



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2015

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2015 was 1.39 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 4.79% decrease from 2014.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2015 death toll of 3,578 was an increase of 1.19% from the 3,536 deaths recorded in 2014.
- There were 13,695 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2015 with 17,097 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2015 reached 258.122 billion, an increase of 6.2% over the 242.989 billion traveled in 2014.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.61% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,954 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,272 deaths in 2015. This was 35.55 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2015.
- In 2015 there were 812 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 586 people killed in head-on crashes in 2015.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2015.
- There were 4 crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2015.
- Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> were the deadliest days in 2015 with twenty-two (22) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 359 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2015:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 27 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 7 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 60 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2015, 40.4% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 247,652 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2015.
- There were 464 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2015. Fifty two percent (52%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 558 in 2015. This is a 14.3% increase from 2014.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 52 in 2015. This is a 2% increase from 2014.
- In 2015, there were 1,000 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 28% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2015, 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 2015, there were 481 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 0.2% decrease from 2014.

\*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.*