



## 2019 Traffic Fatality Monthly Report – Preliminary Totals

As of **3p on December 31, 2019**, the included table summarizes December traffic fatalities and all 2019 year to date (YTD) traffic fatalities (through the time of publication) which adhere to the San Francisco Vision Zero traffic fatality case definition<sup>1</sup>. For comparison purposes, December 2014-2018 traffic fatalities and YTD totals are provided. The Vision Zero Fatality Reporting Map has been updated to reflect the most recent data ([map](#)) and this report will be posted on the website (<http://visionzerosf.org/maps-data/>).

**Please note:** Per the Vision Zero SF Traffic Fatality Protocol, in the event that a person dies within 30 days of a traffic collision but the death occurs in the following calendar month, the death will be classified based on the collision date. A comprehensive 2019 End of Year Traffic Fatality Report will be released in February 2020 when final data are available. The report will include an analysis of travel mode, demographics and collision factors for each 2019 traffic fatality in San Francisco.

Vision Zero Traffic Fatalities through December of Each Year\*

Traffic Victim	2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
	Dec. Count	YTD Total	Dec. Count	YTD Total	Dec. Count	YTD Total	Dec. Count	YTD Total	Dec. Count	YTD Total	Dec. Count	YTD Total
People Killed While Walking**	1	18	0	15	2	14	1	16	1	20	1	21
People Killed While Cycling***	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	4	1	4	0	3
People Killed While Riding in a Motor Vehicle	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1
People Killed While on a Motorcycle	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	6	1	4
People Killed While Driving	1	7	1	3	0	0	2	6	0	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>

\* Data do not reflect freeway deaths occurring on grade-separated freeways/roadways under Caltrans jurisdiction in the City and County of San Francisco, which are tracked and mapped separately. They include:

2019: 2 people walking, 2 people on motorcycles, 4 people driving, 2 people riding in a vehicle

2018: 1 person walking, 2 people on motorcycles, 1 person riding in a vehicle

2017: 3 people walking, 1 person on a motorcycle, 2 people driving

2016: 3 people walking, 2 people on motorcycles

2015: 3 people walking, 1 person on a motorcycle, 1 person driving

2014: 1 person walking, 1 person on a motorcycle, 1 person driving, 2 people riding in a vehicle

\*\* One person in this category in 2019 was killed while riding a skateboard. The death is classified as a pedestrian fatality in parallel with OME reporting and CHP guidance.

\*\*\* One person in this category in 2019 was killed while riding an electric bicycle. The death is classified as a cyclist fatality, following the VZ Traffic Fatality Protocol.

<sup>1</sup> SFDPH, SFMTA, and SFPD. 2019. Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol: [www.visionzerosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Vision-Zero-Traffic-Fatality-Protocol\\_2019\\_6.0.pdf](http://www.visionzerosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Vision-Zero-Traffic-Fatality-Protocol_2019_6.0.pdf)



- Notes:
- In early December 2019, investigation of an 8/4/2019 collision resulting in the death of a pedestrian concluded. The death was found to meet fatality protocol criteria and was added to August 2019’s count of people killed while walking. It is reflected in YTD totals throughout this memo.
  - A 7/1/2019 collision resulting in a pedestrian fatality at San Francisco International Airport’s arrivals terminal is not included in the Vision Zero fatality count.
  - A 10/7/2019 crash resulting in a driver fatality is currently under investigation by the Office of the Medical Examiner and will be added to this reporting if found to meet fatality protocol criteria.

Data Source: Motor Vehicle Death Reports, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner 2019, and SFPD Reports.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) Communities of Concern<sup>2</sup> highlight areas with high concentrations of poverty and vulnerable populations. For reference: In 2018, 52% (n=12) of fatalities occurred in a Community of Concern, 35% (n=8) of those killed were seniors<sup>3</sup>, and 48% (n=11) of fatalities occurred on the High Injury Network<sup>4</sup>.

In 2019 (through time of publication):

Traffic Victim	YTD Total	Count in Communities of Concern	Percent in Communities of Concern	Count Seniors	Percent Seniors	Count on High Injury Network	Percent on High Injury Network
People Killed While Walking	18	12	67%	9	50%	12	67%
People Killed While Cycling	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
People Killed While Riding in a Motor Vehicle	2	2	100%	0	0%	2	100%
People Killed While on a Motorcycle	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
People Killed While Driving	7	4	57%	3	43%	3	43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66%</b>

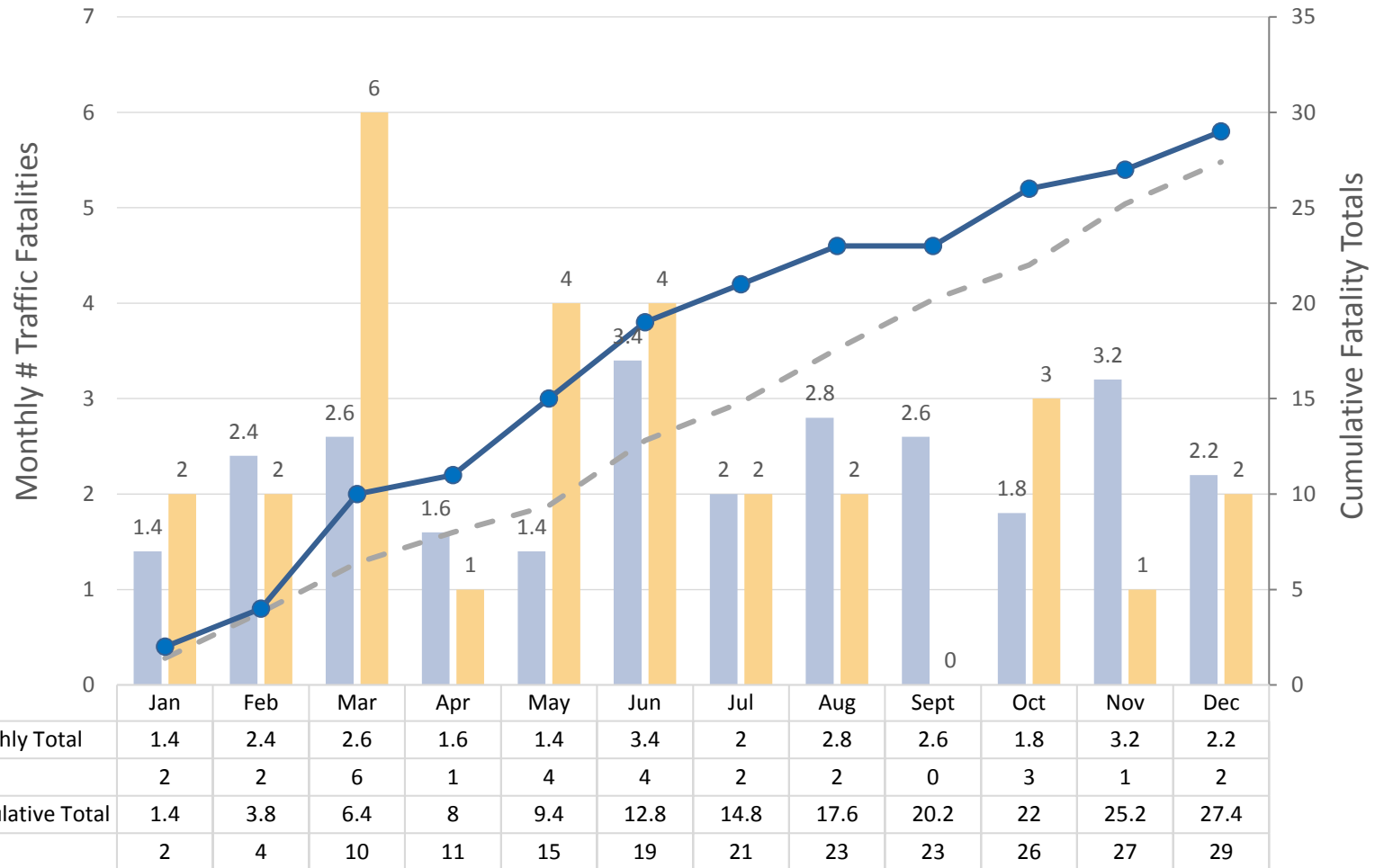
<sup>2</sup> Details available at: <https://www.sfcta.org/sites/default/files/content/Executive/Meetings/cac/2017/03-Mar/Community%20of%20Concern%20Supplemental%20Analysis%20Memo.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Defined as people age 65 and up.

<sup>4</sup> San Francisco’s Vision Zero High Injury Network represents the 13% of San Francisco streets where more than 75% of severe and fatal traffic injuries occur. More details available at: <https://sfgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fa37f1274b4446f1bddd7bdf9e708ff>

This chart displays Vision Zero traffic fatalities over 2019 at monthly intervals as well as five-year cumulative and monthly average totals, providing a concise snapshot of traffic fatality trends in San Francisco.

Vision Zero Traffic Fatalities: 2019 and Five-Year Averages



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