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UNECE Rail Safety Statistics

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Overview

- Rail Accident Statistics
- Level Crossing Statistics
- Cross-Modal Safety Indicators
- Slips, trips and falls

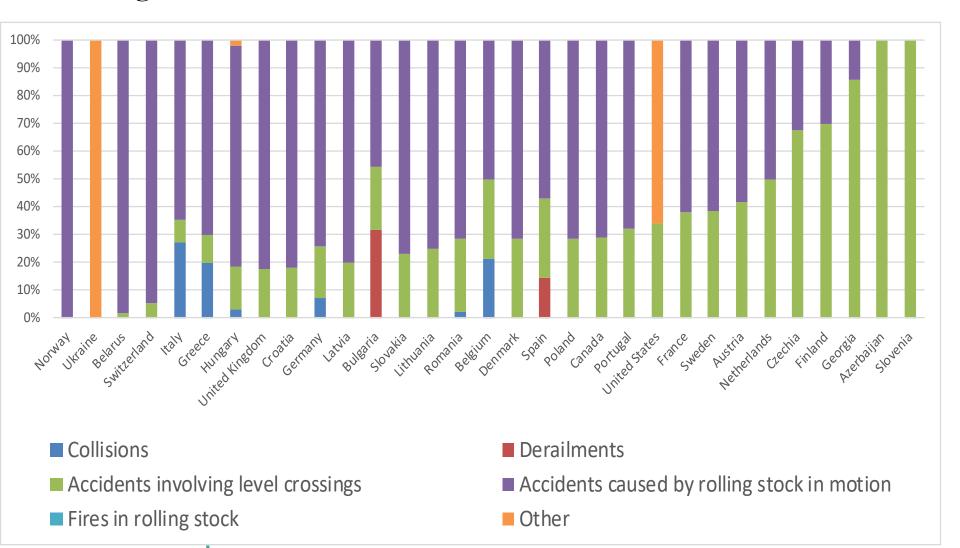
Rail Accident Statistics

- Pilot questionnaire sent out for first time in 2017. WP.6 made the collection permanent in 2018. Only sent to countries not covered by the ERA.
- Data collected on numbers of killed and injured, broken down by passengers, employees and others.
- Accident types: collisions, derailments, accidents involving level crossings, Accidents caused by rolling stock in motion, Fires in rolling stock, Other.
- Data published on UNECE website



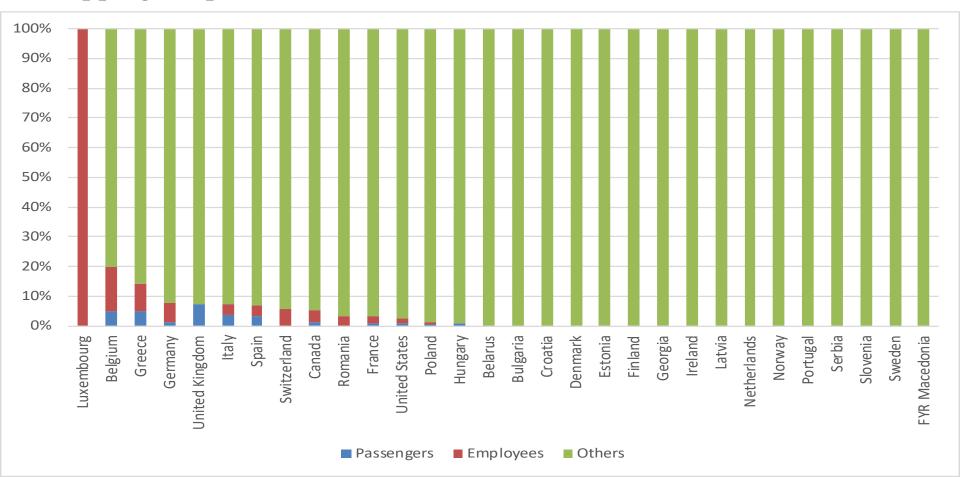
Rail Accident Statistics (1)

Majority of fatalities occur at level crossings or caused by rolling stock in motion

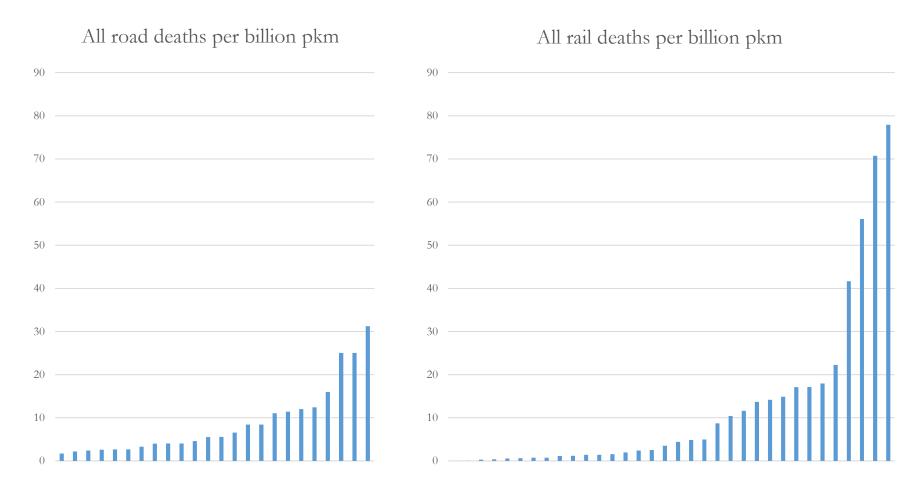


Rail Accident Statistics (2)

- Vast majority of fatalities occur to "others", meaning level crossing users and trespassers.
- Indications that safety policy should be directed at Level Crossings and stopping trespassers.

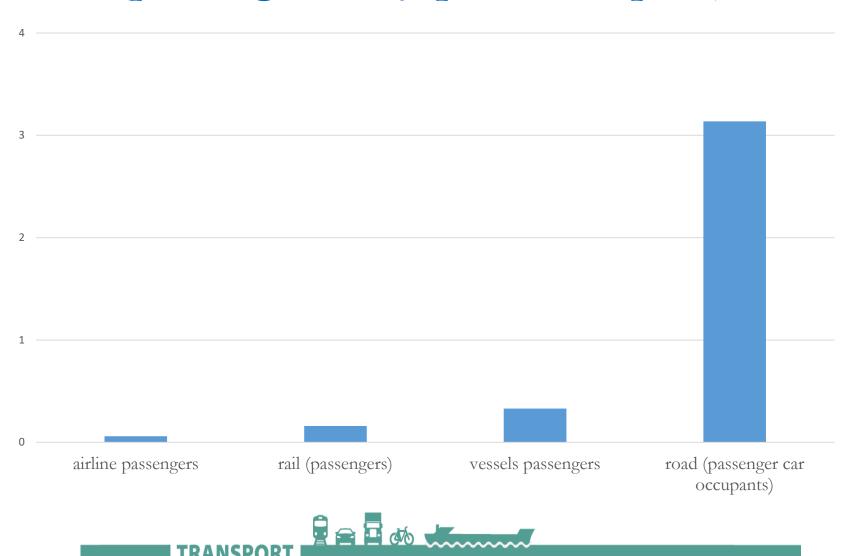


Cross Modal Safety Comparisons (including others)





Cross-modal safety comparisons (passengers only, per billion pkm)



Level Crossing Safety Statistics

- At the request of the UNECE Expert Group on Safety at Level Crossings (WP.1/GE.1), WP.6 sent out a LX safety questionnaire in 2017, and continued this in 2018.
- Data requested include infrastructure information (number and types of LXs), together with accident information, by type of user.
- Infrastructure information well reported for most member States.
- Requested victim type breakdown possibly too detailed (poorly reported).
- Data published on UNECE website





Slips, trips and falls

- Slips, trips and falls: accidents (deaths and injuries) occurring on trains and in train stations **not related to the vehicle being in motion.**
- Could show attitudes to safety and be a safety **precursor**. Number of injuries may equal or exceed those of rail traffic accidents.
- Data not collected at the EU/ERA level. Data likely to be equally limited outside EU.
- Questions of scope / possible double-counting may limit data comparability at present where data are available
 - slips on ice outside station door included?
 - passenger banging head inside the train?

