



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2009

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2009 was 1.35 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is an 8.78% decrease from 2008.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2009 death toll of 3,122 was a decrease of 10.26% from the 3,479 deaths recorded in 2008.
- There were 58,887 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2009 with 80,213 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2009 reached 231.976 billion, a decrease of 1.12% over the 234.593 billion traveled in 2008.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.96% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,716 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,235 deaths in 2009. This was 39.56 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2009.
- In 2009 there were 712 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 510 people killed in head-on crashes in 2009.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2009.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2009.
- Saturday, June 6th and Wednesday, September 2nd were the deadliest days in 2009 with twenty-one (21) persons killed in traffic crashes. May was the deadliest month with 291 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2009:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 49 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 15 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 74 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2009, 46.6% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 234,712 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2009.
- There were 451 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2009. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 357 in 2009. There is a 18.9% decrease from 2008.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 48 in 2009. This is a 9.4% decrease from 2008.
- In 2009, there were 980 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 31.4% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2009, 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.
- In 2009, there were 470 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving.

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 7, 2014.