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Key Findings

- Traffic fatalities in the United States decreased by 4.3 percent from 2022 to 2023 (42,721 to 40,901).
- The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) was 1.26 in 2023, ranging from a high of 1.79 to a low of 0.56 among States.
- The fatality rate per 100 million VMT decreased by 6 percent (1.34 to 1.26) from 2022 to 2023.
- Thirty-seven States showed decreases in traffic fatalities, while 13 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico showed increases in traffic fatalities from 2022 to 2023.
- The greatest decrease in traffic fatalities since 1975 was Massachusetts (-60%), followed by New York (-53%), while the greatest increase was in Arizona (95%).
- From 2014 to 2023 there was an 11-percent increase in registered vehicles in the United States, an 11-percent increase in licensed drivers, a 7-percent increase in VMT, and a 5-percent increase in the U.S. population.
- Rhode Island and Puerto Rico had the highest percentages of passenger cars in fatal crashes (42%) in 2023, Montana had the highest percentage involving light trucks (56%), and Wyoming had the highest percentage involving large trucks (22%).
- The District of Columbia had the highest percentage of fatalities in 2023 traffic crashes who were pedestrians (32%), nearly twice the national percentage (18%), while Puerto Rico had the second highest percentage (28%).
- Eighty-seven percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed in the District of Columbia were unrestrained (based on known restraint use), the highest percentage in the country.
- In States without universal helmet laws, 51 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2023 were not wearing helmets, compared to 10 percent in States with universal helmet laws.
- From 2014 to 2023 Hawaii had the largest increase in alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities at 11 percentage points (31% to 42%), while Delaware had the greatest decrease at 13 percentage points (42% to 29%).

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.

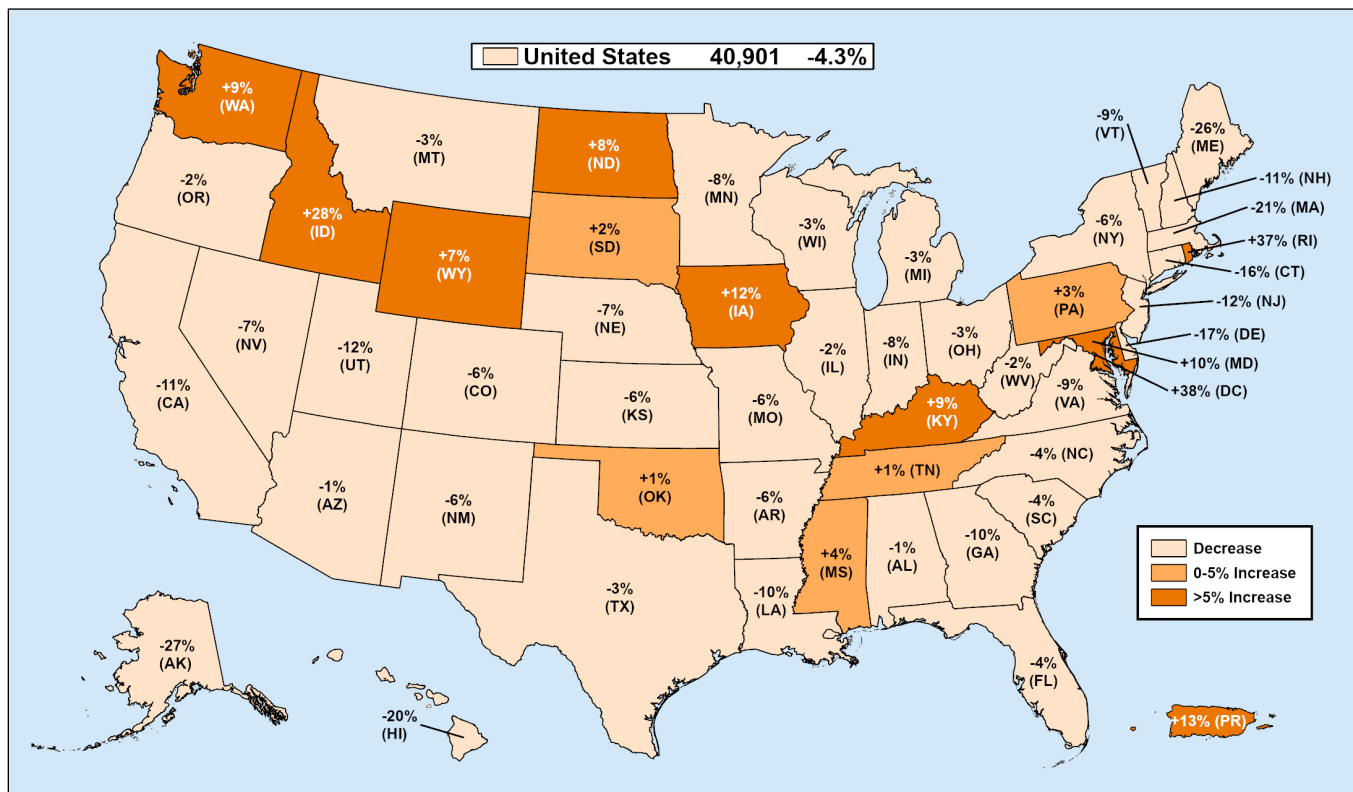
Due to a vehicle classification change, the 2020 and later-year vehicle type classifications are not comparable to 2019 and earlier-year vehicle type classifications. This change affects any analysis with a vehicle component to it. Refer to the end of this publication for more information on Product Information Catalog and Vehicle Listing (vPIC).

A motor vehicle traffic crash is defined as an incident that involved one or more motor vehicles in-transport that originated on or had a harmful event (injury or damage) on a public trafficway, such as a road or highway. Crashes that occurred on private property not regularly used by the public for transport, including some parts of parking lots and driveways, are excluded. The terms “motor vehicle traffic crash” and “traffic crash” are used interchangeably in this document.

Overview

In 2023 there were 40,901 traffic fatalities in the United States (50 States and the District of Columbia, excluding Puerto Rico), a decrease of 4.3 percent from 2022 (42,721). Figure 1 shows the percentage change in 2023 traffic fatalities from 2022 for each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The District of Columbia had the greatest percentage increase in traffic fatalities from 2022 to 2023 at 38 percent, followed by Rhode Island (37%) and Idaho (28%), while Alaska (-27%) had the greatest percentage decrease, followed by Maine (-26%).

Figure 1. Percentage Change in 2023 Traffic Fatalities From 2022, by State



Source: FARS 2022 Final File, 2023 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 2023.

- The fatality rate per 100 million VMT was 1.26 for the United States in 2023, ranging from a high of 1.79 (Mississippi) to a low of 0.56 (Massachusetts).
- The U.S. fatality rate per 100,000 population was 12.21 in 2023, ranging from a high of 24.90 (Mississippi) to a low of 4.90 (Massachusetts).
- The U.S. fatality rate per 100,000 licensed drivers was 17.21 in 2023, ranging from a high of 35.34 (Mississippi) to a low of 7.05 (Massachusetts).
- The U.S. fatality rate per 100,000 registered vehicles was 13.38 in 2023, ranging from a high of 32.84 (Mississippi) to a low of 6.55 (Massachusetts).

Table 2 compares traffic fatalities for 1975, 2014, 2022, and 2023. FARS data was first collected in 1975.

- Thirty-seven States showed decreases, while 13 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico showed increases in traffic fatalities from 2022 to 2023.
- The greatest decrease in traffic fatalities since 1975 was Massachusetts (-60%), followed by New York (-53%), while the greatest increase was in Arizona (95%).

Table 3 compares traffic fatality rates per 100 million VMT for 1975, 2014, 2022, and 2023.

- The U.S. rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT has decreased by 6 percent (1.34 to 1.26) from 2022 to 2023.
- Since 1975 the U.S. rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT has decreased by 62 percent (3.35 to 1.26).
- The greatest decrease in fatality rate per 100 million VMT since 1975 was in Massachusetts (-80%), followed by Vermont (-78%), Alaska (-76%), Minnesota (-76%), and Utah (-76%).

Table 4 shows the changes in population and VMT from 2014 and 2023.

- From 2014 to 2023 there was a 5-percent increase in U.S. population.
- From 2014 to 2023 there was a 7-percent increase in U.S. VMT.

Table 5 shows the changes in registered vehicles and licensed drivers from 2014 and 2023.

- From 2014 to 2023 there was an 11-percent increase in U.S. registered vehicles.
- From 2014 to 2023 there was an 11-percent increase in U.S. licensed drivers.

Table 6 shows vehicles involved in fatal traffic crashes by vehicle type for 2023.

- In 2023 passenger cars and light trucks accounted for more than three-fourths (76% cumulatively and 32% and 43%, respectively) of the vehicles involved in fatal traffic crashes.
- Rhode Island and Puerto Rico had the highest percentages of passenger cars involved in fatal crashes (42%) in 2023, Montana had the highest percentage involving light trucks (56%), and Wyoming had the highest percentage involving large trucks (22%). A large truck is any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 lb 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 2023.

- Almost half the people killed in 2023 traffic crashes were drivers (48%), followed by pedestrians (18%), passengers (15%), motorcyclists (15%), and pedalcyclists (3%).
- Nebraska had the highest percentages of fatalities in 2023 traffic crashes who were drivers (62%), while New Hampshire had the highest percentage of fatalities who were motorcyclists (32%).

- The District of Columbia had the highest percentage of fatalities in 2023 traffic crashes who were pedestrians (32%), two times the national percentage (18%), while Puerto Rico had the second highest percentage (28%).

Table 8 shows restraint use for passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2023. Passenger vehicles are passenger cars and light trucks (pickups, SUVs, vans, and other light trucks) with GVWRs of 10,000 lb or less.

- In 2023 almost half (49%) the passenger vehicle occupants killed in the United States were unrestrained (based on known restraint use).
- Eighty-seven percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in the District of Columbia were unrestrained (based on known restraint use), the highest percentage in the country.

Table 9 shows motorcyclists killed and their helmet use in 2023.

- Thirty-five percent of motorcyclists killed in U.S. traffic crashes in 2023 were not helmeted, based on known helmet use.
- In States without universal helmet laws, 51 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2023 traffic crashes were not wearing helmets, compared to 10 percent in States with universal helmet laws.

Table 10 compares the alcohol involvement in fatal traffic crashes for 2014 and 2023.

- In 2023 alcohol-impaired driving (blood alcohol concentration [BAC]= .08+ grams per deciliter [g/dL]) was involved in 30 percent of U.S. traffic fatalities, which was the same as 2014.
- From 2014 to 2023 Hawaii had the largest increase in alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities at 11 percentage points (31% to 42%), while Delaware had the greatest decrease at 13 percentage points (42% to 29%).
- Fifty-nine percent of U.S. drivers killed in 2023 were tested for alcohol and their BAC results were known, while only 19 percent of drivers who survived fatal crashes were tested with known BAC results.

Table 11 shows speeding-related traffic fatalities and functional system for 2023.

- There were 11,775 speeding-related traffic fatalities in the United States in 2023.
- Texas had the largest number of speeding-related traffic fatalities (1,484) in 2023, while the District of Columbia had the fewest (16).
- More than 4 out of every 5 (10,285 or 87%) speeding-related traffic fatalities in 2023 occurred on non-interstates.

Table 1. Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, by State, 2023

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	974	5,108,468	4,087,885	5,446,619	72,289	19.07	23.83	17.88	1.35
Alaska	60	733,406	525,195	680,974	5,617	8.18	11.42	8.81	1.07
Arizona	1,304	7,431,344	5,849,992	6,447,062	75,297	17.55	22.29	20.23	1.73
Arkansas	596	3,067,732	2,306,921	3,338,322	39,101	19.43	25.84	17.85	1.52
California	4,061	38,965,193	27,742,348	31,057,329	316,612	10.42	14.64	13.08	1.28
Colorado	720	5,877,610	4,486,899	5,211,580	54,654	12.25	16.05	13.82	1.32
Connecticut	308	3,617,176	2,632,273	2,837,111	30,503	8.51	11.70	10.86	1.01
Delaware	135	1,031,890	886,022	445,240	9,718	13.08	15.24	30.32	1.39
District of Columbia	44	678,972	521,227	344,088	3,481	6.48	8.44	12.79	1.26
Florida	3,396	22,610,726	17,018,351	19,519,552	239,188	15.02	19.95	17.40	1.42
Georgia	1,615	11,029,227	7,691,537	9,195,822	126,339	14.64	21.00	17.56	1.28
Hawaii	93	1,435,138	943,671	1,262,693	10,435	6.48	9.86	7.37	0.89
Idaho	275	1,964,726	1,398,007	2,057,655	19,718	14.00	19.67	13.36	1.39
Illinois	1,241	12,549,689	8,631,485	10,139,685	102,871	9.89	14.38	12.24	1.21
Indiana	898	6,862,199	4,720,185	5,775,462	85,209	13.09	19.02	15.55	1.05
Iowa	377	3,207,004	2,379,791	3,827,780	33,254	11.76	15.84	9.85	1.13
Kansas	387	2,940,546	2,024,483	2,472,852	31,828	13.16	19.12	15.65	1.22
Kentucky	814	4,526,154	3,001,191	4,551,497	48,993	17.98	27.12	17.88	1.66
Louisiana	811	4,573,749	3,404,603	4,522,457	55,560	17.73	23.82	17.93	1.46
Maine	135	1,395,722	1,065,361	1,366,649	14,888	9.67	12.67	9.88	0.91
Maryland	621	6,180,253	4,331,165	4,935,108	57,356	10.05	14.34	12.58	1.08
Massachusetts	343	7,001,399	4,867,225	5,239,321	60,748	4.90	7.05	6.55	0.56
Michigan	1,094	10,037,261	7,715,581	9,907,454	98,289	10.90	14.18	11.04	1.11
Minnesota	409	5,737,915	4,152,710	5,848,091	58,046	7.13	9.85	6.99	0.70
Mississippi	732	2,939,690	2,071,414	2,228,844	40,944	24.90	35.34	32.84	1.79
Missouri	991	6,196,156	4,308,768	5,504,704	80,825	15.99	23.00	18.00	1.23
Montana	208	1,132,812	878,798	2,357,075	13,700	18.36	23.67	8.82	1.52
Nebraska	227	1,978,379	1,455,283	1,974,401	21,275	11.47	15.60	11.50	1.07
Nevada	389	3,194,176	2,256,437	2,681,539	27,777	12.18	17.24	14.51	1.40
New Hampshire	130	1,402,054	1,090,706	1,405,435	13,515	9.27	11.92	9.25	0.96
New Jersey	606	9,290,841	6,854,574	5,991,811	78,007	6.52	8.84	10.11	0.78
New Mexico	437	2,114,371	1,540,741	1,909,072	28,169	20.67	28.36	22.89	1.55
New York	1,114	19,571,216	12,314,191	9,361,933	120,067	5.69	9.05	11.90	0.93
North Carolina	1,561	10,835,491	8,078,941	8,752,729	122,258	14.41	19.32	17.83	1.28
North Dakota	106	783,926	580,918	1,060,838	9,896	13.52	18.25	9.99	1.07
Ohio	1,242	11,785,935	8,436,370	11,242,160	113,224	10.54	14.72	11.05	1.10
Oklahoma	718	4,053,824	2,597,517	3,410,923	45,760	17.71	27.64	21.05	1.57
Oregon	587	4,233,358	3,146,632	4,230,276	36,816	13.87	18.65	13.88	1.59
Pennsylvania	1,211	12,961,683	9,134,289	10,866,252	100,126	9.34	13.26	11.14	1.21
Rhode Island	71	1,095,962	762,276	822,447	7,564	6.48	9.31	8.63	0.94
South Carolina	1,047	5,373,555	4,098,108	5,283,221	60,794	19.48	25.55	19.82	1.72
South Dakota	140	919,318	688,477	1,384,940	10,345	15.23	20.33	10.11	1.35
Tennessee	1,323	7,126,489	5,122,784	6,950,844	83,405	18.56	25.83	19.03	1.59
Texas	4,291	30,503,301	19,159,360	23,477,492	300,338	14.07	22.40	18.28	1.43
Utah	280	3,417,734	2,299,291	3,084,536	34,584	8.19	12.18	9.08	0.81
Vermont	69	647,464	480,463	629,430	7,172	10.66	14.36	10.96	0.96
Virginia	913	8,715,698	5,921,532	7,922,073	87,730	10.48	15.42	11.52	1.04
Washington	810	7,812,880	6,009,842	7,444,189	59,804	10.37	13.48	10.88	1.35
West Virginia	260	1,770,071	1,131,688	1,515,512	15,962	14.69	22.97	17.16	1.63
Wisconsin	583	5,910,955	4,411,182	5,800,567	67,248	9.86	13.22	10.05	0.87
Wyoming	144	584,057	441,195	890,622	9,519	24.66	32.64	16.17	1.51
U.S. Total	40,901	334,914,895	237,655,885	305,716,298	3,246,817	12.21	17.21	13.38	1.26
Puerto Rico	307	3,205,691	NA	NA	14,983	9.58	NA	NA	2.05

Sources: Fatalities – FARS 2023 ARF; VMT and Licensed Drivers – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Registered Vehicles for States – FHWA; Registered Vehicles for USA – FHWA and R. L. Polk & Co. data from S&P Global Mobility; Population – Census Bureau
 NA = Not Available.

Table 2. Traffic Fatalities and Percentage Change, by State, 1975–2023

State	Total Fatalities				Percentage Change		
	1975	2014	2022	2023	1975–2023	2014–2023	2022–2023
Alabama	902	820	988	974	+8%	+19%	-1%
Alaska	112	73	82	60	-46%	-18%	-27%
Arizona	670	773	1,320	1,304	+95%	+69%	-1%
Arkansas	559	470	637	596	+7%	+27%	-6%
California	4,092	3,102	4,539	4,061	-1%	+31%	-11%
Colorado	581	488	764	720	+24%	+48%	-6%
Connecticut	389	248	366	308	-21%	+24%	-16%
Delaware	122	124	162	135	+11%	+9%	-17%
District of Columbia	70	23	32	44	-37%	+91%	+38%
Florida	1,998	2,494	3,548	3,396	+70%	+36%	-4%
Georgia	1,360	1,164	1,796	1,615	+19%	+39%	-10%
Hawaii	144	95	116	93	-35%	-2%	-20%
Idaho	281	186	215	275	-2%	+48%	+28%
Illinois	2,041	924	1,268	1,241	-39%	+34%	-2%
Indiana	1,128	745	976	898	-20%	+21%	-8%
Iowa	670	322	336	377	-44%	+17%	+12%
Kansas	509	385	410	387	-24%	+1%	-6%
Kentucky	863	672	744	814	-6%	+21%	+9%
Louisiana	934	740	906	811	-13%	+10%	-10%
Maine	223	131	182	135	-39%	+3%	-26%
Maryland	670	442	566	621	-7%	+40%	+10%
Massachusetts	864	354	435	343	-60%	-3%	-21%
Michigan	1,779	901	1,124	1,094	-39%	+21%	-3%
Minnesota	754	361	444	409	-46%	+13%	-8%
Mississippi	546	607	703	732	+34%	+21%	+4%
Missouri	1,045	766	1,057	991	-5%	+29%	-6%
Montana	291	192	215	208	-29%	+8%	-3%
Nebraska	369	225	244	227	-38%	+1%	-7%
Nevada	218	291	417	389	+78%	+34%	-7%
New Hampshire	151	95	146	130	-14%	+37%	-11%
New Jersey	1,043	556	689	606	-42%	+9%	-12%
New Mexico	555	386	466	437	-21%	+13%	-6%
New York	2,366	1,041	1,182	1,114	-53%	+7%	-6%
North Carolina	1,506	1,284	1,631	1,561	+4%	+22%	-4%
North Dakota	167	135	98	106	-37%	-21%	+8%
Ohio	1,766	1,006	1,274	1,242	-30%	+23%	-3%
Oklahoma	757	669	710	718	-5%	+7%	+1%
Oregon	562	357	602	587	+4%	+64%	-2%
Pennsylvania	2,078	1,195	1,179	1,211	-42%	+1%	+3%
Rhode Island	110	51	52	71	-35%	+39%	+37%
South Carolina	820	823	1,094	1,047	+28%	+27%	-4%
South Dakota	195	136	137	140	-28%	+3%	+2%
Tennessee	1,126	963	1,313	1,323	+17%	+37%	+1%
Texas	3,372	3,536	4,408	4,291	+27%	+21%	-3%
Utah	272	256	319	280	+3%	+9%	-12%
Vermont	143	44	76	69	-52%	+57%	-9%
Virginia	993	703	1,006	913	-8%	+30%	-9%
Washington	758	462	743	810	+7%	+75%	+9%
West Virginia	461	272	266	260	-44%	-4%	-2%
Wisconsin	930	506	604	583	-37%	+15%	-3%
Wyoming	210	150	134	144	-31%	-4%	+7%
U.S. Total	44,525	32,744	42,721	40,901	-8%	+25%	-4%
Puerto Rico	496	304	271	307	-38%	+1%	+13%

Source: FARS 1975–2022 Final File, 2023 ARF

Table 3. Traffic Fatality Rates per 100 Million VMT and Percentage Change, by State, 1975–2023

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT				Percentage Change		
	1975	2014	2022	2023	1975–2023	2014–2023	2022–2023
Alabama	3.63	1.25	1.38	1.35	-63%	+8%	-2%
Alaska	4.38	1.50	1.50	1.07	-76%	-29%	-29%
Arizona	4.19	1.23	1.73	1.73	-59%	+41%	0%
Arkansas	4.01	1.38	1.65	1.52	-62%	+10%	-8%
California	3.09	0.93	1.44	1.28	-59%	+38%	-11%
Colorado	3.50	1.00	1.42	1.32	-62%	+32%	-7%
Connecticut	2.13	0.80	1.23	1.01	-53%	+26%	-18%
Delaware	3.37	1.29	1.64	1.39	-59%	+8%	-15%
District of Columbia	2.27	0.65	0.94	1.26	-44%	+94%	+34%
Florida	3.24	1.24	1.56	1.42	-56%	+15%	-9%
Georgia	3.46	1.04	1.39	1.28	-63%	+23%	-8%
Hawaii	3.47	0.93	1.13	0.89	-74%	-4%	-21%
Idaho	4.78	1.15	1.12	1.39	-71%	+21%	+24%
Illinois	3.56	0.88	1.22	1.21	-66%	+38%	-1%
Indiana	3.02	0.94	1.02	1.05	-65%	+12%	+3%
Iowa	3.75	1.03	1.03	1.13	-70%	+10%	+10%
Kansas	3.29	1.25	1.31	1.22	-63%	-2%	-7%
Kentucky	3.50	1.40	1.55	1.66	-53%	+19%	+7%
Louisiana	4.60	1.53	1.60	1.46	-68%	-5%	-9%
Maine	3.14	0.92	1.24	0.91	-71%	-1%	-27%
Maryland	2.66	0.78	1.00	1.08	-59%	+38%	+8%
Massachusetts	2.75	0.62	0.76	0.56	-80%	-10%	-26%
Michigan	3.06	0.93	1.17	1.11	-64%	+19%	-5%
Minnesota	2.94	0.63	0.77	0.70	-76%	+11%	-9%
Mississippi	3.80	1.54	1.76	1.79	-53%	+16%	+2%
Missouri	3.41	1.08	1.33	1.23	-64%	+14%	-8%
Montana	5.08	1.58	1.59	1.52	-70%	-4%	-4%
Nebraska	3.29	1.15	1.15	1.07	-67%	-7%	-7%
Nevada	4.74	1.15	1.51	1.40	-70%	+22%	-7%
New Hampshire	2.85	0.73	1.10	0.96	-66%	+32%	-13%
New Jersey	2.15	0.74	0.92	0.78	-64%	+5%	-15%
New Mexico	5.59	1.52	1.74	1.55	-72%	+2%	-11%
New York	3.63	0.84	1.02	0.93	-74%	+11%	-9%
North Carolina	4.14	1.19	1.37	1.28	-69%	+8%	-7%
North Dakota	3.71	1.28	1.07	1.07	-71%	-16%	0%
Ohio	2.75	0.89	1.15	1.10	-60%	+24%	-4%
Oklahoma	3.33	1.40	1.59	1.57	-53%	+12%	-1%
Oregon	3.53	1.03	1.65	1.59	-55%	+54%	-4%
Pennsylvania	3.26	1.20	1.18	1.21	-63%	+1%	+3%
Rhode Island	1.94	0.66	0.69	0.94	-52%	+42%	+36%
South Carolina	3.98	1.65	1.85	1.72	-57%	+4%	-7%
South Dakota	3.76	1.47	1.35	1.35	-64%	-8%	0%
Tennessee	3.42	1.33	1.58	1.59	-54%	+20%	+1%
Texas	3.99	1.45	1.52	1.43	-64%	-1%	-6%
Utah	3.42	0.93	0.93	0.81	-76%	-13%	-13%
Vermont	4.32	0.62	1.07	0.96	-78%	+55%	-10%
Virginia	2.87	0.87	1.23	1.04	-64%	+20%	-15%
Washington	3.16	0.80	1.27	1.35	-57%	+69%	+6%
West Virginia	4.36	1.42	1.74	1.63	-63%	+15%	-6%
Wisconsin	3.25	0.84	0.91	0.87	-73%	+4%	-4%
Wyoming	5.36	1.59	1.44	1.51	-72%	-5%	+5%
U.S. Total	3.35	1.08	1.34	1.26	-62%	+17%	-6%
Puerto Rico	7.27	2.09	1.82	2.05	-72%	-2%	+13%

Sources: FARS 1975–2022 Final File, 2023 ARF; VMT – FHWA

Table 4. Population and Vehicle Miles Traveled, by State, 2014 and 2023

State	2014 Population	2023 Population	Population Percentage Change (2014–2023)	2014 VMT (millions)	2023 VMT (millions)	VMT Percentage Change (2014–2023)
Alabama	4,843,737	5,108,468	+5%	65,667	72,289	+10%
Alaska	737,075	733,406	-0%	4,857	5,617	+16%
Arizona	6,732,873	7,431,344	+10%	62,631	75,297	+20%
Arkansas	2,968,759	3,067,732	+3%	34,024	39,101	+15%
California	38,586,706	38,965,193	+1%	332,857	316,612	-5%
Colorado	5,352,637	5,877,610	+10%	48,985	54,654	+12%
Connecticut	3,595,697	3,617,176	+1%	31,190	30,503	-2%
Delaware	933,131	1,031,890	+11%	9,596	9,718	+1%
District of Columbia	663,603	678,972	+2%	3,528	3,481	-1%
Florida	19,853,880	22,610,726	+14%	201,040	239,188	+19%
Georgia	10,071,204	11,029,227	+10%	111,535	126,339	+13%
Hawaii	1,415,335	1,435,138	+1%	10,174	10,435	+3%
Idaho	1,632,248	1,964,726	+20%	16,154	19,718	+22%
Illinois	12,885,092	12,549,689	-3%	104,906	102,871	-2%
Indiana	6,596,019	6,862,199	+4%	79,204	85,209	+8%
Iowa	3,110,643	3,207,004	+3%	31,414	33,254	+6%
Kansas	2,901,861	2,940,546	+1%	30,710	31,828	+4%
Kentucky	4,416,992	4,526,154	+2%	47,941	48,993	+2%
Louisiana	4,645,938	4,573,749	-2%	48,252	55,560	+15%
Maine	1,331,217	1,395,722	+5%	14,301	14,888	+4%
Maryland	5,960,064	6,180,253	+4%	56,432	57,356	+2%
Massachusetts	6,764,864	7,001,399	+3%	57,552	60,748	+6%
Michigan	9,932,033	10,037,261	+1%	97,384	98,289	+1%
Minnesota	5,452,665	5,737,915	+5%	57,395	58,046	+1%
Mississippi	2,991,892	2,939,690	-2%	39,499	40,944	+4%
Missouri	6,059,130	6,196,156	+2%	70,909	80,825	+14%
Montana	1,022,657	1,132,812	+11%	12,157	13,700	+13%
Nebraska	1,879,955	1,978,379	+5%	19,613	21,275	+8%
Nevada	2,818,935	3,194,176	+13%	25,302	27,777	+10%
New Hampshire	1,334,257	1,402,054	+5%	12,970	13,515	+4%
New Jersey	8,867,277	9,290,841	+5%	74,856	78,007	+4%
New Mexico	2,090,236	2,114,371	+1%	25,347	28,169	+11%
New York	19,653,431	19,571,216	-0%	123,984	120,067	-3%
North Carolina	9,937,295	10,835,491	+9%	108,012	122,258	+13%
North Dakota	738,736	783,926	+6%	10,511	9,896	-6%
Ohio	11,606,573	11,785,935	+2%	112,766	113,224	+0%
Oklahoma	3,879,187	4,053,824	+5%	47,699	45,760	-4%
Oregon	3,965,447	4,233,358	+7%	34,610	36,816	+6%
Pennsylvania	12,792,392	12,961,683	+1%	99,882	100,126	+0%
Rhode Island	1,056,511	1,095,962	+4%	7,677	7,564	-1%
South Carolina	4,826,858	5,373,555	+11%	49,931	60,794	+22%
South Dakota	849,670	919,318	+8%	9,225	10,345	+12%
Tennessee	6,544,617	7,126,489	+9%	72,336	83,405	+15%
Texas	26,963,092	30,503,301	+13%	243,076	300,338	+24%
Utah	2,938,327	3,417,734	+16%	27,554	34,584	+26%
Vermont	625,693	647,464	+3%	7,059	7,172	+2%
Virginia	8,315,430	8,715,698	+5%	80,985	87,730	+8%
Washington	7,057,531	7,812,880	+11%	58,060	59,804	+3%
West Virginia	1,850,569	1,770,071	-4%	19,117	15,962	-17%
Wisconsin	5,753,199	5,910,955	+3%	60,053	67,248	+12%
Wyoming	583,159	584,057	+0%	9,457	9,519	+1%
U.S. Total	318,386,329	334,914,895	+5%	3,020,377	3,246,817	+7%
Puerto Rico	3,534,874	3,205,691	-9%	14,564	14,983	+3%

Sources: Population – Census Bureau; VMT – FHWA

Table 5. Registered Vehicles and Licensed Drivers, by State, 2014 and 2023

State	2014 Registered Vehicles	2023 Registered Vehicles	Registered Vehicle Percentage Change (2014–2023)	2014 Licensed Drivers	2023 Licensed Drivers	Licensed Driver Percentage Change (2014–2023)
Alabama	5,366,844	5,446,619	+1%	3,881,542	4,087,885	+5%
Alaska	800,433	680,974	-15%	531,744	525,195	-1%
Arizona	5,588,014	6,447,062	+15%	4,881,801	5,849,992	+20%
Arkansas	2,778,660	3,338,322	+20%	2,111,873	2,306,921	+9%
California	28,686,646	31,057,329	+8%	24,813,346	27,742,348	+12%
Colorado	4,820,622	5,211,580	+8%	3,883,362	4,486,899	+16%
Connecticut	2,866,460	2,837,111	-1%	2,542,588	2,632,273	+4%
Delaware	957,669	445,240	-54%	732,349	886,022	+21%
District of Columbia	334,331	344,088	+3%	419,896	521,227	+24%
Florida	15,504,814	19,519,552	+26%	13,898,347	17,018,351	+22%
Georgia	8,155,107	9,195,822	+13%	6,650,434	7,691,537	+16%
Hawaii	1,393,259	1,262,693	-9%	902,639	943,671	+5%
Idaho	1,762,687	2,057,655	+17%	1,128,497	1,398,007	+24%
Illinois	10,393,503	10,139,685	-2%	8,373,565	8,631,485	+3%
Indiana	6,012,595	5,775,462	-4%	4,448,099	4,720,185	+6%
Iowa	3,596,530	3,827,780	+6%	2,227,950	2,379,791	+7%
Kansas	2,542,678	2,472,852	-3%	2,021,271	2,024,483	+0%
Kentucky	4,148,721	4,551,497	+10%	3,004,919	3,001,191	-0%
Louisiana	3,886,934	4,522,457	+16%	3,312,630	3,404,603	+3%
Maine	1,194,661	1,366,649	+14%	1,018,918	1,065,361	+5%
Maryland	4,052,090	4,935,108	+22%	4,142,997	4,331,165	+5%
Massachusetts	4,994,439	5,239,321	+5%	4,765,586	4,867,225	+2%
Michigan	8,126,337	9,907,454	+22%	7,046,433	7,715,581	+9%
Minnesota	5,223,189	5,848,091	+12%	3,357,468	4,152,710	+24%
Mississippi	2,067,806	2,228,844	+8%	1,977,679	2,071,414	+5%
Missouri	5,332,901	5,504,704	+3%	4,295,224	4,308,768	+0%
Montana	1,585,830	2,357,075	+49%	768,703	878,798	+14%
Nebraska	1,947,627	1,974,401	+1%	1,383,693	1,455,283	+5%
Nevada	2,240,498	2,681,539	+20%	1,796,443	2,256,437	+26%
New Hampshire	1,310,191	1,405,435	+7%	1,071,963	1,090,706	+2%
New Jersey	6,874,100	5,991,811	-13%	6,152,634	6,854,574	+11%
New Mexico	1,930,706	1,909,072	-1%	1,444,857	1,540,741	+7%
New York	10,903,620	9,361,933	-14%	11,318,198	12,314,191	+9%
North Carolina	7,876,030	8,752,729	+11%	7,025,333	8,078,941	+15%
North Dakota	870,731	1,060,838	+22%	527,541	580,918	+10%
Ohio	10,453,358	11,242,160	+8%	7,915,907	8,436,370	+7%
Oklahoma	3,517,806	3,410,923	-3%	2,451,972	2,597,517	+6%
Oregon	3,417,959	4,230,276	+24%	2,785,446	3,146,632	+13%
Pennsylvania	10,504,757	10,866,252	+3%	8,915,641	9,134,289	+2%
Rhode Island	864,762	822,447	-5%	748,337	762,276	+2%
South Carolina	4,017,611	5,283,221	+32%	3,617,535	4,098,108	+13%
South Dakota	1,032,705	1,384,940	+34%	609,908	688,477	+13%
Tennessee	5,495,647	6,950,844	+26%	4,613,166	5,122,784	+11%
Texas	20,877,026	23,477,492	+12%	15,648,733	19,159,360	+22%
Utah	2,150,573	3,084,536	+43%	1,425,703	2,299,291	+61%
Vermont	612,437	629,430	+3%	545,312	480,463	-12%
Virginia	7,160,097	7,922,073	+11%	5,769,063	5,921,532	+3%
Washington	6,405,483	7,444,189	+16%	5,401,139	6,009,842	+11%
West Virginia	1,553,192	1,515,512	-2%	1,171,907	1,131,688	-3%
Wisconsin	5,340,155	5,800,567	+9%	4,188,194	4,411,182	+5%
Wyoming	820,107	890,622	+9%	423,987	441,195	+4%
U.S. Total	274,804,904	305,716,298	+11%	214,092,472	237,655,885	+11%
Puerto Rico	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Sources: Registered Vehicles for States – FHWA; Registered Vehicles for USA – FHWA and R. L. Polk & Co. data from S&P Global Mobility; Licensed Drivers – FHWA

NA = Not Available.

Table 6. Vehicles Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes, by State and Vehicle Type, 2023

State	Total Vehicles Involved	Percentage of Vehicles That Were (by Vehicle Type)				
		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks*	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
Alabama	1,380	33%	48%	10%	7%	3%
Alaska	87	20%	49%	11%	13%	7%
Arizona	1,960	30%	37%	8%	13%	11%
Arkansas	845	25%	47%	13%	11%	4%
California	5,621	40%	38%	7%	11%	5%
Colorado	1,010	26%	49%	9%	14%	2%
Connecticut	442	38%	38%	8%	14%	2%
Delaware	197	40%	45%	5%	7%	3%
District of Columbia	57	40%	33%	2%	11%	14%
Florida	5,045	33%	42%	7%	13%	5%
Georgia	2,276	34%	44%	8%	9%	5%
Hawaii	117	21%	49%	2%	24%	4%
Idaho	402	22%	50%	17%	10%	1%
Illinois	1,829	34%	42%	10%	9%	4%
Indiana	1,296	31%	42%	12%	11%	3%
Iowa	504	25%	43%	14%	13%	5%
Kansas	543	30%	44%	15%	8%	3%
Kentucky	1,154	32%	45%	10%	10%	4%
Louisiana	1,244	32%	45%	10%	8%	5%
Maine	172	30%	49%	10%	9%	1%
Maryland	902	39%	38%	8%	10%	5%
Massachusetts	480	35%	46%	5%	13%	2%
Michigan	1,616	28%	51%	6%	12%	4%
Minnesota	585	26%	47%	11%	11%	4%
Mississippi	969	37%	42%	11%	6%	4%
Missouri	1,406	33%	42%	9%	13%	4%
Montana	279	18%	56%	11%	12%	3%
Nebraska	321	27%	46%	16%	8%	3%
Nevada	554	30%	43%	9%	13%	5%
New Hampshire	189	25%	48%	5%	21%	2%
New Jersey	858	36%	45%	7%	10%	2%
New Mexico	613	24%	44%	20%	9%	4%
New York	1,537	30%	44%	7%	14%	5%
North Carolina	2,231	36%	43%	8%	10%	3%
North Dakota	147	20%	45%	18%	10%	6%
Ohio	1,819	33%	41%	9%	13%	4%
Oklahoma	1,050	24%	49%	13%	10%	4%
Oregon	794	31%	47%	11%	9%	3%
Pennsylvania	1,729	32%	41%	10%	14%	3%
Rhode Island	89	42%	33%	3%	18%	4%
South Carolina	1,470	35%	44%	8%	10%	2%
South Dakota	194	21%	42%	13%	15%	8%
Tennessee	1,917	35%	42%	8%	11%	4%
Texas	6,177	28%	47%	11%	10%	4%
Utah	404	30%	41%	15%	10%	4%
Vermont	90	24%	44%	8%	20%	3%
Virginia	1,261	36%	42%	9%	10%	2%
Washington	1,098	33%	44%	6%	13%	4%
West Virginia	367	27%	47%	12%	10%	4%
Wisconsin	814	30%	43%	10%	13%	4%
Wyoming	178	15%	49%	22%	7%	6%
U.S. Total	58,319	32%	43%	9%	11%	4%
Puerto Rico	417	42%	29%	3%	19%	6%

Source: FARS 2023 ARF

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

Table 7. Traffic Fatalities, by State and Person Type, 2023

State	Total Fatalities*	Number and Percentage of Fatalities Who Were (by Person Type)									
		Drivers		Passengers		Motorcyclists		Pedestrians		Pedalcyclists	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Alabama	974	592	61%	152	16%	94	10%	124	13%	10	1%
Alaska	60	27	45%	13	22%	8	13%	12	20%	0	0%
Arizona	1,304	495	38%	234	18%	257	20%	271	21%	43	3%
Arkansas	596	314	53%	98	16%	93	16%	74	12%	11	2%
California	4,061	1,576	39%	591	15%	583	14%	1,106	27%	145	4%
Colorado	720	312	43%	116	16%	135	19%	125	17%	20	3%
Connecticut	308	152	49%	44	14%	59	19%	47	15%	4	1%
Delaware	135	67	50%	20	15%	14	10%	27	20%	5	4%
District of Columbia	44	13	30%	5	11%	6	14%	14	32%	3	7%
Florida	3,396	1,274	38%	413	12%	668	20%	771	23%	234	7%
Georgia	1,615	833	52%	241	15%	196	12%	310	19%	24	1%
Hawaii	93	32	34%	4	4%	27	29%	22	24%	8	9%
Idaho	275	137	50%	60	22%	39	14%	31	11%	7	3%
Illinois	1,241	638	51%	183	15%	172	14%	199	16%	41	3%
Indiana	898	470	52%	149	17%	145	16%	96	11%	31	3%
Iowa	377	209	55%	70	19%	62	16%	29	8%	5	1%
Kansas	387	235	61%	65	17%	42	11%	38	10%	6	2%
Kentucky	814	450	55%	117	14%	106	13%	121	15%	16	2%
Louisiana	811	411	51%	119	15%	97	12%	145	18%	35	4%
Maine	135	76	56%	23	17%	16	12%	19	14%	0	0%
Maryland	621	263	42%	87	14%	89	14%	160	26%	15	2%
Massachusetts	343	166	48%	38	11%	60	17%	67	20%	9	3%
Michigan	1,094	539	49%	167	15%	180	16%	175	16%	24	2%
Minnesota	409	222	54%	68	17%	69	17%	42	10%	6	1%
Mississippi	732	448	61%	124	17%	58	8%	86	12%	13	2%
Missouri	991	521	53%	149	15%	176	18%	127	13%	10	1%
Montana	208	121	58%	36	17%	29	14%	20	10%	2	1%
Nebraska	227	140	62%	44	19%	22	10%	13	6%	6	3%
Nevada	389	145	37%	54	14%	69	18%	106	27%	14	4%
New Hampshire	130	57	44%	15	12%	41	32%	15	12%	1	1%
New Jersey	606	230	38%	85	14%	90	15%	165	27%	27	4%
New Mexico	437	194	44%	67	15%	55	13%	105	24%	12	3%
New York	1,114	407	37%	153	14%	201	18%	289	26%	49	4%
North Carolina	1,561	833	53%	220	14%	223	14%	229	15%	46	3%
North Dakota	106	62	58%	18	17%	16	15%	10	9%	0	0%
Ohio	1,242	655	53%	166	13%	239	19%	145	12%	22	2%
Oklahoma	718	391	54%	118	16%	103	14%	87	12%	15	2%
Oregon	587	299	51%	85	14%	70	12%	101	17%	17	3%
Pennsylvania	1,211	588	49%	156	13%	240	20%	185	15%	29	2%
Rhode Island	71	34	48%	7	10%	16	23%	11	15%	2	3%
South Carolina	1,047	536	51%	143	14%	151	14%	187	18%	25	2%
South Dakota	140	70	50%	24	17%	29	21%	15	11%	0	0%
Tennessee	1,323	699	53%	215	16%	203	15%	186	14%	11	1%
Texas	4,291	2,058	48%	687	16%	598	14%	800	19%	106	2%
Utah	280	141	50%	47	17%	42	15%	38	14%	9	3%
Vermont	69	35	51%	10	14%	18	26%	5	7%	1	1%
Virginia	913	511	56%	123	13%	130	14%	129	14%	15	2%
Washington	810	325	40%	164	20%	143	18%	150	19%	18	2%
West Virginia	260	154	59%	49	19%	38	15%	15	6%	4	2%
Wisconsin	583	311	53%	98	17%	103	18%	59	10%	8	1%
Wyoming	144	85	59%	30	21%	15	10%	11	8%	2	1%
U.S. Total	40,901	19,553	48%	6,164	15%	6,335	15%	7,314	18%	1,166	3%
Puerto Rico	307	105	34%	26	8%	77	25%	85	28%	11	4%

Source: FARS 2023 ARF

*Includes other/unknown person type.

Table 8. Passenger Vehicle* Occupant Fatalities in Traffic Crashes, by State and Restraint Use, 2023

State	Restraint Use						Total		Percent Based on Known Restraint Use	
	Restrained		Unrestrained		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Restrained	Unrestrained
Alabama	260	37%	381	55%	58	8%	699	100%	41%	59%
Alaska	14	39%	14	39%	8	22%	36	100%	50%	50%
Arizona	258	43%	254	42%	87	15%	599	100%	50%	50%
Arkansas	160	44%	160	44%	43	12%	363	100%	50%	50%
California	1,111	53%	780	37%	220	10%	2,111	100%	59%	41%
Colorado	172	43%	209	52%	21	5%	402	100%	45%	55%
Connecticut	63	34%	71	38%	54	29%	188	100%	47%	53%
Delaware	41	49%	32	39%	10	12%	83	100%	56%	44%
District of Columbia	2	10%	13	62%	6	29%	21	100%	13%	87%
Florida	840	53%	704	44%	40	3%	1,584	100%	54%	46%
Georgia	418	42%	464	46%	119	12%	1,001	100%	47%	53%
Hawaii	17	50%	15	44%	2	6%	34	100%	53%	47%
Idaho	76	43%	83	47%	17	10%	176	100%	48%	52%
Illinois	302	40%	255	34%	204	27%	761	100%	54%	46%
Indiana	228	40%	222	39%	119	21%	569	100%	51%	49%
Iowa	106	44%	107	44%	30	12%	243	100%	50%	50%
Kansas	119	43%	132	48%	24	9%	275	100%	47%	53%
Kentucky	261	50%	260	50%	0	0%	521	100%	50%	50%
Louisiana	174	36%	268	55%	47	10%	489	100%	39%	61%
Maine	31	33%	63	66%	1	1%	95	100%	33%	67%
Maryland	162	48%	128	38%	47	14%	337	100%	56%	44%
Massachusetts	82	41%	94	47%	24	12%	200	100%	47%	53%
Michigan	338	51%	216	32%	113	17%	667	100%	61%	39%
Minnesota	149	56%	80	30%	35	13%	264	100%	65%	35%
Mississippi	221	42%	216	41%	89	17%	526	100%	51%	49%
Missouri	207	34%	354	58%	54	9%	615	100%	37%	63%
Montana	52	36%	84	58%	9	6%	145	100%	38%	62%
Nebraska	45	26%	99	57%	29	17%	173	100%	31%	69%
Nevada	98	51%	61	32%	32	17%	191	100%	62%	38%
New Hampshire	19	27%	42	59%	10	14%	71	100%	31%	69%
New Jersey	149	49%	117	39%	37	12%	303	100%	56%	44%
New Mexico	88	38%	110	47%	34	15%	232	100%	44%	56%
New York	287	55%	183	35%	49	9%	519	100%	61%	39%
North Carolina	512	51%	474	47%	27	3%	1,013	100%	52%	48%
North Dakota	23	33%	33	47%	14	20%	70	100%	41%	59%
Ohio	317	41%	350	45%	108	14%	775	100%	48%	52%
Oklahoma	209	46%	201	44%	46	10%	456	100%	51%	49%
Oregon	202	55%	111	30%	52	14%	365	100%	65%	35%
Pennsylvania	278	40%	314	46%	95	14%	687	100%	47%	53%
Rhode Island	15	38%	20	50%	5	13%	40	100%	43%	57%
South Carolina	278	43%	341	52%	33	5%	652	100%	45%	55%
South Dakota	23	29%	50	63%	7	9%	80	100%	32%	68%
Tennessee	405	47%	345	40%	108	13%	858	100%	54%	46%
Texas	1,158	45%	1,117	44%	279	11%	2,554	100%	51%	49%
Utah	84	51%	67	41%	13	8%	164	100%	56%	44%
Vermont	12	29%	25	61%	4	10%	41	100%	32%	68%
Virginia	260	44%	337	56%	0	0%	597	100%	44%	56%
Washington	206	44%	171	37%	89	19%	466	100%	55%	45%
West Virginia	76	43%	71	40%	30	17%	177	100%	52%	48%
Wisconsin	168	44%	138	37%	72	19%	378	100%	55%	45%
Wyoming	40	43%	48	52%	5	5%	93	100%	45%	55%
U.S. Total	10,816	45%	10,484	44%	2,659	11%	23,959	100%	51%	49%
Puerto Rico	34	28%	86	72%	0	0%	120	100%	28%	72%

Source: FARS 2023 ARF

Notes: Shading indicates primary seat belt laws for front seat occupants in 2023. Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to individual rounding.

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

Table 9. Motorcyclist Fatalities in Traffic Crashes, by State and Helmet Use, 2023

State	Helmet Use						Total		Percent Based on Known Helmet Use	
	Helmeted		Unhelmeted		Unknown					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
Alabama	79	84%	12	13%	3	3%	94	100%	87%	13%
Alaska	6	75%	1	13%	1	13%	8	100%	86%	14%
Arizona	138	54%	98	38%	21	8%	257	100%	58%	42%
Arkansas	32	34%	59	63%	3	3%	94	100%	35%	65%
California	527	90%	33	6%	23	4%	583	100%	94%	6%
Colorado	62	46%	72	53%	1	1%	135	100%	46%	54%
Connecticut	29	49%	24	41%	6	10%	59	100%	55%	45%
Delaware	7	50%	6	43%	1	7%	14	100%	54%	46%
District of Columbia	4	67%	2	33%	0	0%	6	100%	67%	33%
Florida	390	58%	273	41%	5	1%	668	100%	59%	41%
Georgia	178	91%	17	9%	1	1%	196	100%	91%	9%
Hawaii	12	44%	15	56%	0	0%	27	100%	44%	56%
Idaho	24	62%	14	36%	1	3%	39	100%	63%	37%
Illinois	66	38%	99	58%	7	4%	172	100%	40%	60%
Indiana	42	29%	100	69%	3	2%	145	100%	30%	70%
Iowa	20	32%	38	61%	4	6%	62	100%	34%	66%
Kansas	19	45%	22	52%	1	2%	42	100%	46%	54%
Kentucky	45	42%	60	57%	1	1%	106	100%	43%	57%
Louisiana	76	78%	19	20%	2	2%	97	100%	80%	20%
Maine	7	44%	9	56%	0	0%	16	100%	44%	56%
Maryland	77	87%	12	13%	0	0%	89	100%	87%	13%
Massachusetts	48	80%	7	12%	5	8%	60	100%	87%	13%
Michigan	82	46%	79	44%	19	11%	180	100%	51%	49%
Minnesota	20	29%	45	65%	4	6%	69	100%	31%	69%
Mississippi	43	74%	12	21%	3	5%	58	100%	78%	22%
Missouri	91	52%	77	44%	8	5%	176	100%	54%	46%
Montana	19	66%	10	34%	0	0%	29	100%	66%	34%
Nebraska	20	91%	2	9%	0	0%	22	100%	91%	9%
Nevada	61	88%	8	12%	0	0%	69	100%	88%	12%
New Hampshire	9	22%	32	78%	0	0%	41	100%	22%	78%
New Jersey	82	91%	4	4%	4	4%	90	100%	95%	5%
New Mexico	32	58%	19	35%	4	7%	55	100%	63%	37%
New York	159	79%	37	18%	5	2%	201	100%	81%	19%
North Carolina	203	91%	17	8%	3	1%	223	100%	92%	8%
North Dakota	2	13%	14	88%	0	0%	16	100%	13%	88%
Ohio	80	33%	147	62%	12	5%	239	100%	35%	65%
Oklahoma	41	40%	57	55%	5	5%	103	100%	42%	58%
Oregon	62	89%	3	4%	5	7%	70	100%	95%	5%
Pennsylvania	105	44%	128	53%	7	3%	240	100%	45%	55%
Rhode Island	5	31%	11	69%	0	0%	16	100%	31%	69%
South Carolina	61	40%	86	57%	4	3%	151	100%	41%	59%
South Dakota	9	31%	18	62%	2	7%	29	100%	33%	67%
Tennessee	179	88%	14	7%	10	5%	203	100%	93%	7%
Texas	345	58%	237	40%	16	3%	598	100%	59%	41%
Utah	22	52%	20	48%	0	0%	42	100%	52%	48%
Vermont	17	94%	0	0%	1	6%	18	100%	100%	0%
Virginia	127	98%	3	2%	0	0%	130	100%	98%	2%
Washington	131	92%	7	5%	5	3%	143	100%	95%	5%
West Virginia	21	55%	16	42%	1	3%	38	100%	57%	43%
Wisconsin	31	30%	67	65%	5	5%	103	100%	32%	68%
Wyoming	2	13%	1	7%	12	80%	15	100%	67%	33%
U.S. Total	3,949	62%	2,163	34%	224	4%	6,336	100%	65%	35%
Puerto Rico	49	64%	28	36%	0	0%	77	100%	64%	36%

Source: FARS 2023 ARF

Note: Shading indicates requiring helmet use for all motorcyclists. Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to individual rounding.

Table 10. Percentages of 2014 and 2023 Fatalities by Highest Driver BAC in Fatal Traffic Crashes And 2023 Driver Alcohol Testing by Survival Status, by State

State	Percentages of Fatalities by Highest Driver BAC in the Crash				Percentages of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC With Known Results in 2023	
	Alcohol Involved (BAC=.01+ g/dL)		Alcohol-Impaired (BAC=.08+ g/dL)		Killed	Survived
	2014	2023	2014	2023		
Alabama	38%	34%	32%	29%	61%	33%
Alaska	39%	29%	30%	25%	94%	37%
Arizona	32%	39%	26%	33%	41%	12%
Arkansas	35%	31%	29%	26%	80%	59%
California	34%	39%	28%	33%	43%	16%
Colorado	38%	35%	33%	30%	84%	13%
Connecticut	46%	44%	39%	37%	88%	15%
Delaware	43%	36%	42%	29%	82%	14%
District of Columbia	28%	45%	23%	32%	53%	35%
Florida	33%	29%	28%	25%	40%	10%
Georgia	28%	33%	24%	27%	42%	15%
Hawaii	35%	46%	31%	42%	76%	10%
Idaho	32%	27%	28%	22%	62%	29%
Illinois	38%	37%	33%	32%	64%	23%
Indiana	25%	34%	21%	28%	59%	44%
Iowa	32%	45%	28%	37%	55%	19%
Kansas	33%	38%	28%	32%	45%	15%
Kentucky	29%	28%	25%	24%	76%	48%
Louisiana	40%	34%	33%	29%	83%	57%
Maine	34%	36%	28%	27%	71%	38%
Maryland	36%	33%	29%	28%	81%	7%
Massachusetts	47%	39%	40%	34%	95%	4%
Michigan	29%	31%	23%	26%	37%	40%
Minnesota	34%	30%	30%	24%	67%	8%
Mississippi	33%	24%	28%	21%	7%	9%
Missouri	33%	33%	27%	29%	76%	52%
Montana	44%	41%	38%	34%	91%	87%
Nebraska	34%	35%	27%	31%	66%	65%
Nevada	39%	37%	32%	31%	61%	13%
New Hampshire	35%	31%	30%	27%	82%	41%
New Jersey	36%	28%	29%	23%	83%	21%
New Mexico	37%	30%	30%	27%	65%	7%
New York	36%	34%	30%	29%	51%	10%
North Carolina	32%	31%	28%	27%	39%	4%
North Dakota	49%	40%	41%	36%	91%	14%
Ohio	35%	42%	30%	37%	86%	14%
Oklahoma	27%	30%	23%	25%	83%	24%
Oregon	35%	41%	28%	34%	84%	17%
Pennsylvania	33%	32%	29%	27%	64%	15%
Rhode Island	34%	38%	32%	33%	82%	0%
South Carolina	48%	44%	40%	39%	73%	6%
South Dakota	38%	36%	32%	27%	48%	78%
Tennessee	33%	33%	28%	28%	61%	31%
Texas	47%	46%	41%	40%	52%	9%
Utah	25%	24%	22%	21%	88%	28%
Vermont	32%	31%	19%	26%	63%	47%
Virginia	37%	33%	31%	29%	79%	0%
Washington	36%	42%	29%	36%	77%	15%
West Virginia	36%	29%	31%	22%	87%	2%
Wisconsin	40%	36%	33%	31%	12%	10%
Wyoming	35%	30%	32%	25%	69%	5%
U.S. Total	36%	36%	30%	30%	59%	19%
Puerto Rico	43%	38%	31%	31%	98%	70%

Source: FARS 2014 Final File, 2023 ARF

Notes: Percentages are computed based on unrounded estimates. NHTSA estimates BACs when alcohol test results are unknown.

Table 11. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities, by State and Functional System, 2023

State	Total Fatalities	Speeding-Related Fatalities by Functional System							
		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	974	235	7	10	0	48	47	71	52
Alaska	60	24	6	2	0	5	1	9	1
Arizona	1,304	425	1	4	8	172	134	87	10
Arkansas	596	117	13	9	0	26	23	32	14
California	4,061	1,303	30	156	125	425	279	173	111
Colorado	720	257	12	22	8	110	47	31	27
Connecticut	308	104	0	14	3	22	49	8	8
Delaware	135	45	0	2	2	14	6	13	7
District of Columbia	44	16	0	2	0	7	5	1	1
Florida	3,396	349	7	10	6	118	84	73	46
Georgia	1,615	349	4	46	5	70	77	78	69
Hawaii	93	54	0	12	0	26	15	0	0
Idaho	275	60	5	3	0	18	14	14	6
Illinois	1,241	436	22	57	2	111	105	85	53
Indiana	898	249	14	12	4	55	44	75	45
Iowa	377	87	3	9	0	23	11	26	15
Kansas	387	78	3	9	2	7	20	27	10
Kentucky	814	119	2	8	2	26	23	33	25
Louisiana	811	240	19	22	0	43	43	56	42
Maine	135	39	1	1	0	3	2	18	14
Maryland	621	187	0	34	20	57	38	28	8
Massachusetts	343	113	1	16	9	25	30	13	19
Michigan	1,094	298	9	29	20	67	66	62	45
Minnesota	409	116	5	7	4	25	41	25	9
Mississippi	732	140	4	13	0	31	18	52	19
Missouri	991	371	10	32	22	69	93	82	19
Montana	208	77	7	3	0	26	15	18	8
Nebraska	227	46	6	1	2	11	4	11	11
Nevada	389	88	4	4	8	19	28	16	7
New Hampshire	130	30	0	2	1	5	9	7	6
New Jersey	606	190	0	11	22	71	45	25	15
New Mexico	437	131	10	7	0	54	15	31	14
New York	1,114	347	4	22	45	88	70	61	56
North Carolina	1,561	632	26	26	37	122	106	170	145
North Dakota	106	24	1	0	0	6	5	8	4
Ohio	1,242	255	5	26	11	44	62	55	52
Oklahoma	718	230	11	27	3	41	40	66	41
Oregon	587	190	9	4	3	69	50	48	7
Pennsylvania	1,211	491	15	43	16	117	106	87	106
Rhode Island	71	32	0	0	2	14	8	7	0
South Carolina	1,047	408	34	18	2	120	64	115	55
South Dakota	140	34	3	1	3	5	6	10	6
Tennessee	1,323	263	4	21	3	88	63	47	37
Texas	4,291	1,484	51	146	79	402	316	350	138
Utah	280	93	4	10	0	31	12	23	13
Vermont	69	19	4	0	0	3	4	3	5
Virginia	913	321	13	25	7	68	79	97	29
Washington	810	252	3	18	21	76	44	64	20
West Virginia	260	85	2	7	0	12	26	30	8
Wisconsin	583	185	10	3	9	55	46	30	31
Wyoming	144	57	11	3	0	19	6	11	5
U.S. Total	40,901	11,775	415	969	516	3,169	2,544	2,562	1,494
Puerto Rico	307	116	4	12	0	30	30	28	12

Source: FARS 2023 ARF

*Includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the functional system was unknown.

Restraint Use and Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws

Restraint Use Laws

The first mandatory seat belt use law was enacted in New York in 1984. 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 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 2023 there were 35 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that had primary seat belt laws in effect for front seat occupants, enabling law enforcement officers to stop vehicles and write citations when they observed violations of the seat belt law. In 14 States the laws specified secondary enforcement, meaning that police 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 are available on the website of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) at www.ghsa.org/.

- Seat belt laws—www.ghsa.org/state-laws-issues/seat-belt-use.
- Child passenger safety laws—www.ghsa.org/state-laws-issues/child-passengers.

In 2023 U.S. seat belt use rates ranged from 73.2 percent in Virginia to 98.4 percent in Hawaii. 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 2023 was 91.9 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 2023 can be found in *Seat Belt Use in 2023—Use Rates in the States and Territories*, Report No. DOT HS 813 615, <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813615>.

Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws

In 2023 only 18 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico required helmet use for all motorcyclists. Excluding the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, the known helmet use percentages in fatal traffic crashes ranged from 57 percent (West Virginia) to 100 percent (Vermont) for these 18 States.

In 29 States helmet use was required for only a subset of motorcyclists (typically, motorcyclists under age 18), and 3 States (Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire) did not require helmet use for motorcyclists of any age. The known helmet use percentages in fatal traffic crashes ranged from 13 percent (North Dakota) to 86 percent (Alaska) for these 32 States.

The most current information on helmet use laws is available on the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) website at www.ghsa.org/state-laws/issues/motorcyclists. Based on known helmet use, 51 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2023 were not wearing helmets in States without universal helmet laws, as compared to 10 percent in States with universal helmet laws. According to NOPUS, in 2023 DOT-compliant motorcycle helmet use in States requiring all to use helmets was 82.7 percent compared to 65.9 percent in other States. Information on motorcycle helmet use in 2023 can be found in *Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2023—Overall Results*, Report No. DOT HS 813 634, <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813634>.

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 trafficway customarily open to the public and must result 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.

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 2023 ARF, the 2022 Final File was released to replace the 2022 ARF. The final fatality count in motor vehicle traffic crashes for 2022 was 42,721, which was updated from 42,514 in the 2022 ARF.

Important Change for Motorized Bicycles

Prior to 2022, motorized bicycles were collected as motor vehicles and classified as motorcycles in FARS, and their operators and passengers were captured as motorists. Beginning in 2022, FARS is no longer collecting motorized bicycles as motor vehicles. Consequently, operators and passengers of motorized bicycles will be captured as pedalcyclists when involved in a motor vehicle traffic crash. Any traffic crash involving only motorized bicycle(s) will no longer be captured in FARS.

Product Information Catalog and Vehicle Listing (vPIC) Vehicle Classification

Historically, vehicle type classifications (e.g., passenger cars, light trucks, large trucks, motorcycles, buses) from FARS used for analysis and data reporting were based on analyst-coded vehicle body type. NHTSA did not have manufacturer authoritative data to assist in vehicle body type coding. NCSA has developed a Product Information Catalog and Vehicle Listing (vPIC) dataset that is being used to decode VINs (Vehicle Identification Numbers) and extract vehicle information. Details of vehicles (make, model, body class, etc.) involved in crashes are obtained from vPIC via VIN-linkage. The VIN-derived information from vPIC uses the manufacturer's classification of body class, which allows for more accurate vehicle type analysis.

The vPIC-based analysis data are available beginning with 2020 FARS data files. Vehicle-related analysis for 2020 and later years are based on vPIC vehicle classification. As a result, the 2020 and later-year vehicle type classifications are not comparable to 2019 and earlier-year vehicle type classifications. This change affects any analysis with a vehicle component to it. More information on vPIC can be found at <https://vpic.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.

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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 or 800-934-8517. NCSA programs can be found at 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.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem.

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

- Fatal Motor Vehicle Traffic 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)
- Motor Vehicle Crash Databook
- Leading Cause of Death Reports
- 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:

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

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



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