

# The effects of COVID-19 measures on traffic accidents in the Netherlands

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## Aim

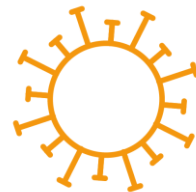
To gain insight into the effects of COVID-19 measures on the number of traffic accidents in the Netherlands.

## Focus

Severe injuries (MAIS2+) after a traffic accident treated at emergency departments (EDs).

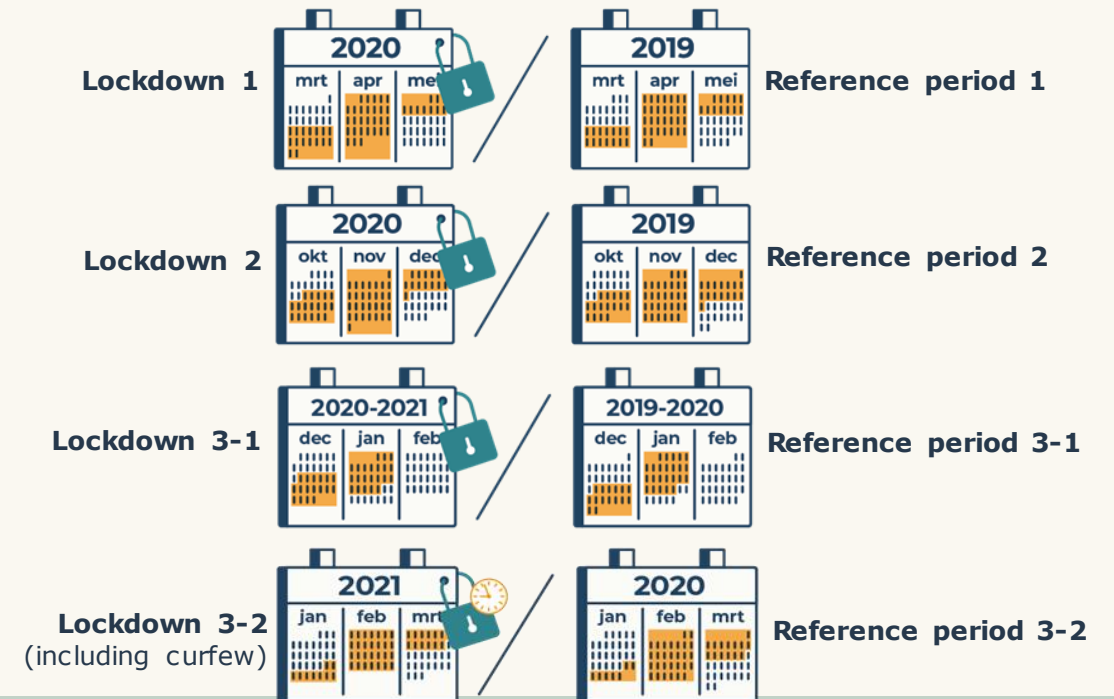
## Methods

Comparing the number of ED-visits registered in the Dutch Injury Surveillance System before and during one year of COVID-19 measures. Data from 14 EDs are representative for the Netherlands.



One year of COVID-19 measures  
(16 March 2020 – 14 March 2021)

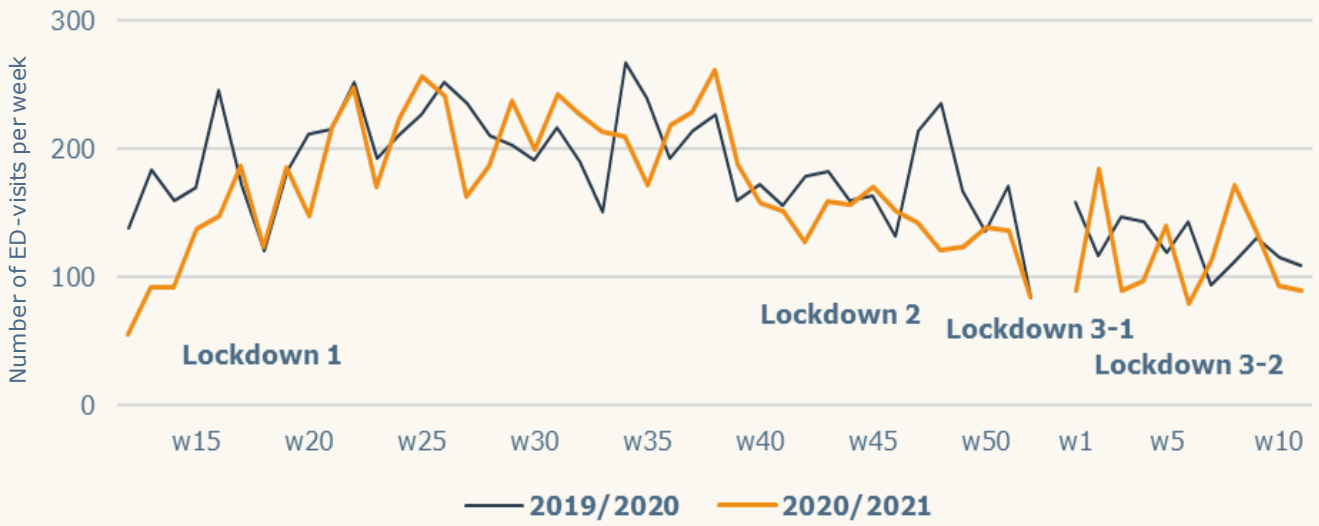
Lockdown / Pre-COVID



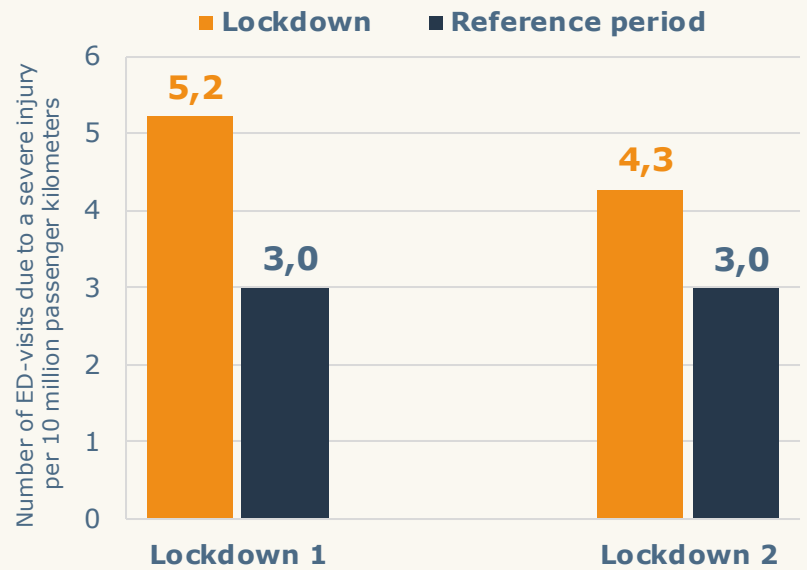


# COVID-19 year versus pre-COVID year

## Less patients were treated during the COVID-19 year



## The probability of an ED visit\* was in lockdown 1 and 2 significantly higher than in the corresponding reference period

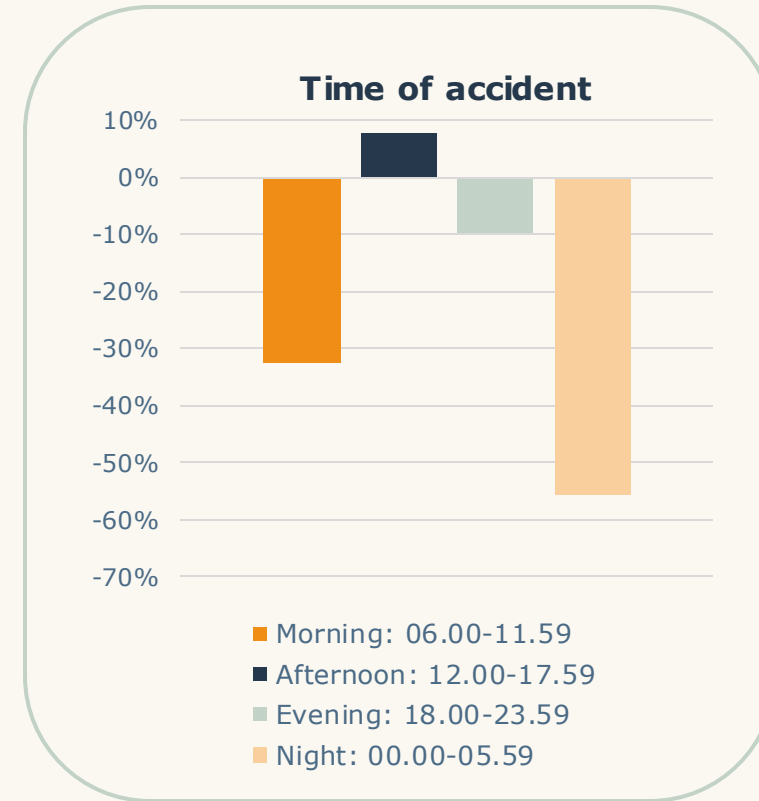
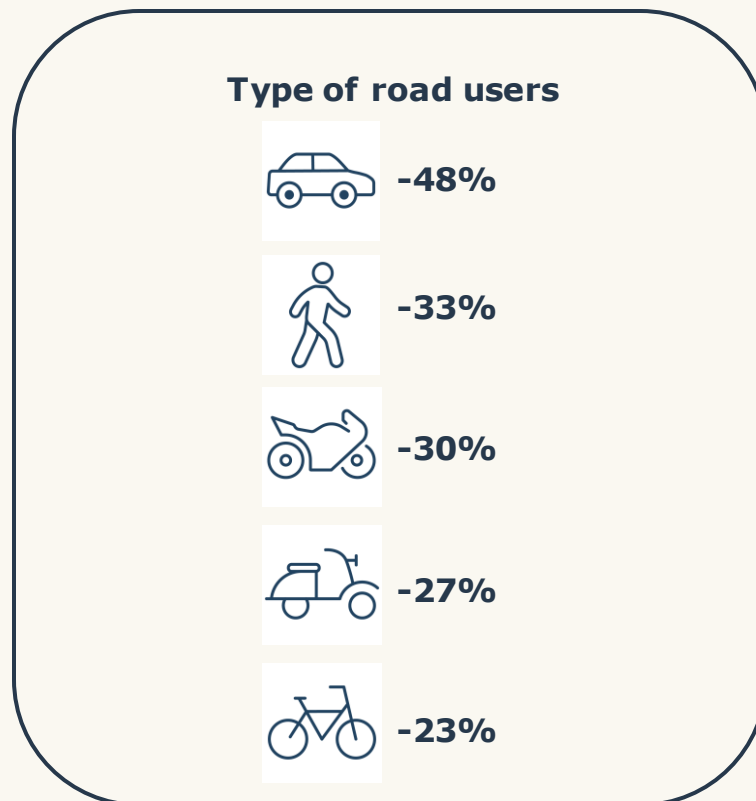
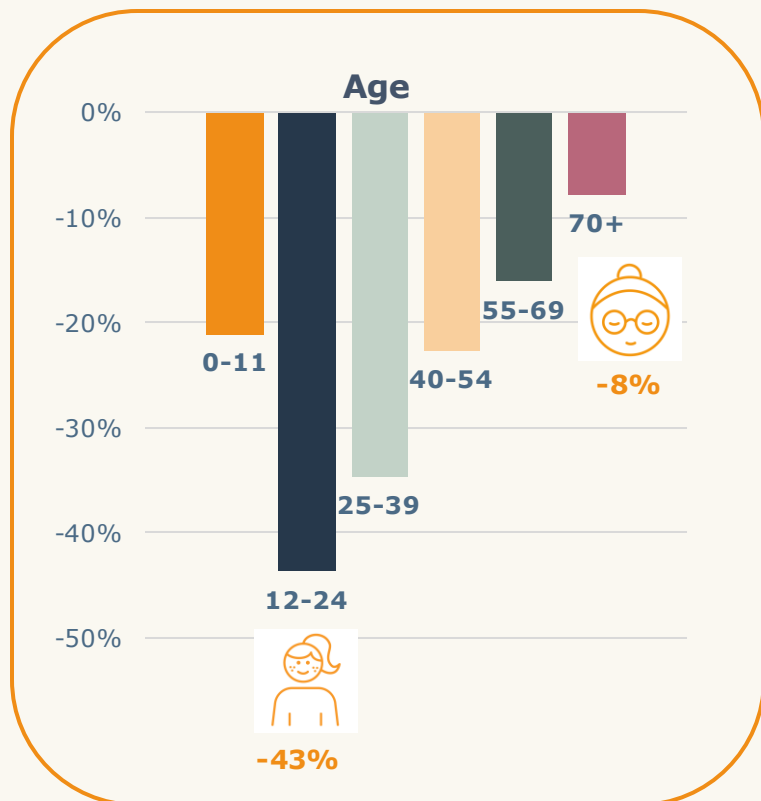


COVID-19 year	Lockdown 1	Lockdown 2	Lockdown 3-1	Lockdown 3-2
-8%	-25%	-17%	-14%	-1%

\*Number of ED-visits due to a severe injury per 10 million passenger kilometers



# Lockdown 1 versus reference period 1



The changes in activities following the COVID-19 measures have led to changes in the number of severe injuries after traffic accidents. Moreover, patient and accident characteristics in the COVID-19 year differed significantly from the reference period.



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