



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2010

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2010 was 1.31 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 2.96% decrease from 2009.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2010 death toll of 3,060 was a decrease of 1.99% from the 3,122 deaths recorded in 2009.
- There were 11,746 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2010 with 15,188 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2010 reached 234.261 billion, an increase of 0.98% over the 231.976 billion traveled in 2009.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.15% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,657 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,240 deaths in 2010. This was 40.52 % of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2010.
- In 2010 there were 685 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 461 people killed in head-on crashes in 2010.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2010.
- There were no crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2010.
- Friday, January 1st was the deadliest day in 2010 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. May was the deadliest month with 281 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2010:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 52 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 25 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 80 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2010, 43.6% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 217,015 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2010.
- There were 437 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2010. Fifty-six percent (56%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 357 in 2010. There was no change from 2009.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 43 in 2010. This is a 10.4% decrease from 2009.
- In 2010, there were 1,074 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 35% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2010, 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 2010, there were 446 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 5% decrease from 2009.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2010.

\*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 15, 2020.*