**Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Facts**  
**Calendar Year 2020**

- The Fatality Rate on Texas roadways for 2020 was 1.50 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is a 18.94% increase from 1.26 in 2019.

- Texas experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2020 death toll of 3,896 was an increase of 7.54% from the 3,623 deaths recorded in 2019.

- There were 12,107 serious injury crashes in Texas in 2020 with 14,656 people sustaining a serious injury*.


- Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the state accounted for 51.03% of the state’s traffic fatalities. There were 1,988 deaths in rural traffic crashes.

- Single vehicle, run-off the road crashes resulted in 1,354 deaths in 2020. This was 34.75% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2020.

- In 2020 there were 865 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.

- There were 538 people killed in head-on crashes in 2020.

- There were no deathless days on Texas roadways in 2020.

- There were two crashes that resulted in 6 or more fatalities in 2020.

- Sunday, June 21st, Friday, August 14th and Monday, December 28th were the deadliest days in 2020 with twenty-two (22) persons killed in traffic crashes in each one of those days. October was the deadliest month with 382 persons killed.

- Based on reportable crashes in 2020:
  - 1 person was killed every 2 hours
  - 15 minutes
  - 1 person was injured every 2 minutes
  - 34 seconds
  - 1 reportable crash occurred every 1 minute 7 seconds

- Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2020, 46.54% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.

- 205,498 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2020.

- There were 482 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2020. Forty five percent (49%) of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

- Pedestrian fatalities totaled 717 in 2020. This is an 8.47% increase from 2019.

- Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 79 in 2020. This is a 16.18% increase from 2019.

- In 2020, there were 958 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol. This is 25% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

- During 2020, 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 2020, there were 368 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 3% decrease from 2019.

- There were no fatalities caused by a bridge collapse in 2020.

*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 13, 2021.*