



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2019

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2019 was 1.26 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 3.08% decrease from 2018.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2019 death toll of 3,622 was a decrease of 0.96% from the 3,657 deaths recorded in 2018.
- There were 12,911 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2019 with 15,859 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2019 reached 288.227 billion, an increase of 2.19% over the 282.037 billion traveled in 2018.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 50.61% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,833 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,176 deaths in 2019. This was 32.47% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2019.
- In 2019 there were 734 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 595 people killed in head-on crashes in 2019.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2019.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2019.
- Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> were the deadliest days in 2019 with twenty-one (21) persons killed in traffic crashes. December was the deadliest month with 334 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2019:
  - ☐ **1 person was killed every 2 hours 25 minutes**
  - ☐ **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 3 seconds**
  - ☐ **1 reportable crash occurred every 56 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2019, 42.38% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 256,834 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2019.
- There were 413 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2019. Forty-five percent (45%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 662 in 2019. This is a 5.08% increase from 2018.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 67 in 2019. This is a 4.29% decrease from 2018.
- In 2019, there were 917 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25.32% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2019, 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 2019, there were 379 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 6.19% decrease from 2018.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2019.

\*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 09, 2025.*