



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2018

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2018 was 1.30 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 5.00 decrease from 2017.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2018 death toll of 3,657 was a decrease of 1.85% from the 3,726 deaths recorded in 2017.
- There were 12,226 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2018 with 14,981 people sustaining a serious injury\*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2018 reached 282.037 billion, an increase of 3.32% over the 272.981 billion traveled in 2017.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 55.07% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,014 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,291 deaths in 2018. This was 35.30% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2018.
- In 2018 there were 709 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 550 people killed in head-on crashes in 2018.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2018.
- There were no crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2018.
- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> was the deadliest day in 2018 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. October was the deadliest month with 334 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2018:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 24 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 6 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 58 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2018, 42.91% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 250,692 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2018.
- There were 420 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2018. Forty-nine percent (49%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 629 in 2018. This is a 1.78% increase from 2017.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 71 in 2018. This is a 24.56% increase from 2017.
- In 2018, there were 978 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 26.74% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2018, 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 2018, there were 404 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is an 10.62% decrease from 2017.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2018.

\*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.*