



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.