



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2004

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2004 was 1.61 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 8.00% decrease from 2003.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2004 death toll of 3,700 was a decrease of 3.19% from the 3,822 deaths recorded in 2003.
- There were 64,525 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2004. These crashes resulted in 91,412 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2004 reached 229.345 billion, an increase of 5.10% over the 218.209 billion traveled in 2003.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 56.0% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,072 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,302 deaths in 2004. This was 35% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2004.
- In 2004 there were 899 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 648 people killed in head-on crashes in 2004.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2004.
- Sunday, June 13th was the deadliest day in 2004 with twenty-nine (29) persons killed in traffic crashes. August was the deadliest month with 354 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2004:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 21 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 1 minute 50 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 71 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2004, 46% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 288,228 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2004.
- There were 294 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2004. Fifty-three percent (53%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 457 in 2004. This is a 12% increase from 2003.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 52 in 2004. This is a 10% decrease from 2003.
- In 2004, there were 871 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 23.5% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2004, more DUI - Alcohol crashes were reported in the hour between 2:00 am and 2:59 am than any other hour of the day. Also, more alcohol related crashes occurred on Saturday than any other day of the week.

*Information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from Texas Peace Officer's Crash Reports (CR-3) received and processed by the Department as of August 14, 2010.*