



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 19.04% increase from 2019.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2020 death toll of 3,898 was an increase of 7.62% from the 3,622 deaths recorded in 2019.
- There were 12,120 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2020 with 14,669 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 50.36% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,963 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,355 deaths in 2020. This was 34.76% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2020.
- In 2020 there were 870 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 539 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 21st, Friday, August 14th and Monday, December 28th 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, 46.56% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 205,725 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 716 in 2020. This is an 8.16% increase from 2019.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 79 in 2020. This is a 17.91% increase from 2019.
- In 2020, there were 996 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25.55% 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 370 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 2.37% 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 April 09, 2025.