

### **Motor-vehicle deaths down 7% in first seven months of 2009.**

Motor-vehicle deaths through July of 2009 totaled 20,790. This figure is down 7% from the corresponding 7-month period in 2008. The July figure for 2009 was 18% lower than the 2007 figure. The 7-month total for 2008 was 22,430, an 11% decrease from 2007. The 2007 figure was 2% lower than 2006. The estimated annual population death rate is 11.9 deaths per 100,000 population, a decrease of 8% from 2008. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.3 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, unchanged from 2008.

Disabling motor-vehicle injuries for the first seven months of 2009 are estimated to be about 1,102,000, a 9% decrease from 2008.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage through July was \$123.9 billion, a 4% decrease from 2008. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage.