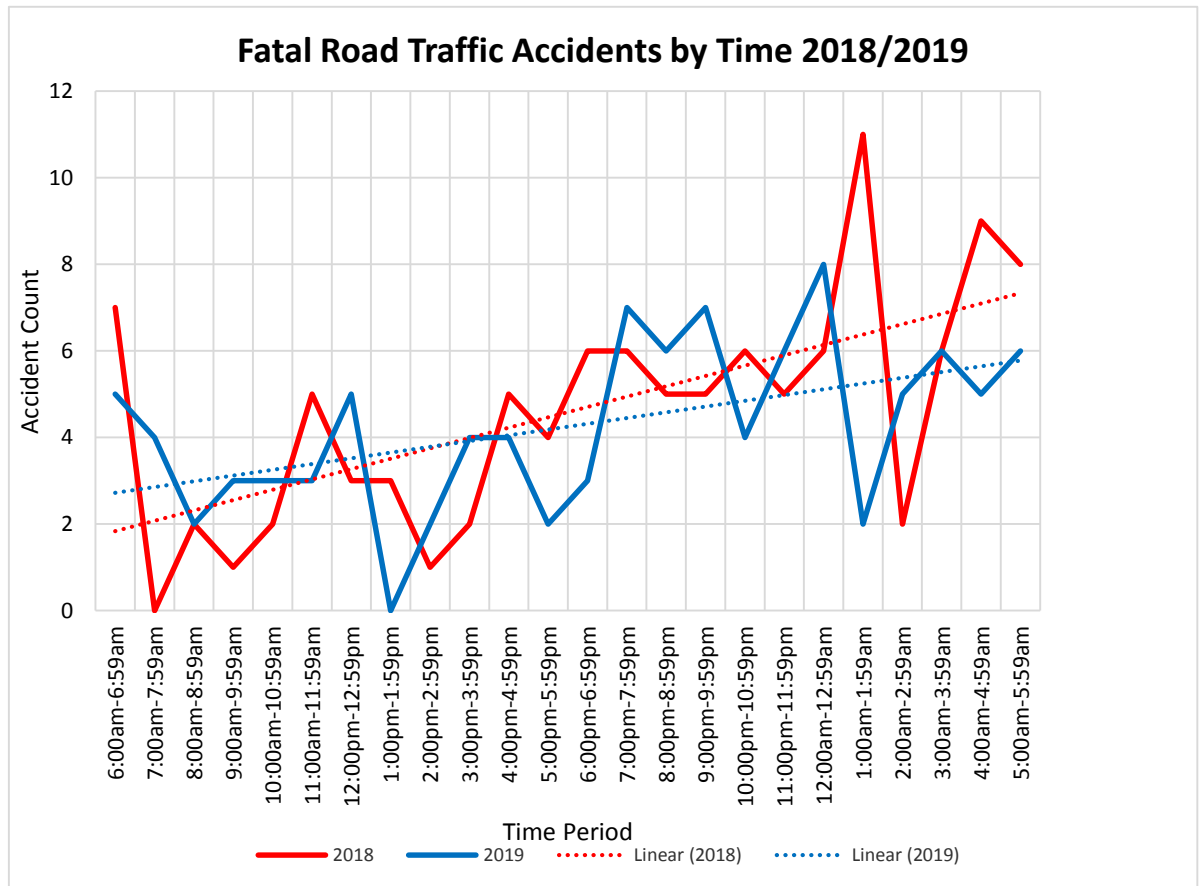


Figure 4 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Time 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- A similar trend emerged in 2019 when compared to 2018, with its linear pattern mirroring that of 2018 showing an increase in fatal accidents between 6pm to 6am. However, there was an overall 13% decrease in fatal road traffic accidents over the corresponding period.
- Conversely, the disparity in this linear trend can be seen between 6am and 6pm whereby a larger number fatal road traffic accidents occurred in 2019 representing a 6% increase.



Fatal Road Traffic Accidents and Deaths in TTPS Divisions

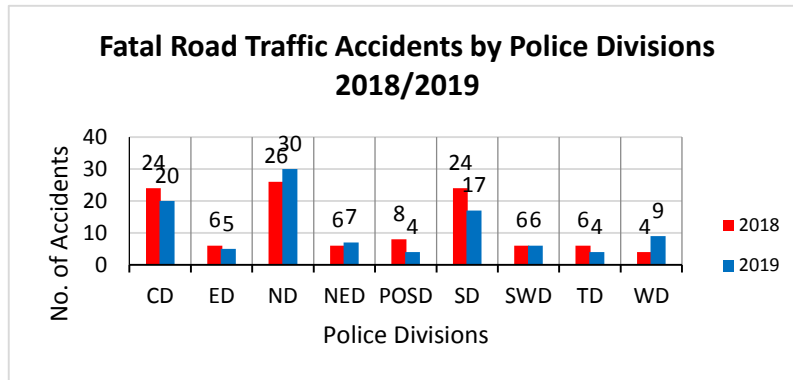


Figure 5. Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Police Divisions 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- In 2019, the most fatal road traffic accidents were again recorded in the **Northern Division** with **30 accidents**, this represented a 15% increase over 2018. A significant increase was also seen in Western Division recording 9 accidents representing a **125%** increase.
- Conversely, significant reductions in road accidents were recorded in three of the nine policing divisions including Port of Spain (50%), Tobago (33%), and Southern (29%) Divisions. Noteworthy, **Eastern Division has shown three consecutive years of decline** in fatal road traffic accidents.

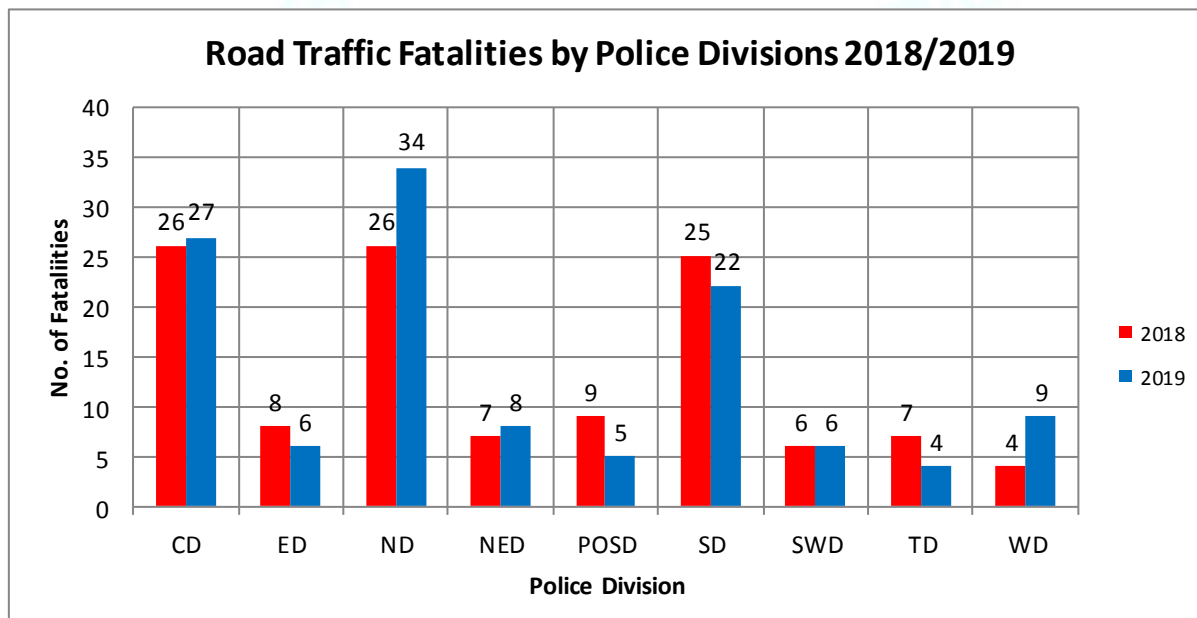


Figure 6. Road Traffic Deaths in Police Divisions 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU



- In 2019, significant reductions in road traffic deaths were recorded in three of the nine policing divisions including Port of Spain (44%), Tobago (43%) and Eastern (25%) Divisions. Noteworthy, **Eastern Division has shown three years of consecutive decline** in road traffic deaths.
- In 2019, significant increases were seen in the Western and Northern Divisions, with Western recording an increase of **125%** with 9 road traffic deaths in 2019 compared to 4 in 2018. Northern recorded an increase of 31% with 34 road traffic deaths in 2019 compared to 26 in 2018. **Central Division has recorded an increase in deaths for the third consecutive year.**

Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Road Type

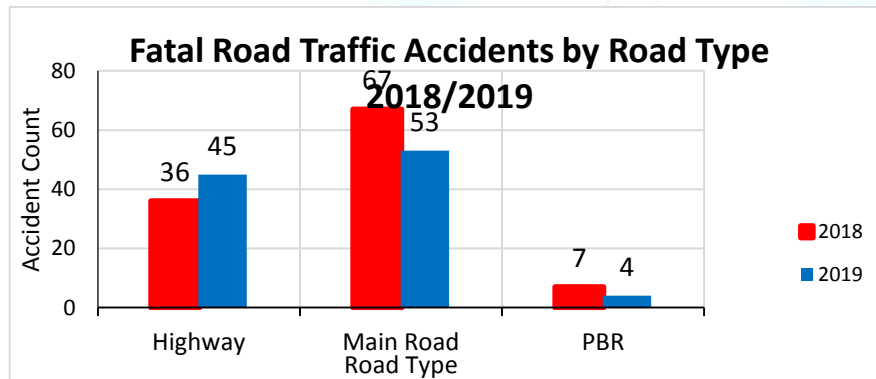


Figure 7. Road Traffic Deaths in Police Divisions 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- In 2019, Highways experienced a 25% increase in fatal road traffic accidents whilst Main Roads and Priority Bus Route experienced a decrease of 21% and 43% respectively. This represented the **lowest Main Road and Priority Bus Route fatal road traffic accident figures for the past decade.**



Fatal Road Traffic Accidents and Deaths on Highways

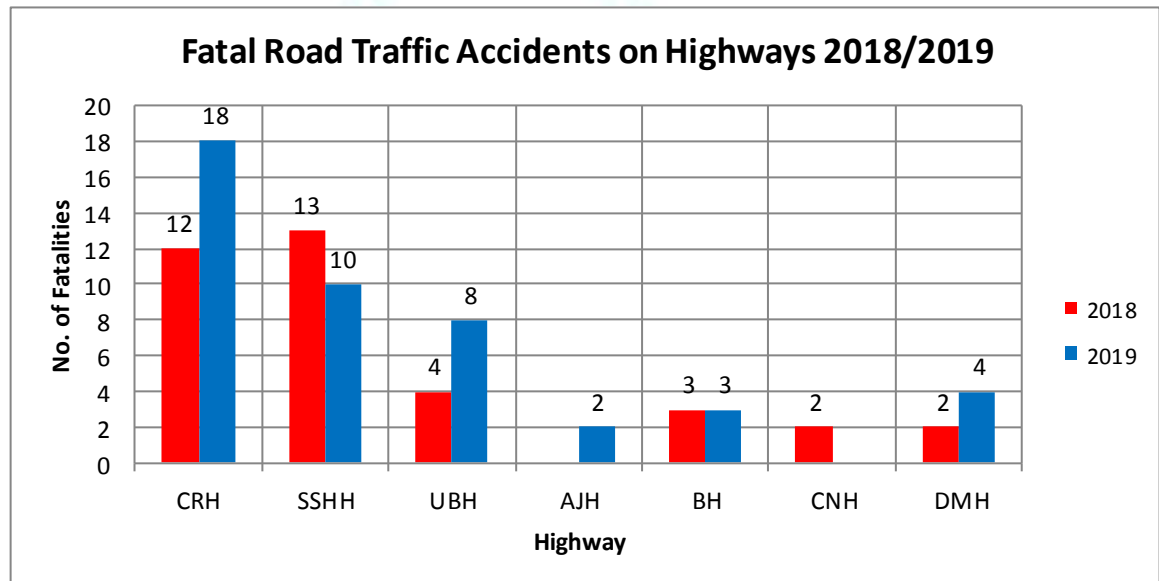


Figure 8. Road Traffic Fatalities on Highways 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- Notable increases in fatal road traffic accidents were observed along two major highways in 2019. These were the **Churchill Roosevelt Highway (CRH)** and **Uriah Butler Highway (UBH)** experiencing upsurges of 50% in both instances.
- Decreases were seen along two highways; Claude Noel Highway (CNH) with a fall by 100% and Sir Solomon Hochoy Highway (SSHH) with a 23% decrease.

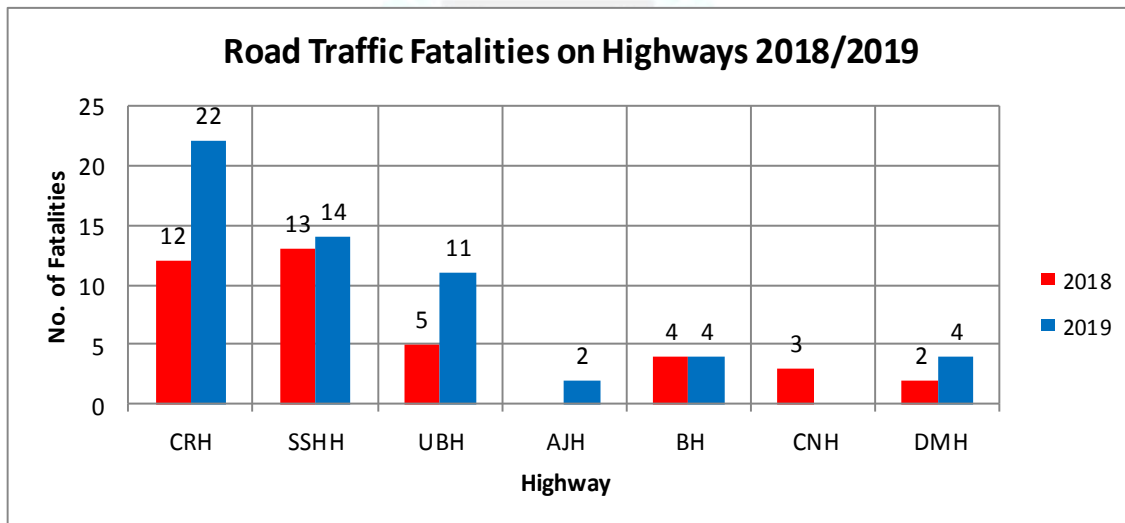


Figure 9. Road Traffic Fatalities on Highways 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- **Only the Claude Noel Highway (CNH) saw a reduction** in the number of road traffic deaths in 2019, doing so **by 100%**.
- Notably there was a **120% and 83% increase** in the number of lives lost on the Uriah Butler Highway (UBH) and Churchill Roosevelt Highway (CRH) respectively in 2019.

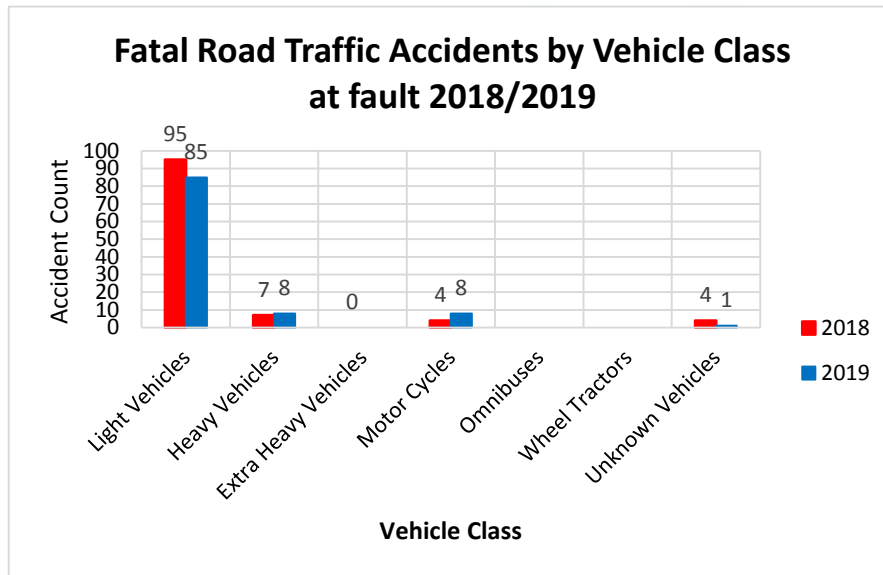


Figure 13 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Vehicle Class at Fault 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- There was a 11% decrease in the number of Light Vehicles found at fault in fatal road traffic accidents but there was a **100%** increase in Motor Cycles with a total of 8 accidents recorded in 2019 compared to 4 in 2018.



Category of Road User Deaths

- **Drivers formed the largest category of road user deaths in 2019** accounting for 35% of road deaths.

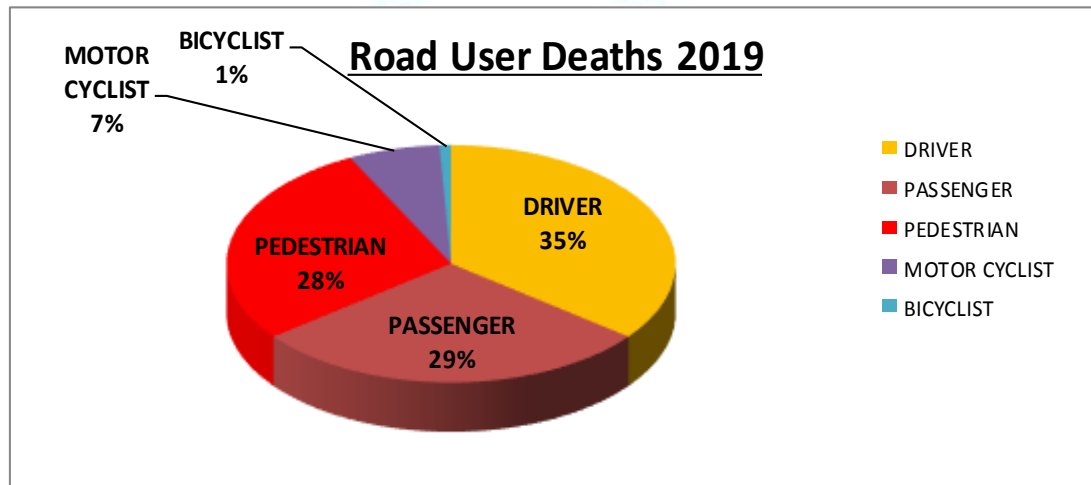


Figure 14 Road User Deaths 2019. Source: Tr. Branch Roadway Surveillance Unit (RSU)

- **However, 2019 saw a 9% decrease in driver deaths** with 43 drivers being killed on the roadways compared to 47 in 2018.
- **Passenger fatalities saw a 106% increase** with 35 recorded deaths in 2019 compared to 17 in 2018. **20% of these involved the passenger being ejected from the vehicle.**

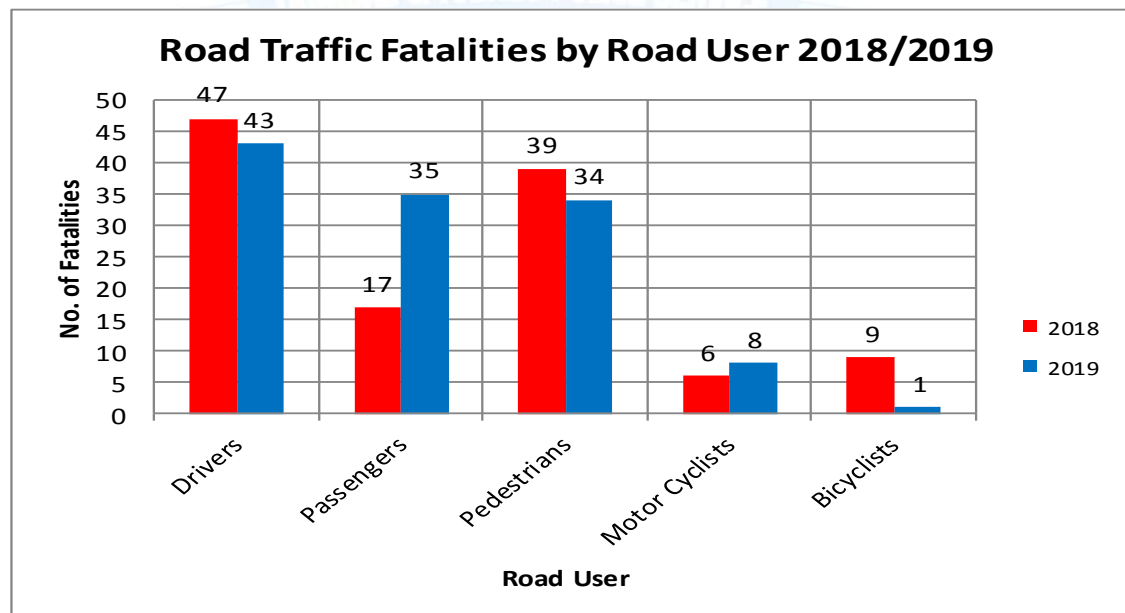


Figure 15. Road User Deaths 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch Roadway Surveillance Unit (RSU)



- Also of significance was the large **decrease in bicyclist deaths in 2019** which saw an 89% decrease with 1 bicyclist being killed in collisions in 2019 as compared to 9 in 2018.

Age of Road Traffic Victims

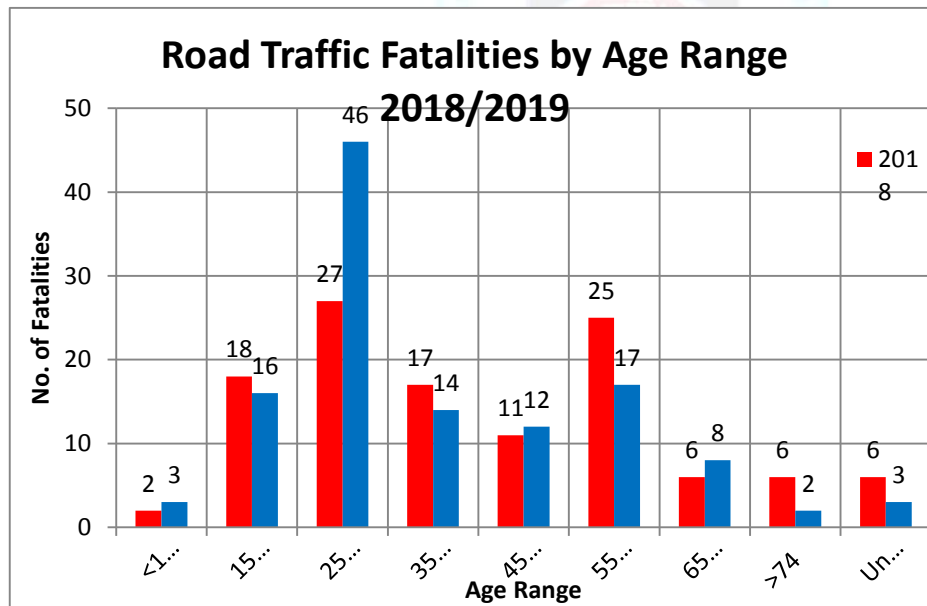


Figure 16. Road Traffic Fatalities by Age Range 2018/2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- Generally, there was a decrease across the age ranges
- However, there was a **significant increase in the number of persons aged 25-34** being killed in collisions, recording 46 fatalities in 2019 compared to 27 in 2018, representing a **70%** increase.

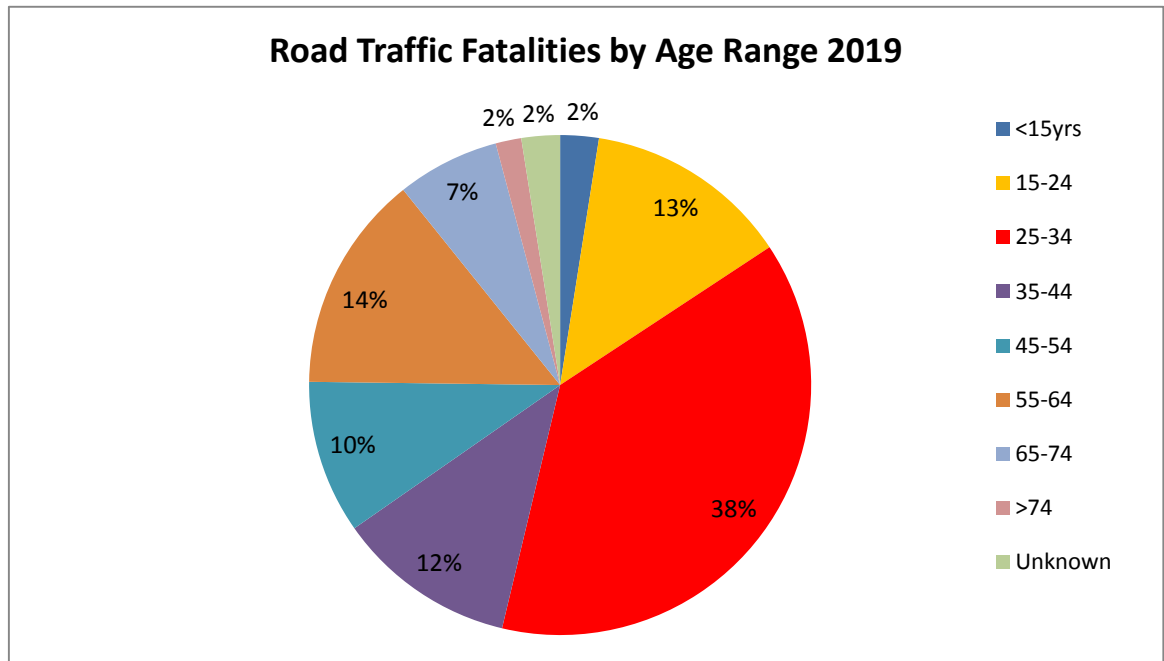
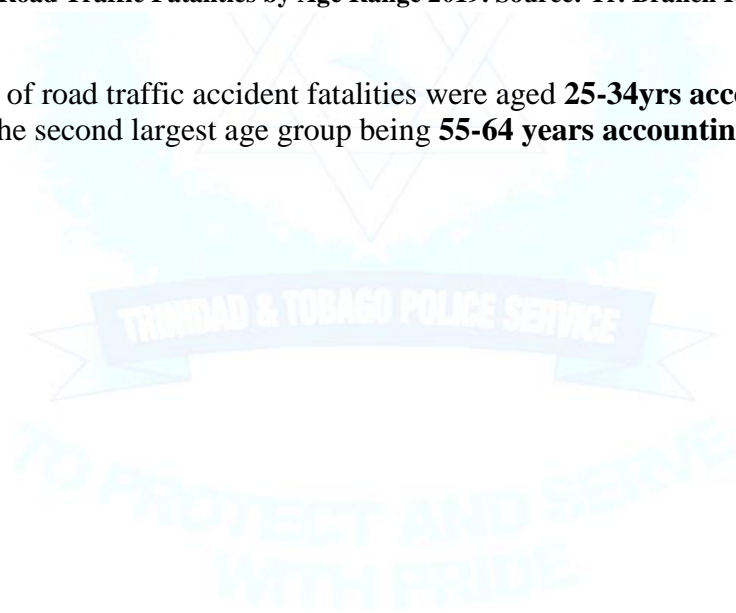


Figure 17. Road Traffic Fatalities by Age Range 2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- The majority of road traffic accident fatalities were aged **25-34yrs** accounting for **38%** of deaths with the second largest age group being **55-64 years** accounting for **14%**.





Sex of Road Traffic Victims

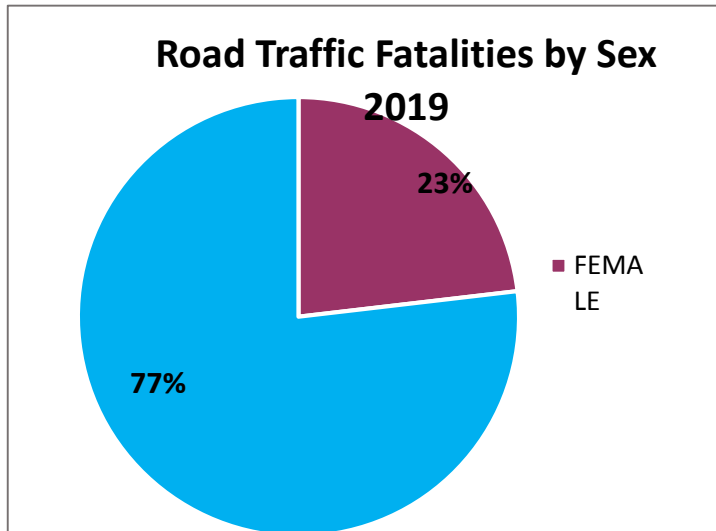


Figure 18. Road Traffic Fatalities by Gender 2019. Source: Tr. Branch RSU

- **Males** continue to account for the vast majority of road traffic deaths in Trinidad & Tobago **accounting for 77%** of total road fatalities in the country.

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