Nationally, older pedestrians are disproportionately at risk of being killed by a car or truck when walking compared to their younger neighbors. Although they make up 18.5% of the total U.S. population, people aged 60 years and older comprised 25.7% of the 13,209 pedestrians killed nationwide from 2009 through 2011. Those aged 75 years and older represented 6.1% of the total population and 10.6% of pedestrian fatalities. Put another way, while the nationwide pedestrian fatality rate for people under 60 years of age was 1.29 per 100,000, the fatality rate for those over 60 years was 1.98 and 2.49 for those aged 75 and older.

The pedestrian fatality rate for United States residents aged 60 and older was 1.53 times that of residents younger than 60. For those aged 75 years plus, the fatality rate was 1.93 times that of their younger neighbors.