

# ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Presentation to  
Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
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# Introduction

- Provide an update to the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee in respect of road casualty performance in 2021 and 2022
- Provide an update of child casualties in County Durham
- Highlight current initiatives and outline objectives moving forward



# Background

- All road casualties resulting in personal injury are recorded by Durham Constabulary and shared with its partners.
- This report details the road casualty performance of County Durham in the last 2 years (2021 and 2022).
- Total injuries in 2022 were the second lowest on record, and only slightly higher than the lowest in 2020 despite that year's performance being in part due to the impact of the Covid-19 lockdowns substantially reducing traffic volumes.

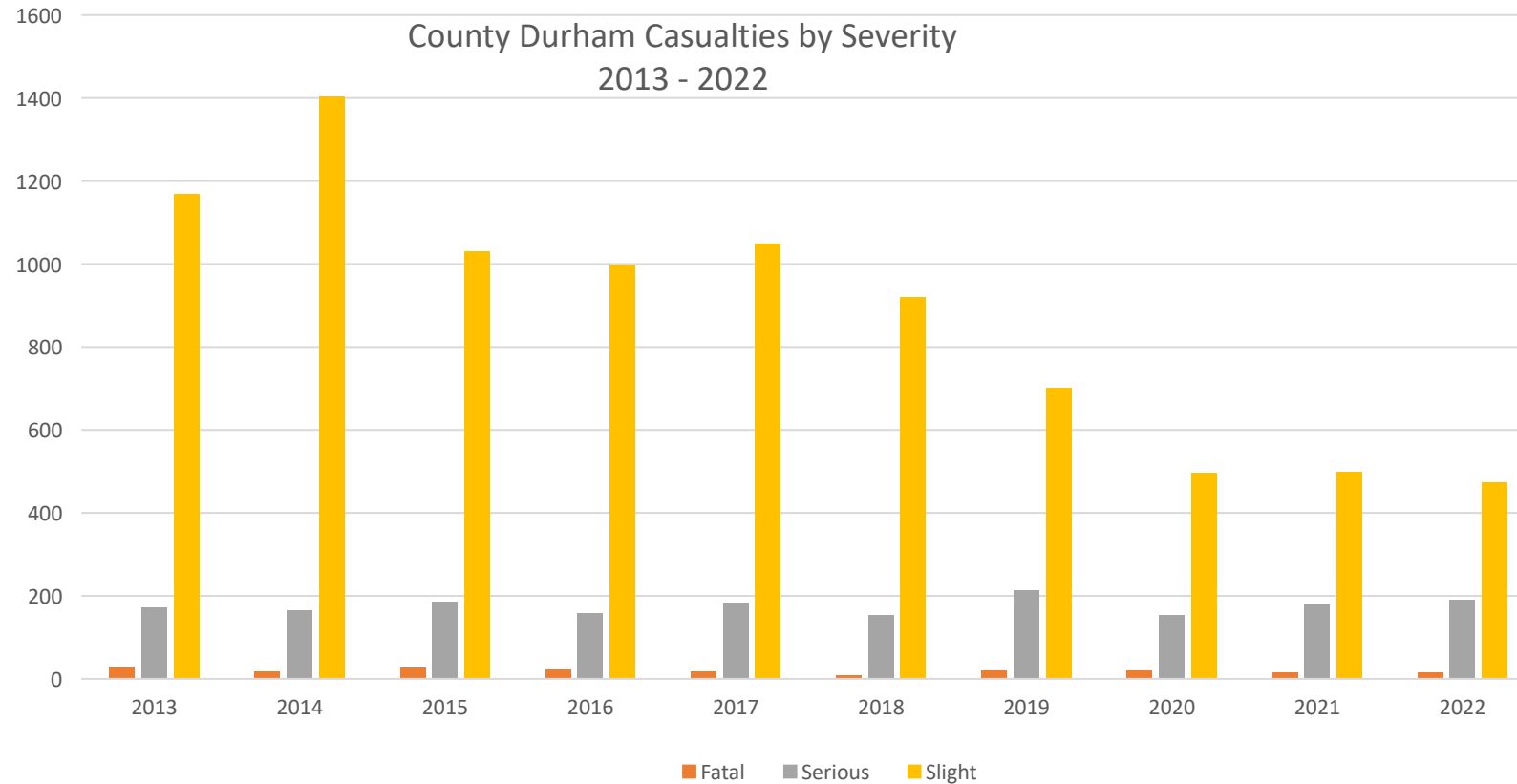
	2010-14 average	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All Road Users						
Killed	20.4	9	19	19	15	16
Seriously Injured	171.6	154	214	152	180	191
Killed or Seriously Injured	192.0	163	233	171	195	207
Slightly Injured	1,381.0	919	702	497	499	471
All Casualties	1,573.0	1,082	935	668	694	678

# Data Summary

In 2022 compared to 2021 casualty data:

- 2% reduction in injuries across all categories.
- Increase from 180 to 191 serious injuries [11]
- Increase from 15 to 16 fatalities
- 5% reduction in light injuries [499 to 472]
  
- In terms of child casualties – 36% reduction in serious injuries [from 25 to 16], slight injuries remained relatively static [52 to 51], sadly however 1 child fatality.

# Annual Comparison – 10 year review – All casualties



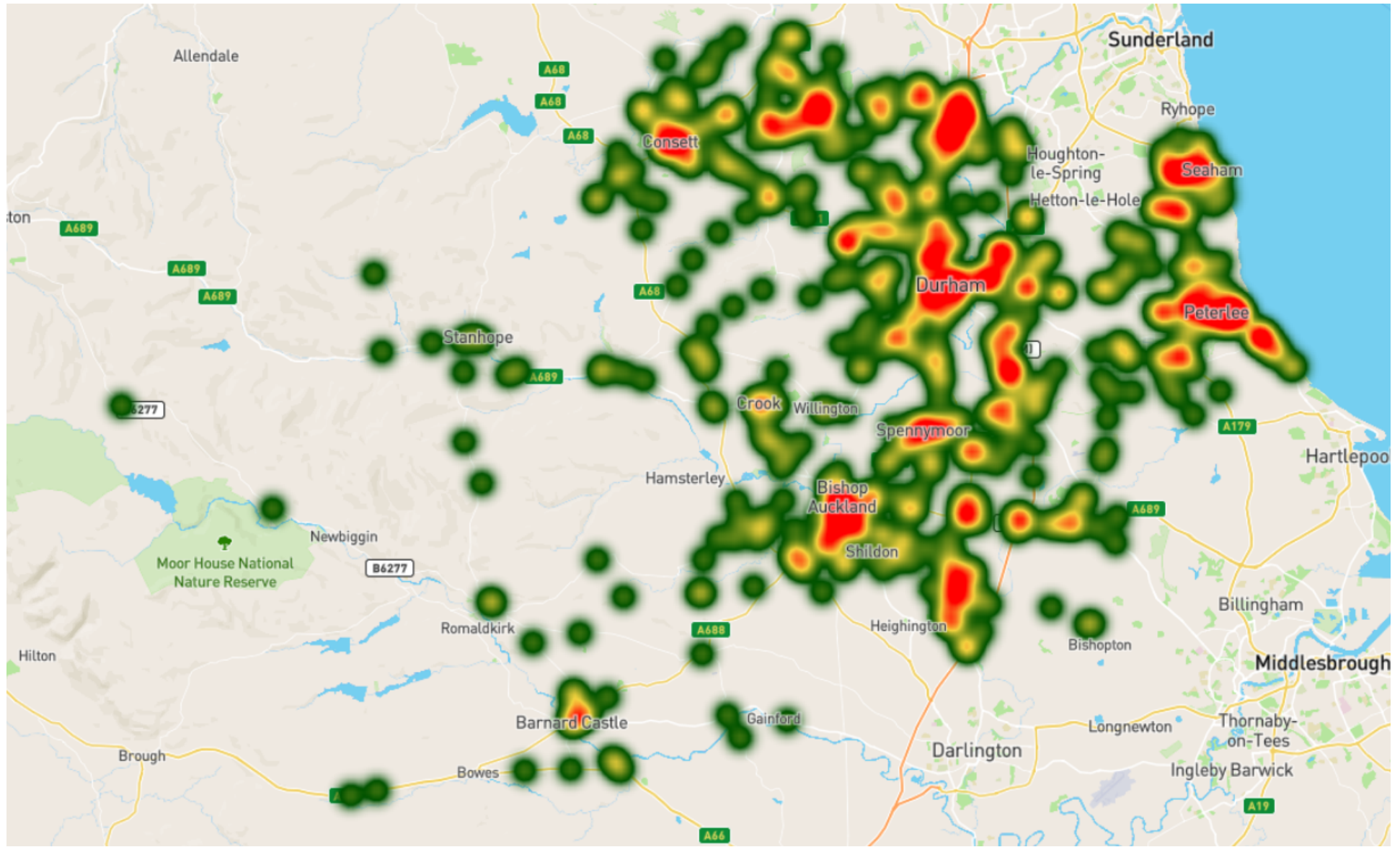
Casualty Severity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Fatal</b>	28	17	26	21	18	9	19	19	15	16
<b>Serious</b>	172	165	186	157	183	154	214	152	180	191
<b>Slight</b>	1168	1403	1030	998	1049	919	702	497	499	472
<b>Total</b>	1368	1585	1242	1176	1250	1082	935	668	694	679

# Where are people injured in County Durham?

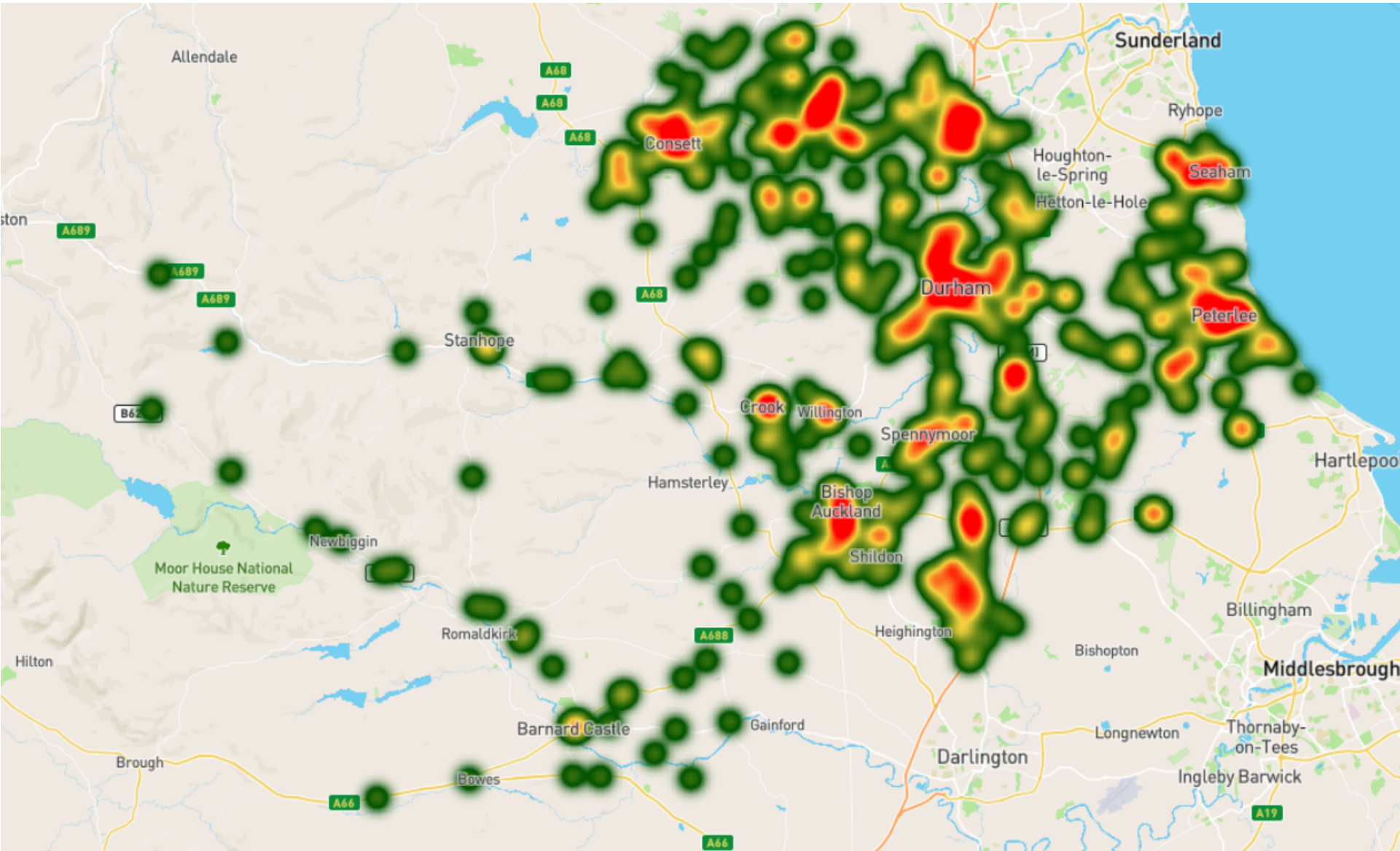
Year on year, injuries tend to occur in similar parts of the County, around the main urban centres including;

- Durham City
- Peterlee
- Chester-le-Street
- Consett
- Stanley
- Bishop Auckland
- Newton Aycliffe

2018

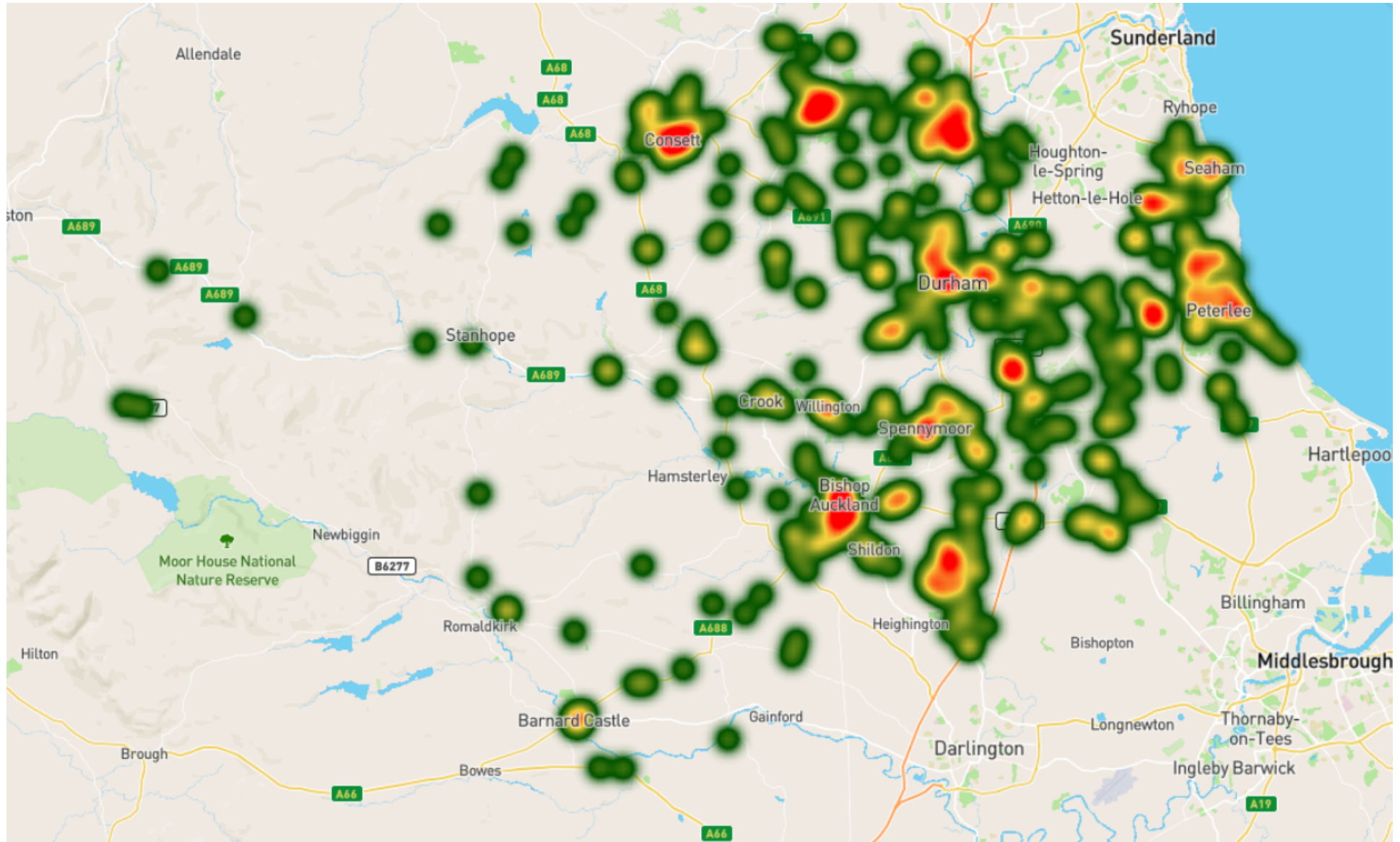


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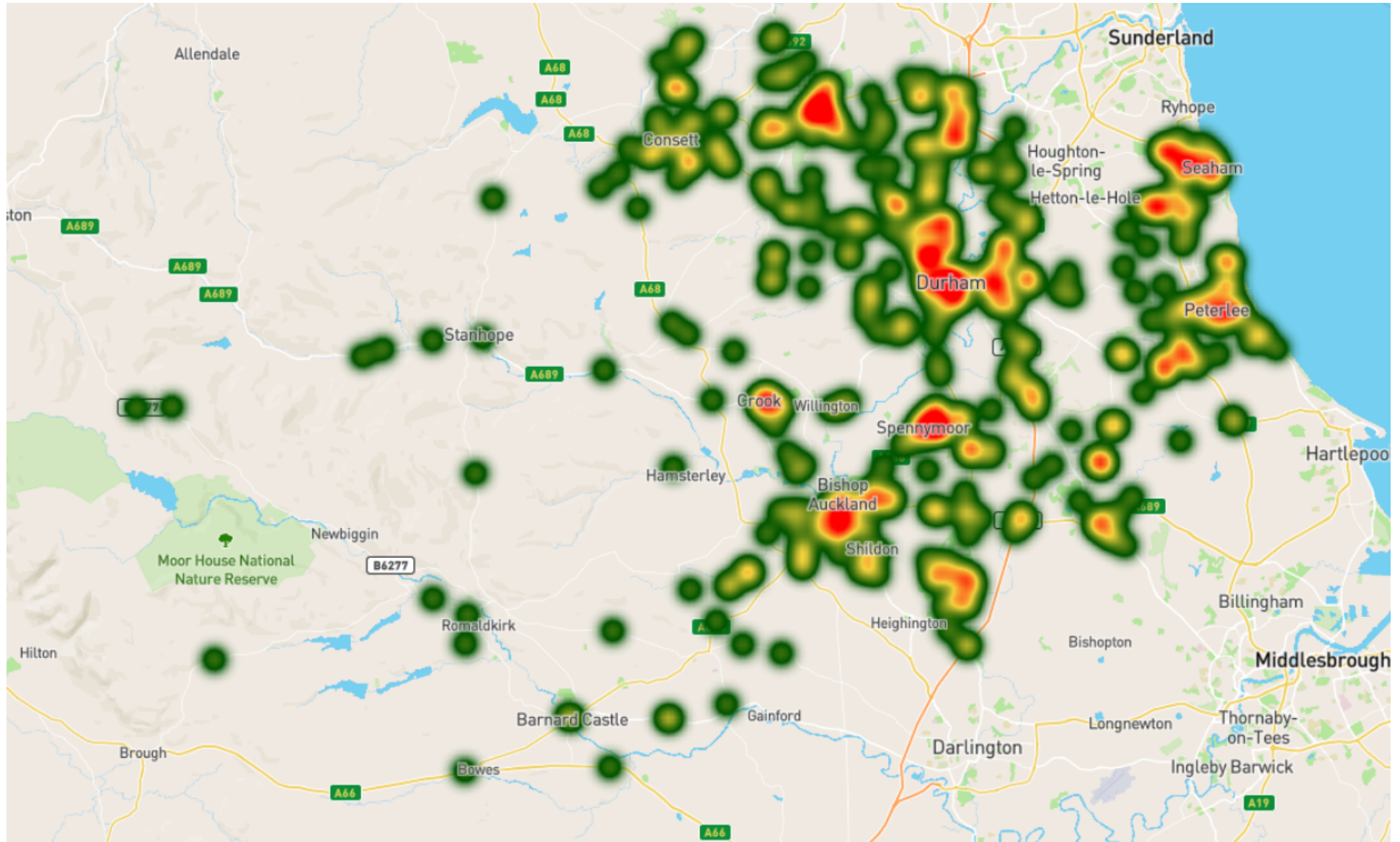




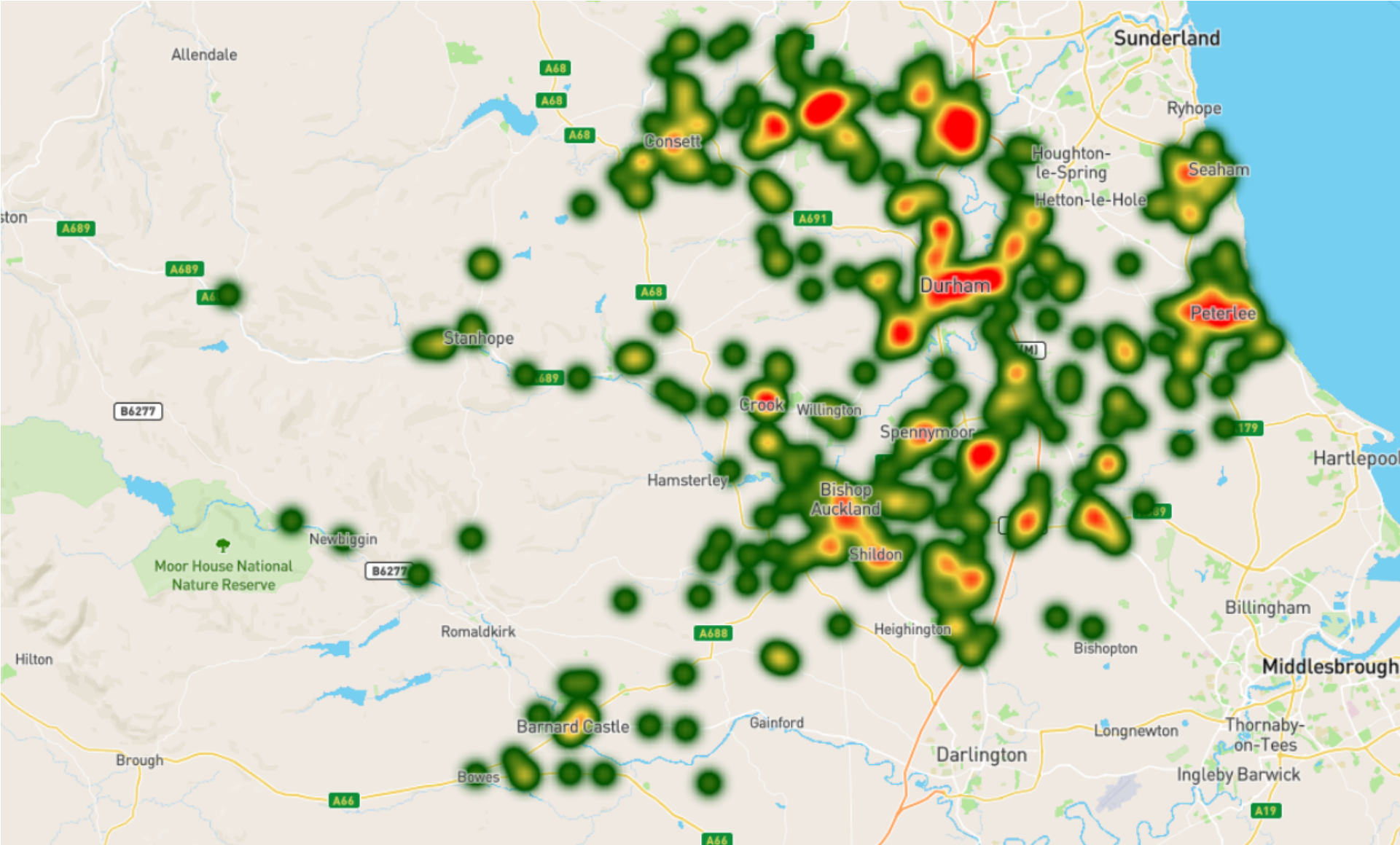
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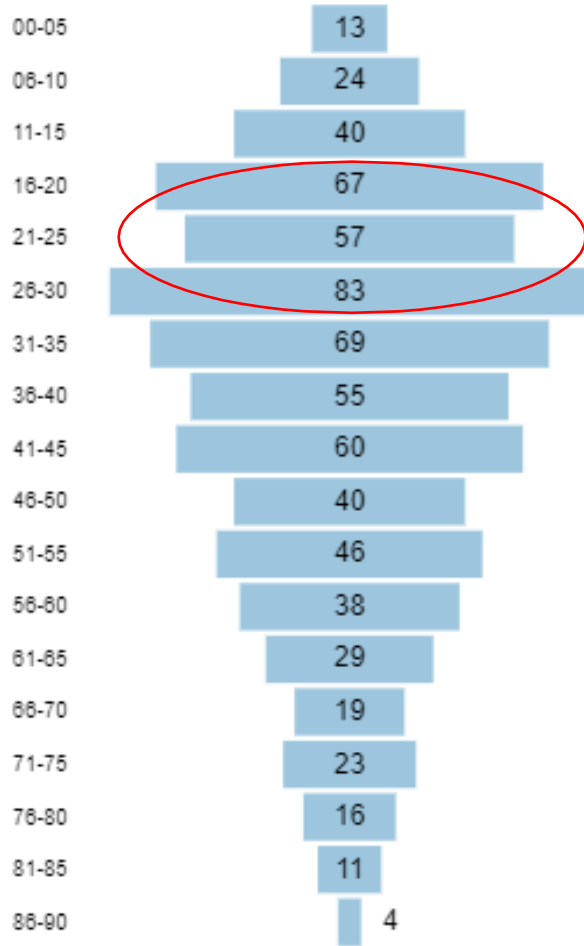


2022

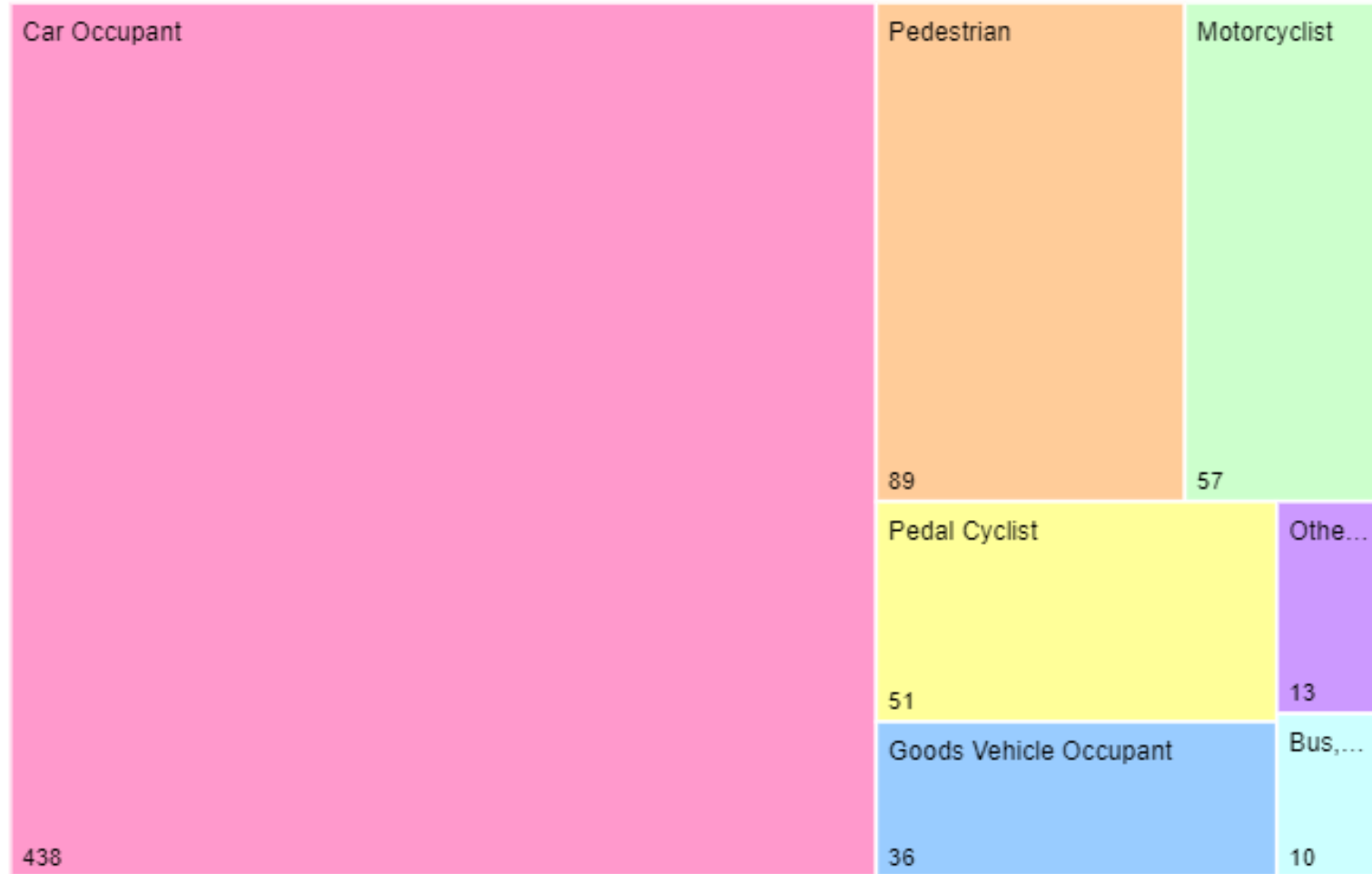


# Who is injured in County Durham?

Casualties by 5 Year Age Group



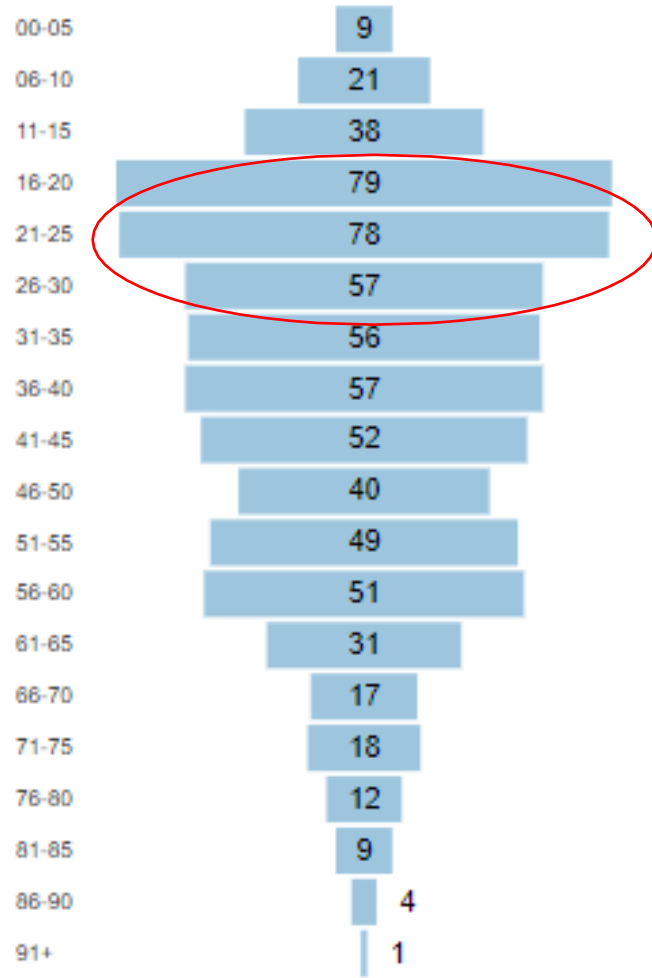
Casualties by Road User Group



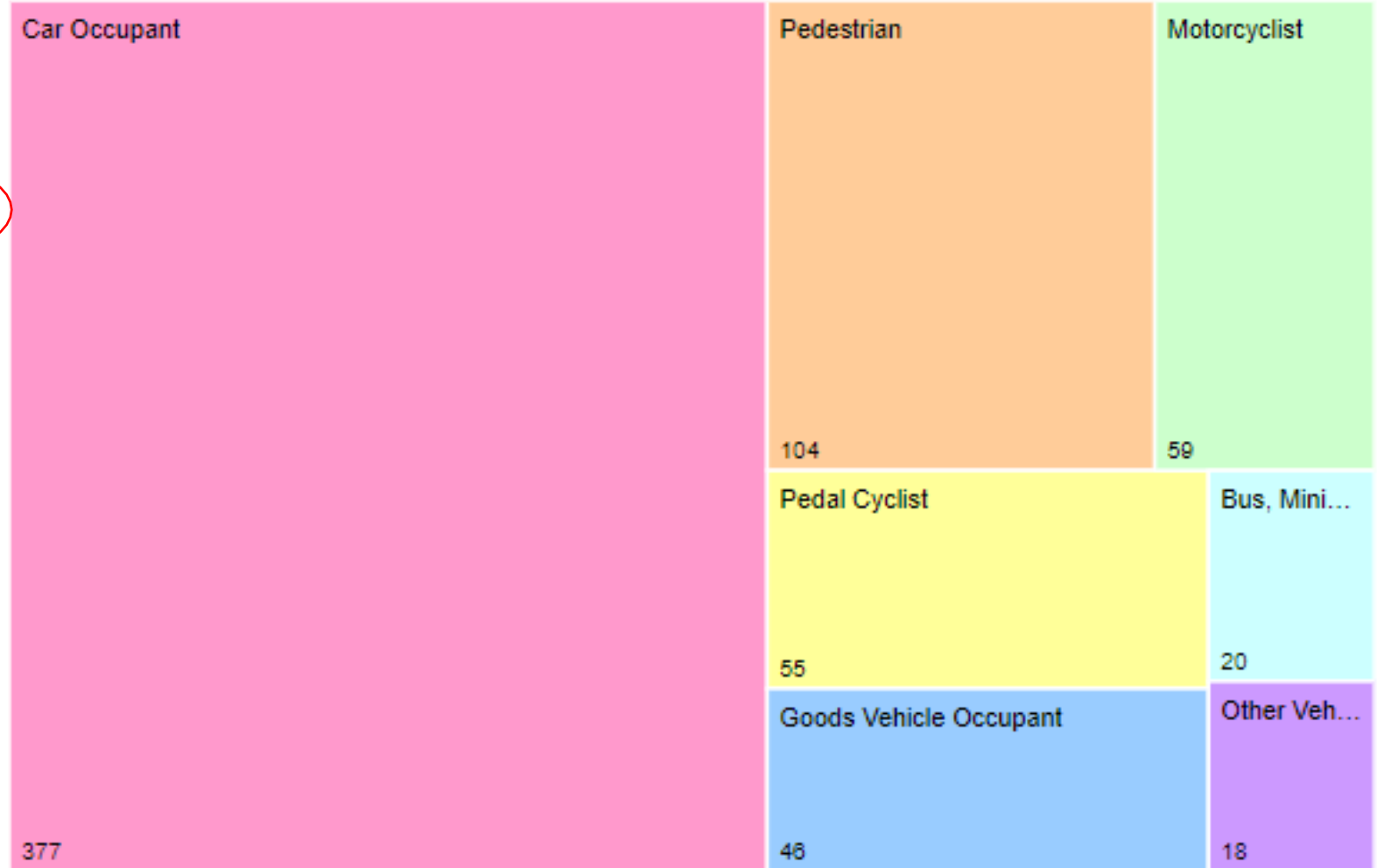
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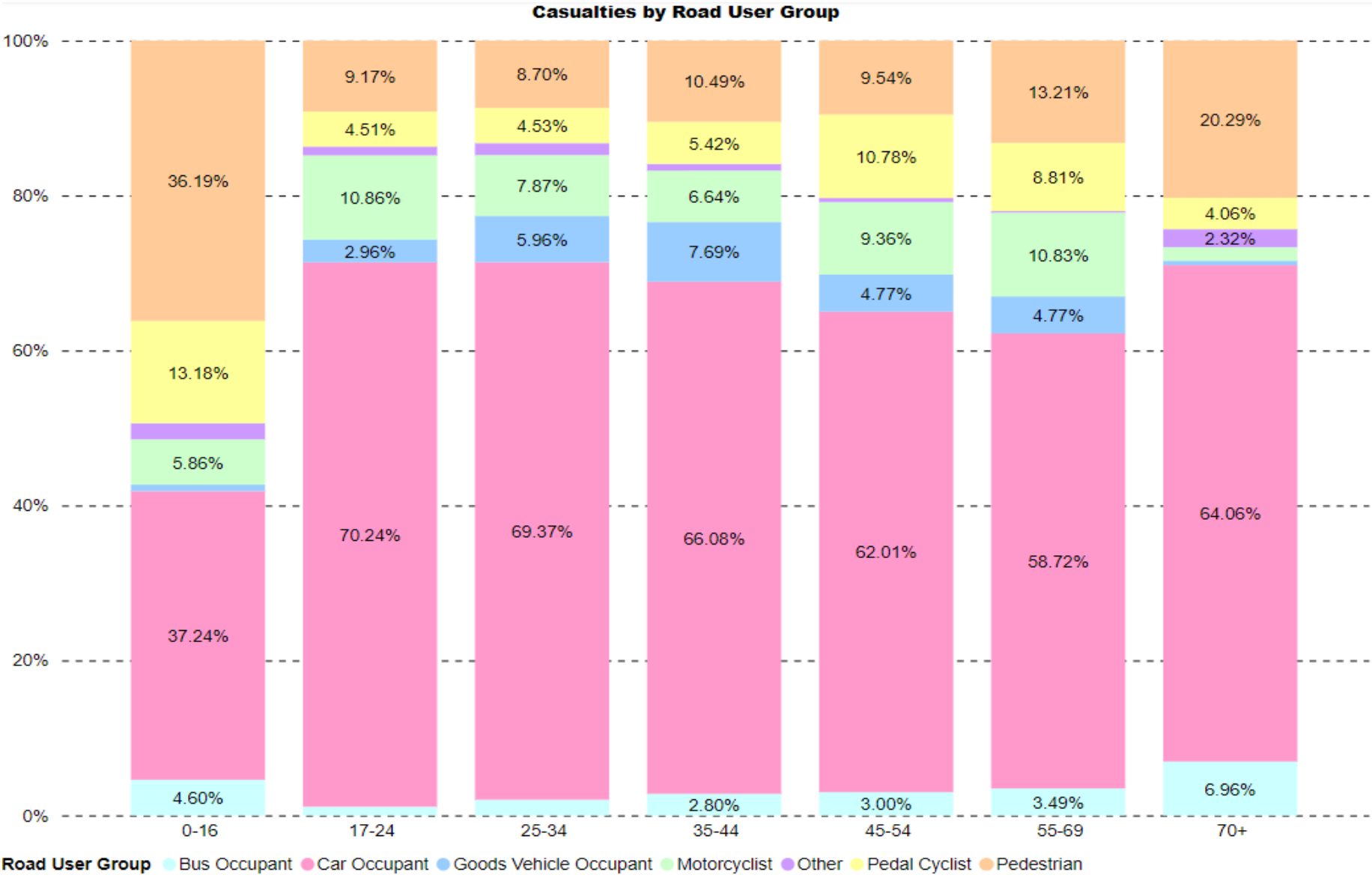


## Casualties by Road User Group



2022

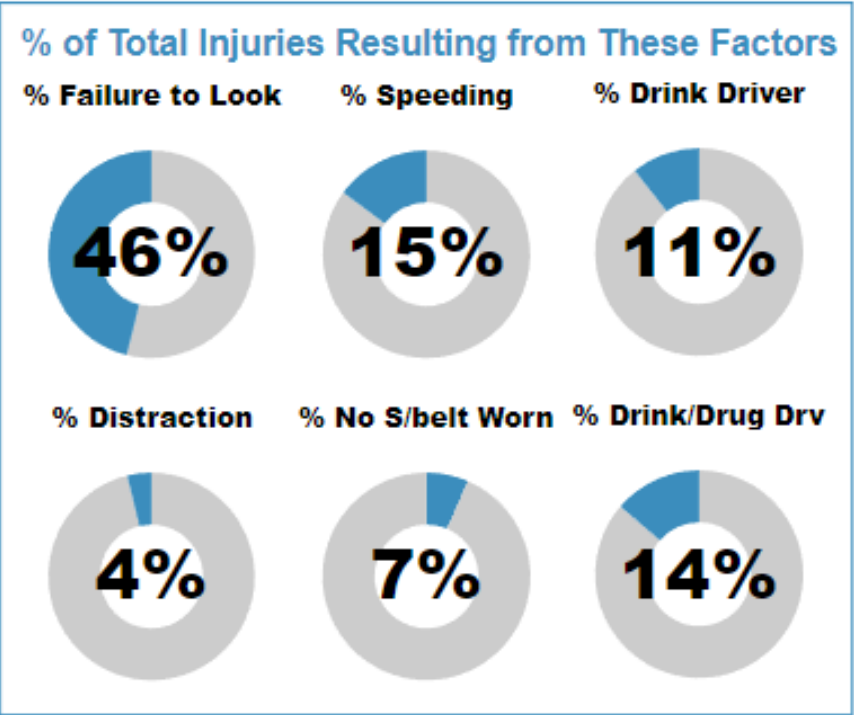
# Difference in Casualty Type by Age



# Identification of Specific Groups



# Causation Factors and the Fatal Four



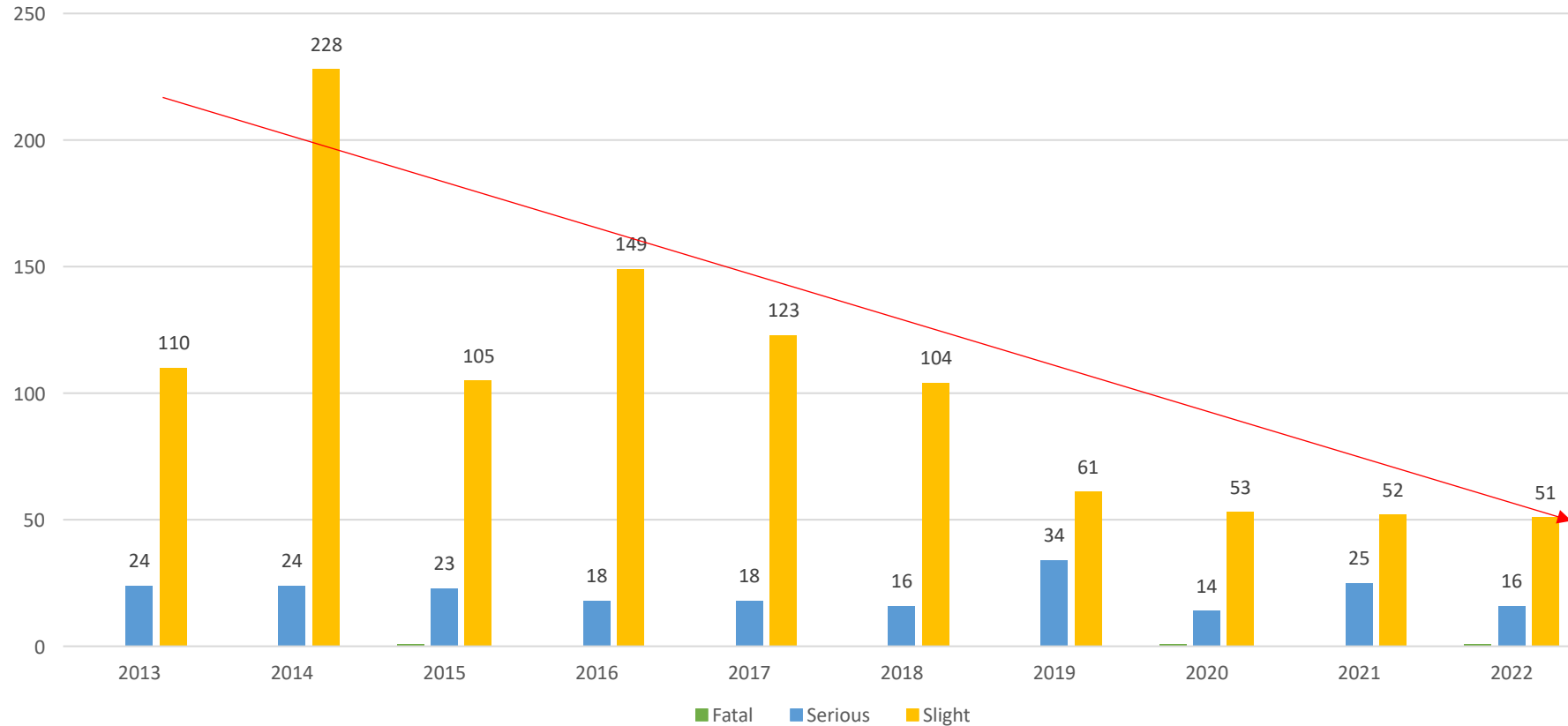
The Fatal 4 are key risk taking behaviours and actions that are often over-represented in road traffic collisions





# Annual Comparison – 10 year review – child casualties

County Durham Child Casualties 2013 - 2022



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Fatal</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Serious</b>	24	24	23	18	18	16	34	14	25	16
<b>Slight</b>	110	228	105	149	123	104	61	53	52	51
<b>Total</b>	134	252	129	167	141	120	95	68	77	68

# Education

- To enable schools to promote safer and considerate parking messages to parents/carers as well as encouraging active school journeys.
- Escalated approach, moving through various stages if more action is required.



**Safer Parking**  
around our school

# Education

Keep Clear  
of our school keep clears

## Safer Parking around our school



Well done,  
thank you  
for parking  
responsibly!



## Double Trouble

You have received this parking ticket because we have seen that you are parking safely around our school. You are following our safer school gate parking guidelines.

- ▲ Clean air for us, turn off your engine
- ▲ Double parking puts children at risk
- ▲ Leave room for emergency vehicles
- ▲ Be thoughtful of our neighbours
- ▲ Keep pavements free for people
- ▲ Do not park on our zig zags

- ✓ Excellent parking
- ✓ Keep up the good work
- ✓ Thank you for parking safely and helping to make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone



Find out more at [www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking)

This is not a chargeable penalty notice.



## Be Considerate to our neighbours



Please leave our  
neighbours pathways  
and driveways clear.



Safer Parking  
around our school

off

Imagine when  
there is a huge  
congestion of the  
area.

could  
be better  
if we park more  
responsibly!



## Blue Lights coming through



Always ensure there is space  
for emergency vehicles to  
pass or access our school.



Safer Parking  
around our school

- ▲ Be thoughtful of our neighbours
- ▲ Keep pavements free for people
- ▲ Do not park on our zig zags

- ✗ More revision needed! In future, please think about these points before you park
- ✗ Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for everyone



Find out more at [www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking)

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for each other



County Durham and Darlington

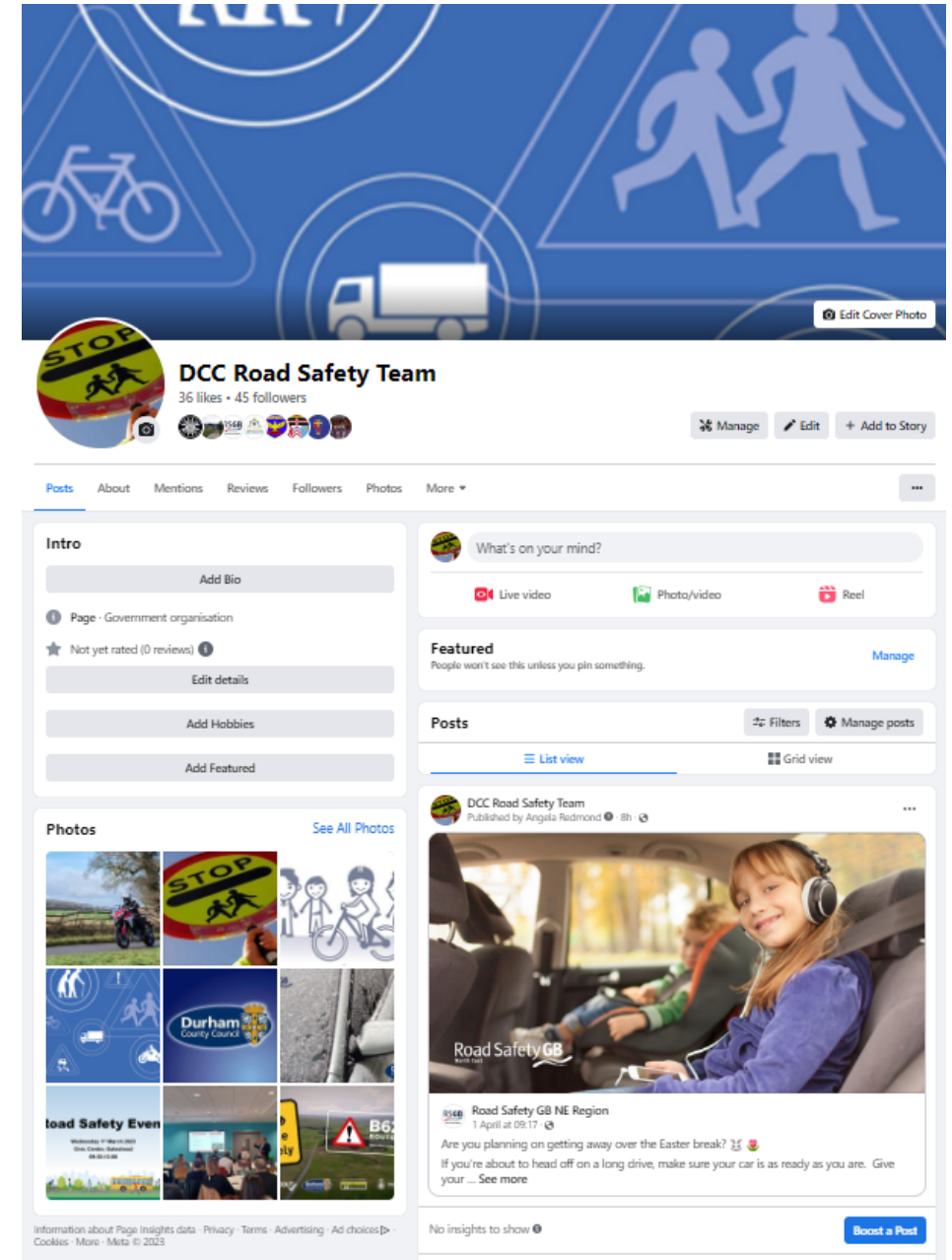


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CONSTABULARY

# Education

- Launched DCC Road Safety Team Facebook Page
- Opportunity to promote via social media the wide range of road safety activity undertaken by the Road Safety Team
- Promote road safety messages from partner agencies within the County Durham & Darlington Casualty Road Safety Partnership.

 Like us [@facebook.com/DCC Road Safety Team](https://facebook.com/DCC Road Safety Team)



**DCC Road Safety Team**  
36 likes · 45 followers

Intro

Page · Government organisation

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DCC Road Safety Team  
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1 April at 09:17

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If you're about to head off on a long drive, make sure your car is as ready as you are. Give your ... See more

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# Enforcement



**HGV/LGVs –  
Operation Tramline**



**Drink/Drug Driving**

**Speeding**



**No insurance –  
Operation Tutelage**



**Target approach to  
persistent offenders.  
Operation Dragoon**



**Mobile Phones**



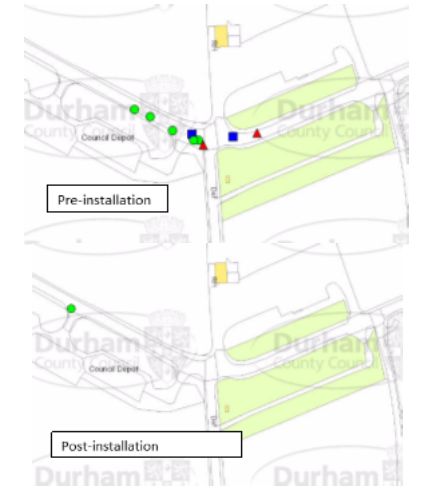
**Seatbelts**

**Nuisance Motorcycles –  
Operation Endurance**



# Engineering

Implementing low-level highway improvements and local safety schemes



The analysis of casualty data



Identifying proportionate and suitable strategies for reducing speeds and addressing community concerns

Evaluating new developments

Undertaking road safety audits

# Evaluation

- Undertake annual casualty analysis
- Measure the effectiveness of road safety initiatives
- Monitor casualty data
- Record casualty data at an area level with particular reference to children and other vulnerable road users



# County Durham and Darlington Road Safety Partnership (Strategic & Delivery Groups)

- Durham County Council
- Darlington Borough Council
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham Police and Crime Commissioner
- County Durham Fire & Rescue Service
- National Highways
- Public Health



# Road Safety Great Britain – North East

Representatives:

- 12 Local Authorities
- 3 Police Forces
- 4 Fire and Rescue Teams and
- Highways England



# Objectives moving forward

Aim to maintain a downward trend in casualties and severity across all road user groups



Specifically target those road user groups over-represented in casualty statistics

Improve safety for all highway users

Thank You

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