

STATISTICS

December traffic deaths down 1 percent

Motor vehicle deaths in December 2003 totaled 3,820, down 1 percent from the December 2002 total of 3,840.

Deaths in 2003 totaled 44,500, up 1 percent from the 2002 total of 44,000. The 2003 estimate is provisional and may be revised when more data are available. Disabling injuries in 2003 totaled nearly 2.3 million, unchanged from 2002. 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 in 2003 totaled nearly \$245.4 billion, up 1 percent from 2002. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs and vehicle damage.

The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.57 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, up 1 percent from 2002.

Notes to table

State traffic authorities report deaths. All figures are preliminary. To ensure proper comparisons, 2001 and 2002 figures cover the same reporting period as those for 2003.

States shown in red had fewer deaths in 2003 than they did in 2002 for the same reporting period.

Population Rate: The 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 DECEMBER 2003

STATE	NO. OF MONTHS	DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS			PERCENT CHANGES			
		2003	2002	2001	2002 TO 2003	2001 TO 2003	2003 POP. RATE	2003 MLG. RATE
TOTAL U.S.	12	44,500	44,000	43,700	+1%	+2%	15.4	1.6
Alabama	12	901	996	958	-10%	-6%	20.1	1.6
Alaska	12	95	78	80	+22%	+19%	14.8	2.0
Arizona	12	1,050	1,045	976	+*%	+8%	19.2	2.0
Arkansas	12	619	633	612	-2%	+1%	22.8	2.1
California	12	4,047	3,528	3,423	+15%	+18%	11.5	1.3
Colorado	12	611	713	721	-14%	-15%	13.6	1.4
Connecticut	12	302	324	314	-7%	-4%	8.7	1.0
Delaware	10	100	102	109	-2%	-8%	14.9	1.4
District of Columbia	12	68	50	71	+36%	-4%	11.9	1.8
Florida	12	3,120	3,091	2,931	+1%	+6%	18.7	2.0
Georgia	12	1,462	1,465	1,506	-*%	-3%	17.1	1.3
Hawaii	12	139	115	139	+21%	0%	11.2	1.6
Idaho	12	289	264	260	+9%	+11%	21.6	2.0
Illinois	12	1,443	1,407	1,401	+3%	+3%	11.5	1.4
Indiana	12	787	783	909	+1%	-13%	12.8	1.1
Iowa	12	436	408	449	+7%	-3%	14.8	1.4
Kansas	5	166	164	163	+1%	+2%	14.7	1.4
Kentucky	12	884	890	822	-1%	+8%	21.6	1.9
Louisiana	12	818	817	874	+*%	-6%	18.2	2.0
Maine	12	200	215	191	-7%	+5%	15.5	1.4
Maryland	12	623	645	651	-3%	-4%	11.4	1.2
Massachusetts	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	12	1,236	1,229	1,274	+1%	-3%	12.3	1.2
Minnesota	12	628	635	558	-1%	+13%	12.5	1.2
Mississippi	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	12	1,192	1,183	1,087	+1%	+10%	21.0	1.7
Montana	12	262	268	230	-2%	+14%	28.8	2.6
Nebraska	12	294	307	246	-4%	+20%	17.0	1.6
Nevada	12	367	369	312	-1%	+18%	16.9	2.0
New Hampshire	12	126	126	142	0%	-11%	9.9	1.0
New Jersey	11	613	724	665	-15%	-8%	7.8	1.0
New Mexico	12	437	457	473	-4%	-8%	23.6	1.8
New York	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	11	1,398	1,437	1,385	-3%	+1%	18.3	1.6
North Dakota	12	103	97	105	+6%	-2%	16.2	1.4
Ohio	12	1,253	1,277	1,191	-2%	+5%	11.0	1.2
Oklahoma	12	638	717	670	-11%	-5%	18.3	1.4
Oregon	12	511	432	491	+18%	+4%	14.5	1.5
Pennsylvania	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	12	104	84	81	+24%	+28%	9.7	1.3
South Carolina	12	966	1,050	1,049	-8%	-8%	23.5	2.0
South Dakota	12	197	175	167	+13%	+18%	25.9	2.3
Tennessee	12	1,122	1,132	1,188	-1%	-6%	19.4	1.6
Texas	12	3,398	3,158	3,105	+8%	+9%	15.6	1.5
Utah	12	303	326	290	-7%	+4%	13.1	1.3
Vermont	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia	12	895	876	901	+2%	-1%	12.3	1.2
Washington	12	582	637	602	-9%	-3%	9.6	1.1
West Virginia	12	374	437	357	-14%	+5%	20.8	1.9
Wisconsin	12	840	805	766	+4%	+10%	15.4	1.4
Wyoming	12	165	176	186	-6%	-11%	33.1	1.9

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