

# Summary of MAX Killings

#	Date	Description
20	<a href="#">Nov 19, 2007</a>	Susan C. Dorsey killed near 82nd station-suffered from epilepsy- speculated "was not aware she was walking around and had left the platform."
19	<a href="#">May 16, 2006</a>	Catalino Salazar-Salgado, 51, of Portland died Sunday night after being hit by a MAX train in Gresham to...
18	<a href="#">September 30, 2005</a>	A 40-year-old woman struck and killed by a MAX train Wednesday night in Gresham was attempting to cross two sets of tracks surrounded by fist-sized rocks, bordered by high curbs and lacking any crosswalk.
17	<a href="#">August 3, 2004</a>	a 47-year-old Southeast Portland man had safely exited a MAX when his power wheelchair inexplicably rolled between the train's two cars
16	<a href="#">June 24, 2003</a>	A 16-year-old Gresham boy was killed Monday night when he was hit by a MAX train on his bicycle at a stop near Northwest Eastman Parkway and Division Street
15	<a href="#">February 9, 2002</a>	A man in his late 20s was killed Friday after he got caught between moving MAX train cars near the PGE Park
14	<a href="#">January 6, 2002</a>	Mark Russell Arthur, 43, died when he was struck Friday by a MAX light-rail train in Gresham,
13	<a href="#">October 21, 2001</a>	A MAX train hit and killed a man lying on the light-rail tracks just east of the Beaverton Transit Station on Saturday night.
12	<a href="#">April 10, 2001</a>	Johnston, an engineering program manager at Intel's nearby Jones Farm Campus, died from massive injuries to his head
11	<a href="#">October 12, 1999</a>	A 41-year-old Beaverton man was struck and killed by a MAX train early Monday as he walked along the light-rail tracks...the 16th fatal accident involving MAX trains since Tri-Met opened the system in 1986..... Randy Scott Ruetz is the fifth person to be killed by a MAX train in Washington County since the westside line opened last year.
10	<a href="#">August 3, 1999</a>	A light-rail train struck and killed a pedestrian during Monday's afternoon rush hour at a busy commuter station in Beaverton
09	<a href="#">June 15, 1999</a>	A light-rail train struck and killed a youth Monday afternoon just outside Beaverton, making him the second pedestrian killed by westside MAX in eight days.
08	<a href="#">June 8, 1999</a>	Herbert Lee Johnson Jr., ...was killed about 2:30 a.m. Sunday when he was struck by an eastbound light-rail train while walking on the tracks.....Tri-Met figures show that 10 pedestrians have been killed by eastside trains while walking in areas that were off-limits, and one person died after a car and a MAX train collided.
07	Sept 20, 1998	Transient rode bike into side of Westside train. Died five days later. (From Graphic on page D01, Oct 28,1999)
	Sept 12, 1998	<b>Westside MAX opens</b>
	Nov 1996	<b>North-South LRT loses at the polls</b>
	Aug 1993	<b>Ground Breaking for Westside MAX</b>
06	June 22, 1992	FY92 Pedestrian walking in ROW 82nd Avenue EB
05	February 26, 1992	A 40-year-old transient was killed by a Metropolitan Area Express train early Tuesday as he walked on the tracks at Northeast 24th Avenue.... He is the <b>fourth</b> person struck and killed by a MAX train.
04	<a href="#">March 23, 1991</a>	Lee Heizer, 26, of Northeast Portland -- the <b>third person</b> killed in MAX's history -- was thrown approximately 100 feet
03	January 16, 1991	Collision w/ vehicle MLK
02	January 1, 1990	Pedestrian walking in ROW 21 & Banfield
01	July 28, 1986	Pedestrian walking in ROW Halsey & Banfield
	1986	<b>first day of full revenue service</b>

**MAX Death Rate: 1.14** (per 100 million passenger-miles)

**Motor Vehicle Death Rate: 0.46** (per 100 million passenger-miles)

**MAX kills at a rate 248% that of motor vehicles**

What it means: After 100 million passenger-miles, MAX has killed 1.14 people and cars have killed 0.46 (This is the standard way to calculate death rates and is used by the U.S. Government.)

Sources & calculations:

Max deaths = 19; MAX passenger-miles = 1,666,466,432 (through 2006); MAX Death Rate: 19/ 16.66 = 1.14 (per 100 million passenger-miles)

Automobile deaths rate is from Portland State's: "Second Annual Portland Metropolitan Region Transportation System Performance Report" , page 47

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