



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2013

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2013 was 1.39 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 3.47% decrease from 2012.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2013 death toll of 3,407 was a decrease of 0.29% from the 3,417 deaths recorded in 2012.
- There were 13,420 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2013 with 16,785 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2013 reached 244.536 billion, an increase of 2.82% over the 237.821 billion traveled in 2012.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 55.39% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,887 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,344 deaths in 2013. This was 39.45 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2013.
- In 2013 there were 776 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 526 people killed in head-on crashes in 2013.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2013.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2013.
- Saturday, March 23rd was the deadliest day in 2013 with twenty-seven (27) persons killed in traffic crashes. June was the deadliest month with 340 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2013:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 34 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 16 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 71 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2013, 44.9% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 232,643 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2013.
- There were 503 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2013. Fifty-two percent (52%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 494 in 2013. This is a 1.2% increase from 2012.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 48 in 2013. This is a 14.3% decrease from 2012.
- In 2013, 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 2013, 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 2013, there were 466 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 1.3% decrease from 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 20, 2017.*