

**MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES & FATALITY RATE: 1899 - 2003**  
 (BASED ON HISTORICAL NHTSA and FHWA DATA)

YEAR	TOTAL DEATHS	VMT (Millions)	FATAL RATE	YEAR	TOTAL DEATHS	VMT (Millions)	FATAL RATE	YEAR	TOTAL DEATHS	VMT (Millions)	FATAL RATE
1899	26			1940	32,914	302,188	10.892	1980	51,091	1,527,295	3.345
1900	36			1941	38,142	333,612	11.433	1981	49,301	1,552,803	3.175
1901	54			<b>1942</b>	<b>27,007</b>	<b>268,224</b>	<b>10.069</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>43,945</b>	<b>1,595,010</b>	<b>2.755</b>
1902	79			<b>1943</b>	<b>22,727</b>	<b>208,192</b>	<b>10.916</b>	1983	42,589	1,652,788	2.577
1903	117			1944	23,165	212,713	10.890	1984	44,257	1,720,269	2.573
1904	172			1945	26,785	250,173	10.707	1985	43,825	1,774,179	2.470
1905	252			1946	31,874	340,880	9.351	1986	46,087	1,834,872	2.512
1906	338			1947	31,193	370,894	8.410	1987	46,390	1,921,204	2.415
1907	581			1948	30,775	397,957	7.733	1988	47,087	2,025,962	2.324
1908	751			1949	30,246	424,461	7.126	1989	45,582	2,096,456	2.174
1909	1,174			1950	33,186	458,246	7.242	1990	44,599	2,144,362	2.080
1910	1,599			1951	35,309	491,093	7.190	<b>1991</b>	<b>41,508</b>	<b>2,172,050</b>	<b>1.911</b>
1911	2,043			1952	36,088	513,581	7.027	<b>1992</b>	<b>39,250</b>	<b>2,247,151</b>	<b>1.747</b>
1912	2,968			1953	36,190	544,433	6.647	1993	40,150	2,296,378	1.748
1913	4,079			<b>1954</b>	<b>33,890</b>	<b>561,963</b>	<b>6.031</b>	1994	40,716	2,357,588	1.727
1914	4,468			1955	36,688	605,646	6.058	1995	41,817	2,422,775	1.726
1915	6,779			1956	37,965	627,843	6.047	1996	42,065	2,485,848	1.692
1916	7,766			1957	36,932	647,004	5.708	1997	42,013	2,497,901	1.64
1917	9,630			1958	35,331	664,653	5.316	1998	41,501	2,576,543	1.58
1918	10,390			1959	36,223	700,480	5.171	1999	41,717	2,691,056	1.55
1919	10,896			1960	36,399	718,762	5.064	2000	41,945	2,749,803	1.53
1920	12,155			1961	36,285	737,421	4.921	2001	42,196	2,797,287	1.51
1921	13,253	55,027	24.085	1962	38,980	766,734	5.084	2002	43,005	2,855,756	1.51*
1922	14,859	67,697	21.949	1963	41,723	805,249	5.181	2003	42,643	2,879,894	1.48+
1923	17,870	84,995	21.025	1964	45,645	846,298	5.393				
1924	18,400	104,838	17.551	1965	47,089	887,812	5.304				
1925	20,771	122,346	16.977	1966	50,894	925,899	5.497				
1926	22,194	140,735	15.770	1967	50,724	964,005	5.262				
1927	24,470	158,453	15.443	1968	52,725	1,015,869	5.190				
1928	26,557	172,856	15.364	1969	53,543	1,061,791	5.043				
1929	29,592	197,720	14.967	1970	52,627	1,109,724	4.742				
1930	31,204	206,320	15.124	1971	52,542	1,178,811	4.457				
1931	31,963	216,151	14.787	1972	54,589	1,259,786	4.333				
<b>1932</b>	<b>27,979</b>	<b>200,517</b>	<b>13.953</b>	1973	54,052	1,313,110	4.116				
1933	29,746	200,642	14.825	<b>1974</b>	<b>45,196</b>	<b>1,280,544</b>	<b>3.529</b>				
1934	34,240	215,563	15.884	1975	44,525	1,327,664	3.354				
1935	34,494	228,568	15.091	1976	45,523	1,402,380	3.246				
1936	36,126	252,128	14.328	1977	47,878	1,467,027	3.264				
1937	37,819	270,110	14.001	1978	50,331	1,544,704	3.258				
<b>1938</b>	<b>31,083</b>	<b>271,177</b>	<b>11.462</b>	1979	51,093	1,529,133	3.341				
1939	30,895	285,402	10.825								

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Notes: **Bold** emphasis indicates decrease of 2,000 or more fatalities from previous year total.

\* Final 2002 data revised in Aug., 2004. Previously, final statistics for 2002 (Aug., 2003) were 42,815 fatalities and a 1.50 fatality rate.

+ Final 2003 data (Aug. 2003) differed significantly from 2003 data early assessment (April, 2003) that had estimated 43,220 fatalities and a 1.50 fatality rate.

Cumulative total deaths from 1899-2003 is 3,240,1407 fatalities. In 1953 fatality total reached one million, 2 million in 1975, and total surpassed 3 million deaths in 1998 (precisely 100 years after first fatality).