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## July 2019 addendum: MOST DEADLY U.S. HOUSE DISTRICTS

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### Which U.S. congressional districts are the most dangerous for people walking?

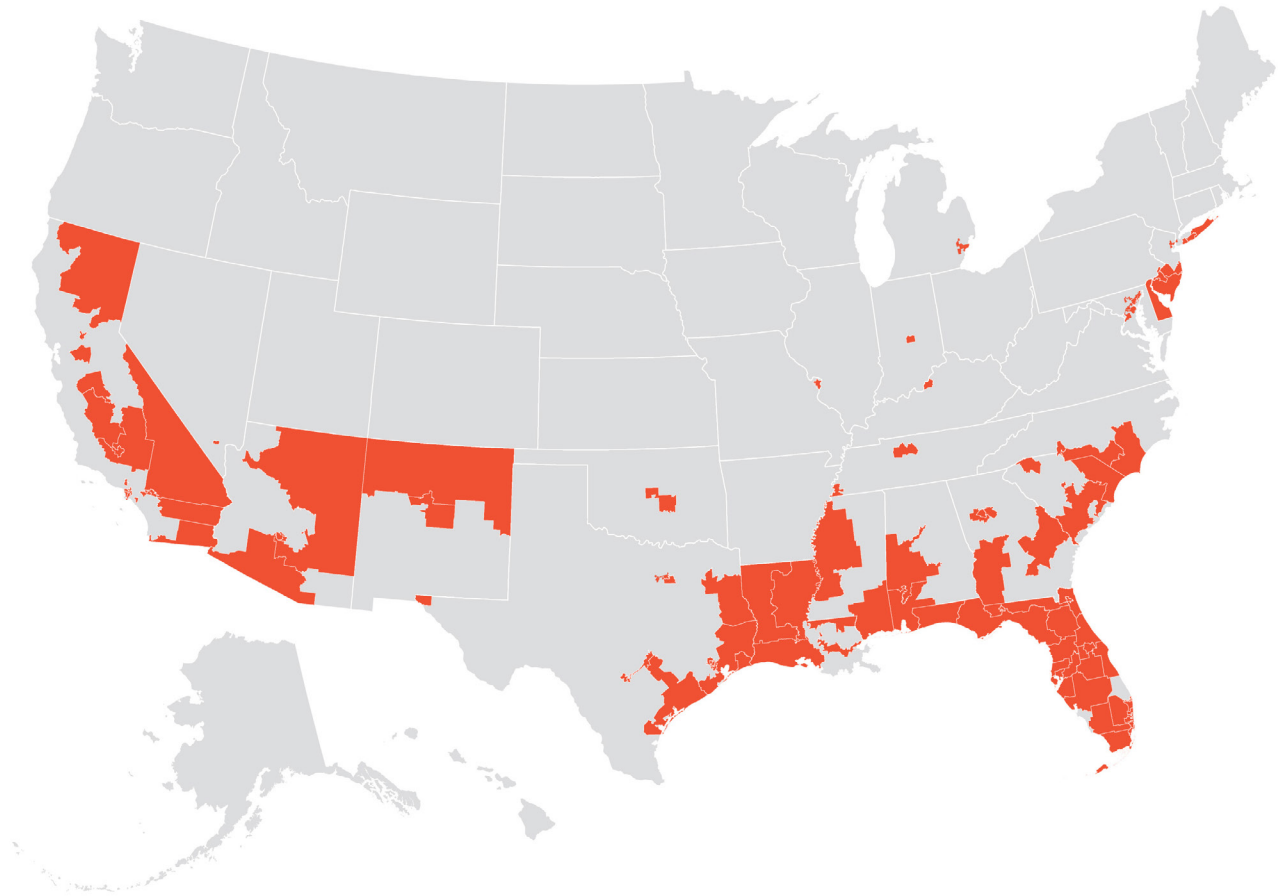
The number of people struck and killed by drivers while walking increased by 35 percent over the last decade. After years of this alarming yet steady increase, the two most recent years with comprehensive data (2016 and 2017) were the most deadly since President George H.W. Bush was in office (1990). After decades of designing streets to move cars as quickly as possible instead of prioritizing the safety of all people, the United States has become an incredibly deadly place to go for a walk. We are in the midst of an astonishing safety crisis on our streets and roads, and this danger is not distributed evenly.

*Dangerous by Design 2019* ranked the most dangerous large metro areas and states for people walking. This short addendum to that report segments all pedestrian fatalities by Congressional district and shows which districts are the most deadly in absolute numbers and by rate, controlling for the size of the population.

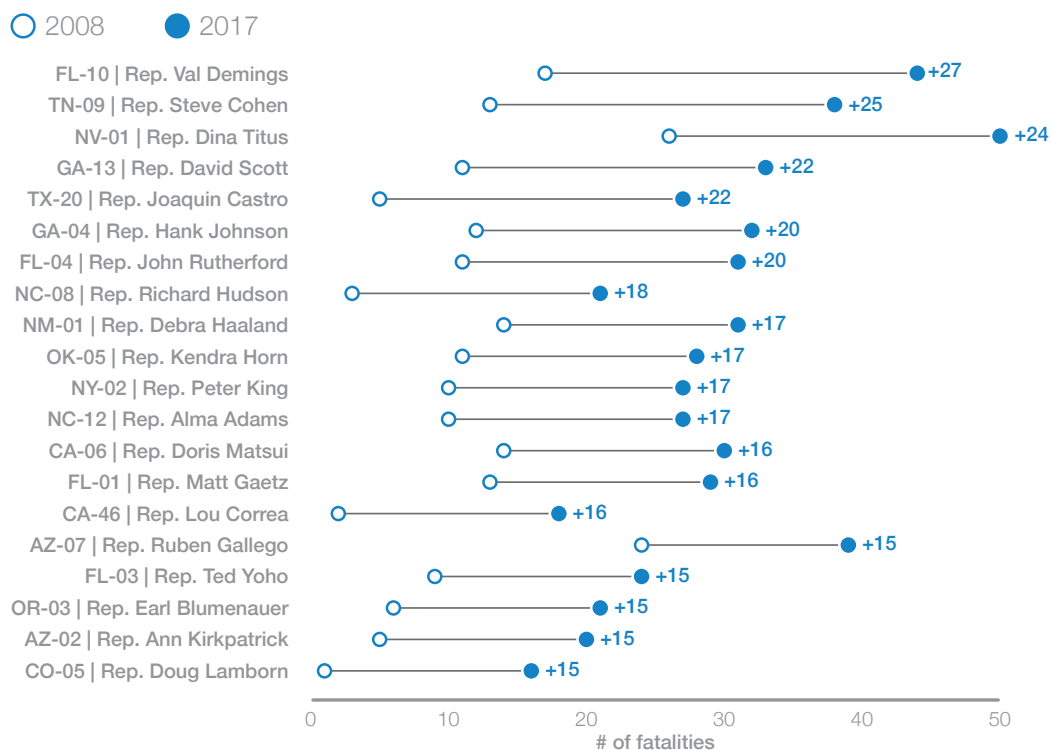
**Why the focus on Congress?** The federal government needs to take the lead on prioritizing safer streets. Federal dollars and policies helped create these unsafe streets in the first place—and they continue to perpetuate them. Federal funds, policies, and guidance have a significant role to play in fixing our existing streets and in designing the streets we'll build tomorrow. The elected representatives from the most deadly districts can take tangible steps toward reducing the epidemic of preventable pedestrian fatalities. The National Complete Streets Coalition calls on Congress to adopt a strong, federal Complete Streets policy that requires state departments of transportation (DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to consistently plan for all people who use the street, including the most vulnerable users.



## The 100 most dangerous congressional districts for people walking



### Biggest increases in pedestrian fatalities by congressional district





## 100 most dangerous congressional districts for people walking, ranked

Rank	Congressional district	Member of Congress	Pedestrian fatalities (2008-17)	Pedestrian fatality rate per 100,000 people (2008-17)
1	Arizona's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	Ruben Gallego	344	4.48
2	Nevada's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Dina Titus	287	4.19
3	South Carolina's 6 <sup>th</sup> district	James E. Clyburn	270	4.05
4	Florida's 24 <sup>th</sup> district	Frederica S. Wilson	292	3.98
5	Florida's 13 <sup>th</sup> district	Charlie Crist	275	3.87
6	Florida's 5 <sup>th</sup> district	Al Lawson, Jr.	272	3.79
7	Texas's 35 <sup>th</sup> district	Lloyd Doggett	279	3.59
8	Michigan's 13 <sup>th</sup> district	Rashida Tlaib	235	3.43
9	Florida's 10 <sup>th</sup> district	Val Butler Demings	261	3.42
10	Florida's 6 <sup>th</sup> district	Mike Waltz	245	3.36
11	Texas's 18 <sup>th</sup> district	Sheila Jackson Lee	252	3.36
12	South Carolina's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	Tom Rice	230	3.34
13	Georgia's 5 <sup>th</sup> district	John Lewis	242	3.29
14	New Mexico's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	Ben Ray Lujan	227	3.28
15	Texas's 30 <sup>th</sup> district	Eddie Bernice Johnson	244	3.27
16	Florida's 14 <sup>th</sup> district	Kathy Castor	238	3.22
17	Florida's 20 <sup>th</sup> district	Alcee L. Hastings	242	3.22
18	California's 8 <sup>th</sup> district	Paul Cook	223	3.11
19	Arizona's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Tom O'Halleran	228	3.10
20	Louisiana's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Cedric L. Richmond	240	3.08
21	California's 34 <sup>th</sup> district	Jimmy Gomez	214	2.97
22	Tennessee's 9 <sup>th</sup> district	Steve Cohen	210	2.97
23	Florida's 8 <sup>th</sup> district	Bill Posey	212	2.94
24	Florida's 15 <sup>th</sup> district	Ross Spano	219	2.94
25	Florida's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Matt Gaetz	217	2.92
26	California's 37 <sup>th</sup> district	Karen Bass	206	2.85
27	California's 6 <sup>th</sup> district	Doris O. Matsui	209	2.85
28	California's 21 <sup>st</sup> district	TJ Cox	202	2.84
29	Florida's 22 <sup>nd</sup> district	Theodore E. Deutch	208	2.84
30	Michigan's 14 <sup>th</sup> district	Brenda L. Lawrence	196	2.83
31	New Mexico's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Debra A. Haaland	195	2.82
32	Alabama's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	Terri A. Sewell	189	2.80
33	Pennsylvania's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Brendan Boyle	198	2.78
34	Florida's 16 <sup>th</sup> district	Vern Buchanan	208	2.73
35	California's 43 <sup>rd</sup> district	Maxine Waters	195	2.71
36	Florida's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	John H. Rutherford	202	2.70
37	Florida's 12 <sup>th</sup> district	Gus M. Bilirakis	197	2.70
38	Texas's 33 <sup>rd</sup> district	Marc A. Veasey	192	2.67
39	California's 16 <sup>th</sup> district	Jim Costa	192	2.66
40	Louisiana's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	Clay Higgins	206	2.65
41	Delaware at-large	Lisa Blunt Rochester	248	2.65
42	New York's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Peter T. King	191	2.65

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43	Mississippi's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Bennie G. Thompson	191	2.64
44	Florida's 27 <sup>th</sup> district	Donna E. Shalala	194	2.63
45	Maryland's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	Anthony G. Brown	193	2.60
46	California's 23 <sup>rd</sup> district	Kevin McCarthy	189	2.59
47	Missouri's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Wm. Lacy Clay	188	2.54
48	California's 51 <sup>st</sup> district	Juan Vargas	185	2.53
49	California's 36 <sup>th</sup> district	Raul Ruiz	186	2.53
50	South Carolina's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	William R. Timmons IV	175	2.51
51	Florida's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	Stephanie N. Murphy	185	2.51
52	Georgia's 13 <sup>th</sup> district	David Scott	180	2.47
53	Georgia's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	166	2.42
54	New Jersey's 10 <sup>th</sup> district	Donald M. Payne Jr.	179	2.41
55	Texas's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Louie Gohmert	170	2.39
56	Texas's 29 <sup>th</sup> district	Sylvia R. Garcia	174	2.38
57	Florida's 17 <sup>th</sup> district	W. Gregory Steube	173	2.37
58	Florida's 9 <sup>th</sup> district	Darren Soto	185	2.37
59	North Carolina's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	David Rouzer	182	2.37
60	Kentucky's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	John A. Yarmuth	175	2.37
61	Florida's 23 <sup>rd</sup> district	Debbie Wasserman Schultz	175	2.36
62	Alabama's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Bradley Byrne	162	2.32
63	Florida's 11 <sup>th</sup> district	Daniel Webster	168	2.31
64	Maryland's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger	173	2.30
65	Florida's 26 <sup>th</sup> district	Debbie Mucarsel-Powell	175	2.30
66	California's 40 <sup>th</sup> district	Lucille Roybal-Allard	163	2.30
67	Texas's 36 <sup>th</sup> district	Brian Babin	166	2.29
68	Indiana's 7 <sup>th</sup> district	Andre Carson	171	2.29
69	Texas's 27 <sup>th</sup> district	Michael Cloud	166	2.28
70	Georgia's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	Hank Johnson Jr.	165	2.26
71	Texas's 20 <sup>th</sup> district	Joaquin Castro	171	2.24
72	Louisiana's 5 <sup>th</sup> district	Ralph Abraham	168	2.23
73	Arizona's 9 <sup>th</sup> district	Greg Stanton	167	2.21
74	New Jersey's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Jeff Van Drew	160	2.19
75	California's 29 <sup>th</sup> district	Tony Cardenas	157	2.19
76	Texas's 14 <sup>th</sup> district	Randy K. Weber Sr.	159	2.19
77	New Jersey's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Donald Norcross	159	2.17
78	Florida's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	Ted S. Yoho	155	2.17
79	California's 31 <sup>st</sup> district	Pete Aguilar	159	2.17
80	New York's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	Kathleen M. Rice	155	2.15
81	Florida's 21 <sup>st</sup> district	Lois Frankel	158	2.14
82	New Jersey's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	Andy Kim	157	2.13
83	Georgia's 12 <sup>th</sup> district	Rick W. Allen	151	2.13
84	New York's 12 <sup>th</sup> district	Carolyn B. Maloney	154	2.12





## 100 most dangerous Congressional districts for people walking, ranked (cont'd)

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85	Tennessee's 5 <sup>th</sup> district	Jim Cooper	158	2.11
86	California's 46 <sup>th</sup> district	J. Luis Correa	153	2.11
87	New York's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Lee M. Zeldin	152	2.11
88	California's 1 <sup>st</sup> district	Doug LaMalfa	148	2.10
89	Florida's 2 <sup>nd</sup> district	Neil P. Dunn	149	2.10
90	Arizona's 3 <sup>rd</sup> district	Raul M. Grijalva	155	2.10
91	California's 35 <sup>th</sup> district	Norma J. Torres	153	2.10
92	Oklahoma's 5 <sup>th</sup> district	Kendra S. Horn	166	2.09
93	California's 9 <sup>th</sup> district	Jerry McNerney	153	2.07
94	North Carolina's 12 <sup>th</sup> district	Alma S. Adams	168	2.07
95	Florida's 25 <sup>th</sup> district	Mario Diaz-Balart	154	2.07
96	Texas's 16 <sup>th</sup> district	Veronica Escobar	151	2.06
97	California's 44 <sup>th</sup> district	Nanette Diaz Barragan	146	2.02
98	Mississippi's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	Steven M. Palazzo	152	2.00
99	North Carolina's 9 <sup>th</sup> district	Vacant	150	1.96
100	Louisiana's 4 <sup>th</sup> district	Mike Johnson	149	1.96

### Support the Complete Streets Act of 2019

Federal dollars and policies helped create these unsafe streets in the first place, and we need a change at the federal level to undo that damage. Under the **Complete Streets Act of 2019**, introduced in July 2019 by Senator Ed Markey in the Senate and Rep. Steve Cohen in the House of Representatives, states would be required to create a Complete Streets program to provide technical assistance and capital funding for eligible entities within a state to build safe streets projects, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and bus stops.

The program would be funded through five percent of state's federal highway formula dollars. To access the funding, any eligible entities would need to adopt a Complete Streets policy, participate in technical assistance, and create a prioritized plan for Complete Streets projects in their jurisdictions. Metropolitan planning organizations

(MPOs) would be responsible for certifying that Complete Streets policies meet minimum requirements set out by the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Last, this bill would require states and MPOs to adopt and implement standards for the design of Federal surface transportation projects that provide for the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the surface transportation network, including motorized and nonmotorized users, in all phases of project planning, development, and operation.

Senators and representatives—especially those listed in this report as representing the most dangerous districts in the country—should sign on and co-sponsor the Complete Streets Act of 2019. Contact lead Senate sponsor Sen. Ed Markey and lead House sponsor Rep. Steve Cohen. Constituents: You can send a message directly to your representatives by using the form in the “take action” tab at [www.smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design)

The Complete Streets Act will help more Americans have the freedom to move safely and address the worsening epidemic of preventable pedestrian deaths. Safe streets can spur our economy, support our military, and improve our health. We have the solutions to build safer streets now. We just need policy to ensure that we implement these solutions.

### About this report

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View the full *Dangerous by Design 2019* report, which includes an interactive map of all pedestrian fatalities from 2008-17 and a sortable version of this district table, at <http://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design>