



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2005

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2005 was 1.52 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 5.59% decrease from 2004.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2005 death toll of 3,558 was a decrease of 3.84% from the 3,700 deaths recorded in 2004.
- There were 65,348 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2005. These crashes resulted in 91,754 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2005 reached 234.231 billion, an increase of 2.13% over the 229.345 billion traveled in 2004.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 56.6% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,015 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,332 deaths in 2005. This was 37% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2005.
- In 2005 there were 768 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 568 people killed in head-on crashes in 2005.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2005.
- Friday, September 23rd was the deadliest day in 2005 with forty (40) persons killed in traffic crashes. December was the deadliest month with 333 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2005:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 28 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 1 minute 48 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 68 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2005, 49% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 292,655 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2005.
- There were 359 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2005. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 442 in 2005. This is a 3% decrease from 2004.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 47 in 2005. This is a 10% decrease from 2004.
- In 2005, there were 775 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 21.8% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2005, 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.