

STATISTICS

April 2004 traffic deaths down 1 percent

Motor-vehicle deaths in April totaled 3,590, down 1 percent from the April 2003 total of 3,610.

Deaths for the first four months of 2004 totaled 13,380, up 3 percent from the 2003 total of 13,040. Disabling injuries in 2004 through April totaled nearly 695,800, up 2 percent from 2003. These are injuries resulting in disability beyond the day of the collision; they do not include minor injuries, which number approximately twice as many.

The cost of motor-vehicle collisions for the first four months of 2004 totaled nearly \$73.9 billion, up 25 percent from 2003. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs and vehicle damage.

The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.6 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, a 7 percent increase from 2003.

Notes to table

State traffic authorities report deaths. All figures are preliminary. To ensure proper comparisons, 2002 and 2003 figures cover the same reporting period as those for 2004.

States shown in color had fewer deaths in 2004 than they did in 2003 for the same reporting period.

Population rate: U.S. population rate and state population rates are the estimated annual number of deaths per 100,000 population. The U.S. population and the state population rates are based on July 1, 2003, population estimates, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington.

Mileage rate: The mileage rate is the number of deaths per 100 million vehicle miles of travel.

STATE MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS, CHANGES AND RATES APRIL 2004

STATE	NO. OF MONTHS	DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS			PERCENT CHANGES			
		2004	2003	2002	2003 TO 2004	2002 TO 2004	2004 POP. RATE	2004 MLG. RATE
Total U.S.	4	13,380	13,040	13,260	+3%	+1%	15.7	1.6
Alabama	3	227	199	228	+14%	-*%	20.2	1.6
Alaska	3	12	22	17	-45%	-29%	7.4	1.0
Arizona	4	312	264	342	+18%	-9%	16.8	1.8
Arkansas	4	183	169	175	+8%	+5%	20.1	1.8
California	4	1,178	1,127	1,012	+5%	+16%	10.0	1.1
Colorado	4	186	175	181	+6%	+3%	12.3	1.3
Connecticut	2	46	39	44	+18%	+5%	7.9	0.9
Delaware	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	3	13	9	15	+44%	-13%	9.2	1.5
Florida	4	1,073	1,023	1,007	+5%	+7%	18.9	1.8
Georgia	4	444	409	394	+9%	+13%	15.3	1.2
Hawaii	3	44	29	32	+52%	+38%	14.0	2.0
Idaho	4	58	74	72	-22%	-19%	12.7	1.2
Illinois	1	74	112	122	-34%	-39%	7.0	0.8
Indiana	4	237	204	239	+16%	-1%	11.5	1.0
Iowa	4	79	134	98	-41%	-19%	8.1	0.8
Kansas	4	86	105	120	-18%	-28%	9.5	0.9
Kentucky	4	248	269	279	-8%	-11%	18.1	1.6
Louisiana	4	257	247	238	+4%	+8%	17.1	1.8
Maine	4	55	56	58	-2%	-5%	12.6	1.1
Maryland	4	165	170	183	-3%	-10%	9.0	0.9
Massachusetts	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	4	271	333	335	-19%	-19%	8.1	0.8
Minnesota	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	4	331	336	323	-1%	+2%	17.4	1.4
Montana	4	48	56	46	-14%	+4%	15.7	1.4
Nebraska	4	69	81	108	-15%	-36%	11.9	1.1
Nevada	4	110	101	114	+9%	-4%	14.7	1.8
New Hampshire	1	13	7	14	+86%	-7%	12.1	1.2
New Jersey	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	4	126	127	136	-1%	-7%	20.2	1.6
New York	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	4	26	17	25	+53%	+4%	12.3	1.1
Ohio	4	361	332	341	+9%	+6%	9.5	1.0
Oklahoma	4	245	189	192	+30%	+28%	20.9	1.6
Oregon	4	122	144	134	-15%	-9%	10.3	1.0
Pennsylvania	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	4	308	255	322	+21%	-4%	22.3	1.9
South Dakota	3	29	46	43	-37%	-33%	15.2	1.4
Tennessee	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Texas	3	632	524	638	+21%	-1%	11.4	1.1
Utah	4	68	73	79	-7%	-14%	8.7	0.8
Vermont	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia	4	262	274	272	-4%	-4%	10.6	1.0
Washington	4	150	159	185	-6%	-19%	7.3	0.8
West Virginia	3	77	76	79	+1%	-3%	17.0	1.5
Wisconsin	4	214	245	213	-13%	+*	11.7	1.1
Wyoming	4	44	41	35	+7%	+26%	26.3	1.5

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*Less than 0.5%