

TxDOT's goal areas emphasize the need to reduce annual fatalities and serious injuries. As Texas' population increases, however, keeping incident rates low becomes an even more difficult task. Texas population has grown at an average annual rate of 1.80%, the third highest growth rate in the country. Fortunately, traffic fatality and serious injury rates have not increased at the same rate.

Texas 2017 Traffic Safety At-a-Glance:

3,721

Total Fatalities on Texas Roads

Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts, 2017

60%

Of Serious Injury Crashes Take Place in Urban Areas, While 40% Take Place in Rural Areas.

Source: Texas Traffic Safety Task Force Report

17,546

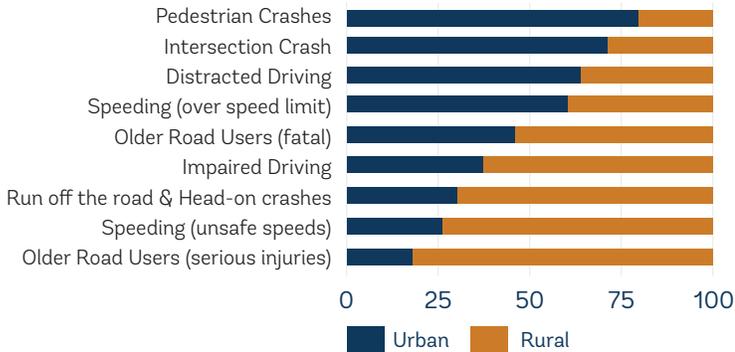
Serious Injuries on Texas Roads

Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts, 2017

Improving Emphasis Areas

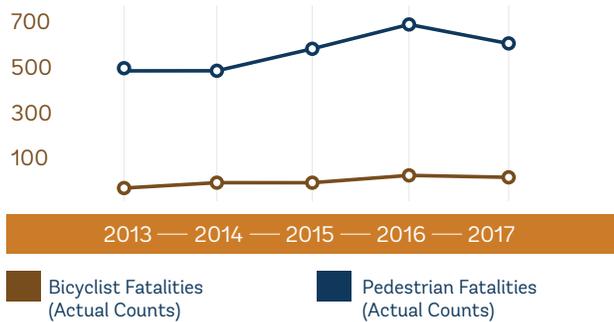
The Highway Safety Plan for FY 2019 has identified various emphasis areas that significantly contribute to crash counts. These include:

- Run off the Road
- Distracted Driving
- DUI
- Intersections
- Pedalcyclists
- Pedestrian



Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Crash Facts

Bike/Ped Fatalities

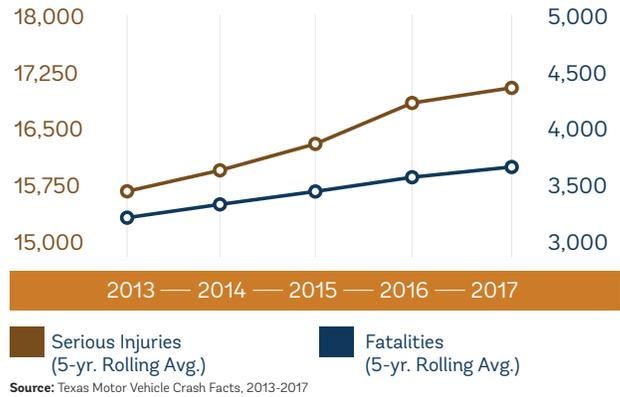


Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Crash Facts, 2013-2017

Looking Ahead

As the ride-sharing economy grows and individuals become less likely to take their own car to work, it is possible that emphasis areas such as alcohol-involved crashes and distracted driving change significantly. Future-looking data collection may team up with private companies working in Texas such as Uber and Lyft to understand the impact of these industries on crashes.

Fatalities and Serious Injuries on Texas Roadways



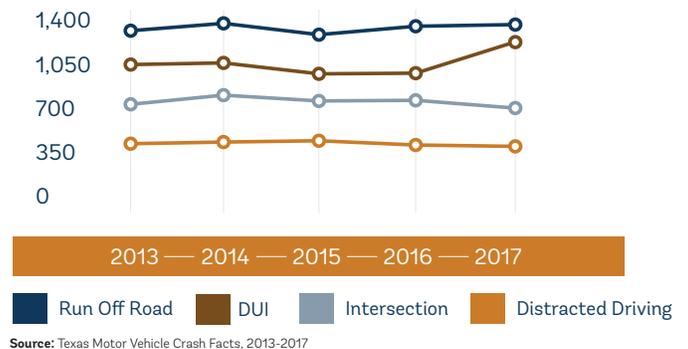
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Fatality Rate on Texas Roadways and Vehicle Miles Traveled



Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Crash Facts, 2013-2017

Fatalities by Emphasis Area Over Time



Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Crash Facts, 2013-2017