



NSC Motor Vehicle Fatality Estimates

Prepared by the Statistics Department
National Safety Council

Motor-vehicle deaths decrease in first six months of 2017.

Motor-vehicle deaths for January through June of 2017 totaled 18,680. This figure is down 1% from the corresponding period in 2016. The January through June figure for 2017 was up 8% from the 2015 figure. The January through June total for 2016 was 18,930, a 10% increase from 2015. The 2015 figure was 6% higher than 2014. The estimated annual population death rate is 12.2 deaths per 100,000 population, down 2% from the preliminary 2016 rate. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.2 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, unchanged from the preliminary 2016 rate.

Medically consulted motor-vehicle injuries for the first six months of 2017 are estimated to be about 2,148,000, a 2% decrease from 2016.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage through June was \$191.1 billion, a 7% decrease from 2016.

Table 1
June 2017
Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
United States, Six Months, 2014 to 2017*

Month	Number of Deaths				Percent Changes				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Corresponding Month			Four Month Moving Average +	
					2015 to 2017	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017
January	2,572	2,754	2,740	3,010	9%		10%		6%
February	2,248	2,350	2,880	2,680	14%		-7%		2%
March	2,589	2,764	3,070	3,020	9%		-2%		-1%
April	2,720	2,830	3,170	3,250	15%		3%		1%
May	3,038	3,339	3,520	3,390	2%		-4%		-2%
June	3,084	3,222	3,550	3,330	3%		-6%		-2%
6 Months	16,251	17,259	18,930	18,680	8%		-1%		
July	3,227	3,530	3,560				1%		7%
August	3,277	3,642	3,740				3%		5%
September	3,069	3,372	3,560				6%		5%
October	3,304	3,550	3,790				7%		4%
November	3,175	3,159	3,480				10%		6%
December	3,095	3,245	3,140				-3%		5%
TOTAL	35,398	37,757	40,200	39,950 #					

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 2014 and 2015 data are from the National Center for Health Statistics. All other figures are National Safety Council estimates.

* Latest updates: 2014--1/13/16; 2015--12/5/16; 2016--2/7/17.

+ 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.

Deaths for the twelve-month period ending June 2017.

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

State	Number of Months Reported	Deaths Identical Periods			Percent Changes	
		2017	2016	2015	2016 to 2017	2015 to 2017
<i>TOTAL U.S.</i>	6	18,680	18,930	17,259	-1%	8%
Alabama	6	471	479	381	-2%	24%
Alaska	6	33	34	27	-3%	22%
Arizona	6	469	473	451	-1%	4%
Arkansas	6	240	263	237	-9%	1%
California	6	1,492	1,702	1,566	-12%	-5%
Colorado	6	265	254	236	4%	12%
Connecticut	6	148	138	95	7%	56%
Delaware	6	42	60	47	-30%	-11%
Dist. of Columbia	6	16	9	10	78%	60%
Florida	6	1,570	1,590	1,441	-1%	9%
Georgia	6	735	701	657	5%	12%
Hawaii	6	53	48	52	10%	2%
Idaho	6	103	115	84	-10%	23%
Illinois	6	516	494	442	4%	17%
Indiana	6	429	383	356	12%	21%
Iowa	6	142	182	134	-22%	6%
Kansas	6	216	195	149	11%	45%
Kentucky	6	353	373	326	-5%	8%
Louisiana	6	413	314	330	32%	25%
Maine	6	64	63	62	2%	3%
Maryland	6	242	231	224	5%	8%
Massachusetts	6	180	179	149	1%	21%
Michigan	6	491	462	409	6%	20%
Minnesota	6	162	173	187	-6%	-13%
Mississippi	6	319	326	288	-2%	11%
Missouri	6	422	410	383	3%	10%
Montana	6	77	77	72	0%	7%
Nebraska	6	100	100	109	0%	-8%
Nevada	6	147	141	147	4%	0%
New Hampshire	6	53	61	38	-13%	39%
New Jersey	6	269	272	245	-1%	10%
New Mexico	6	172	187	131	-8%	31%
New York	6	403	411	430	-2%	-6%
North Carolina	6	671	668	634	0%	6%
North Dakota	6	52	45	61	16%	-15%
Ohio	6	511	505	499	1%	2%
Oklahoma	6	281	322	303	-13%	-7%
Oregon	6	185	217	204	-15%	-9%
Pennsylvania	6	539	569	552	-5%	-2%
Rhode Island	6	39	23	21	70%	86%
South Carolina	6	492	458	445	7%	11%
South Dakota	6	32	44	44	-27%	-27%
Tennessee	6	486	502	437	-3%	11%
Texas	6	1,733	1,824	1,643	-5%	5%
Utah	6	122	133	129	-8%	-5%
Vermont	6	26	31	19	-16%	37%
Virginia	6	377	348	344	8%	10%
Washington	6	237	253	235	-6%	1%
West Virginia	6	124	109	119	14%	4%
Wisconsin	6	272	277	254	-2%	7%
Wyoming	6	67	42	66	60%	2%

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2015 and 2016 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2017. The total for 2015 is from the National Center for Health Statistics.

States in **bold**: States with a decrease in deaths from 2016 to 2017.

Denotes change of less than 0.5%.