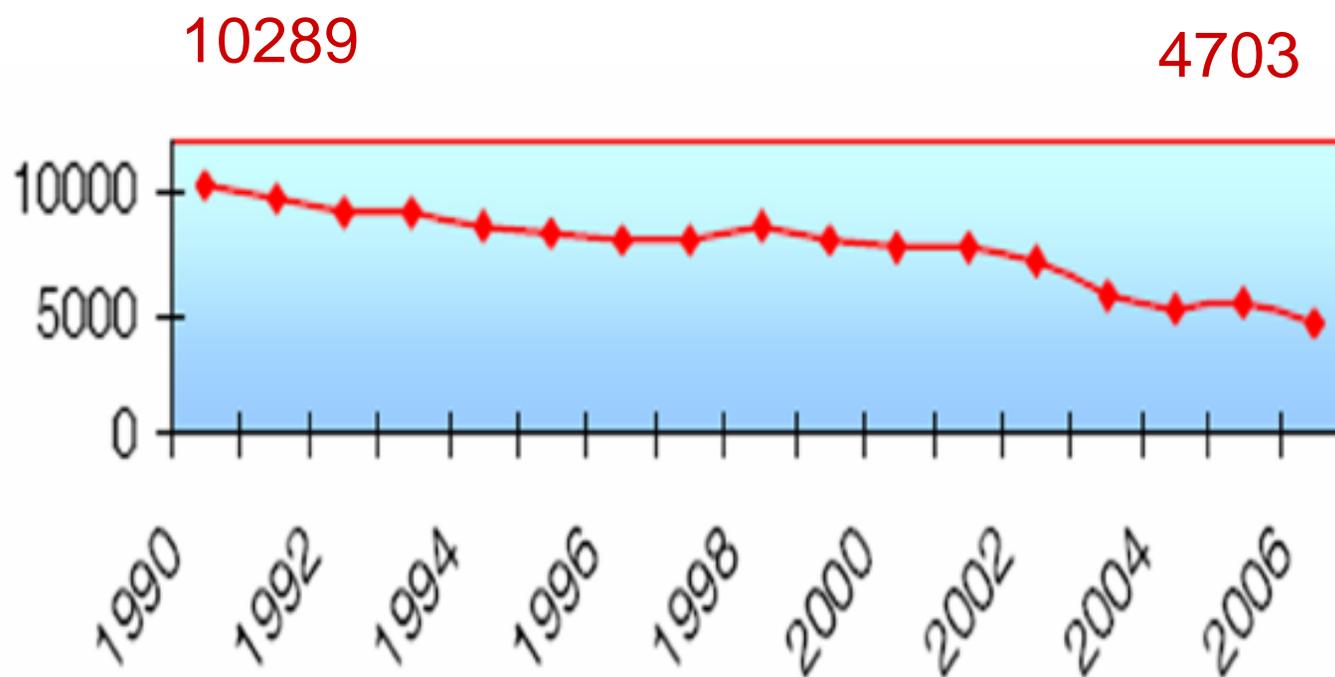


Status report of France

Since 2002, road safety
first priority for the French
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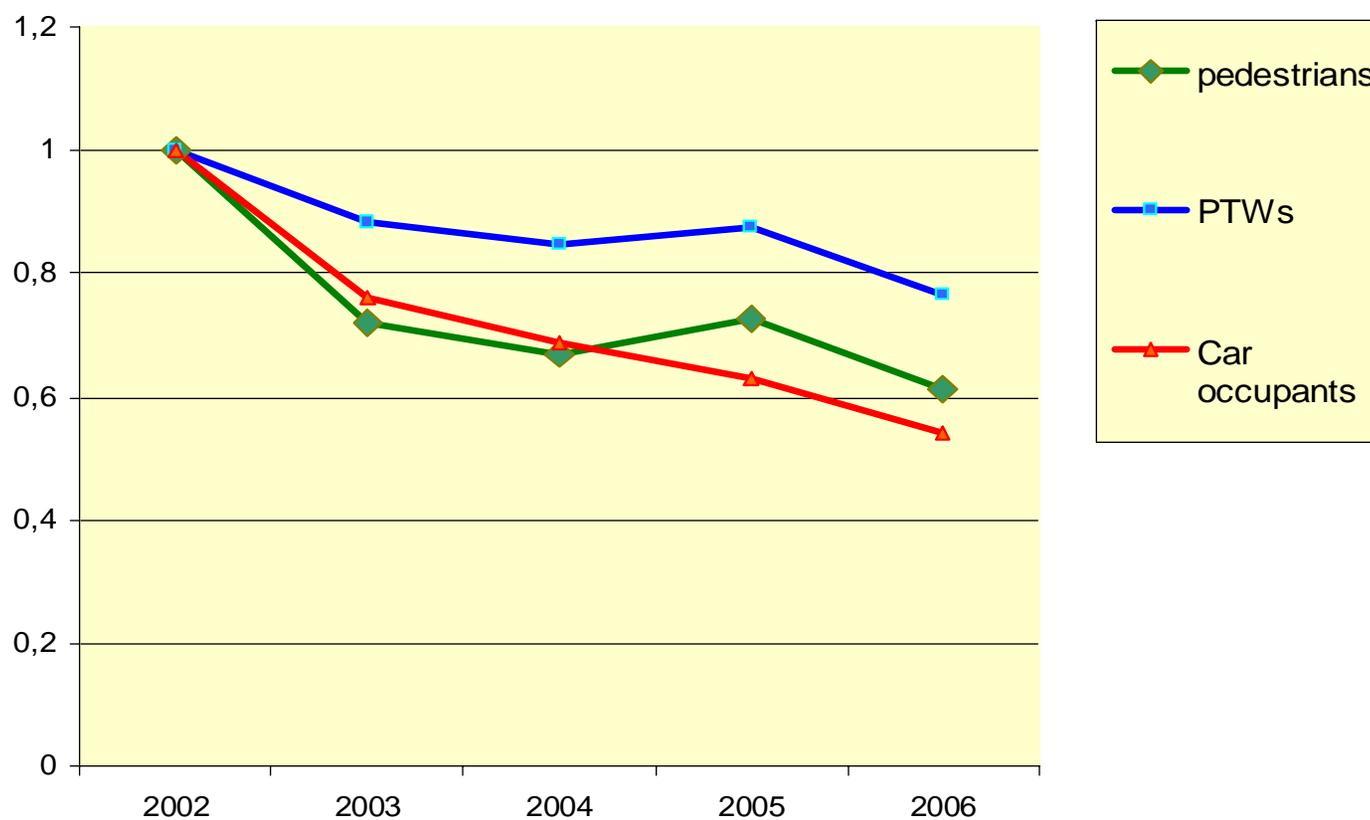


Trends in fatalities



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Evolution of road traffic fatalities in France for 3 road user categories



20th ESV - Status report of France



Road safety policy

Targeted to :

- Young people
- Motorized two wheelers
- Public health and elderly drivers
- Systematic use of seat belt
- Local actions
- Automatic control-penalty

Actions related to vehicles

- Speed limit by construction extended to passenger and good vehicles between 3.5 and 12 tons.
- Compulsory seat belt use. The 2003 E.U. directive transposed to French laws
- Label CO² emission and fuel consumption : information available for all new cars.
- Technical inspection :
 - 18.6 Million inspections
 - 5190 inspection centers

Research activities

- Foundation for Road Safety
- Clusters for Competitiveness
 - Aimed at facilitating collaborative research between industry, research and educational centers
 - 12 clusters related to transport (among 66 in total)
 - 6 with a research program in vehicle safety

Research activities - PREDIT

- The French Transport R&D Predit 3 programme. Two operational groups are in the field of safety.
 - GO3 - New knowledge for safety - 39 projects
 - Public policy development and evaluation (12)
 - Accident collection and analysis (6)
 - Users behaviour issues (12)
 - Safety and health issues (8)
 - Transport of dangerous goods (1)

Research activities - PREDIT

- GO4 - Technology for safety
 - ARCOS project - Accident prevention
 - Inter-vehicles distance control
 - Fixed object collision avoidance
 - Lane crossing prevention
 - Accident / Incident alert to other vehicles
 - LAVIA
 - Testing and evaluation of adaptative and intelligent speed limiter
 - 15 additional projects
 - Driver information (3)
 - Safety in tunnels (2)
 - Vulnerable users (5)
 - Safety of rail transport (3)
 - Driving simulation and drowsiness (2)



Preregulatory activities

- Collaborative research with US on compatibility : development/evaluation of PDB test procedure
- Support EEVC at the Steering Committee and Working Group levels
- Active involvement in WP29/GRSP activities
- Support the setting up of a World Forum for Vehicle Safety Research



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