



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2019

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2019 was 1.26 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 2.33% decrease from 2018.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2019 death toll of 3,610 was a decrease of 1.15% from the 3,652 deaths recorded in 2018.
- There were 12,897 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2019 with 15,843 people sustaining a serious injury*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2019 reached 286.268 billion, an increase of 1.5% over the 282.037 billion traveled in 2018.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 51.69% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,866 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,161 deaths in 2019. This was 32.16% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2019.
- In 2019 there were 731 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 600 people killed in head-on crashes in 2019.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2019.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2019.
- Wednesday, June 5th and Saturday, December 7th was the deadliest day in 2019 with twenty-one (21) persons killed in traffic crashes. December was the deadliest month with 333 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2019:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 26 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 3 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 56 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2019, 42.42% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 256,338 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2019.
- There were 410 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2019. Forty five percent (45%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 660 in 2019. This is a 5.43% increase from 2018.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 68 in 2019. This is a 4.23% decrease from 2018.
- In 2019, there were 886 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2019, 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 2019, there were 377 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 6% decrease from 2018.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2019.

*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.