

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

Month	Deaths				Percent Changes			Four-Month Moving Average+	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	Corresponding Month			2007-2008	2008-2009
					2007-2009	2007-2008	2008-2009		
January	3,396	3,230	2,930	2,640	-18%		-10%		-6%
February	3,164	3,030	2,960	2,480	-18%		-16%		-9%
March	3,567	3,580	2,910	2,670	-25%		-8%		-10%
April	3,745	3,440	3,030	2,960	-14%		-2%		-9%
May	3,952	3,830	3,400	3,140	-18%		-8%		-9%
5 Months	17,824	17,110	15,230	13,890	-19%		-9%		
June	3,916	3,780	3,480			-8%		-12%	
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	37,960 #					

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 May, 2009.

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