

Fatality Rates

Fatality rates are an important overall measure of each state's road performance. The nation's highway fatality rate has improved slightly (Table 15, Fatality Rates, and Figure 7). For 2006, 42,605 fatalities were reported, lower than 43,395 reported for 2005. As travel continued to increase, the average fatality rate was 1.421 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles, down 2.2 percent from 1.453 in 2005. For 2006, Massachusetts reported the lowest rate, 0.785, while Montana reported the highest, 2.364.

Table 15: Fatality Rates, 2006

Rank	State	Fatalities per 100 million miles
1	MA	0.785
2	MN	0.867
3	NH	0.931
4	CT	0.950
5	RI	0.976
6	NY	1.022
7	NJ	1.042
8	MI	1.094
9	VT	1.109
10	CO	1.120
11	UT	1.121
12	OH	1.124
13	WA	1.129
14	MD	1.164
15	IL	1.181
16	VA	1.198
17	WI	1.209
18	ME	1.251
19	IN	1.260
20	CA	1.275
21	OR	1.352
22	NE	1.378
23	IA	1.402
24	PA	1.416
25	ND	1.433
26	TX	1.468
27	AK	1.494
28	GA	1.497
29	NC	1.537
30	HI	1.569
31	DE	1.570
32	KS	1.577
33	MO	1.583
34	OK	1.612
35	FL	1.655
36	ID	1.756
37	TN	1.829
38	KY	1.911
39	WV	1.979
40	AL	1.999
41	AR	2.016
42	NM	2.017
43	NV	2.039
44	SC	2.067
45	WY	2.075
46	SD	2.088
47	MS	2.098
48	AZ	2.116
49	LA	2.160
50	MT	2.364
Mean		1.421