



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 an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2015 death toll of 3,582 was an increase of 1.24% from the 3,538 deaths recorded in 2014.
- There were 13,706 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2015 with 17,110 people sustaining a serious injury*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2015 reached 258.122 billion, an increase of 6.23% 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 1,956 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,272 deaths in 2015. This was 35.51 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2015.
- In 2015 there were 811 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 587 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 10th, Saturday, June 20th, and Saturday, September 26th were the deadliest days in 2015 with twenty-two (22) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 361 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.
- 247,951 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 561 in 2015. This is a 15% increase from 2014.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 52 in 2015. This is a 4% increase from 2014.
- In 2015, there were 1,008 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 484 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 0.4% increase from 2014.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2015.

*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, 2018.