

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Motor vehicle deaths, age-adjusted rates
Demographic Group	Wisconsin residents
Numerator	Deaths due to motor vehicle traffic crashes
Denominator	Wisconsin population
Age Adjustment	<p>Age-adjusted rates are used to compare relative risks among groups and over time; they represent relative indexes and are not actual measures of risk. Age-adjusted rates shown in the data tables were computed by applying age-specific rates in the population of interest to the 2000 U.S. standard population (i.e., the age distribution of the 2000 projected U.S. population).</p> <p>Rates for total deaths and deaths by sex and race/ethnicity are age-adjusted. Rates for deaths by age group are age-specific, not age-adjusted.</p>
Details about Data Item	<p>Deaths due to motor vehicle traffic crashes were selected if they met both of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wisconsin resident. 2. Underlying cause of death was within the following ICD-10 codes. (Parentheses indicate the fourth digit of the code.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicle traffic - Occupant V30-V39 (.4-.9), V40-V49 (.4-.9), V50-V59 (.4-.9), V60-V69 (.4-.9), V70-V79 (.4-.9), V83-V86 (.0-.3) Motor vehicle traffic - Motorcyclist V20-V28 (.3-.9), V29 (.4-.9) Motor vehicle traffic - Pedal cyclist V12-V14 (.3-.9), V19 (.4-.6) Motor vehicle traffic - Pedestrian V02-V04 (.1, .9), V09.2 Motor vehicle traffic – Other, Unspecified V80(.3-.5), V81.1, V82.1, V87(.0-.8), V89.2 <p>Race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive.</p>
Reference Time Period	Calendar year
Data Source	<p>Wisconsin resident death certificates, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.</p> <p>Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes the Department of Health Services to supervise the collection of vital statistics death data. The statute defines that the filing party (usually a funeral director) must present a certificate of death to the physician or medical examiner who is responsible for completing and signing the medical certification, and that the local Register of Deeds or City Health Department must collect</p>

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	<p>and file the certificates for deaths that occur in their jurisdictions.</p> <p>The annual report <i>Wisconsin Deaths</i> and the WISH data query system can be accessed at http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/deaths/index.htm.</p>
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