

## Transportation Deaths in 1972

The 40 deaths in the crash of United's Flight 553 last Dec. 8 were among 60,275 fatalities from transportation accidents last year.

Some 55,000 persons died in auto accidents, 2,410 on motorcycles, 1,100 on bicycles, 190 in commercial airline flights, and 1,357 in general aviation, or private flights.

Some 10,900 pedestrians died when struck by vehicles.

Over the years, pilot error has been cited by the National Transportation Safety Board as being a major cause of aircraft fatalities in about 44 per cent of commercial flights and about 80 per cent of general aviation flights.

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