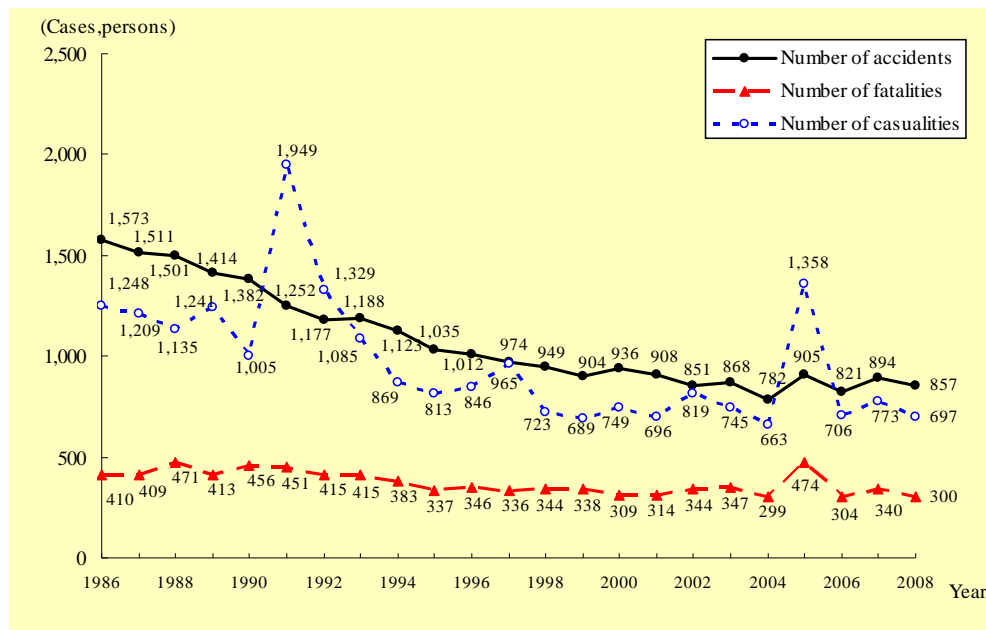


1 Operating accidents over recent years

- (1) Railway operating accidents\* have been on a long-term decline, and totaled 857 in 2008, a fall of 4.1% from the level of the previous year.
- (2) In 2008 there were 697 casualties resulting from railway operating accidents (including 300 fatalities), a decrease of 9.8%.
- (3) Accidents at railway crossings decreased by 8.4% to 336, of which operating accidents accounted for roughly 39.2%. 224 casualties resulted from those accidents, which was 25.8% lower than the previous year.
- (4) There were no major accidents (resulting in at least ten casualties or the derailment of at least ten cars) in 2008.

Changes in Railway Operational Accidents and Casualties



Notes: 1. Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport  
 2. Fatalities are defined as deaths occurring within 24 hours of an accident.

\* Operating accidents: Train collisions, derailments, train catching fire, accidents at rail crossings, accidents along other roads, railroad accidents resulting in injury or death (other than from the foregoing five types of accidents), and accidents resulting in material damage to property (other than from the foregoing six types of accidents). Street rail accidents are defined in the same manner as railway operations accidents.