



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2012

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2012 was 1.44 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is an 11.63% increase from 2011.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2012 death toll of 3,417 was an increase of 11.38% from the 3,068 deaths recorded in 2011.
- There were 12,846 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2012 with 16,170 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2012 reached 237.821 billion, an increase of 0.16% over the 237.443 billion traveled in 2011.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 55.31% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,890 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,319 deaths in 2012. This was 38.6 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2012.
- In 2012 there were 839 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 535 people killed in head-on crashes in 2012.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2012.
- There were two crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2012.
- Sunday, July 22nd was the deadliest day in 2012 with twenty-eight (28) persons killed in traffic crashes. July was the deadliest month with 309 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2012:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 34 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 47 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 76 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2012, 45.5% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 230,903 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2012.
- There were 471 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2012. Fifty-two percent (52%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 488 in 2012. This is a 14.8% increase from 2011.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 56 in 2012. This is a 19.15% increase from 2011.
- In 2012, there were 1,069 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 31% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2012, 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 2012, there were 472 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 13.73% increase from 2011.

\*Effective with the 2010 Annual Summary reports, the definition of "Serious Injury" was changed to only include "Incapacitating Injury". Therefore, Serious Injury data cannot be compared to prior years.

*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 April 20, 2017.*