

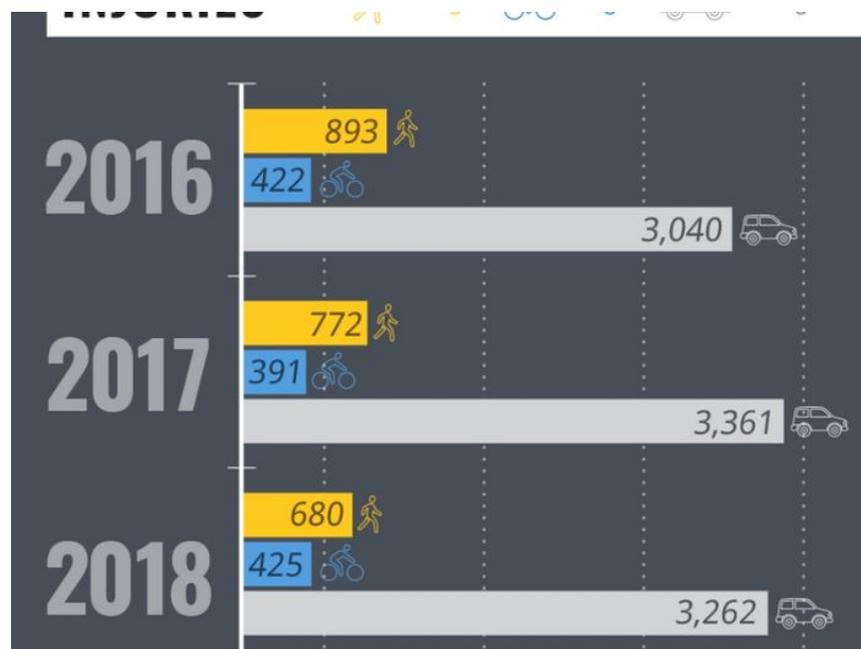


680 Pedestrians Were Hit By Cars In Boston In 2018: Vision Zero

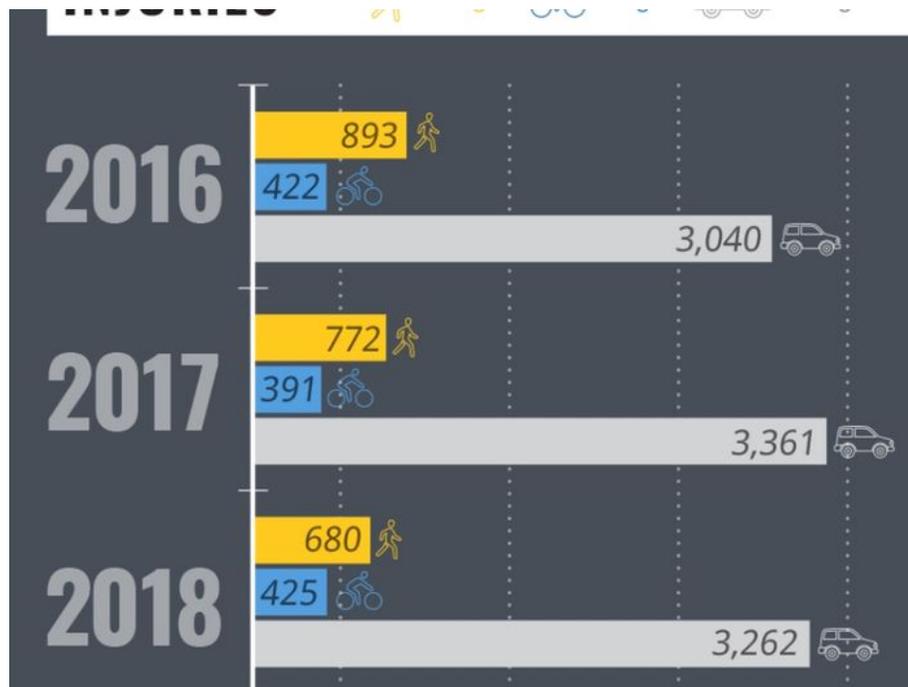
And some 425 cyclists were struck by cars or trucks in the city, according to Vision Zero's progress report.

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On Boston city streets (not including state roads) no cyclists were killed in 2018. (Vision Zero Coalition)



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BOSTON — Last year, 680 pedestrians and 425 cyclists were struck by cars in the city, according to Vision Zero's progress report. For the past three years, the Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition has been reviewing the city's progress toward eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by the year 2030. To that end, they study data and then release it annually showing progress and make recommendations on how the city could get to fewer fatalities.

Since the Vision Zero program began, the number of fatal crashes on Boston streets has gone down, with 10 fatal crashes in 2018, down from 21 in 2016. However, the total number of crashes requiring EMS response has increased during the same three years, with more than 4,367 total injury crashes last year, according to city data.

According to the 2018 report card, the city is showing leadership when it comes to the fundamentals: It gave positive marks to the city's effort to create a high crash network map to help identify high density area of crashes, and putting data on the city's website. But the coalition gave a score of "needs improvement" when it comes to implementing consistent collection and analysis of speed sign data and collecting and reporting thorough crash data. The coalition recommended the city employ a full time Boston Police data analyst to clean up crash report data, investigate trends and work with the transportation department, Boston EMS and MassDOT, similar to what's being done in Portland.

The coalition gave a "making progress" mark to the city for transparency.

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