



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2006

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2006 was 1.49 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 1.97% decrease from 2005.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2006 death toll of 3,521 was a decrease of 1.04% from the 3,558 deaths recorded in 2005.
- There were 64,076 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2006. These crashes resulted in 89,175 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2006 reached 236.486 billion, an increase of 0.96% over the 234.231 billion traveled in 2005.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 58.8% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,070 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,328 deaths in 2006. This was 38% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2006.
- In 2006 there were 786 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 589 people killed in head-on crashes in 2006.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2006.
- Sunday, March 5th was the deadliest day in 2006 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. March was the deadliest month with 311 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2006:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 29 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 1 minute 56 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 72 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2006, 48% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 271,061 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2006.
- There were 350 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2006. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 388 in 2006. This is a 12% decrease from 2005.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 48 in 2006. This is a 2% increase from 2005.
- In 2006, there were 932 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 26.5% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2006, 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 September 6, 2011.*