

Quick Facts 2014

General Statistics

Fatal Crashes	
2014	29,989
2013	30,203
2012	31,006

Source: FARS

Fatalities	
2014	32,675
2013	32,894
2012	33,782

Source: FARS

Police-Reported Crashes	
2014	6,064,000
2013	5,687,000
2012	5,615,000

Source: GES

People Injured	
2014	2,338,000
2013	2,313,000
2012	2,362,000

Source: GES

Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2014	1.08
2013	1.10
2012	1.14

Source: FARS/FHWA

Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population	
2014	10.25
2013	10.39
2012	10.75

Source: FARS/Census

Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2014	77
2013	77
2012	80

Source: GES/FHWA

Injury Rate per 100,000 Population	
2014	733
2013	731
2012	752

Source: GES/Census

Occupant Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT by Vehicle Type				
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2014	0.85	0.69	0.24	22.96
2013	0.87	0.71	0.25	23.04
2012	0.90	0.73	0.26	23.32

Source: FARS/FHWA

Rural Versus Urban Fatalities*		
	Rural	Urban
2014	16,710 (52%)	15,487 (48%)
2013	17,740 (54%)	15,119 (46%)
2012	18,367 (54%)	15,371 (46%)

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*
2014	1,396,098	1,314,458	279,132	19,970	3,025,656
2013	1,384,194	1,293,536	275,017	20,366	2,988,280
2012	1,377,486	1,286,574	269,207	21,385	2,969,433

Source: FHWA. Passenger car and light truck VMT revised by NHTSA. *Total includes buses.

Registered Vehicles by Vehicle Type					
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total*
2014	131,138,925	123,470,278	10,095,956	8,417,718	274,804,904
2013	128,974,640	120,453,070	10,597,356	8,404,687	269,294,302
2012	127,091,286	118,677,080	10,659,380	8,454,939	265,647,194

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

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Clock Facts

Fatalities per Day	
2014	90
2013	90
2012	92

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per Day	
2014	27
2013	28
2012	28

Source: FARS

Pedestrian Fatalities per Day	
2014	13
2013	13
2012	13

Source: FARS

People Injured per Day	
2014	6,405
2013	6,337
2012	6,454

Source: GES

Pedestrians Injured per Day	
2014	178
2013	181
2012	208

Source: GES

Alcohol

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal Crashes	
2014	9,068
2013	9,197
2012	9,377

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities and Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT		
	Fatalities	Fatality Rate
2014	9,967	0.33
2013	10,110	0.34
2012	10,336	0.35

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
2014	22%	22%	2%	29%
2013	23%	21%	2%	27%
2012	23%	21%	2%	28%

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
2014	17%	30%	29%	24%	20%	16%	10%	6%	21%
2013	17%	32%	30%	24%	20%	14%	8%	5%	21%
2012	18%	32%	29%	24%	21%	13%	8%	5%	21%

Source: FARS

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Occupant Protection

Nationwide Seat Belt Use Rate	
2014	87%
2013	87%
2012	86%

Source: NOPUS Crash*Stat DOT HS 812 149

	Child Restraint Use by Age			
	<1 Year	1-3 Years	4-7 Years	8-12 Years
2014	--	--	--	--
2013	98%	95%	91%	89%
2012	--	--	--	--

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
2014	36 (22%)	64 (32%)	91 (47%)	125 (59%)	1,141 (53%)	7,920 (48%)	9,385 (49%)
2013	52 (26%)	76 (41%)	95 (45%)	134 (61%)	1,180 (55%)	8,080 (49%)	9,622 (49%)
2012	72 (31%)	69 (38%)	79 (45%)	140 (59%)	1,431 (60%)	8,569 (51%)	10,370 (52%)

Source: FARS *Where restraint use was known.

Children

Children (<5 Years Old) Fatalities by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2014	340	248	240	92
2013	393	285	275	108
2012	406	308	299	98

Source: FARS

Children (<5 Years Old) Injured by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2014	47,000	45,000	45,000	2,000
2013	47,000	45,000	45,000	2,000
2012	41,000	39,000	39,000	2,000

Source: GES

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School Bus

Total School Bus Occupant Fatalities*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2014	10	1
2013	9	2
2012	12	2

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

School Bus Occupant (Age 18 and Younger) Fatalities*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2014	3	0
2013	3	1
2012	8	0

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

Pedestrian Fatalities (Age 18 and Younger) Struck by School Bus*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2014	7	0
2013	3	0
2012	4	0

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

Motorcycles

Motorcyclist Fatalities	
2014	4,586
2013	4,692
2012	4,986

Source: FARS

Motorcyclist Fatalities Unhelmeted*	
2014	1,716 (39%)
2013	1,861 (41%)
2012	2,039 (42%)

Source: FARS

*Percent where helmet use was known.

Motorcyclists Injured	
2014	92,000
2013	88,000
2012	93,000

Source: GES

Speeding

Speeding-Related Fatalities	
2014	9,262 (28%)
2013	9,696 (29%)
2012	10,329 (31%)

Source: FARS

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Large Trucks

Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2014	3,903
2013	3,981
2012	3,944

Source: FARS

People Injured in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2014	111,000
2013	95,000
2012	104,000

Source: GES

Percent of Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks by Person Type			
	Truck Occupants	Occupants of Other Vehicles	Nonoccupants
2014	17%	73%	10%
2013	17%	71%	11%
2012	18%	72%	10%

Source: FARS

Pedestrians

Pedestrian Fatalities	
2014	4,884
2013	4,779
2012	4,818

Source: FARS

Fatally Injured Pedestrians* Who Had a BAC of .01 or Higher	
2014	1,807 (39%)
2013	1,784 (39%)
2012	1,853 (41%)

Source: FARS *Age 14 and older.

Pedestrians Injured	
2014	65,000
2013	66,000
2012	76,000

Source: GES

Pedalcyclists

Pedalcyclist Fatalities	
2014	726
2013	749
2012	734

Source: FARS

Pedalcyclists Injured	
2014	50,000
2013	48,000
2012	49,000

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
2014	12,802	2,396	252	485	1,669
2013	12,644	2,388	263	508	1,640
2012	12,386	2,422	285	537	1,715

Source: Crash*Stats www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812218.pdf

Additional Lives Savable by Seat Belts at Higher Use Rates*

For a 1% Increase	At 90% Use	At 100% Use
207	626	2,814

Source: NCSA *Compared with 2014 national seat belt use rate of 87%.

Leading Cause of Death

Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for age 11 and every age 16 through 24 in 2014.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (2015) Leading Cause of Death

Economic and Comprehensive Costs to Society by Type of Crash 2010 Costs (in Billions)

Crash Type	Economic Cost	Comprehensive Cost*
All	\$242	\$836
Alcohol-Impaired	\$44	\$201
Speeding	\$52	\$203

Source: www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812013.pdf

*Previous issues of Quick Facts contained only the economic costs. The total value of societal harm includes economic costs as well as quality of life lost, such as lost market and household productivity. These costs are for reported and unreported crashes.



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