

**Table 1069. Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents—National Summary: 1990 to 2007**

[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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Fatal crashes, total</b> . . . . .	<b>39,836</b>	<b>37,241</b>	<b>37,526</b>	<b>38,477</b>	<b>38,444</b>	<b>39,252</b>	<b>38,648</b>	<b>37,428</b>
One vehicle involved . . . . .	23,445	21,250	21,117	21,775	21,836	22,678	22,701	22,054
Two or more vehicles involved . . . . .	16,391	15,991	16,409	16,702	16,608	16,574	15,947	15,194
<b>Persons killed in fatal crashes</b> <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	<b>44,599</b>	<b>41,817</b>	<b>41,945</b>	<b>42,884</b>	<b>42,836</b>	<b>43,510</b>	<b>42,708</b>	<b>41,055</b>
Occupants . . . . .	37,134	35,291	36,348	37,341	37,304	37,646	36,956	30,401
Drivers . . . . .	25,750	24,390	25,567	26,779	26,871	27,491	27,348	26,480
Passengers . . . . .	11,276	10,782	10,695	10,458	10,355	10,069	9,507	8,977
Other . . . . .	108	119	86	104	78	86	101	98
Nonoccupants . . . . .	7,465	6,526	5,597	5,543	5,532	5,864	5,752	5,504
Pedestrians . . . . .	6,482	5,584	4,763	4,774	4,675	4,892	4,795	4,654
Pedalcyclists . . . . .	859	833	693	629	727	786	772	698
Other . . . . .	124	109	141	140	130	186	185	152
<b>Occupants killed by vehicle type:</b>								
Passenger cars . . . . .	24,092	22,423	20,699	19,725	19,192	18,512	17,925	16,520
Mini-compact (95 inches) . . . . .	3,556	2,207	1,113	636	599	452	416	346
Subcompact (95 to 99 inches) . . . . .	4,753	4,584	3,660	3,081	2,718	2,536	2,228	1,915
Compact (100 to 104 inches) . . . . .	5,310	6,899	7,022	6,769	6,650	6,288	6,015	5,501
Intermediate (105 to 109 inches) . . . . .	4,849	4,666	5,204	5,583	5,667	5,571	5,461	5,195
Full-size (110 to 114 inches) . . . . .	2,386	2,116	2,287	2,451	2,354	2,491	2,520	2,396
Largest (115 inches and over) . . . . .	2,249	1,297	897	782	807	796	773	774
Unknown . . . . .	989	654	516	423	397	378	422	393
Motorcycles and Other Motorized Cycles . . . . .	3,129	2,114	2,897	3,714	4,028	4,576	4,837	5,154
Motorcycles . . . . .	3,124	2,001	2,783	3,583	3,827	4,418	4,679	4,973
Other motorized cycles . . . . .	115	113	114	131	201	158	158	181
Light trucks <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	8,601	9,568	11,526	12,546	12,674	13,037	12,761	12,413
Pickup . . . . .	5,979	5,938	6,003	5,957	5,838	6,067	5,993	5,830
Utility . . . . .	1,214	1,935	3,358	4,483	4,760	4,831	4,928	4,809
Van . . . . .	1,154	1,639	2,129	2,080	2,046	2,112	1,815	1,760
Other . . . . .	254	56	36	26	30	27	25	14
Large trucks <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	705	648	754	726	766	804	805	802
Medium trucks . . . . .	134	96	106	82	99	118	107	111
Heavy trucks . . . . .	571	552	648	644	667	686	698	691
Buses . . . . .	32	33	22	41	42	58	27	37
Other vehicles . . . . .	296	307	401	477	512	492	500	539
Unknown . . . . .	164	85	49	112	90	167	101	90
<b>Persons involved in fatal crashes</b> . . . . .	<b>107,777</b>	<b>102,102</b>	<b>100,716</b>	<b>101,862</b>	<b>100,760</b>	<b>101,262</b>	<b>98,356</b>	<b>93,722</b>
Occupants . . . . .	99,297	94,621	94,325	95,470	94,579	94,614	91,860	87,581
Drivers . . . . .	58,893	56,164	57,280	58,517	58,395	59,220	57,846	55,681
Passengers . . . . .	40,229	38,252	36,889	36,743	35,992	35,231	33,826	31,701
Other . . . . .	175	205	156	210	192	163	188	199
Nonoccupants . . . . .	8,480	7,481	6,391	6,392	6,181	6,648	6,496	6,141
Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) (bil.) <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	2,144	2,423	2,747	2,890	2,965	2,989	3,014	3,030
Licensed drivers (1,000) . . . . .	167,015	176,628	190,625	196,166	198,889	200,549	212,810	205,742
Registered vehicles (1,000) . . . . .	184,275	197,065	217,028	230,788	237,949	245,628	251,415	255,748
<b>Percent distribution of fatal crashes by the highest driver (BAC) in accident:</b> <sup>4</sup>								
0.00 percent . . . . .	54.0	62.1	62.7	64.1	64.3	63.3	62.6	62.5
0.01 to 0.07 percent . . . . .	6.3	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.7
0.08 percent and over . . . . .	39.4	32.1	31.4	30.3	30.4	31.1	31.4	31.6
<b>Percent distribution of fatal crashes by the highest (BAC):</b> <sup>4</sup>								
0.00 percent . . . . .	49.5	57.7	58.7	60.2	60.5	59.5	58.4	58.4
0.01 to 0.07 percent . . . . .	6.5	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.9
0.08 percent and over . . . . .	44.0	36.7	35.4	34.3	34.2	34.9	35.6	35.7
<b>Fatalities per 100,000 resident population</b>								
Under 5 years old . . . . .	4.90	4.30	3.70	3.06	3.16	2.94	2.83	2.45
5 to 9 years old . . . . .	5.14	4.48	3.55	3.01	3.13	3.00	2.64	2.37
10 to 15 years old . . . . .	7.60	7.23	5.65	5.45	5.43	4.67	4.33	4.25
16 to 20 years old . . . . .	36.66	31.59	29.38	29.48	28.80	27.48	26.79	24.97
21 to 24 years old . . . . .	33.47	29.68	27.02	26.50	26.66	27.73	27.99	26.86
25 to 34 years old . . . . .	22.78	19.44	17.29	16.96	17.28	17.82	17.88	16.74
35 to 44 years old . . . . .	16.11	15.10	15.08	15.27	14.55	15.08	14.68	14.09
45 to 54 years old . . . . .	14.83	13.39	13.79	14.27	14.47	14.59	14.43	13.97
55 to 64 years old . . . . .	15.00	13.92	13.61	13.59	13.19	13.88	13.29	12.54
65 to 74 years old . . . . .	17.03	16.64	15.29	14.92	14.87	15.16	13.84	13.45
75 years old and over . . . . .	25.45	26.09	23.29	22.51	21.36	20.47	18.69	17.97
<b>Fatalities per 100 million VMT</b> <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers</b> . . . . .	<b>26.7</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>20.0</b>
<b>VMT <sup>5</sup> per registered vehicle</b> . . . . .	<b>11,637</b>	<b>12,294</b>	<b>12,657</b>	<b>12,522</b>	<b>12,461</b>	<b>12,168</b>	<b>11,990</b>	<b>11,847</b>
<b>Fatalities per 100,000 registered vehicles</b> . . . . .	<b>24.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Fatal crashes per 100 million VMT</b> <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	<b>2.08</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Involved vehicles per fatal crash</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>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Fatalities per 100,000 resident population</b> . . . . .	<b>17.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>13.6</b>

<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> BAC = blood alcohol concentration. <sup>5</sup> VMT = vehicle miles of travel.