

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
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This document summarizes a few key Nationwide and CT statistics on roadway safety for the first quarter of 2023 (January 2023 – March 2023) and provides materials from NHTSA’s Speed Prevention Campaign.

NATIONWIDE DATA:

Data from the recently released National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) publication, [NHTSA Crash Stats: Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the First Quarter of 2023](#),

- An estimated 9,330 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the first quarter of 2023.
- **This is a decrease of 3.3% when compared to the first quarter of 2022 which had 9,645 fatalities. However, this is still the second highest number of fatalities in over 10 years.**
- **Connecticut had an estimated 75 crash fatalities Q1 2023, compared to 82 fatalities in Q1 2022, a decrease of 8.5%.**

CONNECTICUT DATA:

Data from the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center’s (CTSRC) [Crash Repository for Analytics, Statistics, and History \(CRASH\)](#). Of the 75 crash fatalities that took place in CT, there is currently detailed information available on 44 fatal crashes.

Of those 44 fatal crashes,

- 13 (30%) were classified as speeding related,
- 14 (32%) involved a young driver (age 15-25),
- 11 (25%) involved an older driver (age 65+),
- 10 (23%) were classified as aggressive driving,
- and 6 (14%) involved a motorist driving under the influence.

Connecticut Traffic Deaths			
Year to Date as of Jul 08			
2023	2022	2021	2020
167	186	147	147
Preliminary Year-End			
	2022	2021	2020
	368	302	299
			UConn

NHTSA SPEED PREVENTION CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

The [2023 Speed Prevention Campaign](#) by NHTSA runs from July 10 – 31. Shareable images and videos, such as the one below, are available through Traffic Safety Marketing (NHTSA's communication resource).

Documents are pre-formatted for sharing on a variety of social media sites and can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/speed-prevention/speeding-wrecks-lives>

