



## 2021 Traffic Fatality Monthly Report

As of **1/14/2022**, the included table summarizes November traffic fatalities and 2021 year to date (YTD) traffic fatalities (through the end of December 2021) which adhere to the San Francisco Vision Zero traffic fatality case definition<sup>1</sup>. For comparison purposes, December 2016-2020 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 2021 End of Year Traffic Fatality Report will be released in February 2021 when final data are available. The report will include an analysis of travel mode, demographics and collision factors for each 2021 traffic fatality in San Francisco.

Vision Zero Traffic Fatalities through December of Each Year\*

Traffic Victim	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	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	0	13	3	12	1	17	0	15	2	14	1	16
People Killed While Cycling	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	4
People Killed While Riding a Standup Powered Device	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People Killed While Riding in a Motor or Transit Vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
People Killed While Riding outside a Motor or Transit Vehicle**	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
People Killed While on a Moped	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People Killed While on a Motorcycle	1	8	1	7	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	1
People Killed While Driving	0	3	0	5	1	7	1	3	0	0	2	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</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>

\* 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:

2021: 3 people walking, 1 person on a motorcycle, 3 people driving\*\*\*

2020: 2 people walking, 2 people on motorcycles, 1 person riding in a vehicle

2019: 2 people walking, 2 people on motorcycles, 4 people driving, 3 people riding in vehicles

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

<sup>1</sup> SFDPH, SFMTA, and SFPD. 2021. Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol: [https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/PHES/VisionZero/Vision\\_Zero\\_Traffic\\_Fatality\\_Protocol.pdf](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/PHES/VisionZero/Vision_Zero_Traffic_Fatality_Protocol.pdf)



\*\* Deaths following separate crashes involving one person riding a motorcycle and one person walking were retroactively added to May totals after meeting fatality protocol criteria in June.

\*\*\* One death involving a pedestrian on a freeway in San Mateo County was misclassified as a pedestrian freeway fatality in San Francisco County starting on the August 2021 Memo and corrected on the December 2021 Memo.

Note: the death of a driver following a 4/7/21 motor vehicle crash was determined to be a medical issue and is excluded from this count. The death of a driver following a 6/28/21 motor vehicle crash was determined to be a medical issue and is excluded from this count (death certificate was issued by Sonoma County). The death of a motorcyclist following a 10/30/21 solo crash was determined to be a medical issue and is excluded from this count. The death of a driver following a 12/17/21 solo crash was determined to be a medical issue and is excluded from this count.

Data Source: Motor Vehicle Death Reports, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner 2021, 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 2020, 47% (n=14) of fatalities occurred in a Community of Concern, 13% (n=4) of those killed were seniors<sup>3</sup>, and 63% (n=19) of fatalities occurred on the High Injury Network<sup>4</sup>.

In 2021 (through 12/31/2021):

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	13	7	54%	6	46%	7	54%
People Killed While Cycling	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%
People Killed While Riding a Standup Powered Device	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
People Killed While Riding in a Motor Vehicle	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
People Killed While Riding outside a Motor Vehicle	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
People Killed While Riding on a Moped	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
People Killed While on a Motorcycle	8	5	63%	0	0%	6	75%
People Killed While Driving	3	2	67%	0	0%	2	67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59%</b>

Summary descriptions of traffic fatalities added to count since last memo:

<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>

A person riding a motorcycle struck a median and parked vehicle.

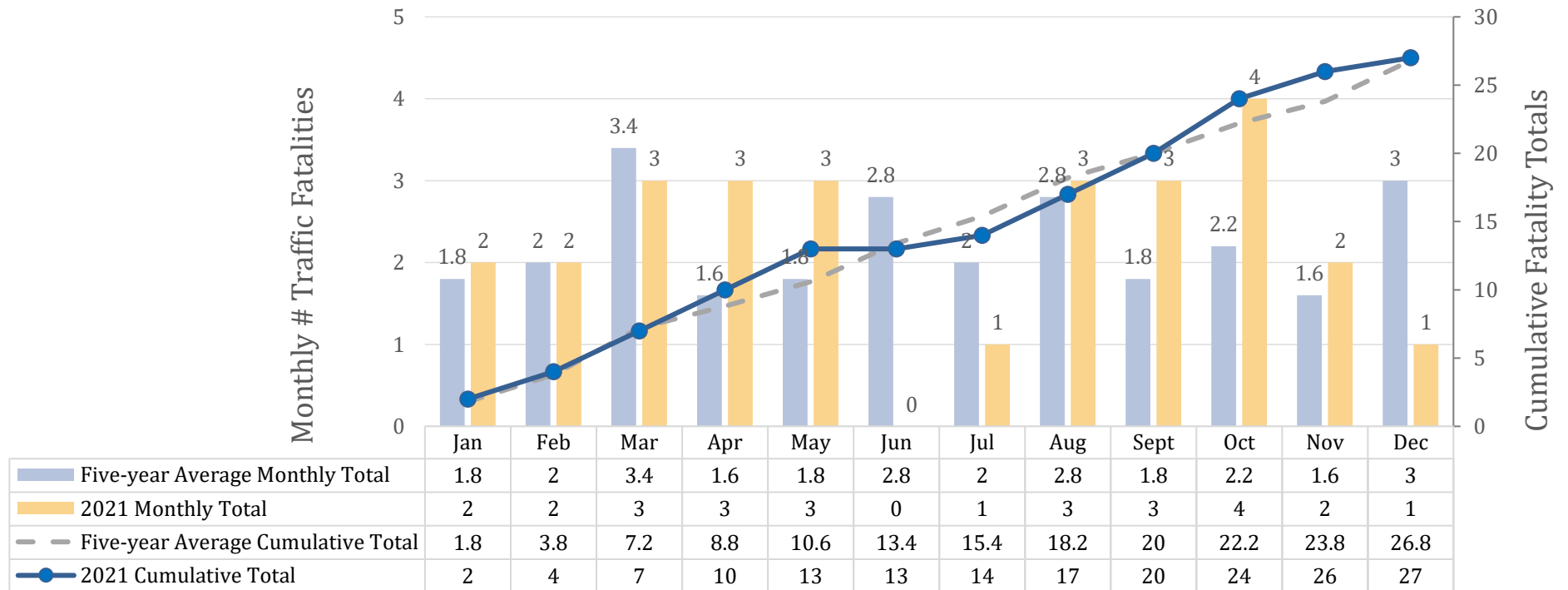




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This chart displays Vision Zero traffic fatalities over 2021 at monthly intervals as well as six-year cumulative and monthly average totals (2015-2020), providing a snapshot of traffic fatality trends in San Francisco.

Vision Zero Traffic Fatalities: 2021 and Five-Year Averages



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