



NSC Motor Vehicle Fatality Estimates

Prepared by the Statistics Department
National Safety Council

Motor-vehicle deaths decrease in first six months of 2017.

Motor-vehicle deaths for January through June of 2017 totaled 18,680. This figure is down 1% from the corresponding period in 2016. The January through June figure for 2017 was up 8% from the 2015 figure. The January through June total for 2016 was 18,930, a 10% increase from 2015. The 2015 figure was 6% higher than 2014. The estimated annual population death rate is 12.2 deaths per 100,000 population, down 2% from the preliminary 2016 rate. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.2 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, unchanged from the preliminary 2016 rate.

Medically consulted motor-vehicle injuries for the first six months of 2017 are estimated to be about 2,148,000, a 2% decrease from 2016.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage through June was \$191.1 billion, a 7% decrease from 2016.

Table 1
June 2017
Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
United States, Six Months, 2014 to 2017*

| Month | Number of Deaths | | | | Percent Changes | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Corresponding Month | | | Four Month Moving Average + | |
| | | | | | 2015 to 2017 | 2015 to 2016 | 2016 to 2017 | 2015 to 2016 | 2016 to 2017 |
| January | 2,572 | 2,754 | 2,740 | 3,010 | 9% | | 10% | | 6% |
| February | 2,248 | 2,350 | 2,880 | 2,680 | 14% | | -7% | | 2% |
| March | 2,589 | 2,764 | 3,070 | 3,020 | 9% | | -2% | | -1% |
| April | 2,720 | 2,830 | 3,170 | 3,250 | 15% | | 3% | | 1% |
| May | 3,038 | 3,339 | 3,520 | 3,390 | 2% | | -4% | | -2% |
| June | 3,084 | 3,222 | 3,550 | 3,330 | 3% | | -6% | | -2% |
| 6 Months | 16,251 | 17,259 | 18,930 | 18,680 | 8% | | -1% | | |
| July | 3,227 | 3,530 | 3,560 | | | | 1% | | 7% |
| August | 3,277 | 3,642 | 3,740 | | | | 3% | | 5% |
| September | 3,069 | 3,372 | 3,560 | | | | 6% | | 5% |
| October | 3,304 | 3,550 | 3,790 | | | | 7% | | 4% |
| November | 3,175 | 3,159 | 3,480 | | | | 10% | | 6% |
| December | 3,095 | 3,245 | 3,140 | | | | -3% | | 5% |
| TOTAL | 35,398 | 37,757 | 40,200 | 39,950 # | | | | | |

NOTE: National Safety Council figures are not comparable to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration figures. NSC counts both traffic and nontraffic deaths that occur within a year of the accident, while NHTSA counts only traffic deaths that occur within 30 days.

The 2014 and 2015 data are from the National Center for Health Statistics. All other figures are National Safety Council estimates.

* Latest updates: 2014--1/13/16; 2015--12/5/16; 2016--2/7/17.

+ Four-Month Moving Average is based on changes between the totals of four consecutive months. Adding several months together tends to smooth out single-month changes that may be affected by differences in the number of weekends in a month from one year to the next or by other random variations.

Deaths for the twelve-month period ending June 2017.

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Table 2
State Motor-Vehicle Deaths, Changes, and Rates

| State | Number of Months Reported | Deaths Identical Periods | | | Percent Changes | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 to 2017 | 2015 to 2017 |
| <i>TOTAL U.S.</i> | 6 | 18,680 | 18,930 | 17,259 | -1% | 8% |
| Alabama | 6 | 471 | 479 | 381 | -2% | 24% |
| Alaska | 6 | 33 | 34 | 27 | -3% | 22% |
| Arizona | 6 | 469 | 473 | 451 | -1% | 4% |
| Arkansas | 6 | 240 | 263 | 237 | -9% | 1% |
| California | 6 | 1,492 | 1,702 | 1,566 | -12% | -5% |
| Colorado | 6 | 265 | 254 | 236 | 4% | 12% |
| Connecticut | 6 | 148 | 138 | 95 | 7% | 56% |
| Delaware | 6 | 42 | 60 | 47 | -30% | -11% |
| Dist. of Columbia | 6 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 78% | 60% |
| Florida | 6 | 1,570 | 1,590 | 1,441 | -1% | 9% |
| Georgia | 6 | 735 | 701 | 657 | 5% | 12% |
| Hawaii | 6 | 53 | 48 | 52 | 10% | 2% |
| Idaho | 6 | 103 | 115 | 84 | -10% | 23% |
| Illinois | 6 | 516 | 494 | 442 | 4% | 17% |
| Indiana | 6 | 429 | 383 | 356 | 12% | 21% |
| Iowa | 6 | 142 | 182 | 134 | -22% | 6% |
| Kansas | 6 | 216 | 195 | 149 | 11% | 45% |
| Kentucky | 6 | 353 | 373 | 326 | -5% | 8% |
| Louisiana | 6 | 413 | 314 | 330 | 32% | 25% |
| Maine | 6 | 64 | 63 | 62 | 2% | 3% |
| Maryland | 6 | 242 | 231 | 224 | 5% | 8% |
| Massachusetts | 6 | 180 | 179 | 149 | 1% | 21% |
| Michigan | 6 | 491 | 462 | 409 | 6% | 20% |
| Minnesota | 6 | 162 | 173 | 187 | -6% | -13% |
| Mississippi | 6 | 319 | 326 | 288 | -2% | 11% |
| Missouri | 6 | 422 | 410 | 383 | 3% | 10% |
| Montana | 6 | 77 | 77 | 72 | 0% | 7% |
| Nebraska | 6 | 100 | 100 | 109 | 0% | -8% |
| Nevada | 6 | 147 | 141 | 147 | 4% | 0% |
| New Hampshire | 6 | 53 | 61 | 38 | -13% | 39% |
| New Jersey | 6 | 269 | 272 | 245 | -1% | 10% |
| New Mexico | 6 | 172 | 187 | 131 | -8% | 31% |
| New York | 6 | 403 | 411 | 430 | -2% | -6% |
| North Carolina | 6 | 671 | 668 | 634 | 0% | 6% |
| North Dakota | 6 | 52 | 45 | 61 | 16% | -15% |
| Ohio | 6 | 511 | 505 | 499 | 1% | 2% |
| Oklahoma | 6 | 281 | 322 | 303 | -13% | -7% |
| Oregon | 6 | 185 | 217 | 204 | -15% | -9% |
| Pennsylvania | 6 | 539 | 569 | 552 | -5% | -2% |
| Rhode Island | 6 | 39 | 23 | 21 | 70% | 86% |
| South Carolina | 6 | 492 | 458 | 445 | 7% | 11% |
| South Dakota | 6 | 32 | 44 | 44 | -27% | -27% |
| Tennessee | 6 | 486 | 502 | 437 | -3% | 11% |
| Texas | 6 | 1,733 | 1,824 | 1,643 | -5% | 5% |
| Utah | 6 | 122 | 133 | 129 | -8% | -5% |
| Vermont | 6 | 26 | 31 | 19 | -16% | 37% |
| Virginia | 6 | 377 | 348 | 344 | 8% | 10% |
| Washington | 6 | 237 | 253 | 235 | -6% | 1% |
| West Virginia | 6 | 124 | 109 | 119 | 14% | 4% |
| Wisconsin | 6 | 272 | 277 | 254 | -2% | 7% |
| Wyoming | 6 | 67 | 42 | 66 | 60% | 2% |

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2015 and 2016 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2017. The total for 2015 is from the National Center for Health Statistics.

States in **bold**: States with a decrease in deaths from 2016 to 2017.

Denotes change of less than 0.5%.