

Colorado Auto Insurance Facts

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Colorado drivers pay the 27th highest car insurance premiums in the U.S.—falling from 9th highest in 2002.

The average Colorado driver pays an annual car insurance premium of \$723 compared to \$797 nationwide.

More than 3.9 million cars are insured in Colorado, but 16.2 percent of Coloradans drive illegally without car insurance ranking it the 9th highest in the U.S. for uninsured drivers. The national average is 12.6 percent.

An estimated 81 percent of Colorado drivers wear seatbelts, compared to a usage rate of 90 percent in states with primary seatbelt laws. It's estimated that non-use of seatbelts costs Americans more than \$20 billion each year.

From 2007 to 2012, rates of motor vehicle crash deaths among 15- to 19-year-olds in Colorado dropped more than 73 percent. However, in 2012, Colorado experienced a 10 percent rise in teen fatalities from 2011. The average American household pays \$200 a year in additional premiums for insurance fraud.



Colorado drivers are required to buy car insurance with minimum liability limits of \$25,000 to pay for injuries to one person, \$50,000 for injuries to two or more people and \$15,000 to pay for vehicle damage.

Colorado drivers are required to buy uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage and \$5,000 in additional medical payments coverage unless they specifically reject it.



472 people died in Colorado car crashes in 2012, down 29% from 2004. While the number of crashes is decreasing, medical and repair costs continue to rise. Auto insurers defend their policyholders against lawsuits. Those defense costs and expenses add up to nearly \$4 billion per year.

In 2013, less than one percent of insured drivers had a bodily injury liability claim. Six percent of people with collision coverage had a claim, while 2.6 percent of people with comprehensive coverage had a claim.

76 percent of insured drivers buy comprehensive coverage in addition to liability insurance, and 71 percent buy collision coverage.



In 2013, Colorado reported 11,502 motor vehicle thefts. The average estimated cost per stolen vehicle is \$6,019, adding up to \$69.2 million in losses.

Hail is the natural peril that causes the most insured damage to Colorado vehicles. 2009 was the state's most costly storm season resulting in \$211 million from 60,000 auto claims from hail, wind and flood.



More than 200 companies sell auto insurance in Colorado.

Sources: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Insurance Information Institute, Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, National Insurance Crime Bureau, BBC Research, Insurance Research Council.