
TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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- Iowa traffic fatalities for 2010 totaled 390, up by 17 or nearly 5% from the 373 fatalities in 2009, which was a 64-year low for Iowa.
- U.S. traffic fatalities totaled 30,797 in 2009. This was a 48-year low for the nation. Traffic fatalities are expected to be below 30,000 for 2010, which would be the lowest level since the 1950s.
- Iowa's traffic fatality rate for 2010 was 1.2 deaths per 100 million VMT (vehicle miles traveled). While this rate is slightly higher than the U.S. fatality rate of 1.05; it represents the lowest figure in our state's history.
- Since the mid 1990s, Iowa's fatality rate has dropped from 2.15 to .9, a decline of more than 55%.
- During 2010, Iowa recorded 60 motorcycle fatalities, up 22% from the 2009 figure of 49.
- Iowa had 19 pedestrian fatalities in 2010; three less than in 2009.
- In 2010, Iowa had 8 bicycle fatalities and just one train/vehicle fatality.
- Impaired driving fatality figures for 2010 show a preliminary figure of 63 deaths, down 27% from the 86 impaired driving fatalities in 2009. If that number does not go up, 2010 will be the lowest impaired fatality number in the state's history.

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