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ROAD SAFETY PLAN

Journey Towards Vision Zero



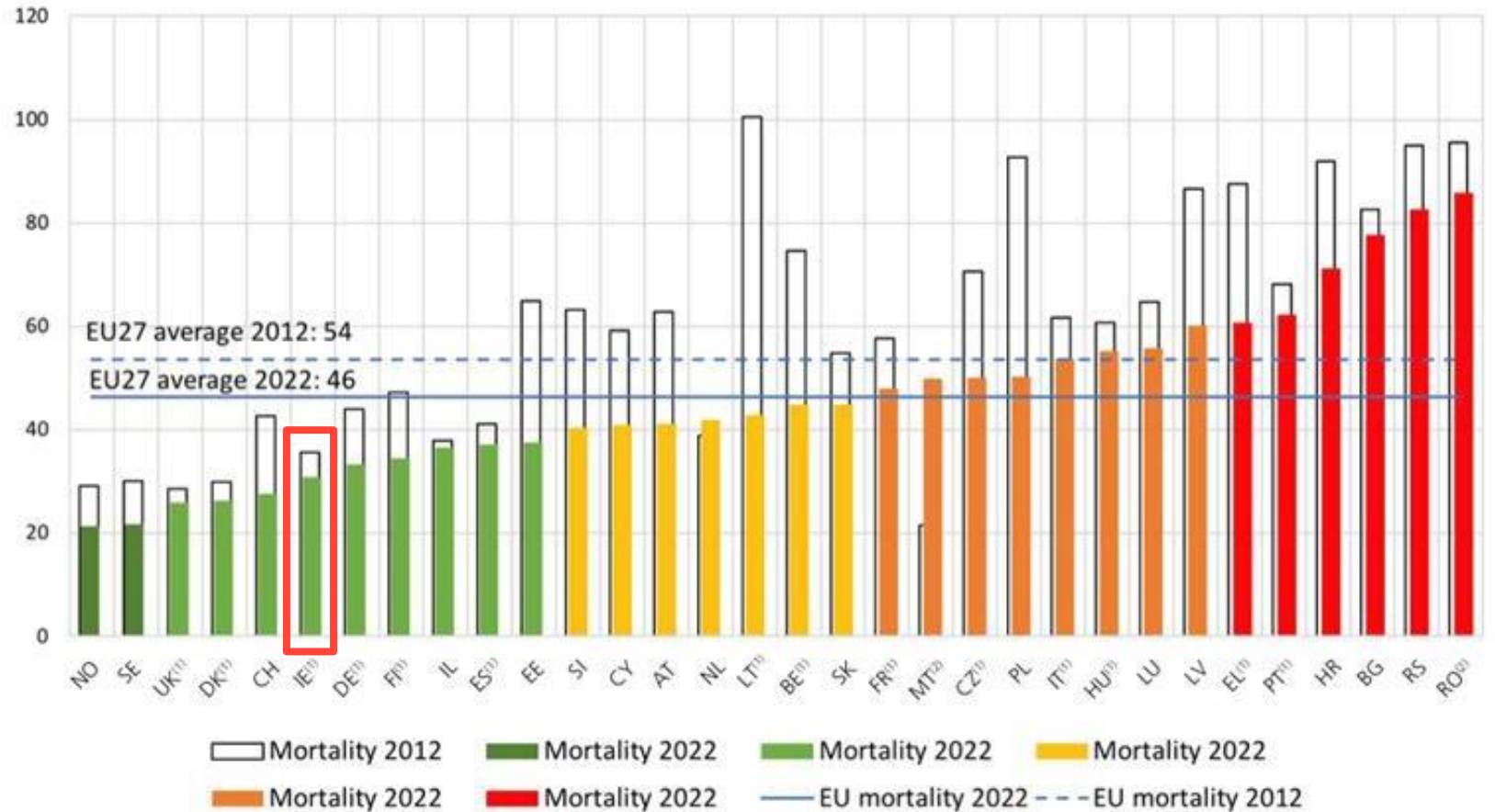
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where medieval meets modern

Road deaths per million inhabitants 2012 and 2022 for comparison

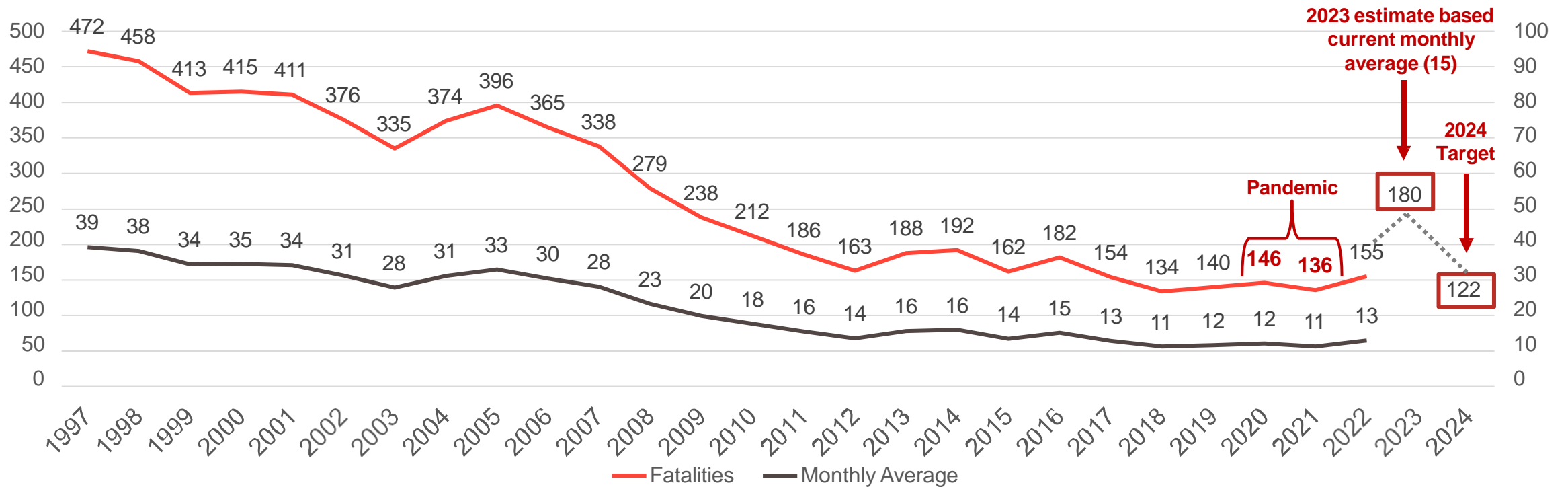
Ireland are 3rd among the EU27 in 2022 (31 deaths per million).

However, when we include all the best performing countries in the world, we lie sixth behind Norway (21), Sweden (22), the UK (26), Denmark (26) and Switzerland (28).



Long-term fatality trend

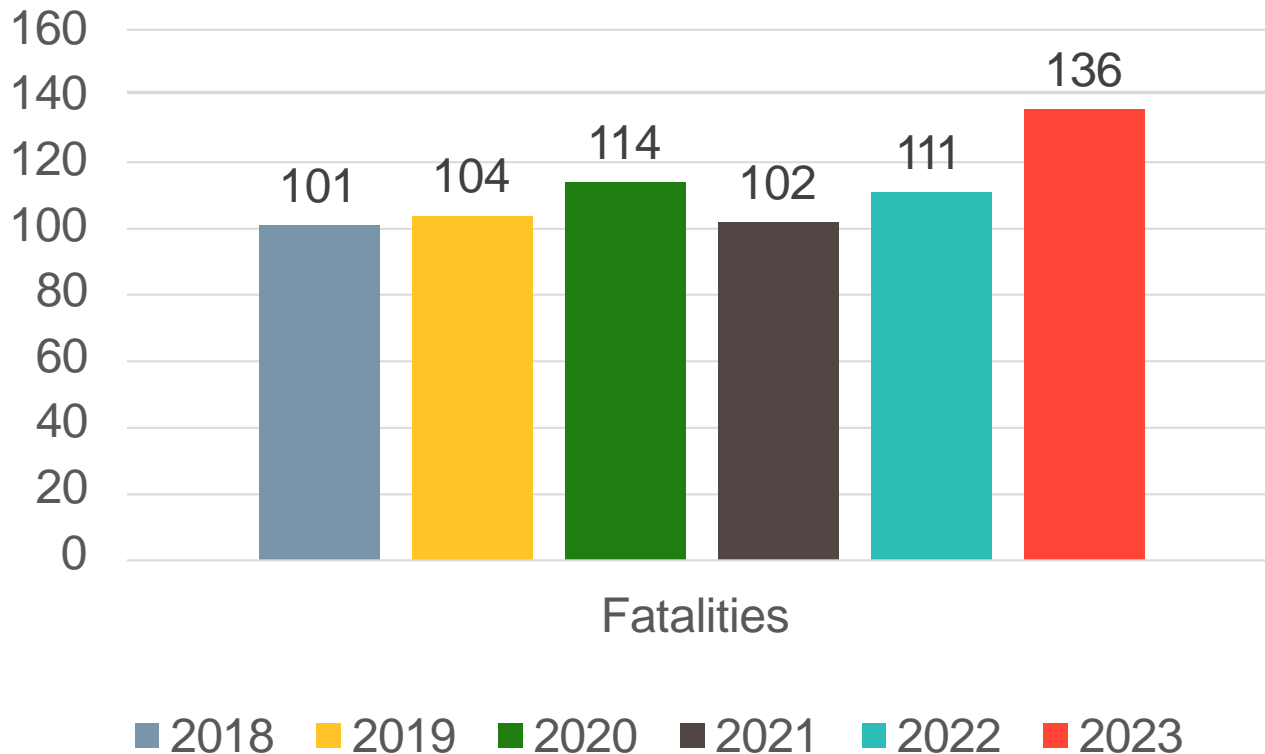
■ The monthly average for 2022 was **13 fatalities**, monthly average 2023 is **15**. If this monthly average continues, there may be 180 fatalities in 2023.



Note: All data for 2020-2023 are provisional and subject to change. Fatality figures from January-December used to calculate 2006-2022 monthly average, while figures from January-September used to calculate 2023 monthly average.

Fatalities

1 January – 30 September



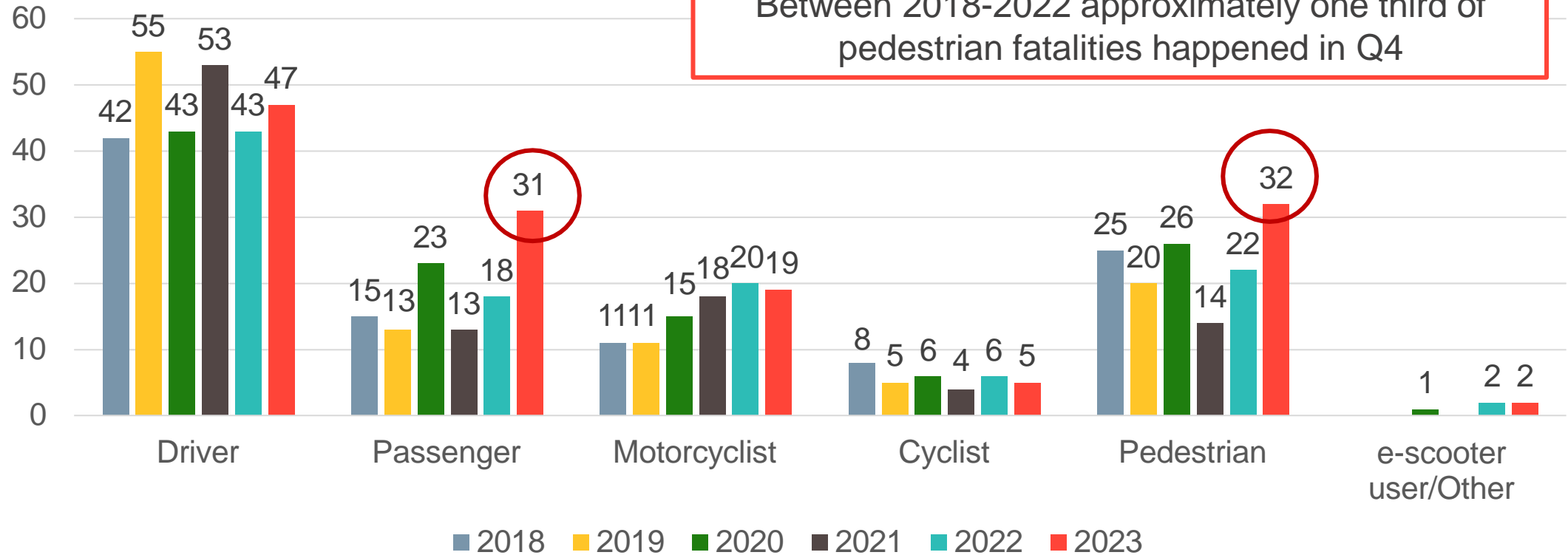
- As of 30 September 2023, there have been **126** fatal collisions, which have resulted in **136** fatalities on Irish roads.
- This represents **25 more** deaths (**+23%**) compared to the same period in 2022.
- Of the 136 fatalities in 2023, 47 were drivers, 31 were passengers, 32 were pedestrians, 19 were motorcyclists, 5 were cyclists and 2 were e-scooter users.

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Road Users

1 January – 30 September

Q4 is a high-risk time for pedestrian fatalities:
Between 2018-2022 approximately one third of pedestrian fatalities happened in Q4



Of fatalities, 78% (106) were male and 22% (30) were female.

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Fatalities by county

1 January – 30 September

County	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Carlow	1	2	2	0	0	3
Cavan	2	1	2	5	4	4
Clare	6	3	3	0	5	5
Cork	11	11	17	6	9	10
Donegal	9	6	9	5	5	6
Dublin	9	12	18	13	10	9
Galway	5	5	3	10	3	12
Kerry	3	5	9	6	5	6
Kildare	4	3	3	5	4	1
Kilkenny	2	4	3	1	5	3
Laois	2	1	0	1	2	2
Leitrim	1	1	0	5	1	3
Limerick	6	6	4	2	9	4
Longford	1	0	0	7	2	2
Louth	5	3	7	3	6	5
Mayo	7	2	5	9	5	11
Meath	3	5	6	4	6	7
Monaghan	1	2	3	2	2	6
Offaly	2	4	3	1	3	6
Roscommon	0	3	1	7	4	3
Sligo	1	0	2	1	5	1
Tipperary	9	10	5	2	3	14
Waterford	2	3	1	6	2	1
Westmeath	5	3	1	1	2	6
Wexford	2	7	6	10	8	1
Wicklow	2	2	1	6	1	5
Total	101	104	114	102	111	136

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Road Fatalities at 6th December, 2023

per An Garda Síochána – Roads Policing Data

• Drivers	62
• Passengers	33
• Pedestrians	42
• Motorcyclists	24
• Pedal Cyclists	6
• E-Scooter Driver/Passenger	4
• Pillion Passengers/Other	1
• Total Year to Date	172

Road Safety Plan Kilkenny 2022 to 2030

BACKGROUND

- Ireland's Government Adopted National Road Safety Strategy 2021 to 2030
- Our Journey Towards Vision Zero –which is zero road deaths and zero injury by 2050

Targets

	2020		2024		2030
Reduce Deaths	144	↓ 15%	122	↓ 50%	72
Reduce Serious Injury	1259	↓ 10%	1133	↓ 50 %	630

Safe Systems approach - 7 No Intervention areas



Intervention	High Impact	Support
Safe Roads & Road Sides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 Low cost safety schemes pa; 60 Road Safety Improvements (4pa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Engineer Public Lighting upgrade
Safe Speeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic Speed Limits at schools, VAS Review the operation of the mobile safety camera system 	Extend the number of 30kmh speed limit zones in in high-risk locations 30kmh speed limit or lower in school vicinities
Safe Road Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement public education /awareness campaigns (RSA) 	Establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each LA area
Safe and Healthy Modes of Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a National Cycle Network Plan for interurban rural cycling and walking (TII) To implement an Active Travel Infrastructure Scheme where Local Authorities can apply for funding (DoT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive cycle network plans covering each local authority.
Safe Vehicles	Legislative standards, consumer information and procurement standards	
Safe Work Related Road Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, oversee, and deliver a voluntary Driving for Work Standard (DFWS) and training programme in collaboration with industry and employers (RSA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft and formulate a National Safe Work-Related Road Safety (WRRS) Code of Practice (RSA & HAS)
Post Crash Response	Post-crash response concerns the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of road traffic collisions and aims to reduce the severity and consequences of injuries should a collision occur – Department of Health	

Actions Safe Roads and Roadsides

- 5 low-cost safety and accessibility improvements each year.
- Progress 3 cycling improvement schemes each year as part of the development of a cycle network.
- Carry out 10 road improvements (under RI and RM schemes) each year
- Carry out 10 footpath improvements each year.
- Complete LA 16 fatal collision forms in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.
- Work closely with An Garda Síochána and the Road Safety Authority to identify collision prone locations in the County.
- Publish/renew a prioritised plan on road building construction and maintenance (including footpaths and cycle lanes) each year.
- Minimise street clutter as part of all pedestrian and cycle and public realm enhancement schemes and maintain clear footways in the interest of accessibility by reducing obstructions.
- Work closely with the National Transport Authority in the development of guidelines for the design of walking and cycling facilities and provide training to key staff.
- Upgrade 5,000 public lights to LED lighting under the public lighting retrofit plan

N78 Castlecomer Pedestrian Footbridge



N24 Tower Road Junction Improvement Scheme



Low Cost Accident Scheme Bateman Quay, Kilkenny (Before and After)



Low Cost Accident Scheme The Rower (Before and After)



THANK YOU