

Table 1
 Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes
 United States, Twelve Months, 2008-2011

Month	Deaths				Percent Changes			Four-Month Moving Average+	
	2008	2009	2010	2011	Corresponding Month			2009-2010	2010-2011
					2009-2011	2009-2010	2010-2011		
January	3,043	2,830	2,490	2,430	-14%		-2%		2%
February	2,988	2,500	2,170	2,210	-12%		2%		+*%
March	2,998	2,780	2,620	2,670	-4%		2%		+*%
April	3,161	3,090	3,010	2,770	-10%		-8%		-2%
May	3,419	3,290	3,200	3,060	-7%		-4%		-3%
June	3,483	3,280	3,020	3,110	-5%		3%		-2%
July	3,513	3,310	3,390	3,490	5%		3%		-1%
August	3,748	3,350	3,300	3,160	-6%		-4%		-1%
September	3,358	3,140	3,310	3,100	-1%		-6%		-1%
October	3,562	3,100	3,290	3,320	7%		1%		-2%
November	3,275	2,890	2,970	2,890	0%		-3%		-3%
December	3,242	2,740	2,730	2,790	2%		2%		-2%
TOTAL	39,790	36,300	35,500	35,000	-4%		-1%		

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.

The 2008 figures are from the National Center for Health Statistics. The 2009, 2010, and 2011 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%.

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