



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2014

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2014 was 1.42 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 2.16% increase from 2013.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2014 death toll of 3,534 was an increase of 3.70% from the 3,408 deaths recorded in 2013.
- There were 13,675 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2014 with 17,152 people sustaining a serious injury*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2014 reached 248.824 billion, an increase of 1.75% over the 244.536 billion traveled in 2013.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 55.86% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,974 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,384 deaths in 2014. This was 39.16 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2014.
- In 2014 there were 823 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 581 people killed in head-on crashes in 2014.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2014.
- There were two crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2014.
- Wednesday, January 1st and Saturday, April 19th were the deadliest days in 2014 with twenty-three (23) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 351 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2014:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 29 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 13 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 66 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2014, 43.8% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 237,941 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2014.
- There were 463 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2014. Fifty percent (50%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 486 in 2014. This is a 1.4% decrease from 2013.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 50 in 2014. This is a 4.2% increase from 2013.
- In 2014, there were 1,041 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 29% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2014, 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 2014, there were 483 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 4% increase from 2013.

*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 20, 2015.