

Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1899-2021

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	-	-	1940	32,914	302,188	10.89	1981	49,301	1,555,308	3.17	
1900	36	-	-	1941	38,142	333,612	11.43	1982	43,945	1,595,010	2.76	
1901	54	-	-	1942	27,007	268,224	10.07	1983	42,589	1,652,788	2.58	
1902	79	-	-	1943	22,727	208,192	10.92	1984	44,257	1,720,269	2.57	
1903	117	-	-	1944	23,165	212,713	10.89	1985	43,825	1,774,826	2.47	
1904	172	-	-	1945	26,785	250,173	10.71	1986	46,087	1,834,872	2.51	
1905	252	-	-	1946	31,874	340,880	9.35	1987	46,390	1,921,204	2.41	
1906	338	-	-	1947	31,193	370,894	8.41	1988	47,087	2,025,962	2.32	
1907	581	-	-	1948	30,775	397,957	7.73	1989	45,582	2,096,487	2.17	
1908	751	-	-	1949	30,246	424,461	7.13	1990	44,599	2,144,362	2.08	
1909	1,174	-	-	1950	33,186	458,246	7.24	1991	41,508	2,172,050	1.91	
1910	1,599	-	-	1951	35,309	491,093	7.19	1992	39,250	2,247,151	1.75	
1911	2,043	-	-	1952	36,088	513,581	7.03	1993	40,150	2,296,378	1.75	
1912	2,968	-	-	1953	36,190	544,433	6.65	1994	40,716	2,357,588	1.73	
1913	4,079	-	-	1954	33,890	561,963	6.03	1995	41,817	2,422,823	1.73	
1914	4,468	-	-	1955	36,688	605,646	6.06	1996	42,065	2,484,080	1.69	
1915	6,779	-	-	1956	37,965	627,843	6.05	1997	42,013	2,552,233	1.65	
1916	7,766	-	-	1957	36,932	647,004	5.71	1998	41,501	2,628,148	1.58	
1917	9,630	-	-	1958	35,331	664,653	5.32	1999	41,717	2,690,241	1.55	
1918	10,390	-	-	1959	36,223	700,480	5.17	2000	41,945	2,746,925	1.53	
1919	10,896	-	-	1960	36,399	718,762	5.06	2001	42,196	2,795,610	1.51	
1920	12,155	-	-	1961	36,285	737,421	4.92	2002	43,005	2,855,508	1.51	
1921	13,253	55,027	24.08	1962	38,980	766,734	5.08	2003	42,884	2,890,221	1.48	
1922	14,859	67,697	21.95	1963	41,723	805,249	5.18	2004	42,836	2,964,788	1.44	
1923	17,870	84,995	21.02	1964	45,645	846,298	5.39	2005	43,510	2,989,430	1.46	
1924	18,400	104,838	17.55	1965	47,089	887,812	5.30	2006	42,708	3,014,371	1.42	
1925	20,771	122,346	16.98	1966	50,894	925,899	5.50	2007	41,259	3,031,124	1.36	
1926	22,194	140,735	15.77	1967	50,724	964,005	5.26	2008	37,423	2,976,528	1.26	
1927	24,470	158,453	15.44	1968	52,725	1,015,869	5.19	2009	33,883	2,956,764	1.15	
1928	26,557	172,856	15.36	1969	53,543	1,061,791	5.04	2010	32,999	2,967,266	1.11	
1929	29,592	197,720	14.97	1970	52,627	1,109,724	4.74	2011	32,479	2,945,194	1.10	
1930	31,204	206,320	15.12	1971	52,542	1,178,811	4.46	2012	33,782	2,963,497	1.14	
1931	31,963	216,151	14.79	1972	54,589	1,259,786	4.33	2013	32,893	2,982,941	1.10	
1932	27,979	200,517	13.95	1973	54,052	1,313,110	4.12	2014	32,744	3,020,377	1.08	
1933	29,746	200,642	14.83	1974	45,196	1,280,544	3.53	2015	35,484	3,089,841	1.15	
1934	34,240	215,563	15.88	1975	44,525	1,327,664	3.35	2016	37,806	3,173,815	1.19	
1935	34,494	228,568	15.09	1976	45,523	1,402,380	3.25	2017	37,473	3,210,248	1.17	
1936	36,126	252,128	14.33	1977	47,878	1,467,027	3.26	2018	36,835	3,240,327	1.14	
1937	37,819	270,110	14.00	1978	50,331	1,544,704	3.26	2019	36,355	3,261,772	1.11	
1938	31,083	271,177	11.46	1979	51,093	1,529,133	3.34	2020	39,007	2,903,622	1.34	
1939	30,895	285,402	10.83	1980	51,091	1,527,295	3.35	2021	42,939	3,132,411	1.37	
Total Traffic Fatalities (1899-2021):					3,912,796							

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)); **1975-2021:** NHTSA, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 1975-2020 Final and 2021 Annual Report File.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Not Available for Years 1899 - 1920.