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How Many People Die in Car Accidents Each Year? 2026 Data

U.S. traffic deaths 2019-2025 plus Q1 2026

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36,640
deaths in 2025 (est.)

~100
deaths a day in 2025 (est.)

39,254
deaths in 2024

Key findings

- NHTSA projects 36,640 deaths in 2025, -6.7%, at 1.10 per 100 million miles.
- 2024: 39,254 deaths (FARS 2024 annual report file), 1.19 per 100 million miles.
- Q1 2026: 7,770 deaths (NHTSA estimate), -4.3%.
- The often-quoted 42,795 was an early estimate for 2022.

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U.S. traffic deaths by year

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

Figures often quoted, and their replacements

Figure often cited	Where it came from	Latest replacement
42,795 deaths (2022)	NHTSA early estimate, DOT HS 813 428 (April 2023)	36,640 (2025 estimate); 39,254 (2024)
40,901 deaths (2023)	NHTSA Quick Facts 2023	41,025 for 2023 after revision
42,939 deaths (2021)	NHTSA 2021 overview, DOT HS 813 435	43,230 for 2021 after revision

Per day

2024: about 107 deaths a day (39,254 / 366). 2025 estimate: about 100 a day (36,640 / 365). Our calculations.

Methodology

Counts are NHTSA FARS (deaths within 30 days of a crash on a public road). 2025 and 2026 are projections and will be revised.

Sources

- NHTSA DOT HS 813 800 (April 2026)
- NHTSA DOT HS 813 833 (July 2026)
- NHTSA DOT HS 813 791 (April 2026)
- NHTSA DOT HS 813 428 (April 2023)
- NHTSA DOT HS 813 435
- NHTSA Quick Facts 2023 (DOT HS 813 720)

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