

Motor-vehicle deaths up 14% in first two months of 2012.

Motor-vehicle deaths in February of 2012 totaled 5,280. This figure is up 14% from the corresponding 2-month period in 2011. The February figure for 2012 was up 13% from the 2010 figure. The February total for 2011 was 4,640, a less than 0.5% decrease from 2010. The 2010 figure was 13% lower than 2009. The estimated annual population death rate is 12.7 deaths per 100,000 population, an increase of 13% from the preliminary 2011 rate. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.3 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, an increase of 8% from the preliminary 2011 rate.

Medically consulted motor-vehicle injuries for the first two months of 2012 are estimated to be about 528,000, an increase of 23% from 2011. Medically consulted injuries are not comparable to previous disabling injury estimates.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage through February was \$38.4 billion, a 27% increase from 2011. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage.

Table 1
 Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
 United States, Two Months, 2009-2012

Month	Deaths				Percent Changes				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Corresponding Month			Four-Month Moving Average+	
					2010-2012	2010-2011	2011-2012	2010-2011	2011-2012
January	2,830	2,490	2,430	2,730	10%		12%		3%
February	2,500	2,170	2,210	2,550	18%		15%		6%
<i>2 Months</i>	<i>5,330</i>	<i>4,660</i>	<i>4,640</i>	<i>5,280</i>	<i>13%</i>		<i>14%</i>		
March	2,780	2,620	2,670			2%		+*%	
April	3,090	3,010	2,770			-8%		-2%	
May	3,290	3,200	3,060			-4%		-3%	
June	3,280	3,020	3,110			3%		-2%	
July	3,310	3,390	3,490			3%		-2%	
August	3,350	3,300	3,160			-4%		-1%	
September	3,140	3,310	3,100			-6%		-1%	
October	3,100	3,290	3,320			1%		-2%	
November	2,890	2,970	2,890			-3%		-3%	
December	2,740	2,730	2,790			2%		-2%	
TOTAL	36,300	35,500	35,000	35,640 #					

NOTE: National Safety Council figures are not comparable to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration figures. NSC counts both traffic and nontraffic deaths that occur within a year of the accident, while NHTSA counts only traffic deaths that occur within 30 days.

All figures are National Safety Council estimates.

+ Four-Month Moving Average is based on changes between the totals of four consecutive months. Adding several months together tends to smooth out single-month changes that may be affected by differences in the number of weekends in a month from one year to next or by other random variations.

* Less than 0.5%.

Deaths for the twelve-month period ending February, 2012.

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Table 2
STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE DEATHS, CHANGES, AND RATES

STATE	NO. OF MOS.	DEATHS IDENTICAL PERIODS			PERCENT CHANGES	
		2012	2011	2010	2011 TO 2012	2010 TO 2012
Total U.S.	2	5,280	4,640	4,660	+14%	+13%
Alabama	1	84	51	68	+65%	+24%
ALASKA	2	4	9	5	-56%	-20%
Arizona	2	119	84	103	+42%	+16%
Arkansas	2	71	65	49	+9%	+45%
CALIFORNIA	2	422	441	420	-4%	+*%
COLORADO	2	46	48	37	-4%	+24%
Connecticut	2	38	20	42	+90%	-10%
Delaware	2	13	10	16	+30%	-19%
D.C.	X	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	1	236	212	196	+11%	+20%
Georgia	2	155	147	164	+5%	-5%
Hawaii	2	21	18	25	+17%	-16%
Idaho	2	21	9	14	+133%	+50%
ILLINOIS	2	115	119	120	-3%	-4%
INDIANA	2	92	104	96	-12%	-4%
Iowa	2	63	33	47	+91%	+34%
Kansas	X	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	2	104	91	97	+14%	+7%
Louisiana	1	46	43	41	+7%	+12%
Maine	2	14	14	17	0%	-18%
Maryland	2	76	58	44	+31%	+73%
Massachusetts	2	56	30	33	+87%	+70%
Michigan	2	118	108	113	+9%	+4%
Minnesota	X	-	-	-	-	-
MISSISSIPPI	2	66	90	84	-27%	-21%
Missouri	2	117	86	94	+36%	+24%
Montana	2	21	15	13	+40%	+62%
Nebraska	X	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	2	41	23	36	+78%	+14%
New Hampshire	1	7	6	14	+17%	-50%
New Jersey	X	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	X	-	-	-	-	-
New York	X	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	2	137	130	145	+5%	-6%
North Dakota	2	13	10	9	+30%	+44%
Ohio	X	-	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	2	73	64	58	+14%	+26%
OREGON	2	48	51	32	-6%	+50%
Pennsylvania	2	186	142	163	+31%	+14%
Rhode Island	2	12	7	11	+71%	+9%
South Carolina	2	115	109	109	+6%	+6%
SOUTH DAKOTA	2	8	9	16	-11%	-50%
Tennessee	1	67	51	54	+31%	+24%
Texas	2	433	335	339	+29%	+28%
Utah	X	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	X	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2	101	91	80	+11%	+26%
WASHINGTON	2	59	65	53	-9%	+11%
West Virginia	1	24	21	28	+14%	-14%
Wisconsin	2	80	62	53	+29%	+51%
Wyoming	2	11	11	15	0%	-27%

X Incomplete reports

NOTE: Deaths are reported by state traffic authorities. ALL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. To ensure proper comparisons, 2010 and 2011 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those for 2012.

UPPER CASE: States with a decrease in deaths from 2011 to 2012.