

## United Airlines – The Truth About Airline Safety Today

Weariness when flying is completely natural, and even our most seasoned travelers still get nervous from time to time when joining us in the air. The truth is, it's never been safer to fly commercially, especially with United Airlines! Safety is our top priority here at United Airlines and our record speaks for itself. Our last major incident was over 20 years ago and those were an act of terror, not due to do plane malfunctions or pilot errors (*figure 1*). Since 9/11, the uptick in screenings and security precautions by the TSA in the United States have made the possibility of a repeat of these circumstances domestically all but impossible. Despite being responsible for nearly 10% of all seat miles commercially available in the world on a weekly basis, United continues to be a world leader in safety in the skies, and our record clearly shows the results of that (*figure 2*)

The odds of dying in a plane crash are so small, the National Safety Council can't even compute it! In comparison, one has a 1 in 6 chance of dying from a heart attack, a 1 in 12 chance of dying from COVID-19 and a nearly 1 in 100 chance of dying in a car crash in the United States (*figure 3*). Needless to say flying is among the safest methods of travel there is! Even as a pedestrian, you have a 1 in 541 chance of dying from walking: staggering!

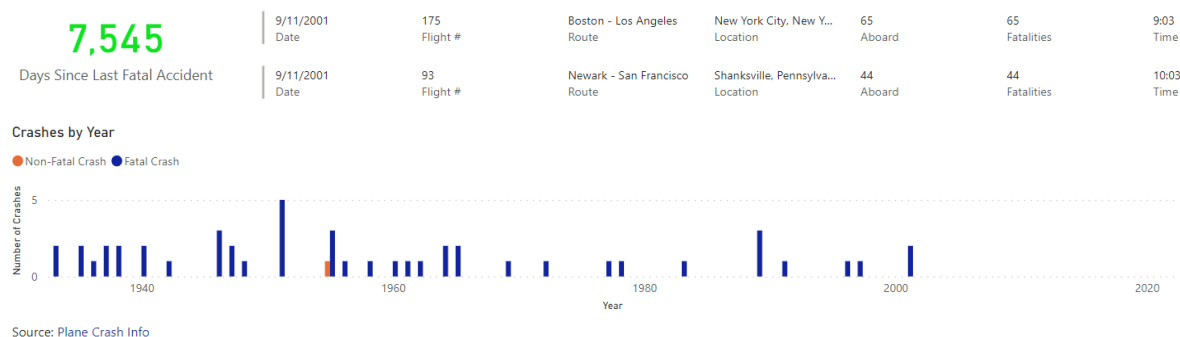


Figure 1: Accidents by Year and Last Accident

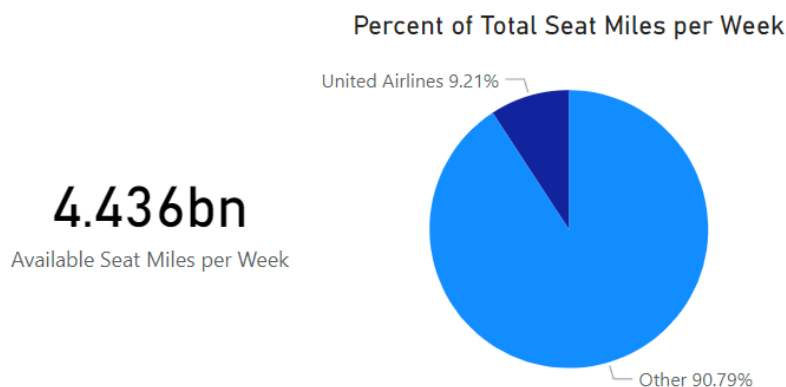


Figure 2: Available Seat Miles per Week

Lifetime odds of death for selected causes, United States, 2020	
Cause of Death	Odds of Dying
Heart disease	1 in 6
Cancer	1 in 7
COVID-19	1 in 12
All preventable causes of death	1 in 21
Chronic lower respiratory disease	1 in 28
<b>Opioid overdose</b>	1 in 67
Suicide	1 in 93
<b>Motor-vehicle crash</b>	1 in 101
<b>Fall</b>	1 in 102
Gun assault	1 in 221
<b>Pedestrian incident</b>	1 in 541
<b>Motorcyclist</b>	1 in 799
<b>Drowning</b>	1 in 1,024
<b>Fire or smoke</b>	1 in 1,450
<b>Choking on food</b>	1 in 2,745
<b>Bicyclist</b>	1 in 3,396
Sunstroke	1 in 6,368
Accidental gun discharge	1 in 7,998
Electrocution, radiation, extreme temperatures, and pressure	1 in 14,705
Sharp objects	1 in 26,744
<b>Cataclysmic storm</b>	1 in 35,074
Hot surfaces and substances	1 in 50,341
Hornet, wasp, and bee stings	1 in 57,825
Dog attack	1 in 69,016
Lightning	Too few deaths in 2020 to calculate odds
Railway passenger	Too few deaths in 2020 to calculate odds
Passenger on an airplane	Too few deaths in 2020 to calculate odds

Source: [National Safety Council](#)

Figure 3: Odds of Dying, US 2020