Facts about Aircraft Safety

Data for all US commercial carriers

For the years 1983 through 2008 (26 years):

Total number of fatal accidents: 64 . . . . . . . . . . . Average per year: 2.5

Total number of passenger/crew fatalities: 2,396 . Average per year: 92

Total number of hours flown: 357,075,443

Total number of miles flown: 147,681,323,000

Total number of takeoffs: 227,166,913

Facts about Automobile Safety

from 1994 through 2008, (15 years) there was a <<per year>> average of

Fatal accidents: 37,500

Fatalities (vehicle occupants, pedestrians, motorcyclists): 41,800

37,500 fatal vehicle accidents every YEAR, on average

2.5 fatal aircraft accidents per YEAR on average

114 people die in car crashes every DAY, on average.

92 people die in plane accidents every YEAR, on average.

The data is only for the US - if you add world data, the vehicle statistics get horribly worse, and the aircraft statistics get only a tiny bit worse.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Gao3SIT3IY&feature=pyv&ad=4487709558&kw=fear%20of%20flying> (Air Turbulence Tips)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9C5T5pdexY> (Final Destination plane crash show until 2:35)