



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2018

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2018 was 1.29 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 5.84% decrease from 2017.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2018 death toll of 3,639 was a decrease of 2.36% from the 3,727 deaths recorded in 2017.
- There were 12,161 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2018 with 14,908 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2018 reached 282.037 billion, an increase of 3.31% over the 272.989 billion traveled in 2017.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.99% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,001 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,289 deaths in 2018. This was 35.42% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2018.
- In 2018 there were 701 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 548 people killed in head-on crashes in 2018.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2018.
- There were no crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2018.
- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> was the deadliest day in 2018 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 332 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2018:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 25 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 7 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 58 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2018, 43.06% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 249,241 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2018.
- There were 418 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2018. Forty nine percent (49%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 621 in 2018. This is a 0.98% increase from 2017.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 72 in 2018. This is a 26.32% increase from 2017.
- In 2018, there were 940 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 26% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2018, 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 2018, there were 398 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 12% decrease from 2017.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2018.

\*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 May 06, 2019.*