Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among 10 to 19 year olds

More than 260 000 children and teenagers die from a road traffic injury each year. That is about 718 children per day. Approximately 10 million more are non-fatally injured. In high-income countries most children killed are occupants of vehicles (except in some like the Netherlands where bicycle riding is commonplace) while in low-income and middle-income countries they are usually pedestrians or cyclists.

Proportion of fatal road traffic deaths among children* by type of road user in selected OECD countries

* These data refer to children under the age of 15 years.
OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.