

Massachusetts News

Traffic deaths in Massachusetts increased by 24% from 2019-2021, report finds

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BOSTON – When the pandemic first hit, traffic dropped dramatically. But new research shows that traffic deaths in Massachusetts have increased in recent years.

data from [non profit trip](#) found that there was a 24% increase in traffic deaths in Massachusetts between 2019 and 2021. Pedestrian deaths also increased by 18%, and bicycle deaths increased by 16%.



According to the TRIP report, traffic deaths in Massachusetts increased by 24% between 2019 and 2021.

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The data shows that there were 334 road deaths in 2019 and 413 in 2021.

Research has shown that during the pandemic, road users have committed risky behaviors such as speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol and not wearing seatbelts.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety said, “It is possible that many individuals who were willing to travel – and even prolong their travel – were already taking other risks despite the health risks associated with the pandemic.” were above average.

TRIP said changing these behaviors could reduce the risk of a serious accident.