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DATA CENTER NEWS

Data Center Holiday Schedule
The Data Center will be closed from 5:00 p.m. Thursday December 23, 2010 until 8:00 a.m. Monday January 3, 2011. Online resources will remain available.
The Data Center staff wishes you the best this Holiday Season and a great 2011!

DATA SET UPDATES

2009 Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Version 02Sep10 Data Sets Added
The FARS data sets for calendar year 2009 were added to the system library on October 18. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) bases their 2009 FARS reports on Version 02Sep10 of the FARS files.
The data sets document 30,797 crashes (with 10,147 of them involving two vehicles), 45,435 vehicles, 70,845 occupants and 5,464 nonmotorists.

Note: In an effort to harmonize FARS and NASS GES files NHTSA has made significant changes to the FARS variables in 2009. The NHTSA document 2009 FARS/NASS GES Standardization describes this effort:
Please refer to the Data Center document FARS 2009 Variable Changes - TDC Log October 18, 2010 for a list of these changes.

2009 NASS Crashworthiness Data System (CDS) Version 22Sep10 Data Sets Added
The National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) CDS data sets for calendar year 2009 were added to the system library on December 16.
As with FARS and GES data files, NHTSA has made a number of changes to CDS variables (including their renumbering.) Please reference the NASS CDS Analytic User's Manual 2009 or the NASS CDS Coding and Editing Manual 2009:
http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/cats/
The data sets document 5,200 crashes (with 2,863 of them involving two vehicles), 9,548 vehicles, and 11,027 occupants suffering 17,173 injuries.

2009 NASS General Estimates System (GES) Version 28Jun10 Data Sets Added
The NASS GES data sets for calendar year 2009 were added to the system library on November 1. They document 44,648 crashes, involving 107,469 occupants in 77,594 vehicles, and 3,521 nonmotorists.
There were many changes to the 2009 NASS GES, most of which are the result of NHTSA’s efforts to standardize variables in NASS GES and FARS. Additions, deletions, and changes may be found in the NASS GES Analytic User’s Manual 1988-2009 or the NASS GES Coding and Editing Manual at the "/cats/"site referenced above.