

Table 1071. Transportation Accidents, Deaths, and Injuries: 1990 to 2008

[6,471 represents 6,471,000. Number, except as indicated]

Mode	Accidents					Deaths					Injuries				
	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008
Transit type:															
Air:															
Air carrier ¹	24	36	56	40	28	39	168	92	22	3	29	25	29	14	16
Commuter ²	15	12	12	6	7	6	9	5	—	—	11	17	7	—	2
On-demand ³	107	75	80	65	56	51	52	71	18	66	36	14	12	23	13
General aviation	2,242	2,056	1,837	1,670	1,559	770	735	596	563	495	409	396	309	267	258
Land:															
Highway crashes (1,000) ⁴	6,471	6,699	6,394	6,159	5,811	44.6	41.8	41.9	43.5	37.3	3,231	3,465	3,189	2,699	2,346
Passenger car occupants	5,561	5,594	4,926	4,499	(NA)	24.1	22.4	20.7	18.5	14.6	2,376	2,469	2,052	1,573	1,304
Motorcyclists	103	66	69	101	(NA)	3.2	2.2	2.9	4.6	5.3	84	57	58	87	96
Light truck occupants	2,152	2,750	3,208	3,382	(NA)	8.6	9.6	11.5	13.0	10.8	505	722	887	872	768
Large truck occupants	372	363	438	423	(NA)	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	42	30	31	27	23
Bus occupants	60	59	56	50	(NA)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1	(Z)	33	19	18	11	15
Pedestrians	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.5	5.6	4.8	4.9	4.4	105	86	78	64	69
Pedacyclists	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	75	67	51	45	52
Other	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	11	14	15	18	18
Railroad ⁵	8,594	7,092	6,485	6,327	4,841	1,297	1,146	937	883	798	25,143	14,440	11,643	9,511	8,789
Highway-rail grade crossing	5,715	4,633	3,502	3,061	2,398	698	579	425	358	285	2,407	1,894	1,219	1,051	949
Railroad	2,879	2,459	2,983	3,266	2,443	599	567	512	525	513	22,736	12,546	10,424	8,460	7,840
Transit ⁶	58,002	25,683	24,261	8,151	4,117	339	274	295	236	(NA)	54,556	57,196	56,697	18,131	23,105
Waterborne:															
Waterborne (vessel related) ⁷	3,613	5,349	5,403	4,977	(NA)	85	53	53	78	51	175	154	150	140	152
Recreational boating ⁸	6,411	8,019	7,740	4,969	4,789	865	829	701	697	709	3,822	4,141	4,355	3,451	3,331
Pipeline: ⁹															
Hazard liquid	378	349	380	495	430	9	21	38	16	8	76	64	81	48	65
Hazard gas	180	188	146	143	139	3	3	1	2	2	7	11	4	2	2
Gas	198	161	234	352	291	6	18	37	11	6	69	53	77	46	63
Hazardous materials ^{10, 11}	8,879	14,853	17,557	15,929	16,905	8	7	16	34	9	69	53	77	950	219

— Represents or rounds to zero. NA Not available. Z Less than 50. ¹ See footnote 1, Table 1077. Injuries classified as serious. ² See footnote 2, Table 1077. Injuries classified as serious. ³ See footnote 3, Table 1077. Injuries classified as serious. ⁴ Data on deaths are from U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and are based on deaths within 30 days of the accident. Includes only police reported crashes. For more details, see Table 1102. ⁵ Accidents which result in damages to railroad property. Grade crossing accidents are also included when classified as a train accident. Deaths exclude fatalities in railroad-highway grade crossing accidents. ⁶ Includes motor bus, commuter rail, heavy rail, light rail, demand response, van pool, and automated guideway. Starting with 2002, only injuries requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene now qualify as reportable. ⁷ Accidents resulting in death, injury, or requiring medical treatment beyond first aid; damages exceeding \$500; or a person's disappearance. ⁸ Covers accidents involving commercial vessels which must be reported to U.S. Coast Guard if there is property damage exceeding \$25,000; material damage affecting the seaworthiness or efficiency of a vessel; stranding or grounding; loss of life; or injury causing a person's incapacity for more than 3 days. ⁹ Beginning 1990, pipeline accidents/incidents are credited to year of occurrence; prior data are credited to the year filed. ¹⁰ Incidents, deaths, and injuries involving hazardous materials cover all types of transport, exclude pipelines and bulk, nonpackaged water incidents. ¹¹ The data reported under accident are incident numbers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, "National Transportation Statistics." See <http://www.bts.gov/publications/national_transportation_statistics/>.