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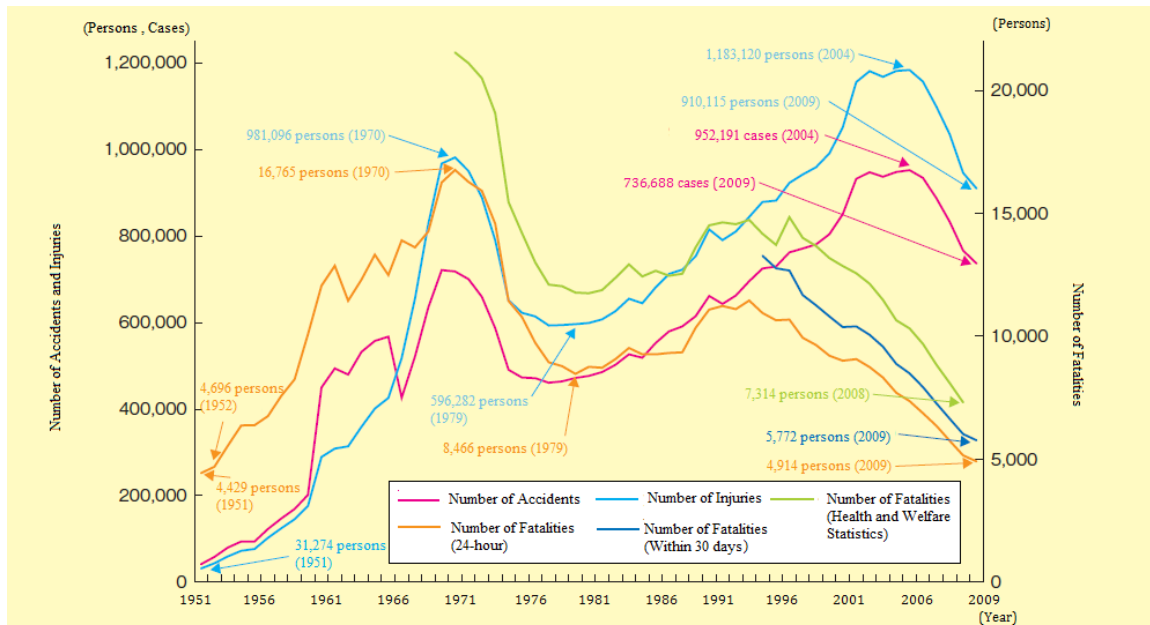
Road Transport

Chapter 1 Road Traffic Accident Trends

1 Long-Term Transition of Road Traffic Accidents

Fatalities due to Traffic Accidents Cut 5,000, for the First Time in 57 years

Number of Accidents, Injuries, Fatalities due to Road Traffic Accidents



- Note
- 1 Source: National Police Agency.
  - 2 Property damage is not included in the number of cases after 1966. Also, Okinawa Prefecture is not included until 1971.
  - 3 "24-hour fatalities" apply to cases in which death occurs within 24 hours as the result of a vehicle or train traffic accident that took place on the road as established in the Road Traffic Act, Article 2, Title 1-1.
  - 4 "Fatalities within 30 days" are deaths that occur within 30 days of the given traffic accident (including 24-hour fatalities).
  - 5 "Fatality (Health and Welfare Statistics)" is made by National Police Agency, based on the data "Mortality" in "Vital Statistics" due to Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. It counts the deaths occurring in correlating years whose causes are traffic accidents (it does not include deaths occurring over 1 year after the accident nor those resulting from sequelae). Until 1994, the deaths due to automobile accidents are recorded, while after 1995, those due to onshore traffic accidents, excluding those judged as not being road traffic accidents are recorded.

[The Fundamental Traffic Safety Program]

- Worst historic case recorded in 1970 with 16, 765 fatalities



The Traffic Safety Measures Basic Law was enacted in 1970, a traffic safety plan based on this act is formulated every 5 years since 1971, and traffic safety measures are comprehensively and systematically promoted.

- Drop in fatalities to 8, 466 in 1979



Fatalities went into an upward trend afterward, but again decreased in 1992.

- There were 4, 914 fatalities in 2009, and they are part of a 9-year decline

Fatalities dropped below 5,000 people for the first time in 57 years. Despite the record high number of accidents and injuries in 2004, the number has decreased from previous figures over the last 5 years.