

Quick Facts 2015

General Statistics

Fatal Crashes	
2015	32,166
2014	30,056
2013	30,202

Source: FARS

Fatalities	
2015	35,092
2014	32,744
2013	32,893

Source: FARS

Police-Reported Crashes	
2015	6,296,000
2014	6,064,000
2013	5,687,000

Source: GES

People Injured	
2015	2,443,000
2014	2,338,000
2013	2,313,000

Source: GES

Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2015	1.13
2014	1.08
2013	1.10

Source: FARS/FHWA

Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population	
2015	10.92
2014	10.27
2013	10.40

Source: FARS/Census

Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	
2015	79
2014	77
2013	77

Source: GES/FHWA

Injury Rate per 100,000 Population	
2015	760
2014	733
2013	731

Source: GES/Census

Occupant Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT by Vehicle Type				
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2015	0.89	0.72	0.24	25.38
2014	0.86	0.69	0.24	23.00
2013	0.87	0.71	0.25	23.04

Source: FARS/FHWA

Rural Versus Urban Fatalities*		
	Rural	Urban
2015	17,114 (53%)	15,362 (47%)
2014	16,791 (51%)	15,917 (49%)
2013	17,739 (54%)	15,119 (46%)

Source: FARS *Percent based on known land use.

Exposure Data

Vehicle Miles of Travel (Millions) by Vehicle Type					
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total*
2015	1,420,869	1,358,824	279,844	19,606	3,095,373
2014	1,396,098	1,314,458	279,132	19,970	3,025,656
2013	1,384,194	1,293,536	275,017	20,366	2,988,280

Source: FHWA. Passenger car and light truck VMT revised by NHTSA. *Total includes buses.

Registered Vehicles by Vehicle Type					
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Total*
2015	133,218,368	127,401,051	11,203,184	8,600,936	281,312,446
2014	131,138,925	123,470,278	10,905,956	8,417,718	274,804,904
2013	128,936,225	120,491,485	10,597,356	8,404,687	269,294,302

Sources: Registered Passenger Cars and Light Trucks—Polk data from R.L. Polk & Co., a foundation of IHS Markit automotive solutions; Registered Large Trucks and Motorcycles—FHWA. Total Registered—Polk data and FHWA.

*Total includes buses.

Quick Facts 2015

Clock Facts

Fatalities per Day	
2015	96
2014	90
2013	90

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per Day	
2015	28
2014	27
2013	28

Source: FARS

Pedestrian Fatalities per Day	
2015	15
2014	13
2013	13

Source: FARS

People Injured per Day	
2015	6,693
2014	6,405
2013	6,337

Source: GES

Pedestrians Injured per Day	
2015	192
2014	178
2013	181

Source: GES

Alcohol

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal Crashes	
2015	9,306
2014	9,049
2013	9,171

Source: FARS

Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities and Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT		
	Fatalities	Fatality Rate
2015	10,265	0.33
2014	9,943	0.33
2013	10,084	0.34

Source: FARS/FHWA

Percent of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Who Had a BAC of .08 or Higher, by Vehicle Type				
	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles
2015	21%	20%	2%	27%
2014	22%	22%	2%	29%
2013	23%	21%	2%	27%

Source: FARS

Percent of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Who Had a BAC of .08 or Higher, by Age									
	16-20	21-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Total
2015	16%	28%	27%	23%	19%	14%	9%	6%	20%
2014	17%	30%	29%	24%	20%	16%	10%	5%	21%
2013	17%	32%	30%	24%	20%	14%	8%	5%	21%

Source: FARS

Quick Facts 2015

Occupant Protection

Nationwide Seat Belt Use Rate		Child Restraint Use by Age			
		<1 Year	1-3 Years	4-7 Years	8-12 Years
2015	89%	97%	94%	88%	84%
2014	87%	—	—	—	—
2013	87%	98%	95%	91%	89%

Source: NOPUS Research Note DOT HS 812 243 Source: NSUBS

Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Who Were Unrestrained*, by Age Group							
	<4 Years	4-7 Years	8-12 Years	13-15 Years	16-20 Years	21+	Total
2015	53 (26%)	69 (36%)	93 (43%)	128 (57%)	1,156 (52%)	8,367 (48%)	9,874 (48%)
2014	35 (21%)	66 (33%)	92 (47%)	126 (59%)	1,145 (53%)	7,938 (48%)	9,410 (49%)
2013	52 (26%)	76 (41%)	95 (45%)	134 (61%)	1,180 (55%)	8,080 (49%)	9,622 (49%)

Source: FARS *Where restraint use was known.

Children

Children (<5 Years Old) Fatalities by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2015	373	277	272	96
2014	339	247	239	92
2013	393	285	275	108

Source: FARS

Children (<5 Years Old) Injured by Person Type				
	Total	Total Occupants	Passenger Vehicle Occupants	Nonoccupants
2015	49,000	47,000	46,000	2,000
2014	47,000	45,000	45,000	2,000
2013	47,000	45,000	45,000	2,000

Source: GES

Quick Facts 2015

School Bus

Total School Bus Occupant Fatalities*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2015	9	4
2014	10	1
2013	9	2

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

School Bus Occupant (Age 18 and Younger) Fatalities*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2015	4	1
2014	3	0
2013	3	1

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

Pedestrian Fatalities (Age 18 and Younger) Struck by School Bus*		
	School Bus	Special-Use School Bus
2015	5	0
2014	7	0
2013	3	0

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

Motorcycles

Motorcyclist Fatalities	
2015	4,976
2014	4,594
2013	4,692

Source: FARS

Motorcyclist Fatalities Unhelmeted*	
2015	1,938 (40%)
2014	1,717 (39%)
2013	1,861 (41%)

Source: FARS

*Percent where helmet use was known.

Motorcyclists Injured	
2015	88,000
2014	92,000
2013	88,000

Source: GES

Speeding

Speeding-Related Fatalities	
2015	9,557 (27%)
2014	9,283 (28%)
2013	9,696 (29%)

Source: FARS

Quick Facts 2015

Large Trucks

Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2015	4,067
2014	3,908
2013	3,981

Source: FARS

People Injured in Crashes Involving Large Trucks	
2015	116,000
2014	111,000
2013	95,000

Source: GES

Percent of Fatalities in Crashes Involving Large Trucks by Person Type

	Truck Occupants	Occupants of Other Vehicles	Nonoccupants
2015	16%	74%	10%
2014	17%	73%	10%
2013	17%	71%	11%

Source: FARS

Pedestrians

Pedestrian Fatalities	
2015	5,376
2014	4,910
2013	4,779

Source: FARS

Fatally Injured Pedestrians* Who Had a BAC of .01 or Higher	
2015	2,011 (39%)
2014	1,799 (38%)
2013	1,784 (39%)

Source: FARS *Age 14 and older.

Pedestrians Injured	
2015	70,000
2014	65,000
2013	66,000

Source: GES

Pedalcyclists

Pedalcyclist Fatalities	
2015	818
2014	729
2013	749

Source: FARS

Pedalcyclists Injured	
2015	45,000
2014	50,000
2013	48,000

Source: GES

Quick Facts 2015

Lives Saved

Lives Saved by Age					
	Seat Belts 5 & Older	Frontal Air Bags 13 & Older	Child Restraints 4 & Younger	Minimum Drinking Age Laws	Motorcycle Helmets
2015	13,941	2,573	266	537	1,772
2014	12,801	2,400	253	486	1,673
2013	12,644	2,398	263	507	1,640

Source: Crash*Stats DOT HS 812 319 August 2016

Additional Lives Savable by Seat Belts at Higher Use Rates*

For a 1% Increase	At 90% Use	At 100% Use
225	451	2,804

Source: NCSA *Compared with 2015 national seat belt use rate of 88%.

Leading Cause of Death

Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for age 11 and every age 16 through 24 in 2014.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (2015) Leading Cause of Death

Economic and Comprehensive Costs to Society by Type of Crash 2010 Costs (in Billions)

Crash Type	Economic Cost	Comprehensive Cost*
All	\$242	\$836
Alcohol-Impaired	\$44	\$201
Speeding	\$52	\$203

Source: www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812013.pdf

*Previous issues of Quick Facts contained only the economic costs. The total value of societal harm includes economic costs as well as quality of life lost, such as lost market and household productivity. These costs are for reported and unreported crashes.



U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

