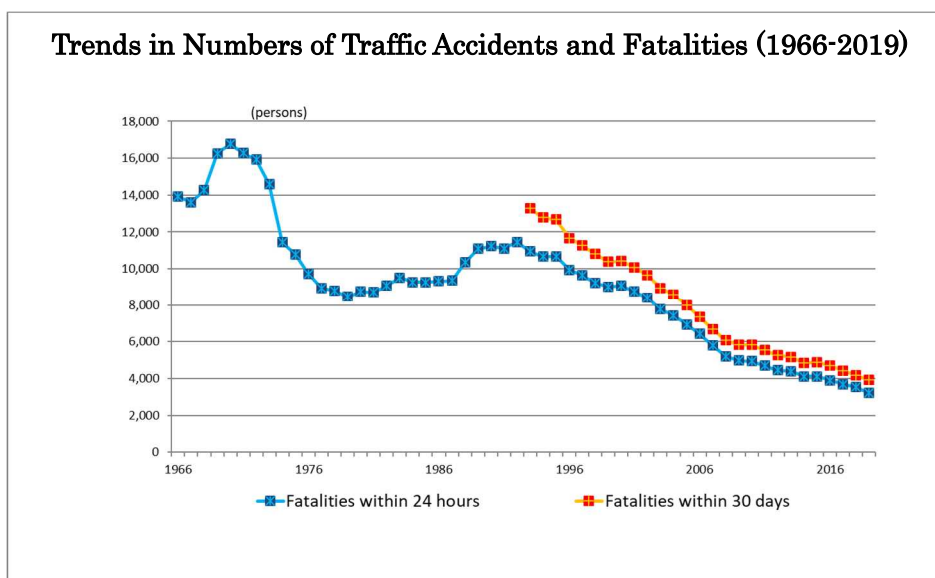


TRAFFIC POLICE

1. Overview

In 2019, the total number of fatalities caused by traffic accidents was 3,215, the lowest since the National Rural Police, the predecessor of the NPA, started compiling traffic statistics under the current formula in 1948. Total numbers of traffic accidents and persons injured have declined over the past fifteen years.



Number of Traffic Accidents, Fatalities, and Persons Injured in 2019

	2019	Change from the previous year	%
Accidents	381,237	-49,364	-11.5%
Fatalities within 24 hours	3,215	-317	-9.0%
Fatalities within 30 days	3,920	-246	-5.9%
Injured	461,775	-64,071	-12.2%

2. Enforcement

The police analyze traffic accidents precisely and place emphasis on enforcement against vicious and serious violations, resulting in grave accidents including fatal ones, such as unlicensed driving, driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol, serious speeding violations and ignoring traffic signals. The police also focus on illegal parking and reckless driving by motorcycle gangs (Bosozoku).

Among all the traffic violations, DUI of alcohol and unlicensed driving are the most serious issues. The Road Traffic Act has been tightened against these violations in recent years. The police have been putting great efforts into apprehending not only drivers but also those who aid and abet drivers to commit such violations.

In addition, the police have also intensified efforts to hold corporations and employers responsible for serious traffic violations committed by their employees.