

HOW SAFE IS IT TO FLY?

Flying is much safer than driving in a car

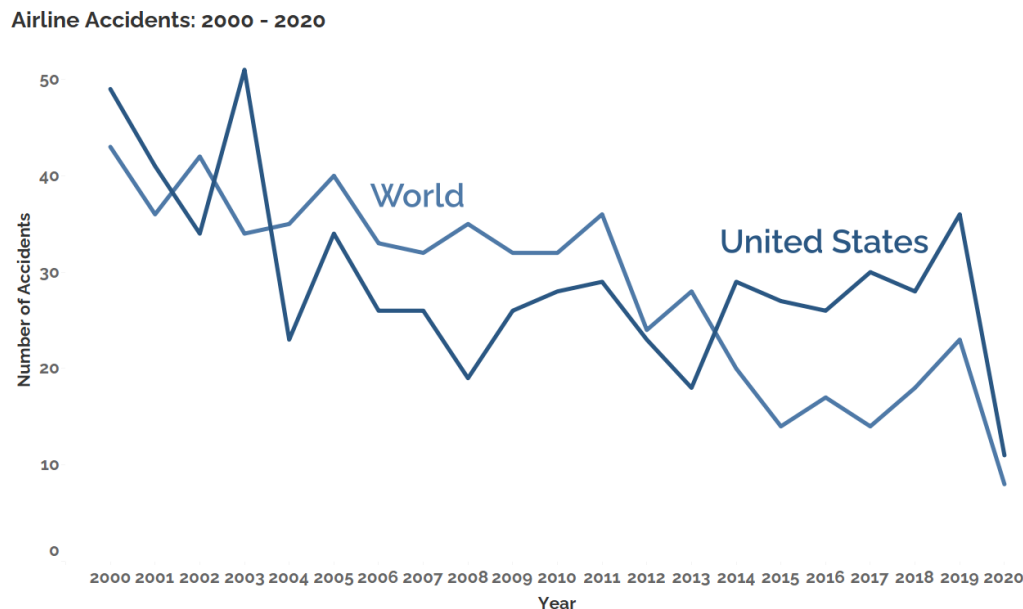
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The holidays are coming up and you need to decide how you are going to get there. Do you fly or do you drive? You've heard flying isn't safe anymore, but the drive will be 18 hours. Not sure? Read on.



The number of accidents and fatalities from flying has drastically gone down in the last 20 years.

Between 2000 and 2020 there have been 1,049,152 fatalities from vehicles in the **UNITED STATES**. In that same timeframe, there have only been 14,101 fatalities from flying in the **WORLD**. Therefore, you have a better chance of dying in a car than flying in an airplane.

According to Airlines for America in 2020 there were only 11 airline accidents and 0 fatalities in the United States.

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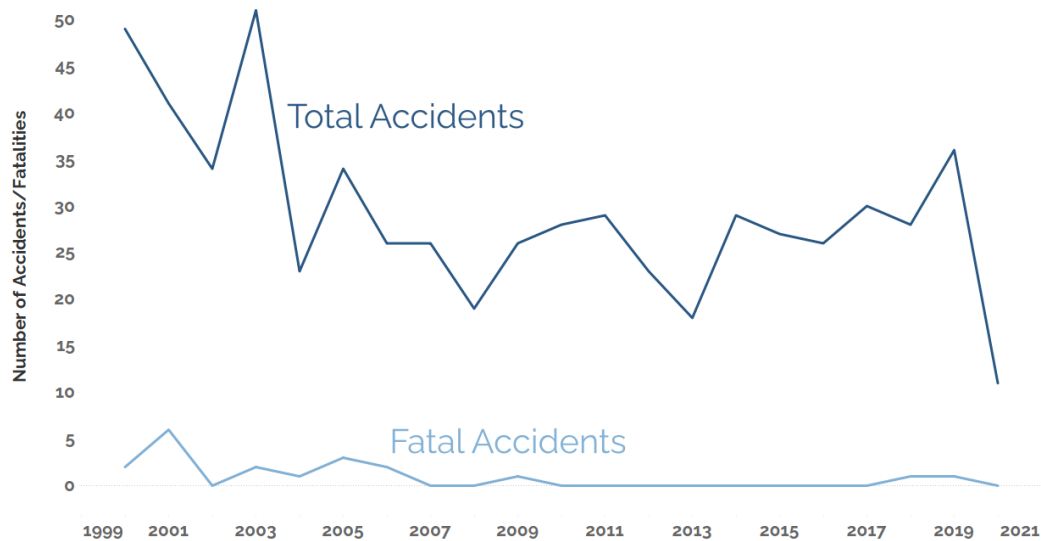
The percentage of airline fatalities in the world

Between 2000 and 2020 there were only 14,101 fatalities in the U.S. vs 588,764,658 in World Air departures

That is a **0-fatality rate of accidents per 100,000 departures**. But in 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 38,3824 fatalities in vehicle crashes in the United States. That is an 11.78 fatality rate of accidents per 100,000 people.

Still not convinced?

2000 - 2020 United States Air Carriers



Source: Data & Statistics – Safety Record of U.S. Air Carriers

In 2000, the total number of accidents in United States Air Carriers was 49 and the number of fatalities was 2. That is **1.8% of fatal accidents** per 100,000 departures. In 2020, there were 11 accidents with United States carriers and 0 fatalities. That's **0% of fatal accidents** per 100,000 departures.

With this information, you should be certain that **flying is the safest mode of transportation** currently available, and your 18-hour drive sounds like a roulette game of chance.

Happy flying!

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