

TRAVELING IN THE UNITED STATES: VEHICLE OR PLANE

Looking at Commuting or travel options in the US, the primary process of traveling between a place of residence, business, or leisure tend to fall into one or two categories, vehicle or flight. So here's some vital information to think about when looking to drive versus fly.

Vehicles



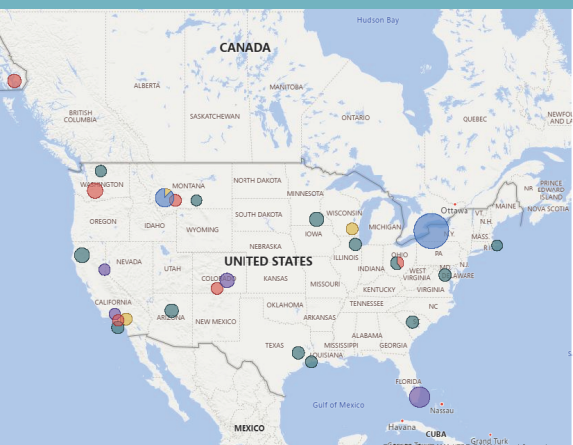
Most travels tend to feel more in control with this method of travel. According to motor vehicle statistics from 2005-2009, there were approximately 250K vehicles on the road. The National Safety Council places the odds-of-dying in a motor vehicle at 1 in 98. Many factors come into play when traveling by motor vehicles, such as distracted or impaired drives or inexperienced drivers. Cost also plays into the decisions here, as driving is substantially cheaper.

Flying



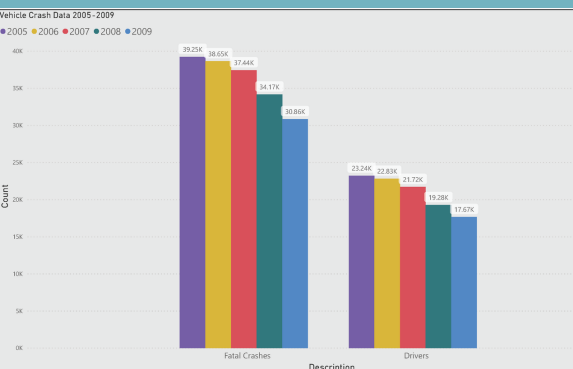
Air travel has become a more reliable method since the 1950s; on average, from 2005-2009, there has been an average of 954 fatalities in the United States. The National Safety Council puts the odds of dying in a plane crash as 1 in 7,178. The main draw here is cost as it can be pricey when you add in more travel and distance.

Airplane Crashes in the US



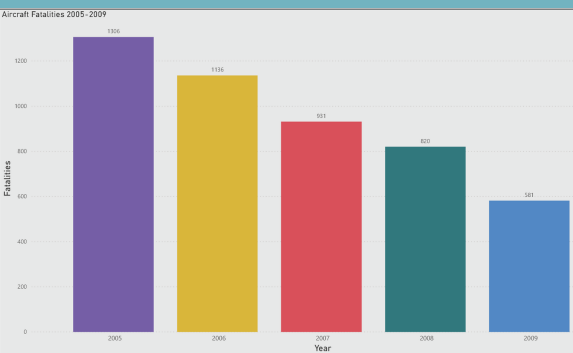
This map of the United States from 2005-2009, there has been a total of roughly 200 fatalities. In each case, no more than 14 fatalities occurred. No major carriers had downed flights in this case; all were either charter, private, or emergency services.

Vehicle Crashes



Take a quick look at vehicle crashes in the US from 2005 to 2009; a total of 180K fatalities have occurred in that time frame. That's an average of 36K fatalities a year. There are more vehicles on the road, to put it plainly, so there is a much higher chance of falling victim to an accident. Even though you may feel safer in a vehicle because of physical control does translate to actual statistics.

AirPlane Crashes




Airline crashes make up just 4,774 fatalities from 2005 to 2009. That translates to less than 2% of all fatalities vehicle or airline. Air travel is easily the safest option; Delta Airlines alone has only had 51 fatalities since 2000.

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