Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1899-2024

Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT
1899	26	-	-	**1941**	38,142	333,612	11.43	**1983**	42,589	1,652,788	2.58
1900	36	-	-	**1942**	27,007	268,224	10.07	**1984**	44,257	1,720,269	2.57
1901	54	-	-	**1943**	22,727	208,192	10.92	**1985**	43,825	1,774,826	2.47
1902	79	-	-	**1944**	23,165	212,713	10.89	**1986**	46,087	1,834,872	2.51
1903	117	-	-	**1945**	26,785	250,173	10.71	**1987**	46,390	1,921,204	2.41
1904	172	-	-	**1946**	31,874	340,880	9.35	**1988**	47,087	2,025,962	2.32
1905	252	-	-	**1947**	31,193	370,894	8.41	**1989**	45,582	2,096,487	2.17
1906	338	-	-	**1948**	30,775	397,957	7.73	**1990**	44,599	2,144,362	2.08
1907	581	-	-	**1949**	30,246	424,461	7.13	**1991**	41,508	2,172,050	1.91
1908	751	-	-	**1950**	33,186	458,246	7.24	**1992**	39,250	2,247,151	1.75
1909	1,174	-	-	**1951**	35,309	491,093	7.19	**1993**	40,150	2,296,378	1.75
1910	1,599	-	-	**1952**	36,088	513,581	7.03	**1994**	40,716	2,357,588	1.73
1911	2,043	-	-	**1953**	36,190	544,433	6.65	**1995**	41,817	2,422,823	1.73
1912	2,968	-	-	**1954**	33,890	561,963	6.03	**1996**	42,065	2,484,080	1.69
1913	4,079	-	-	**1955**	36,688	605,646	6.06	**1997**	42,013	2,552,233	1.65
1914	4,468	-	-	**1956**	37,965	627,843	6.05	**1998**	41,501	2,628,148	1.58
1915	6,779	-	-	**1957**	36,932	647,004	5.71	**1999**	41,717	2,690,241	1.55
1916	7,766	-	-	**1958**	35,331	664,653	5.32	**2000**	41,945	2,746,925	1.53
1917	9,630	-	-	**1959**	36,223	700,480	5.17	**2001**	42,196	2,795,610	1.51
1918	10,390	-	-	**1960**	36,399	718,762	5.06	**2002**	43,005	2,855,508	1.51
1919	10,896	-	-	**1961**	36,285	737,421	4.92	**2003**	42,884	2,890,221	1.48
1920	12,155	-	-	**1962**	38,980	766,734	5.08	**2004**	42,836	2,964,788	1.44
1921	13,253	55027	24.08	**1963**	41,723	805,249	5.18	**2005**	43,510	2,989,430	1.46
1922	14,859	67697	21.95	**1964**	45,645	846,298	5.39	**2006**	42,708	3,014,371	1.42
1923	17,870	84995	21.02	**1965**	47,089	887,812	5.30	**2007**	41,259	3,031,124	1.36
1924	18,400	104838	17.55	**1966**	50,894	925,899	5.50	**2008**	37,423	2,976,528	1.26
1925	20,771	122346	16.98	**1967**	50,724	964,005	5.26	**2009**	33,883	2,956,764	1.15
1926	22,194	140735	15.77	**1968**	52,725	1,015,869	5.19	**2010**	32,999	2,967,266	1.11
1927	24,470	158453	15.44	**1969**	53,543	1,061,791	5.04	**2011**	32,479	2,945,194	1.10
1928	26,557	172856	15.36	**1970**	52,627	1,109,724	4.74	**2012**	33,782	2,963,497	1.14
1929	29,592	197720	14.97	**1971**	52,542	1,178,811	4.46	**2013**	32,893	2,982,941	1.10
1930	31,204	206320	15.12	**1972**	54,589	1,259,786	4.33	**2014**	32,744	3,020,377	1.08
1931	31,963	216151	14.79	**1973**	54,052	1,313,110	4.12	**2015**	35,484	3,089,841	1.15
1932	27,979	200517	13.95	**1974**	45,196	1,280,544	3.53	**2016**	37,806	3,173,815	1.19
1933	29,746	200642	14.83	**1975**	44,525	1,327,664	3.35	**2017**	37,473	3,210,248	1.17
1934	34,240	215563	15.88	**1976**	45,523	1,402,380	3.25	**2018**	36,835	3,240,327	1.14
1935	34,494	228568	15.09	**1977**	47,878	1,467,027	3.26	**2019**	36,355	3,261,772	1.11
1936	36,126	252128	14.33	**1978**	50,331	1,544,704	3.26	**2020**	39,007	2,903,622	1.34
1937	37,819	270110	14.00	**1979**	51,093	1,529,133	3.34	**2021**	43,230	3,132,411	1.38
1938	31,083	271177	11.46	**1980**	51,091	1,527,295	3.35	**2022**	42,721	3,196,191	1.34
1939	30,895	285402	10.83	**1981**	49,301	1,555,308	3.17	**2023**	41,025	3,246,817	1.26
1940	32,914	302188	10.89	**1982**	43,945	1,595,010	2.76	**2024**	39,254	3,294,031	1.19
			Total Traffic Fatalities (1899-2024):			**4,036,087**					

Note: A traffic fatality is defined as a death that occurs within 30 days after a traffic crash.

Sources: **Traffic fatalities, 1899-1974:** National Center for Health Statistics, *HEW and State Accident Summaries* (adjusted to 30-Day Traffic Deaths by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)); **1975-2024:** NHTSA, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 1975-2023 Final and 2024 Annual Report File.

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