



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 11.45% from the 3,066 deaths recorded in 2011.
- There were 12,824 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2012 with 16,141 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 55.37% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,892 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,320 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 2 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 17 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.
- 230,106 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 1,070 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 14.01% increase from 2011.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2012.

*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 15, 2020.