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Driver Fatalities On The Rise

According to the nonprofit National Safety Council (NSC), traffic fatalities are up 14% so far in 2015. This puts the 2015 year on pace to be the deadliest for drivers since 2007.

California motor vehicle deaths in 2014 vs. 2015:

January—June 2014	16,400
January—June 2015	18,600

In a press release, the NSC stated that the estimated cost of the deaths, injuries and property damage related to the crashes is \$152 billion. "The costs include wage and productivity losses, medical expenses, administrative expenses, employer costs, and property damage," the release states.

The NSC partly attributes the jump in fatalities to the fact that people are driving more because gas is cheaper. On average, gas prices are down 30% from 2014. There are also more commuters on the road heading to work, since the U.S. economy has been steadily adding jobs throughout 2015.

NSC president Deborah Hersman also believes that the increase in fatal crashes is due to the fact that drivers are more distracted behind the wheel thanks to their phones. This is despite the fact that most states have banned texting while driving. "Americans are addicted to these devices," Hersman said, road surveys conducted by the NSC found more Americans are on their phones despite the bans.



Safety Suggestion Box

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Pertussis Precaution - Whooping Cough

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) -

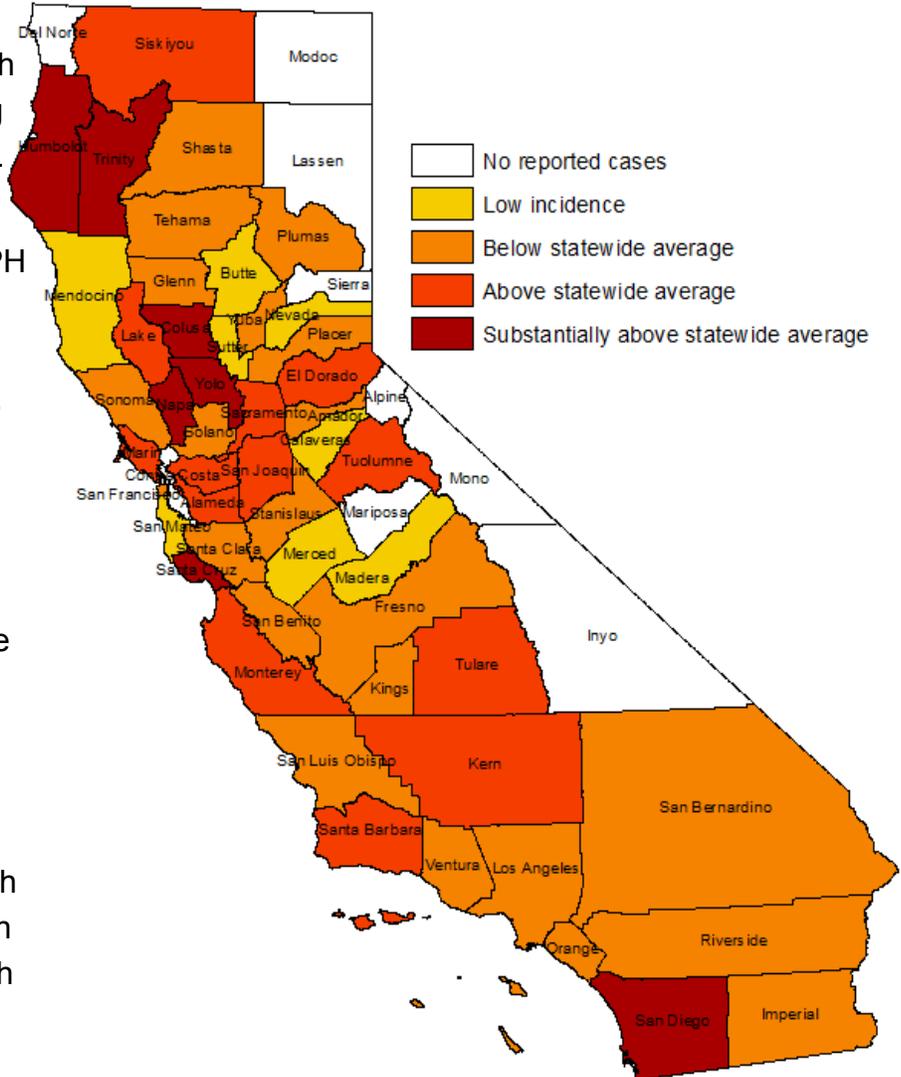
“Whooping cough, also known as Pertussis, is a highly contagious bacterial disease that can be spread by coughing. People with pertussis have severe coughing attacks that can last for months.

Consistent with a peak in incidence every 3-5 years, CDPH declared a whooping cough epidemic in 2014. Pertussis is widespread throughout the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Make sure that you have been vaccinated against whooping cough. Booster doses are needed throughout life, because protection against whooping cough after vaccination or disease wanes over time.

Adults are recommended to receive a Tdap (whooping cough booster), especially if they are in contact with infants or are health care workers.”

You can read more about Whooping Cough through the [CDPH Pertussis Summary Reports page](#).



Pertussis incidence per 100,000 population, by county—California 2015
Map found on CDPH Pertussis Summary Reports page.

Pertussis cases by year— California vs. Yolo County

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
California Cases	9159	3016	1023	2537	11203	3404
Yolo County Cases	17	5	6	4	147	50