

STATISTICS

July traffic deaths decrease 7 percent

Motor vehicle deaths in July totaled 3,900, down 7 percent from the July 2003 total of 4,210.

Deaths for the first seven months of 2004 totaled 24,830, down less than 0.5 percent from the 2003 total of 24,900. Disabling injuries in 2004 through July totaled nearly 1.34 million, up 6 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 seven months of 2004 totaled nearly \$134.3 billion, down less than 0.5 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 1.5 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, unchanged 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 rate and 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 JULY 2004

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.	7	24,830	24,900	25,160	-*%	-1%	15.2	1.5
Alabama	5	445	324	402	+37%	+11%	23.7	1.8
Alaska	7	50	55	40	-9%	+25%	13.2	1.7
Arizona	7	563	557	616	+1%	-9%	17.3	1.9
Arkansas	7	358	335	334	+7%	+7%	22.5	2.0
California	7	2,144	2,076	1,967	+3%	+9%	10.4	1.1
Colorado	6	303	294	346	+3%	-12%	13.3	1.4
Connecticut	6	135	140	132	-4%	+2%	7.8	0.9
Delaware	6	61	56	49	+9%	+24%	14.9	1.4
District of Columbia	7	32	38	34	-16%	-6%	9.7	1.5
Florida	7	1,847	1,761	1,724	+5%	+7%	18.6	1.8
Georgia	7	837	805	758	+4%	+10%	16.5	1.3
Hawaii	6	71	64	57	+11%	+25%	11.3	1.6
Idaho	7	136	166	146	-18%	-7%	17.1	1.6
Illinois	7	750	824	793	-9%	-5%	10.2	1.2
Indiana	7	466	444	447	+5%	+4%	12.9	1.1
Iowa	7	201	255	222	-21%	-9%	11.7	1.1
Kansas	7	204	275	256	-26%	-20%	12.8	1.2
Kentucky	7	518	511	536	+1%	-3%	21.6	1.9
Louisiana	7	502	452	476	+11%	+5%	19.1	2.0
Maine	5	73	73	77	0%	-5%	13.4	1.2
Maryland	6	278	270	286	+3%	-3%	10.1	1.0
Massachusetts	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	7	562	633	704	-11%	-20%	9.6	1.0
Minnesota	7	293	365	333	-20%	-12%	9.9	0.9
Mississippi	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	7	654	658	650	-1%	+1%	19.7	1.6
Montana	7	120	136	130	-12%	-8%	22.4	2.0
Nebraska	7	143	169	176	-15%	-19%	14.1	1.3
Nevada	7	223	198	205	+13%	+9%	17.1	2.1
New Hampshire	1	13	7	14	+86%	-7%	12.1	1.2
New Jersey	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	6	235	203	213	+16%	+10%	25.1	2.0
New York	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	7	56	42	51	+33%	+10%	15.1	1.3
Ohio	7	697	630	654	+11%	+7%	10.4	1.1
Oklahoma	5	313	235	257	+33%	+22%	21.4	1.6
Oregon	7	259	277	254	-6%	+2%	12.5	1.3
Pennsylvania	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	6	39	50	32	-22%	+22%	7.2	0.9
South Carolina	7	580	517	606	+12%	-4%	24.0	2.1
South Dakota	7	103	109	98	-6%	+5%	23.1	2.1
Tennessee	6	529	508	537	+4%	-1%	18.1	1.5
Texas	6	1,403	1,626	1,605	-14%	-13%	12.7	1.3
Utah	7	157	169	173	-7%	-9%	11.4	1.1
Vermont	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virginia	7	517	468	486	+10%	+6%	12.0	1.1
Washington	7	313	303	345	+3%	-9%	8.8	1.0
West Virginia	6	175	178	190	-2%	-8%	19.3	1.7
Wisconsin	7	427	491	437	-13%	-2%	13.4	1.2
Wyoming	7	84	90	96	-7%	-13%	28.7	1.6

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* Less than 0.5%