

# STATISTICS

## February Traffic Deaths Up 2 Percent

Motor vehicle deaths in February totaled 3,020, up 2 percent from the February 2003 total of 2,960.

Deaths for the first two months of 2004 totaled 6,220, up 1 percent from the 2003 total of 6,130. Disabling injuries in 2004 through February totaled nearly 323,000, up less than 0.5 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 two months of 2004 totaled nearly \$34.3 billion, up 22 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, up 14 percent 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:** 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

STATE	NO. OF MONTHS	DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS			PERCENT CHANGES			
		2003	2002	2001	2002 TO 2003	2001 TO 2003	2003 POP. RATE	2003 MLG. RATE
<b>TOTAL U.S.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Alabama	2	118	119	125	-1%	-6%	15.7	1.2
Alaska	2	11	14	11	-21%	0%	10.2	1.3
Arizona	2	109	112	138	-3%	-21%	11.7	1.3
Arkansas	2	84	73	73	+15%	+15%	18.5	1.7
California	2	563	543	463	+4%	+22%	9.5	1.0
Colorado	2	88	83	87	+6%	+1%	11.6	1.2
Connecticut	2	46	39	44	+18%	+5%	7.9	0.9
Delaware	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	2	451	447	465	+1%	-3%	15.9	1.5
Georgia	2	192	176	166	+9%	+16%	13.3	1.1
Hawaii	2	32	20	24	+60%	+33%	15.3	2.1
Idaho	2	23	26	30	-12%	-23%	10.1	1.0
Illinois	1	74	112	122	-34%	-39%	7.0	0.8
Indiana	2	70	106	119	-34%	-41%	6.8	0.6
Iowa	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	2	109	110	139	-1%	-22%	15.9	1.4
Louisiana	2	92	114	124	-19%	-26%	12.3	1.3
Maine	2	34	23	31	+48%	+10%	15.6	1.4
Maryland	2	69	81	85	-15%	-19%	7.5	0.8
Massachusetts	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	2	121	168	176	-28%	-31%	7.2	0.7
Minnesota	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	2	155	150	166	+3%	-7%	16.3	1.4
Montana	2	22	34	25	-35%	-12%	14.4	1.3
Nebraska	2	39	38	50	+3%	-22%	13.5	1.2
Nevada	2	53	59	61	-10%	-13%	14.2	1.8
New Hampshire	1	13	7	14	+86%	-7%	12.1	1.2
New Jersey	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	2	18	8	14	+125%	+29%	17.0	1.5
Ohio	2	172	165	155	+4%	+11%	9.0	0.9
Oklahoma	1	51	40	43	+28%	+19%	17.4	1.3
Oregon	2	49	60	75	-18%	-35%	8.3	0.8
Pennsylvania	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	2	164	105	137	+56%	+20%	23.7	2.1
South Dakota	2	15	31	28	-52%	-46%	11.8	1.1
Tennessee	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	2	441	342	399	+29%	+11%	12.0	1.2
Utah	2	22	36	41	-39%	-46%	5.6	0.5
Vermont	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2	139	106	126	+31%	+10%	11.3	1.1
Washington	2	58	79	90	-27%	-36%	5.7	0.6
West Virginia	2	47	43	52	+9%	-10%	15.6	1.4
Wisconsin	2	111	114	106	-3%	+5%	12.2	1.1
Wyoming	2	18	16	13	+13%	+38%	21.6	1.2

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