

Interstate Methodology and Data

EverQuote analyzed interstate fatalities using raw data from the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Fatality Analysis Report System](#) from the last six years (2010–2015) and found fatality rates based on the highway lengths. We also compared that to data from EverQuote’s safe-driving app, [EverDrive](#). That data represents over 6 million trips and 80 million miles of driving. Phone use is measured by a driver’s phone motion while driving.

While it’s difficult to say for sure what impacts these crashes, there are some commonalities between the most lethal interstates, including high traffic volume, risky driving habits and a lack of distracted driving legislation.

Distracted driving fatalities increased [8.8%](#) in 2015 and distraction is believed to be responsible for 10% of all fatal crashes. For the first six months of 2016, traffic fatalities were also up [10.4%](#) compared to the first half of last year.

EverDrive data shows that US drivers are distracted by their phones on 31% of all drives:

- 11% of drives have a distraction of one minute or longer while driving in a moving vehicle
- 29% of distractions occur at speeds over 56 mph

The average number of times per trip that drivers use their phones nationwide is 1.1. Drivers are, on average, driving [.4 miles](#) distracted every 11 miles. You can find that information in our [“Confused State of Distracted Driving Report”](#) and [Infographic](#)

Florida: Three of the most dangerous interstate highways run through the state of Florida (I-4, I-95, I-10). Our EverDrive data found that Florida drivers use their phone on average 1.4 phone uses per trip and the state ranks 2nd worst nationally for phone use while driving. In Florida, the distracted driving law is only a secondary offense so drivers cannot be pulled over unless another violation is committed.

Florida law source: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2013/316.305>

Texas: Two of the most dangerous interstate highways are located entirely within the state of Texas (I-45 and I-30) and two pass through the state (I-10, I-37). Our EverDrive data found that Texas drivers use their phones on average 1.35 phone uses per trip and the state ranks 21st worst nationally for phone use while driving. Texas has no statewide distracted driving laws and is one of only four states that has yet to initiate a ban. The highway speed limit on I-45 also increased to 75 mph in 2012.

Texas law source: <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/laws/cellphones.html>

Texas speed limit increase: <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/laws/speed-limits/approved.html>

Arizona: Three of the most dangerous interstate highways run through Arizona (I-17, I-19, I-10). Our EverDrive data found that Arizona drivers use their phones on average 1.1 phone use per trip and the state ranks 7th worst nationally for phone use while driving. Arizona, like Texas, has no statewide distracted driving laws and is one of only four states that has yet to pass a ban.

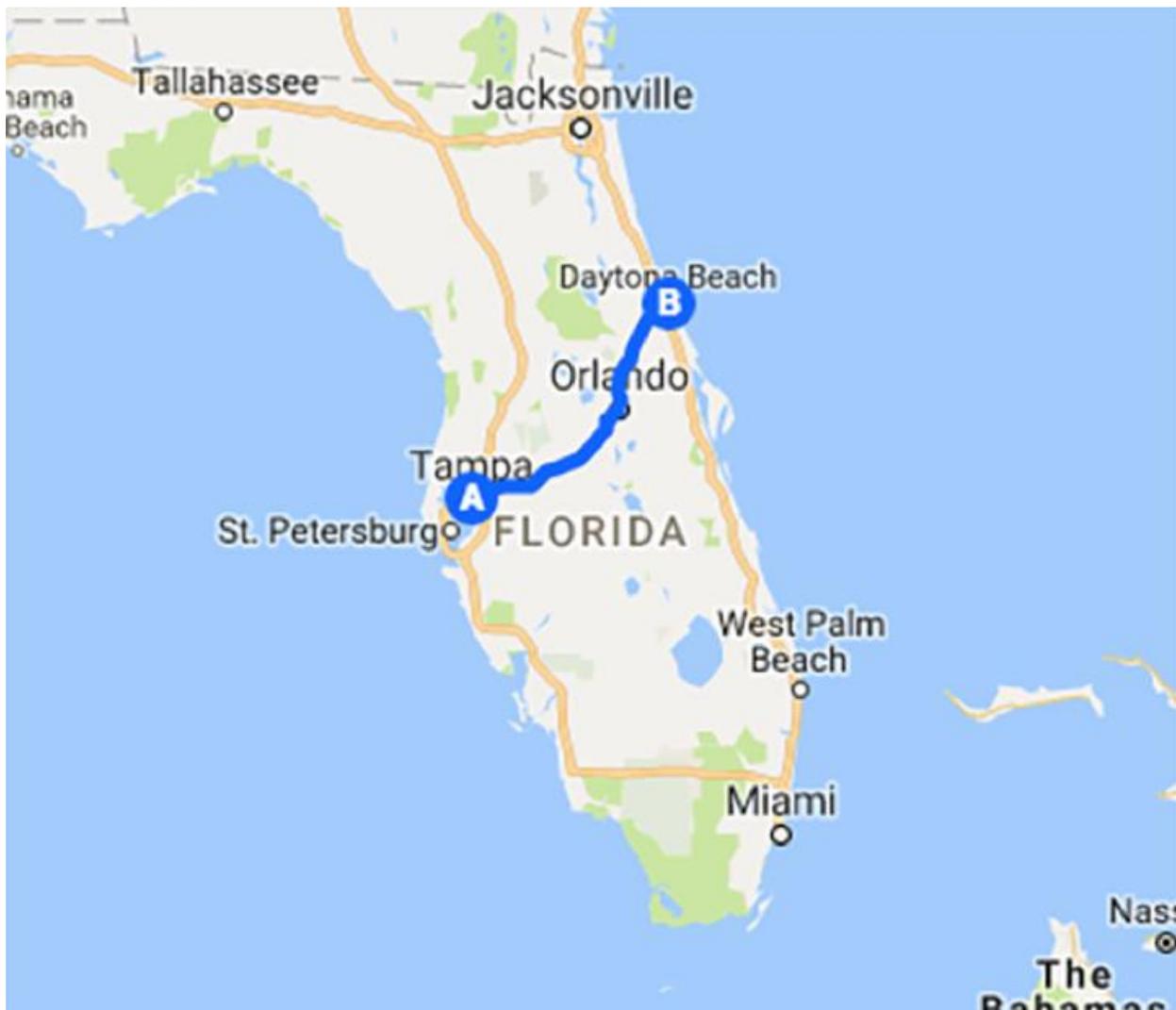
Arizona law source: <http://ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/bystate/ar.html>

Many of these interstates are the busiest in the country, and are listed as the [most travelled urban highways](#). Interstate 45, Interstate 10 and Interstate 95 all have high average annual daily traffic

(AADT)—310,662, 289,000 and 325,495 respectively
(<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/tables/02.cfm>).

10 Most Dangerous Interstates in America (Based on Fatalities Per Mile, Collectively from 2010–2015)

1. Interstate 4

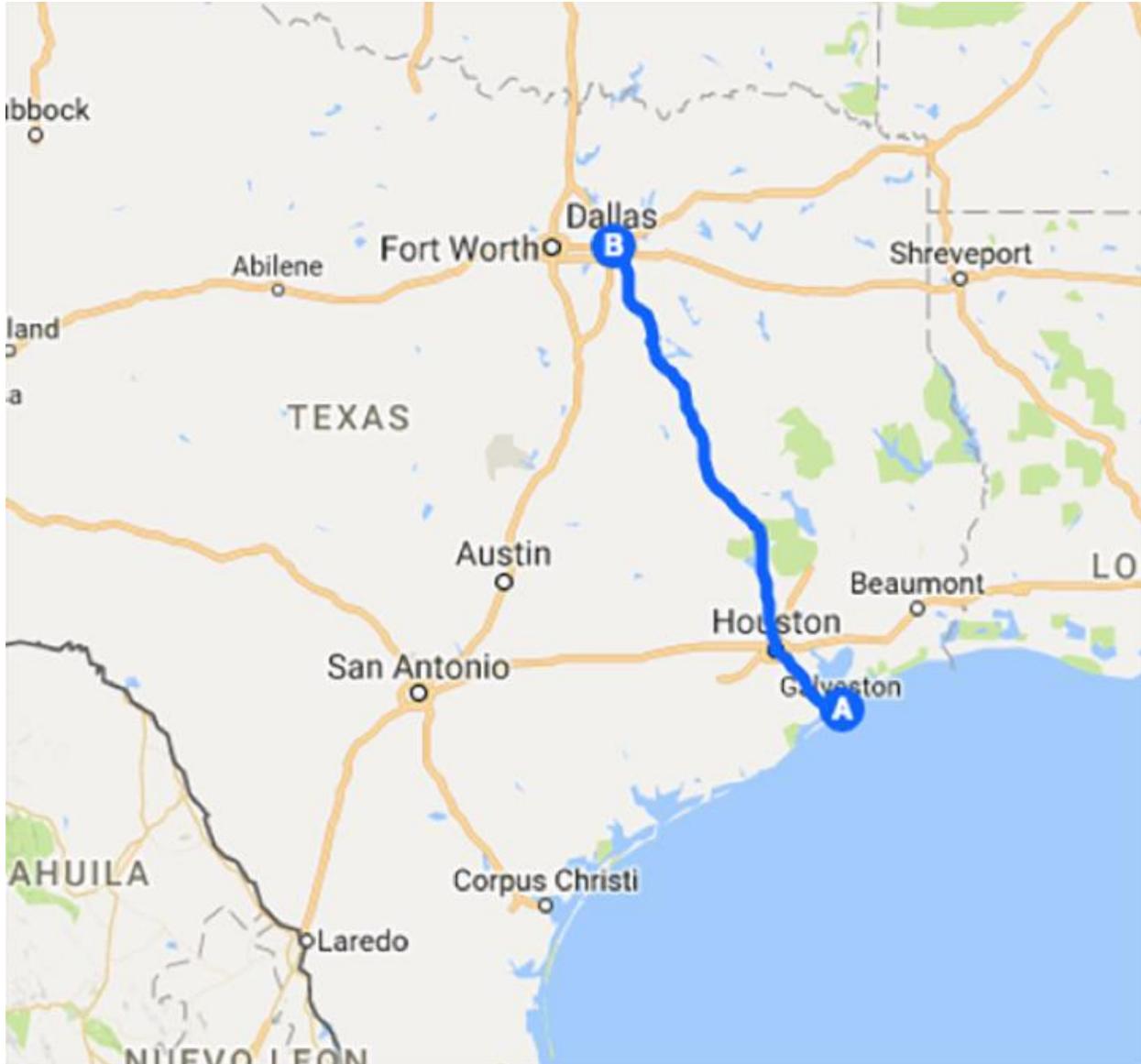


132 miles
1.41 fatalities per mile
In Top 10: 6 times

Interstate 4 runs from Tampa to Daytona Beach, Florida. The 132-mile highway connects from I-275 to I-95, and has had 1.41 fatalities per mile in the past six years, making it the most dangerous interstate in

the United States. The highway has also been in the top 10 most dangerous interstates for the past six years.

2. Interstate 45



285 miles

1.24 fatalities per mile

In Top 10: 5 times

Interstate 45 is located entirely in Texas and connects Dallas and Houston, before running south to the Gulf of Mexico. The 285-mile highway has had 1.24 fatalities per mile in the past 6 years, making it the second most dangerous interstate in America. The highway was in the top 10 of most dangerous interstates five times in the past six years.

3. Interstate 17



146 miles
1.03 fatalities per mile
In Top 10: 6 times

Interstate 17 runs 146 miles within the state of Arizona from Phoenix to Flagstaff. The highway has had 1.03 fatalities per mile in the past six years and the majority of the road is known as the Arizona Veterans Highway. I-17 was also in the top 10 most dangerous interstates every year for the past six years.

4. Interstate 30



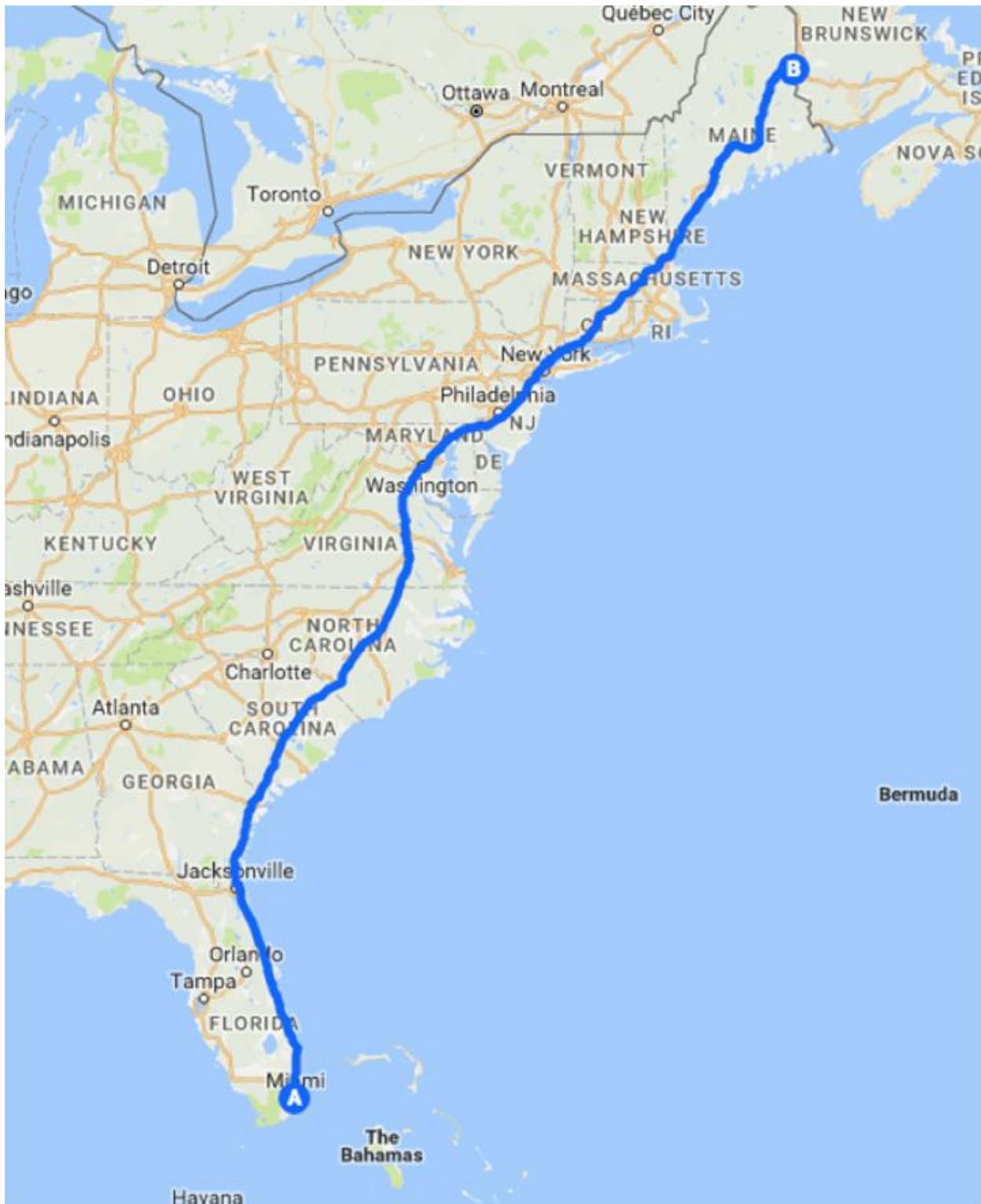
367 miles

1.03 fatalities per mile

In Top 10: 5 times

Interstate 30 runs west of Fort Worth, Texas through Dallas to North Little Rock in Arkansas, where it connects to I-40. The 367-mile highway has had 1.03 deaths per mile in the past 6 years, making it the 4th most dangerous interstate in America. The interstate has been in the top 10 most dangerous interstates five times in the past six years.

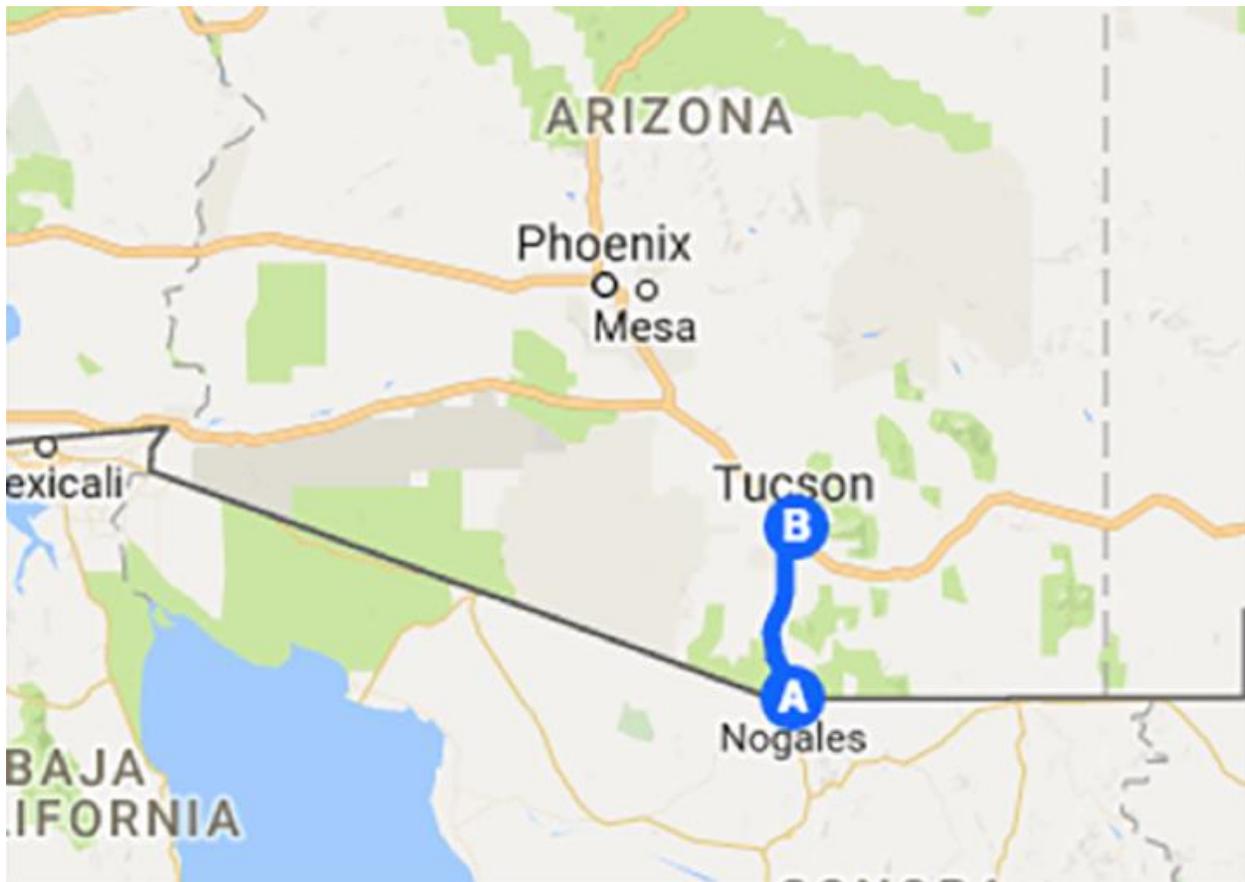
5. Interstate 95



1926 miles
0.89 fatalities per mile
In Top 10: 6 times

Interstate 95 runs 1926 miles from Miami, Florida to Houlton, Maine. The highway is the 5th most dangerous interstate in the United States with 0.89 fatalities per mile. It has been in the top 10 for fatalities each year for the past six years.

6. Interstate 19



64 miles
0.88 fatalities per mile
In Top 10: 4 times

Interstate 19 runs 64 miles from Nogales to Tucson, Arizona at I-10. The highway has had 0.88 fatalities per mile in the past six years, making it the 6th most dangerous interstate in the United States. It has been in the top 10 most dangerous interstates four times in the past six years.

7. Interstate 10

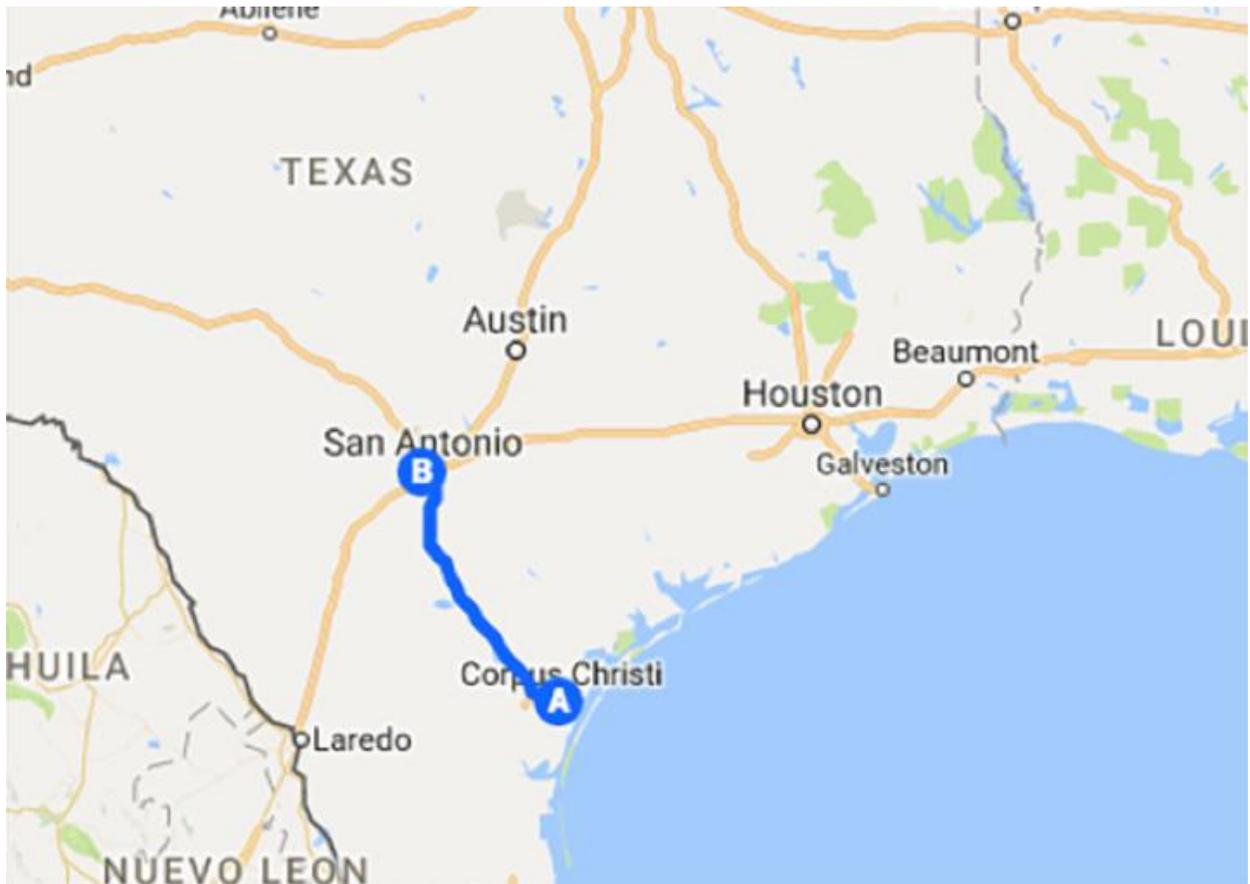


2460 miles

0.85 fatalities per mile

Interstate 10 runs 2460 miles from Santa Monica, California to Jacksonville, Florida. The highway is the 7th most dangerous interstate in the country with 0.85 fatalities per mile and the longest interstate on this list. I-10 has been in the top 10 most dangerous interstates for the past six years.

8. Interstate 37

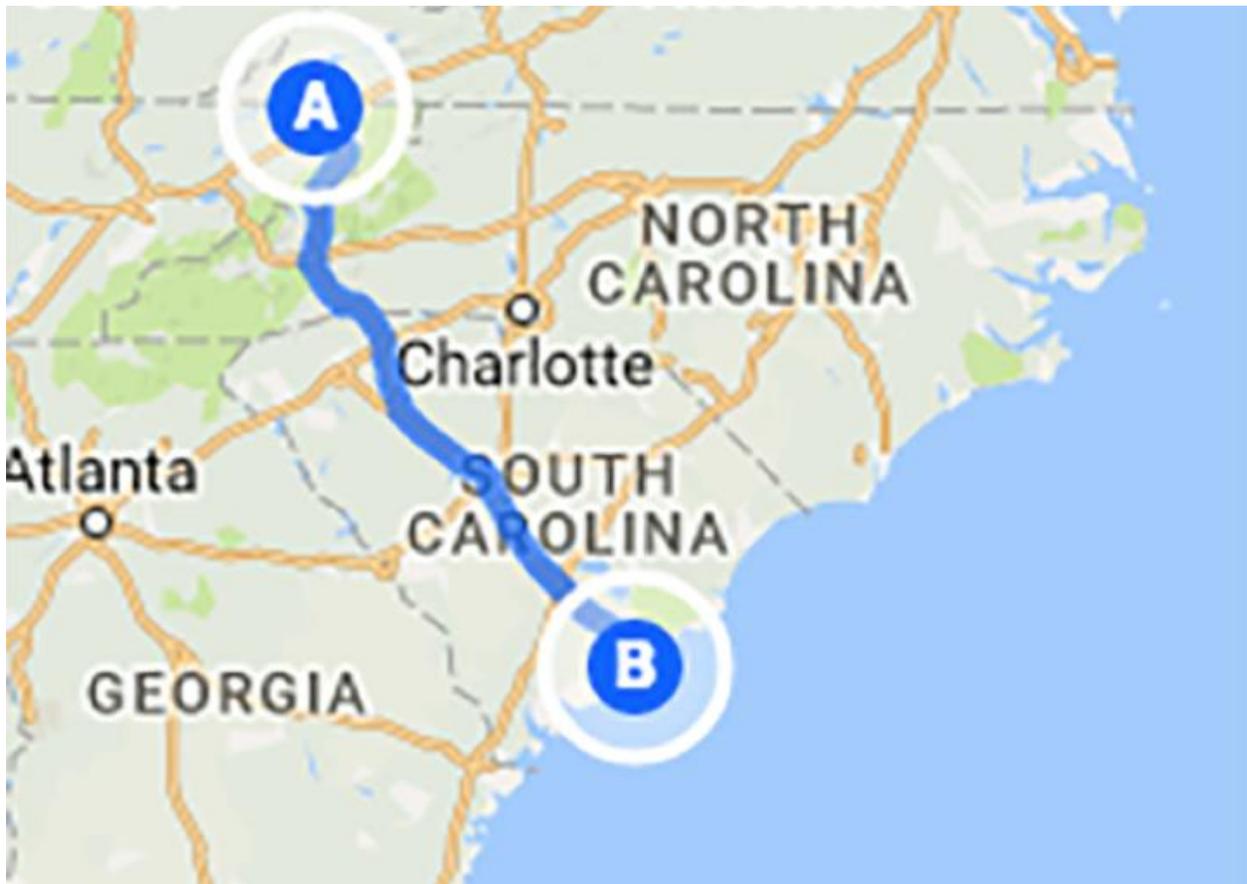


143 miles

0.8 fatalities per mile

Interstate 37 is located within Texas and runs 143 miles from Corpus Christi to San Antonio. The highway has had 0.8 fatalities per mile during the past six years, making it the 8th most dangerous interstate in the United States.

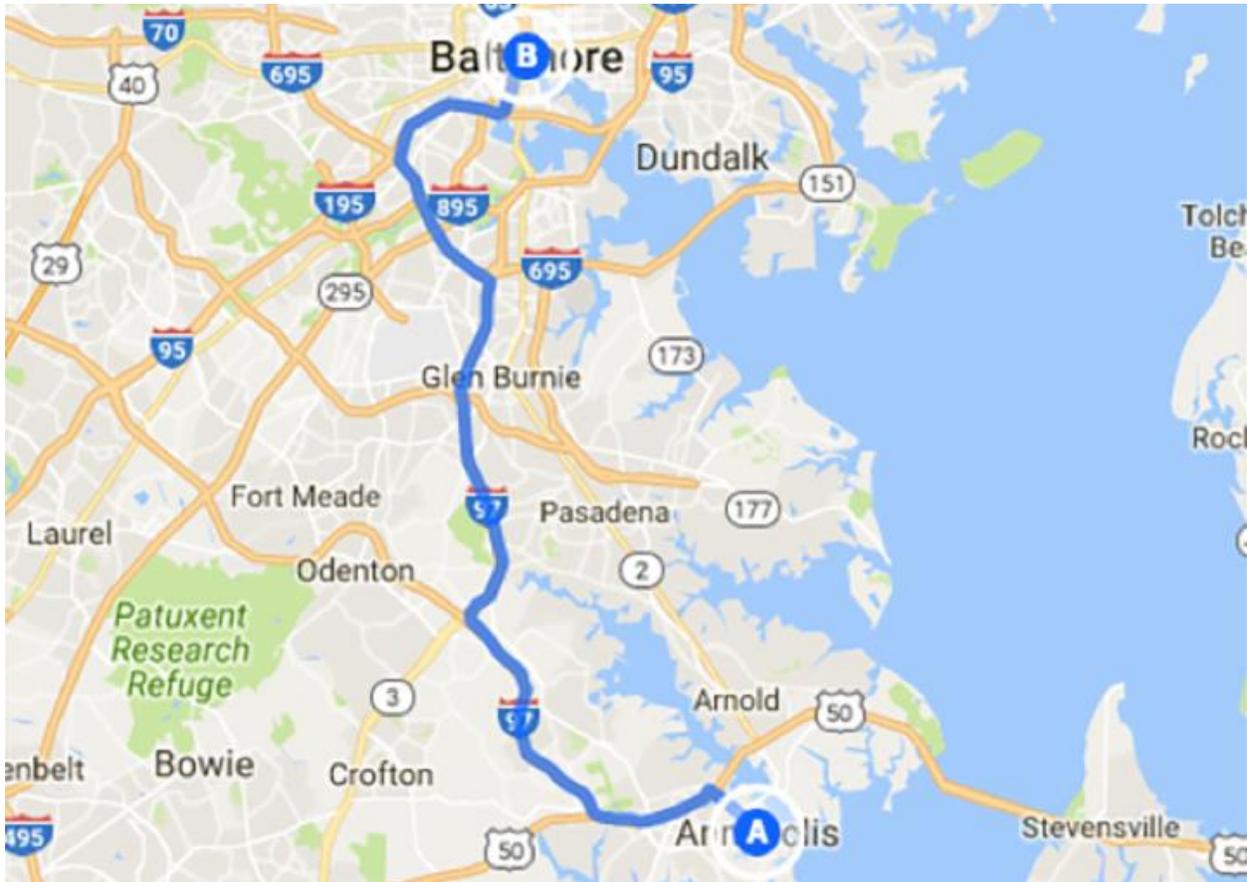
9. Interstate 26



306 miles
0.8 fatalities per mile

Interstate 26 runs 306 miles from Kingsport, Tennessee to Charleston, South Carolina. The highway has had 0.8 fatalities per mile during the past six years, making it the 9th most dangerous interstate in America.

10. Interstate 97



18 miles

0.79 fatalities per mile

Interstate 97 is one of the shortest interstates in the country (there are only two in Hawaii that run shorter). I-97 runs only 18 miles from Annapolis to Baltimore, Maryland and yet it is the 10th most dangerous interstate in the United States with 0.79 fatalities per mile in the past six years.