



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2007

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2007 was 1.43 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 4.03% decrease from 2006.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2007 death toll of 3,462 was a decrease of 1.68% from the 3,521 deaths recorded in 2006.
- There were 64,780 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2007 with 89,431 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2007 reached 241.746 billion, an increase of 2.22% over the 236.486 billion traveled in 2006.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 57.4% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,986 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,340 deaths in 2007. This was 39% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2007.
- In 2007 there were 837 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 609 people killed in head-on crashes in 2007.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2007.
- Saturday, July 28th was the deadliest day in 2007 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. September was the deadliest month with 329 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2007:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 32 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 1 minutes 58 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 69 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2007, 45% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 266,592 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2007.
- There were 406 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2007. Fifty-four percent (54%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 417 in 2007. This is a 7% increase from 2006.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 51 in 2007. This is a 6% decrease from 2006.
- In 2007, there were 1,003 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 29% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2007, 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 of these 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 June 19, 2012.*