

### **Motor-vehicle deaths down 9% in first six months of 2009.**

Motor-vehicle deaths through June of 2009 totaled 17,110. This figure is down 9% from the corresponding 6-month period in 2008. The June figure for 2009 was 18% lower than the 2007 figure. The 6-month total for 2008 was 18,710, a 10% decrease from 2007. The 2007 figure was 4% lower than 2006. The estimated annual population death rate is 11.7 deaths per 100,000 population, a decrease of 9% from 2008. The estimated annual mileage death rate is 1.2 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, a decrease of 8% from 2008.

Disabling motor-vehicle injuries for the first six months of 2009 are estimated to be about 907,000, a 13% decrease from 2008.

The estimated cost of motor-vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage through June was \$102.0 billion, a 9% decrease from 2008. The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage.