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1. Vehicles registered as at June 2025

As at end of June 2025, there were 733,991 vehicles registered at the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA). This represents a net increase of 23,386 vehicles (3.3%) as compared to year 2024 when the number of registered vehicles was 710,605 (Table 1.1).

During the first semester of 2025, the fleet was strengthened with the registration of 26,119 vehicles, of which 16,601 (63.6%) were new, 7,466 (28.6%) were imported second-hand and 2,052 (7.8%) were re-registered vehicles; i.e., those which had been previously put off the road. During the same period 2,733 vehicles were put off the road. The net addition to the existing fleet worked out to 23,386 vehicles (Table 1.1).

2. Composition of fleet

A breakdown of the fleet by type of vehicle is given in Table 1.2. As at end of June 2025, 56.6% of the fleet consisted of cars, double cab pickups and dual-purpose vehicles (415,089) and 34.6% of auto/motor cycles (253,943). The remaining 8.8% comprised vans (31,829), lorries and trucks (20,346), buses (3,387) and other vehicles (9,397).

3. Vehicles used for transport of passengers

3.1 *Cars, double cab pickups and dual purpose vehicles*

As at end of June 2025, the number of cars, double cab pickups and dual purpose vehicles was 415,089, a rise of 4.5% over the figure of 397,266 as at end of December 2024. This increase resulted from the registration of 19,342 following types of vehicles (11,022 new, 7,178 imported second-hand and 1,142 re-registered), partly offset by 1,519 vehicles that were put off the road.

3.2 *Buses*

As at end of June 2025, there were 3,387 registered buses, out of which 1,991 (58.8%) were 'public' buses operating with a road service licence. During the first semester of 2025, some 83 new buses were registered, 5 were re-registered and 9 were put off the road, resulting in an increase of 79 buses.

4. Motor cycles and auto cycles

As at end of June 2025 there were 253,943 motor cycles and auto cycles. This represents a net increase of 4,492 (+1.8%) against 249,451 as at end of December 2024.

5. Road traffic accidents

The number of road accidents registered during the first semester of 2025 went up by 2.8% to reach 19,696 as compared to 19,155 recorded during the corresponding period of 2024. Among these accidents, the majority, 18,591 (94.4%) were non-injury, 58 fatal, 121 caused serious injuries and 926 slight injuries.

As compared to the same period of 2024, casualty accidents went down by 1.2%, while non-injury accidents increased by 3.1%. The number of fatal accidents and serious injury decreased by 9.4% and 5.5% respectively while slight injury accidents remain unchanged (Table 2.1).

6. Vehicles involved in road accidents

During the first semester of 2025, the total number of vehicles (both motor and non-motor) involved in road accidents was 38,214 (2.5%) against 37,274 in the corresponding period of the preceding year. The number of motor vehicles involved in accidents resulting in casualties was 999 during the first semester of 2025 against 1,171 for the same period of 2024. The number of vehicles causing casualty accidents by type were mainly motor/auto cycles (46.0%), cars (40.3%), bus (5.3%) and vans (5.0%) (Table 2.3).

7. Casualties

The number of casualties (fatalities and persons injured as a result of road accidents) decreased by 6.1% from 1,488 during the first semester of 2024 to 1,397 in the corresponding period of 2025. Among the casualties during the period January to June 2025, 63 were fatal, 221 were seriously injured and the remaining 1,113 were slightly injured.

As compared to the corresponding period of 2024, the number of persons who died as a result of road accidents went down by 8.7% from 69 to 63, those seriously injured by 12.3% from 252 to 221 and slightly injured by 4.6% from 1,167 to 1,113 (Table 2.1).

Table 2.4 shows that, among the casualties during the first semester of 2025, some 32.6% were passengers, 29.5% riders of auto/motor cycles, 21.1% drivers, 14.4% pedestrians and 2.4 % pedal cyclists.

Out of the 63 persons who died in road accidents during the first semester of 2025, the most vulnerable ones were riders/pillion riders of motorised two wheelers (31) and pedestrians (16) (Table 2.6).

8. Hit and run cases of accidents causing casualties

During the first six months of 2025, some 95 ‘hit and run’ cases causing casualties were reported as compared to 127 during the same period of 2024. Out of these 95 cases, 68.4% (65) involved vehicles only, while 31.6% (30) involved both vehicles and pedestrians (Table 2.5).

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Explanatory Notes

A. Vehicle Statistics

1. Data refer to all vehicles registered at National Transport Authority. Pedal cycles are therefore excluded. The classification of vehicles used in this report, follows the definition given in Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act of 1962 and subsequent amended Act No. 27 of 2012.

2. **Vehicles include:**

- (a) **motor vehicles**, that is, power-driven vehicles normally used for carrying persons or goods by road or for drawing vehicles used for carrying persons or goods. Examples are car, dual purpose vehicle, heavy motor car, motor cycle, lorry, van, bus, and tractor;
- (b) **non-motorised vehicles**, for example trailer.

3. Definition of some types of vehicles according to the Road Traffic Act 1962.

(a) **Motor cycle**

A motor cycle is a mechanically propelled vehicle, other than an autocycle or a vehicle classified as an invalid carriage, with not more than four wheels and whose unladen weight does not exceed 400 kilograms.

(b) **Auto cycle**

An autocycle is a two wheeled motor vehicle, with or without pedals, whose engine capacity does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres.

(c) **Heavy motor car**

A heavy motor car is a vehicle of the bus type designed to carry passengers but not for hire or reward.

(d) **Dual purpose vehicle**

A dual purpose vehicle is essentially a car but it is so designed to be capable of carrying a certain load of goods.

(e) **Double cab pickup**

Double cab pickup means a motor vehicle which has –

- (i) a front passenger cabin which contain 2 rows of seats and is capable of seating a maximum of 4 persons excluding the driver,
- (ii) at least 2 doors capable of being opened separately; and
- (iii) an open pickup area behind the passenger cabin.

B. Road Traffic Accidents

1. In this report, data on accidents refer to all road accidents reported to police stations and insurance companies.

2. Road Traffic Accident

A road traffic accident is an accident between two or more vehicles, a vehicle and a cyclist, a vehicle and a pedestrian, a vehicle and a fixed object such as a bridge, building, tree, post, etc, or a single vehicle that overturned on or near a public road.

3. Severity of accident

Road traffic accidents are classified into the following categories according to the severity of the accident:

Fatal accident - an accident resulting in the death of one or more persons. Prior to 2002, a fatal accident was defined as an accident where deaths occurred within 7 days. As from 2002, a fatal accident is defined as an accident where deaths occurred within 30 days.

Serious injury accident - An accident in which one or more persons are seriously injured.

Slight injury accident - An accident in which one or more persons are slightly injured.

Non injury accident - An accident in which no one is killed or injured but which results in damage to the vehicle/s and/or other property only.

4. Casualty

Any person killed or injured in a road accident is referred to as a casualty.

Fatality - Any person killed during an accident, or within 30 days as a result of an accident is referred to as a fatality.

Injury definition

(i) As from January 2013:

(a) Serious Injury - An injury for which a person is admitted to hospital as an "in-patient" for more than 24 hours.

(b) Slight Injury - An injury for which a person has received medical care but has not been admitted to hospital for more than 24 hours.

(ii) Prior to January 2013:

(a) Serious Injury - An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an "in-patient" or any of the following injuries (whether or not he is detained in hospital): fractures, concussions, internal injuries, severe cuts and lacerations, crushings and severe general shock requiring medical treatment.

(b) Slight Injury - An injury of minor character such as a sprain, bruise and cut not judged to be severe.

Table 1.1 - Vehicles¹ registered as at June 2025

Type of vehicle	Number						
	Vehicles as at December 2024	New vehicles Jan. - Jun 25	Imported second-hand vehicles Jan. - Jun 25	Re - registered vehicles ² Jan. - Jun 25	Vehicles off the road ³ Jan. - Jun 25	Vehicles as at June 2025	Net addition Jan. - Jun 2025
Car	335,398	9,856	7,087	957	1,292	352,006	16,608
Dual purpose vehicle	47,620	0	2	13	25	47,610	-10
Double cab pickup	14,248	1,166	89	172	202	15,473	1,225
Heavy motor car	1,473	34	1	2	6	1,504	31
Motor cycle	122,279	3,907	7	651	881	125,963	3,684
Auto cycle	127,172	815	5	0	12	127,980	808
Lorry and truck	19,728	514	129	122	147	20,346	618
Van	31,595	166	92	98	122	31,829	234
Bus	3,308	83	0	5	9	3,387	79
Tractor and dumper	3,769	39	11	19	27	3,811	42
Prime mover	1,278	16	41	13	10	1,338	60
Trailer	2,281	4	2	0	0	2,287	6
Road roller	111	1	0	0	0	112	1
Other	345	0	0	0	0	345	0
Total	710,605	16,601	7,466	2,052	2,733	733,991	23,386

¹ Excluding pedal cycles, but including government vehicles.

² Refers to re-registration of vehicles previously off the road.

³ Unlicensed either temporarily or permanently

Table 1.2 - Vehicles ¹ registered by type, Year 2015 - June 2025

Type of vehicle	Number										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (June)
Car	188,299	202,696	218,976	235,598	251,973	264,120	277,066	292,631	311,914	335,398	352,006
<i>of which taxi car</i>	6,907	6,905	6,909	6,907	6,905	6,907	6,907	6,907	6,907	7,409	7,532
Dual purpose vehicle	49,301	48,961	48,603	48,200	48,025	47,908	47,834	47,739	47,673	47,620	47,610
Double cab pickup	2,689	3,542	4,634	5,878	7,083	8,036	9,204	10,626	12,279	14,248	15,473
Heavy motor car	1,284	1,316	1,345	1,367	1,370	1,377	1,380	1,398	1,425	1,473	1,504
Motor cycle	77,603	82,746	88,360	93,636	99,111	103,589	107,725	112,087	116,786	122,279	125,963
Auto cycle	116,085	116,653	117,133	117,489	117,752	118,399	121,838	124,479	125,822	127,172	127,980
Lorry and truck	14,372	14,645	15,024	15,505	16,086	16,512	17,040	17,848	18,618	19,728	20,346
Van	27,229	27,656	28,121	28,506	29,125	29,744	30,323	30,675	31,079	31,595	31,829
Bus	2,980	3,107	3,101	3,086	3,087	3,101	3,151	3,177	3,225	3,308	3,387
Tractor and dumper	3,244	3,251	3,277	3,351	3,427	3,474	3,543	3,600	3,670	3,769	3,811
Prime mover	774	817	873	947	1,055	1,120	1,152	1,184	1,218	1,278	1,338
Trailer	1,850	1,853	1,913	1,999	2,085	2,218	2,277	2,277	2,277	2,281	2,287
Road roller	103	105	109	110	110	110	110	110	110	111	112
Other	331	328	328	329	340	345	345	345	345	345	345
TOTAL	486,144	507,676	531,797	556,001	580,629	600,053	622,988	648,176	676,441	710,605	733,991

¹ Excluding pedal cycles, but including government vehicles.

Table 1.3 - Registration of vehicles by type, January to June 2024 and January to June 2025

Type of vehicle	Number							
	New vehicles registered		Imported second - hand vehicles registered		Re -registration of vehicles ¹		Vehicles put off the road ²	
	Jan. - June 2024	Jan. - June 2025	Jan. - June 2024	Jan. - June 2025	Jan. - June 2024	Jan. - June 2025	Jan. - June 2024	Jan. - June 2025
Car	6,602	9,856	4,920	7,087	743	957	1,196	1,292
Dual purpose vehicle	0	0	0	2	12	13	46	25
Double cab pickup	974	1,166	64	89	153	172	197	202
Heavy motor car	17	34	1	1	9	2	15	6
Motor cycle	3,082	3,907	7	7	570	651	969	881
Auto cycle	678	815	14	5	0	0	4	12
Lorry and truck	516	514	110	129	92	122	155	147
Van	225	166	105	92	113	98	171	122
Bus	32	83	1	0	1	5	0	9
Tractor and dumper	64	39	3	11	16	19	29	27
Prime mover	8	16	17	41	1	13	11	10
Trailer	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Road roller	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,198	16,601	5,242	7,466	1,710	2,052	2,793	2,733

¹ Refers to re-registration of vehicles previously off the road.

² Unlicensed either temporarily or permanently.

Table 2.1 - Road traffic accidents¹, January - June 2024 and January - June 2025

	January - June		Change Jan - Jun 2025 over Jan - Jun 2024	
	2024 ²	2025 ³	Number	%
1. Road traffic accidents	19,155	19,696	+ 541	+ 2.8
Casualty accidents	1,118	1,105	-13	-1.2
Fatal accident ⁴	64	58	-6	-9.4
Serious injury accident	128	121	-7	-5.5
Slight injury accident	926	926	0	0.0
Non-injury accident	18,037	18,591	+ 554	+ 3.1
2. Vehicles involved in accidents	37,274	38,214	+ 940	+ 2.5
of which				
<i>Motor Vehicles</i>	37,244	38,181	+ 937	+ 2.5
<i>Motor vehicles involved in casualty accidents</i>	1,171	999	-172	-14.7
3. Casualties	1,488	1,397	-91	-6.1
<i>Fatal</i> ⁴	69	63	-6	-8.7
<i>Seriously injured</i>	252	221	-31	-12.3
<i>Slightly injured</i>	1,167	1,113	-54	-4.6

¹ Exclude accidents involving bicycles only or bicycle and pedestrian

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Based on definition of fatal accidents where death occurred within 30 days

Table 2.2 - Road traffic accidents ¹ and casualties, Year 2015 - 2025 (January- June)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ²	2025 Jan.-June
1. Road traffic accidents											
Number	28,476	29,277	29,627	29,075	29,644	28,611	28,660	35,513	36,400	39,485	19,696
Rate per 100,000 population	2,333	2,397	2,425	2,379	2,425	2,341	2,346	2,917	2,994	3,287	<i>Napp</i>
Rate per 1,000 registered motor vehicles	60	59	57	54	52	49	47	56	55	57	<i>Napp</i>
2. Motor vehicle involved											
Number	55,617	57,335	58,178	56,962	58,128	56,627	56,663	69,699	71,191	77,943	38,214
Rate per 1,000 registered motor vehicles	117	116	112	105	102	96	93	110	108	113	<i>Napp</i>
3. Casualties											
Total number of casualties	3,722	3,862	4,209	3,718	3,484	2,802	2,371	3,252	3,286	3,029	1,397
<i>Fatal</i>	139	144	157	143	144	131	108	108	138	134	63
<i>Seriously injured</i>	530	512	560	597	523	532	418	534	593	573	221
<i>Slightly injured</i>	3,053	3,206	3,492	2,978	2,892	2,139	1,845	2,610	2,555	2,322	1,113
4. Fatality											
Rate per 100,000 population	11.4	11.8	12.8	11.7	11.8	10.7	8.8	8.9	11.4	11.2	<i>Napp</i>
Rate per 1,000 registered motor vehicles	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	<i>Napp</i>
Fatality index ³	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	<i>Napp</i>

¹ Exclude accidents involving bicycles only or bicycle and pedestrian

² Revised

³ Fatality index is the number of fatalities per 100 casualties

Napp: Not Applicable

Table 2.3 -Number of vehicles¹ involved in accidents (causing casualties) by type, Year 2024 - January to June 2025

Type of vehicle	2024 ²						2025 ³	
	Jan - June		Jul - Dec		Year		Jan - June	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Private car	413	35.3	1,308	54.1	1,721	48.0	403	40.3
Taxi car	9	0.8	16	0.7	25	0.7	6	0.6
Bus	40	3.4	88	3.6	128	3.6	53	5.3
Lorry	19	1.6	63	2.6	82	2.3	10	1.0
Van	71	6.0	182	7.5	253	7.1	50	5.0
Motor/auto cycle	604	51.6	677	28.0	1,281	35.7	460	46.0
Other motor vehicles	15	1.3	81	3.4	96	2.7	17	1.7
Total motor vehicles	1,171	100.0	2,415	100.0	3,586	100.0	999	100.0
Pedal cycle	30		37		67		33	
All vehicles	1,201	100.0	2,452	100.0	3,653	100.0	1,032	100.0

¹ Only three main vehicles have been considered in accidents involving more than three vehicles

² Revised

³ Provisional

Table 2.4 - Number of casualties by class of road users, Year 2024 - January to June 2025

Class of road users	2024 ¹				2025 ²	
	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec	Total	%	Jan - Jun	%
Pedestrian	244	213	457	15.1	201	<i>14.4</i>
Passenger	419	447	866	28.6	456	32.6
Driver	280	305	585	19.3	295	<i>21.1</i>
Rider (auto/motor cycle)	557	496	1,053	34.8	412	29.5
Pedal cyclist	35	33	68	2.2	33	2.4
Total	1,535	1,494	3,029	100.0	1,397	100.0

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 2.5 - Number of accidents (causing casualties) involved in "hit and run" cases, Year 2024 - January to June 2025

<div>Year</div> <div>Accident</div>	2024				2025	
	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec	Total	%	Jan - Jun	%
Vehicles v/s pedestrian	62	53	115	48.9	30	<i>31.6</i>
Vehicles v/s vehicles	65	55	120	51.1	65	<i>68.4</i>
Total	127	108	235	100.0	95	100.0

Table 2.6 - Number of fatalities by category of road users and age-group, January to June 2025

Category of road users Age - group (years)	Cyclists	Drivers of four wheeled vehicles	Passengers of four wheeled vehicles	Pedestrians	Riders / pillion riders of motorised two - wheelers	Total
Under 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 - 14	0	0	0	0	1	1
15 - 29	0	4	0	0	13	17
30 - 44	0	5	2	4	4	15
45 - 59	0	1	0	2	3	6
60 - 69	0	1	2	5	4	12
Over 69	0	1	0	5	6	12
All ages	0	12	4	16	31	63

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