

Road Safety in Bromley – the facts

Bromley has always had a good road safety record and was one of only a handful of London Boroughs to successfully reduce casualties by a third by the year 2000. The long term trend remains downward, with the Council's education and engineering programmes supporting this. The award winning education programme targets all road users, particularly the most vulnerable, whilst the engineering has focussed on casualty cluster sites where maximum collisions might be prevented.

As London's largest Borough, with most miles of road, it is important to look at casualty rates in the context of road length and number of journeys, with latest road casualty data confirming that Bromley has one of the lowest casualty rates anywhere in London.

Statistics released by Transport for London (TfL) showed that there are now less of the most seriously injured casualties, measured as 'Killed and Seriously Injured' (KSI). At the time of publication, the statistics showed that the KSI casualty rate per billion passenger kilometres had fallen by 40% for the period April 2011 to March 2016 compared to the previous 5 year period, meaning that Bromley had the 4th highest percentage KSI casualty rate reduction for the period April 2011 to March 2016 compared to the previous 5 year period, when compared with other London boroughs. The same data also showed that Bromley also had the 7th lowest KSI casualty rate per mile travelled. The TfL statistics are available to download <https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/collisions-and-casualties-on-london-roads-2016-table.xlsx>.

Latest statistics show that in 2017 the numbers of KSI casualties decreased by 17% last year to 107, on a like for like basis, with the total number of recorded casualties, including those classified as slightly injured increasing by 2% to 1024. Comparisons with previous road casualty data should be treated cautiously at best as the Metropolitan Police are now using an updated method of classifying the severity of an injury. In addition, the introduction of online self-reporting is expected by the Department of Transport to have increased the numbers of those recorded as injured, as "The principle of online reporting is to make it easier for members of the public to report accidents and it is therefore expected that the introduction of online reporting will lead to an increase in the total number of accidents...". Information about both of these factors is contained in the Department of Transport's Reported road casualties in Great Britain: annual report 2017, with the quote on page 33 of this report. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2017>.

Latest casualty data for 2017 shows that Bromley continues to have one of the lowest casualty rates anywhere in London, with 1.8 casualties per mile of road, the 3rd lowest in London, with a KSI casualty rate of 0.19 casualties per mile of road being the 2nd lowest in London.