
Minnesota Traffic Deaths by County, 2006 v. 2001–2005 Average

Source: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety

- There were 494 Minnesota traffic fatalities in 2006 — a nearly 18 percent decrease compared to the 2001–2005 annual average of 601 traffic deaths.
- In 2006, 52 counties had fewer traffic fatalities and 32 counties had more traffic fatalities than the prior five-year average.
- In 2006, eight Minnesota counties had zero traffic deaths: Houston, Kanabec, Kittson, Lincoln, Norman, Pennington, Roseau, Swift.
- In 2006, 10 Minnesota counties each had a single traffic death: Big Stone, Cottonwood, Grant, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Murray, Rock, Traverse, Wilkin.
- In 2006, 13 Minnesota counties each had two traffic deaths: Aitkin, Cook, Dodge, Freeborn, Lac Qui Parle, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, Nobles, Pipestone, Red Lake, Sibley, Stevens.
- Six of the seven Twin Cities’ metro counties saw a decrease in 2006 road fatalities compared to the previous five-year average: Hennepin (18 fewer); Ramsey and Scott (eight fewer each); Dakota (5.4 fewer); Carver and Washington (two fewer each). Only Anoka County saw an increase (2.6 more).
- Nineteen counties saw a *decrease of three or more traffic deaths* in 2006 than the previous five-year average:
 - Aitkin, 3.8 fewer deaths
 - Benton, 4 fewer deaths
 - Cass, 7.2 fewer deaths
 - Dakota, 5.4 fewer deaths
 - Freeborn, 4.8 fewer deaths
 - Hennepin, 17.6 fewer deaths
 - Houston, 3.2 fewer deaths
 - Itasca, 3.6 fewer deaths
 - Kanabec, 5.4 fewer deaths
 - Morrison, 5.4 fewer deaths
 - Otter Tail, 6.8 fewer deaths
 - Pine, 5.6 fewer deaths
 - Ramsey, 8.4 fewer deaths
 - Roseau, 4 fewer deaths
 - St. Louis, 4.6 fewer deaths
 - Scott, 8.4 fewer deaths
 - Sherburne, 5.4 fewer deaths
 - Stearns, 3.8 fewer deaths
 - Wright, 4.2 fewer deaths
- Five counties saw an *increase of three or more traffic deaths* in 2006 than the previous five-year average:
 - Beltrami, 3.4 more deaths
 - Chisago, 6.4 more deaths
 - Fillmore, 3.6 more deaths
 - McLeod, 3 more deaths
 - Mille Lacs, 3.4 more deaths
- There were 194 unbelted crash fatalities in 2006 — a 24 percent decrease compared to the 2001–2005 annual average of 254 unbelted vehicle occupant deaths.
- There were 166 alcohol-related crash fatalities in 2006 — a 23 percent decrease compared to the 2001–2005 annual average of 216 alcohol-related traffic deaths.
- There were 151 speed-related crash fatalities in 2006 — an 11 percent decrease compared to the 2001–2005 annual average of 170 speed-related traffic deaths.