



Motor Vehicle Deaths Down 3% in 2010

The revised total of motor vehicle deaths in 2010 was 34,700, down 3% from 2009. The 2010 estimate is provisional and may be revised when more data are available. The total for 2010 was also 13% lower than the 2008 figure. The annual total for 2009 was 35,900, a 10% decrease from 2008. The 2008 figure was 10% lower than 2007. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.16 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, a 4% decrease from 2009. The estimated annual population death rate is 11.17 deaths per 100,000 population, a 4.5% decrease from 2009.

Medically consulted motor vehicle injuries in 2010 are estimated to be about 3.4 million. Medically consulted injuries are not comparable to previous disabling injury estimates.

The estimated cost of motor vehicle deaths, injuries and property damage in 2010 was \$236.6 billion, a 3% decrease from 2009. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs and property damage.

Table 1
Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
United States, Twelve Months, 2007-2010

Month	Deaths				Percent Changes		
	2007	2008	2009	2010	Corresponding Month		Four-Month
					2008-2010	2008-2009	Moving Average+
January	3,227	3,010	2,770	2,430	-19%	-12%	-14%
February	3,083	3,020	2,500	2,140	-29%	-14%	-14%
March	3,688	3,010	2,770	2,570	-15%	-7%	-13%
April	3,566	3,140	3,050	2,950	-6%	-3%	-9%
May	3,881	3,400	3,240	3,100	-9%	-4%	-7%
June	3,860	3,480	3,250	3,000	-14%	-8%	-6%
July	4,079	3,490	3,250	3,240	-7%	-*	-4%
August	3,915	3,790	3,360	3,300	-13%	-2%	-4%
September	3,790	3,300	3,060	3,200	-3%	5%	-1%
October	3,769	3,500	3,020	3,150	-10%	4%	2%
November	3,606	3,320	2,910	2,930	-12%	1%	2%
December	3,481	3,240	2,720	2,690	-17%	-1%	2%
TOTAL	43,945	39,700	35,900	34,700	-13%	-3%	

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 2007 figures are from the National Center for Health Statistics. The 2008, 2009, and 2010 figures are National Safety Council estimates.

+ 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.

Table 2
STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE DEATHS, CHANGES, AND RATES

STATE	NO. OF MOS.	DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS			PERCENT CHANGES	
		2010	2009	2008	2009 TO 2010	2008 TO 2010
TOTAL U.S.	12	34,700	35,900	39,700	-3%	-13%
Alabama	12	831	790	913	+5%	-9%
ALASKA	12	57	63	63	-10%	-10%
ARIZONA	12	755	798	916	-5%	-18%
ARKANSAS	12	544	574	590	-5%	-8%
CALIFORNIA	12	2,753	3,122	3,491	-12%	-21%
COLORADO	12	444	465	543	-5%	-18%
Connecticut	12	308	228	292	+35%	+5%
DELAWARE	12	101	117	122	-14%	-17%
D.C.	12	25	33	39	-24%	-36%
FLORIDA	12	2,470	2,583	2,957	-4%	-16%
GEORGIA	12	1,200	1,256	1,446	-4%	-17%
Hawaii	12	112	109	107	+3%	+5%
IDAHO	12	209	225	230	-7%	-9%
ILLINOIS	12	923	924	1,039	-*	-11%
Indiana	12	752	692	814	+9%	-8%
Iowa	12	387	372	405	+4%	-4%
Kansas	12	428	364	383	+18%	+12%
KENTUCKY	12	759	793	828	-4%	-8%
LOUISIANA	12	625	804	908	-22%	-31%
Maine	12	162	161	155	+1%	+5%
MARYLAND	12	478	531	557	-10%	-14%
MASSACHUSETTS	12	330	348	346	-5%	-5%
Michigan	12	924	872	970	+6%	-5%
MINNESOTA	12	406	415	435	-2%	-7%
MISSISSIPPI	12	637	681	781	-6%	-18%
MISSOURI	12	819	878	955	-7%	-14%
MONTANA	12	189	220	229	-14%	-17%
NEBRASKA	12	186	223	208	-17%	-11%
Nevada	12	255	243	322	+5%	-21%
New Hampshire	12	128	110	141	+16%	-9%
NEW JERSEY	12	554	586	595	-5%	-7%
NEW MEXICO	12	346	364	362	-5%	-4%
New York	X	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH CAROLINA	12	1,275	1,279	1,394	-*	-9%
NORTH DAKOTA	12	105	140	104	-25%	+1%
Ohio	12	1,090	1,026	1,207	+6%	-10%
OKLAHOMA	12	631	701	705	-10%	-10%
OREGON	12	323	381	421	-15%	-23%
Pennsylvania	12	1,328	1,256	1,349	+6%	-2%
RHODE ISLAND	12	67	83	66	-19%	+2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	12	784	895	915	-12%	-14%
South Dakota	12	137	115	118	+19%	+16%
Tennessee	12	1,027	966	1,009	+6%	+2%
TEXAS	12	2,798	2,948	3,377	-5%	-17%
UTAH	12	235	244	271	-4%	-13%
Vermont	X	-	-	-	-	-
VIRGINIA	12	735	753	818	-2%	-10%
WASHINGTON	12	445	477	508	-7%	-12%
WEST VIRGINIA	12	314	358	380	-12%	-17%
Wisconsin	12	564	547	589	+3%	-4%
Wyoming	12	153	134	159	+14%	-4%

X Incomplete reports * Less than 0.5%

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2008 and 2009 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2010.

UPPER CASE: States with a decrease in deaths from 2009 to 2010.