

Traffic Safety Facts

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Key Findings

- Traffic fatalities decreased by 1 percent from 2013 to 2014 (32,894 to 32,675) for the United States.
- The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.08 for the United States in 2014 but ranged from a high of 1.65 to a low of 0.57 among States.
- Since 1975, which was the first year that FARS was collected, the rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million miles traveled in the United States has decreased 68 percent (3.35 to 1.08).
- Twenty-one States and the District of Columbia showed an increase in traffic fatalities between 2013 and 2014.
- From 2005 to 2014, Utah had the largest increase in percentage of alcohol-impaired fatalities at 83 percent, while Vermont had the greatest decrease at 49 percent.
- In 2014, 78 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in New Hampshire were known to be unrestrained.
- In 11 States, 70 percent or more of motorcyclists killed were known to be unhelmeted in 2014.



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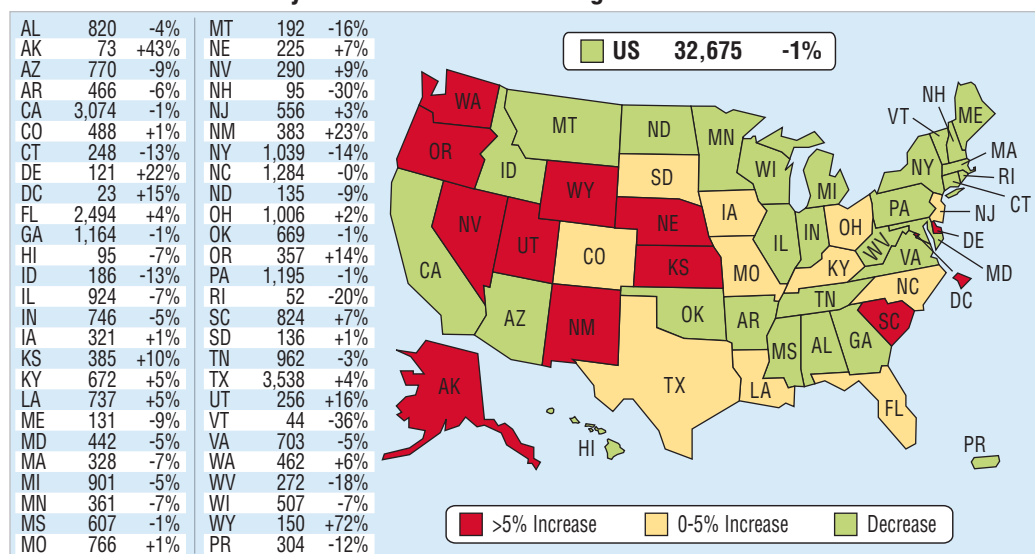
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Overview

In 2014 there were 32,675 fatalities in the United States (50 States and the District of Columbia, excluding Puerto Rico), a decrease of 1 percent from 2013 (32,894). Figure 1 shows the 2014 traffic fatalities and the percent change from 2013 for each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Wyoming and Alaska had the greatest fatality increases from 2013 to 2014 at 72 and 43 percent, while Vermont and New Hampshire had the greatest decreases at 36 and 30 percent, respectively.

Figure 1
2014 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change From 2013



Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 2013 Final File and 2014 Annual Report File (ARF)

State Traffic Fatality Tables

Table 1 shows traffic fatalities and the fatality rates based on population, licensed drivers, registered vehicles, and vehicle miles traveled for 2014.

- The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 1.08 for the United States in 2014, but ranged from a high of 1.65 to a low of 0.57.
- South Carolina had the highest fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (1.65), while Massachusetts had the lowest (0.57) in 2014.
- In 2014 for the United States the rate per 100,000 population was 10.25, the rate per 100,000 licensed drivers was 15.26, and the rate per 100,000 registered vehicles was 11.89.
- Wyoming had the highest fatality rate per 100,000 population (25.68) in the United States while the District of Columbia had the lowest (3.49) in 2014.

Table 2 compares previous years of traffic fatalities, from 1975 to 2014.

- Twenty-one States and the District of Columbia showed an increase in traffic fatalities between 2013 and 2014. They accounted for an additional 776 fatalities from 2013 to 2014.
- Eight States have decreased traffic fatalities by more than half since 1975, the first year FARS data collection began.

Table 3 compares traffic fatality rates, from 1975 to 2014 based on 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

- Since 1975, which was the first year that FARS was collected, the rate of traffic fatalities in the United States has decreased 68 percent (3.35 to 1.08).
- The greatest rate decrease in a State since 1975 is Vermont. Its fatality rate has decreased 86 percent (4.32 to 0.62).

Table 4 compares the alcohol involvement in fatal traffic crashes for 2005 and 2014.

- In 2014, alcohol-impaired driving (blood alcohol concentration of [BAC]=.08 grams per deciliter [g/dL] or higher) was involved in 31 percent of traffic fatalities in the United States, which was the same in 2005.
- From 2005 to 2014, Utah had the largest increase in percentage of alcohol-impaired fatalities at 83 percent (12% versus 22%), while Vermont had the greatest decrease at 49 percent (39% versus 20%).

- In 2014 71 percent of drivers killed were tested for alcohol and their results were known in the United States, while only 27 percent of drivers who survived the fatal crash were tested with known results.

Table 5 shows speeding-related traffic fatalities and the roadway function class for 2014.

- There were 9,262 speeding-related fatalities for the United States in 2014.
- In the United States, Texas had the largest number of speeding related fatalities at 1,284 while Rhode Island and District of Columbia had the least at 12.
- Almost one out of four (2,129) speeding-related fatalities in 2014 occurred on local non-Interstate roadways.

Table 6 shows restraint use for passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2014.

- In 2014, almost half of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in the United States were known to be unrestrained.
- In 2014, 78 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in New Hampshire were known to be unrestrained, the highest in the country.

Table 7 shows motorcyclists killed and their helmet use in 2014.

- In 2014, 39 percent of motorcyclists killed in the United States were known to be unhelmeted.
- In 11 States, 70 percent or more of motorcyclists killed were known to be unhelmeted in 2014. Three of these 11 States do not have laws that require helmets for motorcyclists of any age. The other 8 States only have partial helmet use laws.

Table 8 shows the percentage of traffic fatalities by the person type for 2014. The table also shows the percentage of traffic fatalities by their vehicle type for 2014.

- In 2014, half the people killed in the United States in traffic crashes were drivers (50%), followed by passengers (18%), pedestrians (15%), motorcyclists (14%), and pedalcyclists (2%).
- In 2014, passenger vehicles and light trucks accounted for over three-fourths (40% and 38%, respectively) of the vehicles involved in fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes.

Table 1
Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, by State, 2014

State	Traffic Fatalities	Population (thousands)	Licensed Drivers (thousands)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rates per			
						100,000 Population	100,000 Licensed Drivers	100,000 Registered Vehicles	100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled
Alabama	820	4,849	3,882	5,367	65,667	16.91	21.13	15.28	1.25
Alaska	73	737	532	800	4,857	9.91	13.73	9.12	1.50
Arizona	770	6,731	4,882	5,588	62,631	11.44	15.77	13.78	1.23
Arkansas	466	2,966	2,112	2,779	34,024	15.71	22.07	16.77	1.37
California	3,074	38,803	24,813	28,687	332,857	7.92	12.39	10.72	0.92
Colorado	488	5,356	3,883	4,821	48,985	9.11	12.57	10.12	1.00
Connecticut	248	3,597	2,543	2,866	31,190	6.90	9.75	8.65	0.80
Delaware	121	936	732	958	9,596	12.93	16.52	12.63	1.26
District of Columbia	23	659	420	334	3,528	3.49	5.48	6.88	0.65
Florida	2,494	19,893	13,898	15,505	201,040	12.54	17.94	16.09	1.24
Georgia	1,164	10,097	6,650	8,155	111,535	11.53	17.50	14.27	1.04
Hawaii	95	1,420	903	1,393	10,174	6.69	10.52	6.82	0.93
Idaho	186	1,634	1,128	1,763	16,154	11.38	16.48	10.55	1.15
Illinois	924	12,881	8,374	10,394	104,906	7.17	11.03	8.89	0.88
Indiana	746	6,597	4,448	6,013	79,204	11.31	16.77	12.41	0.94
Iowa	321	3,107	2,228	3,597	31,414	10.33	14.41	8.93	1.02
Kansas	385	2,904	2,021	2,543	30,710	13.26	19.05	15.14	1.25
Kentucky	672	4,413	3,005	4,149	47,941	15.23	22.36	16.20	1.40
Louisiana	737	4,650	3,313	3,887	48,252	15.85	22.25	18.96	1.53
Maine	131	1,330	1,019	1,195	14,301	9.85	12.86	10.97	0.92
Maryland	442	5,976	4,143	4,052	56,432	7.40	10.67	10.91	0.78
Massachusetts	328	6,745	4,766	4,994	57,552	4.86	6.88	6.57	0.57
Michigan	901	9,910	7,046	8,126	97,384	9.09	12.79	11.09	0.93
Minnesota	361	5,457	3,357	5,223	57,395	6.62	10.75	6.91	0.63
Mississippi	607	2,994	1,978	2,068	39,499	20.27	30.69	29.35	1.54
Missouri	766	6,064	4,295	5,333	70,909	12.63	17.83	14.36	1.08
Montana	192	1,024	769	1,586	12,157	18.76	24.98	12.11	1.58
Nebraska	225	1,882	1,384	1,948	19,613	11.96	16.26	11.55	1.15
Nevada	290	2,839	1,796	2,240	25,302	10.21	16.14	12.94	1.15
New Hampshire	95	1,327	1,072	1,310	12,970	7.16	8.86	7.25	0.73
New Jersey	556	8,938	6,153	6,874	74,856	6.22	9.04	8.09	0.74
New Mexico	383	2,086	1,445	1,931	25,347	18.36	26.51	19.84	1.51
New York	1,039	19,746	11,318	10,904	129,263	5.26	9.18	9.53	0.80
North Carolina	1,284	9,944	7,025	7,876	108,012	12.91	18.28	16.30	1.19
North Dakota	135	739	528	871	10,511	18.26	25.59	15.50	1.28
Ohio	1,006	11,594	7,916	10,453	112,766	8.68	12.71	9.62	0.89
Oklahoma	669	3,878	2,452	3,518	47,699	17.25	27.28	19.02	1.40
Oregon	357	3,970	2,785	3,418	34,610	8.99	12.82	10.44	1.03
Pennsylvania	1,195	12,787	8,916	10,505	99,882	9.35	13.40	11.38	1.20
Rhode Island	52	1,055	748	865	7,677	4.93	6.95	6.01	0.68
South Carolina	824	4,832	3,618	4,018	49,931	17.05	22.78	20.51	1.65
South Dakota	136	853	610	1,033	9,225	15.94	22.30	13.17	1.47
Tennessee	962	6,549	4,613	5,496	72,336	14.69	20.85	17.50	1.33
Texas	3,538	26,957	15,649	20,877	243,076	13.12	22.61	16.95	1.46
Utah	256	2,943	1,426	2,151	27,554	8.70	17.96	11.90	0.93
Vermont	44	627	545	612	7,059	7.02	8.07	7.18	0.62
Virginia	703	8,326	5,769	7,160	80,985	8.44	12.19	9.82	0.87
Washington	462	7,062	5,401	6,405	58,060	6.54	8.55	7.21	0.80
West Virginia	272	1,850	1,172	1,553	19,117	14.70	23.21	17.51	1.42
Wisconsin	507	5,758	4,188	5,340	60,053	8.81	12.11	9.49	0.84
Wyoming	150	584	424	820	9,457	25.68	35.38	18.29	1.59
U.S. Total	32,675	318,857	214,092	274,805	3,025,656	10.25	15.26	11.89	1.08
Puerto Rico	304	3,548	*	2,647	14,564	8.57	*	11.48	2.09

Sources: Fatalities—FARS 2014 ARF; Licensed Drivers (estimated)—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Registered Vehicles by State (estimated)—FHWA; Registered Vehicles for USA—R.L. Polk & Co. and FHWA; Population—Bureau of the Census; Vehicle Miles Traveled—FHWA

*Licensed driver data not available for Puerto Rico.

Table 2
Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, by State, 1975–2014

State	Fatalities				Percent Change		
	1975	2005	2013	2014	1975–2014	2005–2014	2013–2014
Alabama	902	1,148	853	820	-9%	-29%	-4%
Alaska	112	73	51	73	-35%	0%	+43%
Arizona	670	1,179	849	770	+15%	-35%	-9%
Arkansas	559	654	498	466	-17%	-29%	-6%
California	4,092	4,333	3,107	3,074	-25%	-29%	-1%
Colorado	581	606	482	488	-16%	-19%	+1%
Connecticut	389	278	286	248	-36%	-11%	-13%
Delaware	122	133	99	121	-1%	-9%	+22%
District of Columbia	70	48	20	23	-67%	-52%	+15%
Florida	1,998	3,518	2,403	2,494	+25%	-29%	+4%
Georgia	1,360	1,729	1,180	1,164	-14%	-33%	-1%
Hawaii	144	140	102	95	-34%	-32%	-7%
Idaho	281	275	214	186	-34%	-32%	-13%
Illinois	2,041	1,363	991	924	-55%	-32%	-7%
Indiana	1,128	938	784	746	-34%	-20%	-5%
Iowa	670	450	317	321	-52%	-29%	+1%
Kansas	509	428	350	385	-24%	-10%	+10%
Kentucky	863	985	638	672	-22%	-32%	+5%
Louisiana	934	963	703	737	-21%	-23%	+5%
Maine	223	169	144	131	-41%	-22%	-9%
Maryland	670	614	465	442	-34%	-28%	-5%
Massachusetts	864	441	351	328	-62%	-26%	-7%
Michigan	1,779	1,129	947	901	-49%	-20%	-5%
Minnesota	754	559	387	361	-52%	-35%	-7%
Mississippi	546	931	613	607	+11%	-35%	-1%
Missouri	1,045	1,257	757	766	-27%	-39%	+1%
Montana	291	251	229	192	-34%	-24%	-16%
Nebraska	369	276	211	225	-39%	-18%	+7%
Nevada	218	427	266	290	+33%	-32%	+9%
New Hampshire	151	166	135	95	-37%	-43%	-30%
New Jersey	1,043	747	542	556	-47%	-26%	+3%
New Mexico	555	488	311	383	-31%	-22%	+23%
New York	2,366	1,434	1,202	1,039	-56%	-28%	-14%
North Carolina	1,506	1,547	1,290	1,284	-15%	-17%	-0%
North Dakota	167	123	148	135	-19%	+10%	-9%
Ohio	1,766	1,321	989	1,006	-43%	-24%	+2%
Oklahoma	757	803	678	669	-12%	-17%	-1%
Oregon	562	487	313	357	-36%	-27%	+14%
Pennsylvania	2,078	1,616	1,210	1,195	-42%	-26%	-1%
Rhode Island	110	87	65	52	-53%	-40%	-20%
South Carolina	820	1,094	768	824	+0%	-25%	+7%
South Dakota	195	186	135	136	-30%	-27%	+1%
Tennessee	1,126	1,270	995	962	-15%	-24%	-3%
Texas	3,372	3,536	3,389	3,538	+5%	+0%	+4%
Utah	272	282	220	256	-6%	-9%	+16%
Vermont	143	73	69	44	-69%	-40%	-36%
Virginia	993	947	740	703	-29%	-26%	-5%
Washington	758	649	436	462	-39%	-29%	+6%
West Virginia	461	374	332	272	-41%	-27%	-18%
Wisconsin	930	815	543	507	-45%	-38%	-7%
Wyoming	210	170	87	150	-29%	-12%	+72%
U.S. Total	44,525	43,510	32,894	32,675	-27%	-25%	-1%
Puerto Rico	496	457	344	304	-39%	-33%	-12%

Source: FARS 1975–2013 Final File, 2014 ARF

Table 3
Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, by State, 1975–2014

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT				Percent Change		
	1975	2005	2013	2014	1975–2014	2005–2014	2013–2014
Alabama	3.63	1.92	1.31	1.25	-66%	-35%	-5%
Alaska	4.38	1.45	1.05	1.50	-66%	+3%	+43%
Arizona	4.19	1.97	1.40	1.23	-71%	-38%	-12%
Arkansas	4.01	2.05	1.49	1.37	-66%	-33%	-8%
California	3.09	1.32	0.94	0.92	-70%	-30%	-2%
Colorado	3.50	1.26	1.03	1.00	-71%	-21%	-3%
Connecticut	2.13	0.88	0.92	0.80	-62%	-9%	-13%
Delaware	3.37	1.40	1.06	1.26	-63%	-10%	+19%
District of Columbia	2.27	1.29	0.57	0.65	-71%	-50%	+14%
Florida	3.24	1.75	1.25	1.24	-62%	-29%	-1%
Georgia	3.46	1.52	1.08	1.04	-70%	-32%	-4%
Hawaii	3.47	1.39	1.01	0.93	-73%	-33%	-8%
Idaho	4.78	1.85	1.34	1.15	-76%	-38%	-14%
Illinois	3.56	1.27	0.94	0.88	-75%	-31%	-6%
Indiana	3.02	1.31	1.00	0.94	-69%	-28%	-6%
Iowa	3.75	1.45	1.00	1.02	-73%	-30%	+2%
Kansas	3.29	1.44	1.16	1.25	-62%	-13%	+8%
Kentucky	3.50	2.08	1.36	1.40	-60%	-33%	+3%
Louisiana	4.60	2.14	1.47	1.53	-67%	-29%	+4%
Maine	3.14	1.13	1.02	0.92	-71%	-19%	-10%
Maryland	2.66	1.09	0.82	0.78	-71%	-28%	-5%
Massachusetts	2.75	0.80	0.62	0.57	-79%	-29%	-8%
Michigan	3.06	1.09	1.00	0.93	-70%	-15%	-7%
Minnesota	2.94	0.98	0.68	0.63	-79%	-36%	-7%
Mississippi	3.80	2.32	1.58	1.54	-59%	-34%	-3%
Missouri	3.41	1.83	1.09	1.08	-68%	-41%	-1%
Montana	5.08	2.26	1.90	1.58	-69%	-30%	-17%
Nebraska	3.29	1.43	1.09	1.15	-65%	-20%	+6%
Nevada	4.74	2.06	1.08	1.15	-76%	-44%	+6%
New Hampshire	2.85	1.24	1.05	0.73	-74%	-41%	-30%
New Jersey	2.15	1.01	0.73	0.74	-66%	-27%	+1%
New Mexico	5.59	2.04	1.24	1.51	-73%	-26%	+22%
New York	3.63	1.03	0.93	0.80	-78%	-22%	-14%
North Carolina	4.14	1.53	1.23	1.19	-71%	-22%	-3%
North Dakota	3.71	1.62	1.47	1.28	-65%	-21%	-13%
Ohio	2.75	1.20	0.88	0.89	-68%	-26%	+1%
Oklahoma	3.33	1.71	1.41	1.40	-58%	-18%	-1%
Oregon	3.53	1.38	0.93	1.03	-71%	-25%	+11%
Pennsylvania	3.26	1.50	1.23	1.20	-63%	-20%	-2%
Rhode Island	1.94	1.05	0.84	0.68	-65%	-35%	-19%
South Carolina	3.98	2.21	1.57	1.65	-59%	-25%	+5%
South Dakota	3.76	2.22	1.48	1.47	-61%	-34%	-1%
Tennessee	3.42	1.79	1.40	1.33	-61%	-26%	-5%
Texas	3.99	1.50	1.39	1.46	-63%	-3%	+5%
Utah	3.42	1.12	0.81	0.93	-73%	-17%	+15%
Vermont	4.32	0.95	0.97	0.62	-86%	-35%	-36%
Virginia	2.87	1.18	0.92	0.87	-70%	-26%	-5%
Washington	3.16	1.17	0.76	0.80	-75%	-32%	+5%
West Virginia	4.36	1.82	1.73	1.42	-67%	-22%	-18%
Wisconsin	3.25	1.36	0.91	0.84	-74%	-38%	-8%
Wyoming	5.36	1.88	0.93	1.59	-70%	-15%	+71%
U.S. Total	3.35	1.46	1.10	1.08	-68%	-26%	-2%
Puerto Rico	7.27	2.35	1.85	2.09	-71%	-11%	+13%

Source: FARS 1975–2013 Final File, 2014 ARF; Vehicle Miles Traveled – FHWA

Table 4
Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, by State, 2005 and 2014

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest Driver BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC With Known Results in 2014	
	BAC .01+ g/dL			BAC .08+ g/dL			Killed	Survived
	2005	2014	Percent Change	2005	2014	Percent Change		
Alabama	37%	38%	+3%	33%	32%	-3%	57%	38%
Alaska	45%	39%	-13%	39%	30%	-23%	87%	73%
Arizona	37%	32%	-14%	32%	26%	-19%	81%	29%
Arkansas	32%	35%	+9%	28%	29%	+4%	80%	71%
California	36%	34%	-6%	30%	29%	-3%	78%	26%
Colorado	39%	38%	-3%	34%	33%	-3%	82%	19%
Connecticut	43%	46%	+7%	35%	39%	+11%	59%	24%
Delaware	43%	42%	-2%	39%	40%	+3%	79%	26%
District of Columbia	50%	26%	-48%	39%	21%	-46%	92%	36%
Florida	37%	32%	-14%	31%	27%	-13%	64%	15%
Georgia	30%	28%	-7%	25%	24%	-4%	61%	22%
Hawaii	48%	37%	-23%	39%	34%	-13%	70%	29%
Idaho	31%	32%	+3%	30%	28%	-7%	55%	27%
Illinois	41%	40%	-2%	34%	34%	0%	86%	22%
Indiana	32%	32%	0%	27%	27%	0%	53%	65%
Iowa	25%	33%	+32%	21%	29%	+38%	57%	37%
Kansas	32%	31%	-3%	24%	27%	+13%	64%	53%
Kentucky	30%	29%	-3%	25%	25%	0%	74%	41%
Louisiana	42%	41%	-2%	35%	34%	-3%	63%	64%
Maine	35%	38%	+9%	30%	33%	+10%	87%	43%
Maryland	34%	35%	+3%	27%	29%	+7%	83%	8%
Massachusetts	38%	47%	+24%	34%	41%	+21%	68%	2%
Michigan	35%	29%	-17%	29%	24%	-17%	59%	44%
Minnesota	34%	33%	-3%	29%	29%	0%	83%	22%
Mississippi	39%	34%	-13%	35%	29%	-17%	42%	17%
Missouri	40%	33%	-18%	33%	27%	-18%	82%	59%
Montana	47%	44%	-6%	43%	38%	-12%	84%	63%
Nebraska	32%	34%	+6%	27%	27%	0%	88%	78%
Nevada	36%	39%	+8%	32%	32%	0%	94%	32%
New Hampshire	36%	36%	0%	33%	31%	-6%	96%	68%
New Jersey	33%	36%	+9%	27%	29%	+7%	83%	27%
New Mexico	34%	38%	+12%	31%	30%	-3%	76%	6%
New York	35%	36%	+3%	29%	30%	+3%	82%	7%
North Carolina	32%	33%	+3%	28%	29%	+4%	89%	5%
North Dakota	47%	49%	+4%	37%	41%	+11%	88%	28%
Ohio	37%	35%	-5%	30%	31%	+3%	83%	13%
Oklahoma	33%	27%	-18%	29%	23%	-21%	89%	47%
Oregon	32%	35%	+9%	26%	28%	+8%	86%	37%
Pennsylvania	37%	33%	-11%	33%	29%	-12%	70%	18%
Rhode Island	50%	35%	-30%	39%	34%	-13%	82%	13%
South Carolina	47%	40%	-15%	40%	34%	-15%	81%	10%
South Dakota	40%	38%	-5%	37%	34%	-8%	80%	78%
Tennessee	35%	32%	-9%	30%	28%	-7%	53%	45%
Texas	43%	47%	+9%	37%	41%	+11%	52%	15%
Utah	13%	24%	+85%	12%	22%	+83%	69%	43%
Vermont	41%	32%	-22%	39%	20%	-49%	66%	36%
Virginia	36%	36%	0%	29%	30%	+3%	80%	0%
Washington	43%	36%	-16%	37%	29%	-22%	82%	33%
West Virginia	33%	35%	+6%	29%	31%	+7%	89%	9%
Wisconsin	44%	40%	-9%	40%	33%	-18%	88%	63%
Wyoming	37%	36%	-3%	32%	32%	0%	66%	35%
U.S. Total	37%	36%	-3%	31%	31%	0%	71%	27%
Puerto Rico	43%	43%	0%	35%	31%	-11%	100%	71%

Source: FARS 2005 Final File, 2014 ARF

Table 5
Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities, by Roadway Function Class and State, 2014

State	Total Traffic Fatalities	Speeding-Related Fatalities by Roadway Function Class							
		Total	Interstate Rural	Interstate Urban	Non-Interstate Freeway and Expressway	Non-Interstate Other Principal Arterial	Non-Interstate Minor Arterial	Non-Interstate Collector	Non-Interstate Local
Alabama	820	237	4	14	0	36	46	94	43
Alaska	73	18	5	0	0	2	3	6	1
Arizona	770	254	20	20	12	62	49	44	47
Arkansas	466	55	3	4	0	8	10	11	19
California	3,074	991	35	128	102	293	199	154	80
Colorado	488	168	10	13	11	53	22	32	27
Connecticut	248	69	2	3	9	8	27	6	14
Delaware	121	44	0	0	0	7	7	7	6
District of Columbia	23	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	9
Florida	2,494	245	5	12	10	59	24	1	97
Georgia	1,164	213	8	15	2	30	56	51	51
Hawaii	95	34	1	4	1	8	12	5	3
Idaho	186	48	11	0	2	8	7	11	5
Illinois	924	348	21	32	2	88	79	62	58
Indiana	746	204	18	7	0	0	24	39	116
Iowa	321	45	0	0	0	15	11	10	9
Kansas	385	109	4	7	2	16	24	17	39
Kentucky	672	125	6	1	0	27	9	51	31
Louisiana	737	204	6	12	2	33	43	59	43
Maine	131	39	0	0	0	6	10	12	8
Maryland	442	134	0	20	10	28	31	30	15
Massachusetts	328	77	0	16	1	18	13	4	25
Michigan	901	235	9	25	11	45	46	45	52
Minnesota	361	111	5	6	3	26	27	32	11
Mississippi	607	96	6	0	0	27	0	1	62
Missouri	766	267	12	20	3	48	58	75	51
Montana	192	52	12	0	0	12	7	18	3
Nebraska	225	49	5	0	0	14	3	6	20
Nevada	290	100	2	8	8	23	27	10	16
New Hampshire	95	47	5	2	1	7	7	11	14
New Jersey	556	99	0	2	13	17	23	16	27
New Mexico	383	129	9	3	0	39	19	32	21
New York	1,039	322	13	16	28	66	32	16	151
North Carolina	1,284	497	24	15	6	103	200	43	104
North Dakota	135	50	6	2	0	12	9	9	12
Ohio	1,006	274	8	20	7	39	43	86	69
Oklahoma	669	152	6	12	5	23	16	44	46
Oregon	357	105	9	4	0	36	7	39	10
Pennsylvania	1,195	509	24	33	23	85	117	99	123
Rhode Island	52	12	0	0	5	3	2	0	2
South Carolina	824	305	42	7	2	42	80	86	16
South Dakota	136	30	3	0	0	7	5	9	6
Tennessee	962	220	5	17	4	32	48	59	55
Texas	3,538	1,284	70	151	81	233	133	212	400
Utah	256	89	13	14	2	24	9	6	21
Vermont	44	15	2	1	0	3	3	3	3
Virginia	703	99	3	6	0	19	28	26	17
Washington	462	159	0	11	7	32	31	39	14
West Virginia	272	66	10	3	0	13	14	19	7
Wisconsin	507	168	3	3	6	40	32	47	37
Wyoming	150	48	11	0	0	11	7	6	13
U.S. Total	32,675	9,262	476	691	382	1,886	1,739	1,800	2,129
Puerto Rico	304	115	16	6	2	27	37	17	10

Source: FARS 2014 ARF

Note: The total column for speeding-related fatalities includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the function class was unknown.

Table 6
Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities, by Restraint Use and State, 2014

State	Restraint Use						Total		Percent "Known" Restrained	Percent "Known" Unrestrained
	Restrained		Unrestrained		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Alabama	240	39%	351	57%	27	4%	618	100%	41%	59%
Alaska	12	29%	21	50%	9	21%	42	100%	36%	64%
Arizona	141	36%	209	53%	43	11%	393	100%	40%	60%
Arkansas	149	43%	166	48%	30	9%	345	100%	47%	53%
California	993	61%	476	29%	149	9%	1,618	100%	68%	32%
Colorado	140	45%	156	51%	12	4%	308	100%	47%	53%
Connecticut	50	36%	48	35%	39	28%	137	100%	51%	49%
Delaware	46	65%	23	32%	2	3%	71	100%	67%	33%
District of Columbia	7	70%	3	30%	0	0%	10	100%	70%	30%
Florida	638	53%	510	42%	58	5%	1,206	100%	56%	44%
Georgia	376	47%	363	46%	56	7%	795	100%	51%	49%
Hawaii	15	39%	18	47%	5	13%	38	100%	45%	55%
Idaho	61	47%	68	52%	1	1%	130	100%	47%	53%
Illinois	319	51%	245	39%	57	9%	621	100%	57%	43%
Indiana	236	47%	190	38%	71	14%	497	100%	55%	45%
Iowa	109	50%	88	40%	22	10%	219	100%	55%	45%
Kansas	128	43%	150	51%	18	6%	296	100%	46%	54%
Kentucky	213	43%	285	57%	0	0%	498	100%	43%	57%
Louisiana	171	34%	283	56%	48	10%	502	100%	38%	62%
Maine	63	61%	41	39%	0	0%	104	100%	61%	39%
Maryland	135	53%	96	38%	24	9%	255	100%	58%	42%
Massachusetts	66	33%	100	50%	35	17%	201	100%	40%	60%
Michigan	305	52%	196	34%	84	14%	585	100%	61%	39%
Minnesota	156	58%	93	34%	21	8%	270	100%	63%	37%
Mississippi	192	40%	279	59%	4	1%	475	100%	41%	59%
Missouri	198	36%	312	56%	46	8%	556	100%	39%	61%
Montana	40	28%	99	68%	6	4%	145	100%	29%	71%
Nebraska	57	31%	95	52%	31	17%	183	100%	38%	63%
Nevada	69	48%	65	45%	11	8%	145	100%	51%	49%
New Hampshire	13	22%	45	78%	0	0%	58	100%	22%	78%
New Jersey	157	53%	119	40%	18	6%	294	100%	57%	43%
New Mexico	105	46%	98	43%	26	11%	229	100%	52%	48%
New York	329	61%	155	29%	56	10%	540	100%	68%	32%
North Carolina	471	54%	360	42%	34	4%	865	100%	57%	43%
North Dakota	29	28%	71	68%	5	5%	105	100%	29%	71%
Ohio	295	40%	375	51%	63	9%	733	100%	44%	56%
Oklahoma	209	42%	258	52%	33	7%	500	100%	45%	55%
Oregon	137	59%	61	26%	34	15%	232	100%	69%	31%
Pennsylvania	288	38%	371	48%	109	14%	768	100%	44%	56%
Rhode Island	15	60%	9	36%	1	4%	25	100%	63%	38%
South Carolina	269	47%	275	48%	24	4%	568	100%	49%	51%
South Dakota	29	28%	69	68%	4	4%	102	100%	30%	70%
Tennessee	296	42%	354	51%	47	7%	697	100%	46%	54%
Texas	1,232	51%	973	40%	199	8%	2,404	100%	56%	44%
Utah	80	51%	71	46%	5	3%	156	100%	53%	47%
Vermont	11	41%	14	52%	2	7%	27	100%	44%	56%
Virginia	223	47%	250	53%	3	1%	476	100%	47%	53%
Washington	167	56%	106	36%	24	8%	297	100%	61%	39%
West Virginia	71	35%	93	46%	38	19%	202	100%	43%	57%
Wisconsin	159	44%	162	45%	42	12%	363	100%	50%	50%
Wyoming	48	41%	67	57%	3	3%	118	100%	42%	58%
U.S. Total	9,958	47%	9,385	45%	1,679	8%	21,022	100%	51%	49%
Puerto Rico	65	45%	78	55%	0	0%	143	100%	45%	55%

Source: FARS 2014 ARF

Table 7
Motorcyclist Fatalities, by Helmet Use and State, 2014

State	Helmet Use						Total		Percent "Known" Helmeted	Percent "Known" Unhelmeted
	Helmeted		Unhelmeted		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Alabama	53	82%	10	15%	2	3%	65	100%	84%	16%
Alaska	5	63%	3	38%	0	0%	8	100%	63%	38%
Arizona	56	43%	69	53%	5	4%	130	100%	45%	55%
Arkansas	24	39%	36	59%	1	2%	61	100%	40%	60%
California	488	94%	24	5%	7	1%	519	100%	95%	5%
Colorado	33	35%	61	65%	0	0%	94	100%	35%	65%
Connecticut	20	36%	32	58%	3	5%	55	100%	38%	62%
Delaware	7	47%	7	47%	1	7%	15	100%	50%	50%
District of Columbia	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	3	100%	67%	33%
Florida	240	50%	223	47%	15	3%	478	100%	52%	48%
Georgia	124	91%	8	6%	5	4%	137	100%	94%	6%
Hawaii	12	48%	12	48%	1	4%	25	100%	50%	50%
Idaho	9	36%	15	60%	1	4%	25	100%	38%	63%
Illinois	34	29%	81	69%	3	3%	118	100%	30%	70%
Indiana	26	21%	89	72%	9	7%	124	100%	23%	77%
Iowa	15	29%	37	71%	0	0%	52	100%	29%	71%
Kansas	18	38%	28	58%	2	4%	48	100%	39%	61%
Kentucky	38	44%	48	56%	0	0%	86	100%	44%	56%
Louisiana	67	81%	10	12%	6	7%	83	100%	87%	13%
Maine	7	64%	4	36%	0	0%	11	100%	64%	36%
Maryland	58	84%	8	12%	3	4%	69	100%	88%	12%
Massachusetts	36	84%	4	9%	3	7%	43	100%	90%	10%
Michigan	50	45%	52	46%	10	9%	112	100%	49%	51%
Minnesota	9	20%	29	63%	8	17%	46	100%	24%	76%
Mississippi	34	83%	6	15%	1	2%	41	100%	85%	15%
Missouri	79	87%	7	8%	5	5%	91	100%	92%	8%
Montana	10	43%	12	52%	1	4%	23	100%	45%	55%
Nebraska	18	90%	1	5%	1	5%	20	100%	95%	5%
Nevada	52	83%	8	13%	3	5%	63	100%	87%	13%
New Hampshire	3	18%	14	82%	0	0%	17	100%	18%	82%
New Jersey	52	84%	5	8%	5	8%	62	100%	91%	9%
New Mexico	9	20%	35	76%	2	4%	46	100%	20%	80%
New York	124	84%	21	14%	3	2%	148	100%	86%	14%
North Carolina	175	92%	15	8%	0	0%	190	100%	92%	8%
North Dakota	1	10%	9	90%	0	0%	10	100%	10%	90%
Ohio	42	31%	91	67%	3	2%	136	100%	32%	68%
Oklahoma	13	23%	44	77%	0	0%	57	100%	23%	77%
Oregon	41	89%	4	9%	1	2%	46	100%	91%	9%
Pennsylvania	75	41%	100	54%	10	5%	185	100%	43%	57%
Rhode Island	3	30%	7	70%	0	0%	10	100%	30%	70%
South Carolina	25	21%	95	79%	1	1%	121	100%	21%	79%
South Dakota	5	29%	11	65%	1	6%	17	100%	31%	69%
Tennessee	109	91%	10	8%	1	1%	120	100%	92%	8%
Texas	201	45%	234	52%	15	3%	450	100%	46%	54%
Utah	19	42%	26	58%	0	0%	45	100%	42%	58%
Vermont	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	7	100%	86%	14%
Virginia	89	99%	1	1%	0	0%	90	100%	99%	1%
Washington	69	100%	0	0%	0	0%	69	100%	100%	0%
West Virginia	17	65%	7	27%	2	8%	26	100%	71%	29%
Wisconsin	20	27%	51	70%	2	3%	73	100%	28%	72%
Wyoming	6	38%	10	63%	0	0%	16	100%	38%	63%
U.S. Total	2,728	59%	1,716	37%	142	3%	4,586	100%	61%	39%
Puerto Rico	14	30%	33	70%	0	0%	47	100%	30%	70%

Source: FARS 2014 ARF

Table 8

Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, by Person Type and State, 2014

State	Total	Percent Who Were (by Person Type)*					Total	Percent That Were (by Vehicle Type)				
		Drivers	Passengers	Motorcyclists	Pedestrians	Pedalcyclists		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
Alabama	820	60%	19%	8%	12%	1%	1,066	40%	43%	7%	6%	3%
Alaska	73	52%	14%	11%	19%	4%	101	24%	53%	5%	10%	8%
Arizona	770	38%	19%	17%	18%	4%	1,037	37%	36%	6%	13%	8%
Arkansas	466	59%	18%	13%	8%	2%	668	32%	45%	11%	10%	2%
California	3,074	37%	18%	17%	23%	4%	4,259	44%	32%	7%	13%	4%
Colorado	488	47%	19%	19%	13%	2%	686	34%	41%	9%	14%	1%
Connecticut	248	44%	13%	22%	19%	1%	341	49%	27%	5%	17%	2%
Delaware	121	45%	20%	12%	21%	2%	161	48%	37%	7%	8%	1%
District of Columbia	23	39%	4%	13%	39%	4%	26	35%	31%	15%	12%	8%
Florida	2,494	38%	12%	19%	24%	6%	3,530	43%	35%	5%	14%	4%
Georgia	1,164	56%	16%	12%	14%	2%	1,631	40%	40%	8%	8%	3%
Hawaii	95	26%	14%	26%	25%	4%	128	28%	43%	3%	21%	5%
Idaho	186	57%	20%	13%	7%	1%	233	33%	44%	9%	11%	4%
Illinois	924	51%	18%	13%	13%	3%	1,277	44%	35%	9%	9%	2%
Indiana	746	55%	16%	17%	10%	2%	1,125	35%	38%	12%	11%	3%
Iowa	321	57%	18%	16%	6%	1%	433	34%	38%	11%	13%	4%
Kansas	385	63%	17%	12%	6%	2%	518	35%	44%	9%	9%	2%
Kentucky	672	58%	19%	13%	8%	1%	889	39%	41%	8%	10%	3%
Louisiana	737	53%	19%	11%	14%	2%	948	36%	43%	9%	9%	3%
Maine	131	64%	19%	8%	7%	2%	173	37%	47%	6%	7%	3%
Maryland	442	44%	16%	16%	23%	1%	643	48%	31%	8%	11%	3%
Massachusetts	328	48%	15%	13%	21%	2%	428	52%	31%	6%	10%	2%
Michigan	901	50%	18%	12%	16%	2%	1,281	41%	39%	7%	9%	3%
Minnesota	361	57%	23%	13%	4%	1%	528	38%	38%	12%	9%	4%
Mississippi	607	60%	23%	7%	9%	1%	762	40%	43%	9%	5%	3%
Missouri	766	58%	20%	12%	8%	1%	1,044	39%	40%	9%	9%	4%
Montana	192	62%	20%	12%	5%	1%	223	30%	50%	3%	10%	7%
Nebraska	225	65%	20%	9%	4%	1%	307	30%	46%	15%	7%	3%
Nevada	290	34%	17%	22%	24%	3%	405	41%	36%	4%	17%	3%
New Hampshire	95	55%	11%	18%	13%	3%	126	48%	29%	10%	13%	2%
New Jersey	556	42%	14%	11%	30%	2%	789	44%	34%	10%	8%	4%
New Mexico	383	45%	21%	12%	19%	1%	474	32%	40%	14%	9%	5%
New York	1,039	43%	13%	14%	25%	4%	1,404	44%	32%	7%	11%	6%
North Carolina	1,284	52%	18%	15%	13%	1%	1,758	43%	37%	6%	11%	2%
North Dakota	135	61%	23%	7%	7%	2%	177	24%	42%	25%	6%	3%
Ohio	1,006	58%	18%	14%	9%	1%	1,424	44%	35%	9%	10%	2%
Oklahoma	669	62%	21%	9%	7%	1%	904	30%	47%	14%	7%	2%
Oregon	357	52%	18%	13%	16%	2%	474	36%	44%	7%	10%	3%
Pennsylvania	1,195	53%	15%	15%	13%	2%	1,665	44%	32%	10%	11%	3%
Rhode Island	52	46%	6%	19%	27%	0%	65	51%	28%	3%	15%	3%
South Carolina	824	51%	19%	15%	13%	2%	1,094	42%	40%	6%	11%	1%
South Dakota	136	61%	18%	13%	7%	1%	181	29%	49%	10%	9%	2%
Tennessee	962	59%	18%	12%	9%	1%	1,349	41%	38%	8%	9%	3%
Texas	3,538	52%	19%	13%	13%	1%	4,895	34%	44%	11%	9%	2%
Utah	256	45%	20%	18%	13%	4%	360	37%	40%	6%	14%	3%
Vermont	44	57%	16%	16%	11%	0%	61	41%	21%	15%	16%	7%
Virginia	703	56%	16%	13%	13%	2%	957	42%	36%	9%	10%	3%
Washington	462	48%	18%	15%	16%	2%	621	40%	41%	6%	11%	2%
West Virginia	272	60%	22%	10%	7%	1%	348	35%	44%	7%	8%	6%
Wisconsin	507	56%	20%	14%	9%	1%	693	42%	37%	8%	10%	3%
Wyoming	150	57%	25%	11%	3%	3%	188	21%	55%	14%	9%	1%
U.S. Total	32,675	50%	18%	14%	15%	2%	44,858	40%	38%	8%	10%	3%
Puerto Rico	304	35%	14%	15%	31%	4%	385	51%	26%	3%	14%	6%

**Other/Unknown* person types are not shown.

Source: FARS 2014 ARF

Restraint Use and Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws

Restraint Use Laws

The first mandatory belt use law was enacted in New York in 1984. Adult belt use laws are now in effect in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The laws differ from State to State, according to the type and age of the vehicle, occupant age and seating position, etc. The goal of these laws is to promote belt use and thereby reduce deaths and injuries in motor vehicle crashes.

In 2014 there were 33 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that had primary seat belt laws in effect, enabling law enforcement officers to stop vehicles and write citations when they observed violations of the seat belt law. In 16 States the laws specified secondary enforcement, meaning that law enforcement officers were permitted to write citations only after a vehicle was stopped for some other traffic infraction. New Hampshire is the only State without a seat belt law for adults, although it does have a primary child passenger safety law that covers all drivers and passengers under 18 years old.

The first mandatory child restraint use law was implemented in Tennessee in 1978. Since 1985 all 50 States and the District of Columbia have had child restraint use laws in effect. Child restraint use laws differ from State to State in terms of the ages of children covered and in other important ways, including height and weight limits, seating position requirements, and various exemptions and exceptions.

The most current information on seat belt laws and child passenger safety laws is available on the Web site of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) at www.ghsa.org/index.html.

- Seat belt laws—www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbelt_laws.html
- Child passenger safety laws—www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/childsafety_laws.html

In 2014, seat belt use rates in the United States ranged from 68.9 percent in South Dakota to 97.8 percent in Oregon. Nineteen States

and the District of Columbia achieved belt use rates of 90 percent or higher. These results are from probability-based observational surveys conducted by 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. The nationwide seat belt use rate in 2014 was 87 percent, as measured by NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS). NOPUS is a national probability-based survey, which is independent from State belt use surveys. Observed seat belt use rates for the States and the Nation in 2014 can be found in *Seat Belt Use in 2014—Use Rates in the States and Territories*, DOT HS 812 149, available at www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812149.pdf.

Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws

In 2014 there were 19 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, that required helmet use by all motorcyclists. In 28 States helmet use was required for only a subset of motorcyclists (typically, motorcyclists under age 18), and 3 States (Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire) do not require helmet use for motorcyclists of any age. The most current information on helmet use laws is available on the GHSA Web site at www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/helmet_laws.html.

According to results from NOPUS, the overall rate of DOT-compliant motorcycle helmet use in the United States was 64 percent in 2014. Helmet use continued to be significantly higher in States that required all motorcyclists to be helmeted than in other States. Information on motorcycle helmet use in 2014 can be found in *Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2014—Overall Results*, DOT HS 812 110, www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812110.pdf.

This fact sheet contains information on motor vehicle fatalities and fatal crashes, based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). FARS is a census of fatal crashes within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (although Puerto Rico is not included in U.S. totals).

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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.

Other fact sheets available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis are *Alcohol-Impaired Driving*, *Bicyclists and Other Cyclists*, *Children*, *Large Trucks*, *Motorcycles*, *Occupant Protection*, *Older Population*, *Passenger Vehicles*, *Pedestrians*, *Rural/Urban Comparison*, *School-Transportation-Related Crashes*, *Speeding*, *State Alcohol Estimates*, *Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes*, and *Young Drivers*. Detailed data on motor vehicle traffic crashes are published annually in *Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System*. The fact sheets and annual Traffic Safety Facts report can be found at www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx.



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