

Table 1  
 Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes  
 United States, Six Months, 2006-2009

| Month     | Deaths |        |        |          | Percent Changes     |           |           | Four-Month<br>Moving Average+ |           |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
|           | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009     | Corresponding Month | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2007-2008                     | 2008-2009 |
|           |        |        |        |          | 2007-2009           |           |           |                               |           |
| January   | 3,396  | 3,230  | 2,930  | 2,640    | -18%                |           | -10%      |                               | -6%       |
| February  | 3,164  | 3,030  | 2,960  | 2,470    | -18%                |           | -17%      |                               | -9%       |
| March     | 3,567  | 3,580  | 2,910  | 2,660    | -26%                |           | -9%       |                               | -10%      |
| April     | 3,745  | 3,440  | 3,030  | 2,950    | -14%                |           | -3%       |                               | -9%       |
| May       | 3,952  | 3,830  | 3,400  | 3,110    | -19%                |           | -9%       |                               | -9%       |
| June      | 3,916  | 3,780  | 3,480  | 3,280    | -13%                |           | -6%       |                               | -6%       |
| 6 Months  | 21,740 | 20,890 | 18,710 | 17,110   | -18%                |           | -9%       |                               |           |
| July      | 4,092  | 3,980  | 3,420  |          |                     | -14%      |           | -11%                          |           |
| August    | 4,088  | 3,800  | 3,720  |          |                     | -2%       |           | -9%                           |           |
| September | 3,951  | 3,710  | 3,310  |          |                     | -11%      |           | -9%                           |           |
| October   | 4,048  | 3,750  | 3,610  |          |                     | -4%       |           | -8%                           |           |
| November  | 3,704  | 3,490  | 3,210  |          |                     | -8%       |           | -6%                           |           |
| December  | 3,693  | 3,480  | 3,320  |          |                     | -5%       |           | -7%                           |           |
| TOTAL     | 45,316 | 43,100 | 39,300 | 37,700 # |                     |           |           |                               |           |

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 2006 figures are from the National Center for Health Statistics. The 2007, 2008, and 2009 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.

# Deaths for the twelve-month period ending June, 2009.

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