



INDIA'S ROAD ACCIDENTS 2023-2024: A NATION AT A CROSSROADS

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THE GRIM NUMBERS: ROAD ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES IN INDIA

2023: Record High

4.80 lakh accidents, 1.73 lakh deaths (highest since 2005)

2024 (Provisional)

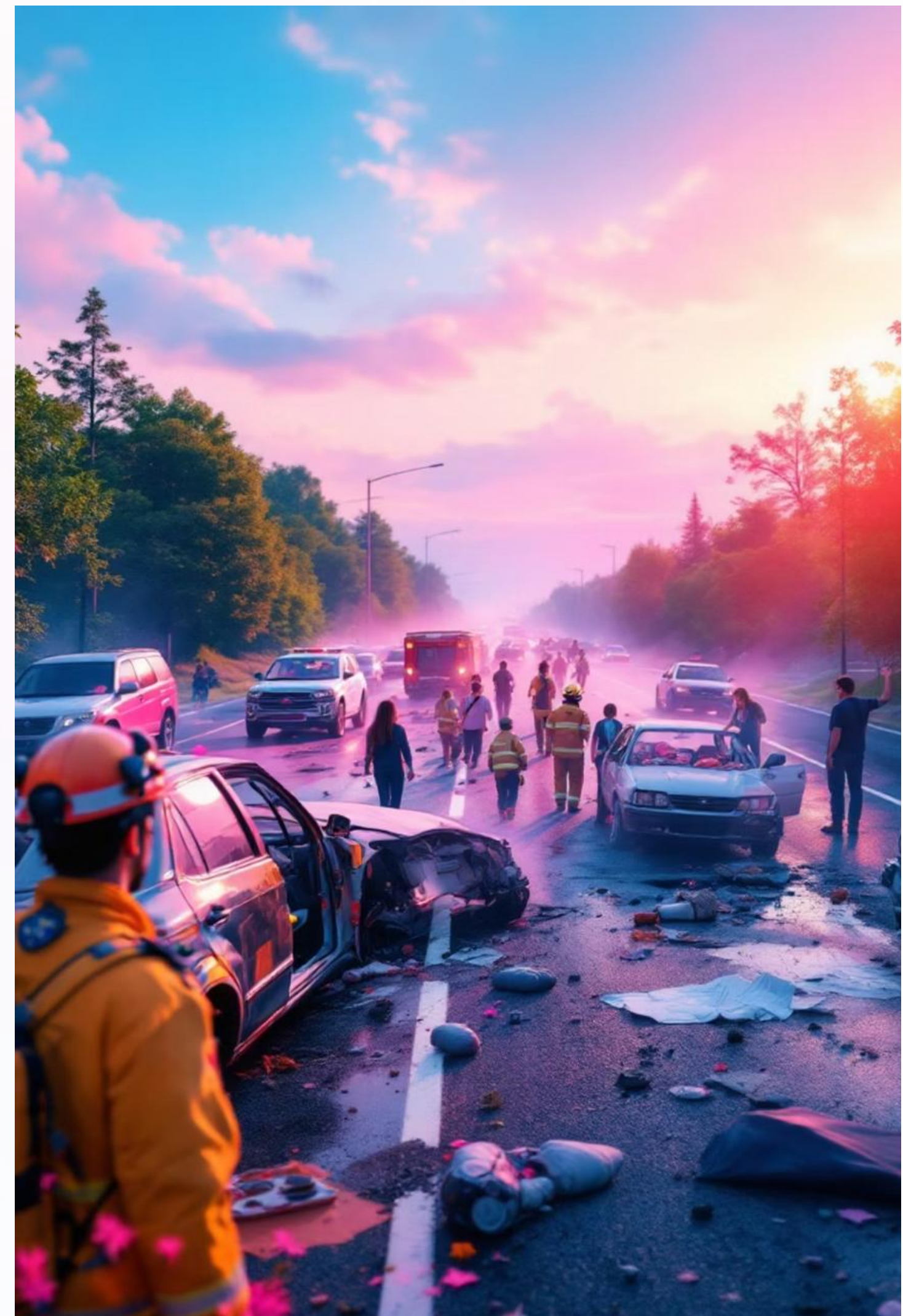
4.73 lakh accidents, 1.70 lakh deaths (West Bengal data pending)

Surpassing 2023

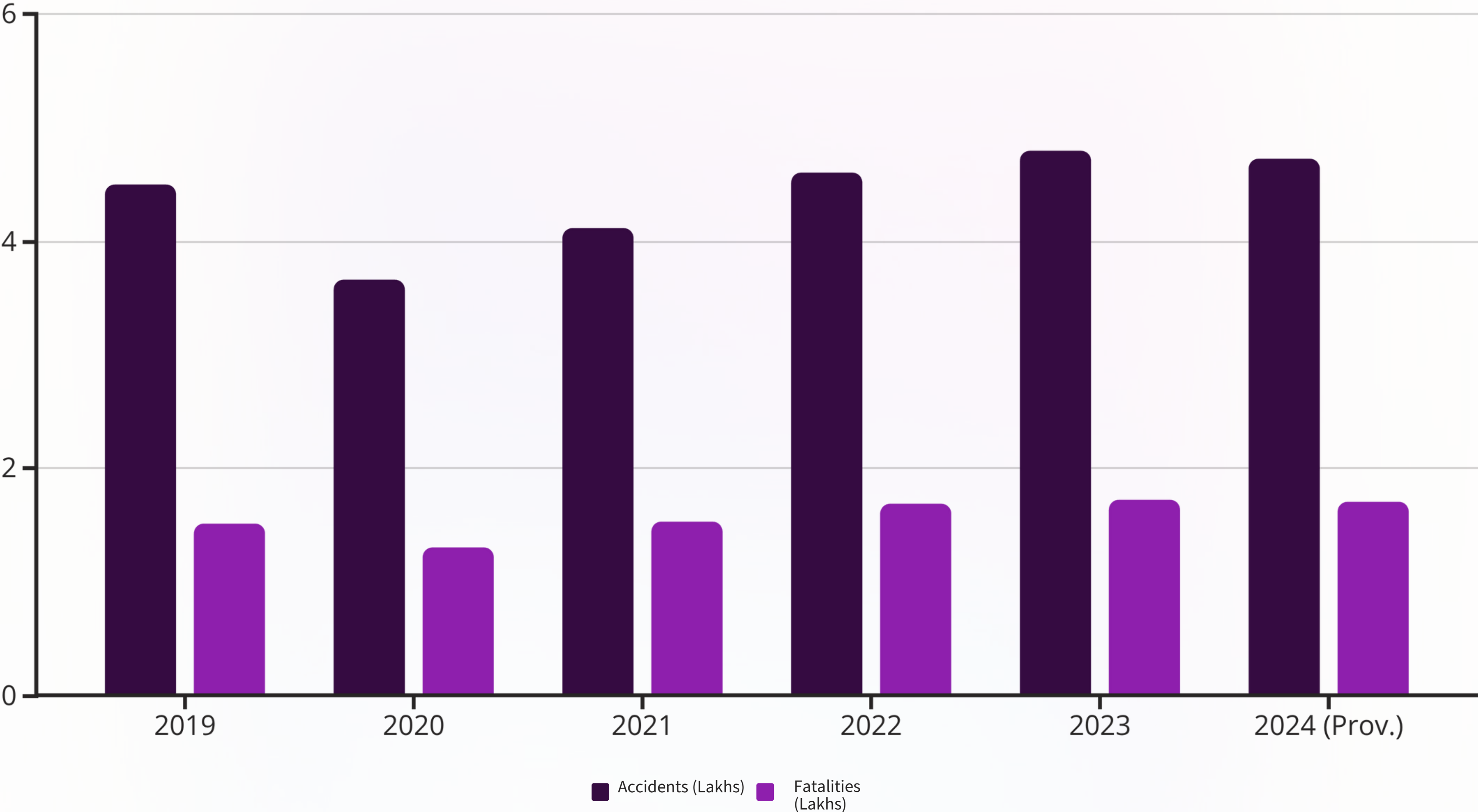
Including West Bengal, 2024 fatalities likely to exceed previous record

Daily Toll

~474 deaths daily in 2023, one every three minutes



YEARLY ROAD ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES IN INDIA (2019-2024)





STATE-LEVEL CONTRASTS: WINNERS AND LOSERS IN ROAD SAFETY



Uttar Pradesh: Deadliest

24,118 deaths in 2024; 1 death every 2 crashes.



Kerala: Lowest Severity

1 death per 13 accidents; fatalities reduced from 4,080 (2023) to 3,846 (2024).



Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab

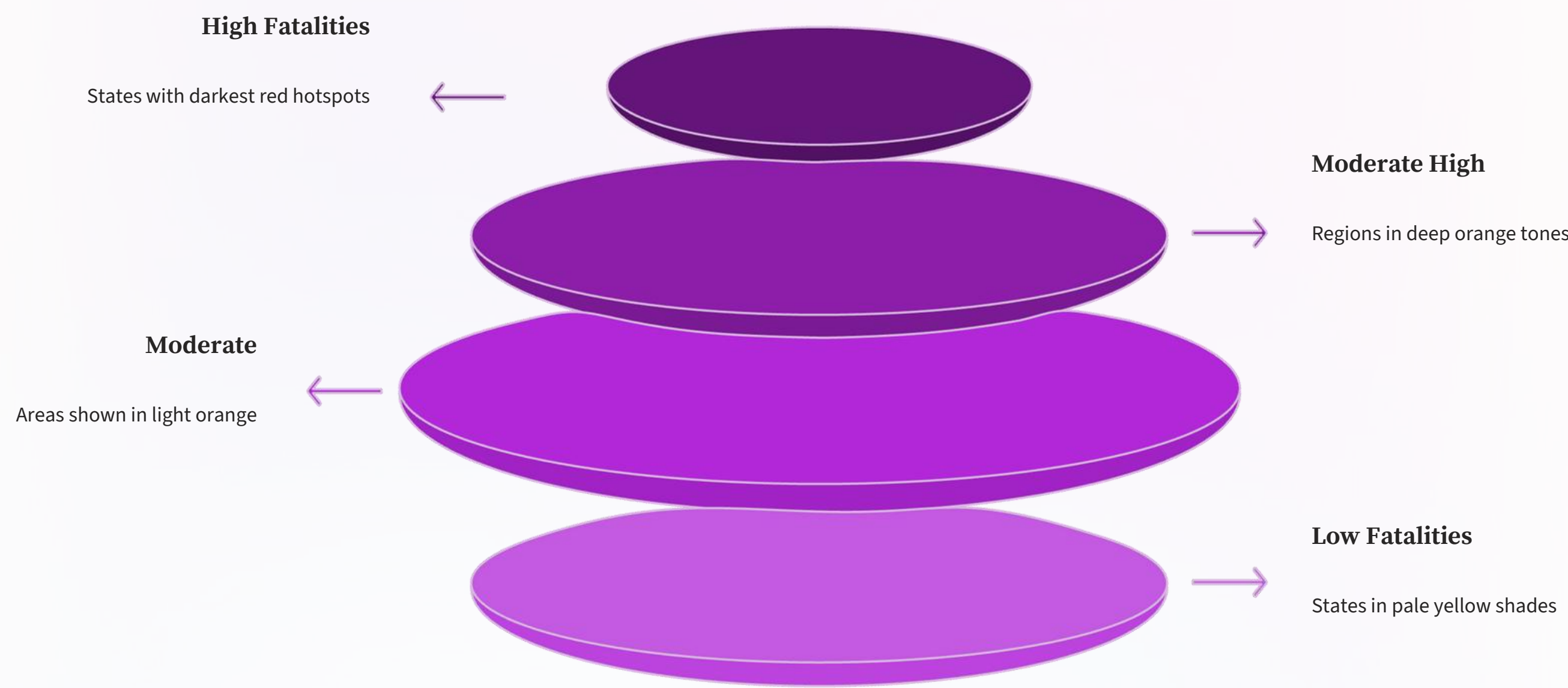
Decline in both accidents and fatalities in 2024.



Nagaland: Dramatic Drop

Accidents decreased from 303 (2023) to 129 (2024).

ROAD ACCIDENT FATALITIES BY STATE (2024 PROVISIONAL)

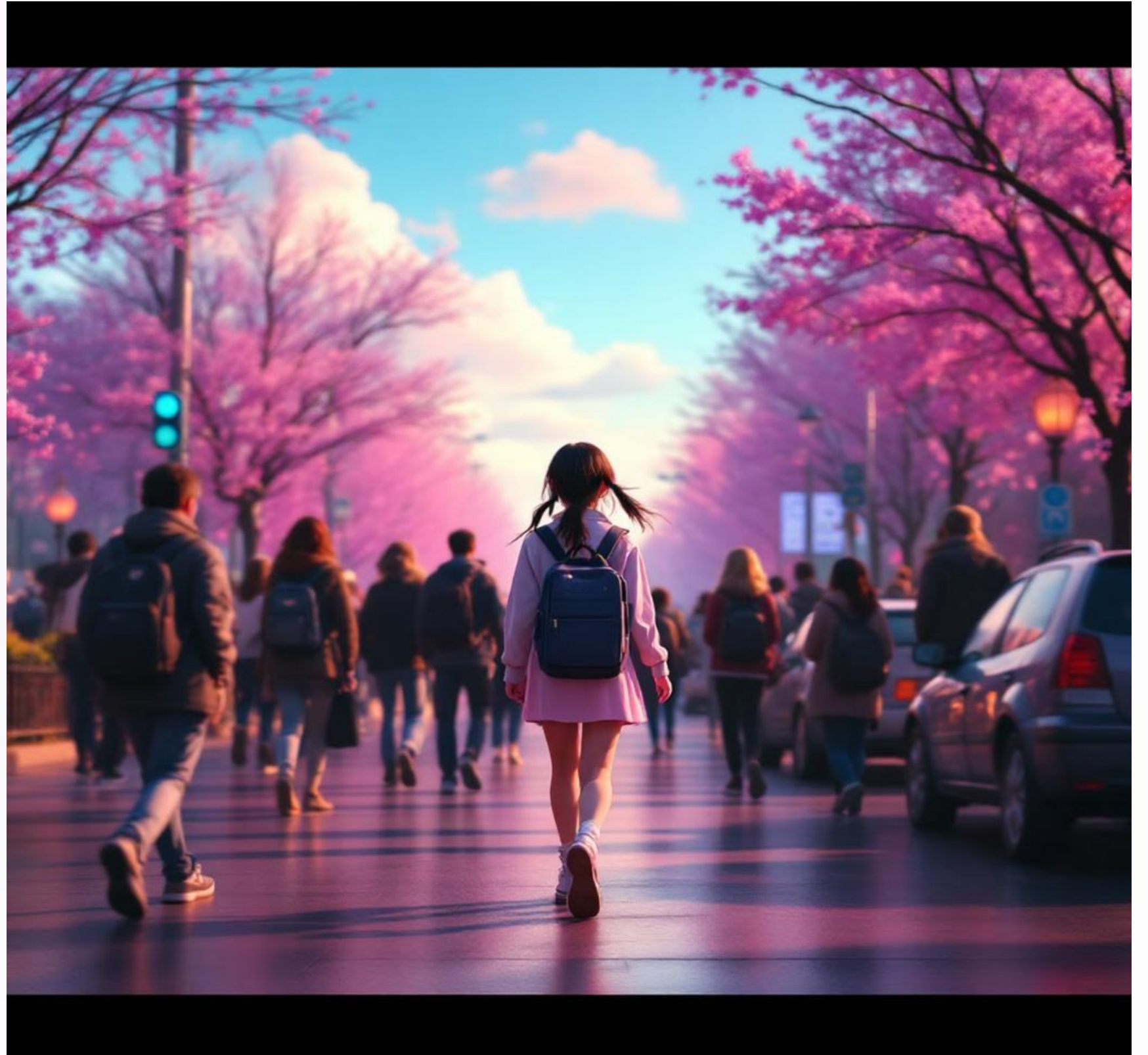


This map visually emphasizes regional disparities, highlighting states with high fatality rates in darker shades.

THE HUMAN COST: WHO IS DYING AND WHY?

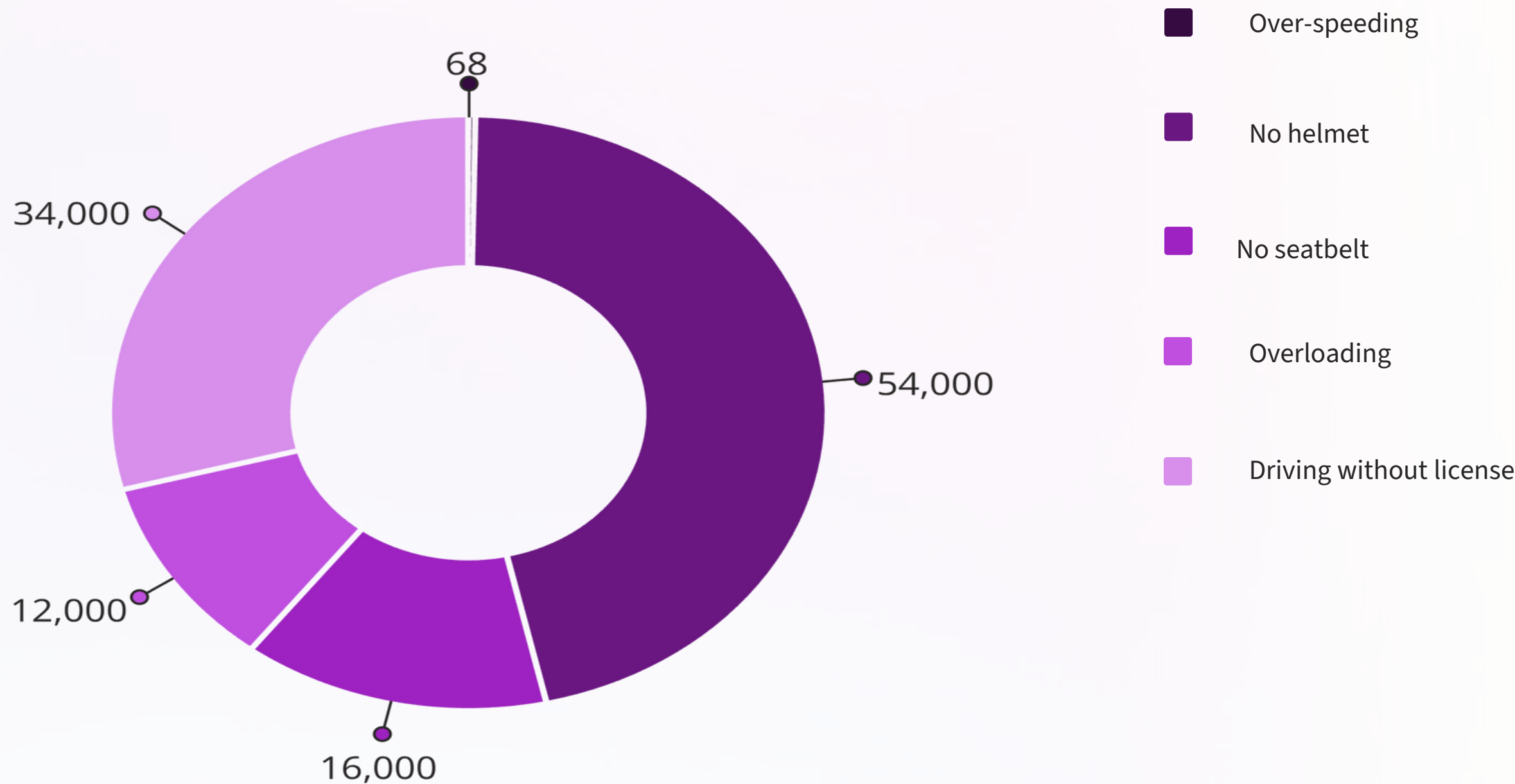


- 66% victims aged 18-45; 85% male
- Two-wheelers: 44.8% of deaths



- Pedestrians: ~35,000 deaths in 2023
- Children under 18: ~10,000 deaths annually

CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENT DEATHS (2023)



Over-speeding remains the primary cause, contributing to a vast majority of road accident deaths.

INFRASTRUCTURE & ENFORCEMENT: THE UNDERLYING CRISIS

Poor Road Engineering

59 major deficiencies on national highways reported since 2019.

Unrectified Black Spots

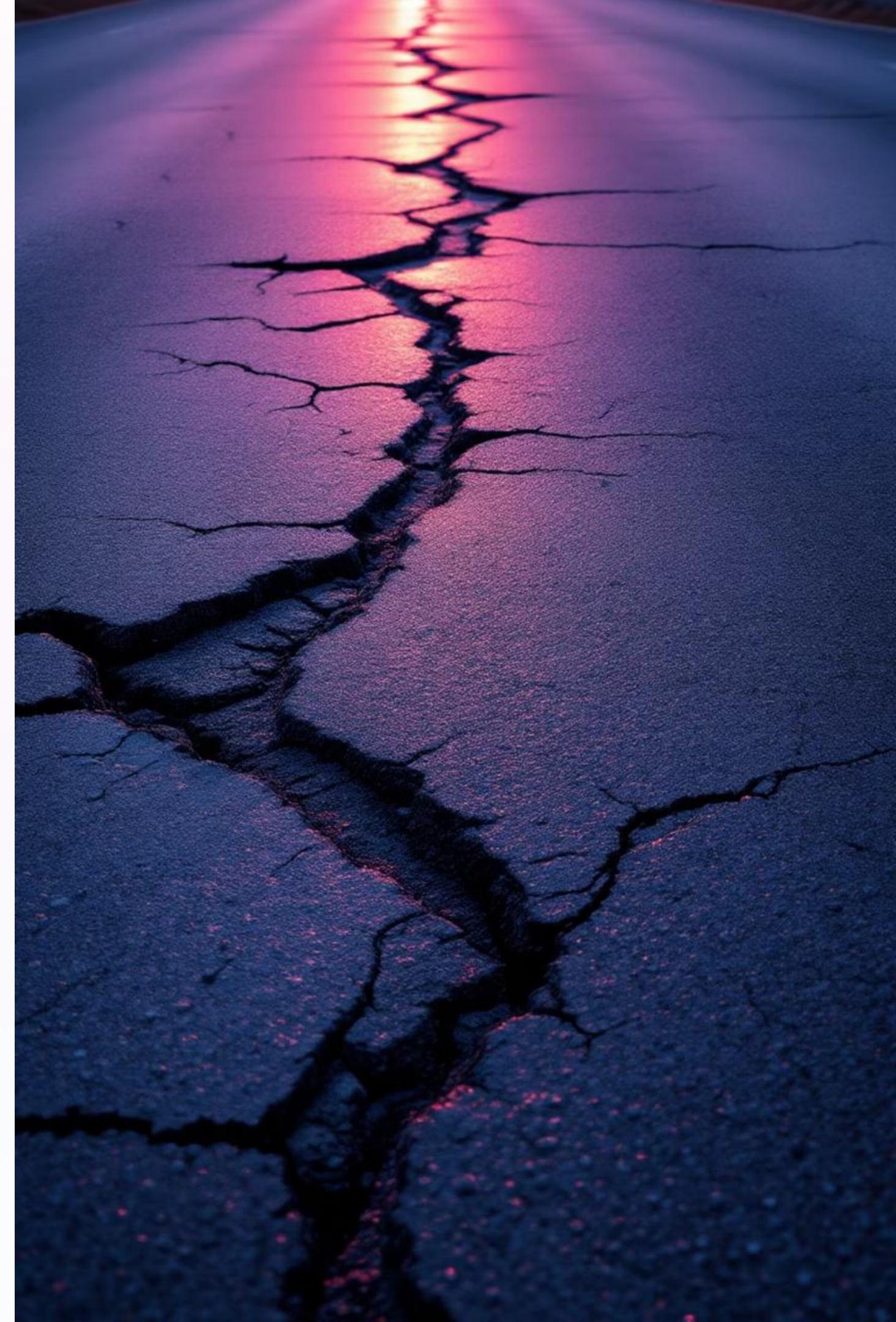
Only 5,036 of 13,795 identified black spots have been addressed.

Weak Enforcement

Human behavior and lax enforcement cited as major causes by Minister Nitin Gadkari.

Economic Cost

Road crashes cost India approximately **3% of GDP annually**.



THE ROAD AHEAD: URGENT ACTIONS FOR SAVING LIVES



Stricter Enforcement

Negative points system, tougher licensing norms.



State Success Stories

Replicate focused efforts from successful states.



Awareness & Upgrades

Public campaigns and crucial infrastructure improvements.



Collective Responsibility

Aim to halve road deaths by 2030.

"Every minute counts: safer roads, safer lives for India's future"



CONCLUSION

Every decision, every action, shapes the future of road safety in India. Let's
build a path to zero fatalities.