

Traffic fatalities on the rise in Alabama

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Traffic fatalities are on the rise nationwide, and Alabama is no exception.

According to TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit, the number of traffic fatalities in Alabama increased by six percent from 2019 to 2022.

The fatality rate per million vehicle mile traveled rose by seven percent across the same timeframe.

In total, 3,836 people were killed in traffic accidents across the state during the four-year period that TRIP analyzed, costing the state roughly \$32 billion in economic and quality-of-life costs.

The study stressed the importance of legislature, such as Alabama's own SB-301, which further provides prohibitions against the use of cell phones and other devices while operating a motor vehicle.

“Making a commitment to eliminating fatal and serious injuries on the nation’s roadways will require robust investment and coordinated activities by transportation and safety-related agencies in providing the needed layers of protection for the nation’s motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, including safe road users, safe roads, safe vehicles, safe speeds and high-quality post-crash care,” said Dave Kearby, TRIP’s executive director.

For a full list of the state-by-state results of TRIP's study, click [here](#).