

# Traffic Safety Facts

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### Key Findings

- Traffic fatalities in the United States increased by 7 percent from 2019 to 2020 (36,355 to 38,824).
- The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for the United States was 1.34 in 2020, ranging from a high of 1.97 to a low of 0.63 among States.
- The rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT in the United States increased by 21 percent (1.11 to 1.34) from 2019 to 2020.
- Forty-two States and the District of Columbia showed increases, while 7 States and Puerto Rico showed decreases in traffic fatalities from 2019 to 2020. North Dakota remained the same.
- The greatest decrease in fatality rate per 100 million VMT since 1975 was in Massachusetts (-77%), followed by Vermont (-76%) and Wyoming (-76%).
- From 2011 to 2020 there was a 12-percent increase in the registered vehicles in the United States, and an 8-percent increase in the number of licensed drivers.
- Rhode Island had the highest percentage of passenger cars involved in fatal crashes (55%) in 2020, while Wyoming had the highest percentage involving large trucks (19%).
- Seventy-three percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in Nebraska in 2020 were unrestrained (based on known restraint use), the highest percentage in the country.
- In States without universal helmet laws, 57 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2020 were not wearing helmets, compared to 11 percent in States with universal helmet laws.
- From 2011 to 2020 Maine had the largest increase in percentage points of alcohol-impaired fatalities at 22 percentage points (17% to 39%), while Delaware had the greatest decrease at 18 percentage points (41% to 23%).

This fact sheet contains information on fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Refer to the end of this publication for more information on FARS.

A motor vehicle traffic crash is defined as an incident that involved one or more motor vehicles in transport that originated on a public trafficway, such as a road or highway. Crashes that occurred on private property, including parking lots and driveways, are excluded. The terms “motor vehicle traffic crash” and “traffic crash” are used interchangeably.

### Overview

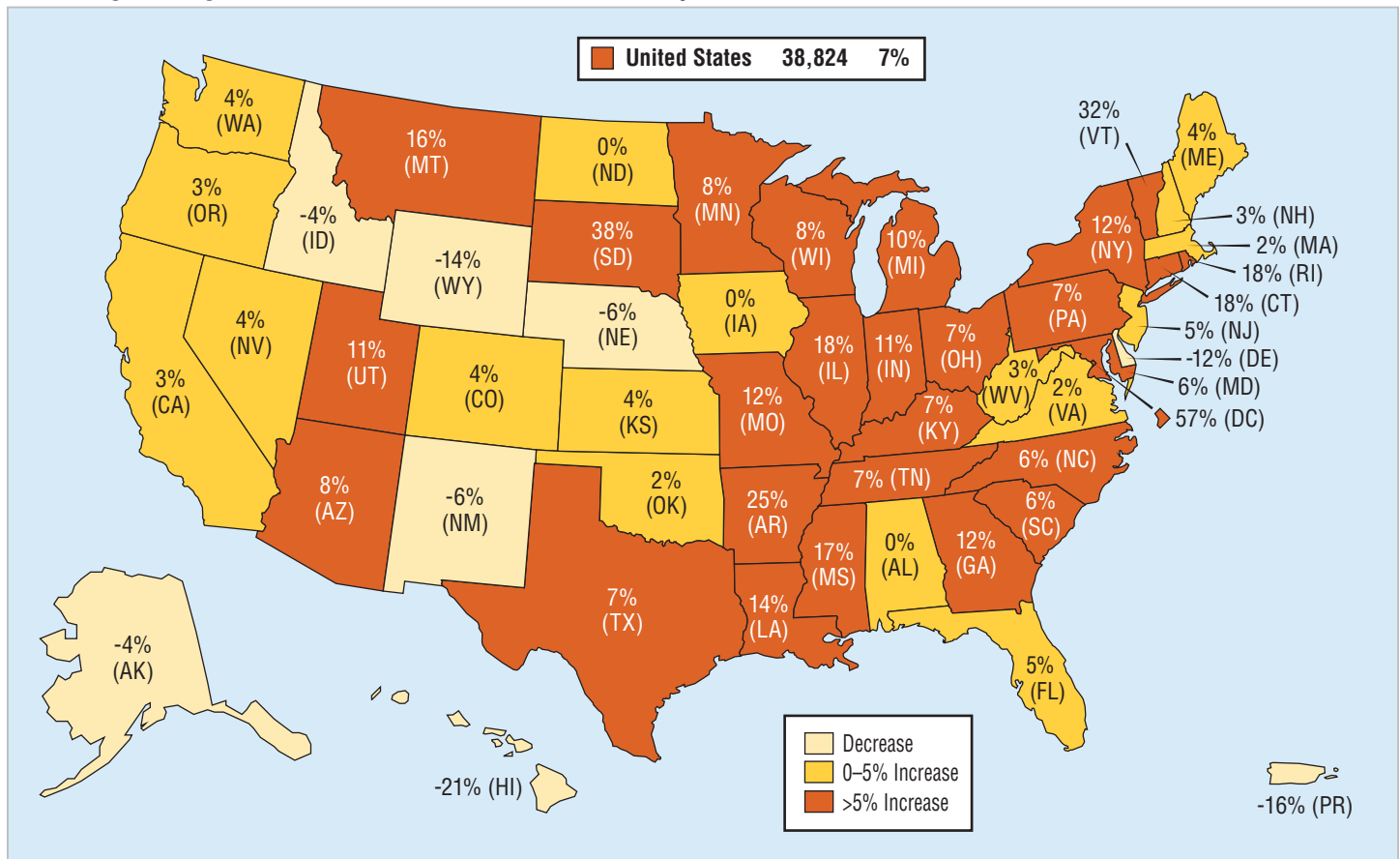
In 2020 there were 38,824 fatalities in the United States (50 States and the District

of Columbia, excluding Puerto Rico), an increase of 7 percent from 2019 (36,355).

Figure 1 shows the percentage change in 2020 traffic fatalities from 2019 for each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The District of Columbia had the greatest percentage

increase in fatalities from 2019 to 2020 at 57 percent followed South Dakota (38%) and Vermont (32%), while Hawaii (-21%) had the greatest decrease followed by Wyoming (-14%).

Figure 1  
**Percentage Change in 2020 Traffic Fatalities From 2019, by State**



Source: FARS 2019 Final File, 2020 Annual Report File (ARF)  
 Note: Puerto Rico is not included in the United States national total.

### State Traffic Fatality Tables

Table 1 shows traffic fatalities and the fatality rates based on population, licensed drivers, registered vehicles, and VMT for 2020.

- The fatality rate per 100,000 population was 11.78 for the United States in 2020, ranging from a high of 25.35 (Mississippi) to a low of 4.98 (Massachusetts).
- The fatality rate per 100,000 licensed drivers was 17.01 for the United States in 2020, ranging from a high of 37.28 (Mississippi) to a low of 6.91 (District of Columbia).
- The fatality rate per 100,000 registered vehicles was 13.04 for the United States in 2020, ranging from a high of 36.52 (Mississippi) to a low of 6.77 (Hawaii).

- The fatality rate per 100 million VMT was 1.34 for the United States in 2020, ranging from a high of 1.97 (South Carolina) to a low of 0.63 (Massachusetts).

Table 2 compares traffic fatalities for 1975, 2011, 2019, and 2020. FARS data was first collected in 1975.

- Forty-two States and the District of Columbia showed increases, while 7 States and Puerto Rico showed decreases in traffic fatalities from 2019 to 2020. North Dakota remained the same.
- Four States and Puerto Rico have shown decreases in traffic fatalities by at least 50 percent since 1975.

Table 3 compares traffic fatality rates per 100 million VMT for 1975, 2011, 2019, and 2020.

- The rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT in the United States has increased 21 percent (1.11 to 1.34) from 2019 to 2020.
- Since 1975 the rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT in the United States has decreased 60 percent (3.35 to 1.34).
- The greatest decrease in fatality rate per 100 million VMT since 1975 was in Massachusetts (-77%), followed by Vermont (-76%) and Wyoming (-76%).

Table 4 shows the changes in the population and VMT from 2011 and 2020.

- From 2011 to 2020 there was a 6-percent increase in the population of the United States.
- From 2011 to 2020 there was a 1-percent decrease in the number of VMT in the United States.

Table 5 shows the changes in registered vehicles and licensed drivers from 2011 and 2020.

- From 2011 to 2020 there was a 12-percent increase in registered vehicles in the United States.
- From 2011 to 2020 there was an 8-percent increase in licensed drivers in the United States.

Table 6 shows the percentage of traffic fatalities by vehicle type for 2020.

- In 2020 passenger cars and light trucks accounted for more than three-fourths (76% cumulatively and 38% and 38%, respectively) of the vehicles involved in fatal traffic crashes.
- Rhode Island had the highest percentage of passenger cars involved in fatal crashes (55%) in 2020, while Wyoming had the highest percentage involving large trucks (19%). A large truck is any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 pounds that may have been used for commercial or non-commercial purposes at the time of the crash.

Table 7 shows the percentage of traffic fatalities by the person type for 2020.

- Half the people killed in 2020 traffic crashes were drivers (50%), followed by pedestrians (17%), passengers (15%), motorcyclists (14%), and pedalcyclists (2%).
- Nebraska and West Virginia had the highest percentages of fatalities in 2020 traffic crashes who were drivers (64%), while New Hampshire had the highest percentage of fatalities who were motorcyclists (24%).

- New Jersey had the highest percentage of fatalities in 2020 traffic crashes who were pedestrians (30%), almost twice the national percentage (17%).

Table 8 shows restraint use for passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2020. Passenger vehicles consist of passenger cars and light trucks (pickups, SUVs, vans and other light trucks) with GVWRs of 10,000 pounds or less.

- In 2020 over half (51%) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in the United States were unrestrained (based on known restraint use).
- Seventy-three percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in Nebraska in 2020 were unrestrained (based on known restraint use), the highest percentage in the country.

Table 9 shows motorcyclists killed and their helmet use in 2020.

- Forty percent of motorcyclists killed in the United States in 2020 were not helmeted, based on known helmet use.
- In States without universal helmet laws, 57 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2020 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 11 percent in States with universal helmet laws.

Table 10 compares the alcohol involvement in fatal traffic crashes for 2011 and 2020.

- In 2020 alcohol-impaired driving (blood alcohol concentration [BAC]=.08+ grams per deciliter [g/dL]) was involved in 30 percent of traffic fatalities in the United States, which was the same percentage in 2011.
- From 2011 to 2020 Maine had the largest increase in percentage points of alcohol-impaired fatalities at 22 percentage points (17% to 39%), while Delaware had the greatest decrease at 18 percentage points (41% to 23%).
- Fifty-eight percent of drivers killed in 2020 in the United States were tested for alcohol and their BAC results were known, while only 22 percent of drivers who survived fatal crashes were tested with known BAC results.

Table 11 shows speeding-related traffic fatalities and the roadway function class for 2020.

- There were 11,258 speeding-related traffic fatalities in the United States in 2020.
- In the United States, Texas had the largest number of speeding-related traffic fatalities (1,446), while the District of Columbia had the fewest (16).
- More than 4 out of every 5 (9,634 or 87%) speeding-related traffic fatalities in 2020 occurred on non-interstates.

Table 1  
Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, by State, 2020

State	Traffic Fatalities	Population	Licensed Drivers	Registered Vehicles	VMT (millions)	Fatality Rates per			
						100,000 Population	100,000 Licensed Drivers	100,000 Registered Vehicles	100 Million VMT
Alabama	934	4,921,532	4,042,900	5,320,340	67,921	18.98	23.10	17.56	1.38
Alaska	64	731,158	518,872	792,826	5,306	8.75	12.33	8.07	1.21
Arizona	1,054	7,421,401	5,681,495	6,053,781	65,758	14.20	18.55	17.41	1.60
Arkansas	638	3,030,522	2,153,929	2,913,369	33,919	21.05	29.62	21.90	1.88
California	3,847	39,368,078	27,005,302	30,398,249	299,812	9.77	14.25	12.66	1.28
Colorado	622	5,807,719	4,299,447	5,350,708	48,642	10.71	14.47	11.62	1.28
Connecticut	295	3,557,006	2,508,670	2,867,554	29,845	8.29	11.76	10.29	0.99
Delaware	116	986,809	829,226	1,006,135	8,345	11.76	13.99	11.53	1.39
District of Columbia	36	712,816	520,865	356,537	3,030	5.05	6.91	10.10	1.19
Florida	3,331	21,733,312	15,715,373	18,464,506	208,076	15.33	21.20	18.04	1.60
Georgia	1,664	10,710,017	7,521,750	8,829,596	115,967	15.54	22.12	18.85	1.43
Hawaii	85	1,407,006	921,547	1,256,140	8,785	6.04	9.22	6.77	0.97
Idaho	214	1,826,913	1,285,331	1,917,677	17,406	11.71	16.65	11.16	1.23
Illinois	1,194	12,587,530	8,225,298	10,587,725	94,121	9.49	14.52	11.28	1.27
Indiana	897	6,754,953	4,532,708	6,199,901	76,608	13.28	19.79	14.47	1.17
Iowa	337	3,163,561	2,268,916	3,787,224	29,751	10.65	14.85	8.90	1.13
Kansas	426	2,913,805	2,004,302	2,603,543	27,854	14.62	21.25	16.36	1.53
Kentucky	780	4,477,251	2,905,632	4,459,685	46,536	17.42	26.84	17.49	1.68
Louisiana	828	4,645,318	3,416,648	3,861,204	48,374	17.82	24.23	21.44	1.71
Maine	164	1,350,141	1,047,893	1,121,106	13,086	12.15	15.65	14.63	1.25
Maryland	567	6,055,802	4,454,266	4,211,377	50,885	9.36	12.73	13.46	1.11
Massachusetts	343	6,893,574	4,940,373	5,036,686	54,127	4.98	6.94	6.81	0.63
Michigan	1,084	9,966,555	7,026,650	8,453,239	86,547	10.88	15.43	12.82	1.25
Minnesota	394	5,657,342	4,090,264	5,690,749	51,619	6.96	9.63	6.92	0.76
Mississippi	752	2,966,786	2,017,111	2,058,975	39,665	25.35	37.28	36.52	1.90
Missouri	987	6,151,548	4,259,672	5,587,022	72,797	16.04	23.17	17.67	1.36
Montana	213	1,080,577	826,754	1,952,553	12,104	19.71	25.76	10.91	1.76
Nebraska	233	1,937,552	1,438,821	1,935,357	19,432	12.03	16.19	12.04	1.20
Nevada	317	3,138,259	2,056,394	2,549,357	25,231	10.10	15.42	12.43	1.26
New Hampshire	104	1,366,275	1,060,381	1,357,535	11,956	7.61	9.81	7.66	0.87
New Jersey	584	8,882,371	6,230,912	6,006,247	66,341	6.57	9.37	9.72	0.88
New Mexico	398	2,106,319	1,473,219	1,783,151	23,756	18.90	27.02	22.32	1.68
New York	1,046	19,336,776	12,194,360	11,324,755	102,477	5.41	8.58	9.24	1.02
North Carolina	1,538	10,600,823	7,637,400	8,739,280	106,342	14.51	20.14	17.60	1.45
North Dakota	100	765,309	539,006	899,083	8,768	13.07	18.55	11.12	1.14
Ohio	1,230	11,693,217	8,100,273	10,592,317	103,115	10.52	15.18	11.61	1.19
Oklahoma	652	3,980,783	2,550,560	3,730,247	42,000	16.38	25.56	17.48	1.55
Oregon	508	4,241,507	2,944,828	4,095,442	32,298	11.98	17.25	12.40	1.57
Pennsylvania	1,129	12,783,254	8,930,677	10,690,187	87,982	8.83	12.64	10.56	1.28
Rhode Island	67	1,057,125	731,715	866,625	6,864	6.34	9.16	7.73	0.98
South Carolina	1,064	5,218,040	3,905,911	4,561,299	53,972	20.39	27.24	23.33	1.97
South Dakota	141	892,717	658,091	1,294,282	9,743	15.79	21.43	10.89	1.45
Tennessee	1,217	6,886,834	4,877,268	5,855,373	76,392	17.67	24.95	20.78	1.59
Texas	3,874	29,360,759	17,667,039	22,419,490	260,582	13.19	21.93	17.28	1.49
Utah	276	3,249,879	2,149,766	2,479,604	30,251	8.49	12.84	11.13	0.91
Vermont	62	623,347	460,871	607,890	6,007	9.95	13.45	10.20	1.03
Virginia	850	8,590,563	5,909,716	7,606,452	76,110	9.89	14.38	11.17	1.12
Washington	560	7,693,612	5,812,500	7,257,401	53,658	7.28	9.63	7.72	1.04
West Virginia	267	1,784,787	1,101,775	1,657,362	16,054	14.96	24.23	16.11	1.66
Wisconsin	614	5,832,655	4,315,892	5,616,271	57,600	10.53	14.23	10.93	1.07
Wyoming	127	582,328	427,233	861,028	9,800	21.81	29.73	14.75	1.30
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>38,824</b>	<b>329,484,123</b>	<b>228,195,802</b>	<b>297,644,334</b>	<b>2,903,622</b>	<b>11.78</b>	<b>17.01</b>	<b>13.04</b>	<b>1.34</b>
Puerto Rico	242	3,159,343	*	**	13,762	7.66	*	**	1.76

Sources: Fatalities – FARS 2020 ARF; VMT and Licensed Drivers – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Registered Vehicles for States – FHWA; Registered Vehicles for USA – FHWA and Polk data from R.L. Polk & Co., a foundation of IHS Markit automotive solutions; Population – Census Bureau

\*Licensed driver data not available

\*\*Registration data not available



Table 2  
**Traffic Fatalities and Percentage Change, by State, 1975–2020**

State	Total Fatalities				Percentage Change		
	1975	2011	2019	2020	1975–2020	2011–2020	2019–2020
Alabama	902	895	930	934	+4%	+4%	+0%
Alaska	112	72	67	64	-43%	-11%	-4%
Arizona	670	826	979	1,054	+57%	+28%	+8%
Arkansas	559	551	511	638	+14%	+16%	+25%
California	4,092	2,816	3,719	3,847	-6%	+37%	+3%
Colorado	581	447	597	622	+7%	+39%	+4%
Connecticut	389	221	249	295	-24%	+33%	+18%
Delaware	122	99	132	116	-5%	+17%	-12%
District of Columbia	70	27	23	36	-49%	+33%	+57%
Florida	1,998	2,400	3,185	3,331	+67%	+39%	+5%
Georgia	1,360	1,226	1,492	1,664	+22%	+36%	+12%
Hawaii	144	100	108	85	-41%	-15%	-21%
Idaho	281	167	224	214	-24%	+28%	-4%
Illinois	2,041	918	1,009	1,194	-41%	+30%	+18%
Indiana	1,128	751	810	897	-20%	+19%	+11%
Iowa	670	360	336	337	-50%	-6%	+0%
Kansas	509	386	410	426	-16%	+10%	+4%
Kentucky	863	720	732	780	-10%	+8%	+7%
Louisiana	934	680	727	828	-11%	+22%	+14%
Maine	223	136	157	164	-26%	+21%	+4%
Maryland	670	485	535	567	-15%	+17%	+6%
Massachusetts	864	374	336	343	-60%	-8%	+2%
Michigan	1,779	889	986	1,084	-39%	+22%	+10%
Minnesota	754	368	364	394	-48%	+7%	+8%
Mississippi	546	630	642	752	+38%	+19%	+17%
Missouri	1,045	786	881	987	-6%	+26%	+12%
Montana	291	209	184	213	-27%	+2%	+16%
Nebraska	369	181	248	233	-37%	+29%	-6%
Nevada	218	246	304	317	+45%	+29%	+4%
New Hampshire	151	90	101	104	-31%	+16%	+3%
New Jersey	1,043	627	558	584	-44%	-7%	+5%
New Mexico	555	350	425	398	-28%	+14%	-6%
New York	2,366	1,171	934	1,046	-56%	-11%	+12%
North Carolina	1,506	1,230	1,457	1,538	+2%	+25%	+6%
North Dakota	167	148	100	100	-40%	-32%	0%
Ohio	1,766	1,017	1,153	1,230	-30%	+21%	+7%
Oklahoma	757	696	640	652	-14%	-6%	+2%
Oregon	562	331	493	508	-10%	+53%	+3%
Pennsylvania	2,078	1,286	1,059	1,129	-46%	-12%	+7%
Rhode Island	110	66	57	67	-39%	+2%	+18%
South Carolina	820	828	1,006	1,064	+30%	+29%	+6%
South Dakota	195	111	102	141	-28%	+27%	+38%
Tennessee	1,126	937	1,136	1,217	+8%	+30%	+7%
Texas	3,372	3,054	3,619	3,874	+15%	+27%	+7%
Utah	272	243	248	276	+1%	+14%	+11%
Vermont	143	55	47	62	-57%	+13%	+32%
Virginia	993	764	831	850	-14%	+11%	+2%
Washington	758	454	538	560	-26%	+23%	+4%
West Virginia	461	338	260	267	-42%	-21%	+3%
Wisconsin	930	582	567	614	-34%	+5%	+8%
Wyoming	210	135	147	127	-40%	-6%	-14%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>44,525</b>	<b>32,479</b>	<b>36,355</b>	<b>38,824</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>+20%</b>	<b>+7%</b>
Puerto Rico	496	361	289	242	-51%	-33%	-16%

Source: FARS 1975–2019 Final File, 2020 ARF

Table 3  
**Traffic Fatality Rates per 100 Million VMT and Percentage Change, by State, 1975–2020**

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT				Percentage Change		
	1975	2011	2019	2020	1975–2020	2011–2020	2019–2020
Alabama	3.63	1.38	1.30	1.38	-62%	0%	+6%
Alaska	4.38	1.57	1.14	1.21	-72%	-23%	+6%
Arizona	4.19	1.39	1.39	1.60	-62%	+15%	+15%
Arkansas	4.01	1.67	1.38	1.88	-53%	+13%	+36%
California	3.09	0.88	1.09	1.28	-59%	+45%	+17%
Colorado	3.50	0.96	1.09	1.28	-63%	+33%	+17%
Connecticut	2.13	0.71	0.79	0.99	-54%	+39%	+25%
Delaware	3.37	1.10	1.29	1.39	-59%	+26%	+8%
District of Columbia	2.27	0.76	0.61	1.19	-48%	+57%	+95%
Florida	3.24	1.25	1.41	1.60	-51%	+28%	+13%
Georgia	3.46	1.13	1.12	1.43	-59%	+27%	+28%
Hawaii	3.47	0.99	0.98	0.97	-72%	-2%	-1%
Idaho	4.78	1.05	1.24	1.23	-74%	+17%	-1%
Illinois	3.56	0.89	0.94	1.27	-64%	+43%	+35%
Indiana	3.02	0.98	0.98	1.17	-61%	+19%	+19%
Iowa	3.75	1.15	1.00	1.13	-70%	-2%	+13%
Kansas	3.29	1.29	1.29	1.53	-53%	+19%	+19%
Kentucky	3.50	1.50	1.48	1.68	-52%	+12%	+14%
Louisiana	4.60	1.46	1.42	1.71	-63%	+17%	+20%
Maine	3.14	0.95	1.06	1.25	-60%	+32%	+18%
Maryland	2.66	0.86	0.89	1.11	-58%	+29%	+25%
Massachusetts	2.75	0.68	0.52	0.63	-77%	-7%	+21%
Michigan	3.06	0.94	0.97	1.25	-59%	+33%	+29%
Minnesota	2.94	0.65	0.60	0.76	-74%	+17%	+27%
Mississippi	3.80	1.62	1.56	1.90	-50%	+17%	+22%
Missouri	3.41	1.14	1.11	1.36	-60%	+19%	+23%
Montana	5.08	1.79	1.43	1.76	-65%	-2%	+23%
Nebraska	3.29	0.95	1.17	1.20	-64%	+26%	+3%
Nevada	4.74	1.02	1.06	1.26	-73%	+24%	+19%
New Hampshire	2.85	0.71	0.73	0.87	-69%	+23%	+19%
New Jersey	2.15	0.86	0.71	0.88	-59%	+2%	+24%
New Mexico	5.59	1.36	1.53	1.68	-70%	+24%	+10%
New York	3.63	0.96	0.75	1.02	-72%	+6%	+36%
North Carolina	4.14	1.19	1.19	1.45	-65%	+22%	+22%
North Dakota	3.71	1.62	1.02	1.14	-69%	-30%	+12%
Ohio	2.75	0.91	1.01	1.19	-57%	+31%	+18%
Oklahoma	3.33	1.47	1.43	1.55	-53%	+5%	+8%
Oregon	3.53	0.99	1.38	1.57	-56%	+59%	+14%
Pennsylvania	3.26	1.30	1.03	1.28	-61%	-2%	+24%
Rhode Island	1.94	0.84	0.75	0.98	-49%	+17%	+31%
South Carolina	3.98	1.70	1.74	1.97	-51%	+16%	+13%
South Dakota	3.76	1.23	1.03	1.45	-61%	+18%	+41%
Tennessee	3.42	1.32	1.37	1.59	-54%	+20%	+16%
Texas	3.99	1.29	1.26	1.49	-63%	+16%	+18%
Utah	3.42	0.93	0.75	0.91	-73%	-2%	+21%
Vermont	4.32	0.77	0.64	1.03	-76%	+34%	+61%
Virginia	2.87	0.94	0.97	1.12	-61%	+19%	+15%
Washington	3.16	0.80	0.86	1.04	-67%	+30%	+21%
West Virginia	4.36	1.78	1.36	1.66	-62%	-7%	+22%
Wisconsin	3.25	0.99	0.85	1.07	-67%	+8%	+26%
Wyoming	5.36	1.46	1.44	1.30	-76%	-11%	-10%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>-60%</b>	<b>+22%</b>	<b>+21%</b>
Puerto Rico	7.27	1.94	1.96	1.76	-76%	-9%	-10%

Sources: FARS 1975–2019 Final File, 2020 ARF; VMT – FHWA

Table 4  
Population and Vehicle Miles Traveled, by State, 2011 and 2020

State	2011 Population	2020 Population	Population Percentage Change (2011–2020)	2011 VMT (millions)	2020 VMT (millions)	VMT Percentage Change (2011–2020)
Alabama	4,799,642	4,921,532	+3%	64,914	67,921	+5%
Alaska	722,349	731,158	+1%	4,593	5,306	+16%
Arizona	6,473,416	7,421,401	+15%	59,575	65,758	+10%
Arkansas	2,941,038	3,030,522	+3%	32,953	33,919	+3%
California	37,636,311	39,368,078	+5%	320,784	299,812	-7%
Colorado	5,121,900	5,807,719	+13%	46,606	48,642	+4%
Connecticut	3,588,632	3,557,006	-1%	31,197	29,845	-4%
Delaware	907,590	986,809	+9%	9,028	8,345	-8%
District of Columbia	620,290	712,816	+15%	3,568	3,030	-15%
Florida	19,055,607	21,733,312	+14%	191,855	208,076	+8%
Georgia	9,803,630	10,710,017	+9%	108,454	115,967	+7%
Hawaii	1,379,562	1,407,006	+2%	10,066	8,785	-13%
Idaho	1,584,272	1,826,913	+15%	15,937	17,406	+9%
Illinois	12,867,783	12,587,530	-2%	103,234	94,121	-9%
Indiana	6,517,250	6,754,953	+4%	76,485	76,608	+0%
Iowa	3,066,772	3,163,561	+3%	31,274	29,751	-5%
Kansas	2,869,677	2,913,805	+2%	30,021	27,854	-7%
Kentucky	4,370,817	4,477,251	+2%	48,061	46,536	-3%
Louisiana	4,576,244	4,645,318	+2%	46,513	48,374	+4%
Maine	1,328,473	1,350,141	+2%	14,248	13,086	-8%
Maryland	5,840,241	6,055,802	+4%	56,221	50,885	-9%
Massachusetts	6,614,218	6,893,574	+4%	54,792	54,127	-1%
Michigan	9,883,053	9,966,555	+1%	94,754	86,547	-9%
Minnesota	5,346,620	5,657,342	+6%	56,685	51,619	-9%
Mississippi	2,979,147	2,966,786	-0%	38,851	39,665	+2%
Missouri	6,011,182	6,151,548	+2%	68,789	72,797	+6%
Montana	997,518	1,080,577	+8%	11,660	12,104	+4%
Nebraska	1,840,914	1,937,552	+5%	19,093	19,432	+2%
Nevada	2,713,114	3,138,259	+16%	24,189	25,231	+4%
New Hampshire	1,320,444	1,366,275	+3%	12,720	11,956	-6%
New Jersey	8,828,552	8,882,371	+1%	73,094	66,341	-9%
New Mexico	2,080,707	2,106,319	+1%	25,650	23,756	-7%
New York	19,499,921	19,336,776	-1%	122,517	102,477	-16%
North Carolina	9,658,913	10,600,823	+10%	103,772	106,342	+2%
North Dakota	685,526	765,309	+12%	9,131	8,768	-4%
Ohio	11,545,735	11,693,217	+1%	111,990	103,115	-8%
Oklahoma	3,788,824	3,980,783	+5%	47,464	42,000	-12%
Oregon	3,872,672	4,241,507	+10%	33,373	32,298	-3%
Pennsylvania	12,747,052	12,783,254	+0%	99,204	87,982	-11%
Rhode Island	1,053,829	1,057,125	+0%	7,901	6,864	-13%
South Carolina	4,672,655	5,218,040	+12%	48,730	53,972	+11%
South Dakota	823,740	892,717	+8%	9,002	9,743	+8%
Tennessee	6,400,298	6,886,834	+8%	70,751	76,392	+8%
Texas	25,645,504	29,360,759	+14%	237,440	260,582	+10%
Utah	2,814,797	3,249,879	+15%	26,222	30,251	+15%
Vermont	627,197	623,347	-1%	7,141	6,007	-16%
Virginia	8,102,437	8,590,563	+6%	80,974	76,110	-6%
Washington	6,827,479	7,693,612	+13%	56,955	53,658	-6%
West Virginia	1,856,606	1,784,787	-4%	18,963	16,054	-15%
Wisconsin	5,705,840	5,832,655	+2%	58,554	57,600	-2%
Wyoming	567,491	582,328	+3%	9,245	9,800	+6%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>311,583,481</b>	<b>329,484,123</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>2,945,194</b>	<b>2,903,622</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Puerto Rico	3,678,732	3,159,343	-14%	18,588	13,762	-26%

Sources: Population – Census Bureau; VMT – FHWA

Table 5  
Registered Vehicles and Licensed Drivers, by State, 2011 and 2020

State	2011 Registered Vehicles	2020 Registered Vehicles	Registered Vehicle Percentage Change (2011–2020)	2011 Licensed Drivers	2020 Licensed Drivers	Licensed Driver Percentage Change (2011–2020)
Alabama	4,811,943	5,320,340	+11%	3,798,552	4,042,900	+6%
Alaska	757,954	792,826	+5%	521,280	518,872	-0%
Arizona	5,109,254	6,053,781	+18%	4,592,398	5,681,495	+24%
Arkansas	2,448,310	2,913,369	+19%	1,956,091	2,153,929	+10%
California	29,176,697	30,398,249	+4%	23,856,600	27,005,302	+13%
Colorado	4,332,251	5,350,708	+24%	3,669,816	4,299,447	+17%
Connecticut	2,828,794	2,867,554	+1%	2,986,267	2,508,670	-16%
Delaware	929,415	1,006,135	+8%	716,109	829,226	+16%
District of Columbia	316,231	356,537	+13%	395,442	520,865	+32%
Florida	15,469,189	18,464,506	+19%	13,882,423	15,715,373	+13%
Georgia	7,533,735	8,829,596	+17%	6,505,690	7,521,750	+16%
Hawaii	1,148,041	1,256,140	+9%	911,660	921,547	+1%
Idaho	1,625,204	1,917,677	+18%	1,083,992	1,285,331	+19%
Illinois	10,445,208	10,587,725	+1%	8,373,969	8,225,298	-2%
Indiana	6,132,772	6,199,901	+1%	6,569,665	4,532,708	-31%
Iowa	3,496,576	3,787,224	+8%	2,191,715	2,268,916	+4%
Kansas	2,445,966	2,603,543	+6%	2,025,581	2,004,302	-1%
Kentucky	3,763,027	4,459,685	+19%	2,959,881	2,905,632	-2%
Louisiana	4,052,596	3,861,204	-5%	3,186,227	3,416,648	+7%
Maine	1,171,280	1,121,106	-4%	1,014,826	1,047,893	+3%
Maryland	3,905,629	4,211,377	+8%	3,856,604	4,454,266	+15%
Massachusetts	5,695,327	5,036,686	-12%	4,683,323	4,940,373	+5%
Michigan	9,182,847	8,453,239	-8%	7,059,509	7,026,650	-0%
Minnesota	4,909,634	5,690,749	+16%	3,306,139	4,090,264	+24%
Mississippi	2,036,524	2,058,975	+1%	1,926,603	2,017,111	+5%
Missouri	5,169,994	5,587,022	+8%	4,277,037	4,259,672	-0%
Montana	1,219,158	1,952,553	+60%	752,483	826,754	+10%
Nebraska	1,886,956	1,935,357	+3%	1,356,377	1,438,821	+6%
Nevada	2,152,407	2,549,357	+18%	1,700,829	2,056,394	+21%
New Hampshire	1,278,484	1,357,535	+6%	1,056,889	1,060,381	+0%
New Jersey	7,939,956	6,006,247	-24%	5,977,458	6,230,912	+4%
New Mexico	1,772,040	1,783,151	+1%	1,418,641	1,473,219	+4%
New York	10,430,559	11,324,755	+9%	11,210,783	12,194,360	+9%
North Carolina	6,249,592	8,739,280	+40%	6,569,341	7,637,400	+16%
North Dakota	785,866	899,083	+14%	490,146	539,006	+10%
Ohio	10,217,277	10,592,317	+4%	7,982,149	8,100,273	+1%
Oklahoma	3,428,689	3,730,247	+9%	2,370,643	2,550,560	+8%
Oregon	3,128,120	4,095,442	+31%	2,773,956	2,944,828	+6%
Pennsylvania	10,302,980	10,690,187	+4%	8,796,774	8,930,677	+2%
Rhode Island	918,823	866,625	-6%	749,706	731,715	-2%
South Carolina	3,827,208	4,561,299	+19%	3,408,318	3,905,911	+15%
South Dakota	995,423	1,294,282	+30%	603,258	658,091	+9%
Tennessee	5,302,335	5,855,373	+10%	4,543,759	4,877,268	+7%
Texas	19,617,055	22,419,490	+14%	15,122,518	17,667,039	+17%
Utah	1,883,410	2,479,604	+32%	1,747,487	2,149,766	+23%
Vermont	605,054	607,890	+0%	521,666	460,871	-12%
Virginia	6,998,385	7,606,452	+9%	5,467,045	5,909,716	+8%
Washington	5,880,793	7,257,401	+23%	5,178,789	5,812,500	+12%
West Virginia	1,458,222	1,657,362	+14%	1,198,837	1,101,775	-8%
Wisconsin	5,244,195	5,616,271	+7%	4,147,470	4,315,892	+4%
Wyoming	798,296	861,028	+8%	421,928	427,233	+1%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>265,043,362</b>	<b>297,644,334</b>	<b>+12%</b>	<b>211,874,649</b>	<b>228,195,802</b>	<b>+8%</b>
Puerto Rico	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Sources: Registered Vehicles for States – FHWA; Registered Vehicles for USA – FHWA and Polk data from R.L. Polk & Co., a foundation of IHS Markit automotive solutions; Licensed Drivers – FHWA  
NA = Not Available.



Table 6  
**Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, by State and Vehicle Type, 2020**

State	Total Vehicles Involved	Percentage of Vehicles That Were (by Vehicle Type)				
		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks*	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
Alabama	1,306	41%	41%	11%	6%	2%
Alaska	80	24%	51%	13%	6%	6%
Arizona	1,469	36%	34%	8%	11%	12%
Arkansas	847	32%	44%	10%	10%	4%
California	5,268	45%	32%	7%	11%	5%
Colorado	885	29%	44%	8%	16%	2%
Connecticut	415	47%	29%	6%	16%	2%
Delaware	162	43%	40%	6%	9%	3%
District of Columbia	50	50%	28%	4%	14%	4%
Florida	4,846	41%	35%	7%	13%	4%
Georgia	2,387	40%	38%	10%	8%	4%
Hawaii	114	33%	41%	5%	17%	4%
Idaho	300	31%	43%	16%	9%	1%
Illinois	1,673	42%	34%	10%	10%	4%
Indiana	1,254	37%	36%	12%	12%	3%
Iowa	467	30%	39%	14%	13%	4%
Kansas	578	33%	40%	12%	11%	4%
Kentucky	1,074	38%	38%	11%	9%	4%
Louisiana	1,133	34%	46%	9%	7%	4%
Maine	216	35%	42%	9%	13%	1%
Maryland	818	47%	31%	7%	11%	4%
Massachusetts	488	45%	34%	6%	11%	5%
Michigan	1,567	35%	46%	5%	11%	3%
Minnesota	548	30%	43%	11%	12%	4%
Mississippi	969	42%	39%	9%	6%	5%
Missouri	1,373	42%	37%	9%	9%	3%
Montana	243	30%	42%	11%	12%	4%
Nebraska	333	34%	36%	16%	11%	4%
Nevada	451	35%	41%	7%	13%	4%
New Hampshire	148	45%	31%	7%	17%	0%
New Jersey	818	44%	35%	7%	10%	4%
New Mexico	540	32%	44%	10%	9%	5%
New York	1,437	39%	35%	8%	14%	4%
North Carolina	2,163	43%	38%	7%	9%	3%
North Dakota	136	21%	45%	13%	13%	9%
Ohio	1,766	41%	34%	8%	12%	4%
Oklahoma	916	31%	48%	10%	8%	4%
Oregon	688	32%	38%	9%	10%	11%
Pennsylvania	1,597	39%	33%	9%	14%	4%
Rhode Island	93	55%	20%	8%	14%	3%
South Carolina	1,432	41%	40%	8%	9%	2%
South Dakota	191	21%	48%	13%	16%	3%
Tennessee	1,722	39%	37%	10%	9%	5%
Texas	5,460	34%	41%	11%	9%	4%
Utah	397	36%	40%	10%	11%	3%
Vermont	80	41%	35%	5%	14%	5%
Virginia	1,211	39%	40%	9%	9%	3%
Washington	794	37%	40%	8%	12%	3%
West Virginia	370	29%	44%	9%	11%	7%
Wisconsin	825	35%	38%	8%	14%	5%
Wyoming	174	18%	51%	19%	10%	3%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>54,272</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Puerto Rico	321	50%	22%	4%	17%	7%

Source: FARS 2020 ARF

\*Includes pickups, SUVs, vans, and other light trucks.

Table 7  
**Traffic Fatalities, by State and Person Type, 2020**

State	Total Fatalities*	Percentage of Fatalities Who Were (by Person Type)				
		Drivers	Passengers	Motorcyclists	Pedestrians	Pedalcyclists
Alabama	934	62%	18%	8%	11%	1%
Alaska	64	50%	20%	6%	20%	3%
Arizona	1,054	44%	16%	15%	21%	3%
Arkansas	638	58%	16%	13%	13%	1%
California	3,847	42%	14%	14%	26%	3%
Colorado	622	43%	17%	23%	14%	2%
Connecticut	295	46%	13%	20%	19%	2%
Delaware	116	53%	10%	13%	22%	3%
District of Columbia	36	33%	17%	19%	28%	3%
Florida	3,331	41%	14%	18%	21%	5%
Georgia	1,664	52%	17%	12%	17%	2%
Hawaii	85	36%	13%	21%	25%	5%
Idaho	214	61%	18%	13%	7%	1%
Illinois	1,194	52%	17%	13%	15%	3%
Indiana	897	53%	17%	17%	10%	2%
Iowa	337	53%	17%	19%	8%	3%
Kansas	426	57%	15%	15%	11%	1%
Kentucky	780	58%	17%	12%	12%	1%
Louisiana	828	54%	14%	9%	17%	4%
Maine	164	62%	13%	18%	5%	1%
Maryland	567	47%	12%	15%	23%	3%
Massachusetts	343	56%	10%	15%	15%	3%
Michigan	1,084	48%	16%	16%	16%	4%
Minnesota	394	55%	14%	17%	11%	3%
Mississippi	752	58%	18%	8%	14%	1%
Missouri	987	58%	16%	12%	13%	1%
Montana	213	58%	20%	14%	8%	0%
Nebraska	233	64%	13%	15%	8%	0%
Nevada	317	40%	11%	18%	25%	3%
New Hampshire	104	46%	13%	24%	15%	2%
New Jersey	584	39%	15%	13%	30%	3%
New Mexico	398	52%	15%	12%	20%	2%
New York	1,046	38%	15%	19%	22%	4%
North Carolina	1,538	56%	15%	12%	15%	2%
North Dakota	100	63%	11%	17%	8%	1%
Ohio	1,230	52%	15%	17%	13%	1%
Oklahoma	652	56%	19%	10%	13%	2%
Oregon	508	52%	17%	13%	14%	3%
Pennsylvania	1,129	52%	13%	19%	13%	2%
Rhode Island	67	45%	7%	19%	25%	3%
South Carolina	1,064	53%	14%	13%	18%	1%
South Dakota	141	57%	13%	19%	10%	0%
Tennessee	1,217	55%	17%	12%	14%	1%
Texas	3,874	50%	17%	12%	18%	2%
Utah	276	49%	19%	16%	12%	3%
Vermont	62	50%	19%	16%	13%	2%
Virginia	850	60%	14%	12%	13%	1%
Washington	560	48%	14%	16%	17%	2%
West Virginia	267	64%	14%	14%	7%	1%
Wisconsin	614	53%	18%	19%	8%	2%
Wyoming	127	61%	19%	15%	5%	1%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>38,824</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>2%</b>
Puerto Rico	242	40%	9%	21%	26%	4%

Source: FARS 2020 ARF

\*Includes other/unknown person type.

Table 8

**Passenger Vehicle\* Occupant Fatalities, by State and Restraint Use, 2020**

State	Restraint Use						Total		Percent Based on Known Restraint Use	
	Restrained		Unrestrained		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Restrained	Unrestrained
Alabama	263	37%	384	54%	58	8%	705	100%	41%	59%
Alaska	18	46%	14	36%	7	18%	39	100%	56%	44%
Arizona	209	41%	234	46%	64	13%	507	100%	47%	53%
Arkansas	178	41%	204	48%	47	11%	429	100%	47%	53%
California	1,105	54%	756	37%	200	10%	2,061	100%	59%	41%
Colorado	142	40%	190	54%	19	5%	351	100%	43%	57%
Connecticut	65	39%	65	39%	38	23%	168	100%	50%	50%
Delaware	32	44%	34	47%	7	10%	73	100%	48%	52%
District of Columbia	7	41%	5	29%	5	29%	17	100%	58%	42%
Florida	895	51%	816	47%	34	2%	1,745	100%	52%	48%
Georgia	505	47%	465	43%	102	10%	1,072	100%	52%	48%
Hawaii	11	28%	13	33%	16	40%	40	100%	46%	54%
Idaho	56	36%	85	54%	15	10%	156	100%	40%	60%
Illinois	300	39%	293	38%	183	24%	776	100%	51%	49%
Indiana	272	46%	226	38%	91	15%	589	100%	55%	45%
Iowa	91	44%	91	44%	23	11%	205	100%	50%	50%
Kansas	125	43%	134	47%	29	10%	288	100%	48%	52%
Kentucky	247	46%	294	54%	0	0%	541	100%	46%	54%
Louisiana	200	37%	298	56%	36	7%	534	100%	40%	60%
Maine	50	44%	64	56%	0	0%	114	100%	44%	56%
Maryland	134	42%	133	41%	55	17%	322	100%	50%	50%
Massachusetts	60	28%	98	46%	55	26%	213	100%	38%	62%
Michigan	294	44%	221	33%	155	23%	670	100%	57%	43%
Minnesota	110	45%	100	41%	35	14%	245	100%	52%	48%
Mississippi	221	41%	229	43%	87	16%	537	100%	49%	51%
Missouri	197	29%	425	63%	57	8%	679	100%	32%	68%
Montana	56	37%	94	62%	1	1%	151	100%	37%	63%
Nebraska	37	23%	100	63%	21	13%	158	100%	27%	73%
Nevada	63	41%	73	48%	17	11%	153	100%	46%	54%
New Hampshire	15	27%	36	64%	5	9%	56	100%	29%	71%
New Jersey	148	49%	126	42%	28	9%	302	100%	54%	46%
New Mexico	98	41%	131	55%	11	5%	240	100%	43%	57%
New York	286	55%	176	34%	56	11%	518	100%	62%	38%
North Carolina	501	48%	501	48%	36	3%	1,038	100%	50%	50%
North Dakota	17	28%	39	64%	5	8%	61	100%	30%	70%
Ohio	304	38%	395	50%	92	12%	791	100%	43%	57%
Oklahoma	189	42%	220	49%	44	10%	453	100%	46%	54%
Oregon	159	54%	94	32%	42	14%	295	100%	63%	37%
Pennsylvania	219	33%	336	50%	114	17%	669	100%	39%	61%
Rhode Island	11	32%	17	50%	6	18%	34	100%	39%	61%
South Carolina	296	42%	372	53%	32	5%	700	100%	44%	56%
South Dakota	28	31%	57	63%	6	7%	91	100%	33%	67%
Tennessee	351	43%	391	48%	72	9%	814	100%	47%	53%
Texas	1,156	48%	1,018	42%	256	11%	2,430	100%	53%	47%
Utah	84	48%	65	37%	26	15%	175	100%	56%	44%
Vermont	15	39%	23	61%	0	0%	38	100%	39%	61%
Virginia	240	41%	340	58%	2	0%	582	100%	41%	59%
Washington	166	50%	111	33%	56	17%	333	100%	60%	40%
West Virginia	64	36%	84	47%	29	16%	177	100%	43%	57%
Wisconsin	150	38%	179	45%	70	18%	399	100%	46%	54%
Wyoming	43	48%	44	49%	3	3%	90	100%	49%	51%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>10,483</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>10,893</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>23,824</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>
Puerto Rico	38	33%	77	67%	0	0%	115	100%	33%	67%

Source: FARS 2020 ARF

\*Includes passenger cars and light trucks (pickups, SUVs, vans, and other light trucks) with GVWRs of 10,000 pounds or less.

Table 9  
Motorcyclist Fatalities, by State and Helmet Use, 2020

State	Helmet Use						Total		Percent Based on Known Helmet Use	
	Helmeted		Unhelmeted		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
Alabama	68	87%	10	13%	0	0%	78	100%	87%	13%
Alaska	2	50%	2	50%	0	0%	4	100%	50%	50%
Arizona	75	47%	77	48%	9	6%	161	100%	49%	51%
Arkansas	38	48%	39	49%	3	4%	80	100%	49%	51%
California	491	91%	35	6%	13	2%	539	100%	93%	7%
Colorado	63	45%	74	53%	3	2%	140	100%	46%	54%
Connecticut	27	47%	25	43%	6	10%	58	100%	52%	48%
Delaware	12	80%	3	20%	0	0%	15	100%	80%	20%
District of Columbia	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	7	100%	71%	29%
Florida	288	48%	300	50%	12	2%	600	100%	49%	51%
Georgia	167	87%	18	9%	7	4%	192	100%	90%	10%
Hawaii	5	28%	13	72%	0	0%	18	100%	28%	72%
Idaho	10	37%	16	59%	1	4%	27	100%	38%	62%
Illinois	49	32%	102	67%	2	1%	153	100%	32%	68%
Indiana	28	19%	115	76%	8	5%	151	100%	20%	80%
Iowa	20	31%	43	67%	1	2%	64	100%	32%	68%
Kansas	27	42%	37	57%	1	2%	65	100%	42%	58%
Kentucky	38	41%	54	59%	0	0%	92	100%	41%	59%
Louisiana	51	65%	15	19%	12	15%	78	100%	77%	23%
Maine	8	28%	21	72%	0	0%	29	100%	28%	72%
Maryland	71	84%	14	16%	0	0%	85	100%	84%	16%
Massachusetts	47	90%	2	4%	3	6%	52	100%	96%	4%
Michigan	77	45%	77	45%	16	9%	170	100%	50%	50%
Minnesota	23	35%	42	64%	1	2%	66	100%	35%	65%
Mississippi	41	66%	15	24%	6	10%	62	100%	73%	27%
Missouri	99	80%	24	20%	0	0%	123	100%	80%	20%
Montana	11	38%	18	62%	0	0%	29	100%	38%	62%
Nebraska	28	82%	6	18%	0	0%	34	100%	82%	18%
Nevada	48	83%	2	3%	8	14%	58	100%	96%	4%
New Hampshire	7	28%	16	64%	2	8%	25	100%	30%	70%
New Jersey	66	85%	8	10%	4	5%	78	100%	89%	11%
New Mexico	20	43%	24	52%	2	4%	46	100%	45%	55%
New York	167	84%	27	14%	6	3%	200	100%	86%	14%
North Carolina	172	90%	18	9%	2	1%	192	100%	91%	9%
North Dakota	3	18%	14	82%	0	0%	17	100%	18%	82%
Ohio	52	25%	156	74%	3	1%	211	100%	25%	75%
Oklahoma	19	30%	39	62%	5	8%	63	100%	33%	67%
Oregon	55	81%	4	6%	9	13%	68	100%	93%	7%
Pennsylvania	91	42%	121	55%	7	3%	219	100%	43%	57%
Rhode Island	6	46%	6	46%	1	8%	13	100%	50%	50%
South Carolina	45	33%	92	67%	0	0%	137	100%	33%	67%
South Dakota	5	19%	20	74%	2	7%	27	100%	20%	80%
Tennessee	135	89%	15	10%	1	1%	151	100%	90%	10%
Texas	234	48%	233	48%	16	3%	483	100%	50%	50%
Utah	19	43%	25	57%	0	0%	44	100%	43%	57%
Vermont	9	90%	1	10%	0	0%	10	100%	90%	10%
Virginia	94	93%	7	7%	0	0%	101	100%	93%	7%
Washington	87	96%	3	3%	1	1%	91	100%	97%	3%
West Virginia	17	45%	20	53%	1	3%	38	100%	46%	54%
Wisconsin	33	28%	83	72%	0	0%	116	100%	28%	72%
Wyoming	7	37%	10	53%	2	11%	19	100%	41%	59%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5,579</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Puerto Rico	27	54%	23	46%	0	0%	50	100%	54%	46%

Source: FARS 2020 ARF

Table 10

### Percentage of 2011 and 2020 Fatalities by Highest Driver BAC in Fatal Traffic Crashes and 2020 Driver Alcohol Testing by Survival Status, by State

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 2020	
	Alcohol Involved (BAC=.01+ g/dL)		Alcohol-Impaired (BAC=.08+ g/dL)		Killed	Survived
	2011	2020	2011	2020		
Alabama	35%	31%	29%	25%	51%	33%
Alaska	33%	30%	29%	22%	94%	48%
Arizona	32%	32%	26%	28%	37%	17%
Arkansas	35%	32%	28%	26%	75%	69%
California	32%	36%	27%	30%	56%	21%
Colorado	39%	34%	36%	30%	87%	17%
Connecticut	45%	46%	42%	40%	61%	18%
Delaware	45%	26%	41%	23%	79%	13%
District of Columbia	50%	31%	29%	21%	89%	50%
Florida	35%	31%	29%	26%	55%	15%
Georgia	26%	29%	22%	24%	43%	15%
Hawaii	50%	40%	45%	31%	98%	34%
Idaho	33%	36%	30%	29%	69%	39%
Illinois	35%	37%	30%	32%	49%	20%
Indiana	32%	32%	28%	28%	40%	58%
Iowa	27%	40%	23%	34%	56%	23%
Kansas	35%	25%	28%	23%	26%	23%
Kentucky	28%	30%	24%	26%	76%	43%
Louisiana	37%	35%	32%	28%	79%	68%
Maine	29%	44%	17%	39%	81%	34%
Maryland	40%	37%	33%	32%	80%	7%
Massachusetts	39%	34%	34%	29%	85%	1%
Michigan	33%	34%	29%	28%	34%	41%
Minnesota	36%	34%	30%	27%	76%	23%
Mississippi	27%	25%	25%	21%	9%	5%
Missouri	38%	37%	33%	32%	67%	50%
Montana	42%	51%	39%	45%	81%	73%
Nebraska	30%	37%	25%	31%	76%	62%
Nevada	37%	32%	28%	26%	73%	15%
New Hampshire	32%	41%	30%	36%	83%	39%
New Jersey	36%	31%	31%	26%	84%	20%
New Mexico	33%	36%	30%	33%	81%	11%
New York	34%	33%	28%	27%	58%	9%
North Carolina	34%	35%	29%	30%	24%	7%
North Dakota	45%	40%	42%	35%	81%	18%
Ohio	35%	42%	30%	36%	85%	17%
Oklahoma	36%	32%	32%	27%	91%	44%
Oregon	35%	44%	29%	38%	27%	18%
Pennsylvania	35%	33%	31%	29%	62%	9%
Rhode Island	43%	49%	39%	42%	81%	15%
South Carolina	45%	36%	37%	30%	76%	7%
South Dakota	34%	40%	29%	35%	89%	81%
Tennessee	33%	31%	28%	27%	51%	32%
Texas	46%	45%	40%	39%	45%	11%
Utah	26%	25%	22%	21%	84%	33%
Vermont	42%	34%	33%	28%	83%	36%
Virginia	37%	39%	30%	34%	85%	1%
Washington	40%	43%	35%	35%	81%	22%
West Virginia	32%	34%	28%	29%	89%	5%
Wisconsin	39%	39%	34%	34%	33%	22%
Wyoming	30%	39%	28%	34%	64%	14%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Puerto Rico	36%	38%	28%	32%	98%	25%

Source: FARS 2011 Final File, 2020 ARF

Note: Percentages are computed based on unrounded estimates.



Table 11  
**Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities, by State and Roadway Function Class, 2020**

State	Total 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	934	265	15	19	1	53	54	95	28
Alaska	64	23	1	3	0	3	5	6	5
Arizona	1,054	353	32	16	21	97	71	68	16
Arkansas	638	164	12	6	1	10	7	4	52
California	3,847	1,228	44	146	121	352	301	164	100
Colorado	622	287	10	32	17	105	47	48	27
Connecticut	295	96	3	13	4	17	36	14	9
Delaware	116	33	0	8	1	11	1	10	2
District of Columbia	36	16	0	0	0	7	5	2	2
Florida	3,331	285	9	11	7	75	65	44	40
Georgia	1,664	380	11	29	13	70	91	83	82
Hawaii	85	37	0	2	1	21	13	0	0
Idaho	214	62	3	0	3	19	16	15	6
Illinois	1,194	460	22	64	0	122	94	84	65
Indiana	897	238	21	10	1	66	51	46	43
Iowa	337	61	4	2	0	20	4	18	13
Kansas	426	102	2	4	2	7	34	29	24
Kentucky	780	162	5	11	1	32	40	45	27
Louisiana	828	189	8	21	4	40	32	40	42
Maine	164	47	2	1	0	7	5	21	11
Maryland	567	163	0	19	11	54	36	26	16
Massachusetts	343	97	0	19	7	24	26	14	7
Michigan	1,084	292	5	33	17	64	58	52	61
Minnesota	394	122	4	9	5	19	29	33	21
Mississippi	752	126	9	7	1	25	18	60	6
Missouri	987	421	13	38	24	95	104	83	64
Montana	213	83	16	2	0	24	9	13	19
Nebraska	233	39	4	1	1	11	12	5	5
Nevada	317	93	4	7	2	42	9	1	28
New Hampshire	104	37	0	0	0	6	10	17	4
New Jersey	584	142	2	13	18	42	36	21	9
New Mexico	398	160	16	11	0	44	35	34	19
New York	1,046	378	6	27	49	118	41	32	105
North Carolina	1,538	489	6	40	17	80	92	137	116
North Dakota	100	26	3	0	0	9	7	3	4
Ohio	1,230	340	6	25	12	49	79	93	63
Oklahoma	652	156	11	12	0	32	27	32	42
Oregon	508	124	4	7	0	48	24	32	9
Pennsylvania	1,129	459	29	33	25	100	86	86	99
Rhode Island	67	20	1	2	1	7	6	1	2
South Carolina	1,064	494	37	22	5	153	205	26	46
South Dakota	141	42	7	2	0	14	10	3	6
Tennessee	1,217	187	6	20	2	51	42	40	26
Texas	3,874	1,446	68	128	89	381	295	310	171
Utah	276	72	6	5	1	31	10	13	6
Vermont	62	17	2	0	0	3	5	4	3
Virginia	850	260	18	26	4	71	47	64	29
Washington	560	167	3	19	10	18	17	40	58
West Virginia	267	60	1	5	0	14	11	14	11
Wisconsin	614	216	5	5	2	60	42	48	53
Wyoming	127	42	7	0	0	13	4	16	2
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>38,824</b>	<b>11,258</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,704</b>
Puerto Rico	242	73	4	5	0	24	21	19	0

Source: FARS 2020 ARF

\*Includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the roadway function class was unknown.

## Restraint Use and Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws

### *Restraint Use Laws*

- The first mandatory belt use law was enacted in New York in 1984.
- The first mandatory child restraint use law was implemented in Tennessee in 1978.

Adult seat belt use laws are in effect in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The laws differ from State to State, according to conditions such as the type and age of the vehicle, occupant age, and seating position. The goal of these laws is to promote seat belt use and thereby reduce deaths and injuries in motor vehicle crashes.

In 2020 the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 34 States 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 another 15 States, the laws specified secondary enforcement, meaning that police officers were permitted to write citations only after vehicles were 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.

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 are available on the web site of the GHSA at [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org).

- Seat belt laws—[www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbelt\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbelt_laws.html).
- Child passenger safety laws—[www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/childsafety\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/childsafety_laws.html).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NHTSA issued a waiver through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act related to conducting 2020 seat belt use surveys. This waiver enabled States and U.S. Territories to use their 2019 seat belt use rate for their 2020 seat belt use rate. In 2020 seat belt use rates in the United States ranged from 68.3 percent in South Dakota to 97.1 percent in Hawaii. These results are from probability-based observational surveys conducted by 50 States, the District of Columbia, and United States Territories. The nationwide seat belt use rate in 2020 was 90.3 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 2020 can be found in Seat Belt Use in 2020—Use Rates in the States and Territories, Report No. DOT HS 813 109, <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813109>.

### *Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws*

In 2020 only 19 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico required helmet use for all motorcyclists. Missouri is included in the 19 States even though its helmet law changed in August 2020 to only require helmets for a subset of motorcyclist. In 28 States helmet use was required for only a subset of motorcyclists (typically, motorcyclists younger than 18), and 3 States (Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire) did 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 <https://www.ghsa.org/state-laws/issues/motorcyclists>.

According to results from NOPUS, the overall rate of DOT-compliant motorcycle helmet use in the United States was 69.0 percent in 2020. Helmet use continued to be significantly higher in States that required all motorcyclists to be helmeted than in other States. In 2020 DOT compliant motorcycle helmet use in States requiring all to use helmets was 84.0 percent compared to 54.4 percent in other States. Information on motorcycle helmet use in 2020 can be found in Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2020—Overall Results, Report No. DOT HS 813 143, <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813143>.

## Fatality Analysis Reporting System

FARS contains data on every fatal motor vehicle traffic crash within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To be included in FARS, a traffic crash must involve a motor vehicle traveling on a public trafficway that results in the death of a vehicle occupant or a nonoccupant within 30 days of the crash. The Annual Report File (ARF) is the FARS data file associated with the most recent available year, which is subject to change when it is finalized the following year to the final version known as the Final File. The additional time between the ARF and the Final File provides the opportunity for submission of important variable data requiring outside sources, which may lead to changes in the final counts. More information on

FARS can be found at [www.nhtsa.gov/crash-data-systems/fatality-analysis-reporting-system](http://www.nhtsa.gov/crash-data-systems/fatality-analysis-reporting-system).

The updated final counts for the previous data year will be reflected with the release of the recent year's ARF. For example, along with the release of the 2020 ARF, the 2019 Final File was released to replace the 2019 ARF. The final fatality count in motor vehicle traffic crashes for 2019 was 36,355, which was updated from 36,096 in the 2019 ARF.

The 2017 and 2018 Final Files have been amended, but this amendment did not change the overall number of fatal crashes or fatalities.

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## For More Information:

Motor vehicle traffic crash data are available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), NSA-230. NCSA can be contacted at [NCSARequests@dot.gov](mailto:NCSARequests@dot.gov) or 800-934-8517. NCSA programs can be found at [www.nhtsa.gov/data](http://www.nhtsa.gov/data). To report a motor vehicle safety-related problem or to inquire about safety information, contact the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 or [www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/VehicleComplaint/](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/VehicleComplaint/).

The following data tools and resources can be found at <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/>.

- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Data Visualizations
- Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST)
- State Traffic Safety Information (STSI)
- Traffic Safety Facts Annual Report Tables
- FARS Data Tables (FARS Encyclopedia)
- Crash Viewer
- Product Information Catalog and Vehicle Listing (vPIC)
- FARS, NASS GES, CRSS, NASS Crashworthiness Data System (CDS), and Crash Investigation Sampling System (CISS) data can be downloaded for further analysis.

Other fact sheets available from NCSA:

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| ■ Alcohol-Impaired Driving                  | ■ Pedestrians                                  |
| ■ Bicyclists and Other Cyclists             | ■ Rural/Urban Comparison of Traffic Fatalities |
| ■ Children                                  | ■ School-Transportation-Related Crashes        |
| ■ Large Trucks                              | ■ Speeding                                     |
| ■ Motorcycles                               | ■ State Alcohol-Impaired-Driving Estimates     |
| ■ Occupant Protection in Passenger Vehicles | ■ Summary of Motor Vehicle Crashes             |
| ■ Older Population                          | ■ Young Drivers                                |
| ■ Passenger Vehicles                        |  |

Detailed data on motor vehicle traffic crashes are published annually in *Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data*. The fact sheets and Traffic Safety Facts annual report can be found at <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.



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