



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2008

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2008 was 1.48 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 3.5% increase from 2007.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2008 death toll of 3,479 was an increase of 0.49% from the 3,462 deaths recorded in 2007.
- There were 62,212 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2008 with 84,827 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2008 reached 234.593 billion, a decrease of 2.96% over the 241.746 billion traveled in 2007.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 53.1% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,848 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,261 deaths in 2008. This was 36.2% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2008.
- In 2008 there were 831 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 512 people killed in head-on crashes in 2008.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2008.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2008.
- Friday, August 8th was the deadliest day in 2008 with thirty-two (32) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 320 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2008:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 31 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 9 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 72 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2008, 46.5% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 243,516 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2008.
- There were 548 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2008. Fifty-three percent (53%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 440 in 2008. This is a 5.5% increase from 2007.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 53 in 2008. This is a 3.9% increase from 2007.
- In 2008, there were 1,007 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 28.9% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2008, 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 May 27, 2013.*