



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2020

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2020 was 1.50 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 18.94% increase from 1.26 in 2019.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2020 death toll of 3,896 was an increase of 7.54% from the 3,623 deaths recorded in 2019.
- There were 12,119 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2020 with 14,666 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2020 reached 260.580 billion, a decrease of 9.59% over the 288.227 billion traveled in 2019.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 50.98% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,986 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,354 deaths in 2020. This was 34.75% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2020.
- In 2020 there were 871 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 538 people killed in head-on crashes in 2020.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2020.
- There were two crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2020.
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> were the deadliest days in 2020 with twenty-two (22) persons killed in traffic crashes in each one of those days. December was the deadliest month with 381 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2020:
  - ✦ **1 person was killed every 2 hours 15 minutes**
  - ✦ **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 34 seconds**
  - ✦ **1 reportable crash occurred every 67 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2020, 46.62% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 205,722 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2020.
- There were 483 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2020. Forty-nine percent (49%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 715 in 2020. This is an 8.01% increase from 2019.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 79 in 2020. This is a 17.91% increase from 2019.
- In 2020, there were 992 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25.46% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2020, 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 2020, there were 369 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 2.64% decrease from 2019.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2020.

\*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 March 28, 2023.*