Driver Injury in Automobile Accidents Involving Certain Car Models

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ABSTRACT

This study deals with the variation in injury to unbelted drivers involved in crashes while driving various car makes and models. Data were extracted from a pool of reports on 270 thousand vehicles involved in crashes in North Carolina in 1966 and 1968.

Driver injury in each car make was compared to driver injury in the aggregate of all vehicles, and the comparisons were made on the basis of a set of crash circumstances, similar as to speed, impact site, and accident type.

Index scores for many make-year combinations were calculated. It was found that indices ranged among car models from 50 or less (half as frequent injury as in the aggregate) up to 200 or more (twice as frequent injury as in the aggregate).

Injury values tended (as would be expected) to be less frequent among heavier cars and more frequent among lighter cars, and to be less frequent among later model cars and more frequent among earlier model cars. In terms of body style, among the standard Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth, drivers of station wagons and hardtops were injured significantly less frequently than in the aggregate.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years increasing attention has been given to passenger car safety design, with emphasis on items intended to reduce injury resulting from a crash. Some of these injury-reducing features are common to all newer cars, such as seat belts and head restraints. Other relevant items such as the configuration of control knobs, instrument panel shape and padding, steering wheel stiffness and others are more uniquely identified with the interior design of specific car makes and models.

This is a study of car accidents from the standpoint of the frequency and severity of injury to unbelted drivers. The sample is divided into many subgroups according to the specific make and year of the car driven. The assumption is that if the subgroups are compared on the basis of similar accident situations (speed, impact site, and accident type), then resulting differences in driver injury may be related to car factors. This would seem especially likely if shifts in resulting driver injury coincided with identifiable car changes.

The study is based on analyses of official accident reports filed by police agencies all over the state, and collected by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS STUDY

<u>Two Collisions</u>: Foremost in understanding what this study is and what it <u>is not</u>, is the difference between "the first collision" and "the second collision." These terms are used to separate accident <u>causation</u> factors from factors that operate <u>during</u> the collision to determine whether the persons involved will be killed, injured, or will escape injury. The second collision is the impact between the human occupant and the interior of the car, and occurs a split second after the "first" collision of the car with some external object.

This distinction is made because it bears on the reason for studying the car itself. While it is possible that car factors play a relatively minor role in the <u>causation</u> of the first collision, it is evident that they play a prominent role in determining the <u>outcome</u> of the "second collision," through safety features, interior design, structural crash properties, etc. This study has no bearing on car factors in accident <u>causation</u>, but deals solely with the matter of resultant driver injuries.*

Determiners of Injury: Several factors influence presence or absence of driver injury, as well as injury degree. Speed is important as is the part of the car sustaining the impact. It is generally worse for car drivers if a <u>truck</u> rather than another car is struck. It is usually worse to strike a fixed object than to strike another car, etc. Thus, one set of factors influencing injury is situational in nature, pertaining to the character of the accident event.

In addition, car variables can play a role. The presence or absence of safety features such as padding on the instrument panel, safety door latches, energy absorbing steering wheels, etc., have a collective influence on driver injury. In addition to these specific characteristics of the driver station, other less "visible" features could be relevant, such as the stiffness and size of the structure. By statistically controlling for the aforementioned <u>situational</u> factors, the stage is set for emergence of car-associated variables in the production of driver injury.

Finally, there is at least the possibility of driver-related injury variables. Under most circumstances one would assume that if a person hits an object, say a broken windshield, the potential for injury should be about the same for one person as for another. However, there is evidence that in roughly comparable accidents, older persons more often die than do younger people.** This possibility was examined by calculating the average driver age for each car group to see whether older drivers are disproportionately represented in car groups that manifest higher injury ratings. It was found that the opposite is true, and older drivers if anything are slightly more associated with cars with lower index values.

* Another study, now underway at HSRC, will take at least the first step toward dealing with car factors in the "first collision," by amassing data to show the accident rate per million vehicle miles for cars of various makes. In that study the complex relationship between the car and the driver in the production of accidents will be discussed.

** Driver Age and Sex Related to Accident Time and Type," by B. J. Campbell, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc., Report VJ-1823-R-19, Buffalo, New York 1964. report is submitted if someone is injured or killed, or if property damage exceeds \$100.00. More than 100,000 accidents were reported in each of the years in question, most involving two vehicles.

For this analysis cases were eliminated if data were so incomplete that they could not be properly classified. Also, due to computer processing problems, some vehicles were excluded in crashes involving more than four vehicles. However, in a rural state like North Carolina, this did not constitute much of an exclusion. Some accidents involve only one vehicle, most involve two vehicles, and some more than two.

The basic data pool from which the rest of the study proceeds consists of information on 270,697 drivers and their vehicles involved in accidents in North Carolina in 1966 or 1968. This large reference set includes drivers of passenger cars, trucks, and other motor vehicles (excluding bicycle and motorcycle operators), and is representative of the whole data set from those years.

In the specific analysis by car models, only passenger cars are compared to the overall reference set. Also, because of insufficient numbers, certain cars were not shown in the analysis though they were included in the reference set. Moreover, cars prior to 1960 models were not analyzed individually, but they, too, were in the reference set.

IV. DATA PROCESSING

As a part of the in-processing routine of all accident reports received by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, certain information on each driver and each vehicle is keypunched and later transferred to computer tape. This data processing is done jointly by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the State Highway Commission. As a part of the process, copies of the cards or tape are provided to the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center for use in many special research projects of which this is one.

Unfortunately, not all information necessary to this study is routinely punched from the report forms onto cards. The key missing variable is the car's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). It was therefore necessary to prepare 300,000 or more supplementary punched cards to add the necessary information. These supplementary cards were transferred to tape, then they were matched, item by item to the original materials in order to join the VINs with the proper accident cases. Once the data were on tape, an extensive process of classifying, editing, and data analysis began. This is described in the next section. Driver injury data in this study are quite general, and do not reflect either the specific part of the body involved or the part of the car contacted in producing the injury. Therefore, this analysis must be regarded as more of an overall indication of any car-injury association, rather than a direct evaluation of particular car features.

Statistical Association and Cause and Effect: A word should be said as to the general question of any association between driver injury and certain car groups. In a purely statistical study such as this one, an association may be shown, and the data may suggest possible explanations for the relationship. However, the statistical results must also be considered in view of known engineering features and structural characteristics of the cars in question.

If the statistics indicate that a certain model car appears much better in one year than in the preceding year, then the question is whether relevant engineering changes occurred between those years which might have accounted for the injury shift. Sometimes a design change may be quite obvious, such as addition of an energy absorbing steering assembly. Other times the change in injury might be associated with a much less obvious car characteristic, such as a change in the stiffness of the structure.

Sometimes of course the injury shift may appear when <u>no</u> known relevant engineering change was introduced, or on the other hand, <u>no</u> injury shift may be detected when in fact a significant structural change was made. In these cases, the injury data could be called into more serious question. When there <u>is</u> a correspondence between a shift in injury statistics and a physical change in the car, then the indications could be regarded as stronger.

III. THE DATA BASE

Data for this study are based on police reported accidents that occurred in North Carolina in 1966 and 1968. The data base contains materials from all reporting police agencies including the State Highway Patrol, city police and others. Accident reports submitted by the police are public documents under North Carolina law, and nearly all police agencies use the standard form specified by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. (A copy is shown as Appendix 1.)

Reporting is widespread, and there are no known "holes" in the reporting system in the sense of sizable cities not reporting, etc. The quality of reporting varies over the range that one expects in this kind of data. Some reports are very poor while others are quite good. A

V. STUDY VARIABLES

The variables in this study include:

- 1. Speed of car
- 2. Site of impact on car
- 3. Type of accident
- 4. Injury to driver
- 5. Year of car
- 6. Make and body style of car

1. Speed of Car: The police officer is provided a space on the accident report form for the estimated speed of each vehicle just before onset of the accident process. For analysis purposes, in single vehicle-crashes, this speed is used directly. In two-vehicle front-rear crashes, the difference in the two speeds is used. In front-side or front-front crashes, the highest speed reported for either car is assigned to both cars. Thus, if a parked car (zero mph) is struck by a car traveling 30 mph, then the value of 30 mph is assigned to both cars.* This is not a particularly sophisticated way of handling speeds, but is felt to be refined enough, considering possible errors in speed estimates, and also considering the fact that the speeds were rather grossly grouped as follows.

Lower Speed Group - 0 to 29 mph Middle Speed Group - 30 to 49 mph Higher Speed Group - 50 mph and greater Unspecified Speed Group - speed not reported

2. Site of Impact on Car: Each car was classified according to the part of the car on which the principal damage was located. The groupings were as follows:

Front Right Side Left Side Rear Unspecified

Obviously in some crashes, damage is sustained on more than one part of the car, but the officer usually only reports one area of damage, and that is usually the area of most severe damage. Note that the unspecified category is more than just those cases in which no report is made. It includes most of the single-vehicle, ran off-road-crashes, and therefore includes most of the overturn accidents.

^{*} Because of complications, in the event of a 3-or-more car crash, each car was assigned its own speed without reference to the other cars. All these cars are placed in the multiple-vehicle category.

<u>3. Type of Accident</u>: The data were also classified according to type of crash, and the following categories were used:

Car ran off roadway Car hit fixed object (in roadway area; including railway trains) Car hit other object (in roadway area) Car collided with other car Car collided with truck Cars in crashes involving 3 or more cars Other crashes

The first category includes all vehicles that ran off the roadway before striking any object, and includes those that went off the road and struck a tree as well as those that went off the road and rolled over without striking anything.

In reference to the "multiple" vehicle category, all cars in a 3-or-more vehicle crash are included in the Multiple-Vehicle class. When the number of cars exceeded 4, the cars depicted on the "trailer cards" were eliminated because of processing difficulties.

Both vehicles in a car-to-car crash are classified. If one car strikes the other in the side, both are placed in the car-vs.-car category. One is classed as having struck with the front, and the other is classed as having been struck on the side. If a car and a truck collide, both are placed in the car-vs.-truck category (for purposes of defining the reference group). If two trucks collide, both are placed in the "other" category.

It was possible to classify nearly all cases with respect to these variables. The principal cases that were discarded in this edit-check process were those that had "illegal" punches on the card, some vehicles in 4- or-more vehicle crashes, and vehicles that struck bicyclists, pedestrians, or animals.

4. Injury to Driver: Driver injuries are classified by the officer at the scene (or on the basis of the officer's follow-up investigation). The classification follows the nationally used <u>Manual on Classification</u> of <u>Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents</u>, (USA Standards Institute Standard D 16.1), National Safety Council, Chicago, 1962. On page 14 of this manual, injuries are classified on a five-point scale as follows:

1. no injury

2. "C" injury. Non-Visible Injury - is a complaint of pain without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.

3. "B" injury. Minor Visible Injury - is an abrasion, bruise, swelling, limping or obviously painful movement.

4. "A" injury. Serious Visible Injury - is a bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that requires the victim to be carried from the scene of the accident.

5. Fatal injury. An injury that results in death within 12 months of the accident.

It should be noted here that while the definitions manual provides that death within one year following the accident (and directly attributable thereto) is counted as a motor vehicle fatality, and while the state and national figures are corrected for such delayed fatalities, and while the relevant accident report forms themselves are corrected where possible, it is nevertheless true that the accident report itself may not always be corrected. Therefore, there may be at least some cases in which the driver is reported as having an "A" injury based on the situation a few days following the crash, but the patient eventually dies. In those cases in which the records are not updated such an event would sometimes be counted as an "A" injury.

In order to compare all driver injuries on the same basis, the study deleted from each specific make-model group those drivers who were reported as wearing a seat belt. A separate study will deal with seat belted drivers.

5. Year of Car: The accident report form includes a space for the officer to record the make and year of the vehicle in question. Whatever year the officer records is transcribed to computer tape and used in this study as the year of the car. There is, however, one circumstance in which the computer program overrides the officer's year designation. This is based on the fact that the VIN has a digit or letter denoting the year of the car.

Therefore, if <u>all three</u> of the following conditions hold, , the the computer program overrides the officer's year designation: (1) the officer's year designation is inconsistent with the VIN, (2) the VIN appears correct in <u>every</u> respect (this implies several consistency checks) and (3) the year indicated by the VIN is only one year different from the officer's entry.

When all these conditions are met, the computer program substitutes the year indicated in the VIN in place of the year indicated by the officer. If the officer's entry disagrees with the VIN by <u>more</u> than one year, the case is discarded.

This procedure is based on the assumption that with cars a few years old the officer may designate the correct make, and may be able to recall the "vintage" of that particular car within a year or so, but he may be unable to recall the specific year. Such an occurrence is reasonable in view of the fact that sometimes only minor styling changes differentiate the external appearance of one year's model from the next.

6. Make and Body Style of Car: On the accident report form, the officer is instructed to write down the make of the car, and of course many spelling variations are seen. For example, the officer may write down "Ford" or "Galaxie" to designate a standard-sized Ford, or he may write "Chevelle," "Malibu," "Chevrolet," "Chevy," or "Chevvy" to indicate the Chevelle series. The computer program first reads the officer's English language indication of the make, using only the first four letters of the word. The program accepts many spellings. Thus, the following initial spellings would be accepted and would activate the computer search program:

Dodg Ford GTO Dart Plym Must (ang)

Spellings to be used were decided with assistance of a dictionary of <u>all</u> spellings in the entire data file. All but the least common are included. The various spellings that might represent a particular make of car are then channelled into the same computer program routine.

Next, the VIN written down by the officer is checked by the computer program. The question is two-fold. First, does the VIN indicate the same brand of car the officer indicated? And, second, is the VIN formatted properly and acceptably?

The VIN varies from 6 to 13 characters, and has both alpha and numeric characters. The format of the VIN varies from corporation to corporation within the same year, and from car line to car line within a single corporation in a single year. Sometimes, for example, the model year is indicated by a number and sometimes by a letter; sometimes the year designation is the first character in the string, and sometimes it is in another position.

In any event, for a car to be accepted as a given make, the VIN must be formatted properly for that particular car make in terms of number of characters, proper placement of alpha and numeric characters within the sequence, and also "legality" of characters in a given position. As an example, one corporation designates the factories where the car was made by a letter in a certain position, and not all letters are used; therefore, the program will accept only a correct letter in that particular position. For some campanies the VIN is just a sequence number which does not carry any information, and does not therefore lend itself to any checks.

Naturally, this detailed checking process resulted in the elimination of many cars because the reported VIN was not correctly formatted. The recording error could have been committed by the policeman at the scene, trying to copy the number under less-than-ideal conditions, or it could have been a clerical error in the various transcriptions of the data. Perhaps it is not beyond the realm of possibility that the number may even have been affixed erroneously at the factory.

In preparing the computer program to ascertain car make from VIN, the reference materials were:

Motor Vehicle Identification Manual, National Automobile Theft Bureau, published by Palmer Publications Company, Downers Grove, Illinois. NADA Official Used Car Guide, published by National Automobile Dealers Used Car Guide Company, Washington, D. C.

Unfortunately, these two books did not always agree exactly as to VIN for a given make, but in such cases we allowed for both possibilities. (Appendix 2 gives further details of how the computer program works.)

As a result of the computer program, very many make-model-body style combinations were uniquely identified -- several hundred, in fact. These were eventually consolidated into 49 American and 6 foreign car groups. Each of these 55 groups were subdivided according to model year beginning with 1960 models and going through and including 1968 models. (The reference group, however, included models prior to 1960.)

Of the 55 car groups, there were many for which the sample size was not sufficient for analysis. No data were shown for any make-year combination if fewer than 100 cases were available. As a result, only 35 of the 55 car groups are presented in this analysis. Later reports, based on a larger sample, will include models not shown in this initial report.

These 35 groups represent a great reduction from the hundreds (if not thousands) of groups that would have resulted if data had permitted use of every single variation in car "nameplate." Even for the 35 groups used, we adopted a process of consolidating models where the basic car is very much the same except for trim variations or luxury features. For example, in the case of the standard-size Chevrolet, we combined the Impala, Biscayne, Bel-Air and Caprice. The group was called standard Chevrolet and included all body styles of these cars. In defining the group of large Pontiacs (those with the longest wheel base), the Star Chief and the Bonneville designations were combined. A complete constituency of the make-model groups is given in Appendix 3.

VI. ANALYTICAL DESIGN OF THE STUDY

The general approach of the study is to define a large reference group which is, as nearly as possible, the aggregate of <u>all</u> crashes. Injuries of all drivers in this reference group are depicted. Then, one by one, the drivers of individual groups of specified passenger cars are compared to the reference group. This is done by comparing injuries of unbelted drivers of each given car make to injuries in the reference group. The reference group depicts injuries to 270,697 drivers whose injury distribution is as follows:

	Total	Not Injured	<u>"C" Inj</u> .	" <u>B" Inj</u> .	" <u>A" Inj</u> .	Killed
N	270,697	226,947	11,027	11,474	19,900	1,349
%	100.0	83.8	4.1	4.2	7.4	0.5

Table 1: Reference Group: Driver Injury Distribution

As can be seen in Table 1, more than 80 percent of the drivers escaped injury altogether, and one-half of one percent were killed. About seven and one-half percent suffered class "A" injuries -- the most serious category short of death. Combining the two most serious categories (as will be done throughout this report) reveals that nearly eight percent of all drivers sustained serious injury or were killed.

The total reference group is, of course, an "average" summed over all types of accident conditions. Some specific accident conditions are milder than average, and some are more serious than average. To illustrate this, the 270,697 drivers are divided according to the speed categories as earlier defined. Forty-five percent were in the lowest speed group, 32% in the middle group, 16% in the highest group, with about 8% not specified. The injury results for these speed groups are shown below:

Table 2: Reference Group: Driver Injury Distributions for Varying Speed Categories

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Not Inj</u> .	" <u>C" Inj</u> .	" <u>B" Inj</u> .	" <u>A" Inj</u> .	Killed
Lower Speed	N	120,796	109,641	4,830	2,920	3,316	89
0-29	%	100.0	90.8	4.0	2.4	2.7	0.1
Middle Speed	N	85,500	70,339	3,637	4,356	6,915	253
30-49 mph	%	100.1	82.3	4.3	5.1	8.1	0.3
Higher Speed	N	43,692	30,811	1,697	3,197	7,339	648
50 mph and more	%	100.0	70.5	3.9	7.3	16.8	1.5
Speed Unspecified	N <u>%</u>	20,709 100.0	16,156 78.0	863	1,001	2,330 11.3	359 1.7
TOTAL	N	270,697	226,947	11,027	11,474	19,900	1,349
	%	100.0	83.8	4.1	4.2	7.4	0.5

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Table 2 shows that in the lowest speed group, a little more than 90 percent of the drivers escaped injury, and only a very small fraction of one percent were killed. In contrast, in the highest speed group only 70 percent escaped injury and 1.5 percent were killed. In the highest speed group, the percentage killed is 15 times as high as in the lowest. The unspecified speed group is characterized by severe injuries. Officers sometimes use this speed category when the speed is high, but they do not feel they are able to give a good estimate.

Additional insight into the characteristics of the reference group can be obtained by dividing it another way, this time by impact site on the car. From Table 3 it can be calculated that 49% were involved in front impacts, 5% on the right, 6% on the left, 23% on the rear, and for 17% the impact site was unspecified.

Table 3: Reference Group: Driver Injury Distributions for Various Car Impact Sites

		Total	<u>Not Inj</u> .	" <u>C" Inj</u> .	" <u>B" Inj</u> .	" <u>A" Inj</u> .	<u>Killed</u>
Front Impact	N	132,587	114,902	3,837	5,010	8,342	496
	%	100.0	86.7	2.9	3.8	6.3	0.4
Right Side	N	13,648	12,062	371	423	727	65
-	%	100.0	88.4	2.7	3.1	5.3	0.5
Left Side	N	15,829	13,460	696	659	914	100
	%	100.0	85.0	4.4	4.2	5.8	0.6
Rear Impact	N	61,393	55,366	3,943	1,030	1,005	49
·	%	100.0	90.2	6.4	1.7	1.6	0.1
Unspecified	N	47,240	31,157	2,180	4,352	8,912	639
• 	_%	100.0	66.0	4.6	9.2	18.9	1.4
TOTAL	N	270,697	226,947	11,027	11,474	19,900	1,349
	%	100.0	83.8	4.1	4.2	7.4	0.5

With respect to drivers killed, rear impacts, as would be expected, are the least severe, while front and side impacts have a percent killed that is about 5 times higher. The percent of drivers that escape injury also reflects this relationship. Most severe is the unspecified impact, in which the percent killed is 14 times as great as the rear impact, and the percent drivers not injured is the lowest of any of the groups. This category is known to include many crashes involving leaving the road, overturn and driver ejection. Note that injury associated with impacts on the left side -- proximate to the driver, may be a little more severe than those on the car's right side. Still another way of examining the characteristics of the reference group is to subdivide according to type of impact. In this respect 55% of the 270,697 drivers were in Car-vs.-Car crashes, 17% ran off the roadway, 15% were in Car-vs.-Truck encounters, 8% were in Multiple-Vehicle crashes, about one percent collided with fixed or other object in the roadway area, and finally, about 4% were in other types of crashes. Table 4 shows the driver injury experience associated with each of these crash types:

		Total	<u>Not Inj</u> .	" <u>C" Inj</u> .	" <u>B" Inj</u> .	" <u>A" Inj</u> .	<u>Killed</u>
Ran Off Road	N	45,007	29,532	2,100	4,140	8,625	610
	%	100.1	65.6	4.7	9.2	19.2	1.4
Hit Fixed Obj.	N	1,635	1,222	46	109	232	26
	%	100.0	74.7	2.8	6.7	14.2	1.6
Hit Other Obj.	N	1,744	1,199	69	200	258	18
	%	100.1	68.8	4.0	11.5	14.8	1.0
Car vs. Car	N	149,987	132,634	5,768	4,600	6,663	322
	%	99.9	88.4	3.8	3.1	4.4	0.2
Car vs. Truck	N	41,143	36,614	1,394	1,078	1,861	196
	%	100.0	89.0	3.4	2.6	4.5	0.5
Mult. Vehicle	N	20,950	17,632	1,297	740	1,215	66
	%	100.0	84.2	6.2	3.5	5.8	0.3
Other	N	10,231	8,114	353	607	1,046	111
	%	100.0	79.3	3.5	5.9	10.2	1.1
TOTAL	N	270,697	226,947	11,027	11,474	19,900	1,349
	%	100.0	83.8	4.1	4.2	7.4	0.5

Table 4: Reference Group: Driver Injury Distribution for Various Accident Types

Note that the most common group, car vs. car, is the one in which the percent killed is lowest, and the Car-Ran-Off-Road and Car-Hit-Object groups show a percent killed that is 5 to 8 times as high. Naturally, speed is part of the reason -- since many Car-vs.-Car Accidents are at low speed, whereas many Ran-Off-Road crashes are at high speeds.

This, in fact, is the primary reason why the foregoing three variables cannot really be treated separately. The fact is that speed, site of impact,

and type of collision are not independent -- there is considerable interaction among them. An example of this interaction is seen in contrasting the Car-vs.-Car category and the Car-Ran-Off-Roadway category. Within these two categories the distribution of speed and impact site differs sharply from one to the other. Speeds are higher in the Ran-Off-Roadway group than in the Car-vs.-Car group. In addition, impact site is different. In the Car-Ran-Off-Roadway category, almost all impacts were reported as unspecified.

In view of all these foregoing characteristics, the reference group is divided into 108 subgroups -- each representing a unique combination of speed, impact site, and accident type. Within each of the 7 accident types, there are potentially 5 impact site categories, and within each of these, the 4 speed categories can appear. If <u>every</u> combination existed, there would be 7 x 5 x 4 = 140 categories. However, only 108 are used in this matrix, because some of the combinations either did not occur at all among the 270-thousand data elements, or occurred so few times that their inclusion was not warranted. Appendix 4 shows the complete format of the 108 categories in the reference group, including all the injuries observed in the various categories.

In summary, the constituency of the reference group is as nearly as possible like the aggregate of all vehicles on the road. It includes belted and unbelted drivers, male and female, drivers of cars as well as trucks, and drivers in severe accidents as well as minor ones. This exact same reference group is used as the baseline against which <u>unbelted</u> drivers of each passenger car model are compared.

VII. COMPARING INDIVIDUAL CAR GROUPS TO THE REFERENCE GROUP

The reason for dividing the reference group into 108 accident situations is to facilitate closer comparison between the various individual car makes and the reference group. Without this, the comparison might not be fair. Consider the following example: It was shown in Table 1 (p.10) that in the overall reference group, a total of 7.9% of the drivers sustained injuries that were either degree "A" or killed. Suppose it were found in car "X" that 12% of the drivers sustained injuries of the "A" or "Killed" variety. That would be an amount more than half again as frequent in Brand X as in the aggregate of all cars. Would this be a fair comparison of the safety of Brand X relative to the reference group? Not necessarily.

If, as a group, Brand X cars happened to be involved in many highspeed crashes, then the number of drivers sustaining serious injuries would naturally be higher because of the higher speed. On the other hand, if Brand X cars <u>had</u> been involved in the same variety of crashes as the reference group, then the comparison would be more meaningful. The point is that there is no guarantee that the variety of accident conditions to which one car happens to be exposed will be the same as that to which another is exposed. In order to achieve a fair comparison, it is necessary to compare "Brand X" to the reference group on the basis of the same variety of crashes. This is where the reference matrix with its 108 specific conditions comes into play. Each given car is compared to the reference group on the basis of the same conditions. The computer program first allocates all Brand X cases into the same 108 accident situations as the reference group. Then the computer compares injuries to unbelted drivers of Brand X with injuries in the reference group with respect to Condition 1. The results of the comparison are noted. Then, the drivers of Brand X car and the drivers in the reference group are compared with respect to condition 2 -- then condition 3, and so forth through the 108 situations. Finally, the individual outcomes are summed over the 108 conditions, weighted according to the frequency of each condition in Brand X cars, and an overall comparison is effected. This final overall comparison is based on comparable crash conditions.

Specifically, an expected injury value is calculated for each matrix line based on reference group injuries. The expected value is the frequency of the injury among "Brand X" car drivers that would have occurred if the proportion had been the same as in the reference group. The expected values are compared to those observed in the same matrix line on the Brand-X side. Expected and observed values are summed over the matrix and tested by Chi Square. A modified variance is used (see Appendix 5).

An injury index is used to describe the results. This is simply the ratio of the total observed value divided by the total expected value times 100. An index value of 100 would mean that under the same variety of crash conditions, driver injuries in Brand X cars are no more or no less frequent than in the aggregate of all cars. An index of 120 would indicate that under the circumstances that produced 100 injuries in the reference group, 120 injuries occurred in Brand X -- about the same as saying that injuries were 20% more frequent in Brand X. An Index value of 85 would mean that only 85 injuries occurred in Brand-X cars whereas 100 injuries would be sustained in the reference group under the same variety of accident circumstances. Depending on the size of the associated Chi Square value, these indices may or may not reflect a statistically significant departure from the reference group. If the sample is very large, an index of 110 may be significantly greater than the aggregate. On the other hand, if the sample is small, then an index of even as much as 200 may nevertheless not be statistically significant.

Throughout this study, two different injury indices are used. One is a comparison of each make-year combination to the aggregate with respect to the number of driver injuries of any kind reported (this is the sum of "C," "B," "A," and Killed as defined on p. 6). The other injury indicator deals with <u>severity</u> of driver injury and is based on the frequency of injuries serious enough to be classified as "A" or Fatal. Not enough data are available at this time to warrant using fatal injuries alone as an index.

VIII. RESULTS: General

The results of this study contain few if any surprises. First, trends show that cars in general have been improving over the last few years. Driver injuries are less frequent and less severe under comparable crash circumstances in the later model years than in earlier years. This is expected in view of the increased attention to safety design in the last few years. Indeed, the surprise would be if no improvement were noted, which would happen only if the combined effect of <u>all</u> the safety features produced no benefits.

The second general trend relates to car size. As has already been indicated in the literature,* injuries tend to be more severe in smaller cars than in larger cars under comparable conditions. The data in the present study show that larger cars like the standard Ford and Plymouth, and the larger-than-standard cars like Pontiac show generally less injury than average, while smaller cars like Chevy II, Falcon, and Volkswagen show generally more than average injury.

The third point is that when various model years of the "Big 3" are combined and then re-divided by body style, it is found that drivers of 4-door station wagons and 2 and 4-door hardtops sustain significantly fewer serious and fatal injuries. None of the other body styles of the "Big 3" are <u>significantly</u> lower than average, although all the rest of the body style index values are slightly less than 100.

The fourth comment concerns the truly staggering data requirements for this kind of analysis. There are so many make-model-year combinations, and so many body styles that the number of unique car groups eligible for analysis is in the thousands. Furthermore, in order to be able to analyze effectively the performance of any given make-model-year combination, it is desirable to be able to study a large sample of the car in question.

This means that for a low-volume car like the Corvette it may be that even if all current model year crashes in the entire nation in a year were compiled, there might still be an insufficient sample for analysis. On the other hand, for popular makes there are adequate data from just North Carolina. Consequently, if public policy dictates the kind of analysis illustrated in this report, then the data base should be many times the size of the one used in this study.

^{* &}quot;Automobile Crash Injuries in Relation to Car Size," Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo, New York, 1964, VI 1823R11, B. J. Campbell, J. K. Kihlberg, and E. Narragon.

^{* &}quot;A Study of Volkswagen Accidents in the United States," Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo, New York, 1968, VJ 1823R32, J. W. Garrett and A. Stern.

IX. RESULTS: Injury by Car Make

Group I. "The Big 3" (Standard Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth)

Perhaps the easiest way to show the character of the results is to report first the injury indicators for the "Big 3" automobiles -- the standard-size Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth (Groups 6, 22, and 32 in Appendix 3). Figure 1 shows the driver index values for these three cars for model years 1960 through 1968, with respect to "all injury." Figure 2 shows the same models for the injury index "A + K" (or serious plus fatal injuries).

In Figure 1 each index is plotted as a point on a graph, and the index value is printed beside the point. Sample size is indicated by the number in parentheses following the car make. A single asterisk along side means that the index value is associated with a Chi Square large enough to be significant at the five percent level. Two asterisks means the one percent level.

First, with respect to the index of <u>any</u> driver injury, Figure 1 shows that only two points fall above the 100, or average line, and neither of these (the 1960 Plymouth and the 1961 Ford) even remotely approaches a significant elevation.

All of the remaining values fall on the less-than-average-injury side, and in seven cases the value is <u>significantly</u> below. The ones that are statistically significant have indices in the range of 79 to 91, roughly equivalent to a 10 to 20 percent lower frequency of injury in those cars than in the average of all cars. There is very little difference among the "Big 3," and little suggestion of any systematic advantage or disadvantage of one or the other.

Figure 2 depicts the results of the same type comparison, but this time with respect to the frequency of serious and fatal injuries. The results are about the same as already shown except that there is more variation in the observed values, and only four are significantly below the aggregate.

Summing up Figures 1 and 2, the indications are that (a) most of the values are on the "better-than-average side," (b) there is a slight tendency for the more favorable injury values to fall among the later models, and (c) the "Big 3" differ little from one another.

Readers who have interest in the details of the study may wish to know the exact procedures by which a given index is calculated. For each of the values in Figure 1 (and all following Figures) there is a computer printout. When sample size is sufficient, this printout shows the comparison of that particular make to the reference group with respect to each of the 108 accident situations specified. The printout also shows the summaries and statistical test results. For illustration, Appendix 6 shows the complete printout for the 1960 Ford.

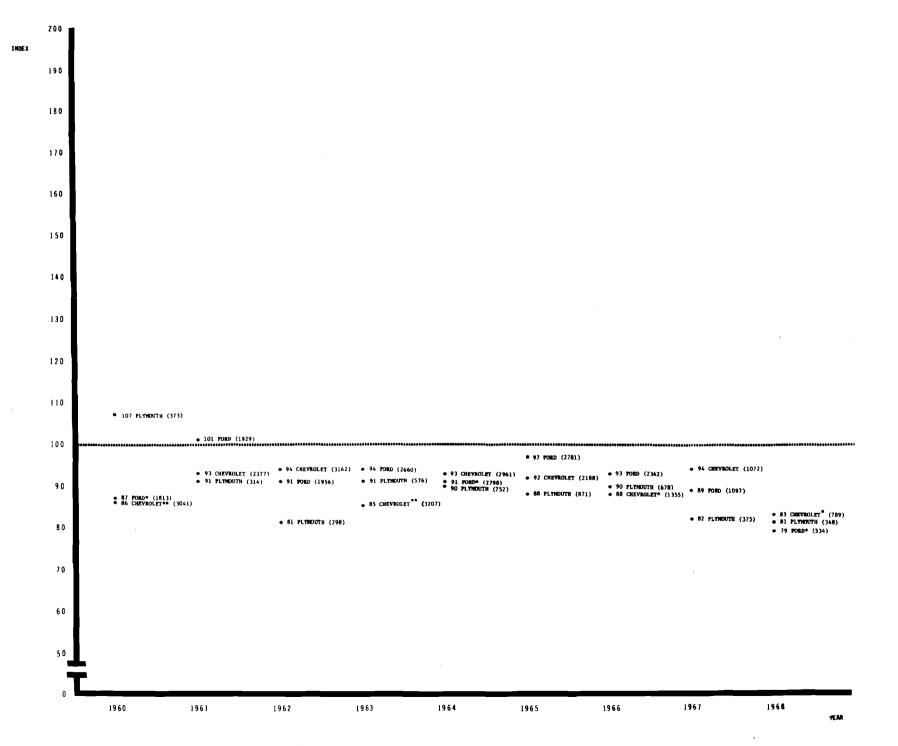
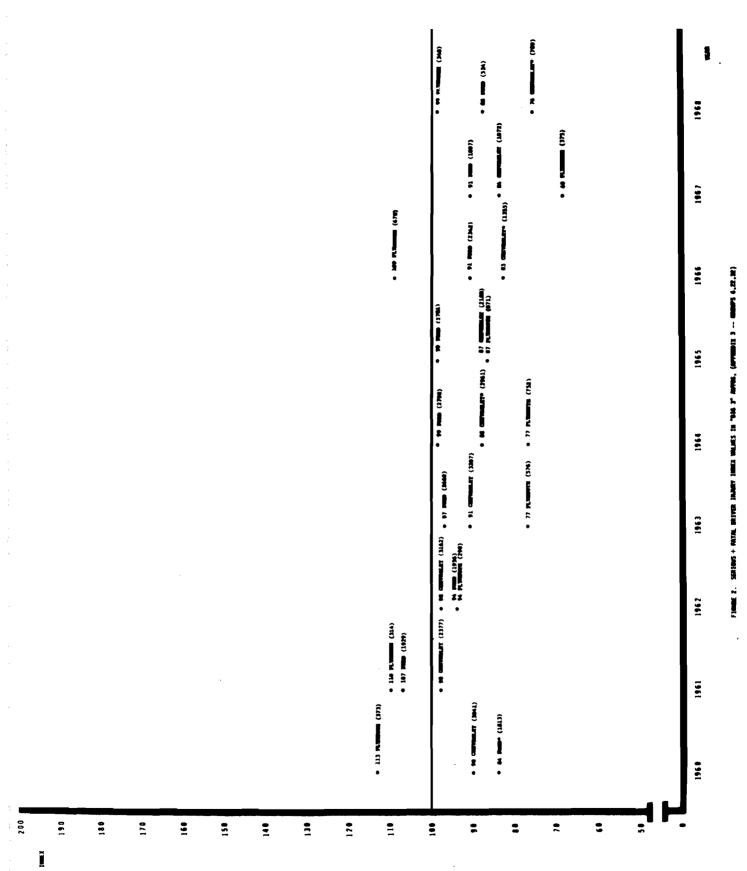


FIGURE 1. DRIVER INJURY INDEX VALUES IN "BIG 3" AUTOS, (APPENDIX 3 -- GROUPS 6,22,32)



Space limitations rule out inclusion of such information for each car group; however, the detailed information for each car can be produced for further study. As a service to the reader, Appendix 7 contains a summary table for each make-model-year combination reported, giving the sample size, expected and observed values, the Chi squares, and the index values.

The statistical procedures used in this study consist of testing each car model against the same aggregate reference group. This does not provide a direct comparison of one model to the other. For example, from Figure 1 it can be said that among 1966 models, driver injuries in the Chevrolet are significantly different from the aggregate. This does not, however, necessarily indicate that Chevrolet had fewer driver injuries that year than drivers of Fords or Plymouths.

Since each car is compared to the same reference group, there is a temptation to compare them to each other. However, to be able to do this would require a separate statistical comparison of each car to every other car -- this would be too many thousands of comparisons to be handled by the present computer procedure -- not to mention the problems of trying to describe, classify, and interpret these comparisons. (The data do, however, lend themselves to this kind of analysis, and such could be undertaken later.)

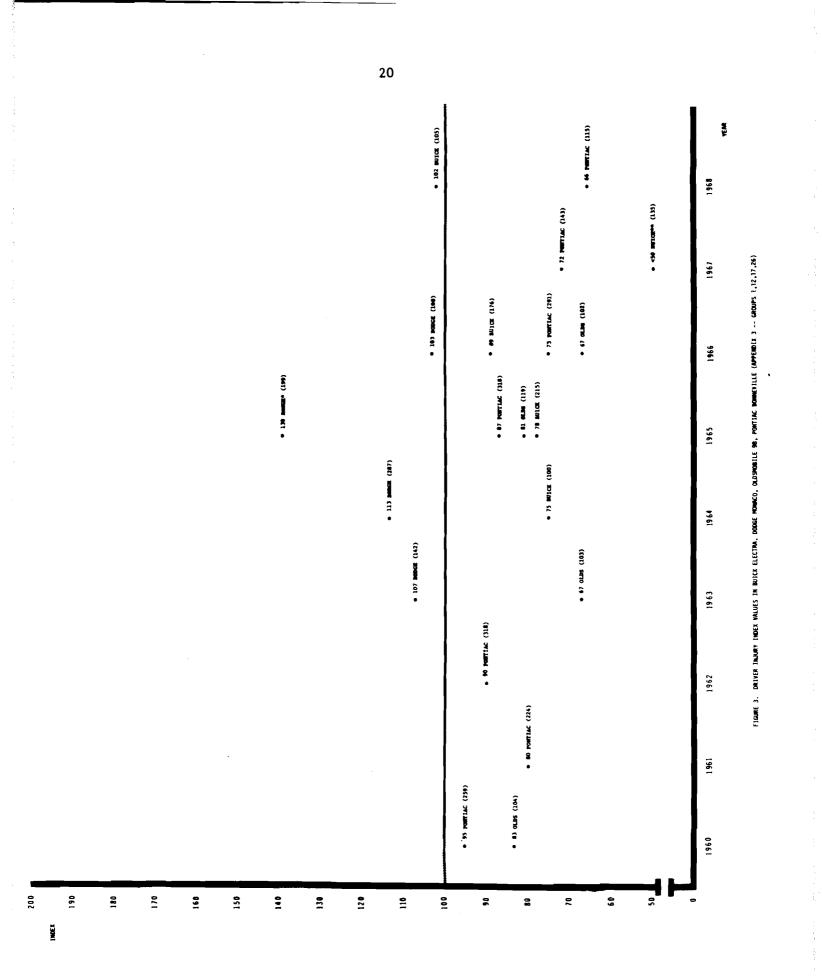
On the basis of the present analysis it is possible to say that one model is higher or lower than another model when one is significantly above the aggregate, and the other is significantly <u>below</u> the aggregate.

Group II: The Largest Cars (such as Buick Electra, Dodge Monaco, Oldsmobile 98, Pontiac Bonneville, etc.

Figures 3 and 4 depict injuries, and serious and fatal injuries, respectively, among drivers of the largest cars analyzed. These include the largest of the Buick, Oldsmobile, Dodge, and Pontiac cars (Groups 1, 12, 17, 26 in Appendix 3). Indices are shown only when the sample size of a given car is 100 or more. Thus, in Figure 3 it is not the case that all four cars appear for every model year.*

Figure 3 shows that with respect to driver injury frequency, most of the twenty values shown are on the lower-than-average side. Of the two values that are statistically significant, the 1965 Dodge is <u>above</u> the line with an index of 139, and the 1967 Buick is <u>below</u> the line with an index less than 50.

^{*} Many other cars do not appear in this study at all, and for the same reason of too small sample size. For example, this study does not deal with large cars like Cadillac, Lincoln, or Imperial, or certain specialty cars such as the American Motors AMX, and many other cars because the presently available accident data pool does not contain a sufficient sample of these cars.



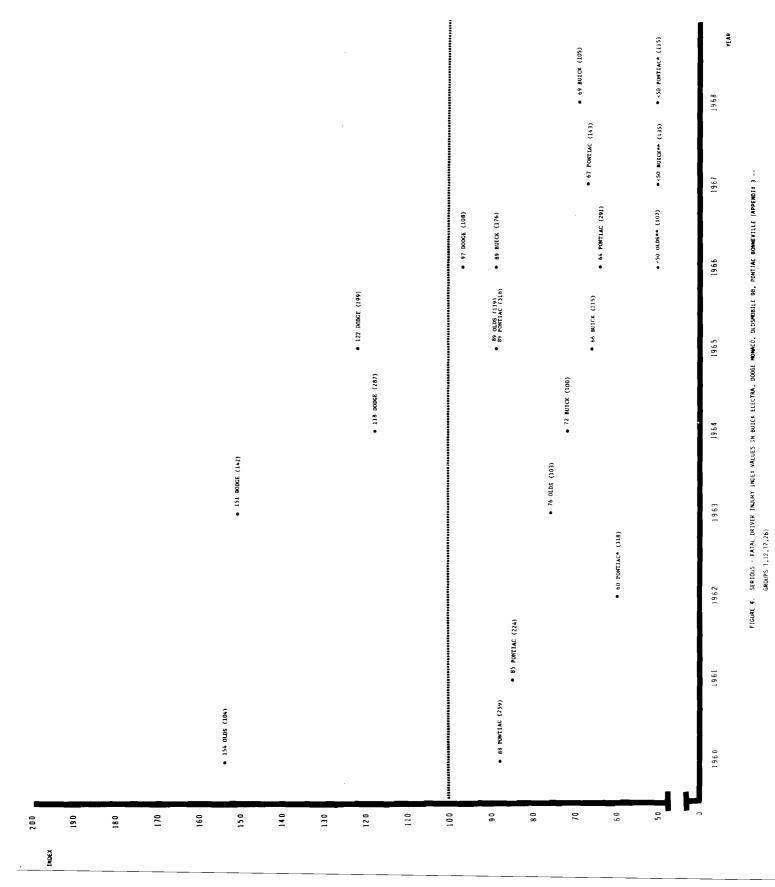


Figure 4 shows the results for serious and fatal injury. As before, only cars with sample size 100 or greater are shown. Of the twenty cars shown, most are below the line and four are significant: the 1966 Oldsmobile, 1967 Buick, and 1962 and 1968 Pontiac all have indices of 60 or less.

In Figures 3 and 4, General Motors products are the most frequent. This is a result of the great volume of GM cars on the road. Sample sizes for GM cars tend to be large enough to yield statistically meaningful results. Other cars in this size class were not present in the sample in quantities requisite for inclusion in the analysis. As larger quantities of data are amassed later, it will become possible to include other models.

The only hint of a trend in Figures 3 and 4 is that all but one of the Dodge values is on the higher-than-average-injury side of the line, and one of these is statistically significant. In contrast to Dodge all but 2 of the other cars are below the line.

With respect to serious and fatal injuries, the earlier model years do not show as favorable an injury experience as the later models. There is a considerably greater range in the injury indices among these cars than was seen for the "Big 3," but this would be expected in view of the smaller sample sizes.

Group III: Standard Size Buick, Dodge, Mercury, Oldsmobile, Pontiac (such as the Buick LeSabre, Dodge Seneca and "440," Mercury Monterey, Olds 88, and Pontiac Catalina)

Figures 5 and 6 respectively portray injuries, and serious and fatal injuries, to unbelted drivers of cars one step larger than the "Big 3." In each case the models are compared to the same reference group as before. The models in this group are defined by Groups 2, 13, 18, 27, and 37 in Appendix 3.

The overall indications are rather like those seen in the preceding groups. That is, (a) most of the values are not significantly different from the mean line, (b) most of the values are on the better-than-average side of the line, (c) those that are significant are in the lower than average injury direction, and (d) there is a slight trend toward lower injury values for the later model cars.

In Figure 5 (depicting the relative frequency of all driver injuries), values are shown for thirty-six cars, of which five are significantly lower than the baseline -- the 1962, 1964, and 1965 Olds, and the 1965 and 1968 Pontiac. As can be seen, other cars have similar index values but are based on smaller samples or else are not quite as far away from the mean line, and are not statistically significant.

In Figure 6, concerning the relative frequency of serious and fatal injuries, three of the thirty-six values are statistically significant on the lower-than-average side; the 1962 and 1966 Olds and the 1968 Pontiac.

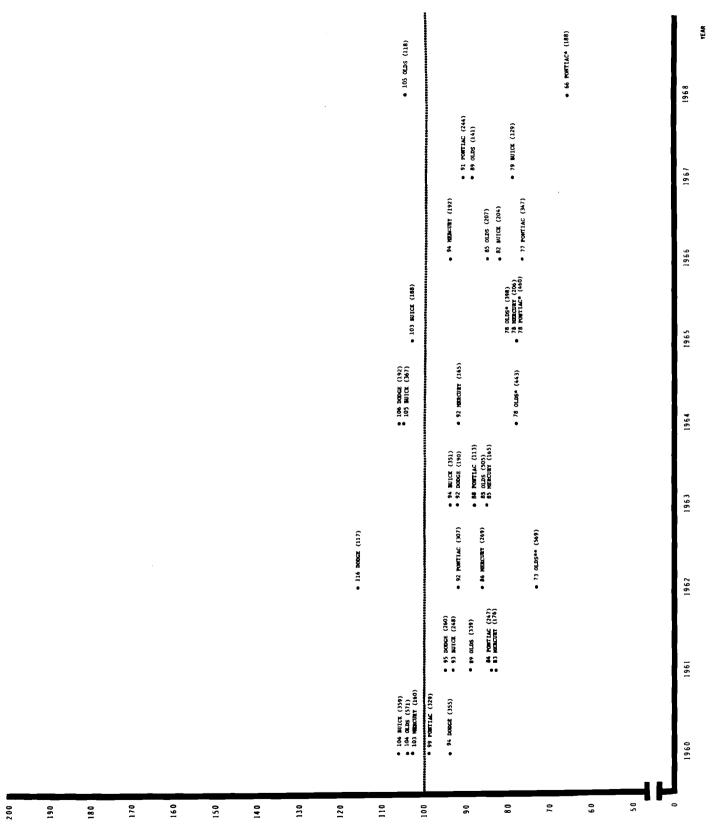
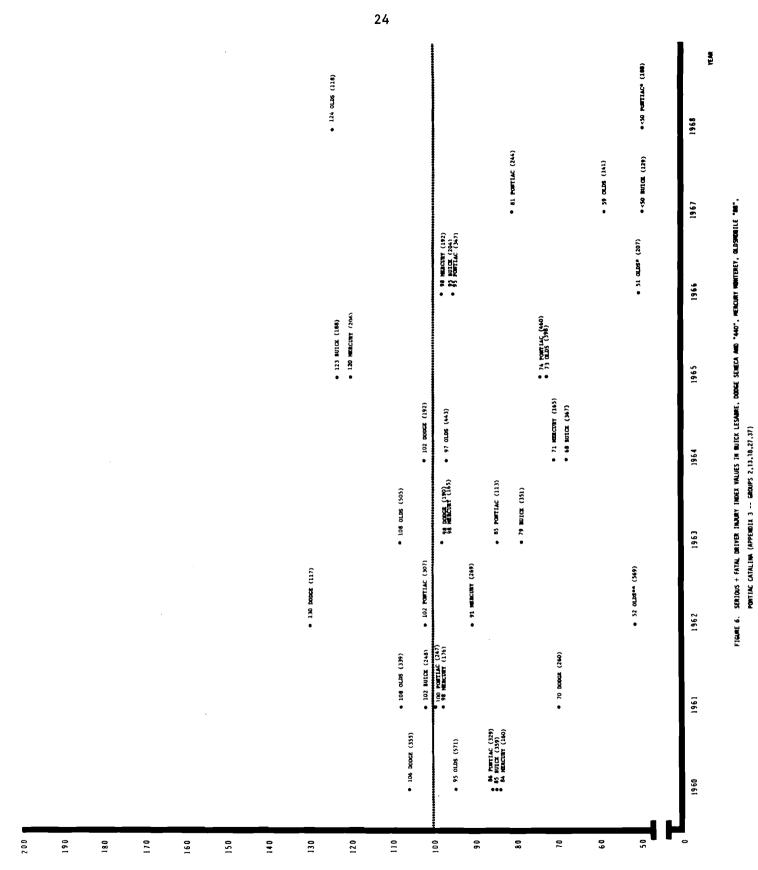


FIGURE 5. DRIVER INJURY INDEX VALUES IN BUICK LESABRE, DODGE SENECA AND "440", MERCURY MONTEREY, OLDSWORILE "88", PONTIAC CATALIMA

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In some model years, cars that are similar in construction (like the Buick, Olds, and Pontiac) have quite similar index values, but in other years they do not. It is not known at this stage whether this represents random fluctuations, or whether there are identifiable physical details of the car that can be associated with such shifts. Such insight can be gained only through simultaneous detailed comparison of the statistical data and the physical characteristics of the cars.

Group IV: Cars Just Smaller than Standard (such as the Buick Special, Chevrolet Chevelle, Dodge Dart, Ford Fairlane, Oldsmobile F-85, Plymouth Belvedere-Satellite, Pontiac GTO, and Pontiac Tempest)

Figures 7 and 8 respectively portray injury and serious or fatal driver injury relative to the reference group for the car models listed. These models are defined in Appendix 3 as Groups 3, 4, 7, 14, 19, 23, 28, and 33.

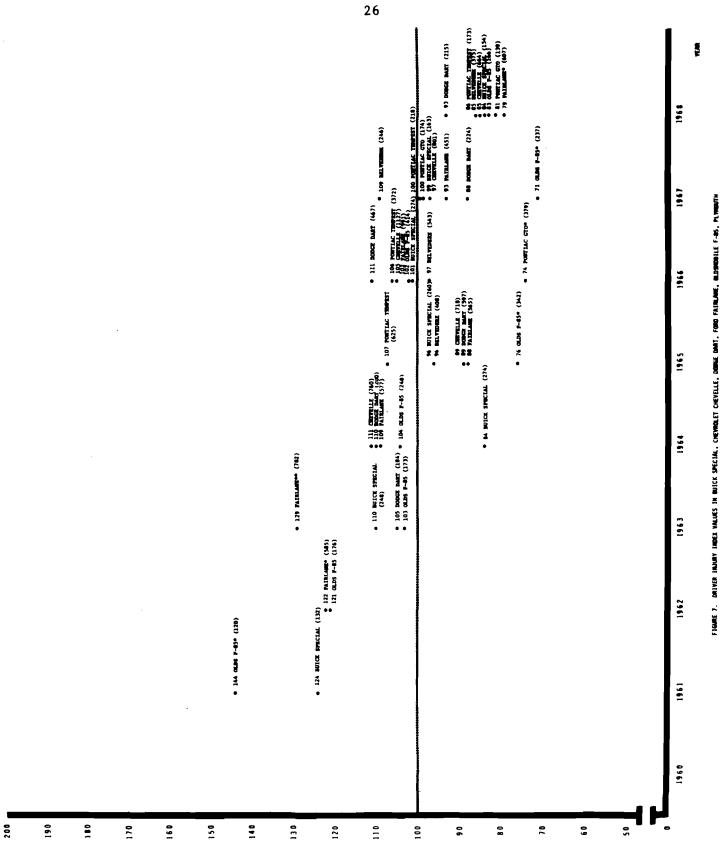
This group of cars more than any other reflects improvement with model years. In Figure 7 it is seen, for example, that the Olds F-85 and the Ford Fairlane show significantly <u>higher</u> than average values in the earlier model years and significantly <u>lower</u> than average values in the later model era. Both of these vehicles went from 20 or more percent higher than average to 20 or more percent lower than average.

Overall, significantly above-the-line indices were shown in the 1961 Olds F-85, 1962 and 1963 Fairlane with index values of 122 to 144. Significantly <u>below</u>-the-line indices were shown in the 1965 and 1967 Olds F-85, the 1966 Pontiac GTO and the 1968 Fairlane with index values ranging from 71 to 79.

The situation with respect to serious and fatal injuries is shown in Figure 8, and is not greatly different from the situation portrayed in Figure 7. However, note that there are some differences in the identity of the cars in which driver injury was significantly different from the mean. Above average: 1962 and 1963 Fairlane and 1964 Dodge Dart. Below average: 1967 Olds F-85 and 1968 Chevelle and 1968 Fairlane.

Group IV cars differ from the preceding groups in that the index values fall generally higher. In preceding groups a clear majority of the index values fell below 100, whereas in Figures 7 and 8 the points are almost exactly divided above and below the line.

As before, certain models are not portrayed due to small sample size.



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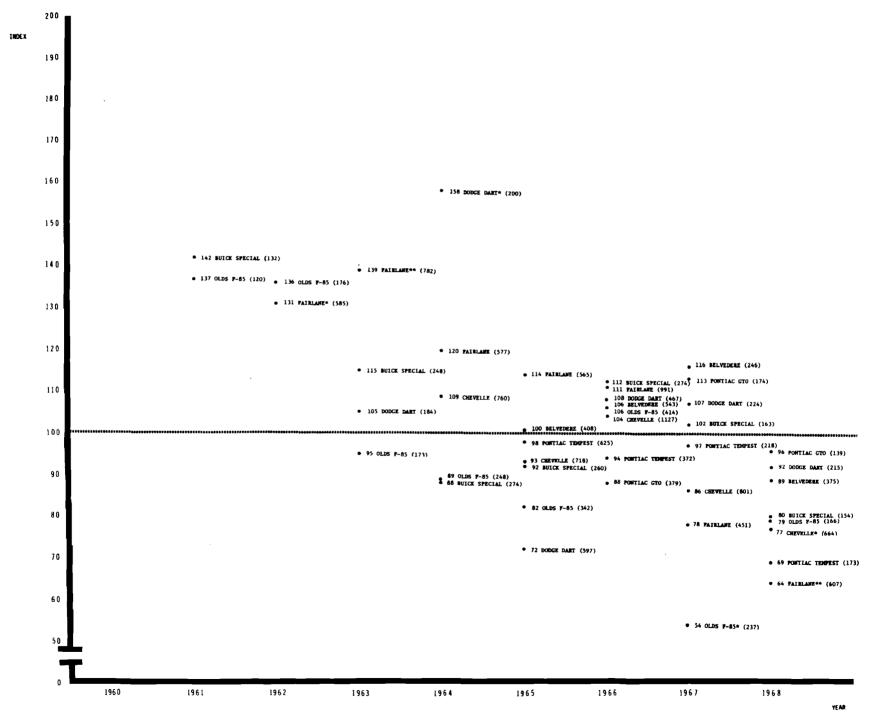


FIGURE 8. SERIOUS + FATAL DRIVER INJURY INDEX VALUES IN BUICK SPECIAL, CHEVROLET CHEVELLE, DODGE DART, FORD FAIRLAME, OLDSMOBILE F-85.

PLYMOUTH BELVEDERE-SATELLITE, PONTIAC GTO, PONTIAC TEMPEST (APPENDIX 3 -- GROUPS 3,4,7,14,19,23,28,33)

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Group V: Domestic Compact Cars: Chevrolet Chevy II, Chevrolet Corvair, Ford Falcon, Plymouth Valiant

Figures 9 and 10 deal with four compact cars and refer to the same unbelted driver injuries shown in the several preceding pairs of figures. The four car groups are defined in Appendix 3 as Groups 8, 9, 24, and 34.

In sharp contrast to preceding groups, virtually all of the index values are above the baseline, and in many cases statistically significantly so. With respect to driver injury (in any degree) twenty-nine values are shown in Figure 9, and all but one are on the higher-than average side of the line. Seventeen of the values are significantly elevated, including the 1960, 61, 62 and 63 Falcon with values from 123 to 133: the 1962, 64 and 1965 Chevy II with values from 125 to 176; the 1961, 63, 64, 65, and 66 Valiant with values from 130 to 169: and the 1960, 61, 62, 63, and 64 Corvair with indices from 118 to 161.

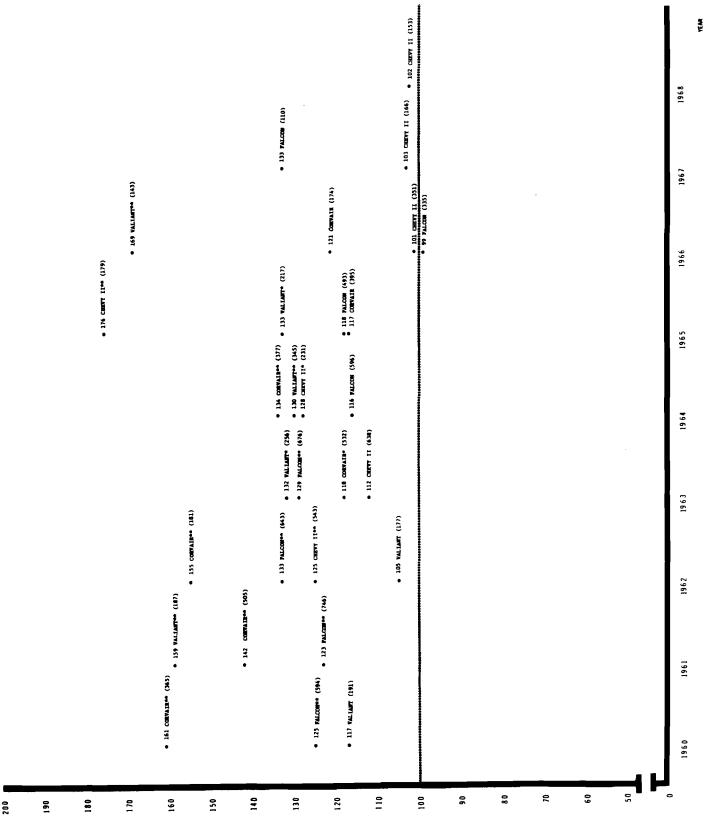
Figure 10 shows the same general trends for the serious injury index. All but one of the twenty-nine index values exceed 100 and for ten, there is a statistically significant elevation. These significant values are accompanied by index numbers ranging from 135 to 197.

Group VI: Other Cars: Foreign, American Specialty Cars, and a Re-Grouping of American Compact Cars.

This final group contains the greatest number of car makes. Throughout this group, the model year distinction is either dropped altogether, or at least several model years are combined. This is because cars in this group do not undergo as frequent changes as do cars in the preceding groups. Some, in fact, are quite similar throughout the 1960-1968 period depicted. Even if changes were substantial (as in the Corvette), the sample was in some cases too small to permit separation by model year. The car makes included in Group VI are:

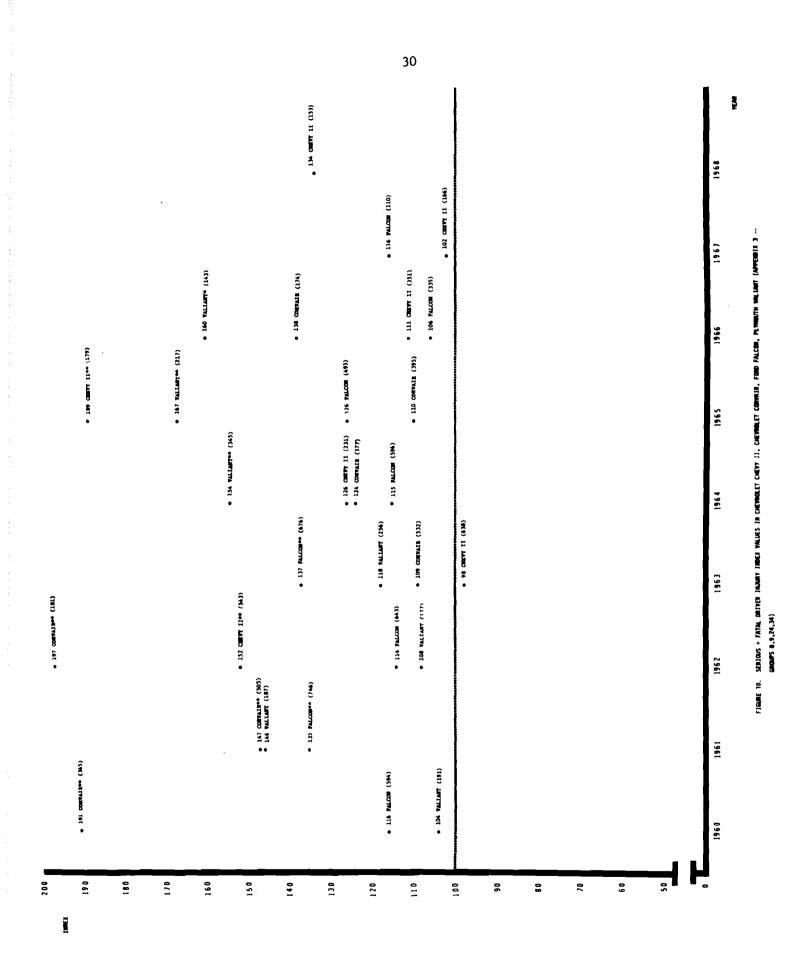
Foreign Cars

MG	all years combined
Renault	all years combined
Volvo	all years combined
VW Type I (standard sedan "beetle")	60-67
VW Type I (standard sedan "beetle")	68
VW Type II (van configuration)	all years combined
VW Type III ("fastback and squareback")	all years combined



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American Specialty Cars

Camaro	all years combined
Corvette	all years combined
Cougar	all years combined
Firebird	all years combined
Mustang	all years combined

American Compacts

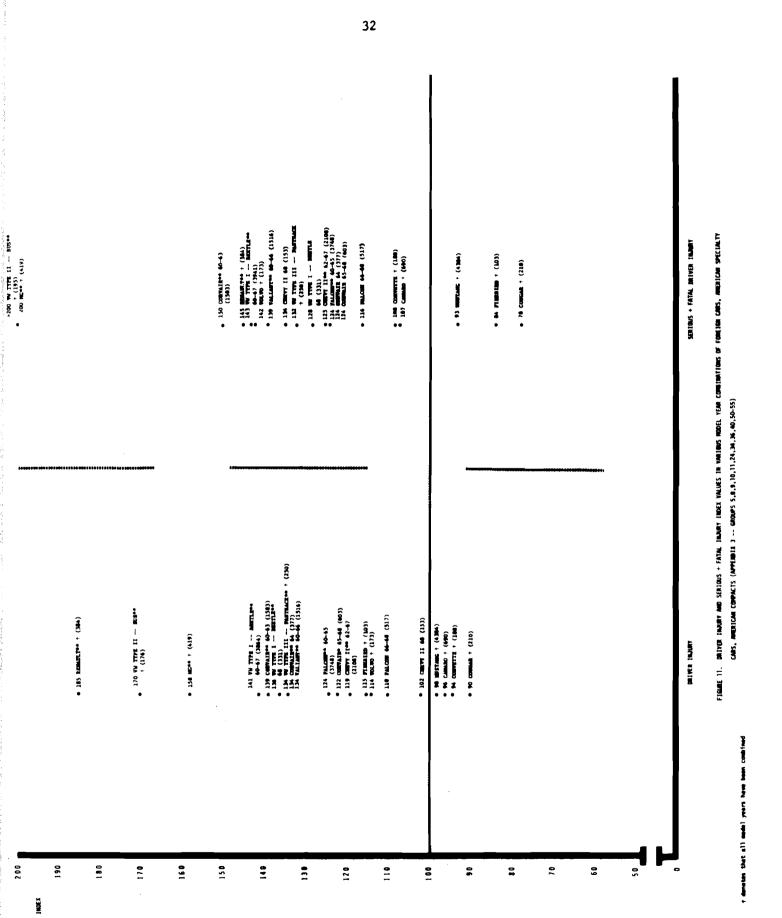
Chevy II							62-67
Chevy II							68
Corvair							60-63
Corvair							64
Corvair							65-68
Falcon							60-65
Falcon							66-68
Valiant							60-66
	(too	few	67-68	Valiants	for	inclu	sion)

These cars are defined in Appendix 3 by Groups 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 34, 36, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55. A comment should be made with regard to the VW Type II. It is the only van configuration included in this study. Therefore, the VW Type II is in the position of being compared with fundamentally different cars. No comparison is presently available with the van-type vehicles produced by other companies, but in a subsequent study others will be included.

With respect to any degree of injury, Figure 11 shows several cars not to be significantly different from the average. This includes the Mustang, Camaro, Corvette, and Cougar all with index values from 90 to 98. Also not significantly different is the Firebird, Volvo, the Falcons (66-68), and the newer Chevy II (68). These cars range from 102 to 122 in index values.

Several cars, however, are significantly above average in injury value. This includes the Renault (index 185), VW Type II (bus) (index 170), MG (index 158), the 60-67 VW Type I (index 141) and the 68 VW Type I (index 136), the VW Type III (index 134), the 1960-1963 Corvair (index 139), the 1964 Corvair (index 134), 1965-1968 Corvair (index 122), the 1960-1966 Valiant (index 134), the 1962-1967 Chevy II (index 119), and the 1960-1965 Falcon (index 124).

The situation is similar when the serious and fatal injury index is considered. Again, several cars are <u>not</u> associated with significantly elevated frequency of these severe injuries. These non-significant values include Volvo (142), 1968 VW Type I (128), 1968 Chevy II (134), VW Type III (132), 1964 Corvair (124), 1965-1968 Corvair (124), 1966-1968 Falcon (116), Corvette (108), Camaro (107), Mustang (93), Firebird (84), and Cougar (78).



Drivers of several other cars, however, showed a significantly higher than average frequency of serious and fatal injury. These include: VW Type II (> 200), MG (200), 1960-1963 Corvair (150), Renault (145), 1960-1967 VW Type I (143), 1960-1966 Valiant (139), 1962-1967 Chevy II (125) and 1960-1965 Falcon (124).

These cars are re-grouped, and the changes in injury index are summarized below:

	<u>All In</u>	jury Inde	A + K Injury Index		
1960-1963	Corvair	139	significant	150	significant
1964	Corvair	134	significant	124	not significant
1965-1968	Corvair	122	significant	124	not significant
1960-1967	VW Type I	142	significant	143	significant
1968	VW Type I	136	significant	128	not significant
1960-1965	Falcon	124	significant	143	significant
1966-1968	Falcon	110 not	significant	125	significant
1962-1967	Chevy II	119	significant	124	significant
1968	Chevy II	102 not	significant	134	not significant

The above groupings are based on rather substantial car changes. The 1965-1968 Corvairs reflect both a styling change, a fundamental change in car suspension, and a steering assembly change designed to prevent rearward displacement of the steering column relative to the driver compartment. The VW grouping represents a basic change in car suspension. The changes in Falcon and Chevy II indicate general re-styling and change in wheelbase, overall length, width, etc.

By showing the data in these groups, a tendency is seen in one injury index or the other toward improvement in the later model years. This indication of improvement was not readily apparent in the findings as presented in Group V.

Summary of the Six Groups

Tables 5 and 6 show a list of all the make-year combinations cited previously, ranked by index number. The tables show the make and year of the car, the index, the indication (or lack) of statistical significance, the sample size of the particular make in question, and the group in which that model was classified in the previous sections of the Results chapter.

Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample Size)
185	† Renault (VI)**	(384)	125	60 Falcon (V)**	(594)
176	65 Chevy II (V)**	(179)	125	62 Chevy II (V)**	(543)
170	+ VW Type II Bus (VI)**	(176)	124	60-65 Falcon (VI)**	(3748)
169	66 Valiant (V)**	(143)	124	61 Buick Special (IV)	(132)
161	60 Corvair (V)**	(365)	123	61 Falcon (V)**	(746)
159	61 Valiant (V)**	(187)	122	65-68 Corvair (VI)*	(603)
158	+ MG (VI)**	(419)	122	62 Fairlane (IV)*	(585)
155	62 Corvair (V)**	(181)	121	66 Corvair (V)	(174)
144	61 Olds F-85 (IV)*	(120)	121	62 Olds F-85 (IV)	(176)
142	61 Corvair (V)**	(505)	119	62-67 Chevy II (VI)**	(2108)
14 1	60-67 VW Type I Beetle (VI)**	(3864)	118	63 Corvair (V)*	(532)
139	60-63 Corvair (VI)**	(1583)	118	65 Falcon (V)	(493)
139	65 Dodge (II)*	(199)	117	60 Valiant (V)	(191)
13 6	68 VW Type I Beetle (VI)**	(331)	117	65 Corvair (V)	(395)
134	+ VW Type III Fastback (VI)**	(250)	116	64 Falcon (V)	(596)
134	60-66 Valiant (VI)**	(1516)	116	62 Dodge (III)	(117)
134	64 Corvair (VI)**	(377)	115	<pre>+ Firebird (VI)</pre>	(103)
133	67 Falcon (V)	(110)	114	+ Volvo (VI)	(173)
133	65 Valiant (V)*	(217)	113	64 Dodge (II)	(287)
133	62 Falcon (V)**	(643)	112	63 Chevy II (V)	(638)
132	63 Valiant (V)*	(256)	111	64 Chevelle (IV)	(760)
130	64 Valiant (V)**	(345)	111	66 Dodge Dart (IV)	(467)
129	63 Fairlane (IV)**	(782)	110	66-68 Falcon (VI)	(517)
129	63 Falcon (V)**	(676)	110	64 Dodge Dart (IV)	(200)
128	64 Chevy II (V)*	(231)	110	63 Buick Special (IV)	(248)

Table 5. Driver Injury Index Values by Makeand Model Including Group and Sample Size

† denotes that all model years have been combined

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

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Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)
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109	64 Fairlane (IV)	(577)	100	67 Pontiac GTO (IV)	(174)
109	67 Belvedere (IV)	(246)	99	60 Ponti ac (III)	(329)
107	63 Dodge (II)	(142)	99	66 Falcon (V)	(335)
107	65 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(625)	99	67 Buick Special (IV)	(163)
107	60 Plymouth (I)	(373)	98	† Mustang (VI)	(4304)
106	60 Buick (III)	(359)	97	66 Belvedere (IV)	(543)
106	64 Dodge (III)	(192)	97	67 Chevelle (IV)	(801)
106	66 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(372)	97	65 Ford (I)	(2781)
105	6 4 Buick (III)	(367)	96	+ Camaro (VI)	(690)
105	68 Olds (III)	(118)	96	65 Buick Special (IV)	(260)
105	62 Valiant (V)	(177)	96	65 Belvedere (IV)	(408)
105	63 Dodge Dart (IV)	(184)	95	61 Dodge (III)	(260)
105	66 Chevelle (IV)	(1127)	95	60 Pontiac (II)	(259)
104	60 01ds (III)	(571)	94	+ Corvette (VI)	(188)
104	64 Olds F-85 (IV)	(248)	94	60 Dodge (III)	(355)
103	60 Mercury (III)	(160)	94	63 Buick (III)	(351)
103	65 Buick (III)	(188)	94	66 Mercury (III)	(192)
103	66 Dodge (II)	(108)	94	62 Chevrolet (I)	(3162)
103	67 Chevy II (V)	(166)	94	63 Ford (I)	(2660)
103	63 Olds F-85 (IV)	(173)	94	67 Chevrolet (I)	(1072)
102	68 Buick (II)	(105)	93	61 Buick (III)	(248)
102	68 Chevy II (V)	(153)	93	67 Fairlane (IV)	(451)
102	66 Fairlane (IV)	(991)	93	68 Dodge Dart (IV)	(215)
102	66 Olds F-85 (IV)	(414)	93	61 Chevrolet (I)	(2377)
101	66 Chevy II (V)	(351)	93	64 Chevrolet (I)	(2961)
101	66 Buick Special (IV)	(274)	93	66 Ford (I)	(2342)
101	61 Ford (I)	(1929)	92	63 Dodge (III)	(190)
100	67 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(218)	92	64 Mercury (III)	(165)

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Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample Size)
92	62 Pontiac (III)	(307)	85	63 01ds (III)	(505)
92	65 Chevrolet (I)	(2188)	85	63 Mercury (III)	(165)
91	67 Pontiac (III)	(244)	85	66 Olds (III)	(207)
91	61 Plymouth (I)	(314)	85	68 Chevelle (IV)	(664)
91	62 Ford (I)	(1956)	85	68 Belvedere (IV)	(375)
91	63 Plymouth (I)	(576)	85	63 Chevrolet (I) **	(3 207)
91	64 Ford (I)*	(2 798)	84	61 Pontiac (III)	(247)
90	† Cougar (VI)	(210)	84	64 Buick Special (IV)	(274)
9 0	62 Pontiac (II)	(318)	84	68 Buick Special (IV)	(154)
90	64 Plymouth (I)	(752)	83	61 Mercury (III)	(176)
90	66 Plymouth (I)	(678)	83	60 Olds (II)	(104)
89	61 01ds (III)	(339)	83	68 Olds F-85 (IV)	(166)
89	67 Olds (III)	(141)	83	68 Chevrolet (I)*	(789)
89	66 Buick (II)	(176)	82	67 Plymouth (I)	(375)
89	65 Dodge Dart (IV)	(597)	82	66 Buick (III)	(204)
89	65 Chevelle (IV)	(718)	81	65 Olds (II)	(119)
89	67 Ford (I)	(1097)	81	68 Pontiac GTO (IV)	(139)
88	63 Pontiac (III)	(113)	81	62 Plymouth (I)	(298)
88	65 Fairlane (IV)	(565)	81	68 Plymouth (I)	(348)
88	67 Dodge Dart (IV)	(224)	80	61 Pontiac (II)	(224)
88	65 Plymouth (I)	(871)	79	67 Buick (III)	(129)
88	66 Chevrolet (I)*	(1355)	79	68 Fairlane (IV)*	(607)
87	65 Pontiac (II)	(318)	79	68 Ford (I)*	(534)
87	60 Ford (I)*	(1813)	78	64 Olds (III)*	(443)
86	62 Mercury (III)	(269)	78	65 Mercury (III)	(206)
86	68 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(173)	78	65 Olds (III)*	(398)
86	60 Chevrolet (I)**	(3041)	78	65 Pontiac (III)*	(460)

+ denotes that all model years have been combined

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

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Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample <u>Size)</u>
78	65 Buick (II)	(215)
77	66 Pontiac (III)	(347)
76	65 Olds F-85 (IV)*	(342)
75	64 Buick (II)	(100)
75	66 Pontiac (II)	(291)
74	66 Pontiac GTO (IV)*	(379)
73	62 01ds (III)**	(569)
72	67 Pontiac (II)	(143)
71	67 Olds F-85 (IV)*	(237)
67	63 Olds (II)	(103)
67	66 Olds (II)	(102)
66	68 Pontiac (III)*	(188)
66	68 Pontiac (II)	(115)
<50	67 Buick (II)**	(135)

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

		(Sample			(Sample
Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)
>200	† VW Type II Bus (VI)**	(195)	135	61 Falcon (V)**	(746)
200	+ MG (VI)**	(419)	135 1 3 4	68 Chevy II (V)	
197	62 Corvair (V)**	(181)	134	+ VW Type III Pastback (VI)	(153) (250)
191	60 Corvair (V)**	(365)	132	62 Fairlane (IV)*	
189	65 Chevy II (V)**	(179)	131		(585)
107		(1/)	150	62 Dodge (III)	(117)
167	65 Valiant (V)**	(217)	128	68 VW Type I Beetle (VI)	(331)
160	66 Valiant (V)*	(143)	126	65 Falcon (V)	(493)
158	64 Dodge Dart (IV)*	(200)	126	64 Chevy II (V)	(231)
154	64 Valiant (V)**	(345)	125	62-67 Chevy II (VI)**	(2108)
154	60 Olds (II)	(104)	124	65-68 Corvair (VI)	(603)
152	62 Chevy II (V)**	(543)	124	64 Corvair (VI)	(377)
151	63 Dodge (II)	(142)	124	60-65 Falcon (VI)**	(3748)
150	60-63 Corvair (VI)**	(1583)	124	68 Olds (III)	(118)
147	61 Corvair (V)**	(50 5)	123	65 Buick (III)	(188)
146	61 Valiant (V)	(187)	122	65 Dodge (II)	(199)
145	† Renault (VI)**	(384)	120	64 Fairlane (IV)	(577)
143	60-67 VW Type I Beetle (VI)**	(3941)	120	65 Mercury (III)	(206)
142	61 Buick Special (IV)	(132)	118	63 Valiant (V)	(256)
142	† Volvo (VI)	(173)	118	64 Dodge (II)	(287)
139	60-66 Valiant (VI)**	(1516)	116	66-68 Falcon (VI)	(517)
139	63 Fairlane (IV)**	(782)	116	60 Falcon (V)	(594)
138	66 Corvair (V)	(174)	116	67 Belvedere (IV)	(246)
137	63 Falcon (V)**	(676)	116	67 Falcon (V)	(110)
137	61 Olds F-85 (IV)	(120)	115	64 Falcon (V)	(596)
136	62 Olds F-85 (IV)	(176)	115	63 Buick Special (IV)	(248)

Table 6. Serious and Fatal Driver Injury Index Values by Make and Model Year

† denotes that all model years have been combined

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

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		Table 6.	Continued		
		(Sample			(Sample
Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)
114	62 Falcon (V)	(643)	104	60 Valiant (V)	(191)
114	65 Fairlane (IV)	(565)	104	66 Chevelle (IV)	(1127)
113	60 Plymouth (I)	(373)	102	67 Chevy II (V)	(166)
113	67 Pontiac GTO (IV)	(174)	102	67 Buick Special (IV)	(163)
112	66 Buick Special (IV)	(274)	102	61 Buick (III)	(248)
111	66 Chevy II (V)	(351)	102	62 Pontiac (III)	(307)
111	66 Fairlane (IV)	(991)	102	64 Dodge (III)	(192)
110	65 Corvair (V)	(395)	100	65 Belvedere (IV)	(408)
110	61 Plymouth (I)	(314)	100	61 Pontiac (III)	(247)
109	63 Corvair (V)	(532)	99	65 Ford (I)	(2781)
109	64 Chevelle (IV)	(760)	99	68 Plymouth (I)	(348)
109	66 Plymouth (I)	(678)	99	64 Ford (I)	(2798)
108	† Corvette (VI)	(188)	98	66 Mercury (III)	(192)
108	62 Valiant (V)	(177)	98	63 Chevy II (V)	(638)
108	66 Dodge Dart (IV)	(467)	98	65 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(625)
108	61 Olds (III)	(339)	98	61 Chevrolet (I)	(2377)
108	63 Olds (III)	(505)	98	63 Dodge (III)	(190)
107	† Camaro (VI)	(690)	98	61 Mercury (III)	(176)
107	67 Dodge Dart (IV)	(224)	98	63 Mercury (III)	(165)
107	61 Ford (I)	(1929)	98	62 Chevrolet (I)	(3162)
106	66 Olds F-85 (IV)	(414)	97	63 Ford (I)	(2 660)
106	66 Falcon (V)	(3 35)	97	66 Dodge (II)	(108)
106	66 Belved er e (IV)	(543)	97	67 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(218)
106	60 Dodge (III)	(355)	97	64 Olds (III)	(443)
105	63 Dodge Dart (IV)	(184)	96	68 Pontiac GTO (IV)	(139)

† denotes that all model years have been combined

		(Sample			(Sample	
Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)	Index	Make and Model (Group)	Size)	
95	60 Əlds (III)	(571)	87	65 Chevrolet (I)	(2188)	
95	63 Olds F-85 (IV)	(173)	87	65 Plymouth (I)	(871)	
95	66 Buick (III)	(204)	86	67 Chevelle (IV)	(801)	
95	66 Pontiac (III)	(347)	86	60 Pontiac (III)	(329)	
94	62 Ford (I)	(1956)	85	61 Pontiac (II)	(224)	
94	66 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(372)	85	60 Buick (III)	(359)	
94	62 Plymouth (I)	(298)	85	63 Pontiac (III)	(113)	
93	<pre>† Mustang (VI)</pre>	(4304)	. 84	60 Ford (I)*	(1813)	
93	65 Chevelle (IV)	(718)	84	† Firebird (VI)	(103)	
92	68 Dodge Dart (IV)	(215)	84	67 Chevrolet (I)	(1072)	
92	65 Bu i ck Special (IV)	(260)	84	60 Mercury (III)	(160)	
91	63 Chevrolet (I)	(3207)	83	66 Chevrolet (I)*	(1355)	
91	66 Ford (I)	(2342)	82	65 Olds F-85 (IV)	(342)	
91	67 Ford (I)	(1097)	81	67 Pontiac (III)	(244)	
91	62 Mercury (III)	(269)	80	68 Buick Special (IV)	(154)	
90	60 Chevrolet (I)	(3041)	79	68 Olds F-85 (IV)	(166)	
89	65 Olds (II)	(119)	79	63 Buick (III)	(351)	
89	64 Olds F-85 (IV)	(248)	78	67 Fairlane (IV)	(451)	
89	68 belvedere (IV)	(375)	78	† Cougar (VI)	(210)	
89	66 Buick (II)	(176)	77	68 Chevelle (IV)*	(664)	
89	65 Pontiac (II)	(318)				
			77	64 Plymouth (I)	(752)	
88	64 Chevrolet (I)*	(2961)	77	63 Plymouth (I)	(576)	
88	60 Pontiac (II)	(259)	76	63 Olds (II)	(103)	
88	64 Buick Special (IV)	(274)	76	68 Chevrolet (I)*	(789)	
88	66 Pontiac GTO (IV)	(379)	74	65 Pontiac (III)	(460)	
88	68 Ford (I)	(534)				

Table 6. Continued

+ denotes that all model years have been combined

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

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Index	Make and Model (Group)	(Sample
Index	make and noder (Group)	<u> </u>
73	65 Olds (III)	(398)
72	65 Dodge Dart (IV)	(597)
72	64 Buick (II)	(100)
71	64 Mercury (III)	(165)
70	61 Dodge (III)	(260)
	of bouge (III)	(200)
69	68 Pontiac Tempest (IV)	(173)
69	68 Buick (II)	(105)
69	67 Plymouth (I)	(375)
68	64 Buick (III)	(367)
67	67 Pontiac (II)	(143)
		(213)
66	65 Buick (II)	(215)
64	66 Pontiac (II)	(291)
64	68 Fairlane (IV)**	(607)
60	62 Pontiac (II)*	(318)
59	67 Olds (III)	(141)
54	67 Olds F-85 (IV)*	(237)
52	62 Olds (III)**	(569)
51	66 Olds (III)*	(207)
<50	67 Buick (III)	(129)
<50	68 Pontiac (III)*	(188)
<50	68 Pontiac (II)*	(115)
<50	66 Olds (II)**	(102)
<50	67 Buick (II)**	(135)
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Table 6. Continued

* indicates significance at the 0.05 level; ** indicates significance at the 0.01 level

X. RESULTS: Injury by Car Body Style

Another subject of interest is that of any association between car body style and driver injury in a series of comparable crashes. Various opinions have been expressed as to differences thought to exist among the body styles. In certain instances criticism has been leveled at the convertible and the "hardtop," usually on the grounds that they may not have adequate roof structure to provide protection in the event of an overturn crash.

In this section, the "Big 3" cars (the standard Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth) for 1960-1968 model years are grouped together and then separated by body style:

2-door sedans 4-door sedans 2-door hardtops 4-door hardtops 2-door convertibles 4-door station wagons

The "Big 3" cars are chosen for this analysis because in each of the years studied each of the companies produced all of the body styles in question. In some of the other car groups described in the preceding section, a breakdown by body style would have created problems. For example, in Group VI (p. 28) almost all of the Volkswagen Type I cars would have been classified as 2-door sedans, whereas almost all of the 65 and later Corvairs would have been classified as 2-door hardtops. Thus, in that group a comparison of 2-door sedans vs. 2-door hardtops would have been more of a Volkswagen-vs.-Corvair comparison.

In contrast, among the "Big 3" cars used here, there is a good representation of all model years and all makes in each of the body style classes.

Each body style is compared to the reference group that has been used throughout the study, and the comparison is with respect to the two measures of driver injury already used several times in the preceding section. Table 7 shows the index values: and severity of resulting driver injuries. For some individual cars, the relative frequency of driver injuries is significantly higher than the comparable value for the aggregate of all cars. For some cars the injuries are twice the aggregate of all cars.

At the other end of the scale, some cars are associated with driver injuries that are significantly lower than the average value. These significantly below-the-mean values indicate that circumstances that produce 100 injuries in the average of all cars produce as few as 50 in these cars.

It was stated before and is worth repeating that statistical results such as these must be examined in view of physical features of the cars in question. These findings alone cannot pinpoint the particular characteristics of the cars that are associated with the higher or lower injury values reported. These figures can only be taken as a beginning point to encourage a search for a physical basis to confirm or fail to confirm these findings.

Future HSRC studies and similar studies being carried out in the state of New York, and elsewhere, will answer the question of the amount of variation to be expected in these injury indicators. It seems probable that there will be considerable variation from time to time and place to place. There will be a better understanding of the potentialities and limits of this kind of analysis once several such studies are in the research literature.

HSkC plans to make this kind of general statistical analysis on an annual basis, each time updating the models to include the most recent cars. Future studies will reflect greater currency of late model years than does this first study.

One point of some importance is the statistical design compatability of the several studies. In the next HSRC study on this subject, the same reference group will be used to create the index numbers, and the same "control variables" will also be used.

Perhaps it would be well also to discuss the question of what, if any action, is to be done on the basis of studies such as these. Perhaps some will argue that cars that are above average in injury potential should be "legislated" off the road. But of course as long as there is a <u>variety</u> of cars, there will always be some that are higher and some that are <u>lower</u> in injury indices. Some may say that since small cars are the ones that tend to come out worse, that all cars should be big. Others will counter that all should be small.

In any case, safety is but one of many variables which users consider in the question of their personal transportation. A person may be willing to accept a higher crash injury risk in return for other factors such as operating economy, or even the increased probability of finding a place to park!

Table 7: Driver Injury Index for Various Car Body Styles

Body Style	Sample Size		Injury Expected	Index		and Fatal d Expected	
2-door sedan	2,843	448	476.4	94	218	233.6	93
4-door sed <i>a</i> n	13,444	2,003	2,103.8	95*	957	1,001.2	96
2-door hardtop	14,681	2,309	2,559.4	90**	1,200	1,279.0	94*
4-door hardtop	4,050	554	641.9	86**	262	306.7	85**
2-door convertible	1,854	311	336.9	92	171	172.4	99
4-door station wagon	2,702	330	412.8	80**	15 3	193.8	79**

* indicates significance with p < .05 but > .01

** indicates significance with p < .01

Table 7 shows that with respect to the frequency of serious or fatal injury, drivers in the hardtop models (both 2 and 4-door versions) and four-door station wagons have injury indices significantly less than in the reference group.

With respect to the index of any degree of injury, the same body styles also show a significant departure below the baseline, and in addition, the four-door sedan is also significant.

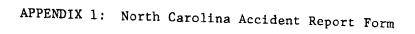
None of the index values exceed 100, but that is not necessarily surprising in view of the fact that overall the "Big 3" had index values less than 100 as previously shown in Figures 1 and 2.

XI. DISCUSSION

From this statistical compilation of car crash reports, there is evidence of differences among various make-model groups in the frequency For my part, I would like to make two points. First, this type of information can give the consumer an added dimension of information he can use if he desires as a part of his decision process regarding choice of personal transportation. In addition to cost, style, economy, repairability, "flair," etc., he can, if he wishes, take into account the question of how others have fared in crashes in such cars. My second point is that information such as this may play a part in suggesting where more intensive research and innovation may be appropriate to improve the crash performance of particular cars.

Among some of the smaller cars this may mean that <u>even more</u> attention will have to be paid to safety design. Of course, this tends to work against the notion that small cars are <u>economy</u> cars, but perhaps economy considerations have to be downgraded at least as far as passenger protection is concerned.

In any event, as can be seen, there are indications of substantial and statistically significant differences in injury severity among certain American and foreign cars shown in this series. Taking the ones with the highest compared to the ones with the lowest injury frequency, it is seen that the difference exceeds three-fold.



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8. Business	9. Other Device	Vehicle (Check one or more)	
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11. School & Playground			11. Leaving Parked Position
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2. Utility Pole	1. Loose material on surface	δ. Other defective equipment	2. Crossing not at intersection
3. Fence or Fence Post	2. Holes, deep ruts	(Specify)	3. Coming from behind parked
4. Guard Rail or Guard Post	3. Low shoulders	7. Not known if defective	Vehicle 4. Walking in roadway with
in Median		B No defects detected	traffic
5. Guard Rail or Guard Post on Shoulder	4. Soft shoulders		5. Walking in roadway against
6 Bridge	5. Other defects	VISION OBSTRUCTION (Check one)	traffic
7. Underpass	6. Road under construction	Driver	6. Getting on or off vehicle
	7. No defects		7. Standing in roadway
B. Traffic island, curb, or median		L 10. Windshield or windows	8. Working in roadway
9. Sign or Sign Post	CONSTRUCTION	11 Buildings, signs, bushes, etc.	9. Playing in roadway
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11. No object involved	1. Concrete		L 10. Lying in roodway
ROAD CHARACTER	2. Smooth Asphalt	Posted speed limitmph	11. Other in roadway
(Check one)	3. Coarse Asphalt	Speed of vehicle }mph	(Specify)
L Straight road—level	4. Gravet	Speed of vehicle 2mph	12. Not in roadway
			APPARENT PHYSICAL
2. Straight road—hillcrest	5. Dirt or Sand	VIOLATION INDICATED	Driver CONDITION
3. Straight road—on grade	(Specify)	(Check one or more for each driver)	1 2 or (Other than sobriety)
4. Sharp Curve—level	LIGHT CONDITION	Driver 1 2	PED.
5. Sharp curve—hillcrest	(Check one)		
	1. Daylight	L. L. 1. Exceeding stated limit	2. Fatigued
6. Sharp curve—on grade	2. Dusk	2. Failed to yield right of way	3. Asleep
		3. Drove left of center	4. Other Physical Impairment
8. Other curve—hillcrest		4. Improper overtaking	
9. Other curve—on grade	4. Darkness (street lighted)	5. Passed stop sign	5 Restriction not Complied with
	5. Darkness (street not lighted)		6. Normal
ROAD CONDITION (Check one)	WEATHER	6. Disregarded traffic signal	7. Condition not known
	(Check one)	7. Followed too closely	
<u> </u>		🔲 🔲 8. Made improper turn	APPARENT SOBRIETY
2. Wet	2. Cloudy	9. Improper or no signal	🔲 🛄 10. Had not been drinking
3. Oily	3. Raining	10. Improper parking location	
4 Muddy	4. Snowing		
5. Snowy	5. Fog	11. Other improper driving	12. Drinking-Unable to deter-
· ·		(Describe)	mine impairment
6 lcy	6. Sleet or Hail	12. No violation indicated	🔲 🗔 13. Chemical test given

APPENDIX 2 Discussion of Computer Program Used to "Decode" VIN

The vehicles examined in this study were catalogued on the basis of their reported production year, the VIN (vehicle identification number), and a four-character English name. The year, name, and VIN are supplied by the policeman at the accident scene. The computer program begins by checking the production year. Only those vehicles which were reported as produced after 1959 and before 1970 were catalogued. All others were classified as either pre-60 or post-69.

The four-character English name is used to assign each vehicle to a particular Make category. This is needed because each Make category may have a unique VIN format for each individual model year. Without this name it would be difficult to verify and decode the VIN. Following are a few examples of the 62 names recognized by the computer program and their corresponding Makes.

AMBA	American
BUIC	Buick
CADI	Cadillac
CHEV	Chevrolet
CORV	Chevrolet
DODG	Dodge
FORD	Ford
GTO	Pontiac
MUST	Ford
PLYM	Plymouth
PONT	Pontiac
MG	MG
VOLK	Volkswagen
VOLV	Volvo

If the program is unable to match a vehicle's name with one of those in the listing, the vehicle will be considered an uncommon make, and will be classified as such. Once a vehicle is tentatively classified by Make, the next step in the program is to check the VIN to determine whether or not it is valid.

The following are the specifications used to verify most of the VINs. Unless a vehicle meets <u>all</u> the following specifications, it will be coded as having an invalid VIN and then be deleted from analysis in any of the make groups.

Length - the VIN enters the program left justified. It must be the correct length with no spaces between the characters. All trailing characters must be blank.
Manufacturer's Symbol - this is usually the first character, and it must have a specific value depending on the Make. Examples:
American (65-69) - 'A'
Buick (65-69) - '4'
Chevrolet (65-69) - '1'
Pontiac (65-69) - '2'
Assembly Plant - this will have particular values for
each year within a Make category.
Examples:
Chevrolet -
'G' is valid for 68 but not for 69
Chrysler -
'C' is valid for 69 but not for 66
'3' is valid for 67 but not for 68
Dodge -
'D' is valid for 68 but not for 67
'4' is valid for 66 but not for 69
'C' is valid for 69 but not for 68
Ford -
'L' is valid for 65 but not for 68
Mercury -
'F' is valid for 67 but not for 66
Oldsmobile -
'D' is valid for 68 but not for 67
'G' is valid for 68 but not for 69
Plymouth -
'A' is valid for 68 but not for 67
'9' is valid for 67 but not for 68
Pontiac -
'G' is valid for 67 and 68 but not
for 66

These are only a few examples of acceptable Assembly Plant symbols, and the symbols do not necessarily fall in the same place within the VIN for all makes.

> 4. Model Year - the year in the VIN must agree with year estimated by the patrolman. There is an option in the program (used in this study) which applies to all vehicles not successfully classified the first time through. The program adds a year and then subtracts a year from the one reported by the patrolman. This is to allow for an error of one year by the patrolman. The checking of the VIN is then begun again. If the VIN meets all tests in the plus or minus year, it is accepted as that year, rather than the year reported by the officer.

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- 5. Production Number this is usually the last part of the VIN. This number must be at least as large as the minimum value set by the Manufacturer. This number is usually 100001, although Mercury begins with 500001. In the older models, this number is sometimes smaller.
- 6. Model Series Number this is the Manufacturer's coding within the VIN to identify the model, the body style and sometimes the engine type. Examples:

Buick -'3307' is acceptable in 67 but not in 68 '4466' is acceptable in 69 but not in 68 or 67 Chevrolet -'1111' is acceptable in 66 and 67 but not in 69 '0539' is acceptable in 67 but not in 68 '2437' is acceptable in 67 and 68 but not in 66 Dodge -'LL23' is valid in 69 but not in 68 Ford -'85' is acceptable in 68 but not in 69 Mercury -'69' is acceptable in 68 but not in 69 Oldsmobile -'3169' is valid for 68 but not in 69

These are only a few of the thousands of acceptable categories. A VIN must have a model series that matches one of the possibilities, otherwise, it will be considered as unknown.

The only other symbol that is sometimes in the VIN is the engine symbol. If this character is not valid, contrary to the treatment of the other symbols, the vehicle is not classed unknown, but rather only the engine type for the classed vehicle will be unknown.

The only vehicles which were not required to meet these specifications¹ were the three foreign makes (MG, Volvo, Renault). They were classified only on the basis of the production year and the four-character English name reported by the patrolman.

¹All specifications used to classify the vehicles were obtained from <u>Motor Vehicle Identification Manual</u> which is controlled by the National <u>Automobile Theft Bureau and published by Palmer Publications Company, Downers</u> <u>Grove, Illinois, and the NADA Official Used Car Guide</u> which is published by the National Automobile Dealers Used Car Guide Company, Washington, D. C.

APPENDIX 3 Groups for HSR Numbers

TYPE	YEAR
Group 1: BIG PONTIAC	
Star Chief Bonneville	60-68 60-68
Group 2: MIDDLE PONTIAC	
Catalina Grand Prix 2 + 2 Ventura	60-68 62-68 66 60-61
Group 3: SMALL PONTIAC	
Tempest Tempest Custom Tempest Safari Lemans	61-68 64-68 67-68 63-68
Group 4: GTO	
GTO	66-68
Group 5: FIREBIRD	
Firebird	67-68
Group 6: STANDARD CHEVROLET	
Biscayne Bel-Air Impala Impala SS Caprice	60-68 60-68 60-68 64-67 66-68

	TYPE	YEAR
	Group 7: CHEVELLE	
Chevelle Chevelle Concours	SS	64-68 66-68 67-68
	Group 8: CHEVY II	
Chevy II		62-68
	Group 9: CORVAIR	
Corvair		60-68
	Group 10: CORVETTE	
Corvette		60-68
	Group 11: CAMARO	
Camaro		67 - 68
	Group 12: BIG BUICK	
Wildcat Electra		65-68 60-68
	Group 13: STANDARD BUICK	
LeSabre Invicta		60-68 60-64
	Group 14: SMALL BUICK	
Special & Sport Wag Skylark & Skylark G	on Custom	61-68 65-68 62-68 66-67
	Group 17: BIG OLDSMOBILE	

98 & Luxury

60-68

TYPE	YEAR
Group 18: STANDARD OLDSMOBILE	
Jetstar I All 88's Starfire	64-65 60-68 61-66
Group 19: SMALL OLDSMOBILE	
F-85 F-85 Cutlass & Supreme	61-68 64-68
Group 22: STANDARD PLYMOUTH	
Belvedere Standard Fury Police & Taxi Fury I Fury II Fury III Sport Fury VIP Savoy Plymouth Police & Taxi	60-64 65-68 60-68 65-68 65-68 62-68 66-68 60-64 60-64
Group 23: SMALL PLYMOUTH	
Belvedere Standard Belvedere I Belvedere II Belvedere Sport Satellite Belvedere GTX	67-68 65-67 65-67 68 67-68

Group 24: COMPACT PLYMOUTH

65-68 68

60-68 60-66

62-68

Belvedere Police & Taxi

Road Runner

Valiant V-100

Valiant V-200

Valiant Signet

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TYPE	
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Group 26: BIG DODGE

YEAR

Dodge Polara			60-68
Dodge Monaco			65-68
Dodge Monaco	500		66-68
Dodge Polara	318		66-67
Dodge Polara	500	62-64	67-68
Dodge Police	& Taxi		63-68
Matador			60
"880"			62-65

Group 27: STANDARD DODGE

Seneca	60-61
Pioneer	60-61
Phoenix	60-61
Dart "330"	62
Dart "440"	62
Dodge "330"	63-64
Dodge "440"	63-64

Group 28: SMALL DODGE

Dart	62-68
Dart 270	64-68
Dart GT	64-68
Dart GTS	68
Coronet Deluxe & Standard	65-68
Coronet 440	65-68
Coronet 550	65-68
Coronet Police & Taxi	65-68
Coronet R/T	67-68
Coronet Super Bee	68

Group 32: STANDARD FORD

Fairlane	60-61
Fairlane 500	60-61
Ford Custom	64-68
Ford Custom 500	64-68
Ford Galaxie 500	62-68
Ford Galaxie 500 XL	63–68
Ford Galaxie 500 LTD	65-68
Ford Galaxie 500 7 Liter	66
Station Wagon	60-67
Ford Galaxie	60-63
Ford 300	63

TYPE	

Group 33: FAIRLANE

Fairlane	62-68
Fairlane 500	62-68
Fairlane Tornio	68
Fairlane Torino GT	68
Fairlane 500 XL	66-67
Fairlane GT & GTA	66-67
Fairlane Ranchero	66-68

Group 34: FALCON

Falcon	60-68
Falcon Futura	62-68
Falcon Sprint	64-65

Group 36: MUSTANG

Mustang

Group 37: MERCURY

Monterey Montclair Parklane Brougham Marquis Station Wagon	60 60	60-68 64-68 67 67-68 66-68
Station Wagon Meteor		66 - 68 61-63

Group 40: COUGAR

Cougar

67-68

65-68

Group 50: VW -- TYPE I

Bug	65-68
Karmann-Ghia	65-68
Type I	60-64

Group 51: VW -- Type II

Station Wagon	65-68
Kombi or Campmobile	65-68
-	65-68
Pick-Up	60-64
Type II	00-04

YEAR

TYPE		YEAR
	Group 52: VW TYPE III	
Fastback Squareback Type III		65-68 65-68 60-64
	Group 53: VOLVO	
A11		60-68
	Group 54: MG	
A11		60-67
	Group 55: RENAULT	
A11		60-66

APPENDIX 4: The Reference Group

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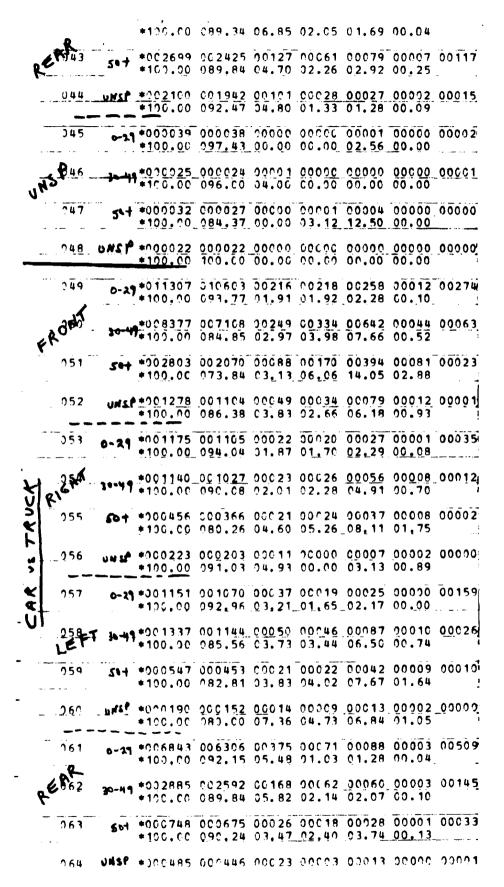
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APPENDIX 5: Underlying Theory for Statistical Analysis

This study is concerned with comparisons among various types of automobiles involved in highway accidents with respect to the extent of personal injury to the drivers so involved. In order to control for the effects of factors pertaining to the severity of an accident on the degree of personal injury, the statistical evaluations reported here have been adjusted for the following:

- 1. accident type
- 2. area of impact
- 3. traveling speed just before the crash

The theoretical principles which are the basis of this analysis will be described in the remainder of this appendix.

Let n_{hijkl} denote the frequency of the h-th degree of personal injury to occupants in the *l*-th vehicle make and model involved in the i-th accident type with the j-th area of impact and the k-th speed. The subscripts h, i, j, k, *l* have levels defined as follows:

- h = 1 uninjured
 - = 2 C injury
 - = 3 B injury
 - = 4 A injury
 - = 5 Killed

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- i ≡ 1 car off road
 - = 2 car vs fixed object
 - = 3 car vs other object
 - = 4 car vs car
 - = 5 car vs truck
 - = 6 multiple vehicle
 - = 7 other
- j=1 front
 - = 2 right
 - = 3 left
 - = 4 rear
 - = 5 unspecified
- k = 1 0-29 mph
 - = 2 30-49 mph
 - = 3 50+ mph
 - = 4 unspecified
- l = 1 some specified make and/or model
 - 2 all other makes and models

For the accident types "car off road" and "car vs other object", only the unspecified point of impact is used (i.e., the officer usually classifies the impact site for these types of accidents as unspecified). Hence, there are 108 combinations of accident type, impact site, and speed which are used in the analysis.

Define $r_{hijk} = \sum_{l}^{n} n_{hijkl}$. This quantity represents the frequency of the h-th degree of personal injury to drivers involved in the (i,j,k)-th

accident situation. The set of $\{r_{hijk}\}$ describe the distribution of injury severity for the overall reference population consisting of the totality of all makes and models. Finally, define $r_{ijk} = \sum_{h} r_{hijk}$. This quantity represents the frequency of the (i,j,k)-th accident situation in the overall reference population. Hence

$$p_{hijk} = (r_{hijk}/r_{.ijk})$$

represents the conditional probability of the h-th degree of injury to a driver in the (i,j,k)-th accident situation within the overall reference population of 270,697 drivers involved in reportable accidents in North Carolina during 1966 and 1968 for which the required information was available.

If driver injury in a specific make and model (l=1) is no different from the overall reference population (in the sense of proportion uninjured or the proportion seriously injured, etc.), then the expected frequency for the h-th degree of injury for that model in the (i,j,k)-th accident situation is given by

where $n_{ijkl} = \sum_{h}^{n} n_{ijkl}$ represents the frequency of the (i,j,k)-th accident situation for drivers of the *l*-th model.

In order to obtain an overall comparison of driver injuries in a specific make and model with the reference population, both n_{hijkl} and m_{hijkl} are summed over the totality of accident situations (i,j,k) to determine

$$n_{h\ell} = \sum_{i,j,k} n_{hijk\ell}, m_{h\ell} = \sum_{i,j,k} m_{hijk\ell}.$$

If $n_{h\ell} \approx m_{h\ell}$, then the specific make and model is said to be no different from the overall reference population with respect to the distribution of injury severity. However, if $n_{1\ell} > m_{1\ell}$ and $n_{h\ell} < m_{h\ell}$ for $h \neq 1$, then the indicated vehicle is better than the reference population in the sense of having fewer injuries than expected. On the other hand, if $n_{1\ell} < m_{1\ell}$ and $n_{h\ell} > m_{h\ell}$ for $h \neq 1$, then the indicated vehicle is poorer than the reference population. The ratios $(n_{h\ell}/m_{h\ell})$ reflect the relationship between observed and expected levels of injury. Graphs showing these appear elsewhere in this report.

The statistical significance of the difference between $n_{h\ell}$ and $m_{h\ell}$ can be evaluated by means of a X^2 -test where

$$X^{2} = (n_{hl} - m_{hl})^{2} / v_{hl}, D.F. = 1$$

where $v_{h\ell}$ is an appropriate estimate of the variance of $(n_{h\ell}-m_{h\ell})$. If the hypothesis that $n_{h\ell} \approx m_{h\ell}$ is true, then X^2 has approximately the chi-square distribution with D.F. = 1. This may be used as the basis for determining significant differences between $n_{h\ell}$ and $m_{h\ell}$. To perform the X^2 -test, however, one needs an estimate of $v_{h\ell}$. There are a number of choices for $v_{h\ell}$ depending on the extent to which the researcher wants to be more or less conservative. This can be seen more clearly by considering the following aspects of contingency table theory.

For a specific accident situation (i,j,k), let the following 2×2 table reflect the injury by make and model frequency distribution

	L=1	L=2	Total
Uninjured h=1	N ₁₁	^N 12	r ₁
Injured h=2,3,4,5	N ₂₁	N ₂₂	r ₂
Total	^N .1	^N .2	N

If the marginal total frequencies r_1 and r_2 for degree of injury and $N_{.1}$ and $N_{.2}$ for make and model are viewed as fixed pre-specified constants and N_{11} is viewed as a random variable, then the distribution of N_{11} under the hypothesis that the classifications for injury severity and vehicle make and model are statistically independent is

$$p\{N_{11}\} = (r_1!r_2!N_1!N_2!)/N!N_{11}!N_{12}!N_{21}!N_{22}!$$

From this distribution, it follows that

$$E\{N_{11}\} = (r_1N_{.1})/N \equiv M_{11}$$

$$Var\{N_{11}\} = (r_1r_2N_{.1}N_{.2})/N^2(N-1)$$

$$= M_{11} \{(1 - \frac{r_1}{N})(1 - \frac{N_{.1}-1}{N-1})\}$$

Since $Var(N_{11})$ can be determined for each (i,j,k) combination as

$$\operatorname{var}(n_{1ijkl}) = m_{1ijkl} \{ (1 - \frac{r_{1ijk}}{r_{iik}}) (1 - \frac{n_{ijkl}^{-1}}{r_{iik}}) \},$$

then the expression for v_{11} is given by

$$v_{11} = \sum_{i,j,k} var(n_{1ijkl}).$$

Alternatively, one may prefer to view only N_{.1} and N_{.2} as fixed. In this case, then under the hypothesis of no difference between the specific model and the reference population, it can be assumed that both N₁₁ and N₁₂ have binomial distributions $Bi(N_{.1}, \theta_1)$ and $Bi(N_{.2}, \theta_1)$ where θ_1 represents the probability of no injury in the reference population. From these conditions, it follows that

$$E\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = E\{(N_{11} - \frac{(N_{11}+N_{12})N_{.1}}{N})\}$$
$$= E\{N_{11} (\frac{N_{.2}}{N}) - N_{12} (\frac{N_{.1}}{N})\}$$
$$= 0$$

$$\operatorname{Var}\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = (\frac{N \cdot 2}{N})^2 N \cdot 1^{\theta_1} (1-\theta_1) + (\frac{N \cdot 1}{N})^2 N \cdot 2^{\theta_1} (1-\theta_1)$$
$$= \frac{N \cdot 1^N \cdot 2}{N} \theta_1 (1-\theta_1).$$

Since the most appropriate estimate of θ_1 is (r_1/N) which is based on the overall reference population, an estimate v for the variance of $(N_{11}-M_{11})$ is

$$v = \frac{N \cdot 1^{N} \cdot 2}{N} \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{r}{N}\right)$$
$$= M_{11} \left\{ \left(1 - \left(r_{1}/N\right)\right) \left(1 - N \cdot 1/N\right) \right\}$$

On the other hand, the unbiased estimate for $\theta_1(1-\theta_1)$ is $(\frac{N}{N-1})(\frac{r_1}{N})(1-\frac{r_1}{N})$. If this is used to determine v, then

$$v = M_{11} \{ (1 - \frac{r_1}{N}) (1 - \frac{N_{1} - 1}{N - 1}) \}$$

as before. Again either v may be determined for each (i,j,k) combination and added as indicated before.

Finally, if only N is fixed as representing the total number of accidents and if the frequencies in the 2×2 table follow a multinomial distribution, then under the hypothesis of independence between accident severity and vehicle make and model, it follows that

$$E\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = 0$$

$$Var\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = E\{\frac{N_{.1}N_{.2}}{N}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})\}$$

$$= (N-1)\phi_{1}(1-\phi_{1})\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})$$

where ϕ_1 represents the probability that the specified make and model is involved in an accident. As before, (r_1/N) can be used to estimate θ_1 and $(N_{.1}/N)$ can be used to estimate ϕ_1 . Hence, an estimate v for the variance of $(N_{11}-M_{11})$ in this situation is

$$v = \frac{r_1}{N} \frac{N_{\cdot 1}}{N} (1 - \frac{r_1}{N}) (1 - \frac{N_{\cdot 1}}{N}) (N-1)$$
$$= M_{11} (1 - \frac{r_1}{N}) (1 - \frac{N_{\cdot 1}}{N}) (1 - \frac{1}{N}).$$

Alternatively, if $\theta_1(1-\theta_1)$ is replaced by its unbiased estimate $(\frac{N}{N-1})(\frac{r_1}{N})(1-\frac{r_1}{N})$ and $\phi_1(1-\phi_1)$ is replaced by its unbiased estimate $(\frac{N}{N-1})(\frac{N}{N})(1-\frac{N}{N})$, then v becomes

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{1}}{N} \frac{N}{N} \frac{1}{N} (1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{1}}{N}) (1 - \frac{N}{N}) (\frac{N}{N-1})^{2} (N-1)$$
$$= \frac{\mathbf{r}_{1}}{N} \frac{1}{N} \{ (1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{1}}{N}) (1 - \frac{N}{N-1}) \}$$

as in the two preceding cases. Hence, each of these three different points of view lead to essentially the same v.

Each of the analyses thus far presented was based on considering the statistical properties of 2×2 contingency tables contrasting injury with make and model. Another point of view is to interpret the data for the reference population as a pre-specified standard to which all makes and models are to be compared and which has statistical properties which are completely independent of the various makes and models which comprise it. This perspective does not at first appear intuitively appealing. However, if one recalls that there are a very large number of makes and models which are each making a small contribution to the reference population, then it does have some properties in its favor; particularly if one wishes to say that the comparison of specific makes and models to it are independent. The statistical analysis for this situation is based on considering the (1×2) table reflecting injury for the specific make and model as compared to

	L=1
Uninjured h=1	N ₁₁
Injured h=2,3,4,5	N ₂₁
Total	N.1

the distribution in the reference population. Hence if N_{11} has the binomial distribution Bi (N_{11}, θ_1) , then

$$E\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = E\{(N_{11} - \frac{r_1N_{.1}}{N})\}$$

= $N_{.1}\{\theta_1 - E(\frac{r_1}{N})\}$
Var $\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = N_{.1}\theta_1(1-\theta_1) + (\frac{N_{.1}}{N})^2 Var(r_1)$

There are two cases of interest here with respect to the distribution in the reference population. In the first situation, both r_1 and r_2 are viewed as fixed constants and θ_1 is taken to be $\theta_1 = (r_1/N)$. In this case, $E(r_1/N) = \theta_1$ and $Var(r_1) = 0$, and hence

$$E\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = 0$$

Var { (N_{11}-M_{11}) } = N_{.1}(\frac{r_{1}}{N})(1 - \frac{r_{1}}{N})
= M_{11}(1 - $\frac{r_{1}}{N}$).

On the other hand, r_1 can be presumed to have the binomial distribution Bi(N, θ_1) and to be statistically independent of N₁₁. Hence E(r_1/N) = θ_1 and Var(r_1) = N θ_1 (1- θ_1). As a result,

$$E\{(N_{11}-M_{11})\} = 0$$

Var{(N_{11}-M_{11})} = N_{.1}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1}) + (\frac{N_{.1}}{N})^{2}N\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})
= N_{.1}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})(1 + $\frac{N_{.1}}{N}).$

On replacing θ_1 by its unbiased estimate (r_1/N) based on the reference population, the appropriate estimate \tilde{v} for the variance of $(N_{11}-M_{11})$ is

$$\widetilde{v} = N_{.1} \left(\frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N} \right)$$
$$= M_{11} \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N} \right).$$

Alternatively, if $\theta_1(1-\theta_1)$ is replaced by its unbiased estimate $(\frac{N}{N-1})(\frac{r_1}{N})(1-\frac{r_1}{N})$ in the reference population, then \tilde{v} becomes

$$\widetilde{v} = N_{.1} \left(\frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N} \right) \left(\frac{N_{N-1}}{N-1} \right)$$
$$= M_{11} \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N} \right) \left(1 + \frac{N_{.1}+1}{N-1} \right).$$

In each of these expressions for \tilde{v} , the estimate for θ_1 is based on the reference population in order to make the comparisons of specific makes and models to the reference population based on the same standard and to be consistent with other types of analyses. Again \tilde{v} can be computed for each accident situation (i,j,k) and then summed. This then provides the estimate of variance for the overall comparison and X^2 -statistic.

The previous discussion has been focused on the comparison of a specific make and model to the overall reference population. Another hypothesis of interest pertains to the comparison of a specific make and model to the totality of all other makes and models. Let us again recall the 2×2 table

	L=1	೩= 2	Total
Uninjured h=1	N ₁₁	^N 12	r ₁
Injured h=2,3,4,5	^N 21	^N 22	r ₂
Total	^N .1	^N .2	N

and assume that N_{.1} and N_{.2} are fixed constants and N₁₁ and N₁₂ have independent binomial distributions $Bi(N_{.1}, \theta_1)$ and $Bi(N_{.2}, \theta_2)$ respectively. The hypothesis of interest is H₀: $\theta_1 = \theta_2$.

Given that this hypothesis is true, then an estimate for the expected value of N_{11} based on the value of N_{12} is $N_{.1}(N_{12}/N_{.2})$. Let

$$U = N_{11} - (\frac{N_{12}}{N_{.2}})N_{.1}$$

It then follows that

 $E\{U\} = 0$ $Var\{U\} = N_{.1}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1}) + (\frac{N_{.1}}{N_{.2}})^{2}N_{.2}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})$ $= N_{.1}\theta_{1}(1-\theta_{1})(1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N_{.2}}).$

If θ_1 is replaced by its estimate (r_1/N) in the reference population, then an estimate v* for Var{U} is

$$\mathbf{v}^{\star} = N_{.1} \left(\frac{r_1}{N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{N_{.1}}{N}\right)^{-1}$$
$$\approx M_{11} \left(1 - \frac{r_1}{N}\right) \left(1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N}\right)$$

where $(1 - \frac{N}{N})^{-1} \approx (1 + \frac{N}{N})$ is a reasonable approximation if $(N_{.1}/N) < 0.10$. Hence, $v^* \approx \tilde{v}$. A similar result is obtained if $\theta_1(1-\theta_1)$ is replaced by $(\frac{N}{N-1})(r_1/N)(1 - (r_1/N))$. Finally, the expression for U may also be approximated by a familiar quantity

$$U = N_{11} - \frac{N_{12}}{N_{.2}} N_{.1}$$

= $N_{11} - \frac{(r_1 - N_{11})N_{.1}}{N - N_{.1}}$
= $N_{11} - \frac{r_1 N_{.1}}{N} \{ (1 - \frac{N_{11}}{r_1}) (1 - \frac{N_{.1}}{N})^{-1} \}$
 $\approx N_{11} - M_{11} \{ 1 + \frac{N_{.1}}{N} - \frac{N_{11}}{r_1} \}$
 $\approx N_{11} - M_{11}$

where the approximation is reasonable if $(N_{11}/r_1) \approx (N_{.1}/N) < 0.10$. If the hypothesis is true and if the reference population contains many different makes and models as the one reported here does, both of these approximations are justified. Hence, the X²-test for U given by X² = (U^2/v^*) where both U and v* have been summed over (i,j,k) is approximately equal to the X²-test for comparing the specific make and model with the reference population based on \tilde{v} (i.e., the reference population distribution is random and independent of the specific make and model). Because the X²-test based on \tilde{v} (or v*) arises from the two previously cited different connotations, it was the one used in the statistical analysis reported in this paper. Moreover, since $\tilde{v} > v$, this approach is conservative in the sense of finding fewer significant results than would have been reported if v had been used. On the other hand since the difference between \tilde{v} and v is small whenever (N_{.1}/N) is small and since (N_{.1}/N) is always less than 0.10 and usually less than 0.05 for the makes and models in this study, the results of all of these various X²-test procedures are felt to be very similar.

Example: Volkswagen and all injuries. N 1=4209 and N=270,697.

$$N_{11} = 1050$$
 $M_{11} = 747.57$ $\tilde{v}_{11} = 575.00$
 $X_{11}^2 = 159.07$, D.F. = 1

Since $(N_{.1}/N) < 0.02$ and X^2 is very large, the conclusions for this example as well as numerous others really are not overly sensitive to the minor details of statistical test procedures previously discussed in this appendix. This fact has already been justified by the various arguments presented here which have been given so that the reader has a clearer understanding of the statistical methodology involved.

Finally, for the "injury by car body style" comparisons, standard 95% and 99% confidence intervals for binomial proportions were constructed with an appropriate correction for continuity. Hence, these methods are also conservative with respect to the detection of statistical significance. APPENDIX 6: Sample Print-Out for 1960 Ford

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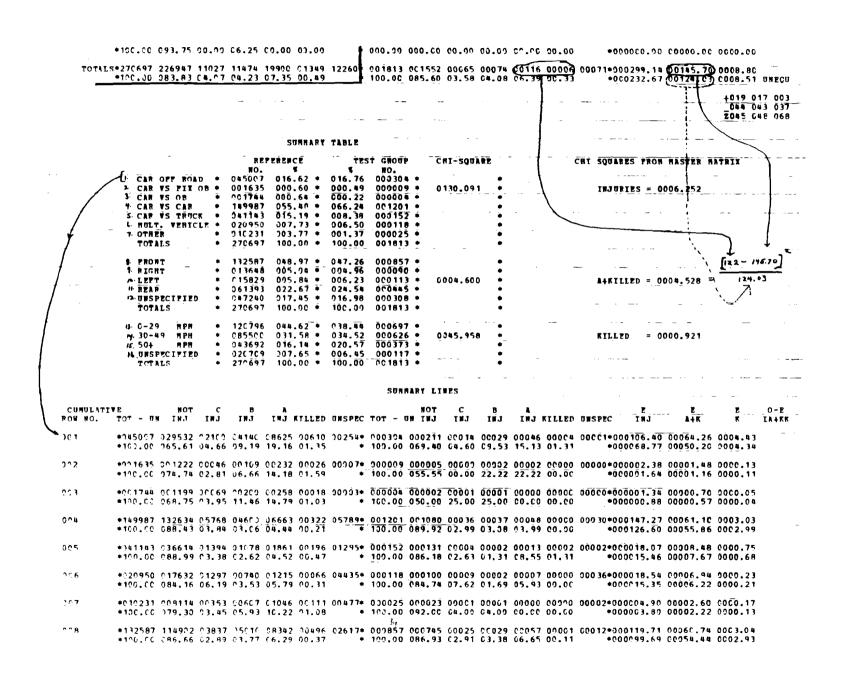
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APPENDIX 7: Summary Tables

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CAR GROUP <u>1</u>

Pontiac (Bonneville, etc.)

	Sample	ı — ———	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60	259	37	39.15	95	0.15	16	18.26	88	0.33		
61	224	28	34.89	80	1.753	14	16.43	85	0.426		
62	318	44	48.92	90	0.628	14	23.35	60	4.386		
63	73	•							1		
64	62										
65	318	41	47.07	87	0.991	19	21.23	89	0.275		
66	291	33	44.05	75	3.551	13	20.45	64	3.230		
67	143	15	20.88	72	2.101	6	8.99	67	1.171		
68	115	11	16.74	66	2.496	2	7.43	<50	4.740		
ALL											

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Pontiac (Catalina, etc.)

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Sample Model Size Year (N)		J 	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY						
Model Year		0bserved	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²			
60	329	54	54.81	99	0.015	23	26.77	86	0.635			
61	247	36	42.90	84	1.466	21	21.09	100	0.000			
62	307	44	47.67	92	0.363	23	22.60	102	0.008			
63	113	14	15.97	88	0.31	6	7.06	85	0.19			
64	66											
65	460	57	72.99	78	4.492	26	34.91	74	2.684			
66	347	39	50.70	77	3.380	22	23.18	95	0.069			
67	244	35	38.48	91	0.402	15	18.62	81	0.832			
68	188	19	28.72	66	4.182	6	13.41	< 50	4.833			
ALL												

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CAR GROUP <u>3</u>

Pontiac (Tempest, Le Mans, etc.)

	Sample	ı <u>—</u>	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61	18									
62	31									
63	22					×				
64	31									
65	625	111	103.66	107	0.681	53	49.55	98	0.288	
66	372	56	57.08	106	0.026	25	26.70	94	0.127	
67	218	32	31.94	100	0.000	14	14.40	97	0.013	
68	173	22	25.52	86	0.618	8	11.55	69	1.295	
ALL										

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CAR GROUP _____

Pontiac GTO

Mode 1	Sample	·	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61							<u> </u>			
62										
63										
64		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
65		:								
66	379	50	67.59	74	6.112	30	34.02	88	0.577	
67	174	30	30.10	100	0.00	17	15.09	113	0.294	
68	• 139	22	27.18	81	1.369	14	14.53	96	0.024	
ALL										

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Pontiac Firebird

	Sample	ı————	ALL INJUR	<u></u>		SER.	IOUS AND FATAL	. INJURY	
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
60									
61									
62									
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64									
65									
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67		·							
68									
ALL	103	21	18.32	115	0.532	8	9.47	84	0.282

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CAR	GROUP	6

	Samp1e	1	ALL INJU	JRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	3041	421	489.69	86	12.266	212	236.46	90	2.943	
61	2377	354	382.33	93	2.677	181	183.92	98	0.054	
62	3162	492	523.26	94	2.395	249	255.15	98	0.173	
63	3207	444	520.33	85	14.296	228	250.18	91	2.294	
64	2961	446	478.79	93	2.867	202	230.70	88	4.171	
65	2188	328	355.48	92	2.724	150	171.52	87	3.167	
66	1355	199	226.35	88	4.297	92	111.18	83	3.927	
67	1072	150	160.15	94	0.807	62	74.16	84	2.311	
68	789	101	120.97	83	4.201	43	56.84	76	3.959	
ALL										

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Standard Chevrolet

		C	AR GROUP	Chevrolet Chevelle					
	Sample	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY			
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
60									
61									
62			1						
63							4		
64	760	137	123.84	111	1.801	65	59.64	109	0.567
65	718	106	119.41	89	1.966	54	57.92	93	0.316
66	1127	227	215.93	105	0.765	117	112.99	104	0.171
67	801	143	147.74	97	0.204	65	75.97	86	1.923
68	664	107	125.16	85	3.570	50	64.95	77	4.197
ALL							1	-	

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CAR GROUP	8
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___Chevrolet Chevy II_____

	Sample	ı 	ALL INJU	JRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
lodel Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60											
61											
62	543	108	86.56	125	6.813	63	41.57	152	12.984		
63	638	112	100.19	112	1.778	46	46.97	98	0.023		
64	231	50	39.07	128	4.019	24	19.10	126	1.511		
65	179	49	27.84	176	20.932	25	13.21	189	12.682		
66	351	66	65.53	101	0.004	37	33.30	111	0.500		
67	166	29	28.26	103	0.025	14	13.69	102	0.008		
68	153	28	27.47	102	0.013	19	14.15	134	2.043		
ALL	2261	442	374.92	118	15.21	228	181.99	125	13.74		

CAR GROUP <u>8</u>

<u>_Chevy II</u>

	Sample Size	1	ALL INJU	JRY		SER	LOUS AND FAT	AL INJURY	
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
62-67	2108	414	347.45	119	16.60	209	167.84	125	12.03
68	153	28	27.47	102	0.013	19	14.15	134	2.043
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Chevrolet Corvair

	Sample .	ı—	ALL INJU			SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	0bserved	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	365	107	66.59	161	32.916	64	33.52	191	33.394	
61	505	130	91.48	142	21.645	67	45.52	147	12.141	
62	181	52	33.65	155	13.577	33	16.78	197	19.161	
63	532	119	101.11	118	4.302	57	52.07	109	0.819	
64	377	87	65.12	134	9.655	39	31.33	124	2.235	
65	395	72	61.37	117	2.376	31	28.14	110	0.345	
66	174	34	28.04	121	1.642	18	13.01	138	2.273	
67	24	•								
68	10									
ALL	2563	609	452.87	134	70.626	314	223.38	141	43.373	

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CAR GROUP _9___

<u>Corvair</u>

SampleSize	y <u> </u>	ALL INJU	JRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
1583	408	292.83	139	61.029	222	147.89	150	44.84	
377	87	65.12	134	9.655	39	31.33	124	2.235	
603	114	93.67	122	5.69	53	42.89	124	2.835	
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Chevrolet Corvette

Mada 1	Sample Size	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	5									
61	9								1	
62	21									
63	20									
64	23									
65	33									
66	47	1								
67	22									
68	8									
ALL	188	38	40.49	94	0.216	24	22.13	108	0.198	

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Chevrolet Camaro

	Sample Size	ı — ———	ALL INJUR	Υ		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61										
62										
63										
64										
65										
66										
67										
68										
ALL	690	125	130.56	96	0.320	72	67.54	107	0.357	

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Buick (Electra, etc.)

	Samp1e	ı <u>—</u>	ALL INJU	JRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	79									
61	68									
62	18									
63	83									
64	100	10	13.38	75	1.05	4	5.55	72	0.51	
65	215	25	32.03	78	1.95	10	15.23	66	2.118	
66	176	22	24.82	89	0.401	10	11.18	89	0.15	
67	135	5	18.62	< 50	12.475	1	8.18	< 50	7.439	
68	105	16	15.75	102	0.005	5	7.23	69	0.834	
ALL										

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Buick (LeSabre, etc.)

	Sample	J 	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	359	58	54.96	106	0.216	22	26.02	85	0.738	
61	248	34	36.68	93	0.248	17	16.67	102	0.007	
62	39			-			· ·			
63	351	48	50.91	94	0.208		22.87	79	1.213	
64	367	57	54.29	105	0.173	17	24.85	68	2.942	
65	188	27	26.26	103	0.026	14	11.34	123	0.742	
66	204	22	26.79	82	1.058	11	11.60	95	0.036	
67	129	15	19.08	79	1.10	4	8.95	<50	3.215	
68	98									
ALL				1						

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Buick (Special, etc.)

	Sample Size (N)	ı 	ALL INJUR	Υ	SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year		Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
60									
61	132	25	20.18	124	1.483	13	9.18	142	1.910
62	36								
63	248	39	35.35	110	0.470	18	15.61	115	0.423
64	274	33	39.08	84	1.184	15	16.95	88	0.263
65	260	38	39.54	96	0.076	17	18.45	92	0.135
66	274	40	39.63	101	0.004	20	17.80	112	0.316
67	163	24	24.27	99	0.003	11	10.74	102	0.007
68	154	19	22.51	84	0.692	8	9.95	80	0.450
ALL									

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<u>Oldsmobile (98, etc.)</u>

	Sample	1 <u>—-</u>	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60	104	12	14.41	83	0.510	10	6.51	154	2.263		
61	59								1		
62	97										
63	103	10	14.85	67	2.010	5	6.60	76	0.463		
64	68										
65	119	14	17.36	81	0.824	7	7.83	89	0.104		
66	102	11	16.39	67	2.303	1	7.62	< 50	6.934		
67	54	•									
68	60										
ALL											

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Oldsmobile (88, etc.)

	Sample	ı <u>—</u> ————————	ALL INJUR	₹¥		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	571	91	87.75	104	0.153	39	41.07	95	0.122	
61	339	49	55.31	89	0.938	29	26.97	108	0.182	
62	569	65	89.09	73	8.330	22	42.23	52	11.412	
63	505	68	79.56	85	2.155	41	37.95	108	0.288	
64	443	54	69.59	78	4.492	32	32.97	97	0.033	
65	398	49	63.16	78	4.087	22	29.98	73	2.504	
66	207	26	30.54	85	0.856	7	13.80	51	3.972	
67	141	17	19.12	89	0.287	5	8.43	59	1.616	
68	118	17	16.17	105	0.053	9	7.28	124	0.483	
ALL										

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Oldsmobile (F-85, etc.)

	Sample .	, <u> </u>	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61	120	27	18.76	144	4.672	12	8.75	137	1.444	
62	176	34	28.04	121	1.63	18	13.22	136	2.06	
63	173	28	27.25	103	0.026	12	12.63	95	0.037	
64	248	39	37.48	104	0.078	15	16.89	89	0.251	
65	342	42	55.43	76	4.209	22	26.75	82	1.003	
66	414	67	65.54	102	0.041	33	30.99	106	0.155	
67	237	27	38.16	71	4.268	10	18.44	54	4.677	
68	166	19	22.82	83	0.806	8	10.19	79	0.558	
ALL										

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Standard Plymouth

	Sample	ı –	ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	373	64	60.07	107	0.334	33	29.27	113	0.567	
61	314	43	47.51	91	0.547	25	22.76	110	0.260	
62	298	37	45.74	81	2.144	20	21.27	94	0.090	
63	576	80	87.99	91	0.922	32	41.77	77	2.673	
64	752	111	123.24	90	1.579	46	59.68	77	3.727	
65	871	122	139.39	88	2.791	58	66.51	87	1.287	
66	678	98	109.09	90	1.444	58	53.23	109	0.503	
67	375	47	57.00	82	2.222	18	26.14	69	2.965	
68	348	42	51.88	81	2.372	24	24.17	99	0.001	
ALL										

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Plymouth (Belvedere-Sattelite, etc.)

	Sample	1- -	ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60											
61								†			
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63	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·										
64								-			
65	408	65	67.88	96	0.159	33	33.16	100	0.000		
66	543	90	93.20	97	0.145	49	46.28	106	0.192		
67	246	44	40.41	109	0.417	23	19.80	116	0.620		
68	375	62	73.09	85	2.296	34	38.22	89	0.571		
ALL											

Plymouth Valiant

	Sample	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	191	33	28.13	117	1.07	13	12.52	104	0.02	
61	187	47	29.53	159	13.03	20	13.71	146	3.39	
62	177	27	25.75	105	0.075	12	11.11	108	0.083	
63	256	48	36.38	132	4.635	19	16.06	118	0.625	
64	345	73	55.96	130	6.732	40	25.98	154	9.008	
65	217	44	32.97	133	4.733	26	15.59	167	8.259	
66	143	38	22.54	169	13.65	17	10.61	160	4.572	
67	53									
68	23									
ALL	1595*	319	243. 75	131	29.294	149	111.54	134	14.561	

* The summary or "ALL" row includes several drivers in 1969 model cars.

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Valiant

	Sample	J -	ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60-66	1516	310	231.36	134	34.10	147	105.58	139	19,17	
67-68	76									
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Dodge (Monaco, etc.)

	Sample	ı—————————————————————————————————————	ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	24									
61	20									
62	53									
63	142	23	21.57	107	0.121	15	9.91	151	3.144	
64	287	50	44.07	113	1.015	24	20.34	118	0.778	
65	199	40	28.75	139	5.493	16	13.07	122	0.762	
66	108	15	14.58	103	0.014	6	6.16	97	0.004	
67	71									
68	54									
ALL										

Dodge (Seneca, "440", etc.)

	Sample	1	ALL INJU	RY		SER	SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60	355	53	56.39	94	0.265	29	27.34	106	0.120		
61	260	39	41.02	95	0.129	14	19.91	70	2.102		
62	117	22	18.95	116	0.643	12	9.20	130	1.035		
63	190	30	32.70	92	0.293	16	16.35	98	0.009		
64	192	30	28.24	106	0.138	13	12.70	102	0.008		
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66											
67		•									
68											
ALL											

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Dodge (Dart, Coronet, etc.)

	Sample	, _	ALL INJU	JRY	SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61								+		
62	72									
63	184	27	25.62	105	0.093	12	11.42	105	0.034	
64	200	32	29.01	110	0.386	20	12.67	158	4.938	
65	597	78	87.72	89	1.355	29	40.31	72	3.691	
66	467	81	72.71	111	1.210	37	34.22	108	0.266	
67	224	31	35.22	88	0.650	18	16.79	107	0.104	
68	215	32	34.27	93	0.195	15	16.31	92	0.126	
ALL										

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Standard Ford

	Sample	,—	ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	1813	261	299.14	87	6.252	122	145.70	84	4.528	
61	1929	337	332.28	101	0.087	178	166.02	107	1.020	
62	1956	315	346.17	91	3.698	164	175.23	94	0.857	
63	2660	427	454.04	94	2.084	219	225.29	97	0.205	
64	2798	433	473.65	91	4.504	232	233.36	99	0.009	
65	2781	466	479.39	97	0.485	237	238.93	99	0.018	
66	2342	364	393.19	93	2.799	176	194.31	91	2.029	
67	1097	158	176.54	89	2.497	77	84.96	91	0.876	
68	534	65	82.55	79	4.784	34	38.81	88	0.707	
ALL							1			

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Ford Fairlane

	Sample .	1	ALL INJU	RY		SER	IOUS AND FATA	L INJURY	
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
60									
61	•								
62	585	115	94.48	122	5.742	59	45.15	131	5.017
63	782	164	127.23	129	13.699	85	61.19	139	10.908
64	577	102	93.45	109	1.009	54	45.07	120	2.087
65	565	82	92.66	88	1.592	51	44.66	114	1.071
66	991	178	175.26	102	0.056	98	88.32	111	1.269
67	451	74	79.53	93	0.510	31	39.71	78	2.298
68	607	87	110.00	79	6.448	35	54.99	64	8.801
ALL									

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CAR GROUP <u>34</u>

Ford Falcon

	Sample	ı—	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	594	122	97.28	125	8.135	55	47.22	116	1.511	
61	746	144	117.19	123	7.812	76	56.12	135	8.189	
62	643	135	101.56	133	14.158	55	48.44	114	1.047	
63	676	147	114.33	129	12.177	77	56.15	137	9.175	
64	596	121	104.64	116	3.370	60	52.21	115	1.386	
65	493	98	83.14	118	3.480	52	41.32	126	3.297	
66	335	54	54.77	99	0.014	28	26.48	106	0.103	
67	110	25	18.76	133	2.730	11	9.51	116	0.281	
68	72									
ALL	4268*	861	705.02	122	44.010	424	344.67	123	21.147	

*The summary or "ALL" row includes several drivers in 1969 model cars.

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Falcon

	Sample ALL INJURY					SEF	LOUS AND FAT	AL INJURY	
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
60-65	3748	767	618.14	124	46.50	375	301.46	124	21.20
66-68	517	93	84.54	110	1.10	48	41.25	116	1.32
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CAR GROUP	<u> 36 </u>
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Ford Mustang

	SampleALL INJURY					SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61										
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66										
67									1	
68										
ALL	4304*	749	763.69	98	0.375	357	384.09	93	2.292	

*The summary or "ALL" row includes several drivers in 1969 model cars.

CAR GROUP _ 37___

Mercury (Monterey, etc.)

	Samp1e	J <u> </u>	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60	160	24	23.31	103	0.026	9	10.77	84	0.348	
61	176	22	26.25	83	0.866	12	12.23	98	0.005	
62	269	37	43.14	86	1.123	19	20.84	91	0.192	
63	165	21	24.66	85	0.689	11	11.27	98	0.007	
64	165	26	28.17	92	0.221	10	14.07	71	1.435	
65		25	32.25	78	2.122	18	15.02	120	0.711	
66	192	27	28.84	94	0.150	13	13.27	98	0.006	
67	52									
68	48									
ALL										

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Mercury Cougar

	Sample	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Sample Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
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63										
64		*								
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66									-	
67										
68										
ALL	210	33	36.55	90	0.459	14	17.97	78	1.067	

		C	AR GROUP 50			Volkswag	en Type I	Beetle			
	Sample		ALL INJU	IRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²		
60	284	73	46.90	156	18.970	36	21.80	165	11.012		
61	324	79	54.80	144	14.084	33	26.33	125	2.021		
62	338	106	61.33	173	43.200	50	30.08	166	15.746		
63	503	116	87.98	132	11.797	55	42.56	129	4.337		
64	563	132	101.43	130	12.270	67	50.05	134	6.878		
65	749	185	137.24	135	22.145	101	68.47	148	18,454		
66	699	177	128.92	137	23.987	93	64.43	144	15.188		
67	404	102	69.19	147	20.681	46	33.68	137	5.438		
68	331	76	55.68	136	9.729	35	27.24	128	2.639		
ALL	4209*	1050	747.57	140	159.067	517	367.75	141	70.682		

*The summary or "ALL" row includes several drivers in 1969 model cars.

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CAR GROUP <u>50</u>

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Volkswagen Type I -- Beetle

	Sample Size	ı—-	ALL INJU	JRY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60-67	3864	970	687.79	141	153.81	481	337.40	143	73.13	
68	331	76	55.68	136	9.729	35	27.24	128	2.639	
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		C	AR GROUP			Volkswagen Type II Bus				
	Sample .	,	ALL INJU	RY		SER	SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY			
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
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66									1	
67										
68										
ALL	176*	50	29.34	170	19.18	32	14.10	>200	27.29	

*The summary or "ALL" row includes several drivers in 1969 model cars.

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Volkswagen Type III -- Fastback

	Sample	ı <u>—</u>	ALL INJU	SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY					
Model Year	Sample Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²
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62									
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66									
67									
68									
ALL	250	58	43.43	134	6.46	28	21.27	132	2.55

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Mada 1	Sample	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
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ALI.	173	30		114	0.653	17	11.98	1.3.9	2.490	

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	Sample Size	1	ALL INJU	RY		SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY				
Model Year	Size (N)	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	
60										
61										
62										
63										
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66										
67		· ·								
68										
ALL	419	108	68.45	158	29.777	67	33.48	200	39.919	

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CAR	GROUP	55

Renault

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	Sample Size (N)	ALL INJURY				SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURY			
Model Year		Observed	Expected	Index	x ²	Observed	Expected	Inde.	x ²
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	384	133		185	70.23	52	35.77		8.84