



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2008

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2008 was 1.41 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 1.40% decrease from 2007.
- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2008 death toll of 3,468 was an increase of 0.20% from the 3,461 deaths recorded in 2007.
- There were 61,954 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2008. These crashes resulted in 84,508 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2008 reached 245.264 billion, an increase of 1.46% over the 241.746 billion traveled in 2007.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 54.1% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 1,877 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,116 deaths in 2008. This was 32% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2008.
- In 2008 there were 829 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 510 people killed in head-on crashes in 2008.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2008.
- Friday, August 8th was the deadliest day in 2008 with thirty-two (32) persons killed in traffic crashes. August and October were the deadliest months with 320 persons killed in both months.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2008:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 32 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 2 minutes 10 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 72 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2008, 56% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 242,698 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2008.
- There were 529 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2008. Fifty-six percent (56%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 438 in 2008. This is a 5% increase from 2007.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 48 in 2008. This is a 4% decrease from 2007.
- In 2008, there were 975 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 28.1% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2008, 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 alcohol related crashes occurred on Saturday than any other day of the week.

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 June 30, 2009.