

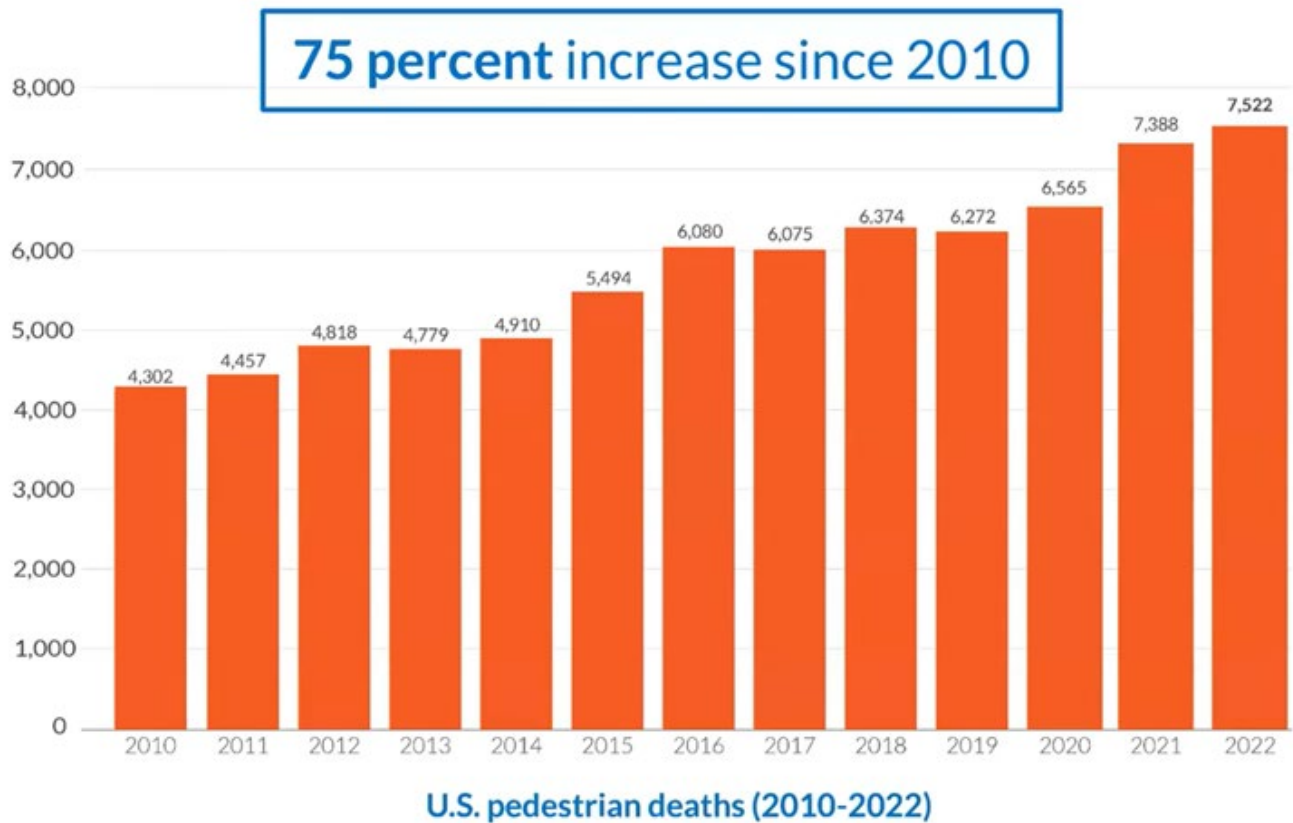
NATIONAL SAFETY TRENDS – June 2024

Smart Growth America recently released its [annual report \(Dangerous by Design\)](#) for 2024 analyzing data related to pedestrian deaths in the U.S.

Sadly, the report identifies that the number of people struck and killed on our nation’s roadways continues to rise—reaching 7,522 in the latest available federal reporting, a 75 percent increase since 2010, an average of more than 20 per day.

The following presents key findings of the report:

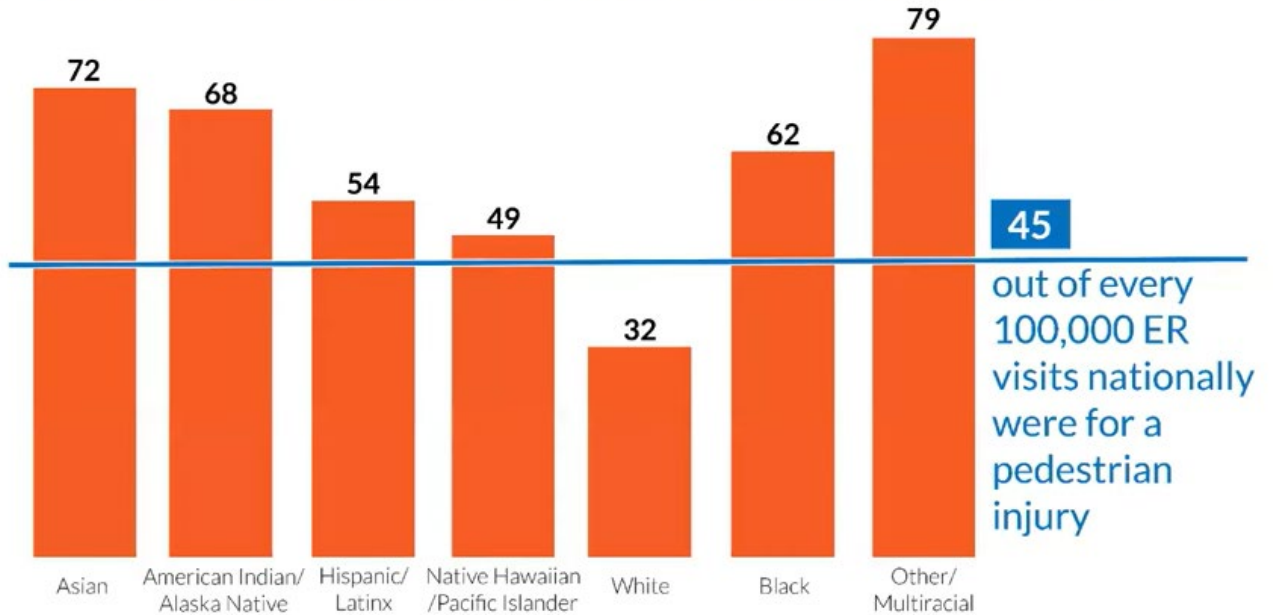
- **Pedestrian fatalities have increased 75% since 2010:**



- 45 out of every 100,000 emergency room (ER) visits are related to pedestrian injuries (and such injuries are more likely for people of color):

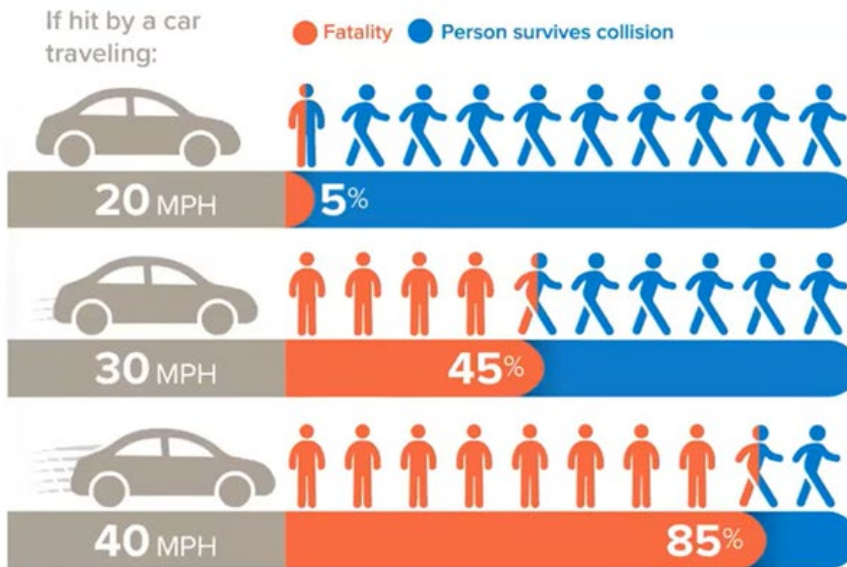
ER visits for pedestrian injuries were more likely for people of color

Proportion of emergency department visits for pedestrian injury by race (per 100k visits)



Visit proportion for pedestrian injury ER visits (per 100,000 visits)
 CDC National Syndromic Surveillance Program, January 2021–December 2023

- Speed is the most important factor in crash survival for pedestrians:



Speed is **the most important factor** that determines whether or not a person walking **survives a crash.**

National Traffic Safety Board (2017) Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles. Available from: <https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Documents/SS1701.pdf>

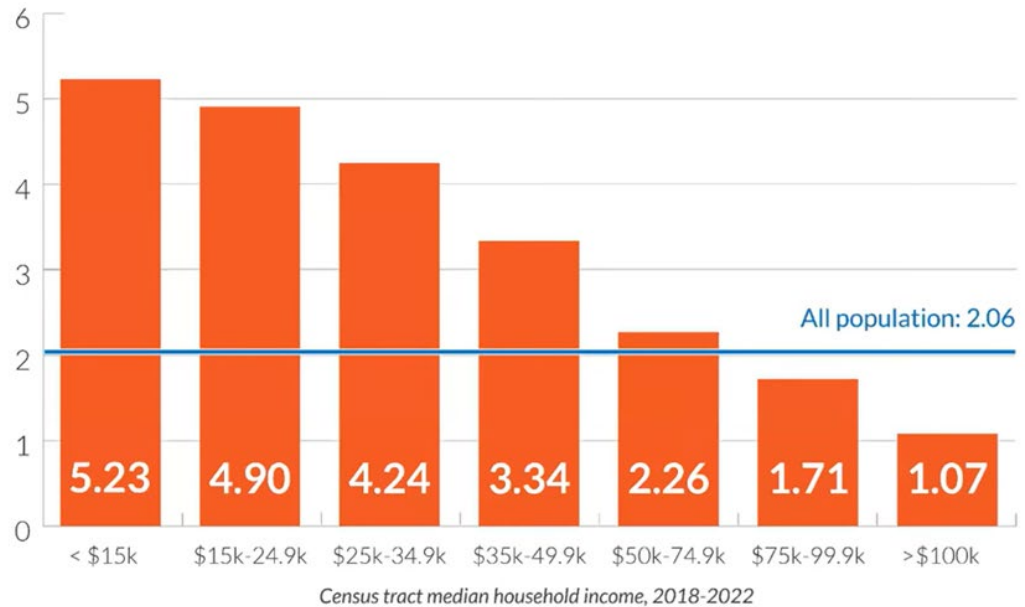
- The poor and people of color are more likely to suffer pedestrian deaths:



Rates are highest in the poorest areas

Lower-income areas have far higher rates of pedestrian deaths

Pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people by census tract income



People of color bear the burden

Pedestrian deaths per 100,000 by race & ethnicity (2018-2022)

