



Car Accident Statistics in NYC

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New York City Car Accident Statistics – March 2024 Update

New York City is the [most populated city](#) in the United States – and it's got the traffic to prove it. According to U.S. News and World Report, NYC ranks [4th for the worst traffic in the nation](#). Not surprisingly, heavily congested roads in a densely populated area result in a lot of traffic accidents.



Our team did an in-depth analysis of [NYPD crash data](#) – here's what you need to know about [car accidents in NYC](#).

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How Many Car Accidents Are There in NYC Every Year?

It depends on the year. In 2019, there were a total of 134,224 car accidents in New York City. In 2020, the year of a raging pandemic, reported collisions declined by roughly 50%, for a total of 88,323. In 2021, a year still largely influenced by COVID, accidents increased to a total of 97,059. As of early March 2024, statistics for 2023 are still preliminary. In 2022, there were 100,508 accidents in NYC.

So, despite the fact that NYC came to a near-halt in 2020, there was still an average of 303 car accidents on the city's streets every single day that year. And things have only gotten worse since then – at least based on the most recent full data available.

Which Boroughs in New York City Have the Most Accidents?

In 2022, Brooklyn had the largest share of NYC's traffic accidents.

- Brooklyn: 32,788 (33%)
- Queens: 27,943 (28%)
- Bronx: 17,678 (18%)
- Manhattan: 16,827 (17%)
- Staten Island: 5,272 (5%)

However, that's not always the case. In 2018 and 2019, Queens actually had the largest percentage of NYC car accidents. Brooklyn did have the largest in 2020 as well.

How Many New York Car Accidents Result in an Injury?



Typically, one out of every two-to-three accidents in NYC causes an [injury](#). Unfortunately, the trend is alarming. Roughly speaking, around half of collisions resulted in injury in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

However, while the total number of car crashes in NYC declined in 2020 and 2021 relative to the previous two-year period, the percentage of those resulting in minor injuries and catastrophic injuries increased. In 2020 and 2021, more than half of the car accidents in the city resulted in an injury.

INJURY-CAUSING ACCIDENTS IN NYC BOROUGHS

Brooklyn not only has the most traffic accidents of any NYC borough in 2021; it also had the highest percentage of injury-causing collisions.

- Brooklyn: 21,218 (32.6%)
- Queens: 19,279 (29.5%)
- Bronx: 12,818 (19.6%)
- Manhattan: 9,024 (13.8%)
- Staten Island: 2,954 (4.5%)

If you're involved in a car accident in NYC, there's around a 60% chance you got into an accident in Brooklyn or Queens. Those two boroughs, together, account for 62.1% of all crash-related injuries in the city.

How Many Accidents in NYC Are Fatal?

Every year, hundreds of people are killed in car accidents in New York City:

- 2019: 211 car accident fatalities
- 2020: 235 car accident fatalities
- 2021: 245 car accident fatalities
- 2022: 255 car accident fatalities

The years 2020 and 2021 saw a slight surge in the share of fatal crashes, despite a drop in the total number of collisions.

WHICH NYC BOROUGH HAS THE MOST FATAL CAR ACCIDENTS?

Brooklyn had the largest share of fatal crashes in NYC in 2021.

- Queens: 61 crash fatalities (24.9%)
- Bronx: 47 crash fatalities (19.8%)
- Brooklyn: 80 crash fatalities (32.65%)
- Manhattan: 46 crash fatalities (18.8%)
- Staten Island: 11 crash fatalities (4.5%)