

4,560 injury accidents were recorded by the police in May 2026, this result is down by -1% compared with May 2025.

It is estimated that **303 people died on the roads of mainland France in May 2026**, compared with 284 in May 2025, an increase of 19 fatalities. The number of fatalities increase for cyclists (+12 killed), pedestrians (+7 killed) and car users (+5 killed) ; it decrease for powered two-wheelers users (-9 killed). Mortality increase for those aged aged 25-64 (+ 16 fatalities), for those aged aged 18-24 (+6 fatalities) and for those under 18 (+2 fatalities). It decrease for people aged 65 or over (-7 fatalities). The number of fatalities increase on motorway (+17 fatalities) and in rural roads (+2 fatalities) and is stable in urban areas.

1 585 people were seriously injured in May 2026, this result is up by +8% compared to May 2025 (according to the estimation method developed by ONISR on the basis of work by Gustave Eiffel University). The number of seriously injured increase for car users (+8%) and for PMDs motorized users (+2%). It's down for powered two-wheelers users (-4%), pedestrians (-3%) and bicycle (-2%).



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Labelled series for fatalities (definitives until 2025), ONISR-UGE estimations for seriously injured, 2026 estimate based on data as of 2026/06/08

Summary table of the month of May 2026 compared to the same period last year

	May*		Last 3 months**		Last 12 months***	
	Number	Variation	Number	Variation	Number	Variation
Fatalities	303	+7%	834	+9%	3 361	+7%
Seriously injured	1 585	+0%	4 461	+4%	17 113	+5%

* May 2026 compared with May 2025

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The trend over **the last 3 months (March-April-May)** is up compared with the same months a year ago, the number of people killed is up by +9% and the number of seriously injured is up by +4%.

Information on injury accidents is recorded by law enforcement agencies, which are not systematically informed when the accident is not fatal. Therefore, the estimate of seriously injured people (according to the M.AIS3+ medical definition) is based on the findings of the police forces corrected by the ONISR-Université Gustave Eiffel model (Rhône Register).

Evolution of the number of users fatalities cumulated on a rolling 12 months

Overall, fatalities over the last 12 months have increased by +7% compared to the previous 12 months, and is up by +4% compared to 2019, year taken as a reference for the 2020-2030 decade.

Since the pandemic, **car users** still account for nearly half of all road deaths. Their fatalities over the last 12 months is estimated at 1,593 fatalities, up by +6% on the previous 12 months and down by -2% compared to 2019.

Fatalities among **powered two-wheeler** users, with 703 people were killed in the last 12 months, shows a stable result compared with the previous 12 months, and a 6% decrease compared with 2019.

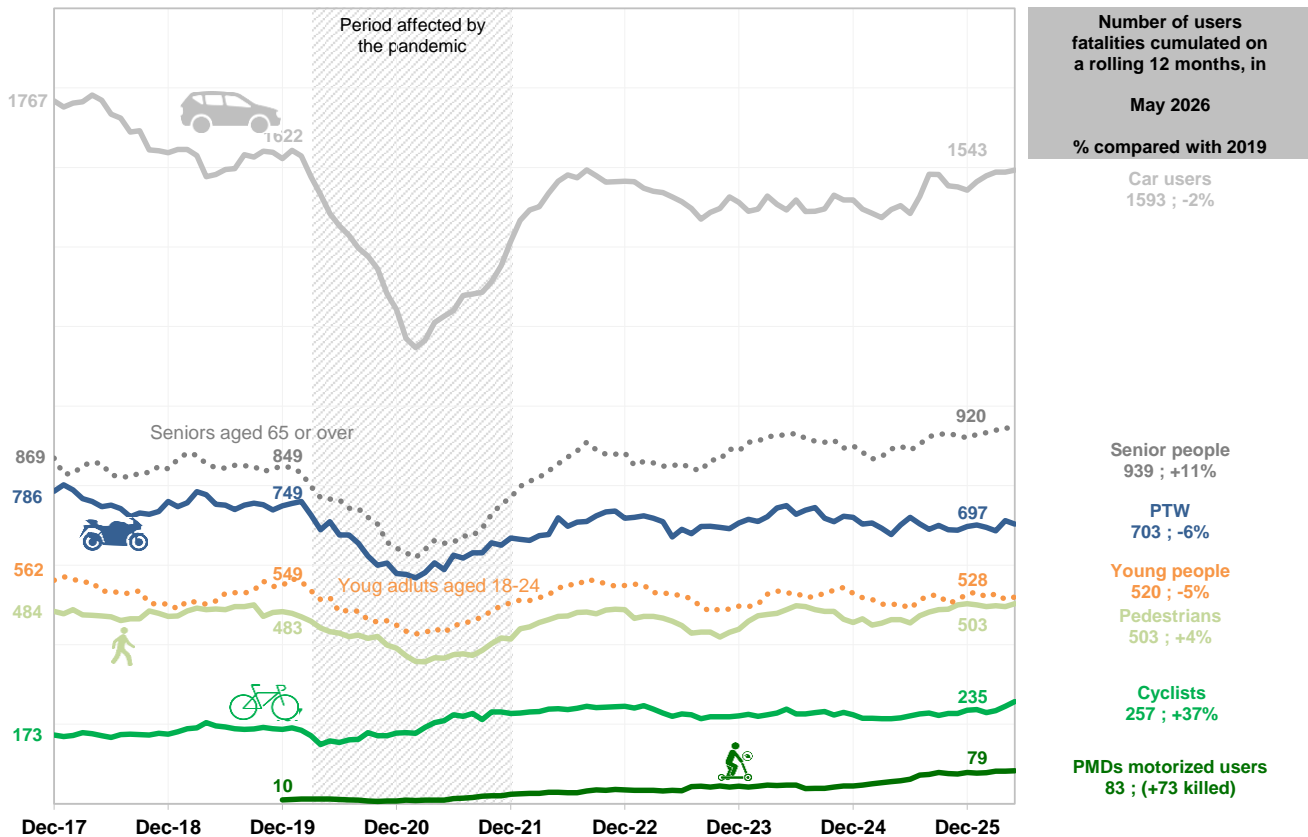
Pedestrian fatalities, with 503 pedestrians killed in the last 12 months, is up by +9% on the previous 12 months, and up by +4% compared to 2019.

Cycling fatalities over the last 12 months, with 257 cyclists were killed, is up by +19% compared to the previous 12 months. However, this result is up in +37% compared to 2019. The French are showing an interest in using individual modes of transport for short journeys in towns and cities, but they also use bicycles for leisure activities in rural areas.

Fatalities among **PMDs motorized** users is up by +43% over the last 12 months : 83 people were killed in the last year.

Fatalities among **young adults aged 18-24**, with 520 young people were killed, is up by +4% compared to the previous 12 months, and down by -5% compared with 2019.

Fatalities among people **aged 65 or over** stands at 939 people killed in the last 12 months, is up by +4% compared with the previous 12 months and up by +11 % compared to 2019.



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Evolution of the number of users seriously injured cumulated on a rolling 12 months

Overall, the number of seriously injured over the last 12 months is up by +5% compared with the previous 12 months, and is up by +4% compared to 2019, year taken as a reference for the 2020-2030 decade.

Powered two-wheeler represent for a third of seriously injured; over the last 12 months, they are estimated at 5,200 seriously injured. This result is up by +2% compared with the previous 12 months and down by -9% compared to 2019.

Car users account for just under a third of seriously injured; over the last 12 months, they are estimated at 5,200 seriously injured, is up by +6% compared to the previous 12 months and stable compared to 2019.

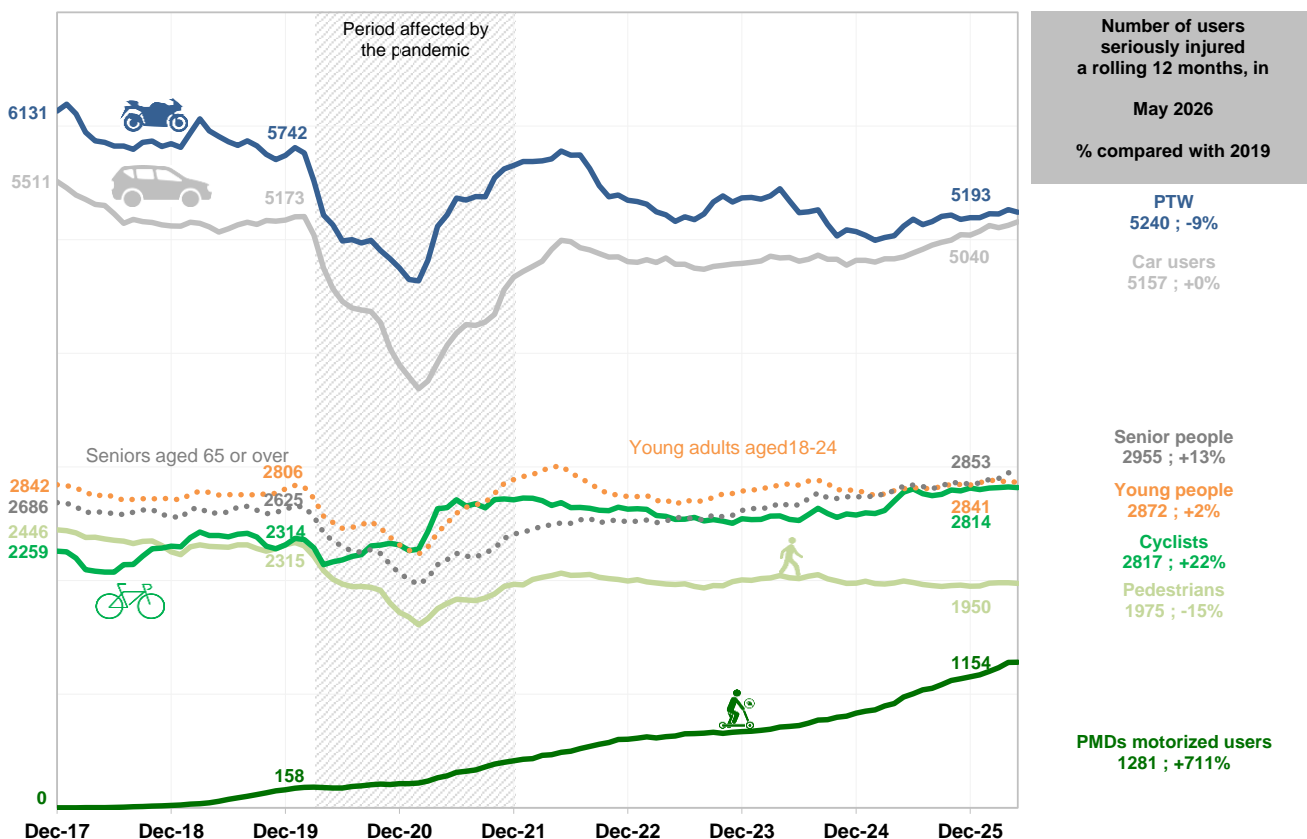
The number of **cyclists** seriously injured over the last 12 months is on the rise: 2,800 cyclists are thought to have been seriously injured over the last 12 months, is up by +1% compared the previous 12 months, and up by +22% compared to 2019. Indeed, the French are showing an interest in using individual modes of transport for short journeys in towns and cities, but they also use bicycles for leisure activities in rural areas.

The number of seriously injured **pedestrians**, with an estimated 2,000 pedestrians have been seriously injured over the past 12 months, is down by -1% compared to the previous 12 months and down by -15% compared to 2019.

The number of seriously injured **PMDs motorized** , with over 1,300 seriously injured in the last 12 months, is up by +32% compared to the previous 12 months.

The number of seriously injured among **young adults aged 18-24**, an age group at high risk of severe road crashes, is estimated in the last 12 months to 2,900 seriously injured, is up by +2% compared with the previous 12 months and is up by +2% compared to 2019.

The number of seriously injured people among people **aged 65 or over** is estimated at 3,000 seriously injured over the last 12 months, is up by +4% compared with the previous 12 months and is up by +13% compared to 2019.



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Serious victims in 2026 by mode of travel and road network

Over the last 3 months

Overall, the trend is **up** for road fatalities on motorways (+35%), on rural roads (+10%) and in urban area (+1%). The trend is **up** for seriously injured on motorways (+17%), in rural road (+4%) and in urban area (+2%).

In urban areas, the trend is **down** for cyclists, powered two-wheeler users killed and pedestrians seriously injured. The trend is **up** for PMDs motorized, car users killed.

In rural roads, the trend is **up or stable** for all users, except for those killed in PMDs motorized.

On motorways, the trend is **up** for all users.

Last 3 months (2026 compared with 2025)

	Urban area		Rural		Motorway	
	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation
Pedestrians	→	↓	↗	↗	↗	
PMDs motorized	↗	↗	↓	→		
Cyclists	↓	↓	↗	↗		
PTW	↓	→	↗	→	↗	↗
Car users	↗	→	→	→	↗	↗

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Over the last 12 months

Overall, the trend for fatalities is **up** on motorways (+17%), on rural roads (+7%) and in urban areas (+3%). The trend for the seriously injured is **up** on rural roads (+8%), on motorways (+7%) and in urban areas (+2%).

In urban areas, the trend is **down** pedestrians, cyclists, for powered two-wheeler users and is **up** for PMDs motorized and car users.

In rural roads, the trend is **up** for all the road users.

On motorways, the trend is **up** for all the road users.

Last 12 months

Cumulative from June 2025 to May 2026, compared to the same period last year

	Urban area		Rural		Motorway	
	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation	Fatalities variation	Seriously injured variation
Pedestrians	-2%	-6%	+38%	+26%	+20%	
PMDs motorized	+66%	+37%	-1%	+5%		
Cyclists	-13%	-8%	+49%	+15%		
PTW	-3%	-0%	+2%	+4%	+0%	+3%
Car users	+10%	+5%	+4%	+7%	+12%	+8%

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Cyclists are users who move around on a bicycle, whether or not it is electrically assisted.

Powered two-wheelers (PTW) include mopeds (less than 50 cc and with a maximum design speed not exceeding 45 km/h, including scooters less than 50 cc) and motorbikes (more than 50 cc, including scooters more than 50 cc).

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Detailed table for May 2026 compared to the same period last year

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By mode of travel

Pedestrians	41	149	119	+6%	467	+0%	503	+9%	1 975	-1%
PMDs motorized	7	119	21	+31%	375	+27%	83	+43%	1 281	+32%
Cyclists	37	285	81	+53%	781	+0%	257	+19%	2 817	+1%
PTW	78	528	198	+4%	1 452	+1%	703	+0%	5 240	+2%
Car users	121	450	369	+4%	1 217	+3%	1 593	+6%	5 157	+6%

By age

Under 18 years	20	256	61	+39%	735	+13%	216	+50%	2 615	+10%
Young adults aged 18-24	46	269	119	+0%	735	-1%	520	+4%	2 872	+2%
Seniors aged 65 or over	73	269	230	+3%	765	+9%	939	+4%	2 955	+4%

On the road network

Urban area	85	665	247	+1%	2 014	+2%	1 043	+3%	7 632	+2%
Rural	182	788	515	+10%	2 159	+4%	2 050	+7%	8 379	+7%
Motorway	36	132	73	+35%	288	+17%	269	+17%	1 102	+8%

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Persons "under 18 years old" are children and adolescents aged 0 to 17 years old inclusive.

Young people aged between 18 and 24 inclusive are the category most at risk in terms of road safety.

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Data processing methods for France mainland

The **BAAC file** (Bulletin of Analysis of Road Traffic Accidents recorded by the Police Forces) includes injury accidents as defined in the decree of 27 March 2007 on the conditions for compiling statistics. The ONISR, which is responsible for the administration and dissemination of accident statistics under the terms of the decree of 15 May 1975 relating to the CISR, has long specified the methods for taking accidents into account.

Method of adjusting injuries

In order to comply with European statistical standards, the ONISR produces a new series of data on injuries for France mainland. It also integrates the AIS scale of injury severity (light or moderate, serious). These data are determined by a new method established jointly by the Gustave Eiffel University (UGE) and the ONISR. This method is based in particular on recent data relating to injuries recorded by the police, but aims to estimate the actual number of people injured in road accidents who are treated by hospital services: <https://www.onisr.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/etudes-et-recherches/victimes/blessures/methode-de-redressement-du-nombre-de-blesses-de-la-route> (in french).

The monthly barometer

The monthly barometer for a given month concerns accidents occurring up to the end of that month and is compiled and published the following month.

Estimates are produced on the basis of accidents recorded in the TRAXy information system concerning BAAC data currently being entered, transmitted within 48 hours by the police to the ONISR. **The final results for 2025 have been included in the May 2026 dashboard.**

Serious injuries are estimated from the data on injuries recorded in TRAXy using the adjustment method mentioned above.

Labelling

The Public Statistics Authority has certified the main accident indicators from the BAAC file (France mainland and french overseas counties) for the quasi-definitive data for year N published at the end of January of year N+1, and the definitive data published from May of year N+1. For the years prior to 2026, the dashboard includes labelled data.

The statistical methods are specified on the ONISR website: <https://www.onisr.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/en/data-tools>.