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Manhattan Streets: How Dangerous is Yours?

www.crashstat.org shows residents how safe it is to walk on their street

Transportation Alternatives, New York City's advocates for street safety, today released a study and map of the borough of Manhattan showing where and how often pedestrians are killed or injured by motorists. A recently released Citizens for NYC/Baruch College survey put "dangerous intersections" at the top of citizen complaints in New York City, well ahead of traffic congestion and noise.

The maps can be accessed at www.crashstat.org. With a few simple clicks, residents can see the number of historical injuries and deaths at each intersection in their neighborhood, and the crash frequency trend at particular locations. The map is based on data from 1995 through 2001, the last year for which accurate data is available.

For the borough as a whole, there were 6,011 locations with reported crashes resulting in 304 pedestrians killed and 26,343 pedestrians injured between 1995 and 2001. During this period, East 33rd Street and Park Avenue was the most dangerous intersection in both the borough and the city.

To its credit, the City Department of Transportation has made pedestrian oriented safety improvements on Park Avenue between East 96th and East 132nd Streets, West 30th Street and 9th Avenue and the intersection of Riverside Drive and 96th Street. And, since 1998, the NYPD has significantly increased the number of summonses it issues for dangerous and illegal driving in Manhattan.

However, **Manhattan streets can still be much safer.** Even with vigorous police enforcement, studies have shown that **the only way to create truly safe streets is for the City DOT to redesign them using modern traffic calming devices.** Traffic calming, which encompasses a wide variety of inexpensive engineering measures like speed tables and pedestrian refuge islands, has successfully created safer streets around New York City, the United States and the world. Says Kit Hodge, Transportation Alternatives' Campaign Coordinator,

"People choose to live in Manhattan because of the liveliness of its streets: the people, the stores, the sights. But dangerous and loud motorized traffic turns the lively streets into lousy streets; it literally drives people out of the borough.

www.crashstat.org is a powerful new tool that concerned residents can use to fight for comprehensive traffic calming, which will create safer and quieter walking conditions around schools, senior centers and parks."

Local community groups can contact Transportation Alternatives at 212-629-8080 or info@transalt.org to request free copies of the study and a booklet on how to create safer streets using traffic calming in your neighborhood.

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Pedestrian Safety Study Crashes in Manhattan 1995-2001 by Intersection and Zip Code

10 Most Dangerous Intersections

Intersection	Fatalities	Injuries
1. E 33rd St & Park Ave	0	118
2. 7th Ave & W 34th St	0	55
3. Essex St & Delancey St	1	51
4. W 14th St & Avenue Of The Americas	1	51
5. 7th Ave & W 145th St	1	49
6. 8th Ave & W 42nd St	2	46
7. 3rd Ave & E 42nd St	0	47
8. 8th Ave & W 34th St	1	45
9. 3rd Ave & E 14th St	1	45
10. 1st Ave & E 14th St	1	43

10 Most Dangerous Zip Codes

Zip Code	Fatalities	Injuries	Sum of Fatalities and Injuries
1. 10021	17	1480	1497
2. 10022	4	1490	1494
3. 10019	18	1373	1391
4. 10001	18	1281	1299
5. 10036	16	1210	1226
6. 10002	25	1149	1174
7. 10011	11	1129	1140
8. 10016	12	1099	1111
9. 10003	8	1077	1085
10. 10029	6	957	963

10 Safest Zip Codes

Zip Code	Fatalities	Injuries	Sum of Fatalities and Injuries
1. 10005	0	87	87
2. 10006	0	91	91
3. 10004	0	120	120
4. 10020	0	145	145
5. 10039	2	193	195
6. 10037	2	257	259
7. 10040	4	267	271
8. 10038	3	285	288
9. 10026	7	307	314
10. 10034	4	326	330

10 Most Improved Intersections (1995-1997 v. 1999-2001)

Intersection	Fatalities	Injuries	Change
1. E 33rd St & Park Ave	0	118	-23
2. 3rd Ave & E 42nd St	0	47	-18
3. 3rd Ave & E 58th St	1	29	-15
4. Avenue C & E 9th St	0	15	-14
5. W 96th St & Columbus Ave	1	25	-14
6. Lenox Ave & W 135th St	0	29	-14
7. 9th Ave & W 57th St	3	35	-14
8. W 94th St & Broadway Nb	1	12	-13
9. E 59th St & Park Ave	0	26	-13
10. 2nd Ave & E 86th St	0	16	-12

10 Least Improved Intersections (1995-1997 v. 1999-2001)

Intersection	Fatalities	Injuries	Change
1. E 125th St & Lexington Ave	0	36	+12
2. 8th Ave & W 39th St	0	19	+12
3. 3rd Ave & St Marks Pl	0	26	+11
4. 1st Ave & E 14th St	1	43	+10
5. Broadway & W 57th St	0	20	+10
6. W Broadway & W Houston St	0	18	+10
7. 8th Ave & W 33rd St	0	15	+9
8. Ann St & Vesey St	0	15	+9
9. 7th Ave & W 32nd St	0	29	+8
10. E 106th St & Lexington Ave	0	17	+8

10 Least Improved Zip Codes (1995-1997 v. 1999-2001)

Zip Code	Fatalities	Injuries	Change
1. 10037	2	257	-1
2. 10004	0	120	-3
3. 10040	4	267	-5
4. 10006	0	91	-6
5. 10029	6	957	-9
6. 10039	2	193	-11
7. 10032	6	587	-15
8. 10018	4	524	-15
9. 10034	4	326	-16
10. 10005	0	87	-17

10 Most Improved Zip Codes (1995-1997 v. 1999-2001)

Zip Code	Fatalities	Injuries	Change
1. 10022	4	1490	-236
2. 10017	7	925	-133
3. 10027	9	849	-125
4. 10002	25	1149	-123

5.	10016	12	1099	-111
6.	10025	20	768	-97
7.	10021	17	1480	-97
8.	10013	17	895	-88
9.	10019	18	1373	-85
10.	10024	9	628	-83