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Report: I-95 In Fla. Most Dangerous Roadway In Country

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662 Fatal Accidents, 765 Total Fatalities Occurred On I-95 From 2004 To 2008

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DELRAY BEACH, Fla. -- A new study shows that the 382-mile stretch of Interstate 95 in Florida is the most dangerous roadway in the country, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data.

The report calculates the number of fatal accidents per mile from 2004 to 2008. It is determined by dissecting highway stretches within each state, totaling the number of fatal accidents and dividing that by the number of miles.

I-95 in Florida ranks first with 662 fatal accidents and 765 total fatalities. That amounts to 1.73 fatal accidents per mile.

Another Florida interstate also ranked among the top five most dangerous roadways.

Although Interstate 4 only stretches 132 miles, a total of 209 fatal accidents occurred on I-4, resulting in 234 deaths. That amounts to 1.58 fatal accidents per mile.

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Most of the drivers who spoke to

WPBF 25 News' Angela Rozier said they weren't surprised by I-95's designation as the most dangerous. They said I-95 is too congested and more people are driving distracted, either talking on their cell phones, sending text messages or watching television.

That's why some drivers are turning to Florida's Turnpike or the Tri-Rail to get to and from their destinations.

"I would rather take the turnpike," Adam Lopez said. "It seems a little safer to me than taking I-95."

Interstate 76 in New Jersey ranked second, while Interstate 15 and Interstate 10 in California ranked fourth and fifth.



Video: Drivers Not Surprised By I-95 Dangerous Designation

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Do you think stepped up highway patrols and/or stricter speed limit enforcement on Interstate 95 would help make the interstate any safer?

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