



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2016

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2016 was 1.40 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 0.7% increase from 2015.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2016 death toll of 3,794 was an increase of 5.83% from the 3,585 deaths recorded in 2015.
- There were 14,229 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2016 with 17,618 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2016 reached 271.263 billion, an increase of 5.09% over the 258.122 billion traveled in 2015.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 51.66% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,960 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,310 deaths in 2016. This was 34.53% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2016.
- In 2016 there were 816 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 636 people killed in head-on crashes in 2016.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2016.
- There was one crash that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2016.
- Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> were the deadliest days in 2016 with twenty-three (23) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 386 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2016:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 19 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 1 minutes 59 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 57 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2016, 43.85% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 265,735 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2016.
- There were 500 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2016. Fifty-three percent (53%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 680 in 2016. This is a 21.00% increase from 2015.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 66 in 2016. This is a 24.53% increase from 2015.
- In 2016, there were 1,021 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 26.91% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2016, 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 2016, there were 459 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 5.36% decrease from 2015.
- There was one fatality caused by a bridge collapse in 2016.

\*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.*