

ANALYSIS: What is the Safest Way to Travel?

Americans take more than one billion trips each day—whether by car, train, boat, or plane. Most travelers understand that flying is considered to be the safest mode of transportation. But what are the actual numbers behind this piece of common knowledge?

An analysis of government data over the past two decades finds there are on average roughly six million transportation accidents each year—ranging from minor fender benders to major train derailments. See a breakdown of figures by the type of transportation involved below:



While a recent string of airline accidents is shining a spotlight on the U.S. aviation sector, the bottom line is that flying has been—and remains to be—the **safest** mode of transportation.