

Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1899-2018

Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Millions	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Millions	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT
1899	26			1959	36,223	700,480	5.17
1900	36			1960	36,399	718,762	5.06
1901	54			1961	36,285	737,421	4.92
1902	79			1962	38,980	766,734	5.08
1903	117			1963	41,723	805,249	5.18
1904	172			1964	45,645	846,298	5.39
1905	252			1965	47,089	887,812	5.30
1906	338			1966	50,894	925,899	5.50
1907	581			1967	50,724	964,005	5.26
1908	751			1968	52,725	1,015,869	5.19
1909	1,174			1969	53,543	1,061,791	5.04
1910	1,599			1970	52,627	1,109,724	4.74
1911	2,043			1971	52,542	1,178,811	4.46
1912	2,968			1972	54,589	1,259,786	4.33
1913	4,079			1973	54,052	1,313,110	4.12
1914	4,468			1974	45,196	1,280,544	3.53
1915	6,779			1975	44,525	1,327,664	3.35
1916	7,766			1976	45,523	1,402,380	3.25
1917	9,630			1977	47,878	1,467,027	3.26
1918	10,390			1978	50,331	1,544,704	3.26
1919	10,896			1979	51,093	1,529,133	3.34
1920	12,155			1980	51,091	1,527,295	3.35
1921	13,253	55,027	24.08	1981	49,301	1,555,308	3.17
1922	14,859	67,697	21.95	1982	43,945	1,595,010	2.76
1923	17,870	84,995	21.02	1983	42,589	1,652,788	2.58
1924	18,400	104,838	17.55	1984	44,257	1,720,269	2.57
1925	20,771	122,346	16.98	1985	43,825	1,774,826	2.47
1926	22,194	140,735	15.77	1986	46,087	1,834,872	2.51
1927	24,470	158,453	15.44	1987	46,390	1,921,204	2.41
1928	26,557	172,856	15.36	1988	47,087	2,025,962	2.32
1929	29,592	197,720	14.97	1989	45,582	2,096,487	2.17
1930	31,204	206,320	15.12	1990	44,599	2,144,362	2.08
1931	31,963	216,151	14.79	1991	41,508	2,172,050	1.91
1932	27,979	200,517	13.95	1992	39,250	2,247,151	1.75
1933	29,746	200,642	14.83	1993	40,150	2,296,378	1.75
1934	34,240	215,563	15.88	1994	40,716	2,357,588	1.73
1935	34,494	228,568	15.09	1995	41,817	2,422,823	1.73
1936	36,126	252,128	14.33	1996	42,065	2,484,080	1.69
1937	37,819	270,110	14.00	1997	42,013	2,552,233	1.65
1938	31,083	271,177	11.46	1998	41,501	2,628,148	1.58
1939	30,895	285,402	10.83	1999	41,717	2,690,241	1.55
1940	32,914	302,188	10.89	2000	41,945	2,746,925	1.53
1941	38,142	333,612	11.43	2001	42,196	2,795,610	1.51
1942	27,007	268,224	10.07	2002	43,005	2,855,508	1.51
1943	22,727	208,192	10.92	2003	42,884	2,890,221	1.48
1944	23,165	212,713	10.89	2004	42,836	2,964,788	1.44
1945	26,785	250,173	10.71	2005	43,510	2,989,430	1.46
1946	31,874	340,880	9.35	2006	42,708	3,014,371	1.42
1947	31,193	370,894	8.41	2007	41,259	3,031,124	1.36
1948	30,775	397,957	7.73	2008	37,423	2,976,528	1.26
1949	30,246	424,461	7.13	2009	33,883	2,956,764	1.15
1950	33,186	458,246	7.24	2010	32,999	2,967,266	1.11
1951	35,309	491,093	7.19	2011	32,479	2,950,402	1.10
1952	36,088	513,581	7.03	2012	33,782	2,969,433	1.14
1953	36,190	544,433	6.65	2013	32,893	2,988,280	1.10
1954	33,890	561,963	6.03	2014	32,744	3,025,656	1.08
1955	36,688	605,646	6.06	2015	35,484	3,095,373	1.15
1956	37,965	627,843	6.05	2016	37,806	3,174,408	1.19
1957	36,932	647,004	5.71	2017	37,473	3,212,347	1.17
1958	35,331	664,653	5.32	2018	36,560	3,240,327	1.13

Total Traffic Fatalities (1899-2018): 3,794,220

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 NHTSA); **1975-2018:** NHTSA, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); not Available for Years 1899 - 1920.