Older Population

**United States**

- *Twelve percent of the population is 65 years old or older but the older population accounted for 16 percent of the fatalities in 2003.*
- There were 6,630 people killed who were 65 years old or older, a one percent decrease from 2002.
- Eighty-four percent of the older population fatalities were occupants of motor vehicles while 15 percent were pedestrians, and one percent were bicyclists.
- The older population accounted for 15 percent of all drivers, 15 percent of all passengers, 21 percent of all pedestrians, and seven percent of all bicyclists who were killed.
- There were 6,388 older drivers involved in fatal crashes. Older drivers accounted for 11 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes.

**Wisconsin**

- *Thirteen percent of the population is 65 years or older but the older population accounted for 16 percent of the fatalities in 2003.*
- There were 137 people killed who were above the age of 65, an eight percent increase from 2002.
- Eighty-seven percent of the older population fatalities were occupants of motor vehicles while 12 percent were pedestrians, and one percent were bicyclists.
- The older population accounted for 14 percent of all drivers, 17 percent of all passengers, 31 percent of all pedestrians, and eight percent of all bicyclists who were killed.
- There were 132 older drivers involved in fatal crashes. Older drivers accounted for 12 percent of all the drivers involved in fatal crashes.

*Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the United States Census.*

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