

STATISTICS

March traffic deaths up 3%

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The number of miles driven in March increased 2.9% compared with the same month in 2021, and is up 1.8% from 2019 (when the COVID-19 pandemic began).

Motor vehicle-related deaths this past March totaled 3,570 – up 3% compared with the previous March and up 25% compared with March 2020. The increase in number of deaths in March was accompanied by a similar increase in miles driven compared with March 2021, resulting in a monthly mileage death rate increase of 0.8%. The mileage death rate per 100 million vehicle miles driven for March 2022 is 1.29 – up from 1.28 in March 2021, 1.26 in March 2020 and 1.09 in March 2019.

Notes to table

Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. All figures are preliminary. To ensure proper comparisons, 2020 and 2021 figures cover the same reporting period as those for 2022. The total for 2020 is from the National Center for Health Statistics. States shown in color had fewer deaths in 2022 than they did in 2021 for the same reporting period.

STATE MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS, CHANGES AND RATES UNITED STATES, THREE MONTHS, 2020-2022

| STATE | NO. OF MONTHS | DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS | | | PERCENT CHANGES | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 TO 2022 | 2020 TO 2022 |
| TOTAL U.S. | 3 | 10,070 | 9,610 | 8,628 | 5% | 17% |
| Alabama | 3 | 192 | 211 | 197 | -9% | -3% |
| Alaska | 3 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 0% | -8% |
| Arizona | 3 | 161 | 246 | 232 | -35% | -31% |
| Arkansas | 3 | 126 | 131 | 114 | -4% | 11% |
| California | 3 | 763 | 785 | 685 | -3% | 11% |
| Colorado | 3 | 129 | 111 | 101 | 16% | 28% |
| Connecticut | 3 | 89 | 53 | 68 | 68% | 31% |
| Delaware | 3 | 39 | 19 | 23 | 105% | 70% |
| District of Columbia | 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 13% | 29% |
| Florida | 3 | 941 | 954 | 894 | -1% | 5% |
| Georgia | 3 | 455 | 388 | 366 | 17% | 24% |
| Hawaii | 3 | 36 | 25 | 21 | 44% | 71% |
| Idaho | 3 | 35 | 32 | 28 | 9% | 25% |
| Illinois | 3 | 269 | 200 | 188 | 35% | 43% |
| Indiana | 0 | | | | | |
| Iowa | 3 | 65 | 46 | 54 | 41% | 20% |
| Kansas | 3 | 56 | 69 | 96 | -19% | -42% |
| Kentucky | 3 | 160 | 155 | 138 | 3% | 16% |
| Louisiana | 3 | 183 | 182 | 170 | 1% | 8% |
| Maine | 3 | 35 | 28 | 28 | 25% | 25% |
| Maryland | 3 | 131 | 99 | 90 | 32% | 46% |
| Massachusetts | 3 | 85 | 71 | 69 | 20% | 23% |
| Michigan | 3 | 220 | 222 | 174 | -1% | 26% |
| Minnesota | 3 | 63 | 76 | 68 | -17% | -7% |
| Mississippi | 3 | 154 | 176 | 125 | -13% | 23% |
| Missouri | 3 | 201 | 183 | 175 | 10% | 15% |
| Montana | 3 | 33 | 52 | 27 | -37% | 22% |
| Nebraska | 3 | 70 | 43 | 41 | 63% | 71% |
| Nevada | 3 | 76 | 78 | 66 | -3% | 15% |
| New Hampshire | 3 | 22 | 22 | 27 | 0% | -19% |
| New Jersey | 3 | 139 | 130 | 123 | 7% | 13% |
| New Mexico | 3 | 106 | 90 | 101 | 18% | 5% |
| New York | 3 | 184 | 147 | 149 | 25% | 23% |
| North Carolina | 3 | 404 | 360 | 314 | 12% | 29% |
| North Dakota | 3 | 14 | 22 | 7 | -36% | 100% |
| Ohio | 3 | 233 | 273 | 231 | -15% | 1% |
| Oklahoma | 3 | 117 | 115 | 131 | 2% | -11% |
| Oregon | 3 | 121 | 106 | 75 | 14% | 61% |
| Pennsylvania | 3 | 233 | 242 | 222 | -4% | 5% |
| Rhode Island | 3 | 7 | 13 | 12 | -46% | -42% |
| South Carolina | 3 | 240 | 227 | 186 | 6% | 29% |
| South Dakota | 3 | 23 | 29 | 18 | -21% | 28% |
| Tennessee | 3 | 273 | 284 | 240 | -4% | 14% |
| Texas | 3 | 1,043 | 983 | 861 | 6% | 21% |
| Utah | 3 | 74 | 66 | 56 | 12% | 32% |
| Vermont | 3 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 67% | 150% |
| Virginia | 3 | 205 | 152 | 189 | 35% | 8% |
| Washington | 3 | 152 | 101 | 96 | 50% | 58% |
| West Virginia | 3 | 49 | 51 | 56 | -4% | -13% |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 118 | 87 | 84 | 36% | 40% |
| Wyoming | 3 | 18 | 20 | 7 | -10% | 157% |