NSC Motor Vehicle Fatality Estimates

Prepared by the Statistics Department
National Safety Council

Motor-vehicle deaths up less than 0.5% in 2014.

Motor-vehicle deaths in 2014 totaled 35,400, up less than 0.5% from 2013. The 2014 estimate is provisional and may be revised when more data are available. The total for 2014 was down 3% from the 2012 figure. The annual total for 2013 was 35,369, a 3% decrease from 2012. The 2012 figure was 3% higher than 2011. The estimated annual population death rate is 11.07 deaths per 100,000 population, a decrease of 1% from the 2013 rate. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.18 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, a decrease of 1% from the 2013 rate.

Medically consulted motor-vehicle injuries in 2014 are estimated to be about 4.3 million, unchanged from 2013. Medically consulted injuries are not comparable to previous disabling injury estimates.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage in 2014 was $288.9 billion, a less than 0.5% increase from 2013. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage.

Table 1
December 2014
Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
United States, Twelve Months, 2011 to 2014

	Number of Deaths				Percent Changes				
					Corresponding Month			Four Month Moving Average +	
Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2012 to 2014	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
January	2,471	2,782	2,642	2,570	-8%		-3%		-1%
February	2,236	2,533	2,296	2,280	-10%		-1%		-2%
March	2,662	2,954	2,791	2,610	-12%		-6%		-4%
April	2,805	2,906	2,719	2,740	-6%		1%		-2%
May	3,030	3,145	2,988	3,060	-3%		2%		-1%
June	3,130	3,235	3,181	3,140	-3%		-1%		-1%
July	3,417	3,336	3,119	3,180	-5%		2%		1%
August	3,288	3,267	3,378	3,240	-1%		-4%		0%
September	3,080	3,151	3,184	3,020	-4%		-5%		-2%
October	3,336	3,090	3,173	3,280	6%		3%		-1%
November	2,962	3,022	3,076	3,180	5%		3%		-1%
December	2,886	2,994	2,822	3,100	4%		10%		3%
TOTAL	**35,303**	**36,415**	**35,369**	**35,400**	-3%		0%		

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 2011, 2012, and 2013 data are from the National Center for Health Statistics. All other figures are National Safety Council estimates.

* Latest updates: 2011--6/7/14; 2012--11/6/14; 2013--2/5/15.

\+ 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.

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

		Deaths Identical Periods			Percent Changes	
State	Number of Months Reported	2014	2013	2012	2013 to 2014	2012 to 2014
TOTAL U.S.	*12*	*35,400*	*35,369*	*36,415*	*0%*	*-3%*
Alabama	12	821	840	833	-2%	-1%
Alaska	12	71	50	59	42%	20%
Arizona	12	768	842	817	-9%	-6%
Arkansas	12	467	481	545	-3%	-14%
California	12	3,084	3,134	2,994	-2%	3%
Colorado	12	465	465	466	0%	0%
Connecticut	12	249	276	262	-10%	-5%
Delaware	12	125	100	116	25%	8%
Dist. of Columbia	12	26	29	19	-10%	37%
Florida	12	2,501	2,352	2,442	6%	2%
Georgia	12	1,145	1,158	1,182	-1%	-3%
Hawaii	12	99	105	125	-6%	-21%
Idaho	12	186	213	185	-13%	1%
Illinois	12	910	999	952	-9%	-4%
Indiana	12	726	780	778	-7%	-7%
Iowa	12	319	317	362	1%	-12%
Kansas	12	385	349	409	10%	-6%
Kentucky	12	666	638	743	4%	-10%
Louisiana	12	630	672	670	-6%	-6%
Maine	12	135	144	162	-6%	-17%
Maryland	12	438	455	498	-4%	-12%
Massachusetts	10	272	257	301	6%	-10%
Michigan	12	893	952	932	-6%	-4%
Minnesota	12	358	376	385	-5%	-7%
Mississippi	7	319	281	277	14%	15%
Missouri	12	759	756	830	0%	-9%
Montana	12	192	228	204	-16%	-6%
Nebraska	11	207	188	195	10%	6%
Nevada	12	285	260	258	10%	10%
New Hampshire	12	92	135	105	-32%	-12%
New Jersey	12	563	546	591	3%	-5%
New Mexico	10	297	264	282	13%	5%
New York	0	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	12	1,259	1,247	1,269	1%	-1%
North Dakota	12	136	149	170	-9%	-20%
Ohio	12	1,011	994	1,113	2%	-9%
Oklahoma	12	655	615	642	7%	2%
Oregon	12	350	314	333	11%	5%
Pennsylvania	12	1,215	1,211	1,311	0%	-7%
Rhode Island	11	46	60	58	-23%	-21%
South Carolina	12	823	761	845	8%	-3%
South Dakota	12	136	133	134	2%	1%
Tennessee	12	967	996	1,019	-3%	-5%
Texas	12	3,464	3,360	3,339	3%	4%
Utah	12	256	219	217	17%	18%
Vermont	12	44	70	77	-37%	-43%
Virginia	12	703	741	774	-5%	-9%
Washington	9	352	317	331	11%	6%
West Virginia	12	271	319	335	-15%	-19%
Wisconsin	12	498	530	601	-6%	-17%
Wyoming	12	149	87	120	71%	24%

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2012 and 2013 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2014.

States in **bold**: States with a decrease in deaths from 2013 to 2014.

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