

# **GENERAL**

## **2002**

### **Virginia Statistics**

In 2002, 147,737 traffic crashes were reported that resulted in 913 fatalities and 78,896 injuries. *(DMV)*

Of the 147,737 traffic crashes in 2002, 832 were fatal crashes, 54,560 were personal injury crashes, and 88,552 were property damage crashes. *(DMV)*

Of the 913 persons killed in traffic crashes in 2002, 583 were drivers and 242 were passengers. *(DMV)*

Of the 76,996 persons injured in traffic crashes in 2002, 53,801 were drivers and 23,195 were passengers. *(DMV)*

In 2002, there were 375 alcohol-related fatalities and 8,465 alcohol-related injuries. *(DMV)*

A traffic crash occurs in Virginia every 3.56 minutes. *(DMV)*

One driver out of every 19 drivers in Virginia was involved in a traffic crash. *(DMV)*

2.5 Virginians lose their lives each day because of traffic crashes. *(DMV)*

216 Virginians are injured every day because of traffic crashes. *(DMV)*

### **National Statistics**

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among Americans 1 – 34 years old. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the total societal cost of crashes exceeds \$200 billion annually. *(IIHS)*

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers. *(NHTSA)*

Traffic crashes kill more people than crime. *(NHTSA)*

An average of 118 people die each day in motor vehicle crashes – that's one motor vehicle fatality every 12 minutes. *(NHTSA)*

In 2002, there were 38,309 crashes involving 58,113 motor vehicles. (*USDOT*)

In 2002, 43,220 people died in motor vehicle crashes, 3,192,000 were injured and 4,269,000 crashes involved property damage only. (*USDOT*)

31,701 passenger vehicle occupants died in 1998, 76% of the traffic fatalities reported for the year. (*USDOT*)

Vehicle occupants account for 87% of traffic fatalities. The remaining 13% were pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-occupants (*NHTSA*)

Each year about 2.6 million people are hospitalized for injuries, about 37.2 million people are treated in hospital emergency departments, and about 60.5 million people – nearly one in four – seek medical attention or suffer at least one day of activity restriction from an injury. (*NSC*)

The economic cost of traffic crashes to society exceeds \$150 billion each year. (*NHTSA*), or \$820 per person. 2,926,000 injured. 33-medical cost, 81 lost productivity, 51 impaired driving, 20 failure to use safety belts

Fifty-one percent of motor vehicle deaths in 2002 were car occupants. Twenty-five percent were occupants of other kinds of passenger vehicles including pickup trucks, utility vehicles, and cargo/large vans. (*USDOT*)

Forty two percent of car occupant deaths in 2002 occurred in single-vehicle crashes, 58% in multiple-vehicle crashes. (*USDOT*)

Frontal impacts accounted for 50% of passenger vehicle occupant deaths in 2002. Side impacts accounted for 30% (14% right side, 16% left side). (*USDOT*)

Deaths in pickup and utility vehicles have more than doubled since 1975. (*USDOT*)

Crashes in which a vehicle rolled over accounted for 47% of passenger vehicle occupant deaths in 2002. (*USDOT*)

Crashes in which a vehicle rolled over accounted for 31% of occupant deaths in 1998. (*USDOT*)