

## Part 2

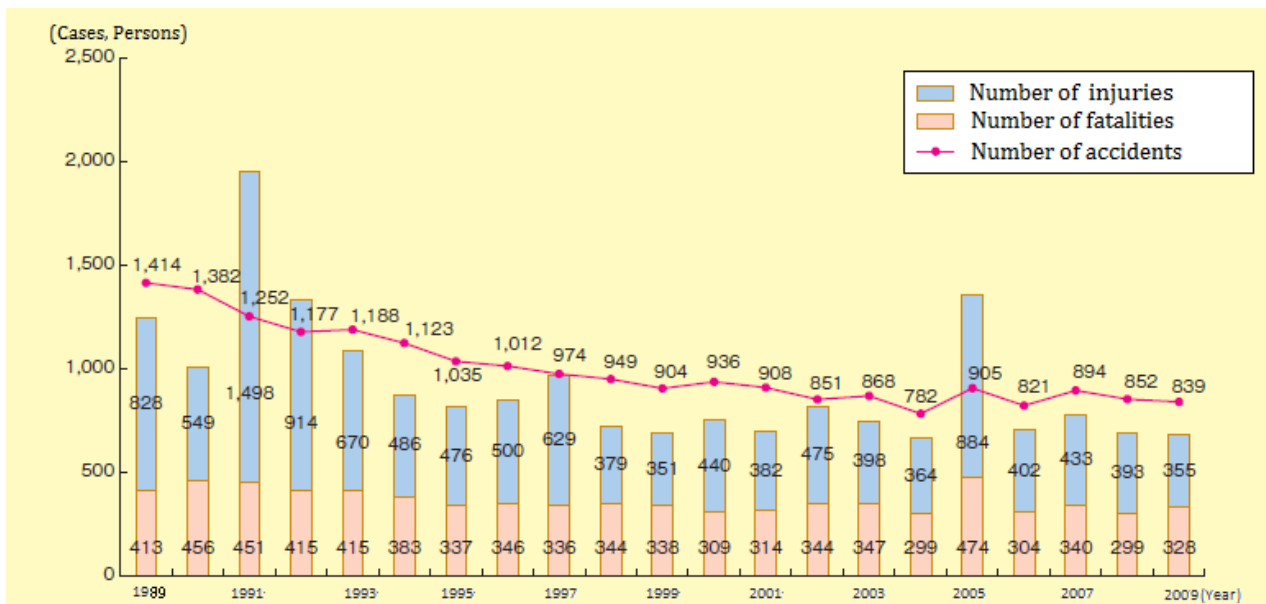
## Railway Transport

## Chapter 1 Railway Traffic Accident Trends

## 1 Operating Accidents over Recent Years

- (1) Railway operating accidents\* have been on a long-term decline, and there were 839 in 2009, which indicated a 1.5% decrease from the previous year.
- (2) There were 683 injuries and fatalities resulting from railway operating accidents (including 328 fatalities), which indicated 1.3% decrease from the previous year.
- (3) Accidents at railway crossings decreased by 3.3% to 322, of which operating accidents accounted for roughly 38.3%. 206 fatalities resulted from those accidents, which was 7.2% lower than the previous year.
- (4) A major accident in 2009 occurred (there were over ten fatalities and injuries, and over 10 cars derailed in the accident) on December 28<sup>th</sup> with the JR Hokkaido Nemuro line at Furano Station, and there was one personal injury from colliding with a train plow.

Changes in Railway Operational Accidents and Casualties



- Notes: 1. Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
 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.