

1996 National Statistics

Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

Fatal	37,351
Injury	2,256,000
Property Damage Only	4,548,000
Total	6,842,000

Traffic Crash Victims

	Killed	Injured
Occupants		
Drivers	24,456	2,234,000
Passengers	11,021	1,125,000
Unknown	102	<500
Nonmotorists		
Pedestrians	5,412	82,000
Pedalcyclists	761	59,000
Other/Unknown	153	11,000
Total	41,907	3,511,000

Other National Statistics

Vehicle Miles Traveled	2,482,202,000,000
Resident Population	265,283,783
Registered Vehicles	201,625,918
Licensed Drivers	179,539,340
Economic Cost of Traffic Crashes (1994) (estimate for reported and unreported crashes)	\$150.5 billion

National Rates: Fatalities

Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.7
Fatalities per 100,000 Population	15.80
Fatalities per 100,000 Registered Vehicles	20.78
Fatalities per 100,000 Licensed Drivers	23.34

National Rates: Injured Persons

Injured Persons per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	141
Injured Persons per 100,000 Population	1,323
Injured Persons per 100,000 Registered Vehicles	1,741
Injured Persons per 100,000 Licensed Drivers	1,956

Sources: Crashes, Fatalities, Injuries, and Costs—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
Population—U.S. Bureau of the Census.
Licensed Drivers (estimated) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (preliminary)—Federal Highway Administration.
Registered Vehicles (preliminary)—R.L. Polk & Co. and Federal Highway Administration.

Cover Photo—This two-vehicle crash occurred in Pittsfield Township, Michigan. Three people were injured, two of them seriously enough to be flown to a trauma center by medical helicopter. There were no fatalities. Photographer: David French, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.