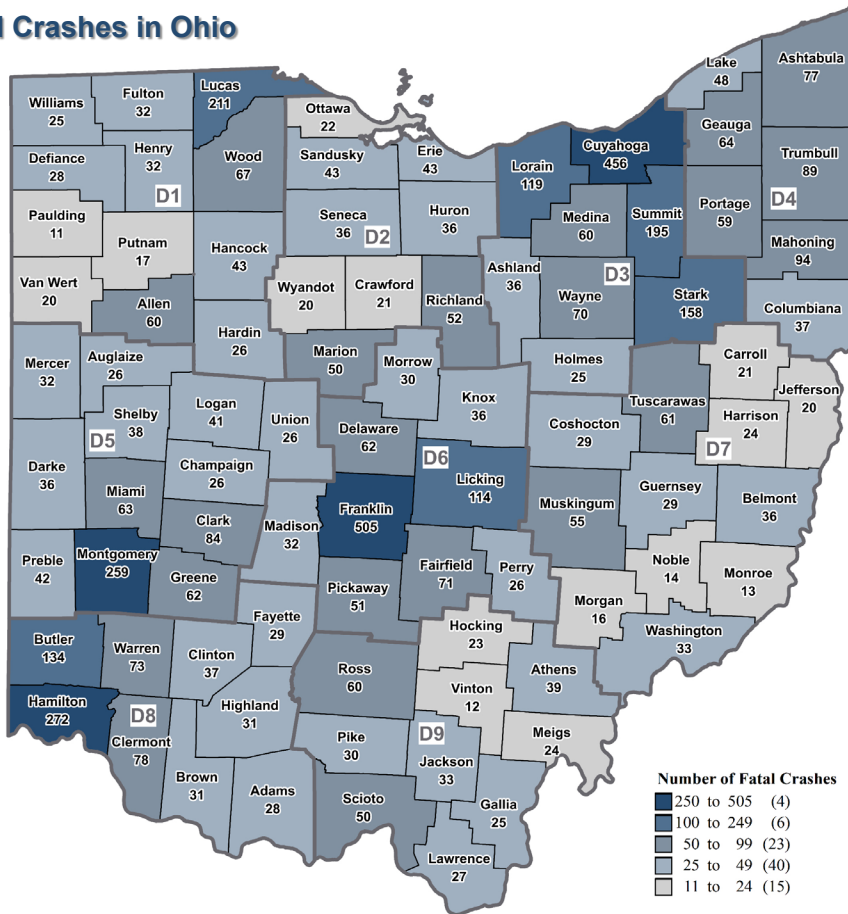


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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Fatal Crashes in Ohio



Map and Table:

2017-2021 Fatal Crashes¹

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	572
District 2	323
District 3	1,119
District 4	468
District 5	735
District 6	927
District 7	351
District 8	713
District 9	323

Total 5,531

Ohio Fatal Crashes

- Over the past five years (2017-2021), there were 5,531¹ fatal crashes on Ohio roadways resulting in 5,989 fatalities. The highest totals over this period occurred in 2021 with 1,246 crashes and 1,357 fatalities. In fact, 2021 marked the highest number of traffic related fatalities on Ohio roads since 2002.
- Over this five-year period, more fatal crashes happened in Franklin County (505) than in any other county. Large numbers of fatal crashes also occurred in Cuyahoga (456), Hamilton (272), Montgomery (259) and Lucas (211) Counties. Combined, these five counties accounted for 31% of all fatal crashes during these five years.
- One in three (33%) fatal crashes took place between the hours of 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Further, one in three fatal crashes happened on a Friday or Saturday. Interstate 71 (100), Interstate 75 (98) and US Route 6 (75) were the leading routes for fatal crashes from 2017-2021.
- Examining the causes² of fatal crashes over this five-year period shows that “Unsafe Speed” and “Drove Off Road” were the most common causes (16% each). Other leading causes include driving left of center (13%), failure to yield the right of way (12%), following too closely (7%) and improper lane changes (7%).
- Additional information on fatal and other crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) dashboard at: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx>.

¹2021 data contains both confirmed and provisional crashes and is provisional as of 1/24/21. ²Data only includes crashes with an identifiable vehicle in error. Non-motorists such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and others were removed.