

Quick Facts 2012

General Statistics

Fatal Crashes	
2012	30,800
2011	29,867
2010	30,296

Source: FARS

Fatalities	
2012	33,561
2011	32,479
2010	32,999

Source: FARS

Police-Reported Crashes	
2012	5,615,000
2011	5,338,000
2010	5,419,000

Source: GES

People Injured	
2012	2,362,000
2011	2,217,000
2010	2,239,000

Source: GES

Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2012	1.14
2011	1.10
2010	1.11

Source: FARS/FHWA

Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population	
2012	10.69
2011	10.42
2010	10.67

Source: FARS/Census

Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2012	80
2011	75
2010	75

Source: GES/FHWA

Injury Rate per 100,000 Population	
2012	752
2011	712
2010	724

Source: GES/Census

Occupant Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT by Vehicle Type				
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2012	0.89	0.73	0.26	23.27
2011	0.88	0.73	0.24	24.97
2010	0.83	0.86	0.18	24.40

Source: FARS/FHWA.

Rural Versus Urban Fatalities*		
	Rural	Urban
2012	18,170 (54%)	15,296 (46%)
2011	17,769 (55%)	14,575 (45%)
2010	18,089 (55%)	14,659 (45%)

Source: FARS *Percent based on known land use.

Exposure Data

Vehicle Miles of Travel (Millions) by Vehicle Type					
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total
2012	1,377,833	1,286,612	268,318	21,298	2,968,815
2011	1,369,898	1,280,560	267,595	18,542	2,950,402
2010	1,507,716	1,140,740	286,527	18,513	2,967,266

Source: FHWA, revised by NHTSA.

Registered Vehicles by Vehicle Type					
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total*
2012	127,091,286	118,677,080	10,659,380	8,454,939	265,647,194
2011	126,974,845	118,694,258	10,270,693	8,437,502	265,043,362
2010	135,310,480	102,376,147	10,770,054	8,009,503	257,312,235

Source: FHWA and R.L. Polk & Co. *Total includes buses.

Note: Due to an enhancement in the passenger car and light truck registration data provided by R.L. Polk & Co. for 2011 and 2012, registration counts for those years changed considerably from the counts provided for 2010. This should be taken into account when comparing registration numbers for 2010 with those for 2011 and 2012.

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Clock Facts

Fatalities per Day	
2012	92
2011	89
2010	90

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per Day	
2012	28
2011	27
2010	28

Source: FARS

Pedestrian Fatalities per Day	
2012	13
2011	12
2010	12

Source: FARS

People Injured per Day	
2012	6,454
2011	6,074
2010	6,134

Source: GES

Pedestrians Injured per Day	
2012	208
2011	189
2010	192

Source: GES

Alcohol

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal Crashes	
2012	8,364
2011	8,997
2010	9,248

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities and Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT		
	Fatalities	Fatality Rate
2012	10,322	0.35
2011	9,865	0.33
2010	10,136	0.34

Source: FARS/FHWA

Percent of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Who Had a BAC of .08 or Higher, by Vehicle Type				
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2012	23%	22%	2%	27%
2011	24%	21%	1%	29%
2010	24%	22%	1%	29%

Source: FARS

Percent of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Who Had a BAC of .08 or Higher, by Age									
	16-20	21-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Total
2012	18%	32%	29%	25%	21%	14%	9%	5%	21%
2011	20%	32%	30%	24%	21%	14%	8%	5%	21%
2010	18%	34%	30%	25%	21%	14%	8%	4%	22%

Source: FARS

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Occupant Protection

Nationwide Seat Belt Use Rate	
2012	86%
2011	84%
2010	85%

Source: NOPUS

	Child Restraint Use by Age		
	<4 Years	4-7 Years	8-12 Years
2012	--	--	--
2011	96%	90%	88%
2010	--	--	--

Source: NSUBS

Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Who Were Unrestrained*, by Age Group							
	<4 Years	4-7 Years	8-12 Years	13-15 Years	16-20 Years	21+	Total
2012	71 (31%)	68 (38%)	80 (45%)	140 (59%)	1,423 (60%)	8,541 (51%)	10,335 (52%)
2011	59 (30%)	60 (33%)	102 (45%)	160 (65%)	1,538 (60%)	8,285 (51%)	10,215 (52%)
2010	59 (26%)	77 (41%)	84 (43%)	152 (57%)	1,538 (60%)	8,667 (51%)	10,590 (52%)

Source: FARS *Where restraint use was known.

Children

Children (<5 Years Old) Fatalities by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2012	405	306	298	99
2011	358	277	273	81
2010	403	298	291	105

Source: FARS

Children (<5 Years Old) Injured by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2012	41,000	39,000	39,000	2,000
2011	48,000	46,000	46,000	2,000
2010	41,000	39,000	39,000	2,000

Source: GES

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School Bus

Total School Bus Occupant Fatalities*			School Bus Occupant (Age 18 and Younger) Fatalities*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus		School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2012	12	2	2012	8	0
2011	9	2	2011	3	0
2010	14	2	2010	9	0

Source: FARS *In school-bus-related crashes.

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Pedestrian Fatalities (Age 18 and Younger) Struck by School Bus*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2012	4	0
2011	5	1
2010	8	0

Source: FARS *In school-bus-related crashes.

Motorcycles

Motorcyclist Fatalities	
2012	4,957
2011	4,630
2010	4,518

Source: FARS

Motorcyclist Fatalities Unhelmeted*	
2012	2,036 (42%)
2011	1,852 (41%)
2010	1,868 (42%)

Source: FARS

*Percent where helmet use was known.

Motorcyclists Injured	
2012	93,000
2011	81,000
2010	82,000

Source: GES

Speeding

Speeding-Related Fatalities	
2012	10,219 (30%)
2011	10,001 (31%)
2010	10,508 (32%)

Source: FARS

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Large Trucks

Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2012	3,921
2011	3,781
2010	3,686

Source: FARS

People Injured in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2012	104,000
2011	88,000
2010	80,000

Source: GES

Percent of Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks by Person Type			
	Truck Occupants	Occupants of Other Vehicles	Nonoccupants
2012	18%	73%	10%
2011	17%	72%	11%
2010	14%	76%	10%

Source: FARS

Pedestrians

Pedestrian Fatalities	
2012	4,743
2011	4,457
2010	4,302

Source: FARS

Fatally Injured Pedestrians* Who Had Been Drinking	
2012	1,805 (40%)
2011	1,744 (41%)
2010	1,608 (40%)

Source: FARS *Age 14 and older.

Pedestrians Injured	
2012	76,000
2011	69,000
2010	70,000

Source: GES

Pedalcyclists

Pedalcyclist Fatalities	
2012	726
2011	682
2010	623

Source: FARS

Pedalcyclists Injured	
2012	49,000
2011	48,000
2010	52,000

Source: GES

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Lives Saved

Lives Saved by Age					
	Seat Belts 5 & Older	Frontal Air Bags 13 & Older	Child Restraints 4 & Younger	Minimum Drinking Age Laws	Motorcycle Helmets
2012	12,174	2,213	284	525	1,699
2011	11,983	2,210	262	535	1,622
2010	12,582	2,315	303	552	1,556

Source: Crash*Stats "Lives Saved in 2012 by Restraint Use and Minimum Drinking Age Laws"
(DOT HS 811 851, November 2013) www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811851.pdf

Additional Lives Savable by Seat Belts at Higher Use Rates*

For a 1% Increase	At 90% Use	At 100% Use
206	835	3,031

Source: NCSA *Compared with 2012 national seat belt use rate of 86%.

Leading Cause of Death

Motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for age 4 and every age 11 through 27 (based on latest available 2009 data).

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Mortality Data, 2009.