

STATISTICS

March traffic deaths up 5 percent

Motor vehicle deaths in March totaled 3,440, up 5 percent from the March 2003 total of 3,290.

Deaths for the first three months of 2004 totaled 9,670, up 3 percent from the 2003 total of 9,420. Disabling injuries in 2004 through March totaled nearly 502,800, up 3 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 three months of 2004 totaled nearly \$53.4 billion, up 26 percent increase 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			
		2004	2003	2002	2003 TO 2004	2002 TO 2004	2004 POP. RATE	2004 MLG. RATE
Total U.S.	3	9,670	9,420	9,930	+3%	-3%	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	3	217	216	263	+*%	-17%	15.6	1.7
Arkansas	3	115	111	125	+4%	-8%	16.9	1.5
California	3	859	845	761	+2%	+13%	9.7	1.1
Colorado	3	121	123	145	-2%	-17%	10.6	1.1
Connecticut	2	46	39	44	+18%	+5%	7.9	0.9
Delaware	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	3	775	755	733	+3%	+6%	18.2	1.7
Georgia	3	311	301	294	+3%	+6%	14.3	1.1
Hawaii	3	44	29	32	+52%	+38%	14.0	2.0
Idaho	3	41	50	52	-18%	-21%	12.0	1.1
Illinois	1	74	112	122	-34%	-39%	7.0	0.8
Indiana	3	143	158	181	-9%	-21%	9.2	0.8
Iowa	3	62	92	70	-33%	-11%	8.4	0.8
Kansas	3	67	83	94	-19%	-29%	9.8	0.9
Kentucky	3	172	191	213	-10%	-19%	16.7	1.5
Louisiana	3	141	180	190	-22%	-26%	12.5	1.3
Maine	3	45	40	48	+13%	-6%	13.8	1.2
Maryland	3	121	129	133	-6%	-9%	8.8	0.9
Massachusetts	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	3	199	244	236	-18%	-16%	7.9	0.8
Minnesota	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	2	155	150	166	+3%	-7%	16.3	1.4
Montana	3	37	45	33	-18%	+12%	16.1	1.4
Nebraska	3	51	53	78	-4%	-35%	11.7	1.1
Nevada	3	82	81	88	+1%	-7%	14.6	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	3	23	11	18	+109%	+28%	14.5	1.2
Ohio	3	251	232	249	+8%	+1%	8.8	0.9
Oklahoma	3	180	139	141	+29%	+28%	20.5	1.6
Oregon	2	49	60	75	-18%	-35%	8.3	0.8
Pennsylvania	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	3	227	168	228	+35%	-*%	21.9	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	3	50	53	60	-6%	-17%	8.5	0.8
Vermont	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia	3	206	142	211	+45%	-2%	11.2	1.1
Washington	3	114	110	136	+4%	-16%	7.4	0.8
West Virginia	3	77	76	79	+1%	-3%	17.0	1.5
Wisconsin	3	164	172	158	-5%	+4%	12.0	1.1
Wyoming	3	27	23	24	+17%	+13%	21.6	1.2

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