

Traffic Safety Facts

2008 Data

Pedestrians

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A pedestrian is defined as any person not in or upon a motor vehicle or other vehicle.

In 2008, 4,378 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in the United States — a decrease of 16 percent from the 5,228 pedestrians killed in 1998.

On average, a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 120 minutes and injured in a traffic crash every 8 minutes.

There were 69,000 pedestrians injured in traffic crashes in 2008.

Most pedestrian fatalities in 2008 occurred in urban areas (72%), at non-intersection locations (76%), in normal weather conditions (89%), and at night (70%).

More than two-thirds (70%) of the pedestrians killed in 2008 were males. In 2008, the male pedestrian fatality rate per 100,000 population was 2.04 — more than double the rate for females (0.86 per 100,000 population). In 2008, the male pedestrian injury rate per 100,000 population was 24, compared with 21 for females (see Table 5).

Figure 1
Total Pedestrian Fatalities, 1998-2008



