
Minnesota Traffic Deaths by County, 2000–04 Average v. 2005

Source: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety

- There was an annual average of 614.4 traffic deaths during the five-year period 2000–04 compared to 559 crash fatalities in 2005 — a 9 percent decrease.
- In 2005, 52 counties had fewer traffic fatalities and 33 counties had more traffic fatalities than the prior five-year average. Two counties had the same number of deaths in 2005 as the 2000–2004 average.
- In 2005, of 87 Minnesota counties, nine had zero traffic deaths and 10 had one fatality each:

Zero Deaths: Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Mahnommen, Norman, Sibley, Swift, Traverse and Wilkin.

Single Deaths: Brown, Cook, Cottonwood, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Marshall, Mower, Nicollet, Red Lake and Rock.
- Fourteen counties saw a *decrease of three or more traffic deaths* in 2005 than in the previous five-year average:
 - Cass, 8.8 fewer deaths
 - St. Louis, 8 fewer deaths
 - Hennepin, 7.8 fewer deaths
 - Winona, 7.2 fewer deaths
 - Olmstead, 6.4 fewer deaths
 - Itasca, 6 fewer deaths
 - Scott, 5.4 fewer deaths
 - Morrison, 4.6 fewer deaths
 - Clay, 4 fewer deaths
 - Ramsey, 3.8 fewer deaths
 - Anoka, 3.4 fewer deaths
 - Mower, 3.2 fewer deaths
 - Freeborn, 3 fewer deaths
 - Sibley, 3 fewer deaths
- Six counties saw an *increase of three or more traffic deaths* in 2005 than in the previous five-year average:
 - Sherburne, 6.4 more deaths
 - Crow Wing, 5.2 more deaths
 - Pine, 5.2 more deaths
 - Jackson, 4 more deaths
 - Kanabec, 4 more deaths
 - Dodge, 3.2 more deaths
- There was an annual average of 266 unbelted vehicle occupant deaths during the five-year period of 2000–04 compared to 225 unbelted crash fatalities in 2005 — more than a 15 percent decrease.
- There was an annual average of 225.4 alcohol-related traffic deaths during the five-year period of 2000–04 compared to 197 alcohol-related crash fatalities in 2005 — more than a 12 percent decrease.
- There was an annual average of 172.8 speed-related traffic deaths during the five-year period of 2000–04 compared to 161 speed-related crash fatalities in 2005 — a nearly 7 percent decrease.