



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2017

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2017 was 1.36 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 2.41% decrease from 2016.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2017 death toll of 3,726 was a decrease of 1.79% from the 3,794 deaths recorded in 2016.
- There were 14,314 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2017 with 17,571 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2017 reached 272.981 billion, an increase of 0.63% over the 271.263 billion traveled in 2016.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 52.33% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,950 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,312 deaths in 2017. This was 35.21 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2017.
- In 2017 there were 763 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 553 people killed in head-on crashes in 2017.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2017.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2017.
- Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> were the deadliest days in 2017 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. July was the deadliest month with 352 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2017:
  - ✦ **1 person was killed every 2 hours 21 minutes**
  - ✦ **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 4 seconds**
  - ✦ **1 reportable crash occurred every 59 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2017, 40% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 255,259 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2017.
- There were 498 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2017. Fifty one percent (51%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 618 in 2017. This is a 9.12% decrease from 2016.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 57 in 2017. This is a 13.64% decrease from 2016.
- In 2017, there were 1,049 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 2017, 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 2017, there were 452 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 2% decrease from 2016.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2017.

\*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 13, 2021.*