

Table 1065. Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents—National Summary: 1990 to 2006

[Based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). FARS gathers data on accidents that result in loss of human life. FARS is operated and maintained by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA). FARS data are gathered on motor vehicle accidents that occurred on a roadway customarily open to the public, resulting in the death of a person within 30 days of the accident. Collection of these data depend on the use of police, hospital, medical examiner/coroner, and Emergency Medical Services reports; state vehicle registration, driver licensing, and highway department files; and vital statistics documents and death certificates. See source for further detail]

Item	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Fatal crashes, total	39,836	37,241	37,526	38,491	38,477	38,444	39,252	38,588
One vehicle involved	23,445	21,250	21,117	22,164	21,775	21,836	22,678	22,711
Two or more vehicles involved	16,391	15,991	16,409	16,327	16,702	16,608	16,574	15,877
Persons killed in fatal crashes¹	44,599	41,817	41,945	43,005	42,884	42,836	43,510	42,642
Occupants	37,134	35,291	36,348	37,375	37,341	37,304	37,646	36,902
Drivers	25,750	24,390	25,567	26,659	26,779	26,871	27,491	27,323
Passengers	11,276	10,782	10,695	10,604	10,458	10,355	10,069	9,473
Other	108	119	86	112	104	78	86	106
Nonoccupants	7,465	6,526	5,597	5,630	5,543	5,532	5,864	5,740
Pedestrians	6,482	5,584	4,763	4,851	4,774	4,675	4,892	4,784
Pedalcyclists	859	833	693	665	629	727	786	773
Other	124	109	141	114	140	130	186	183
Occupants killed by vehicle type:								
Passenger cars	24,092	22,423	20,699	20,569	19,725	19,192	18,512	17,800
Mini-compact (95 inches)	3,556	2,207	1,113	813	636	599	452	414
Subcompact (95 to 99 inches)	4,753	4,584	3,660	3,435	3,081	2,718	2,536	2,216
Compact (100 to 104 inches)	5,310	6,899	7,022	7,061	6,769	6,650	6,288	6,044
Intermediate (105 to 109 inches)	4,849	4,666	5,204	5,514	5,583	5,667	5,571	5,420
Full-size (110 to 114 inches)	2,386	2,116	2,287	2,434	2,451	2,354	2,491	2,508
Largest (115 inches and over)	2,249	1,297	897	828	782	807	796	769
Unknown	989	654	516	484	423	397	378	429
Motorcycles	3,129	2,114	2,783	3,150	3,583	3,827	4,418	4,654
Other motorized cycles	115	113	114	120	131	201	158	156
Light trucks²	8,601	9,568	11,026	12,274	12,546	12,674	13,037	12,721
Pickup	5,979	5,938	6,503	6,100	5,957	5,838	6,067	5,984
Utility	1,214	1,935	3,358	4,031	4,483	4,760	4,831	4,910
Van	1,154	1,639	2,129	2,109	2,080	2,046	2,112	1,802
Other	254	56	36	34	26	30	27	25
Large trucks³	705	648	754	689	726	766	804	805
Medium trucks	134	96	106	87	82	99	118	107
Heavy trucks	571	552	648	602	644	667	686	698
Buses	32	33	22	45	41	42	58	27
Other vehicles	296	307	401	424	477	512	492	499
Unknown	164	85	49	104	112	90	167	240
Persons involved in fatal crashes	107,777	102,102	100,716	101,784	101,862	100,760	101,262	98,040
Occupants	99,297	94,621	94,325	95,403	95,470	94,579	94,614	91,557
Drivers	58,893	56,164	57,280	58,113	58,517	58,395	59,220	57,695
Passengers	40,229	38,252	36,889	37,080	36,743	35,992	35,231	33,665
Other	175	205	156	210	210	192	163	197
Nonoccupants	8,480	7,481	6,391	6,381	6,392	6,181	6,648	6,483
Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) (bil.)	2,144	2,423	2,747	2,856	2,890	2,965	2,989	3,014
Licensed drivers (1,000)	167,015	176,628	190,625	194,602	196,166	198,889	200,549	202,810
Registered vehicles (1,000)	184,275	197,065	217,028	225,685	230,788	237,949	245,628	251,423
Percent distribution of fatal accidents by the highest blood alcohol concentration (BAC) in accident:								
0.00 percent	49.5	57.7	58.7	59.2	60.2	60.5	59.5	58.7
0.01 to 0.07 percent	6.5	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.8
0.08 percent and over	44.0	36.7	35.4	35.3	34.3	34.2	34.9	35.6
Fatalities per 100,000 resident population:								
Under 5 years old	4.9	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.8
5 to 15 years old	6.4	6.0	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.4	3.9	3.6
16 to 24 years old	35.2	30.7	28.5	29.3	28.1	27.7	27.5	27.2
25 to 44 years old	19.7	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.0	15.8	16.3	16.1
45 to 64 years old	14.9	13.6	13.8	13.8	14.0	13.9	14.3	13.9
65 to 79 years old	18.8	18.5	17.1	17.0	16.3	16.3	16.3	14.8
80 years old and over	26.8	28.0	25.0	23.3	24.5	22.4	21.4	19.5
Fatalities per 100 million VMT⁴	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
Fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers	26.7	23.7	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.5	21.7	21.0
Licensed driver per person	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
VMT⁴ per registered vehicle	11,637	12,294	12,657	12,653	12,522	12,461	12,168	11,988
Fatalities per 100,000 registered vehicles	24.2	21.2	19.3	19.1	18.6	18.0	17.7	17.0
Fatal crashes per 100 million VMT⁴	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Involved vehicles per fatal crash	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Fatalities per fatal crash	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fatalities per 100,000 resident population	17.9	15.9	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.6	14.7	14.2

¹ Deaths within 30 days of the accident. ² Trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, including pickups, vans, truck-based station wagons, and utility vehicles. ³ Trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of over 10,000 pounds. ⁴ VMT = vehicle miles of travel.