Causes of Death

Motor vehicle occupant death

Motor vehicle crash deaths are a leading cause of premature mortality in Oregon. Deaths among vehicle occupants in motor vehicle traffic crashes decreased from 244 in 2000 (7.1 per 100,000) to 130 in 2012 (3.3 per 100,000).

Many factors have contributed to the decline in deaths among occupants including decrease in the average vehicle miles driven, improved public education and awareness efforts, engineered cars and roadways with a focus on safety, injury policy, and law enforcement.
Additional Resources: Injury and Fatality State Plans and Reports

About the Data: Data source is Oregon Death Certificate Data. Motor vehicle crash indicated as underlying cause of death on Oregon death certificate in a person who was an occupant of a vehicle involved in the crash; excludes pedestrians and bicyclists. Population estimates used in calculating rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

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