

Massachusetts Highway Safety reports deaths on state highways reach highest level in over a decade

Massachusetts Highway Safety reported on Monday that the number of people who died on Massachusetts highways last year reached its highest level since 2009.

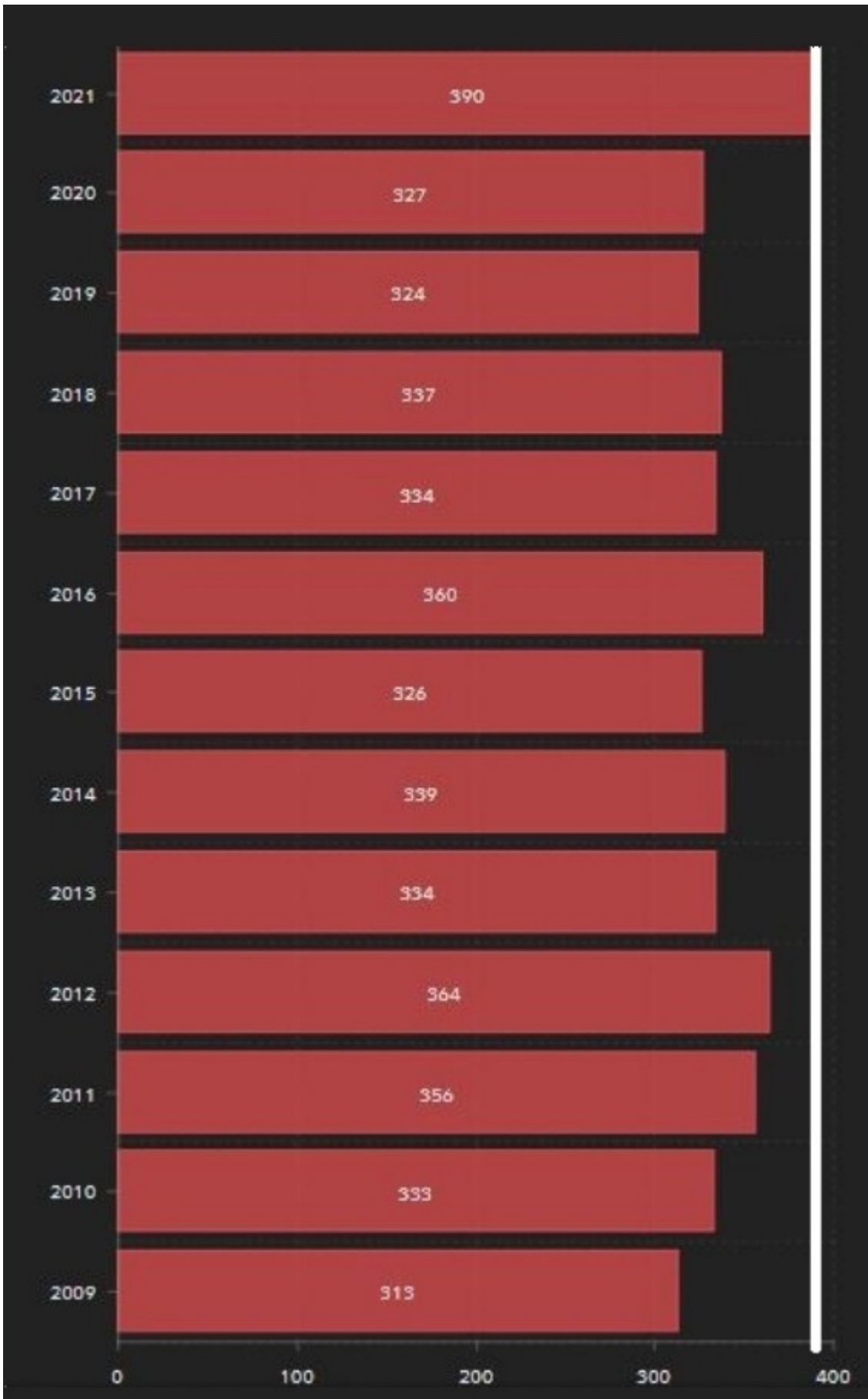
The preliminary number was released in a tweet by the office: 390 people died on state highways last year, a jump of 63 from the previous year when there were 327 fatalities. In addition, there was an increase in motorcycle fatalities.

More importantly, the office declared the causes to be fewer people using their seat belts and speed. No information was revealed about distracted driving or driving under the influence. The former would be a hard number to peg down since many people who were driving distracted would not admit that they were doing so or they were a lone driver that passed away.

"390 people died on Massachusetts roads last year (preliminary). That's more crash fatalities than any year since 2009.

Speed, a decrease in seatbelt use, and more motorcycle fatalities are the main differences.

Please slow down, buckle up and look twice to save a life."
–MAHighwaySafety.



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