



NSC Motor Vehicle Fatality Estimates

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Motor-vehicle deaths up 8% in 2015.

With continued lower gasoline prices and an improving economy resulting in an estimated 3.5% increase in motor-vehicle mileage, the number of motor-vehicle deaths in 2015 totaled 38,300, up 8% from 2014. The 2015 estimate is provisional and may be revised when more data are available. The total for 2015 was up 8% from the 2013 figure. The annual total for 2014 was 35,398, a less than 0.5% increase from 2013. The 2013 figure was 3% lower than 2012. The estimated annual population death rate is 11.87 deaths per 100,000 population, an increase of 7% from the 2014 rate. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.22 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, an increase of 5% from the 2014 rate.

Medically consulted motor-vehicle injuries in 2015 are estimated to be about 4.4 million. As a result of a refinement made this year to the medically consulted injury estimate, comparison of medically consulted injuries to previous years is not appropriate.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage in 2015 was \$412.1 billion. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage. Due to recent updates to the Council's cost model, comparison of current year cost estimates to previous years is not appropriate.

Table 1
December 2015
Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
United States, Twelve Months, 2012 to 2015*


| Month | Number of Deaths | | | | Percent Changes | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Corresponding Month | | | Four Month Moving Average + | |
| | | | | | 2013 to 2015 | 2013 to 2014 | 2014 to 2015 | 2013 to 2014 | 2014 to 2015 |
| January | 2,782 | 2,642 | 2,572 | 2,810 | 6% | | 9% | | 6% |
| February | 2,533 | 2,296 | 2,248 | 2,380 | 4% | | 6% | | 7% |
| March | 2,954 | 2,791 | 2,589 | 2,820 | 1% | | 9% | | 8% |
| April | 2,906 | 2,719 | 2,720 | 2,900 | 7% | | 7% | | 8% |
| May | 3,145 | 2,988 | 3,038 | 3,320 | 11% | | 9% | | 8% |
| June | 3,235 | 3,181 | 3,084 | 3,330 | 5% | | 8% | | 8% |
| July | 3,336 | 3,119 | 3,227 | 3,650 | 17% | | 13% | | 9% |
| August | 3,267 | 3,378 | 3,277 | 3,680 | 9% | | 12% | | 11% |
| September | 3,151 | 3,184 | 3,069 | 3,450 | 8% | | 12% | | 11% |
| October | 3,090 | 3,173 | 3,304 | 3,500 | 10% | | 6% | | 11% |
| November | 3,022 | 3,076 | 3,175 | 3,160 | 3% | | 0.2% | | 8% |
| December | 2,994 | 2,822 | 3,095 | 3,300 | 17% | | 7% | | 6% |
| TOTAL | 36,415 | 35,369 | 35,398 | 38,300 | 8% | | 8% | | |

NOTE: National Safety Council figures are not comparable to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration figures. NSC counts both traffic and nontraffic deaths that occur within a year of the accident, while NHTSA counts only traffic deaths that occur within 30 days.

The 2012, 2013, and 2014 data are from the National Center for Health Statistics. All other figures are National Safety Council estimates.

* Latest updates: 2012--11/6/14; 2013--2/5/15; 2014--1/13/16.

+ Four-Month Moving Average is based on changes between the totals of four consecutive months. Adding several months together tends to smooth out single-month changes that may be affected by differences in the number of weekends in a month from one year to the next or by other random variations.

 Denotes change of less than 0.5%.

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Table 2
State Motor-Vehicle Deaths, Changes, and Rates

| State | Number of Months Reported | Deaths Identical Periods | | | Percent Changes | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 to 2015 | 2013 to 2015 |
| <i>TOTAL U.S.</i> | 12 | 38,300 | 35,398 | 35,369 | 8% | 8% |
| Alabama | 12 | 846 | 821 | 840 | 3% | 1% |
| Alaska | 12 | 65 | 71 | 50 | -8% | 30% |
| Arizona | 12 | 881 | 768 | 842 | 15% | 5% |
| Arkansas | 12 | 533 | 467 | 481 | 14% | 11% |
| California | 12 | 3,249 | 3,084 | 3,134 | 5% | 4% |
| Colorado | 12 | 545 | 465 | 465 | 17% | 17% |
| Connecticut | 12 | 283 | 249 | 276 | 14% | 3% |
| Delaware | 12 | 130 | 125 | 100 | 4% | 30% |
| Dist. of Columbia | 12 | 26 | 26 | 29 | 0% | -10% |
| Florida | 12 | 2,955 | 2,501 | 2,352 | 18% | 26% |
| Georgia | 12 | 1,394 | 1,145 | 1,158 | 22% | 20% |
| Hawaii | 12 | 94 | 99 | 105 | -5% | -10% |
| Idaho | 12 | 217 | 186 | 213 | 17% | 2% |
| Illinois | 12 | 1,017 | 910 | 999 | 12% | 2% |
| Indiana | 12 | 817 | 727 | 780 | 12% | 5% |
| Iowa | 12 | 320 | 319 | 317 | 0% | 1% |
| Kansas | 12 | 357 | 385 | 349 | -7% | 2% |
| Kentucky | 12 | 748 | 666 | 638 | 12% | 17% |
| Louisiana | 12 | 646 | 630 | 672 | 3% | -4% |
| Maine | 12 | 156 | 135 | 144 | 16% | 8% |
| Maryland | 12 | 508 | 438 | 455 | 16% | 12% |
| Massachusetts | 12 | 354 | 348 | 334 | 2% | 6% |
| Michigan | 12 | 982 | 893 | 952 | 10% | 3% |
| Minnesota | 12 | 409 | 358 | 376 | 14% | 9% |
| Mississippi | 11 | 572 | 560 | 553 | 2% | 3% |
| Missouri | 12 | 862 | 759 | 756 | 14% | 14% |
| Montana | 12 | 224 | 192 | 228 | 17% | -2% |
| Nebraska | 12 | 244 | 221 | 205 | 10% | 19% |
| Nevada | 12 | 326 | 285 | 260 | 14% | 25% |
| New Hampshire | 12 | 114 | 92 | 135 | 24% | -16% |
| New Jersey | 12 | 553 | 563 | 546 | -2% | 1% |
| New Mexico | 12 | 296 | 372 | 308 | -20% | -4% |
| New York | 12 | 1,090 | - | - | - | - |
| North Carolina | 12 | 1,396 | 1,259 | 1,247 | 11% | 12% |
| North Dakota | 12 | 131 | 136 | 149 | -4% | -12% |
| Ohio | 12 | 1,105 | 1,011 | 994 | 9% | 11% |
| Oklahoma | 12 | 631 | 655 | 615 | -4% | 3% |
| Oregon | 12 | 446 | 350 | 314 | 27% | 42% |
| Pennsylvania | 12 | 1,205 | 1,215 | 1,211 | -1% | 0% |
| Rhode Island | 12 | 45 | 52 | 66 | -13% | -32% |
| South Carolina | 12 | 954 | 823 | 761 | 16% | 25% |
| South Dakota | 12 | 133 | 136 | 133 | -2% | 0% |
| Tennessee | 12 | 961 | 967 | 996 | -1% | -4% |
| Texas | 12 | 3,490 | 3,464 | 3,360 | 1% | 4% |
| Utah | 12 | 275 | 256 | 219 | 7% | 26% |
| Vermont | 12 | 57 | 44 | 70 | 30% | -19% |
| Virginia | 12 | 755 | 703 | 741 | 7% | 2% |
| Washington | 12 | 567 | 467 | 429 | 21% | 32% |
| West Virginia | 12 | 270 | 271 | 319 | 0% | -15% |
| Wisconsin | 12 | 561 | 498 | 530 | 13% | 6% |
| Wyoming | 12 | 145 | 149 | 87 | -3% | 67% |

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2013 and 2014 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2015. The totals for 2013 and 2014 are from the National Center for Health Statistics.

States in **bold**: States with a decrease in deaths from 2014 to 2015.

Denotes change of less than 0.5%.