

## Colorado Skier Deaths, 2006/07 - 2016/17

The fatality data below was researched in 2017 by a reporter, Kevin Fixler, for the Summit Daily News.\* It documents a considerable range and variability in fatality rates amongst the resorts which likely reflects variability in terrain and other ambient conditions as well as the effectiveness of resort safety management. Although catastrophic and dramatic, the frequency of deaths, averaging 1.1 per million skier days, is insignificant relative to the over 200 per million serious injuries (requiring emergency room care or hospital admission) the Snowsport Safety Foundation (SSF) has documented in California. In 2018, SSF will be researching Colorado emergency room and hospital admission data to quantify the number of annual serious snowsport injuries in Colorado. Similar to the surveys we have done in California, we will also begin on site surveys of the consistent and effective use of established safety practices at Colorado resorts. We should start reporting on this research in advance of the 2019 season.

### Total Number and Rate per 1 Million Skier Days

Resort	Total #	# per 1M skier days
Wolf Creek	7	2.8
Aspen Highlands	4	2.1
Keystone	22	1.8
Eldora	5	1.8
Snowmass	13	1.7
Telluride	7	1.6
Aspen Mountain	5	1.5
Buttermilk	2	1.3
Breckenridge	21	1.2
Copper Mountain	11	1.1
Arapahoe Basin	4	1.1
Crested Butte	5	1.0
Purgatory	3	1.0
Loveland	2	.7
Winter Park	6	.6
Beaver Creek	5	.5
Vail Mountain	7	.4
Steamboat	4	.4
Silverton	1	<1
Granby Ranch	1	<1
Howelsen Hill	1	<1
All Resorts	136	1.1

\*Click [here](#) for detailed Excel spread sheets The Summit Daily News is continuing to track fatalities in Colorado.

