



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts Calendar Year 2023

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2023 was 1.42 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 6.05% decrease from 2022.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2023 death toll of 4,291 was a decrease of 2.70% from the 4,410 deaths recorded in 2022.
- There were 15,227 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2023 with 18,765 people sustaining a serious injury*.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2023 reached 301.254 billion, an increase of 3.56% over the 290.891 billion traveled in 2022.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 51.92% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,228 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,366 deaths in 2023. This was 31.83% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2023.
- In 2023 there were 1,121 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 635 people killed in head-on crashes in 2023.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2023.
- There were five crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2023.
- Saturday, September 9th was the deadliest day in 2023 with twenty-five (25) persons killed in traffic crashes. June and August were the deadliest months with 391 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2023:
 - ▢ **1 person was killed every 2 hours 2 minutes**
 - ▢ **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 6 seconds**
 - ▢ **1 reportable crash occurred every 56 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2023, 48.91% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 250,489 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2023.
- There were 600 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2023. forty percent (40%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 810 in 2023. This is a 0.74% decrease from 2022.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 106 in 2023. This is a 15.22% increase from 2022.
- In 2023, there were 1,127 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 26.26% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2023, 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 Sunday than any other day of the week.
- In 2023, there were 403 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is an 17.08% decrease from 2022.
- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2023.

*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.