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Tweet: 46,020 Americans were killed in traffic accidents in the US in 2022, up 18% from pre-pandemic levels. This was driven primarily by rising Black per-capita fatality rates, which were 26% higher than for whites last year. @foxjust

Summary: Before 2014, which is when concerns about police bias began to take center stage after a police killing in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Missouri, Black Americans were at lower risk of dying in a traffic accident than White Americans (mainly because they drive much less). By 2021, Black Americans' per-capita fatality rate was 37% higher; last year it was 26% higher. National data on traffic stops is limited, with the Bureau of Justice Statistics' most recent Police-Public Contact Survey, conducted in 2020, finding that 9% of Americans 16 and older were involved in a traffic stop as a driver or passenger that year, down from 10.3% in 2018 and 11% in 2015.

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