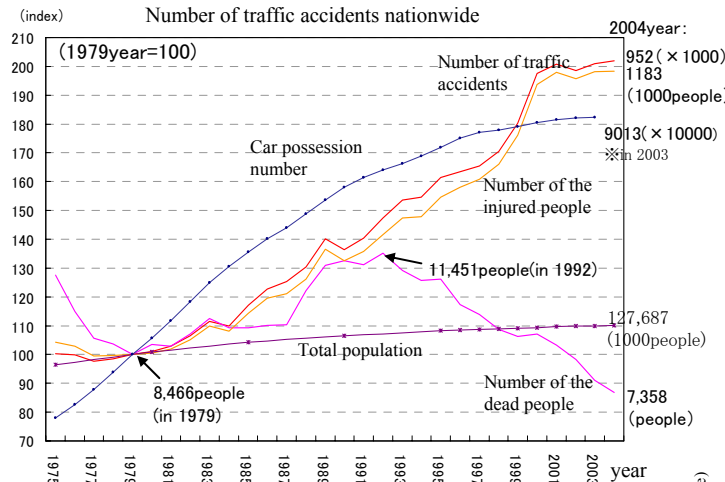


Number of traffic accidents, injured people, and killed people.

In recent years, the number of traffic accidents and number of traffic accident casualties has increased in accordance with the increase in vehicles owned, but since the year 2000, these levels have remained steady. Moreover, in 2004, traffic fatalities reached their lowest level since 1975. A look at number of traffic accidents per thousand people in the urban economic spheres, however, shows considerable variation between the worst (12.9 in Maebashi City) and the best (1.4 in Okinawa City).

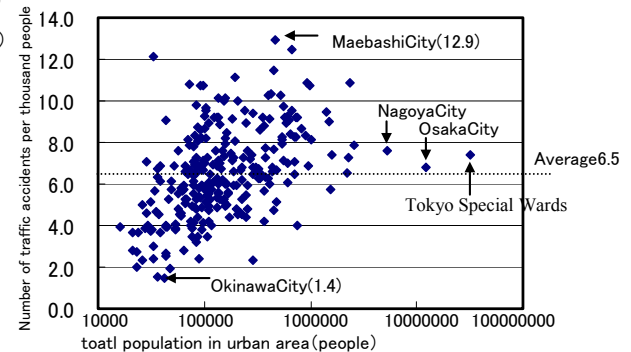


Note:

1. Figures for traffic fatalities shown in the graph entitled Number of traffic accidents nationwide are for deaths within 24 hours of time of accident. Figures for traffic-related deaths shown in the graph entitled Traffic related deaths in 2000 categorized by country are for deaths within 30 days of time of accident. Figures for Japan are from 2002.

2. Figures shown in the graph entitled Number of traffic accidents per thousand people in 2000 were calculated for the urban economic spheres of each city indicated. The term urban economic sphere comes from Kanemoto and Tokuoka's Metropolitan Area Definitions in Japan.

Number of traffic accidents per thousand people in 2000



Traffic related deaths in 2003 categorized by country

