



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2023

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2023 was 1.45 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 4.10% decrease from 2022.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2023 death toll of 4,283 was a decrease of 2.81% from the 4,407 deaths recorded in 2022.
- There were 15,219 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2023 with 18,752 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2023 reached 294.785 billion, an increase of 1.34% over the 290.891 billion traveled in 2022.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 52.84% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,263 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,368 deaths in 2023. This was 31.94% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2023.
- In 2023 there were 1,120 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 635 people killed in head-on crashes in 2023.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2023.
- There were five crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2023.
- Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> was the deadliest day in 2023 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. June and August were the deadliest months with 390 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2023:
  - ☐ **1 person was killed every 2 hours 3 minutes**
  - ☐ **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 6 seconds**
  - ☐ **1 reportable crash occurred every 56 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2023, 48.89% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 250,335 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2023.
- There were 599 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2023. forty percent (40%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 807 in 2023. This is a 0.98% decrease from 2022.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 105 in 2023. This is a 15.38% increase from 2022.
- In 2023, there were 1,090 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25.45% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2023, 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 Sunday than any other day of the week.
- In 2023, there were 403 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is an 17.25% decrease from 2022.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2023.

\*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 24, 2024.*