

Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1899-2022

Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	Year	Total Fatalities	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT
1899	26	-	-	1941	38,142	333,612	11.43	1983	42,589	1,652,788	2.58
1900	36	-	-	1942	27,007	268,224	10.07	1984	44,257	1,720,269	2.57
1901	54	-	-	1943	22,727	208,192	10.92	1985	43,825	1,774,826	2.47
1902	79	-	-	1944	23,165	212,713	10.89	1986	46,087	1,834,872	2.51
1903	117	-	-	1945	26,785	250,173	10.71	1987	46,390	1,921,204	2.41
1904	172	-	-	1946	31,874	340,880	9.35	1988	47,087	2,025,962	2.32
1905	252	-	-	1947	31,193	370,894	8.41	1989	45,582	2,096,487	2.17
1906	338	-	-	1948	30,775	397,957	7.73	1990	44,599	2,144,362	2.08
1907	581	-	-	1949	30,246	424,461	7.13	1991	41,508	2,172,050	1.91
1908	751	-	-	1950	33,186	458,246	7.24	1992	39,250	2,247,151	1.75
1909	1,174	-	-	1951	35,309	491,093	7.19	1993	40,150	2,296,378	1.75
1910	1,599	-	-	1952	36,088	513,581	7.03	1994	40,716	2,357,588	1.73
1911	2,043	-	-	1953	36,190	544,433	6.65	1995	41,817	2,422,823	1.73
1912	2,968	-	-	1954	33,890	561,963	6.03	1996	42,065	2,484,080	1.69
1913	4,079	-	-	1955	36,688	605,646	6.06	1997	42,013	2,552,233	1.65
1914	4,468	-	-	1956	37,965	627,843	6.05	1998	41,501	2,628,148	1.58
1915	6,779	-	-	1957	36,932	647,004	5.71	1999	41,717	2,690,241	1.55
1916	7,766	-	-	1958	35,331	664,653	5.32	2000	41,945	2,746,925	1.53
1917	9,630	-	-	1959	36,223	700,480	5.17	2001	42,196	2,795,610	1.51
1918	10,390	-	-	1960	36,399	718,762	5.06	2002	43,005	2,855,508	1.51
1919	10,896	-	-	1961	36,285	737,421	4.92	2003	42,884	2,890,221	1.48
1920	12,155	-	-	1962	38,980	766,734	5.08	2004	42,836	2,964,788	1.44
1921	13,253	55027	24.08	1963	41,723	805,249	5.18	2005	43,510	2,989,430	1.46
1922	14,859	67697	21.95	1964	45,645	846,298	5.39	2006	42,708	3,014,371	1.42
1923	17,870	84995	21.02	1965	47,089	887,812	5.30	2007	41,259	3,031,124	1.36
1924	18,400	104838	17.55	1966	50,894	925,899	5.50	2008	37,423	2,976,528	1.26
1925	20,771	122346	16.98	1967	50,724	964,005	5.26	2009	33,883	2,956,764	1.15
1926	22,194	140735	15.77	1968	52,725	1,015,869	5.19	2010	32,999	2,967,266	1.11
1927	24,470	158453	15.44	1969	53,543	1,061,791	5.04	2011	32,479	2,945,194	1.10
1928	26,557	172856	15.36	1970	52,627	1,109,724	4.74	2012	33,782	2,963,497	1.14
1929	29,592	197720	14.97	1971	52,542	1,178,811	4.46	2013	32,893	2,982,941	1.10
1930	31,204	206320	15.12	1972	54,589	1,259,786	4.33	2014	32,744	3,020,377	1.08
1931	31,963	216151	14.79	1973	54,052	1,313,110	4.12	2015	35,484	3,089,841	1.15
1932	27,979	200517	13.95	1974	45,196	1,280,544	3.53	2016	37,806	3,173,815	1.19
1933	29,746	200642	14.83	1975	44,525	1,327,664	3.35	2017	37,473	3,210,248	1.17
1934	34,240	215563	15.88	1976	45,523	1,402,380	3.25	2018	36,835	3,240,327	1.14
1935	34,494	228568	15.09	1977	47,878	1,467,027	3.26	2019	36,355	3,261,772	1.11
1936	36,126	252128	14.33	1978	50,331	1,544,704	3.26	2020	39,007	2,903,622	1.34
1937	37,819	270110	14.00	1979	51,093	1,529,133	3.34	2021	43,230	3,132,411	1.38
1938	31,083	271177	11.46	1980	51,091	1,527,295	3.35	2022	42,514	3,196,191	1.33
1939	30,895	285402	10.83	1981	49,301	1,555,308	3.17				
1940	32,914	302188	10.89	1982	43,945	1,595,010	2.76				
Total Traffic Fatalities (1899-2022):						3,955,601					

Note: A traffic fatality is defined as a death that occurs within 30 days after a traffic crash.

Sources: **Traffic fatalities, 1899-1974:** National Center for Health Statistics, *HEW and State Accident Summaries* (adjusted to 30-Day Traffic Deaths by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)); **1975-2022:** NHTSA, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 1975-2021 Final and 2022 Annual Report File.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Not Available for Years 1899 - 1920.