



Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2004

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2004 was 1.62 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 7.43% decrease from 2003.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2004 death toll of 3,725 was a decrease of 2.56% from the 3,823 deaths recorded in 2003.
- There were 64,607 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2004. These crashes resulted in 91,530 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2004 reached 229.345 billion, an increase of 5.10% over the 218.209 billion traveled in 2003.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 56.7% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,113 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,314 deaths in 2004. This was 35% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2004.
- In 2004 there were 901 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 648 people killed in head-on crashes in 2004.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2004.
- Sunday, June 13th was the deadliest day in 2004 with twenty-nine (29) persons killed in traffic crashes. August was the deadliest month with 355 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2004:
 - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 21 minutes**
 - **1 person was injured every 1 minute 50 seconds**
 - **1 reportable crash occurred every 71 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2004, 50% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 288,715 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2004.
- There were 295 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2004. Fifty-four percent (54%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 463 in 2004. This is a 13% increase from 2003.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 52 in 2004. This is a 10% decrease from 2003.
- In 2004, there were 873 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 23.4% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2004, 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 March 26, 2009.