

Table 1072. Transportation Accidents, Deaths, and Injuries: 1990 to 2009

[6,471 represents 6,471,000. Number, except as indicated]

Mode	Accidents					Deaths					Injuries				
	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009
Transit type:															
Air:															
Air carrier ¹	24	36	56	40	30	39	168	92	22	52	29	25	31	14	23
Commuter ²	15	12	12	6	2	6	9	5	—	—	11	17	7	—	1
On-demand ³	107	75	80	65	47	51	52	71	18	17	36	14	12	20	4
General aviation	2,242	2,056	1,837	1,670	1,474	770	735	596	563	474	409	396	309	271	274
Land:															
Highway crashes (1,000) ⁴	6,471	6,699	6,394	6,159	5,505	44.6	41.8	41.9	43.5	33.8	3,231	3,465	3,189	2,699	2,217
Passenger car occupants	5,561	5,594	4,926	4,499	(NA)	24.1	22.4	20.7	18.5	13.1	2,376	2,469	2,052	1,573	1,216
Motorcyclists	103	66	69	101	(NA)	3.2	2.2	2.9	4.6	4.5	84	57	58	87	90
Light truck occupants	2,152	2,750	3,208	3,382	(NA)	8.6	9.6	11.5	13.0	10.3	505	722	887	872	759
Large truck occupants	372	363	438	423	(NA)	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.5	42	30	31	27	17
Bus occupants	60	59	56	50	(NA)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.1	(Z)	33	19	18	11	12
Pedestrians	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.5	5.6	4.8	4.9	4.1	105	86	78	64	59
Pedacyclists	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	75	67	51	45	51
Other	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	11	14	15	18	14
Railroad ⁵	8,594	7,092	6,485	6,331	3,807	1,297	1,146	937	884	695	25,143	14,440	11,643	9,550	7,925
Highway-rail grade crossing	5,715	4,633	3,502	3,066	1,917	698	579	425	359	247	2,407	1,894	1,219	1,053	738
Railroad	2,879	2,459	2,983	3,265	1,890	599	567	512	525	448	22,736	12,546	10,424	8,497	7,187
Transit ⁶	58,002	25,683	24,261	8,151	5,360	339	274	295	236	230	54,556	57,196	56,697	18,131	(NA)
Waterborne:															
Waterborne (vessel related) ⁷	3,613	5,349	5,403	4,977	4,458	85	53	53	78	57	175	154	150	140	(NA)
Recreational boating ⁸	6,411	8,019	7,740	4,969	4,730	865	829	701	697	736	3,822	4,141	4,355	3,451	3,358
Pipeline: ⁹															
Hazard liquid	379	349	380	495	405	9	21	38	14	14	76	64	81	48	67
Hazard gas	180	188	146	143	116	3	3	1	2	4	7	11	4	2	4
Gas	199	161	234	352	289	6	18	37	12	10	69	53	77	46	63
Hazardous materials ^{10, 11}	8,879	14,853	17,557	15,929	14,822	8	7	16	34	12	69	53	77	915	201

— Represents or rounds to zero. NA Not available. Z Less than 50. ¹ See footnote 1, Table 1078. Injuries classified as serious. ² See footnote 2, Table 1078. Injuries classified as serious. ³ See footnote 3, Table 1078. Injuries classified as serious. ⁴ Data on deaths are from U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and are based on deaths within 30 days of the accident. Includes only police reported crashes. For more details, see Table 1103. ⁵ Accidents which result in damages to railroad property. Grade crossing accidents are also included when classified as a train accident. Deaths exclude fatalities in railroad-highway grade crossing accidents. ⁶ Includes motor bus, commuter rail, heavy rail, light rail, demand response, van pool, and automated guideway. Starting with 2002, only injuries requiring immediate medical treatment away from the scene now qualify as reportable. ⁷ Accidents resulting in death, injury, or requiring medical treatment beyond first aid; damages exceeding \$500; or a person's disappearance. ⁸ Covers accidents involving commercial vessels which must be reported to U.S. Coast Guard if there is property damage exceeding \$25,000; material damage affecting the seaworthiness or efficiency of a vessel; stranding or grounding; loss of life; or injury causing a person's incapacity for more than 3 days. ⁹ Beginning 1990, pipeline accidents/incidents are credited to year of occurrence; prior data are credited to the year filed. ¹⁰ Incidents, deaths, and injuries involving hazardous materials cover all types of transport, exclude pipelines and bulk, nonpackaged water incidents. ¹¹ The data reported under accident are incident numbers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, "National Transportation Statistics," <http://www.bts.gov/publications/national_transportation_statistics/>.