



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2010

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2010 was 1.31 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 2.96% decrease from 2009.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2010 death toll of 3,060 was a decrease of 1.99% from the 3,122 deaths recorded in 2009.
- There were 11,746 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2010 with 15,188 people sustaining a serious injury*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2010 reached 234.261 billion, an increase of 0.98% over the 231.976 billion traveled in 2009.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.15% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,657 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,240 deaths in 2010. This was 40.52 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2010.
- In 2010 there were 685 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 461 people killed in head-on crashes in 2010.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2010.
- There were no crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2010.
- Friday, January 1st was the deadliest day in 2010 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. May was the deadliest month with 281 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2010:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 52 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 25 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 80 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2010, 43.6% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 217,015 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2010.
- There were 437 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2010. Fifty-six percent (56%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 357 in 2010. There was no change from 2009.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 43 in 2010. This is a 10.4% decrease from 2009.
- In 2010, there were 1,074 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 35% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2010, 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 2010, there were 446 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 5% decrease from 2009.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2010.

*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.