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US Car Accident Statistics 2026

2025 estimates + 2024 data, national and by state

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36,640
U.S. deaths in 2025 (NHTSA early estimate), -6.7%

1.10
deaths per 100M miles in 2025 (est.)

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U.S. deaths in 2024 (FARS annual report file)

7,770
deaths in Q1 2026 (est.), -4.3%

Key findings

- NHTSA projects **36,640** traffic deaths in 2025, down 6.7% from 39,254 in 2024, at **1.10** deaths per 100 million vehicle miles, the second lowest rate on record after 1.08 in 2014.
- The decline continued into 2026: **7,770** deaths in Q1 2026 (NHTSA estimate, -4.3%), and **18,460** in the first half of 2026 by the National Safety Council's broader count (-2%).
- 39 states, DC and Puerto Rico are projected to have fewer deaths in 2025; 9 states are projected to rise (largest: Hawaii +26.5%, Wyoming +15.9%, New Mexico +12.0%).
- Texas had the most deaths in 2024 (4,160) and is projected at 3,775 for 2025 (-9.3%).
- Mississippi had the highest 2024 death rate per person (25.6 per 100,000) and Rhode Island the lowest (4.7).
- Alcohol-impaired driving accounted for 11,904 deaths (30%) in 2024, the latest year with alcohol data.
- Deaths have fallen every year since the 2021 peak of 43,230.

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U.S. traffic deaths by year, 2019-2025, plus Q1 2026

Year	Deaths	Per 100M vehicle miles	Data status
2019	36,355	1.11	FARS final file
2020	39,007	1.34	FARS final file
2021	43,230	1.38	FARS final file
2022	42,721	1.34	FARS final file
2023	41,025	1.26	FARS final file
2024	39,254	1.19	FARS 2024 annual report file
2025	36,640	1.10	NHTSA early estimate (projection)
Q1 2026 (Jan-Mar)	7,770	0.99	NHTSA early estimate (projection); Q1 2025: 8,120 and 1.05

2025 and 2026 figures are statistical projections (NHTSA DOT HS 813 800 and DOT HS 813 833) and will be revised. 2024 comes from the FARS 2024 annual report file. Earlier NHTSA reports showed slightly different counts for past years (for example 42,939 for 2021 and 42,514 for 2022); the table uses the latest revised figures.

Latest 2026 data

- NHTSA Q1 2026 early estimate: 7,770 deaths, down 4.3% from Q1 2025; 0.99 deaths per 100 million miles (DOT HS 813 833, July 2026).
- National Safety Council, first half of 2026: 18,460 deaths, down 2%; 1.12 per 100 million miles (preliminary, September 2026). NSC counts deaths within 100 days and on private roads too, so its numbers are not directly comparable with FARS.

Car accident deaths by state: 2024 data and 2025 estimate

State	Deaths 2024	Per 100k people 2024	Per 100M miles 2024	2025 estimate	Change	2025 rate (est.)
Alabama	962	18.7	1.32	851	-11.5%	1.16
Alaska	70	9.5	1.27	66	-5.7%	1.13
Arizona	1,229	16.2	1.74	1,161	-5.5%	1.50
Arkansas	603	19.5	1.53	575	-4.6%	1.43
California	3,876	9.8	1.19	3,630	-6.3%	1.11
Colorado	689	11.6	1.25	715	+3.8%	1.28
Connecticut	310	8.4	1.00	274	-11.6%	0.86
Delaware	126	12.0	1.27	116	-7.9%	1.21
District of Columbia	47	6.7	1.33	25	-46.8%	0.75
Florida	3,138	13.4	1.26	3,047	-2.9%	1.24
Georgia	1,403	12.5	1.15	1,307	-6.8%	1.02
Hawaii	102	7.1	0.96	129	+26.5%	1.22
Idaho	238	11.9	1.19	254	+6.7%	1.22
Illinois	1,177	9.3	1.13	1,177	0.0%	1.12
Indiana	832	12.0	0.94	802	-3.6%	0.91
Iowa	356	11.0	1.05	260	-27.0%	0.77
Kansas	339	11.4	1.07	367	+8.3%	1.14
Kentucky	707	15.4	1.44	668	-5.5%	1.36
Louisiana	752	16.4	1.36	773	+2.8%	1.38
Maine	177	12.6	1.17	174	-1.7%	1.15
Maryland	578	9.2	1.01	483	-16.4%	0.84
Massachusetts	363	5.1	0.59	352	-3.0%	0.57
Michigan	1,098	10.8	1.10	1,021	-7.0%	1.02
Minnesota	477	8.2	0.81	372	-22.0%	0.62
Mississippi	753	25.6	1.81	639	-15.1%	1.52
Missouri	955	15.3	1.17	914	-4.3%	1.10
Montana	206	18.1	1.49	199	-3.4%	1.43
Nebraska	251	12.5	1.15	225	-10.4%	1.02
Nevada	417	12.8	1.47	382	-8.4%	1.32
New Hampshire	133	9.4	0.96	136	+2.3%	0.99
New Jersey	670	7.1	0.84	582	-13.1%	0.74
New Mexico	409	19.2	1.43	458	+12.0%	1.59
New York	1,101	5.5	0.91	1,011	-8.2%	0.83
North Carolina	1,619	14.7	1.24	1,410	-12.9%	1.12
North Dakota	90	11.3	0.90	85	-5.6%	0.84
Ohio	1,157	9.7	1.00	1,120	-3.2%	0.98
Oklahoma	645	15.7	1.39	645	0.0%	1.35
Oregon	538	12.6	1.44	491	-8.7%	1.29
Pennsylvania	1,127	8.6	1.18	1,069	-5.1%	1.06

Rhode Island	52	4.7	0.68	37	-28.8%	0.47
South Carolina	1,038	18.9	1.67	950	-8.5%	1.51
South Dakota	146	15.8	1.40	122	-16.4%	1.15
Tennessee	1,197	16.6	1.52	1,061	-11.4%	1.27
Texas*	4,160	13.3	1.35	3,775	-9.3%	1.21
Utah	277	7.9	0.77	274	-1.1%	0.75
Vermont	59	9.1	0.82	61	+3.4%	0.85
Virginia	917	10.4	1.04	833	-9.2%	0.93
Washington	730	9.2	1.21	644	-11.8%	1.06
West Virginia	256	14.5	1.49	238	-7.0%	1.46
Wisconsin	595	10.0	0.86	556	-6.6%	0.80
Wyoming	107	18.2	1.10	124	+15.9%	1.26
U.S. total	**39,254**	**11.5**	**1.19**	**36,640**	**-6.7%**	**1.10**

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* Texas: NHTSA FARS counts 4,160 deaths in 2024. TxDOT Texas Crash Facts first reported 4,150 for 2024 (data as of April 9, 2025) and now lists 4,159 (data as of April 7, 2026). For 2025, TxDOT reports 3,769 and NHTSA projects 3,775. The sources use different counting rules and data-closeout timing.

2024 columns: IIHS Fatality Facts 2024 (NHTSA FARS 2024 annual report file, FHWA miles, Census population). 2025 columns: NHTSA DOT HS 813 800, Table 3 (early estimate; state rates use FHWA December 2025 travel data). 2025 state figures are projections and should be cited as estimates.

Other 2024 national figures

- 11,904 deaths in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, 30% of all deaths (latest year available; NHTSA has not yet published 2025 alcohol data).
- 11,288 speeding-related deaths (29%).
- 7,080 pedestrians and 6,228 motorcyclists killed.
- About 6.18 million police-reported crashes and 2.42 million people injured.
- Average auto insurance expenditure: $1,431.63 per insured vehicle in 2024, up 11.71% (NAIC 2024 Auto Insurance Database Average Premium Supplement).

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Methodology

National counts and rates come from NHTSA. 2024 is the FARS 2024 annual report file; NHTSA expects to revise it slightly. 2025 and Q1 2026 are NHTSA statistical projections built from early fatality notifications and monthly state counts, distributed to states by each region's latest pattern. State 2024 rates are as published by IIHS; the 2025 state rates are NHTSA's, using FHWA December 2025 travel estimates, so 2024 rates in the NHTSA table can differ slightly from IIHS. FARS counts deaths within 30 days of a crash on a public trafficway; state DOT and NSC totals use other rules. Percent changes are NHTSA's; other calculations are ours.

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