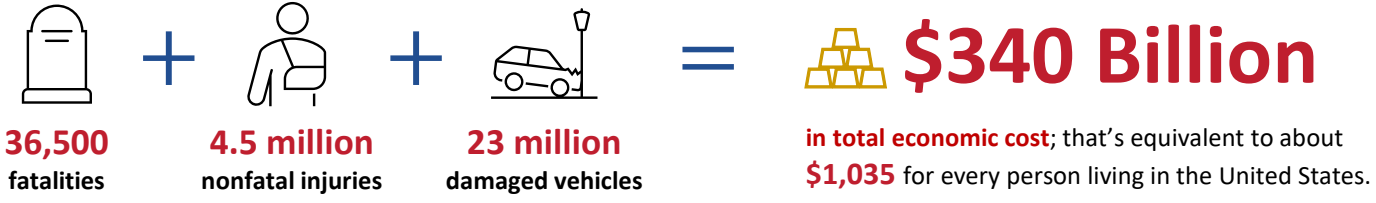


THE COST OF CRASHES in the united states



In 2019, motor vehicle crashes resulted in:



When quality-of-life valuations are considered, the total value of societal harm from these crashes was **\$1.37 Trillion**

Key Takeaways

Incidence of Crashes

14.2M motor vehicle crashes

23% of all crashes involve injury to a vehicle occupant or nonoccupant. The remaining **77%** involve property damage only.

About **60%** of property damage-only crashes & **32%** of all injury crashes are not reported to the police.

Economic Impact

- \$1.6M** Lifetime cost to society for each fatality
- \$36.0B** Congestion costs (delay, added fuel usage, environmental impacts)
- \$75.5B** Lost workplace productivity costs
- \$113.0B** Other costs (including medical care, legal costs, etc.)
- \$115.3B** Total property damage costs for all crash types

Seat Belt Use

Prevented **14,653** fatalities & **450,000** serious injuries, saving **\$93 billion** in injury-related costs.

Nearly **2,400** people were killed and **46,000** were seriously injured by not wearing their seat belts, costing society **\$11 billion**.

Speed-related

10,192 fatalities (28% of crash costs)

498,000 nonfatal injuries (11% of crash costs)

1.7M vehicles (property damage only) (7% of crash costs)

\$46.4B OR **14%** in crash costs of all crash costs

Alcohol Involvement

14,219 fatalities (39% of crash costs)

497,000 nonfatal injuries (18% of crash costs)

2.7M vehicles (property damage only) (14% of crash costs)

\$68.9B OR **20%** in crash costs of all crash costs

Distracted Driving

10,546 fatalities (29% of crash costs)

1.3M nonfatal injuries (29% of crash costs)

5.6M vehicles (property damage only) (29% of crash costs)

\$98.2B OR **29%** in crash costs of all crash costs



This infographic is being provided by The Eastern Transportation Coalition using information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's report: **The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2019 (February 2023)**

Get the full NHTSA report [here](#)