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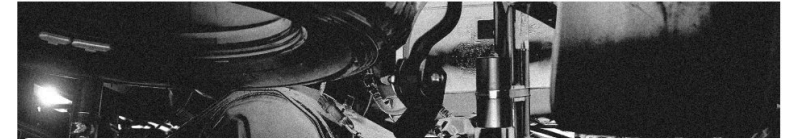
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Dangerous, polluting SUVs and pickups took over America. Lawmakers are partly to blame.

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Detroit killed the sedan. We may all live to regret it

Production of the Chevy Malibu is the latest sign that the Big Three are done: consumers may not flock to expensive SUVs in response.



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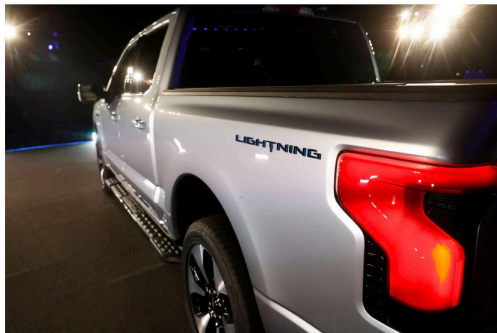
Pickup trucks and SUVs d pedestrians. Photograph

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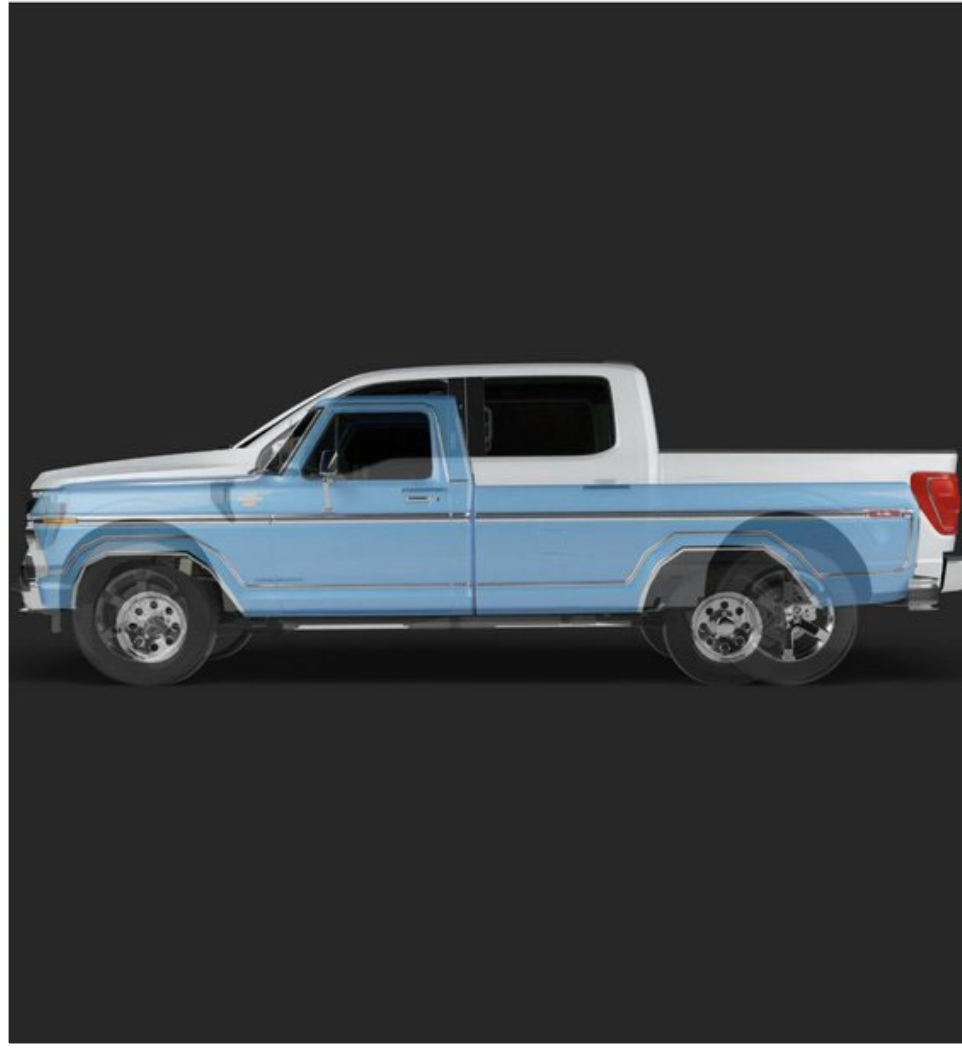
Trucks And SUVs Are Now Over 80 Percent Of New Car Sales In The U.S.

That figures to stay the same for January, JD Power says, a new record.

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Many Americans think that SUVs and trucks have become too large and should be regulated

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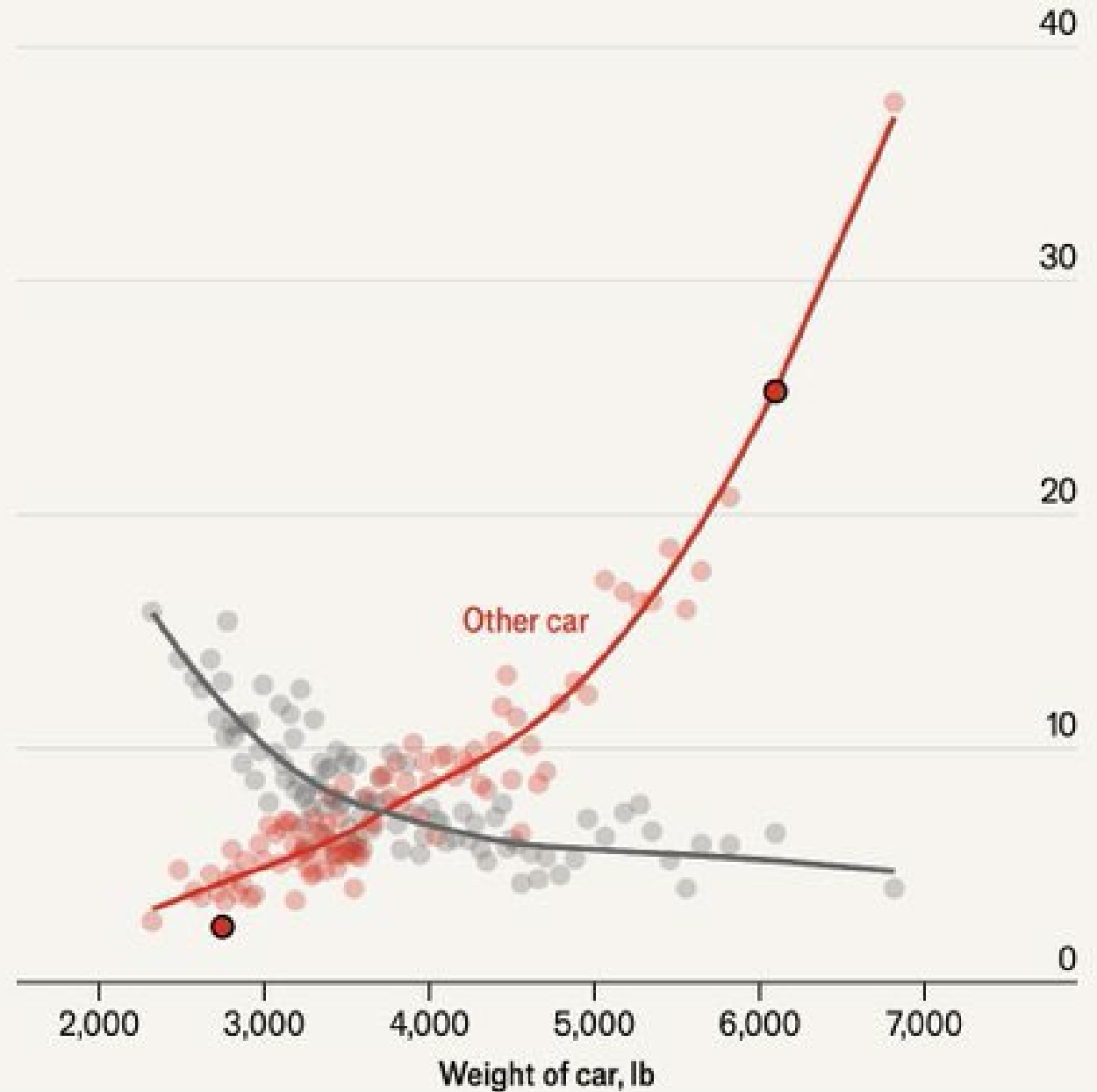
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Conscientious SUV Shopper Just Wants Something That Will Kill Family In Other Car In Case Of Accident



The ● **fatality rate** is roughly seven times higher when colliding with a heavy pickup truck than with a compact car. As the weight of your car increases, the risk of killing others increases dramatically.

Deaths per 10,000 two-vehicle crashes





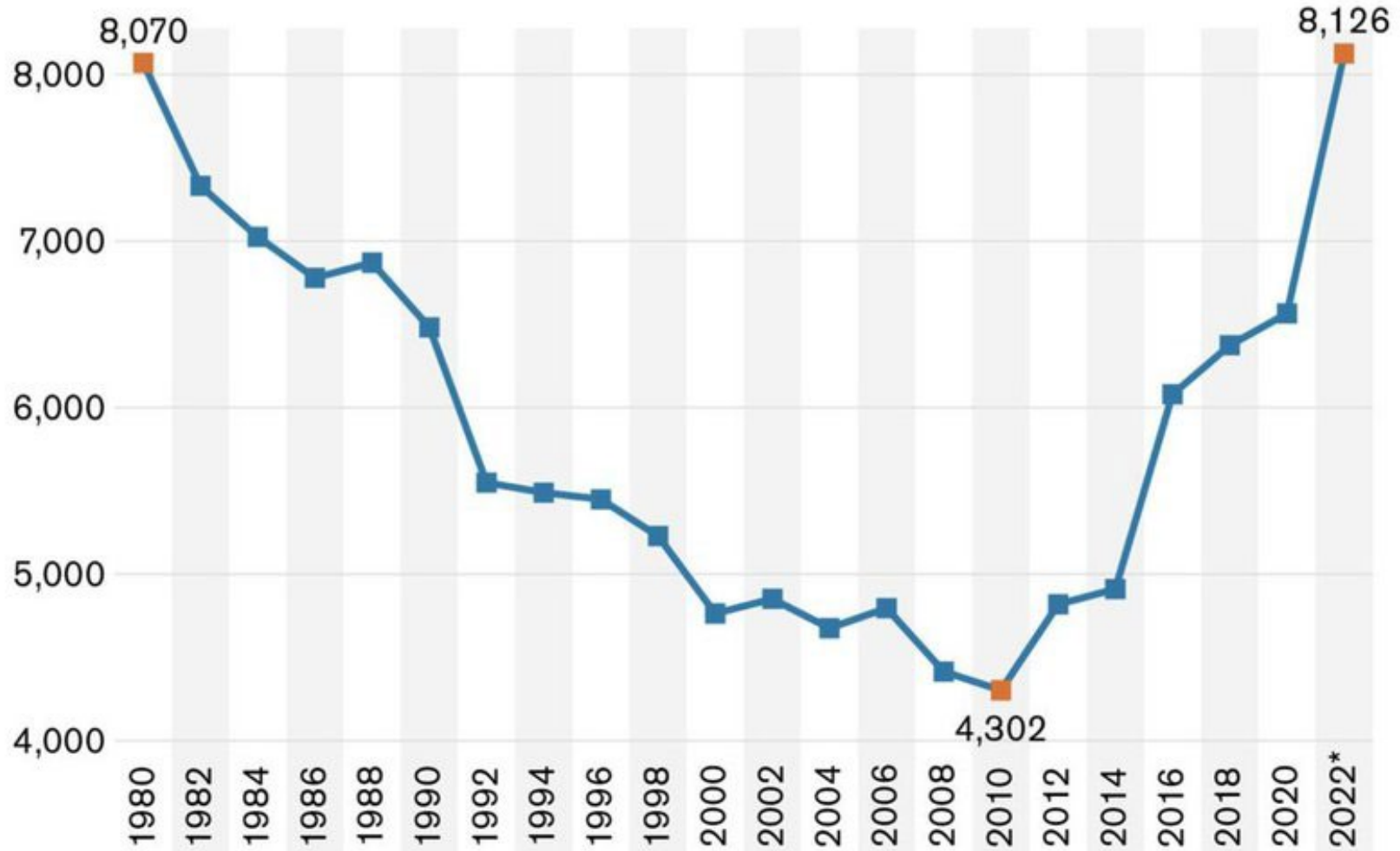
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Vehicles with higher, more vertical front ends pose greater risk to pedestrians

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Figure 5 Number of Annual U.S. Pedestrian Fatalities, 1980-2022



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