



## Highway Accidents Illustrate An Upward Trend

### More people die in highway accidents than any other mode

Recent statistics provided by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) indicates that over 2,000 more people died in transportation accidents in 2016 than in 2015. NTSB reports deaths increased from 35,485 in 2015 to 37,461 in 2016. Highway transportation is the leading mode in the number of fatalities, accounting for 95 percent of the transportation deaths in 2016.

The following information provides a breakdown of the total reported highway fatalities for 2015 and 2016. The data

**Occupants and Non-occupants Killed in Traffic Crashes, 2015–2016**

Description	2015	2016	Change	% Change
Total*	35,485	37,461	1,976	5.60%
<b>Occupants</b>				
Passenger Vehicles	22,639	23,714	1,075	4.70%
Passenger Cars	12,761	13,412	651	5.10%
Light Trucks	9,878	10,302	424	4.30%
Large Trucks	665	722	57	8.60%
Motorcycles	5,029	5,286	257	5.10%
<b>Non-occupants</b>				
Pedestrians	5,495	5,987	492	9.00%
Pedalcyclists	829	840	11	1.30%
Other/Unknown	235	252	17	—

The category of “Other” refers to non-occupants (excluding pedestrians and pedal cyclists) and occupants in other or unknown vehicle types. “Pedal cycles” include bicycles and other cycles.

In light of this report and the dangers associated with distracted driving, now is a good time to review your business auto fleet safety controls to ensure they are effective in mitigating accidents. Contact your Safety Specialist today for assistance.

Sources: Fatalities—FARS 2015 Final File, 2016 ARF

\*Total includes occupants of buses and other/unknown occupants not shown in table.

Source: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/Publication/812456>

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