



Traffic Safety Facts Puerto Rico 2004-2008



This Report Contains Data From the Following Sources:

- Fatality Data - NCSA Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS): 2004-2007 Final File and 2008 Annual Report File (ARF)
- Observed Safety Belt Data - NCSA National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS) and the Puerto Rico State Survey
- Vehicle Miles of Travel Data and Motorcycle Registrations - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Population Data - U.S. Bureau of the Census



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Traffic Safety Performance (Core Outcome) Measures* For Puerto Rico

Core Outcome Measures		Year				
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Traffic Fatalities	Total	495	457	509	452	399
	Rural	230	216	251	218	208
	Urban	265	241	258	234	191
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Driven**	Total	2.54	2.35	2.59	2.35	
	Rural	17.86	16.69	18.84	16.83	
	Urban	1.45	1.33	1.41	1.31	
Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities (All Seat Positions)	Total	249	215	227	204	172
	Restrained	100	88	102	85	83
	Unrestrained	149	127	125	119	89
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities (BAC=.08+)**		174	160	143	142	132
Speeding-Related Fatalities		237	217	220	228	162
Motorcyclist Fatalities	Total	63	90	115	94	78
	Helmeted	21	37	50	29	28
	Unhelmeted	42	53	65	65	50
	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes	Total	625	601	658	613	535
	Aged Under 15	1	2	0	0	2
	Aged 15-20	96	76	87	92	53
	Aged Under 21	97	78	87	92	55
	Aged 21 and Over	467	487	528	483	451
	Unknown Age	61	36	43	38	29
Pedestrian Fatalities		162	134	140	144	127

*These Performance Measures Were Developed By The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) (See Publication: DOT HS 811 025)

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***Based on the BAC of All Involved Drivers and Motorcycle Riders (Operators) Only

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Fatality Rates: Puerto Rico , U.S. and Best State

Year		Fatalities	Total Vehicle Miles Traveled (Millions)	Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	Total Population	Fatalities Per 100,000 Population
2004	Puerto Rico	495	19,504	2.54	3,893,931	12.71
	US	42,836	2,964,788	1.44	292,892,127	14.63
	Best State*			0.87		7.39
2005	Puerto Rico	457	19,411	2.35	3,910,707	11.69
	US	43,510	2,989,430	1.46	295,560,549	14.72
	Best State*			0.80		6.85
2006	Puerto Rico	509	19,637	2.59	3,926,698	12.96
	US	42,708	3,014,371	1.42	298,362,973	14.31
	Best State*			0.78		6.32
2007	Puerto Rico	452	19,205	2.35	3,941,160	11.47
	US	41,259	3,029,822	1.36	301,290,332	13.69
	Best State*			0.79		6.55
2008	Puerto Rico	399			3,954,037	10.09
	US	37,261	2,925,503	1.27	304,059,724	12.25
	Best State*					5.59

*State (or States) With Lowest Rates: Lowest VMT and Population Rates Could Be in Different States

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Fatalities By The Highest Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the Crash**:
 Puerto Rico , U.S. and Best State
 (Old Definition)

Year		Total Fatalities in all Crashes	Highest BAC level in the Crash				
			BAC = .01+		BAC = .08+		Per 100 Million VMT
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2004	Puerto Rico	495	250	51	224	45	1.15
	US	42,836	16,919	39	14,593	34	0.49
	Best State*			25		21	0.27
2005	Puerto Rico	457	234	51	197	43	1.01
	US	43,510	17,590	40	15,102	35	0.51
	Best State*			14		12	0.14
2006	Puerto Rico	509	219	43	182	36	0.93
	US	42,708	17,738	42	15,144	35	0.50
	Best State*			24		20	0.22
2007	Puerto Rico	452	209	46	170	38	0.89
	US	41,259	17,158	42	14,603	35	0.48
	Best State*			24		21	0.23
2008	Puerto Rico	399	199	50	165	41	
	US	37,261	15,438	41	13,294	36	0.45
	Best State*			21		16	

*State (or States) With Lowest Percents: Lowest Percents Could Be in Different States
 **Based on the BAC of All Involved Drivers, Motorcycle Riders (Operators), Pedalcyclists and Pedestrians
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Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities**:
Puerto Rico , U.S. and Best State
(New Definition)

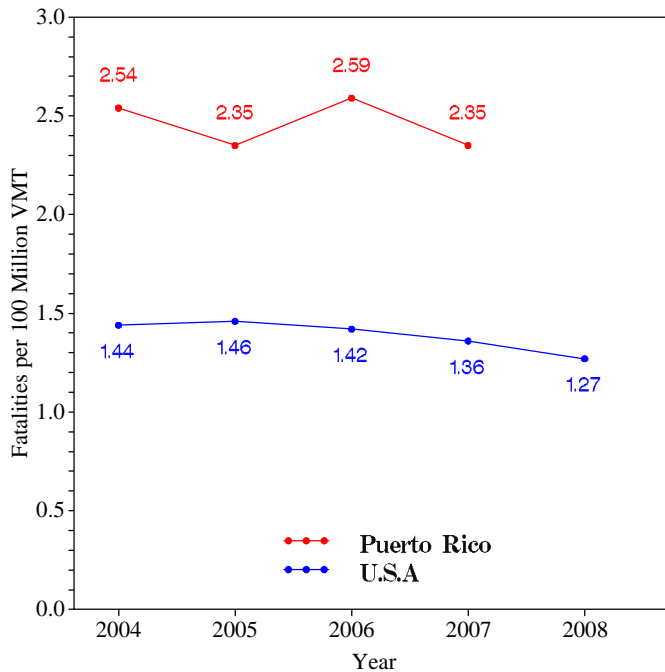
Year		Total Fatalities in all Crashes	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities (BAC = .08+)		
			Number	Percent	Per 100 Million VMT
2004	Puerto Rico	495	174	35	0.89
	US	42,836	13,099	31	0.44
	Best State*			20	0.25
2005	Puerto Rico	457	160	35	0.82
	US	43,510	13,582	31	0.45
	Best State*			12	0.13
2006	Puerto Rico	509	143	28	0.73
	US	42,708	13,491	32	0.45
	Best State*			18	0.20
2007	Puerto Rico	452	142	31	0.74
	US	41,259	13,041	32	0.43
	Best State*			19	0.21
2008	Puerto Rico	399	132	33	
	US	37,261	11,773	32	0.40
	Best State*			16	

*State (or States) With Lowest Percents: Lowest Percents Could Be in Different States
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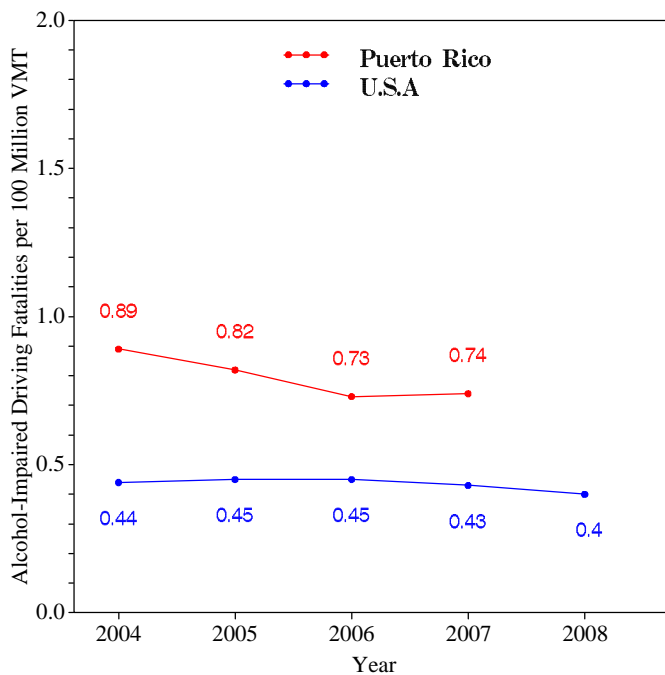


Fatalities per 100 Million VMT



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Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100 Million VMT



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**Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Reporting Rates
For Drivers/Motorcycle Riders (Operators)
Involved in Fatal Crashes:
Puerto Rico , U.S. and Best State**

Year		Surviving Drivers/Motorcycle Riders			Killed Drivers/Motorcycle Riders			Total Drivers/Motorcycle Riders		
		Total	With Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Results Reported to FARS		Total	With Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Results Reported to FARS		Total	With Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Results Reported to FARS	
			Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
2004	Puerto Rico	404	217	54	221	180	81	625	397	64
	US	31,524	8,215	26	26,871	18,275	68	58,395	26,490	45
	Best State*			80			97			82
2005	Puerto Rico	365	214	59	236	195	83	601	409	68
	US	31,729	7,415	23	27,491	18,773	68	59,220	26,188	44
	Best State*			77			98			84
2006	Puerto Rico	388	264	68	270	227	84	658	491	75
	US	30,498	7,482	25	27,348	18,911	69	57,846	26,393	46
	Best State*			81			99			85
2007	Puerto Rico	376	246	65	237	218	92	613	464	76
	US	29,449	7,631	26	26,570	19,434	73	56,019	27,065	48
	Best State*			82			100			84
2008	Puerto Rico	328	218	66	207	166	80	535	384	72
	US	26,011	6,677	26	24,175	17,045	71	50,186	23,722	47
	Best State*			80			95			84

*State (or States) With Highest Percents: Highest Percents Could Be in Different States

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Daytime Front Seat (Outboard Only) Passenger Vehicle Occupants, Aged 5 and Over, by Restraint Use:
Fatalities and Observed
Puerto Rico , U.S. and Best State

Year		Fatalities - Restrained**	Observed - Restrained***
		Percent	Percent
2004	US	56	80
	Best State*	82	95
2005	US	55	82
	Best State*	88	95
2006	US	55	81
	Best State*	77	96
2007	US	57	82
	Best State*	82	98
2008	US	56	83
	Best State*	78	97

*State With Highest Percent. Fatal Crash and Observed Percents Can Be Different States

**Percent Based Only Where Restraint Use Was Known

***USA Data: National Occupant Protection Use Survey. Puerto Rico Data: State Survey

Note: The Purpose of this Table is to Compare (as closely as possible) the Use of Restraint Systems by Fatally Injured Occupants with Occupants in all Driving Situations

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Daytime Front Seat (Outboard Only) Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities, Aged 5 and Over, by Percent Restraint Use*

*Percent Based Only Where Restraint Use Was Known

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Daytime Front Seat (Outboard Only) Passenger Vehicle Occupants Observed, Aged 5 and Over, by Percent Restraint Use*

*USA Data: National Occupant Protection Use Survey. Puerto Rico Data: State Survey

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Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Age 5 and Above by Restraint Use and Lives Saved Estimates

Year	Fatalities Age 5 and Above					Lives Saved Estimates**	
	Total	Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown Restraint Use	Percent Known Restrained*	Lives Saved at Current Belt Use	Additional Lives Savable at 100% Belt Usage
2004	247	98	149	0	40	98	23
2005	212	88	124	0	42	85	14
2006	222	100	122	0	45	107	21
2007	199	84	115	0	42	84	15
2008	166	79	87	0	48	88	12

*Percent Based Only Where Restraint Use Was Known

**Lives Saved Estimates (Sum of columns may not equal other published numbers due to rounding)

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Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities Age 4 and Under by Restraint Use and Lives Saved Estimates

Year	Fatalities Age 4 and Under					Lives Saved Estimates**
	Total	Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown Restraint Use	Percent Known Restrained*	Lives Saved at Current Seat Belt and Child Safety Seat Usage
2004	2	2	0	0	100	3
2005	0	0	0	0		0
2006	3	1	2	0	33	1
2007	0	0	0	0		0
2008	5	3	2	0	60	7

*Percent Based Only Where Restraint Use Was Known

**Lives Saved Estimates

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Motorcyclist Fatalities by Helmet Use and Lives Saved Estimates

Year	Fatalities					Lives Saved Estimates**	
	Total	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Unknown Helmet Use	Percent Known Helmeted*	Lives Saved at Current Helmet Use	Additional Lives Savable at 100% Helmet Usage
2004	63	21	42	0	33	12	16
2005	90	37	53	0	41	22	20
2006	115	50	65	0	43	29	24
2007	94	29	65	0	31	17	24
2008	78	28	50	0	36	17	19

*Percent Based Only Where Helmet Use Was Known

**Lives Saved Estimates (Sum of columns may not equal other published numbers due to rounding)

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Fatalities by Person Type

Person Type		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
		#	%*	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*
Occupants	Passenger Car	198	40	161	35	167	33	164	36	129	32
	Light Truck - Pickup	22	4	21	5	17	3	8	2	13	3
	Light Truck - Utility	22	4	29	6	35	7	27	6	26	7
	Light Truck - Van	7	1	4	1	8	2	5	1	4	1
	Large Truck	2	0	5	1	4	1	2	0	5	1
	Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
	Other/Unknown Occupants	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
	<i>Total Occupants</i>	254	51	220	48	231	45	206	46	181	45
Motorcyclists	<i>Total Motorcyclists</i>	63	13	90	20	115	23	94	21	78	20
Nonoccupants	Pedestrian	162	33	134	29	140	28	144	32	127	32
	Bicyclist and Other Cyclist	16	3	11	2	20	4	6	1	12	3
	Other/Unknown Nonoccupants	0	0	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	0
	<i>Total Nonoccupants</i>	178	36	147	32	163	32	152	34	140	35
Total	<i>Total</i>	495	100	457	100	509	100	452	100	399	100

*Sum of Percents May Not = 100 Due to Individual Cell Rounding

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Fatalities by Crash Type

Crash Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Fatalities (All Crashes)*	495	457	509	452	399
- (1) Single Vehicle	329	305	337	279	259
- (2) Involving a Large Truck	26	40	30	18	29
- (3) Involving Speeding	237	217	220	228	162
- (4) Involving a Rollover	36	40	45	35	28
- (5) Involving a Roadway Departure	127	145	138	116	98
- (6) Involving an Intersection (or Intersection Related)	9	9	10	6	2

(1) Crash Involved Only One Coded Vehicle

(2) Crash Involved at Least One Large Truck

(3) Crash Involved at Least One Vehicle Speeding

(4) Crash Involved at Least One Vehicle That Rolled Over

(5) Crash Involved at Least One Vehicle That Departed the Roadway (FHWA Definition)

(6) Crash Occured Within an Intersection or Within the Approach to an Intersection

*A Fatality Can Be in More Than One Category. Therefore Sum of the Individual Cells Will Not Equal the Total Due to Double Counting

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Motorcyclist Fatalities by Age

Year	Age							Total
	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	>59	Unknown	
2004	5	30	16	10	1	0	1	63
2005	8	45	16	11	8	2	0	90
2006	17	45	28	18	4	3	0	115
2007	14	38	23	11	3	2	3	94
2008	10	29	19	14	4	2	0	78

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Motorcyclist Fatalities Per 100,000 Registered Motorcycles

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities	Total Motorcycle Registrations*	Motorcyclist Fatalities Per 100,000 Motorcycle Registrations
2004	63	31,770	198.3
2005	90	31,770	283.3
2006	115	91,082	126.3
2007	94	115,865	81.13
2008	78		

*Data Source: FHWA

*2008 Motorcycle Registrations are Not Yet Available

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Fatalities by Person Type and Race/Hispanic Origin

Person Type by Race/Hispanic Origin		2004	2005	2006	2007
Occupants (All Vehicle Types)	Hispanic	317	301	346	299
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic/Unknown	0	0	0	1
	Unknown Race and Unknown Hispanic	0	9	0	0
	Total	317	310	346	300
Non-Occupants (Pedestrians, Pedalcyclists and Other/Unknown NonOccupants)					
	Hispanic	178	140	163	152
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic/Unknown	0	0	0	0
	Unknown Race and Unknown Hispanic	0	7	0	0
	Total	178	147	163	152
Total		495	457	509	452

2008 Race/Hispanic Origin Data is Not Yet Complete

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