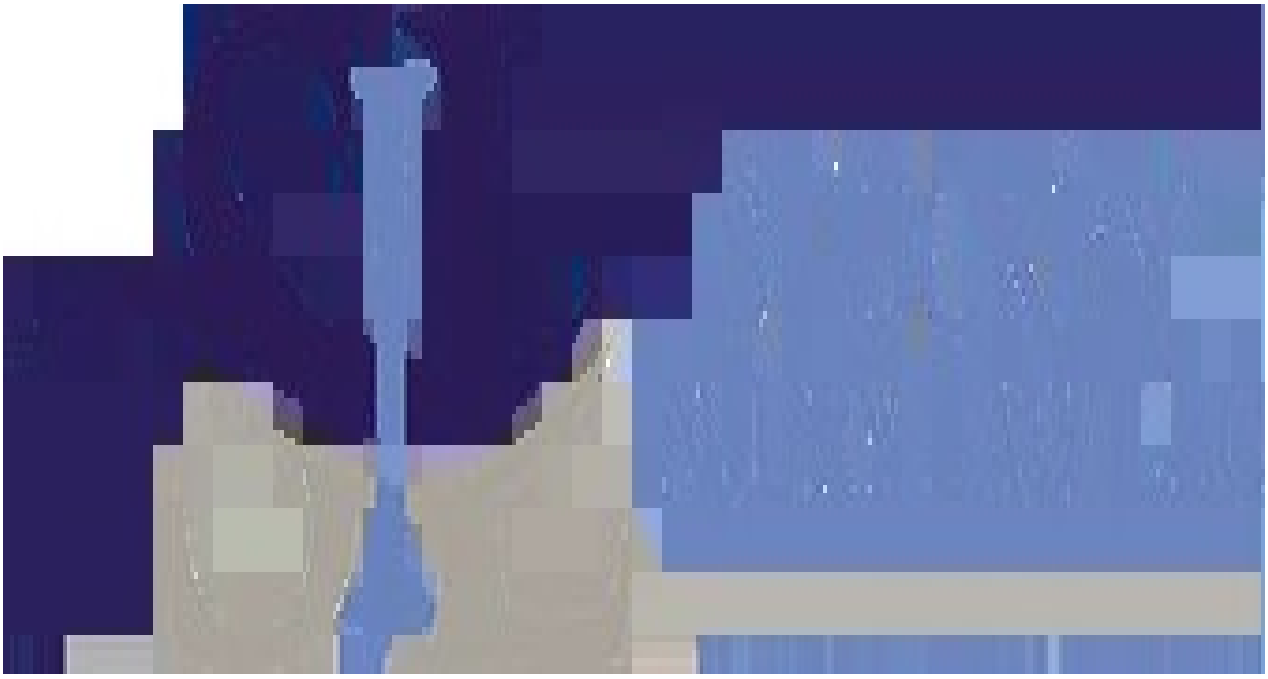

Stuckey Injury Law Highlights Colorado Traffic Safety Data

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This report, distributed by Stuckey Injury Law LLC, examines newly released state data showing Colorado traffic deaths rose in 2025, reversing two consecutive years of decline.

The Colorado Department of Transportation reported 701 people were killed on Colorado roadways in 2025, up from 689 in 2024. The increase followed declines in 2023 and 2024 from a peak of 764 deaths in 2022, and marked a departure from the broader downward trend many states recorded last year.

"Every one of the 701 deaths last year represents a member of our community," CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew said in a statement accompanying the year-end figures. "Each number is a mother, father, son, daughter or friend who didn't make it home."

CDOT reported that traffic deaths were actually on track for a 7 percent decline through most of 2025, before an unseasonably warm November and December reversed the trend. Deaths during those final two months

rose 70 percent compared to the same period in 2024, with the increase most pronounced along the Front Range corridor.

Motorcyclist fatalities rose 167 percent during that same late-year period compared to a year earlier, which CDOT linked to the extended warm-weather riding season. Bicycle and pedestrian deaths increased 5 percent for the full year, continuing a trend the agency has flagged as a growing concern for vulnerable road users.

Colorado's traffic fatality count has followed a longer arc as well, climbing from 547 deaths in 2015 to the 2022 peak before this year's modest increase, according to CDOT's historical data. CDOT maintains ongoing crash data dashboards covering fatalities by county, city, road user type, and age, which the agency updates monthly as part of its broader Advancing Transportation Safety initiative, a statewide effort coordinating state and local agencies around the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Colorado requires drivers to carry minimum liability insurance of $25,000 per person and $50,000 per accident for bodily injury, and $15,000 for property damage, coverage limits that have not changed for 2026. Insurers must also offer uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage at the same limits as a driver's liability coverage, though drivers may waive it in writing. Approximately 17.5 percent of Colorado drivers were operating without insurance as of a 2025 analysis, underscoring the role that coverage plays after a crash.

Colorado law generally allows three years from the date of a motor vehicle accident to file a personal injury lawsuit, a longer window than the two-year deadline that applies to most other negligence claims in the state. Claims involving a government-owned vehicle or government liability are subject to a separate 182-day notice requirement under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, a considerably shorter deadline that requires prompt action once a claim involves a public entity.

Colorado follows a comparative negligence system for personal injury claims. Under this system, an injured party who is found partially at fault for a crash may still recover damages, though the recovery is reduced in proportion to their own percentage of fault.

The traffic safety data referenced in this release was compiled by the Colorado Department of Transportation. The figures are presented for general public awareness and are subject to revision as final crash data is processed.

Stuckey Injury Law LLC represents car accident victims in Denver and throughout Colorado, including claims involving uninsured and underinsured motorists.

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