Traffic Safety Facts

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Key Findings

- In 2015 there were 6,165 people 65 and older killed in traffic crashes in the United States, 18 percent of all traffic fatalities.
- Older drivers made up 18 percent of all licensed drivers in 2015 compared to 15 percent in 2006.
- The population of people 65 and older increased by 29 percent from 2006 to 2015; however, driver fatalities in crashes involving older drivers increased by 3 percent over this period.
- From 2006 to 2015 older male driver fatalities increased by 10 percent compared with an 11 percent decrease in older female driver fatalities.
- In 2015 most traffic fatalities in crashes involving older drivers occurred during the daytime (74%), on weekdays (70%), and involved other vehicles (67%). This is an increase compared to all fatalities, which was 49 percent during the daytime, 59 percent on weekdays, and 44 percent involving another vehicle.
- In 2015 passenger vehicle occupants 65 and older involved in fatal traffic crashes were more likely to be restrained.
- For older pedestrians, 68 percent of fatalities in 2015 occurred at nonintersection locations.
- Among the older population, the traffic fatality rate per 100,000 population in 2015 was highest for the 85-and-older age group.



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Older Population

For the purposes of this fact sheet, the term older—in relation to population, drivers, occupants, and nonoccupants—refers to people 65 and older. In this fact sheet the 2015 older population information is presented in the following order.

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This fact sheet contains information on fatal motor vehicle crashes and fatalities based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). FARS is a census of fatal crashes in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico is not included in U.S. totals). Crash and injury statistics are based on data from the National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) General Estimates System (GES). The NASS GES is a probability-based sample of police-reported crashes from 60 locations across the country, from which estimates of national totals for injury and property-damage-only crashes are derived.

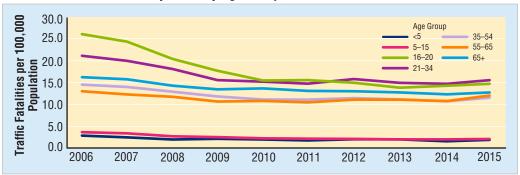
Overview

In 2015 there were 6,165 people 65 and older killed and an estimated 240,000 injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Older people made up 18 percent of all traffic fatalities and 10 percent of all people injured in traffic crashes during the year. Compared to 2014, there was an 8-percent increase in the numbers of both fatalities and those injured in the older age group.

In 2015 some 47.8 million people—about 15 percent of the total U.S. resident population—were 65 and older. Over the past decade the fatality rate per 100,000 population of older people has steadily declined from 16.3 in 2006 to 12.9 in 2015. Figure 1 shows motor vehicle traffic fatality rates according to age groups.

Figure 1

Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatality Rates by Age Group, 2006–2015



Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 2006–2014 Final File, 2015 Annual Report File (ARF). Population: Bureau of the Census.

Some notable changes among the 65-and-older age group, over the most recent 10 years of data (2006 to 2015), are seen in Table 1:

- The population increased by 29 percent (males increased by 34% and females by 24%).
- Motorcyclist fatalities, though a relatively small number, increased by 142 percent (males increased by 144% and females increased by 100%).
- Driver fatalities among the older population increased by 3 percent (increased for males by 10% and decreased for females by 11%).
- Older pedalcyclist fatalities increased by 12 percent overall (increased for males by 8% and for females by 38%).

Table 1
Involvement of the Older Population in Traffic Fatalities by Gender, 2006 and 2015

Total			2006			2015	Percentage Change, 2006–2015			
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	Female	95	13	14%	120	18	15%	26%	38%	

Source: FARS 2006 Final File, 2015 ARF. Population: Bureau of the Census. Fatalities of unknown sex excluded.

Note: Use caution with reporting of percentages as some are based on small fatality figures.

People 65 and older made up 15 percent of the population in 2015, as seen in Table 1. Thirteen percent of the male population was 65 and older, while 16 percent of females were in this age group. Note that from 2006 to 2015 the number of older people in the U.S. increased by 29 percent (males by 34% and females by 24%), while the total population of all ages increased by 8 percent. Thus, a larger percentage of the population is in this age group than had been a decade ago (12% in 2006 to 15% in 2015). While there are both a larger number and larger percentage of females in this age group, gender differences shrunk over the decades.

Also interesting to note is that the percentage of females 65 and older is larger than that of males when looking at driver fatalities, total traffic fatalities, occupant fatalities, passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, pedalcyclist fatalities, and pedestrian fatalities. Males 65 and older are a larger percentage of motorcyclist fatalities. While the numbers and percentages themselves have changed, the pattern of females or males having the higher percentage for this age group is the same as a decade ago.

When it comes to restraint use of those involved in fatal traffic crashes, passenger vehicle occupants 65 and older were more likely to be restrained than those younger than 65. Older passengers involved were restrained 81 percent of the time, while passengers 65 and younger were restrained 71 percent of the time.

Older Drivers

There were 40.1 million licensed older drivers in 2015 —a 33-percent increase from 10 years earlier (2006). In contrast, the total number of licensed drivers in the United States increased by 8 percent from 2006 to 2015. Older drivers made up 18 percent of all licensed drivers in 2015, compared to 15 percent in 2006.

As shown in Table 2, among the age groups displayed of drivers of drinking age in fatal crashes in 2015, older drivers involved in fatal crashes had the lowest percentage of drivers with blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher, at 8 percent.

Table 2

Age and Alcohol Involvement of Drivers in Fatal Crashes, 2015

	Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes									
Age Group		BAC .08 or Higher								
(Years)	Total	Number	Percentage of Total							
<16	154	15	10%							
16-20	4,214	659	16%							
21-34	14,802	4,021	27%							
35-54	15,527	3,234	21%							
55-64	6,453	905	14%							
65+	6,490	507	8%							
Total	48,613	9,649	20%							

Source: FARS 2015 ARF.

Over the past 10 years 4 percent more people were killed in crashes involving older drivers – from 6,334 in 2006 to 6,608 in 2015. While the annual numbers of people killed in these crashes over the last 10 years has varied, there was an increase of 9 percent between 2014 and 2015. This increase in one year accounts for a large portion of the increases over the last decade. Table 3 presents total fatalities in crashes involving older drivers over the past 10 years by the role of the person killed.

Table 3
Fatalities in Crashes Involving Drivers 65 and Older,
2006–2015

	Older Drivers	Passengers in Older Drivers' Vehicles	Occupants of Other Vehicles	Non- occupants	Total
2006	3,741	979	1,197	417	6,334
2007	3,674	923	1,120	452	6,169
2008	3,475	858	1,085	407	5,825
2009	3,307	848	1,008	450	5,613
2010	3,423	886	986	487	5,782
2011	3,409	735	984	508	5,636
2012	3,471	813	1,044	612	5,940
2013	3,601	766	1,107	583	6,057
2014	3,564	750	1,128	610	6,052
2015	3,859	828	1,250	671	6,608

Sources: FARS 2006-2014 Final File, 2015 ARF.

Most traffic fatalities in crashes involving older drivers in 2015 occurred during the daytime (74%), occurred on weekdays (70%), and involved other vehicles (67%). These percentages differ from those for all fatalities in 2015: 49 percent occurred in the daytime; 59 percent occurred on the weekdays; and 44 percent involved another vehicle.

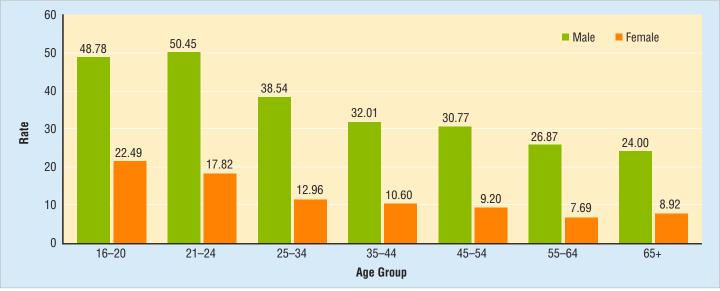
^{*}Total includes 973 drivers of unknown age.

Among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2015, drivers 65 and older had a lower involvement rate per 100,000 licensed drivers (16.19) than any other age group. Looking specifically at females, the 55-to-64 age group was slightly lower than the 65-and-older group. The

involvement rate for older male drivers was 24 per 100,000 older licensed male drivers, and the involvement rate for older female drivers was 8.92 per 100,000 older licensed female drivers, as seen in Figure 2.

Figure 2

Driver Involvement Rates in Fatal Crashes by Age and Gender per 100,000 Licensed Drivers, 2015



Source: FARS 2015 ARF.

Licensed Drivers: Federal Highway Administration.

Older Population Age Groups

While Figure 2 looked at the involvement rate for older drivers compared to other age groups, Figure 3 compares the involvement rates for age groups within the population of drivers 65 and older,

by gender. Fatal-crash driver-involvement rates per 100,000 licensed drivers among both older male (31.6) and female (12.15) drivers was highest in the 85-and-older age group.

Figure 3
Involvement Rates for Older Drivers in Fatal Crashes by Age Group and Gender, per 100,000 Licensed Drivers, 2015



Source: FARS 2015 ARF.

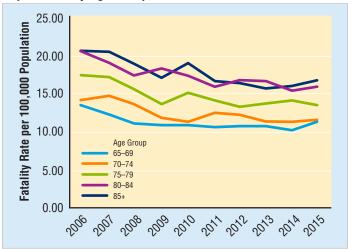
Licensed Drivers: Federal Highway Administration.

In 2015 among the older population the fatality rate for the 85-and-older age group was 16.94 per 100,000 population, which was higher than any other older age group. The fatality rate for the 85+ age group declined by 17 percent over the past decade, from 20.37 in 2006 to 16.94 in 2015, as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4

Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatality Rates Among Older

Populations by Age Group, 2015



Source: FARS 2005-2013 Final File; FARS 2015 ARF.

Population: Bureau of the Census.

Older Pedestrians

For older people the proportion of pedestrian fatalities in 2015 that occurred at non-intersection locations (68%) was much lower than for pedestrians under 65 (83%).

Among all fatally injured pedestrians 21 (the legal drinking age in the United States) and older, older pedestrians had the lowest percentage with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher, as seen in Table 4. Pedestrians under 16 had a lower rate of .08+ BAC; however, it is illegal for this age group to consume alcohol in the United States.

Table 4 **Pedestrian Fatalities by Age Group and BAC, 2015**

	Pedestrian Fatalities								
Age Group		BAC .08 or Higher							
(Years)	Total	Number	Percentage of Total						
<16	262	8	3%						
16–20	273	66	24%						
21–34	1,083	444	41%						
35–54	1,747	774	44%						
55–64	959	362	38%						
65+	1,002	135	13%						
Total*	5,376	1,808	34%						

Source: FARS 2015 ARF.

Driver Involvement in Fatal Crashes by State and Age Group

Table 5 shows driver involvement in fatal traffic crashes by State and driver age group. Included also in Table 5 is Puerto Rico, which is not included in the overall U.S. total.

Among all States, driver involvement in all fatal crashes in 2015 ranged from a high of 4,836 in Texas to a low of 30 in the District of Columbia. Specific to older drivers involved in fatal crashes, Florida had the largest number of older drivers involved at 581, compared to the District of Columbia with 1 driver involved in a fatal crash. The District of Columbia had the lowest percentage of older driver involvement with 3.3 percent, followed by Rhode Island with 8.6 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes being 65 and older. New Hampshire had the largest percentage, 19 percent.

Looking at the driver involvement rate per 100,000 licensed drivers in 2015 the District of Columbia was lowest with 2, followed by Rhode Island with a rate of 3. Montana had the highest driver involvement rate for those 65 and older (28), followed by Mississippi and Wyoming with a rate of 26. Nationally, 16 drivers 65 and older per 100,000 licensed drivers were involved in fatal crashes in 2015.

^{*}Total includes 50 fatalities of unknown age.

Fatalities by State and Age Group

The previous section looked at drivers involved in fatal crashes. Table 6 shows fatalities in traffic crashes by State and age group. Included also in Table 6 is Puerto Rico, which is not included in the overall U.S. total.

Among all States, the number of fatalities in motor vehicle crashes in 2015 ranged from a high of 3,516 in Texas to a low of 23 in the District of Columbia. The State with the highest number of fatalities of people 65 and over was Florida with 539 fatalities in 2015, compared to the District of Columbia with the fewest, 4. Wyoming had the lowest percentage of fatalities of those 65 and older, with only 7.6 percent, while Wisconsin had the highest, with 24.6 percent.

Looking at the rate by population for those 65 and older, Rhode Island was lowest with only 3 fatalities per 100,000 population in that age group, followed by the District of Columbia with a rate of 5. Montana had the highest rate, 22 per 100,000 population, followed by Mississippi with 21. The national rate was 13 fatalities 65 and older per 100,000 population.

Additional State/county-level data is available at NHTSA's State Traffic Safety Information website at https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/stsi.htm.

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For more information:

Information on traffic fatalities is available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), NSA-230, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. NCSA can be contacted at 800-934-8517 or by e-mail at ncsaweb@dot.gov. General information on highway traffic safety can be found at www.nhtsa.gov/NCSA. To report a safety-related problem or to inquire about motor vehicle safety information, contact the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.

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Table 5 **Driver Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes by State and Age Group, 2015**

			Age 65+		Age Group, 2015 Age Group								
	Total		ngo oo i	Rate per				/igo (лоцр				
	Drivers	Drivers	Percentage	100,000 Licensed									
State	Involved	65+	of Total	Drivers*	<40	40-64	65–69	70–74	75–79	80-84	85+	Unknown	
Alabama	1,180	144	12.2%	18	575	440	57	36	14	21	16	21	
Alaska	88	13	14.8%	19	47	26	3	3	5	2	0	2	
Arizona	1,223	169	13.8%	20	541	453	50	42	29	31	17	60	
Arkansas	732	92	12.6%	21	334	300	31	25	13	12	11	6	
California	4,382	438	10.0%	11	2,220	1,570	165	96	67	57	53	154	
Colorado	787	99	12.6%	15	372	305	30	30	16	11	12	11	
Connecticut	370	43	11.6%	9	177	145	19	9	5	5	5	5	
Delaware	189	18	9.5%	12	86	79	10	2	2	2	2	6	
Dist of Columbia	30	1	3.3%	2	13	13	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Florida	4,137	581	14.0%	18	1,966	1,458	168	140	105	86	82	132	
Georgia	2,041	293	14.4%	25	948	763	115	68	51	30	29	37	
Hawaii	125	17	13.6%	10	66	42	4	9	1	3	0	0	
Idaho	280	41	14.6%	19	136	103	14	12	5	6	4	0	
Illinois	1,357	205	15.1%	14	644	480	69	38	33	23	42	28	
Indiana	1,163	149	12.8%	18	533	459	46	35	27	22	19	22	
lowa	421	66	15.7%	15	184	170	16	16	10	14	10	1	
Kansas	465	71	15.3%	19	204	188	26	15	11	6	13	2	
Kentucky	1,070	126	11.8%	22	506	427	44	33	20	16	13	11	
Louisiana	998	113	11.3%	18	502	363	44	25	21	11	12	20	
Maine	190	31	16.3%	14	89	70	7	8	6	5	5	0	
Maryland	716	109	15.2%	15	307	282	40	23	15	13	18	18	
Massachusetts	409	64	15.6%	7	210	132	21	19	13	6	5	3	
Michigan	1,435	178	12.4%	13	711	519	54	48	30	20	26	27 7	
Minnesota	589 872	101 100	17.1%	15 26	257	224 329	32 39	18	21	15	15	1 .	
Mississippi		185	11.5%	23	428	428	59	24	16 36	13 30	8 19	15 31	
Missouri	1,224 267	44	15.1% 16.5%	28	580 137	86	18	41	6	3	6	0	
Montana Nebraska	328	35	10.7%	13	170	121	11	4	4	11	5	2	
Nevada	453	51	11.3%	15	228	164	17	12	10	5	7	10	
New Hampshire	142	27	19.0%	13	52	62	9	7	2	4	5	10	
New Jersey	756	122	16.1%	11	344	267	38	29	20	14	21	23	
New Mexico	383	41	10.7%	15	202	129	17	8	11	2	3	11	
New York	1,499	217	14.5%	10	671	570	66	59	27	26	39	41	
North Carolina	1,935	283	14.6%	22	887	746	95	60	54	41	33	19	
North Dakota	166	15	9.0%	17	87	64	6	4	0	2	3	0	
Ohio	1,630	252	15.5%	16	731	623	77	61	51	30	33	24	
Oklahoma	886	116	13.1%	23	445	315	35	27	22	22	10	10	
Oregon	596	94	15.8%	16	243	253	44	23	11	9	7	6	
Pennsylvania	1,662	277	16.7%	15	723	642	100	65	39	47	26	20	
Rhode Island	58	5	8.6%	3	41	11	1	1	1	0	2	1	
South Carolina	1,399	156	11.2%	21	686	540	67	32	30	16	11	17	
South Dakota	167	22	13.2%	16	68	77	8	6	5	2	1	0	
Tennessee	1,347	215	16.0%	23	609	512	91	46	36	20	22	11	
Texas	4,836	496	10.3%	19	2,511	1,717	181	126	95	54	40	112	
Utah	415	58	14.0%	21	209	145	19	16	7	10	6	3	
Vermont	69	11	15.9%	9	33	25	4	2	2	0	3	0	
Virginia	1,015	170	16.7%	16	447	383	63	39	26	27	15	15	
Washington	788	120	15.2%	13	380	276	31	33	21	18	17	12	
West Virginia	355	47	13.2%	17	170	134	19	13	6	2	7	4	
Wisconsin	797	148	18.6%	19	354	286	47	29	24	26	22	9	
Wyoming	191	21	11.0%	26	86	84	8	3	6	20	2	0	
U.S. Total	48,613	6,490	13.4%	16	23,150	18,000	2,235	1,532	1,088	853	782	973	
Puerto Rico	395	42	10.6%	18	23,130	118	13	1,332	8	7	2	18	
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Source: FARS 2015 ARF. Licensed Drivers: Federal Highway Administration.

Table 6 Fatalities in Traffic Crashes by State and Age Group, 2015

			Age 65+	Age Group								
State	Total Fatalities	Fatalities 65+	Percentage of Total	Rate per 100,000 Population	<40	40–64	65–69	70–74	75–79	80–84	85+	Unknown
Alabama	849	125	14.7%	16	426	295	44	22	11	22	26	3
Alaska	65	13	20.0%	18	32	20	2	4	4	3	0	0
Arizona	893	165	18.5%	15	388	336	43	41	24	31	26	4
Arkansas	531	84	15.8%	18	255	190	29	17	12	10	16	2
California	3,176	494	15.6%	10	1,582	1,093	152	94	83	72	93	7
Colorado	546	94	17.2%	13	251	201	28	26	13	12	15	0
Connecticut	266	44	16.5%	8	117	105	14	10	7	3	10	0
Delaware	126	18	14.3%	11	56	52	6	5	3	2	2	0
Dist of Columbia	23	4	17.4%	5	11	8	1	1	1	1	0	0
Florida	2,939	539	18.3%	14	1,292	1,075	148	109	89	87	106	33
Georgia	1,430	260	18.2%	20	676	492	88	62	55	23	32	2
Hawaii	94	15	16.0%	6	42	34	1	3	1	6	4	3
Idaho	216	37	17.1%	15	99	80	13	9	6	6	3	0
Illinois	998	191	19.1%	10	471	334	60	31	27	22	51	2
Indiana	821	148	18.0%	15	368	305	35	31	32	25	25	0
Iowa	320	73	22.8%	15	141	106	20	11	8	15	19	0
Kansas	355	66	18.6%	15	165	124	26	9	8	9	14	0
Kentucky	761	118	15.5%	18	363	279	34	35	18	19	12	1
Louisiana	726	95	13.1%	15	377	252	31	23	15	12	14	2
Maine	156	34	21.8%	14	67	55	4	7	5	10	8	0
Maryland	513	89	17.3%	10	239	184	25	17	15	14	18	1
Massachusetts	306	70	22.9%	7	147	87	23	17	13	10	7	2
Michigan	963	183	19.0%	12	455	325	45	41	28	26	43	0
Minnesota	411	99	24.1%	12	165	147	27	17	21	15	19	0
Mississippi	677	94	13.9%	21	337	246	35	23	10	17	9	0
Missouri	869	166	19.1%	17	412	291	44	38	28	30	26	0
Montana	224	40	17.9%	22	117	67	18	9	3	3	7	0
Nebraska	246	35	14.2%	13	123	88	9	3	6	8	9	0
Nevada	325 114	59 23	18.2% 20.2%	14 11	159 43	107 48	14	15	14	8	8 7	0
New Hampshire	562					193	4	4	23	5 19	1	0
New Jersey New Mexico	298	128 36	22.8% 12.1%	10 11	241 168	94	34 15	24 5	9	4	28	0
New York	1,121	251	22.4%	8	482	382	55	52	39	39	66	6
North Carolina	1,379	269	19.5%	18	632	477	70	53	54	47	45	1
North Dakota	131	17	13.0%	16	76	38	4	6	1	2	45	0
Ohio	1,110	224	20.2%	12	510	375	60	52	52	24	36	1
Oklahoma	643	110	17.1%	19	315	218	26	25	25	26	8	0
Oregon	447	79	17.7%	12	186	182	34	17	12	8	8	0
Pennsylvania	1,200	242	20.2%	11	530	427	75	39	45	41	42	1
Rhode Island	45	5	11.1%	3	27	13	1	2	1	0	1	0
South Carolina	977	133	13.6%	17	489	355	45	29	27	16	16	0
South Dakota	133	21	15.8%	16	54	58	8	6	4	1	2	0
Tennessee	958	181	18.9%	18	427	350	61	42	34	22	22	0
Texas	3,516	462	13.1%	14	1,862	1,173	132	116	91	67	56	19
Utah	276	53	19.2%	17	137	86	15	15	6	8	9	0
Vermont	57	12	21.1%	11	19	26	5	2	2	0	3	0
Virginia	753	149	19.8%	13	319	282	50	32	25	24	18	3
Washington	568	124	21.8%	12	261	183	27	33	21	19	24	0
West Virginia	268	44	16.4%	13	121	103	14	11	7	3	9	0
Wisconsin	566	139	24.6%	15	242	185	40	19	25	20	35	0
Wyoming					79	55	5	2	3	0	1	0
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U.S. Total	145 35,092	6,165	7.6% 17.6%	13 13	16,553	12,281	1,799	1,316	1,069	916	1,065	93

Source: FARS 2015 ARF. Population: Bureau of the Census.