

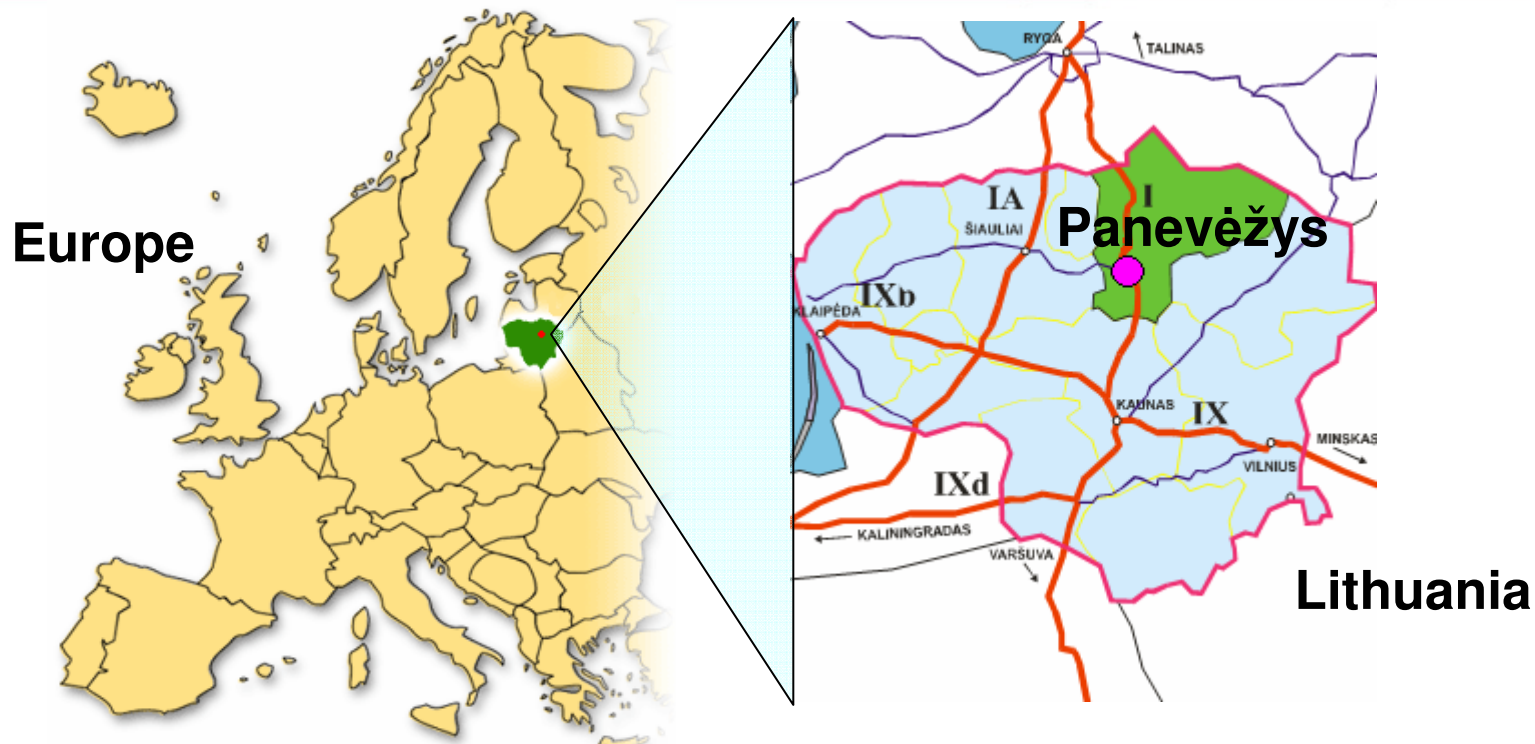


Panevėžys City Municipality

European Network "Cities for Children"
participant of the Traffic and Safety working group



Short Info on Panevėžys



- The midway between two Baltic capitals – Vilnius and Riga;
- Via Baltica Highway (1st Trans-European corridor);
- The railway line leads to IX B Trans-European corridor;
- Distance to the capital city Vilnius – 130 km;
- Seaport of Klaipėda – 240 km, seaport of Riga – 150 km
- The fifth largest city in Lithuania
- The seventh largest city in the Baltic states
- Territory – 50 sq. km
- The capital of Aukštaitija Region
- The centre of Panevėžys County
- County's input into Lithuania's GDP: 7 %

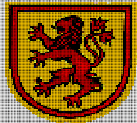
Panevėžys Vision by 2022

Panevėžys is a metropolitan city, integrated into the world, European and Lithuanian progress.

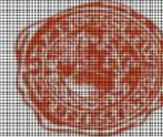
The biggest attention is given to the education of a person having his own point of view, responsible for his words and actions. Panevėžys is a city with a character, famous for the traditions of culture, art, sports and healthy-life style.

It is a city with safe environment, comfortable living and work conditions.

Partner Cities



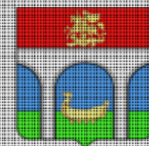
• Lünen, Germany



• Kolding, Denmark



• Kalmar, Sweden



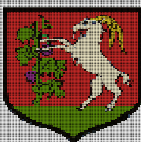
• Mytishi, Russia



• Goes, The Netherlands



• Kaliningrad, Russia



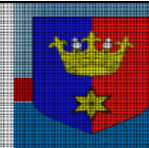
• Lublin, Poland



• Daugavpils, Latvia

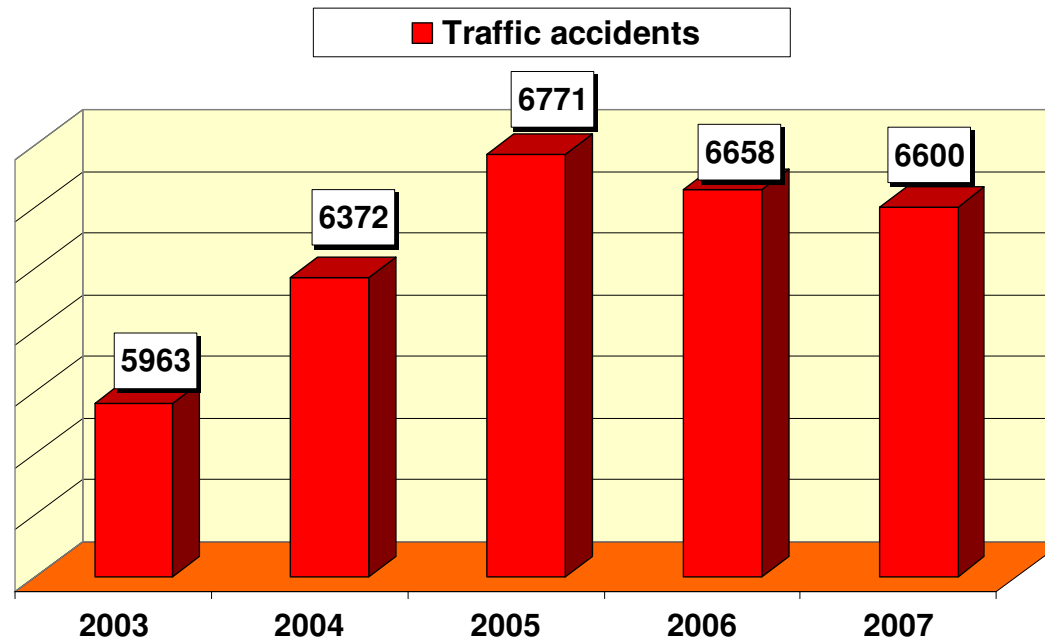


• Gabrovo, Bulgaria

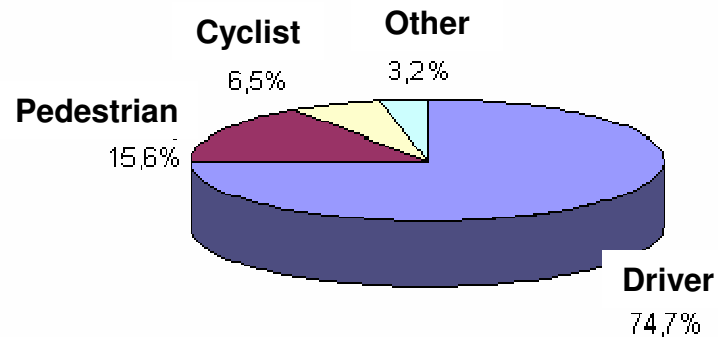


• Rakvere, Estonia

Situation in Lithuania

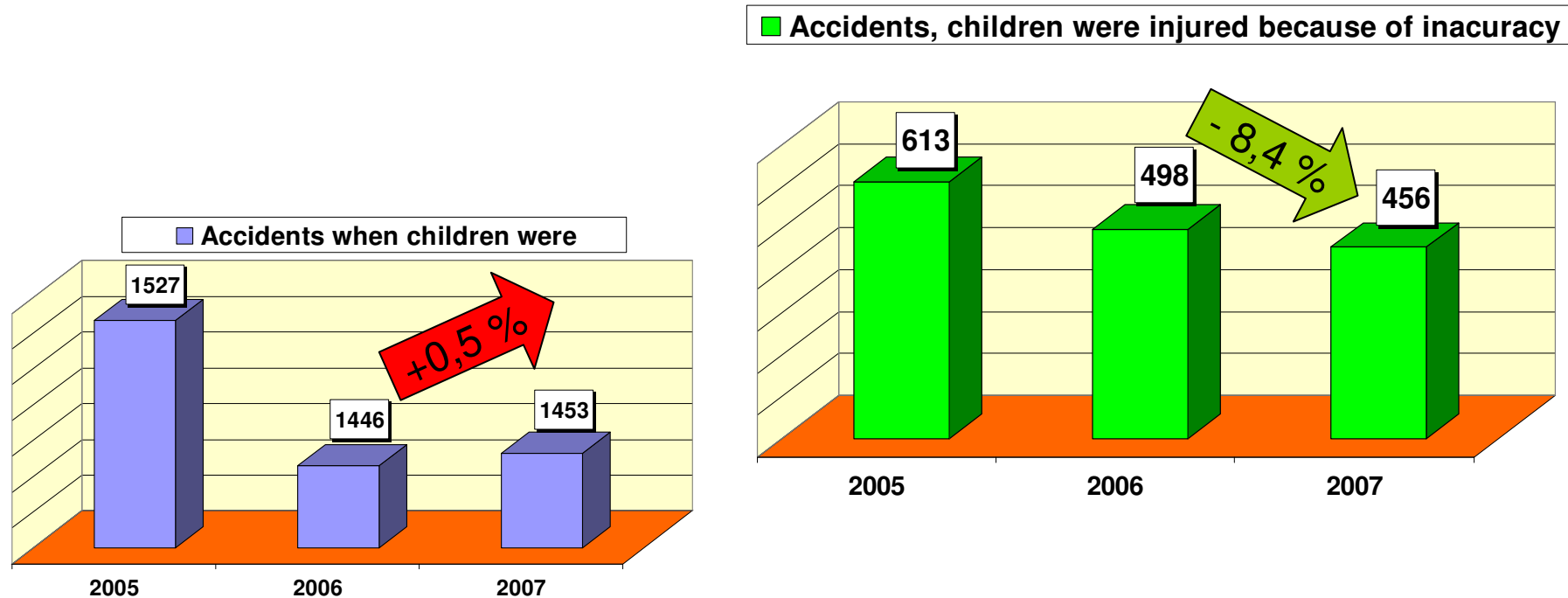


Responsible for Traffic Accidents, 01-01-2007



The drivers are mostly responsible for traffic accidents, then follow the pedestrians and bicycle drivers. As a result of that the hugest attention in decreasing the traffic accidents should be given to the change of mentality of drivers in applying prevention and administrative means.

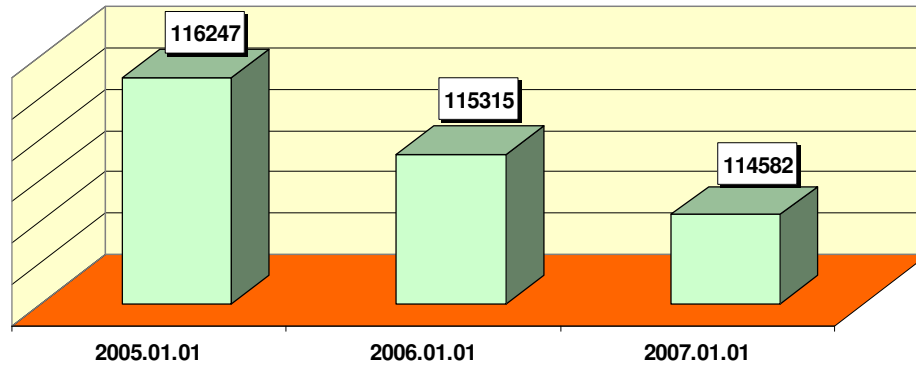
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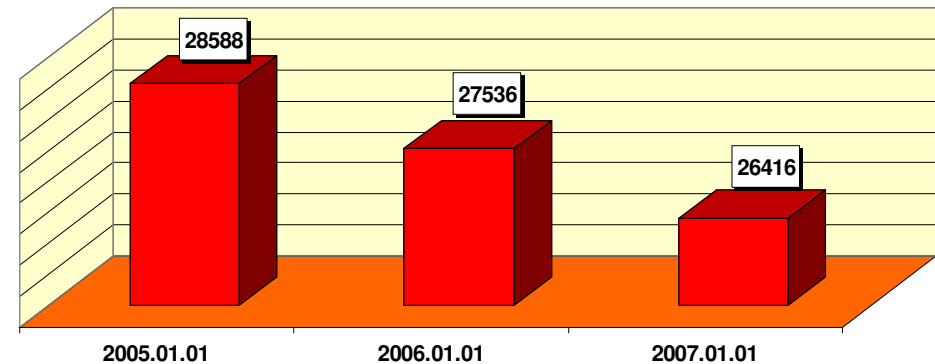
For the recent year the statistical changes in Lithuania connected with the number of traffic accidents and children in traffic accidents was increasing. The positive thing is that the number of careless children is decreasing. Various prevention means could have some impact.

Situation in Panevėžys

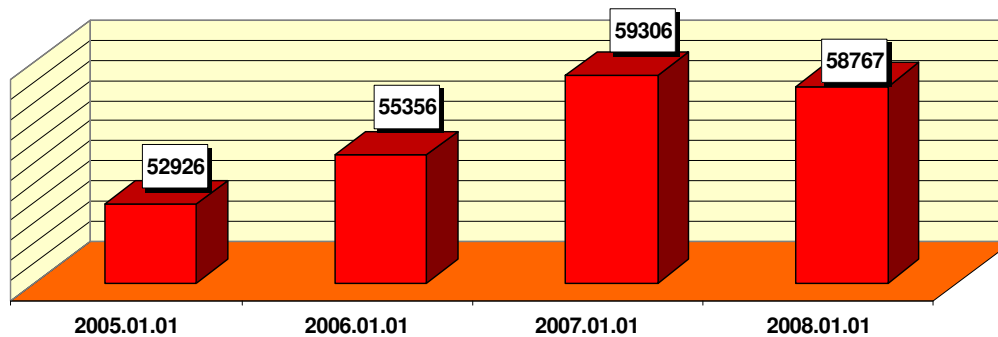
Population of Panevėžys



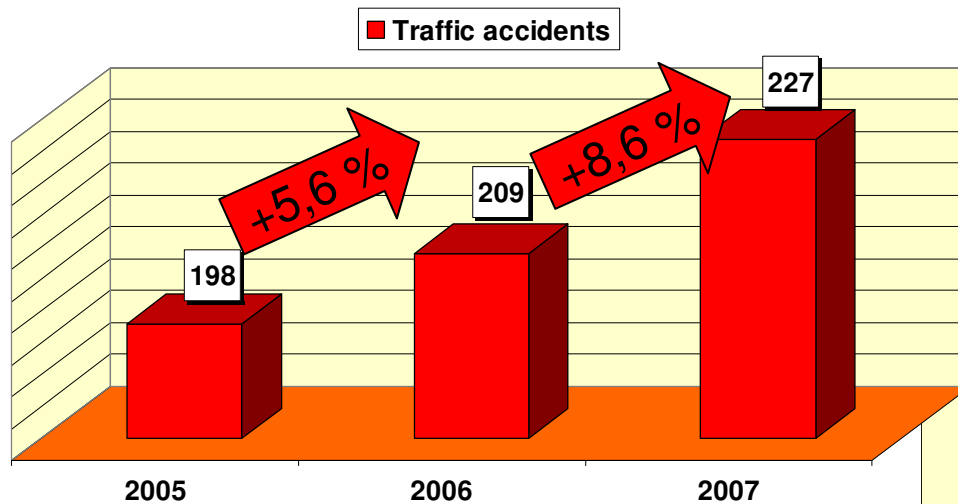
Number of children



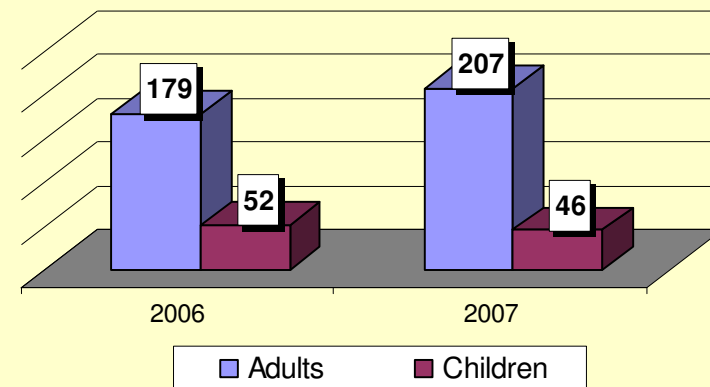
Number of vehicles in Panevėžys



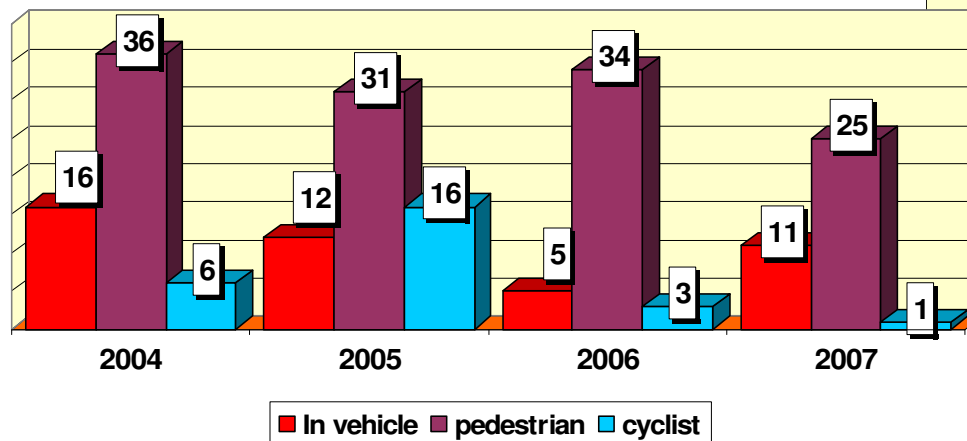
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Injured in traffic accidents

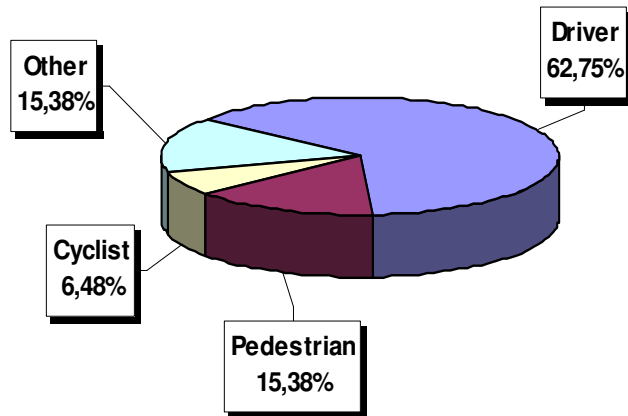


Children injured in traffic accidents

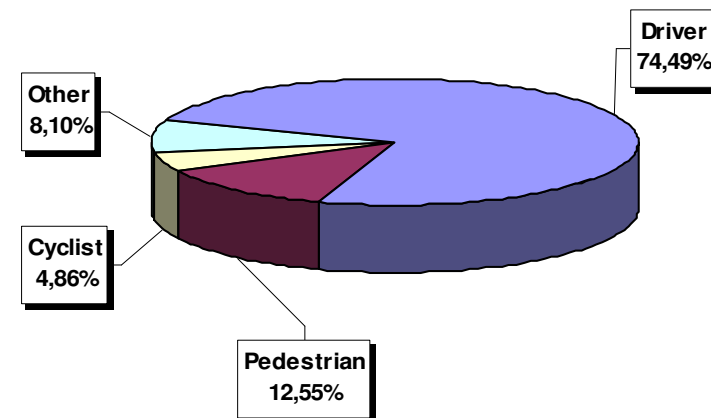


Situation in Panevėžys

Guilty for traffic accidents, 2006



Guilty for traffic accidents, 2007



In Lithuania and in the City of Panevėžys the drivers are mostly guilty for traffic accidents. Recently, the tendency of statistics shows that the drivers are responsible for traffic accidents. Statistical data show that bicycles are not very popular in Lithuania and the bicycle drivers are seldom injured and become guilty for traffic accidents. Mostly pedestrian children are injured and only then in vehicles (including the cases when security means are not used).

The Actions of the City for Safe Traffic

Political:

-The Law on Safe Traffic on Roads approved by the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania (22-11-2007) on the basis of which the Director of Administration of the Municipality : 1. approves the Programme of Safety for the city; 2. makes the Commission of Safe Traffic 3. solves the questions of transport organization; 4. takes care of road maintenance; 5. implements educational, training activities in the field of traffic safety.

-The Commission of Traffic Safety approves Traffic Safety Programme each year (the costs of expenses for 2007 was 480 000 EUR), where the actions are foreseen – training of pupils, contests, the list of equipment of safety means, etc.

- In accordance to the Decision of the City Council the education of children takes place at schools, in suchh a way the movements of children in the city is decreased and the possibility to be injured is also decreasing.

Prevention:

-Education at schools – 12-18 lessons about traffic safety for the pupils of 5-8 classes in a school year; participation of pupils in contests;

Contests LIGHTS, SAFE WHEEL , etc., contests for the pupils of primary schools BE CAREFUL IN THE STREET;

-Events, actions (done by Lithuanian Insurance Comp. sign of pedestrian crossing)

-Security Cameras.



The Actions of the City for Safe Traffic

The steps are take for the building of **infrastructure** by schools:

- Fences by streets, it protects children from running to streets not in the area of pedestrian crossings;
- safety areas in pedestrian crossings between traffic lines of different directions;
- signs PEDESTRIAN CROSSING in bright yellow background with the aim to increase the attention of drivers;
- signing of asphalt pavement by different colors WHITE- RED with the aim to increase the attention of drivers



Control, sanctions:

- Since 01 01 2008 more strict penalties and other sanctions came into power (withdrawal of right to drive a car, taking off the vehicle);
- The practice shows that not the **amount of penalty** but **inevitability** motivates for safe traffic.



Conclusions for Children Safety

The most important topics for the safety of children in roads to be discussed in the future:

- change of mentality and driving skills of drivers;
- methods for preparation of safe schedule to/from school for a pedestrian child;
- encouragement of use of passengers (children) safety means in vehicles;
- applying of good-practice examples of infrastructure and innovative technologies for traffic safety;
- influence of prevention means and penalties to traffic safety;





Thank you !

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