

**Table 1073. Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents—National Summary: 1990 to 2005**

[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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Fatal crashes, total</b> . . . . .	<b>39,836</b>	<b>37,241</b>	<b>37,526</b>	<b>37,862</b>	<b>38,491</b>	<b>38,477</b>	<b>38,444</b>	<b>39,189</b>
One vehicle involved . . . . .	23,445	21,250	21,117	21,510	22,164	21,775	21,836	22,653
Two or more vehicles involved . . . . .	16,391	15,991	16,409	16,352	16,327	16,702	16,608	16,536
<b>Persons killed in fatal crashes</b> <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	<b>44,599</b>	<b>41,817</b>	<b>41,945</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>43,005</b>	<b>42,884</b>	<b>42,836</b>	<b>43,443</b>
Occupants . . . . .	37,134	35,291	36,348	36,440	37,375	37,341	37,304	37,594
Drivers . . . . .	25,750	24,390	25,567	25,869	26,659	26,779	26,871	27,472
Passengers . . . . .	11,276	10,782	10,695	10,469	10,604	10,458	10,355	10,036
Other . . . . .	108	119	86	102	112	104	78	86
Nonoccupants . . . . .	7,465	6,526	5,597	5,756	5,630	5,543	5,532	5,849
Pedestrians . . . . .	6,482	5,584	4,763	4,901	4,851	4,774	4,675	4,881
Pedalcyclists . . . . .	859	833	693	732	665	629	727	784
Other . . . . .	124	109	141	123	114	140	130	184
<b>Occupants killed by vehicle type:</b>								
Passenger cars . . . . .	24,092	22,423	20,699	20,320	20,569	19,725	19,192	18,440
Mini-compact (95 inches) . . . . .	3,556	2,207	1,113	887	813	636	599	452
Subcompact (95 to 99 inches) . . . . .	4,753	4,584	3,660	3,571	3,435	3,081	2,718	2,527
Compact (100 to 104 inches) . . . . .	5,310	6,899	7,022	6,731	7,061	6,769	6,650	6,245
Intermediate (105 to 109) inches . . . . .	4,849	4,666	5,204	5,402	5,514	5,583	5,667	5,548
Full-size (110 to 114) inches . . . . .	2,386	2,116	2,287	2,344	2,434	2,451	2,354	2,483
Largest (115 inches and over) . . . . .	2,249	1,297	897	864	828	782	807	793
Unknown . . . . .	989	654	516	521	484	423	397	392
Motorcycles . . . . .	3,129	2,114	2,783	3,077	3,150	3,583	3,827	4,398
Other motorized cycles . . . . .	115	113	114	120	120	131	201	155
Light trucks <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	8,601	9,568	11,526	11,723	12,274	12,546	12,674	12,975
Pickup . . . . .	5,979	5,938	6,003	6,139	6,100	5,957	5,838	6,038
Utility . . . . .	1,214	1,935	3,358	3,530	4,031	4,483	4,760	4,807
Van . . . . .	1,154	1,639	2,129	2,019	2,109	2,080	2,046	2,105
Other . . . . .	254	56	36	35	34	26	30	25
Large trucks <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	705	648	754	702	689	726	766	803
Medium trucks . . . . .	134	96	106	82	87	82	99	117
Heavy trucks . . . . .	571	552	648	620	602	644	667	686
Buses . . . . .	32	33	22	34	45	41	42	58
Other vehicles . . . . .	296	307	401	401	424	477	512	487
Unknown . . . . .	164	85	49	63	104	112	90	278
<b>Persons involved in fatal crashes</b> . . . . .	<b>107,777</b>	<b>102,102</b>	<b>100,716</b>	<b>101,175</b>	<b>101,784</b>	<b>101,862</b>	<b>100,760</b>	<b>101,034</b>
Occupants . . . . .	99,297	94,621	94,325	94,706	95,403	95,470	94,579	94,405
Drivers . . . . .	58,893	56,164	57,280	57,586	58,113	58,517	58,395	59,104
Passengers . . . . .	40,229	38,252	36,889	36,892	37,080	36,743	35,992	35,138
Other . . . . .	175	205	156	228	210	210	192	163
Nonoccupants . . . . .	8,480	7,481	6,391	6,469	6,381	6,392	6,181	6,629
Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) (bil.) . . . . .	2,144	2,423	2,747	2,797	2,856	2,890	2,965	2,990
Licensed drivers (1,000) . . . . .	167,015	176,628	190,625	191,276	194,602	196,166	198,889	200,665
Registered vehicles (1,000) . . . . .	184,275	197,065	217,028	221,230	225,685	230,788	237,949	245,642
<b>Percent distribution of fatal accidents by the highest blood alcohol concentration (BAC) in accident:</b>								
0.00 percent . . . . .	49.5	57.7	58.7	58.9	59.2	60.2	60.5	61.1
0.01 to 0.07 percent . . . . .	6.5	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.3
0.08 percent and over . . . . .	44.0	36.7	35.4	35.2	35.3	34.3	34.2	33.6
<b>Fatalities per 100,000 resident population:</b>								
Under 5 years old . . . . .	4.9	4.3	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9
5 to 15 years old . . . . .	6.4	6.0	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	3.9
16 to 24 years old . . . . .	35.2	30.7	28.5	28.6	29.3	28.1	27.7	27.4
25 to 44 years old . . . . .	19.7	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.0	15.8	16.3
45 to 64 years old . . . . .	14.9	13.6	13.8	13.5	13.8	14.0	13.9	14.2
65 to 79 years old . . . . .	18.8	18.5	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.3	16.3	16.2
80 years old and over . . . . .	26.8	28.0	25.0	24.5	23.3	24.5	22.4	21.3
<b>Fatalities per 100 million VMT</b> <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers . . . . .	26.7	23.7	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.9	21.5	21.7
Licensed driver per person . . . . .	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
VMT <sup>4</sup> per registered vehicle . . . . .	11,637	12,294	12,657	12,644	12,653	12,522	12,461	12,172
Fatalities per 100,000 registered vehicles . . . . .	24.2	21.2	19.3	19.1	19.1	18.6	18.0	17.7
<b>Fatal crashes per 100 million VMT</b> <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Involved vehicles per fatal crash . . . . .	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
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	14.8	14.9	14.8	14.6	14.7

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