



## Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Highlights Calendar Year 2005

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2005 was 1.52 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 6.17% decrease from 2004.
- Texas experienced a decrease in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2005 death toll of 3,559 was a decrease of 4.46% from the 3,725 deaths recorded in 2004.
- There were 65,464 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2005. These crashes resulted in 92,042 people sustaining a serious injury.
- The annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2005 reached 234.232 billion, an increase of 2.13% over the 229.345 billion traveled in 2004.
- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 57.4% of the state's traffic fatalities. There were 2,042 deaths in rural traffic crashes.
- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,330 deaths in 2005. This was 37% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2005.
- In 2005 there were 769 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
- There were 568 people killed in head-on crashes in 2005.
- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2005.
- Friday, September 23rd was the deadliest day in 2005 with forty (40) persons killed in traffic crashes. December was the deadliest month with 333 persons killed.
- Based on reportable crashes in 2005:
  - **1 person was killed every 2 hours 28 minutes**
  - **1 person was injured every 1 minute 47 seconds**
  - **1 reportable crash occurred every 68 seconds**
- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2005, 55% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
- 293,583 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2005.
- There were 359 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2005. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 443 in 2005. This is a 4% decrease from 2004.
- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 47 in 2005. This is a 10% decrease from 2004.
- In 2005, there were 775 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 21.8% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
- During 2005, more DUI - Alcohol crashes were reported in the hour between 1:00 am and 1:59 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.*