

DANGEROUS BY DESIGN 2024

Congressional Districts



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7,522 people were struck and killed while walking in 2022—a 40-year high, with more than 20 people killed every day. This crisis has unfolded in part because our nation's streets are dangerous by design, built primarily to move cars quickly at the expense of keeping everyone safe. Unfortunately, this crisis will continue to get worse until those in power finally make safety for all who use our roads a top priority.

While our first two 2024 Dangerous by Design releases showed the [most deadly metro areas](#) and [states](#) for people walking, Smart Growth America has also ranked all 435 congressional districts (plus the District of Columbia) to show which members of Congress represent the most deadly congressional districts in the US. Populations vary from district to district (House districts vary from just under 600,000 people up to a little under one million), so districts are ranked by their rate of death per 100,000 people.

While many of the most deadly U.S. House districts are found in the most deadly metro areas or states, there are some notable outliers. For instance, the #1 most deadly district in the country (AZ-3 with 243 deaths from 2018-2022) includes a large portion of the Phoenix metro area, which is only the 23rd most deadly metro area overall. And while metro Atlanta is outside of the top 20 most deadly metro areas (#29), the #2 most deadly district in the country (GA-5) includes most of the City of Atlanta and a sizable portion of the Atlanta metro area. Members of Congress must take action to protect the most vulnerable road users in their districts.

This is the congressional district addendum to Dangerous by Design 2024. Find national, metro, and state info at smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/

We will not solve this pedestrian safety crisis with single projects or limited policies. It requires an overhaul of how we evaluate, fund, and implement transportation across the entire system. Our current approach has been defined by attempting small, project-by-project, piecemeal changes. **The scale of this approach is out of step with the scope of the crisis, and it has failed to stem the historic numbers of death and injuries for people walking.**

We need a fundamentally new approach that prioritizes the safety of the most vulnerable people first. Our full recommendations detail a broad spectrum of actions that can be taken immediately or over a prolonged period for federal agencies and Congress, state DOTs, and local leaders and agencies who are serious about addressing this epidemic. [Read those full recommendations here.](#)

The table on the following two pages includes the **top 50 most deadly districts**, ranked by the highest average annual fatality rate per 100k people from 2018-2022. The complete table of all 435 House districts plus DC that is searchable, sortable, and filterable is available online with all other Dangerous by Design 2024 resources at smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/

I. The most deadly congressional districts

Rank	State	District	Population	Pedestrian deaths 2018-2022	Avg. annual pedestrian fatality rate per 100k people (2018-2022)	First name	Last name	Party
1	AZ	3	835,089	243	5.82	Ruben	Gallego	D
2	GA	5	761,815	221	5.80	Nikema	Williams	D
3	TN	9	756,975	215	5.68	Steve	Cohen	D
4	FL	20	742,671	208	5.60	Sheila	Cherfilus-McCormick	D
5	SC	6	741,110	207	5.59	Jim	Clyburn	D
6	LA	2	754,196	194	5.14	Troy	Carter	D
7	FL	24	805,217	193	4.79	Frederica	Wilson	D
8	FL	14	770,991	183	4.75	Kathy	Castor	D
9	TX	33	764,729	175	4.58	Marc	Veasey	D
10	FL	4	762,245	168	4.41	Aaron	Bean	R
11	NM	1	713,527	156	4.37	Melanie	Stansbury	D
12	GA	2	732,837	159	4.34	Sanford	Bishop	D
13	FL	10	799,184	169	4.23	Maxwell	Frost	D
14	TX	29	732,116	153	4.18	Sylvia	Garcia	D
15	GA	13	745,596	155	4.16	David	Scott	D
16	NM	3	703,053	145	4.12	Teresa	Leger Fernandez	D
17	FL	3	798,714	164	4.11	Kat	Cammack	R
18	FL	6	797,497	158	3.96	Michael	Waltz	R
19	TX	35	802,077	157	3.91	Greg	Casar	D
20	CA	37	785,906	153	3.89	Sydney	Kamlager-Dove	D
21	LA	5	775,625	148	3.82	Julia	Letlow	R
22	MS	4	721,288	137	3.80	Mike	Ezell	R
23	NM	2	696,764	132	3.79	Gabriel (Gabe)	Vasquez	D
23	FL	1	786,226	149	3.79	Matt	Gaetz	R
25	FL	15	790,013	149	3.77	Laurel	Lee	R

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26	CA	23	734,847	138	3.76	Jay	Obernolte	R
27	MI	13	757,463	142	3.75	Shri	Thanedar	D
27	TX	30	767,034	144	3.75	Jasmine	Crockett	D
29	GA	4	819,866	153	3.73	Hank	Johnson	D
30	MO	1	742,101	138	3.72	Cori	Bush	D
30	KY	3	753,156	140	3.72	Morgan	McGarvey	D
30	SC	7	762,499	142	3.72	Russell	Fry	R
33	FL	18	789,750	146	3.70	Scott	Franklin	R
34	NV	1	702,822	129	3.67	Dina	Titus	D
35	FL	13	788,907	141	3.57	Anna	Paulina Luna	R
36	CA	43	786,183	139	3.54	Maxine	Waters	D
36	MD	4	801,173	142	3.54	Glenn	Ivey	D
38	FL	12	786,966	139	3.53	Gus	Bilirakis	R
39	FL	2	746,777	130	3.48	Neal	Dunn	R
40	PA	2	717,771	124	3.46	Brendan	Boyle	D
41	CA	21	777,472	134	3.45	Jim	Costa	D
42	CA	25	733,747	125	3.41	Raul	Ruiz	D
42	TN	8	768,105	131	3.41	David	Kustoff	R
42	AZ	7	815,141	139	3.41	Raúl	Grijalva	D
45	LA	4	735,979	125	3.40	Mike	Johnson	R
45	LA	6	758,634	129	3.40	Garret	Graves	R
47	TX	18	789,388	133	3.37	Sheila	Jackson Lee	D
48	IN	7	715,891	120	3.35	André	Carson	D
48	SC	5	758,549	127	3.35	Ralph	Norman	R
50	NJ	1	766,706	128	3.34	Donald	Norcross	D



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