

Quick Facts 2005

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Fatal Crashes

2005	39,189
2004	38,444
2003	38,477

Source: FARS.

Fatalities

2005	43,443
2004	42,836
2003	42,884

Source: FARS.

Police-Reported Crashes

2005	6,159,000
2004	6,181,000
2003	6,328,000

Source: GES.

Injured People

2005	2,699,000
2004	2,788,000
2003	2,889,000

Source: GES.

Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT

2005	1.45
2004	1.44
2003	1.48

Source: FARS/FHWA.

Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population

2005	14.66
2004	14.59
2003	14.75

Source: FARS/Census.

Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT

2005	91
2004	94
2003	100

Source: GES/FHWA.

Injury Rate per 100,000 Population

2005	911
2004	950
2003	993

Source: GES/Census.

Occupant Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT by Vehicle Body Type

	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2005	1.14	1.14	0.36	42.27
2004	1.18	1.15	0.35	39.79
2003	1.22	1.20	0.33	38.78

Source: FARS/FHWA.

Urban vs. Rural Fatalities*

	Rural	Urban
2005	23,818 (57%)	17,843 (43%)
2004	25,179 (59%)	17,581 (41%)
2003	24,957 (58%)	17,783 (42%)

Source: FARS. *Where land use was known.

Vehicle Miles of Travel (millions) by Vehicle Body Type

	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total
2005	1,614,807	1,134,748	222,836	10,770	2,989,807
2004	1,628,255	1,098,799	220,811	10,122	2,964,788
2003	1,612,237	1,043,936	217,917	9,577	2,890,450

Source: FHWA.

Registered Vehicles by Vehicle Body Type

	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total
2005	135,152,104	94,973,361	8,481,999	6,227,146	245,641,663
2004	133,275,377	89,938,581	8,171,363	5,767,934	237,948,529
2003	131,549,941	85,179,665	7,756,888	5,370,035	230,633,079

Source: FHWA and R.L. Polk & Co.

Fatalities per Day

2005	119
2004	117
2003	117

Source: FARS.

People Injured per Day

2005	7,395
2004	7,638
2003	7,915

Source: GES.

Pedestrian Fatalities per Day

2005	13
2004	13
2003	13

Source: FARS.

Pedestrians Injured per Day

2005	175
2004	186
2003	192

Source: GES.

Alcohol-Related Fatalities per Day

2005	46
2004	46
2003	47

Source: FARS.

People Injured in Alcohol-Related Crashes per Day

2005	696
2004	679
2003	753

Source: GES.

Nationwide Safety Belt Use Rate (NOPUS)

2005	82%
2004	80%
2003	79%
2002	75%

Source: NOPUS.

Percent of 0 to 4-Year-Old Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Who Were Unrestrained*

2005	148 (35%)
2004	169 (36%)
2003	159 (35%)

Source: FARS. *Where restraint use was known.

Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Who Were Unrestrained, by Age Group*

	0-3 Years	4-7 Years	8-14 Years	15-20 Years	21+ Years	Total
2005	110 (32%)	136 (45%)	313 (55%)	2,964 (62%)	12,613 (55%)	16,172 (55%)
2004	138 (35%)	156 (50%)	421 (59%)	3,184 (62%)	12,497 (54%)	16,432 (55%)
2003	125 (34%)	154 (50%)	450 (65%)	3,250 (63%)	12,763 (55%)	16,764 (56%)

Source: FARS. *Where restraint use was known.

Alcohol-Related Fatalities

2005	16,885 (39%)
2004	16,919 (39%)
2003	17,105 (40%)

Source: FARS.

Alcohol-Related Injured People

2005	254,000 (9%)
2004	248,000 (9%)
2003	275,000 (10%)

Source: GES.

Fatal Crashes Involving Alcohol

2005	15,238 (39%)
2004	15,195 (40%)
2003	15,330 (40%)

Source: FARS.

Percent of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes With BAC of .08 or Greater by Vehicle Body Type

	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2005	22%	21%	1%	27%
2004	23%	21%	1%	27%
2003	22%	22%	1%	29%

Source: FARS.

Fatalities and Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT in Crashes Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator With BAC of .08 or Greater

	Fatalities	Fatality Rate
2005	12,945	0.43
2004	13,099	0.44
2003	13,096	0.45

Source: FARS.

Alcohol-Related Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT

2005	0.56
2004	0.57
2003	0.59

Source: FARS.

Alcohol-Related Fatalities by Age

	0-14	15-20	21+	Total
2005	414 (21%)	2,035 (33%)	14,331 (41%)	16,885 (39%)
2004	458 (21%)	2,290 (36%)	14,113 (41%)	16,919 (39%)
2003	439 (20%)	2,390 (37%)	14,233 (42%)	17,105 (40%)

Source: FARS.

Speeding-Related Fatalities

2005	13,113 (30%)
2004	13,291 (31%)
2003	13,499 (31%)

Source: FARS.

Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks

2005	5,212
2004	5,235
2003	5,036

Source: FARS.

People Injured in Crashes Involving Large Trucks

2005	114,000
2004	116,000
2003	122,000

Source: GES.

Location of Fatalities Occurring in Large Truck Crashes

	Truck Occupants	Occupants of Other Vehicles	Nonoccupants
2005	15%	76%	9%
2004	15%	77%	8%
2003	14%	78%	8%

Source: FARS.

Motorcycle Rider Fatalities

2005	4,553
2004	4,028
2003	3,714

Source: FARS.

Motorcycle Riders Injured

2005	87,000
2004	76,000
2003	67,000

Source: GES.

Percent of Motorcycle Rider Fatalities Unhelmeted*

2005	1,888 (43%)
2004	1,760 (45%)
2003	1,689 (47%)

Source: FARS. *Where helmet use was known.

Pedestrian Fatalities

2005	4,881
2004	4,675
2003	4,774

Source: FARS.

Pedestrians Injured

2005	64,000
2004	68,000
2003	70,000

Source: GES.

Fatally Injured Pedestrians* Who Had Been Drinking

2005	1,723 (38%)
2004	1,743 (40%)
2003	1,762 (40%)

Source: FARS. *Age 14 and older.

Pedalcyclist Fatalities

2005	784
2004	727
2003	629

Source: FARS.

Pedalcyclists Injured

2005	46,000
2004	41,000
2003	46,000

Source: GES.

	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2005	590	461	450	129
2004	633	509	500	124
2003	606	485	474	121

Source: FARS.

	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2005	56,000	53,000	52,000	3,000
2004	60,000	57,000	56,000	4,000
2003	62,000	59,000	59,000	3,000

Source: FARS.

	School Bus	Special Use=School Bus
2005	8	2
2004	7	0
2003	7	4

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

	School Bus	Special Use=School Bus
2005	4	0
2004	4	0
2003	4	1

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

	School Bus	Special Use=School Bus
2005	11	0
2004	11	3
2003	8	0

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

	Total Economic Cost	Alcohol-Related Crashes	Speeding-Related Crashes
2000	\$230.6 billion	\$51.1 billion	\$40.4 billion

Source: Economic Cost to Society Report. 2001-2005 statistics NA.

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	Lives Saved				
	Safety Belts	Air Bags	Child Restraints	Minimum Drinking Age Laws	Motorcycle Helmets
2005	15,632	2,741	420	823	1,546
2004	15,548	2,660	455	927	1,324
2003	15,095	2,519	447	918	1,173

Source: NCSA.

Additional Lives Savable by Safety Belts at Higher Use Rates*		
For Each 1% Increase	At 90% Use	At 100% Use
278	2,282	5,328

Source: NCSA. *Compared with 2005 national safety belt use rate of 82%.