Shelby County traffic deaths jumped two-thirds after 2019 and remain about twice the national rate

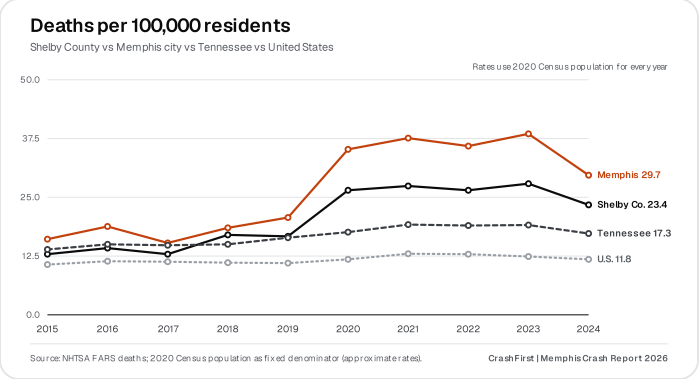
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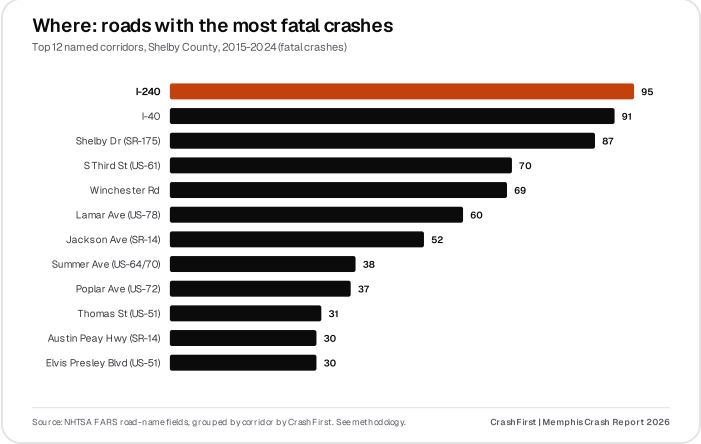
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deaths in 2023, the ten-year peak, up from 155 in 2019

23.4
deaths per 100,000 residents in 2024 vs 11.8 for the U.S. and 17.3 for Tennessee

26%
of people killed were pedestrians (487 deaths, 2015-2024)

73%
of fatal crashes occurred on city arterial streets, not interstates





- **Corridors:** I-240 (95 fatal crashes), I-40 (91) and Shelby Dr (SR-175) (87) lead the 2015-2024 count.
- **When:** 44% of fatal crashes with a known time occurred between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.; 49% fell Friday through Sunday.
- **Hit-and-run:** fatal hit-and-run crashes rose from 10 in 2015 to 31 in 2024 (peak 45).
- **State records:** Tennessee counted 30,491 crashes in Shelby County in 2024, including 7,648 with injuries; Shelby ranked second of 95 counties for injury crash rate every year 2021-2025.
- **Improving, not fixed:** deaths fell 16% from 2023 to 2024 (218), still 41% above 2019.

Sources: NHTSA FARS 2015-2024 (nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars); Tennessee Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security, TITAN, County Rankings and Statistics by Emphasis Area 2021-2025 (Feb 2026); 2020 U.S. Census population for rates (approximate). FARS covers fatal crashes only. Full report, charts, methodology and data: crashfirst.com/reports/memphis-crash-report/. Press contact: hello@crashfirst.com. Published by Roviq LLC (CrashFirst). CrashFirst is not a law firm and does not give legal advice; this is general information from public records and does not assign fault in any crash. Attorney review pending.