

2001 Overview

- < There was a total 77,148 reported crashes.
 - Total crashes decreased 1.9% from 78,645 in 2000.
- < Fatal crashes and fatalities.
 - There were 588 reported fatal crashes.
 - Fatal crashes increased less than one percent from 586 in 2000.
 - There were 682 fatalities.
 - Fatalities increased 3.0% from 662 in 2000.
- < Injury crashes and injuries.
 - There were 29,288 injury crashes.
 - Injury crashes decreased 2.7% from 30,088 in 2000.
 - There were 45,275 persons injured.
 - Injuries decreased 3.9% from 47,115 in 2000.

Crashes

- < There were a total of 77,148 reported crashes involving 140,647 drivers.
- < 52.1% (40,232 of 77,148) of all reported crashes occurred on city streets.
- < 72.4% (55,853 of 77,148) of all reported crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 50.5% (38,948 of 77,148) of all reported crashes occurred in a business locality.
- < 46.3% (35,689 of 77,148) of all reported crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 70.8% (54,591 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved two vehicles.
- < Primary Causes of Crashes.
 - 13.8% (10,636 of 77,148) were failure to yield.
 - 13.7% (10,543 of 77,148) were unsafe speed.
 - 12.1% (9,346 of 77,148) were following too closely.
- < Rural vs. Urban Crashes.
 - 27.6% (21,255 of 77,148) were rural crashes.
 - 72.4% (55,893 of 77,148) were urban crashes.
- < Primary Causes of Rural Crashes.
 - 26.9% (5,721 of 21,255) of rural crashes were caused by unsafe speed.
 - 12.0% (2,547 of 21,255) of rural crashes were caused by other improper act/movement.
 - 10.7% (2,277 of 21,255) of rural crashes were caused by failure to yield.
- < Primary Causes of Urban Crashes.
 - 14.8% (8,359 of 55,893) of urban crashes were caused by failure to yield.
 - 14.6% (8,165 of 55,893) of urban crashes were caused by following too closely.
 - 13.4% (7,514 of 55,893) of urban crashes were caused by improper turn.

Crashes - Alcohol/Drug Related

- < 6.6% (5,110 of 77,148) of all reported crashes were alcohol/drug related.
- < 55.4% (2,830 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes were DUI or DWI.
- < 44.2% (2,258 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes occurred on city streets.
- < 53.8% (2,749 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes occurred in darkness.
- < 38.8% (1,984 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.

- < 49.5% (25,29 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 50.5% (2579 of 5,110) of all reported alcohol/drug related crashes involved one vehicle.

Crashes - Animal Involved

- < 2.3% (1,754 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved an animal.
- < Highway Class.
 - 27.4% (481 of 1,754) occurred on rural state highways.
 - 24.3% (426 of 1,754) occurred on county roads.
 - 18.7% (328 of 1,754) occurred on rural U.S. highways.
- < 73.7% (1,292 of 1,754) of reported crashes involving an animal occurred in darkness.
- < 83.4% (1,463 of 1,754) of all reported crashes involving an animal occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 97.9% (1,717 of 1,754) of all reported crashes involving an animal involved one vehicle.

Crashes - Commercial Vehicle

- < 4.3% (3,321 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved a commercial vehicle.
- < 27.8% (922 of 3,321) of all reported commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstates.
- < Primary causes of crashes involving commercial vehicles.
 - 20.1% (669 of 3,321) were unsafe speed.
 - 13.4% (444 of 3,321) were other improper act/movement.
 - 10.5% (349 of 3,321) were inattention.
- < 72.7% (2,415 of 3,321) of all reported commercial vehicle crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 50.0% (1,660 of 3,321) of all reported commercial vehicle crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 43.2% (1,434 of 3,321) of all reported commercial vehicle crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 65.4% (2,172 of 3,321) of all reported commercial vehicle crashes involved two vehicles.

Crashes - Construction Zone (Work Zone)

- < 2.3% (1,790 of 77,148) of all reported crashes occurred in construction zones (work zones).
- < 41.7% (747 of 1,790) of all reported construction zone (work zone) crashes occurred on city streets.
- < Primary Causes of construction zone (work zone) crashes.
 - 19.4% (347 of 1,790) were followed too closely.
 - 13.5% (242 of 1,790) were unsafe speed.
 - 12.5% (224 of 1,790) were inattention.
- < 75.5% (1,351 of 1,790) of all reported construction zone (work zone) crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 54.1% (968 of 1,790) of all reported construction zone (work zone) crashes occurred in business localities.
- < 46.1% (826 of 1,790) of all reported construction zone (work zone) crashes occurred in clear weather.

- < 68.8% (1,232 of 1,790) of all reported construction zone (work zone) crashes involved two vehicles.

Crashes - Failed to Yield

- < 13.8% (10,636 of 77,148) of all reported crashes were caused by failure to yield.
- < 64.0% (6,811 of 10,636) of all reported failure to yield crashes occurred on city streets.
- < Primary causes of failed to yield crashes.
 - 51.7% (5,495 of 10,636) were failed to yield from stop sign.
 - 30.4% (3,231 of 10,636) were failed to yield from private drive.
 - 4.9% (525 of 10,636) were failed to yield to vehicle at intersection.
- < 83.9% (8,921 of 10,636) of all reported failure to yield crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 56.1% (5,968 of 10,636) of all reported failure to yield crashes occurred in business localities.
- < 48.0% (5,108 of 10,636) of all reported failure to yield crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 95.5% (10,155 of 10,636) of all reported failure to yield crashes involved two vehicles.

Crashes - Fatal

- < There were 588 reported fatal crashes.
- < Fatal crashes increased less than one percent from 586 in 2000 to 588 in 2001.
- < Primary causes of fatal crashes.
 - 29.9% (176 of 588) were caused by unsafe speed.
 - 12.1% (71 of 588) were caused by other improper act/movement.
 - 11.9% (70 of 588) were caused by failure to yield.
- < 22.1% (130 of 588) of all fatal crashes occurred on county roads.
- < 52.9% (311 of 588) of all fatal crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 70.2% (413 of 588) of all fatal crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 45.2% (266 of 588) of all fatal crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 52.7% (310 of 588) of all fatal crashes involved one vehicle.

Crashes - Rollover

- < 2.9% (2,242 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved a vehicle that rolled over.
- < 35.0% (784 of 2,242) of all reported rollover crashes occurred on county roads.
- < Primary causes of rollover crashes.
 - 51.7% (1,159 of 2,242) were unsafe speed.
 - 13.8% (309 of 2,242) were other improper act/movement.
 - 11.4% (255 of 2,242) were inattention.
- < 60.6% (1,359 of 2,242) of all reported rollover crashes occurred during daylight.
- < 87.6% (1,965 of 2,242) of all reported rollover crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 45.0% (1,010 of 2,242) of all reported rollover crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 97.5% (2,185 of 2,242) of all reported rollover crashes involved one vehicle.

Crashes - Train Involved

- < Less than one percent (55 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved a train.
- < 63.6% (35 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes occurred on county roads.
- < 65.5% (36 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes were caused by failure to stop.
- < 72.7% (40 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes occurred in daylight.
- < 63.6% (35 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 49.1% (27 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 98.2% (54 of 55) of all reported train involved crashes involved one vehicle.

Crashes - Unsafe Speed

- < 13.7% (10,543 of 77,143) of all reported crashes were caused by unsafe speed.
- < 29.5% (3,106 of 10,543) of all reported unsafe speed crashes occurred on city streets.
- < Primary causes of unsafe speed crashes.
 - 24.4% (2,569 of 10,543) were unsafe speed for rain or wet roadway.
 - 23.8% (2,514 of 10,543) were unsafe speed for ice or snow on roadway.
 - 15.1% (1,594 of 10,543) were exceeding the legal limit.
- < 63.9% (6,735 of 10,543) of all reported unsafe speed crashes occurred during daylight.
- < 50.9% (5,364 of 10,543) of all reported unsafe speed crashes occurred in localities described as not built-up.
- < 32.8% (3,454 of 10,543) of all reported unsafe speed crashes occurred in weather with clouds present.
- < 54.8% (3,454 of 10,543) of all reported unsafe speed crashes involved one vehicle.

Persons

- < There were 45,957 persons killed or injured in crashes.
- < There were 4,428 persons killed or injured in alcohol/drug related crashes.
 - 9.6% (4,428 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in alcohol/drug related crashes.
- < There were 583 persons killed or injured in animal involved crashes.
 - 1.3% (583 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in animal involved crashes.
- < There were 1,873 persons killed or injured in crashes involving commercial vehicles.
 - 4.1% (1,873 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in crashes involving commercial vehicles.
- < There were 1,043 persons killed or injured in construction zone (work zone) crashes.
 - 2.3% (1,043 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in construction zone (work zone) crashes.
- < There were 6,735 persons killed or injured in failure to yield crashes.
 - 14.7% (6,735 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in failure to yield crashes.
- < There were 682 persons killed and 606 persons injured in fatal crashes.
- < There were 2,075 persons killed or injured in rollover crashes.
 - 4.5% (2,075 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in rollover crashes.

Quick Facts

- < There were six persons killed and 21 persons injured in train involved crashes.
- < There were 7,576 persons killed or injured in unsafe speed crashes.
 - 16.5% (7,576 of 45,957) of the persons killed or injured were in unsafe speed crashes.

Drivers

- < Male drivers
 - 48.7% (1,138,054 of 2,336,304) of the licensed drivers in Oklahoma were male.
 - 54.8% (77,075 of 140,647) of all drivers involved in crashes were male¹¹.
 - 70.6% (308 of 436) of the drivers killed in crashes were male.
- < Female drivers
 - 51.3% (1,198,250 of 2,336,304) of the licensed drivers in Oklahoma were female.
 - 40.8% (57,349 of 140,647) of all drivers involved in crashes were female¹².
 - 29.4% (128 of 436) of the drivers killed in crashes were male.
- < Driver fatalities by age group.
 - 13.8% (60 of 436) of the drivers killed were age 21-25.
 - 13.3% (58 of 436) of the drivers killed were age 16-20.
 - 11.5% (50 of 436) of the drivers killed were age 51-55.
 - 10.3% (45 of 436) of the drivers killed were age 41-45.
- < Drivers Age 16-20
 - 19.1% (26,820 of 140,647) of all drivers involved in crashes were age 16-20.
 - 8.6% (201,694 of 2,338,304) of the licensed drivers in Oklahoma were age 16-20.
 - There were 26,820 drivers age 16-20 involved in crashes.
 - 55.3% (14,814 of 26,820) of the drivers age 16-20 were male.
 - 13.3% (58 of 436) of the total drivers killed were age 16-20.
 - Of the drivers with an alcohol/drug related driver condition, 15.1% (703 of 4,671) were age 16-20.
- < 63.9% (436 of 682) of the total fatalities were drivers.
- < 3.3% (4,671 of 140,647) of all drivers involved in crashes were reported to have an alcohol/drug related driver condition.

Safety Equipment

- < 64.6% (368 of 570) of the fatality victims in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not using a safety belt or child restraint.
- < 53.3% (8 of 15) of the fatality victims age 5 and under in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not in child restraints.
- < 74.3% (26 of 35) of the motorcycle fatalities were not wearing a helmet.
- < 63.9% (246 of 385) of the driver fatalities in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not using safety belts.
- < 65.9% (122 of 185) of the passenger fatalities in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks were not using safety equipment.

¹¹The gender of 4.4% of the drivers was unknown or not stated.

¹²Ibid.

Motorcyclists

- < 3.3% (35 of 1,072) of the persons involved in motorcycle crashes were killed.
- < 83.7% (897 of 1,072) of the persons involved in motorcycle crashes were injured.
- < Motorcyclist age
 - 16.0% (171 of 1,072) of the motorcyclists involved in crashes were under age 21.
 - 15.8% (169 of 1,072) of the motorcyclists involved in crashes were age 21-25.
 - 12.6% (135 of 1,072) of the motorcyclists involved in crashes were age 16-20.
- < 74.3% (26 of 35) of the motorcycle fatalities were not wearing a helmet.
- < 86.6% (928 of 1,072) of the motorcyclists involved in crashes were male.

School Bus

- < Less than one percent (354 of 77,148) of all reported crashes involved a school bus.
- < Causes of crashes involving a school bus
 - 16.1% (57 of 354) were improper turn.
 - 15.5% (55 of 354) were failure to yield.
 - 15.3% (54 of 354) were other improper act/movement.
- < There were three fatalities in crashes involving a school bus. All three fatalities occurred in the same crash and were occupants in the same pickup truck.
- < 70.3% (249 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes occurred on city streets.
- < 92.7% (328 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes occurred during daylight.
- < 37.9% (134 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes were in residential localities.
- < 34.2% (121 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes were in business localities.
- < 46.0% (163 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes occurred in clear weather.
- < 88.1% (312 of 354) of the reported school bus crashes involved two vehicles.

Pedalcyclist

- < There were 413 pedalcyclists involved in crashes.
- < Less than one percent (2 of 413) of the pedalcyclists involved in crashes were killed.
- < 86.7% (358 of 413) of the pedalcyclists involved in crashes were injured.
- < 80.1% (331 of 413) of the pedalcyclists involved in crashes were on city streets.
- < 41.4% (171 of 413) of the pedalcyclists involved in crashes were under age 15.

Pedestrian

- < There were 694 pedestrians involved in crashes.
- < 7.1% (49 of 694) of the pedestrians involved in crashes were killed.
- < 87.6% (608 of 694) of the pedestrians involved in crashes were injured.
- < 94.7% (657 of 694) of the pedestrians involved in crashes were killed or injured.
- < 71.3% (495 of 694) of the pedestrians involved in crashes were on city streets.

Quick Facts

- < Pedestrian Age
 - 12.4% (86 of 694) were age 11-15.
 - 11.8% (82 of 694) were age 6-10.
 - 12.0% (83 of 694) were age 16-20.
 - 6.1% (42 of 694) were age 1-5.
- < 58.5% (406 of 694) of the pedestrians involved in crashes were male.