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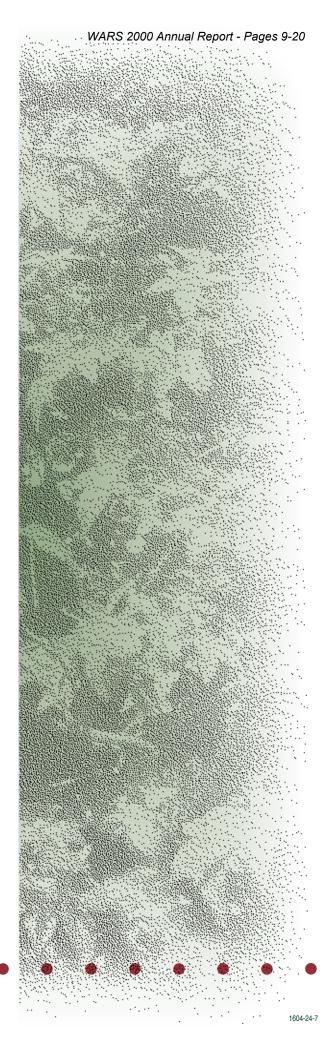
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#### REGIONAL AND DISTRICT ACCIDENT STATISTICS

#### Overview

In 2000, MoT Maintenance Contractors reported 4,768 wildlife-vehicle accidents. This is a decrease of 2.4% from 2000 (Table 2). The increase can be contributed to a variety of factors including seasonal climatic variations, increasing animal populations, and changes in migratory patterns.

Year	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Accidents	3306	3176	4680	5262	4764	3853	3661	4576	4888	4768

Table 2. Wildlife Accidents in B.C. (1991 to 2000)	Table 2.	Wildlife	Accidents	in B.C.	(1991)	to 2000)
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Figure 1 illustrates the ten year trend for reported wildlife-vehicle accidents. It appears the accident rate has decreased slightly, after a two year period of increases. The highest number of accidents in the last decade occurred in 1994. The 1994 and 1999 peaks may be attributed to correlated longer term climatic patterns, seasonal animal behavior, or fluctuating traffic volumes.

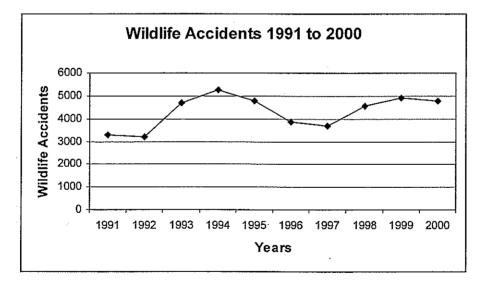


Figure 1. Wildlife Accidents (1991 to 2000)

#### **Regional Comparisons**

Table 3 provides a breakdown of wildlife accidents by Regions from 1991 to 2000. Given the size of the province and the dramatically different climatic and geographical regimes within each region, variations between regions may vary significantly. For example, depending on weather patterns, Region 6 can experience a very wet winter but exhibit fewer wildlife accidents, while Regions 2 and 3 can experience heavy snowfalls with higher wildlife accidents as animals migrate from higher elevations to valleys where highways are located.

Region	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
1	83	254	291	232	232	157	159	179	201	258	2,046
2	683	588	895	754	877	711	952	1,139	1,026	920	8,545
3	1,367	1,044	1,702	2,268	1,649	1,411	955	1,307	1,501	1,461	14,665
4	488	511	812	1,063	1,083	673	608	891	953	918	8,000
5	190	153	181	194	190	162	211	182	220	204	1,887
6	495	656	799	751	733	739	765	878	987	1,001	7,804
Totals	3,306	3,176	4,680	5,262	4,764	3,853	3,650	4,576	4,888	4,762	42,917

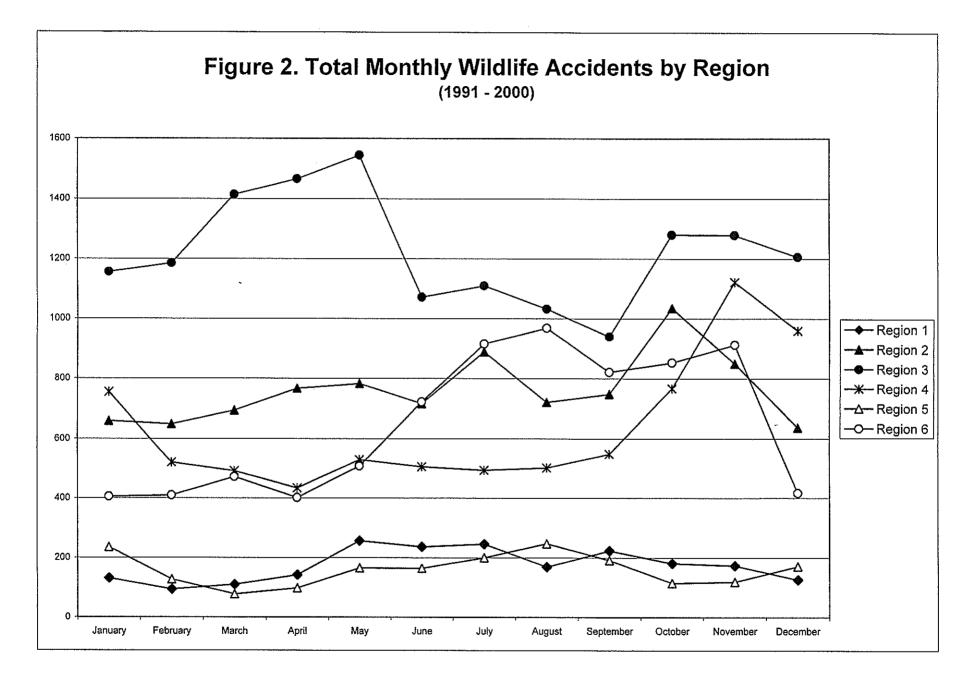
When comparing 2000 wildlife-vehicle accidents by Region to those during previous years, it is important to note, the fluctuation between years can be considerable (Table 4).

Region	1996	1997	%	1997	1998	%	1998	1999	%	1999	2000	%
			Change			Change			Change			Change
1	157	159	+1.3	159	179	+12.6	179	201	+12.3	201	258	+28.4
2	711	952	+33.9	952	1,139	+19.6	1,139	1,026	-9.9	1,026	920	-10.3
3	1,411	955	-32.3	955	1,307	+36.9	1,307	1,501	+14.8	1,501	1,461	-2.7
4	673	608	-9.7	608	891	+46.5	891	953	+7.0	953	918	-3.7
5	162	211	+30.2	211	182	-13.7	182	220	+20.9	220	204	-7.3
6	739	765	+3.5	765	878	+14.8	878	987	+12.4	987	1,001	+1.4
Total	3,853	3,650	-5.3	3,650	4,576	+25.4	4,576	4,888	+6.8	4,888	4,762	-2.6

Table 4. Regional Wildlife Accidents Comparisons (1996 to 2000)

When the monthly distribution of wildlife-vehicle accidents for all species in each Region for the period between 1991 and 2000 are compared, trends appear (Figure 2). Collectively, the accident rate for all Regions peaks in May and November. Since deer represent approximately 80% of the animals killed, the patterns of accidents for other species is overshadowed by the pattern found for deer in all Regions.

The general pattern of wildlife accidents for the entire Province is greatly influenced by the number of deer-vehicle accidents recorded in Region 3. This Region has disproportionately more accidents than any other Region. The general pattern of Region 3 is reinforced by similar patterns observed in Regions 2 and 4. Regions 2, 3 and 4 have some of the highest deer populations in the Province. These Regions have areas with steep mountainous terrain transected by Highways 1, 3, 16 and 97. The trend observed in Region 6 (Vancouver Island) differs from the other Regions with no peak in May, but a peak in August.



#### **District Comparisons**

Table 5 provides a breakdown of wildlife-vehicle accidents as recorded by Districts. The distribution ranges from 39 wildlife-vehicle accidents recorded in District 6 to 639 recorded in District 11. Given the varying District sizes, geography, highway infrastructures, and bioclimatic regimes, great variations in wildlife accident rates occur between Districts (Table 6.).

District	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
1	145	189	304	266	351	275	273	297	310	314	2,724
2	19	91	153	160	130	210	224	268	301	266	1,822
3	17	113	197	337	252	254	255	313	362	427	2,527
4	7	62	88	38	39	34	28	34	89	129	548
6	6	18	38	50	80	43	8	50	38	39	370
7	9	98	131	106	113	80	81	95	74	90	877
8	115	148	292	153	318	272	358	334	287	297	2,574
9	538	297	504	778	602	520	322	517	523	538	5,139
10	445	157	429	515	415	348	202	247	305	217	3,280
11	278	279	447	853	547	454	347	511	584	639	4,939
12	94	57	76	122	85	89	45	32	75	67	742
13	156	144	175	275	237	126	98	244	215	192	1,862
14	107	79	88	94	90	118	60	75	90	84	885
15	90	52	60	101	109	80	115	125	139	119	990
17	178	110	209	259	215	221	272	361	286	228	2,339
18	3	9	0	0	98	165	142	145	167	139	868
19	101	45	102	174	111	33	53	77	83	56	835
20	57	66	119	138	122	103	65	146	222	166	1,204
21	163	133	218	514	607	266	290	492	410	479	3,572
22	70	15	96	109	53	0*	32	31	76	78	560
25	62	58	71	183	158	127	89	89	128	113	1,078
26	106	29	38	0*	19	31	104	89	76	47	539
28	16	7	0	11	13	4	1	4	13	44	113

\* Records missing

District	1997	1998	1997/1998		1998	1999	1998/1999	1999	2000	1999/2000
			% Change				% Change			% Change
1	273	297	+8.8	Ť	297	310	+4.4	310	314	+1.3
2	224	268	+19.6		268	301	+12.3	301	266	-13.2
3	255	313	+22.7		313	362	+15.7	362	427	+15.2
4	28	34	+21.4	Τ	34	89	+161.2	89	129	+31.0
6	8	50	+525.0		50	38	-24.0	38	39	+2.6
7	81	95	+17.3	Τ	95	74	-22.1	74	90	+17.8
8	358	334	-6.7		334	287	-14.1	287	297	+3.4
9	322	517	+60.6	Τ	517	523	+1.2	523	538	+2.8
10	202	247	+22.3	Τ	247	305	+23.5	305	217	-40.6
11	347	511	+47.3	T	511	584	+14.3	584	639	+8.6
12	45	32	-28.9		32	75	+134.4	75	67	-11.9
13	98	244	+149.0		244	215	-11.9	215	192	-12.0
14	60	75	+25.0		75	90	+20.0	90	84	-7.1
15	115	125	+8.7		125	139	+11.2	139	119	-16.8
17	272	361	+32.7		361	286	-20.8	286	228	-25.4
18	142	145	+2.1		145	167	+15.2	167	139	-20.1
19	53	77	+45.3		77	83	+7.8	83	56	-48.2
20	65	146	+124.6		146	222	+52.1	222	166	-33.7
21	290	492	+69.7		492	410	-16.7	410	479	+14.4
22	32	31	-3.1	ł	31	76	+145.2	76	78	+2.6
25	89	89	0.0		89	128	+43.8	128	113	-13.3
26	104	89	-14.4		89	76	-14.6	76	47	-61.7
28	1	+4	300.0		4	13	+225.0	13	44	+70.5

Table 6. Annual Wildlife Accident Variation by District

#### Highway Comparisons within Districts

Table 7 provides a 10 year comparison breakdown of wildlife-vehicle accidents as recorded by Ministry Maintenance Contractors within each District. Highways 1, 3, 16 and 97 have the highest number of recorded wildlife-vehicle accidents. These highways are the longest in the province, carrying the greatest volumes of traffic, and traversing many of the major wildlife habitats.

# Table 7. Wildlife Accidents by District and Highway (1991-2000)

## REGION 1

	District 4 – Howe Sound ( <sup>1</sup> Service Area 4 – Howe Sound, <sup>2</sup> Service Area 5 – Sunshine Coast, <sup>3</sup> Both, *Records Missing)													
Highway 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 Totals														
<b>1</b> <sup>1</sup>	0	6	1	2	2	7	0*	2	2	7	29			
99 <sup>1</sup>	7	32	23	28	16	30	0*	1	16	1	154			
101 <sup>2</sup>	8	17	26	15	25	18	4	13	23	25	174			
Various <sup>3</sup>	2	36	47	32	30	28	24	18	48	96	361			
Totals	17	91	97	77	73	83	28	34	89	129	718			

	District 6 – Lower Mainland													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
1	0	23	29	27	12	10	4	7	0	5	117			
7	0	3	2	6	5	17	6	3	13	7	62			
10	0	2	5	4	1	1	. 1	1	0	1	16			
15	0	1	1	2	0	. 0	0	2	0	0	6			
99	1	12	6	3	9	1	: 1	3	1	4	41			
Various	5	7	3	8	19	14	4	34	22	22	138			
Totals	6	48	46	50	46	43	16	50	36	39	380			

	District 7 – Fraser Valley													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
1	14	62	73	58	60	57	37	62	33	44	500			
3	33	32	43	40	37	12	31	18	21	25	292			
5	7	7	14	1	3	2	6	0	0	1	41			
7	4	1	7	5	6	4	5	6	2	10	50			
9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
11	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	12			
Various	2	10	10	0	7	3	26	7	18	9	92			
Totals	60	115	148	106	113	80	107	95	74	90	988			

REGION	2

	District 8 – South Okanagan													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
3	84	52	112	47	92	66	<sup>•</sup> 51	60	87	90	741			
3A	8	14	21	19	33	29	6	18	10	27	185			
3B	3	2	4	2	5	3	3	3	0	5	30			
5A	6	3	13	4	24	10	1	6	11	15	93			
33	14	13	35	5	19	15	20	30	29	24	204			
97	111	59	160	51	96	123	260	161	95	95	1,211			
97C	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7			
Various	19	20	37	23	46	26	52	56	56	41	376			
Totals	246	163	382	154	318	272	393	334	288	297	2,847			

	District 13 – Okanagan-Shuswap													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
1	26	19	14	50	40	20	23	29	58	40	319			
6	64	76	94	128	99	62	27	56	45	48	699			
97	7	2	1	13	13	8	16	75	37	44	216			
97A	19	8	24	17	43	13	26	21	20	17	208			
97B	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	10			
Various	38	38	62	66	42	23	12	63	55	42	441			
Totals	156	144	196	275	237	126	105	244	218	192	1,893			

	District 14 – Nicola													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
1	0	1	4	3	10	17	6	3	7	9	60			
5	90	62	67	44	44	50	22	42	52	39	512			
5A	0	2	8	15	8	5	7	3	1	7	56			
8	0	0	3	7	2	3	1	5	1	0	22			
97C	7	6	8	16	16	26	14	17	22	18	150			
Various	10	8	2	9	10	17	20	5	10	11	102			
Totals	107	79	92	94	90	118	70	75	93	84	902			

	District 15 – Thompson												
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals		
1	27	26	29	37	43	34	57	56	50	39	398		
5	49	54	35	56	62	44	67	57	75	47	546		
5A	7	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	16		
24	2	. 1	0	1	0	0	3	4	4	14	29		
Various	5	13	12	7	3	1	4	8	9	19	81		
Totals	90	96	76	101	109	80	135	125	139	119	1,070		

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	( <sup>1</sup> Service Area 16 - South Cariboo, <sup>2</sup> Service Area 17 – Central Cariboo, <sup>3</sup> Both)														
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals				
1 <sup>1</sup>	8	-11	6	21	20	11	5	12	5	4	103				
12 <sup>1</sup>	4	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	13				
20 <sup>2</sup>	33	25	32	49	28	25	56	39	37	50	374				
24 <sup>1</sup>	9	14	22	17	11	19	17	28	23	15	175				
97 <sup>3</sup>	84	62	114	96	80	121	142	200	145	113	1,157				
97C <sup>1</sup>	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	10				
99 <sup>1</sup>	0	0	8	8	5	0	1	1	2	0	25				
Various <sup>3</sup>	40	35	58	63	66	44	64	80	75	44	569				
Totals	178	148	244	258	215	221	285	361	288	228	2,426				

## REGION 3

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	District 9 – Kootenay Boundary													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
3	248	218	284	387	299	304	186	318	272	298	2,814			
3A	6	1	10	4	5	5	3	1	0	0	35			
3B	30	5	10	35	9	6	6	4	0	0	105			
22	39	19	35	61	38	21	5	0	1	0	219			
22A	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2			
33	187	99	192	225	176	147	95	139	175	154	1,589			
Various	27	28	56	65	75	37	31	54	85	86	544			
Totals	538	370	587	777	602	520	326	517	533	538	5,308			

				District	10 – Cei	ntral Koo	otenay				
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
3	111	52	110	119	53	57	36	68	81	49	736
3A	88	4	109	141	104	81	38	40	42	47	694
6	154	76	155	160	178	155	113	99	137	90	1,317
21	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	4	2	0	13
23	23	17	47	13	17	10	<u>'</u> 3	3	9	5	147
31	42	6	47	39	39	31	15	20	17	6	262
31A	0	4	3	10	9	5	1	5	4	0	41
Various	32	71	22	29	14	9	12	8	14	20	231
Totals	450	231	494	515	415	348	218	247	306	217	3,441

				Distric	xt 11 – Ea	ast Koot	enay				
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
3	164	176	226	478	254	218	131	213	230	242	2,332
43	16	10	18	20	45	22	13	24	6	27	201
93	21	47	61	70	54	44	· 42	63	157	148	707
95	49	91	142	161	114	117	87	143	68	50	1,022
95A	23	33	39	94	62	:43	26	30	63	62	475
Various	5	11	27	30	18	10	40	38	63	110	352
Totals	278	368	513	853	547	454	339	511	587	639	5,089

				Di	strict 12	- Selkir	k				
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
1	43	32	72	67	54	44	35	25	43	20	435
23	28	13	9	18	9	16	7	12	4	1	117
31	0	7	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
95	19	20	23	29	1	20	9	20	16	36	193
Various	11	3	2	7	21	9	0	9	12	10	84
Totals	101	75	108	122	85	89	51	67	75	67	840

## REGION 4

	District 18 – North Cariboo													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
26	0	0	5	14	3	16	13	8	7	3	69			
97	3	9	103	66	85	137	106	128	142	115	894			
Various	0	0	10	8	10	12	26	9	18	21	114			
Totals	3	9	118	88	98	165	145	145	167	139	1,077			

	District 19 – Fort George ( <sup>1</sup> Service Area 19 – Fort George, <sup>2</sup> Service Area 23 – Nechako, <sup>3</sup> Both)												
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals		
16 <sup>2</sup>	23	28	70	75	50	19	37	40	42	28	412		
27 <sup>2</sup>	· O	0	3	7	1	3	3	0	0	2	19		
39	1	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	3	2	15		
97 <sup>3</sup>	75	20	48	62	37	8	12	20	19	21	322		
Various <sup>3</sup>	3	30	11	30	20	3	8	16	19	3	139		
Totals	101	80	132	174	111	33	60	77	83	56	907		

				Dis	strict 20	– Robso	n				
Highway	- 1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
5	20	42	46	55	37	32	30	36	89	60	447
16	29	58	70	80	84	69	44	100	108	99	741
Various	8	5	16	3	1	2	3	10	24	7	79
Totals	57	105	132	138	122	103	77	146	221	166	1,267

				Distri	ict 21 – S	South Pe	eace				
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
2	15	11	53	54	57	37	37	69	42	56	431
29	24	25	44	56	62	19	14	35	18	38	335
49	4	7.	13	26	66	23	31	32	17	19	238
52	2	17	21	12	24	13	17	27	9	19	161
97	95	109	155	262	333	147	135	277	285	304	2,102
Various	22	26	55	93	65	27	66	52	40	43	489
Totals	162	195	341	503	607	266	300	492	411	479	3,756

				Distr	ict 22 – I	North Pe	ace				
		(*Records l	Missing – al	l 1996 mon	thly WARS	reports for I	District 22 v	vere acciden	tally lost)		
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996*	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
29	24	15	24	17	11	0	10	6	3	3	113
97	27	17	43	34	13	0	8	17	45	44	248
Various	20	18	45	58	29	0	15	8	28	31	252
Totals	71	50	112	109	53	0	33	31	76	78	613

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		( <sup>1</sup> Se	ervice Area		c <b>t 25 – B</b> es, <sup>2</sup> Servic	-		Nass. <sup>3</sup> Bot	h)		
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 <sup>-</sup>	2000	Totals
16 <sup>3</sup>	24	72	94	126	73	78	63	68	84	69	751
35 <sup>1</sup>	4	1	3	8	8	6	0	4	4	4	42
37 <sup>2</sup>	13	15	22	23	27	17	21	7	24	12	181
37A <sup>2</sup>	9	3	4	0	21	8	1	0	3	6	55
Various <sup>3</sup>	13	14	20	26	29	18	12	10	12	22	176
Totals	63	105	143	183	158	127	<del>9</del> 7	89	127	113	1,205

				Dis	strict 26	– Skeen	а							
		•		a 26 – Skee sing – all 1	•									
Highway														
16 <sup>3</sup>	43	10	24	0	14	10	90	81	44	33	349			
<b>37</b> <sup>1</sup>	26	5	9	0	4	14	22	2	15	0	97			
Various <sup>3</sup>	37	21	5	0	1	7	7	6	19	14	117			
Totals	106	36	38	0	19	31	119	89	78	47	563			

	District 28 – Stikine													
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals			
37	10	11	0	11	13	4	1	4	8	31	93			
Various	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	32			
Totals	21	12	0	11	13	4	1	4	15	44	125			

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				Dist	rict 1 – S	outh Isla	and				
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
1	88	97	110	77	55	77	102	102	89	109	906
1A	0	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	13
14	36	33	60	30	25	25	29	34	25	26	323
17	5	9	1	9	27	7	8	9	5	9	89
17A	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
18	8	2	12	14	0	0	8	13	19	6	82
Various	83	157	156	131	244	166	117	139	174	160	1,527
Totals	220	301	342	263	351	275	271	297	312	314	2,946

District 2 – Central Island											
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
1	· 15	6	9	12	7	18	15	17	12	8	11 <del>9</del>
4	10	14	63	26	22	21	18	7	12	17	210
4A	• 0	1	0	2	0	1	- 0	1	3	4	12
18	2	4	4	3	0	0	- 3	3	1	0	20
19	49	78	84	36	35	89	109	83	115	68	746
19A*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	14	23	45
Various	27	45	43	87	66	81	89	156	145	146	885
Totals	103	148	203	166	130	210	241	268	302	266	2,037

District 3 – North Island											
Highway	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Totals
19	99	126	136	154	117	125	117	170	190	215	1,449
19A*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	7	34	42
28	7	3	14	11	11	5	4	8	8	7	78
Various	66	78	104	157	124	124	122	135	166	171	1,247
Totals	172	207	- 254	322	252	254	244	313	371	427	2,816

\* In some locations, new sections of the Inland Island Highway are being constructed parallel to the old Highway 19 alignment. As these sections of the Inland Island Highway are opened, they are designated as Highway 19 and the corresponding parallel sections of the original Highway 19 are designated Highway 19A.