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Purpose:	The purpose of this document is to provide a description of Oklahoma traffic crash, injury, and fatality data. This document is a resource for local transportation, law enforcement, health, and other agencies charged with the responsibility of coping with the increasing number and cost of traffic crashes.
Reporting Year:	2003 calendar year.
Fatalities:	Beginning January 1, 2001, Oklahoma's reporting standards for fatalities were changed to meet national standards. Fatalities that occur within 30 days of a traffic crash are reported as fatalities.
Crash Data:	The Records Management Division of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety maintains a database of crash records as reported by law enforcement agencies throughout Oklahoma. This database includes crashes resulting in injury, death or over \$500 ¹ property damage. Crashes occurring on private or public property are included in this database. Data elements included relate to information on vehicles, roadways, crash circumstances, drivers, passengers, pedestrians, motorcyclists, and bicyclists involved in these crashes.
County Tables:	Unlisted counties in county tables did not report any crashes, fatalities, or injuries as defined in the table.
Exclusions:	The Department of Public Safety database is used with one exclusion: non-traffic crashes. Non-traffic crashes are those occurring on private property, deliberate acts, heart attacks, legal interventions, suicides, industrial crashes, drownings, boat crashes, incidents, and others. These crash records are kept in the DPS database but are not used for statistical purposes.
KABCO Scale:	This scale is used for classifying injury severity. The letters in this scale indicate the following injury severities: K = Fatal injuries A = Incapacitating injuries B = Non-incapacitating injuries C = Possible injuries O = No injuries Every effort has been made to clearly document which injury severity classifications are included for each report.
Persons:	It also should be noted that all drivers involved in a crash are entered into the DPS database, whether injured or not. However, only injured non-drivers are entered into the database.
Agency:	Reporting agencies include: Oklahoma Highway Patrol, city police, sheriff departments, game or park rangers, campus police, or other agencies. For the purpose of this document: OHP = Oklahoma Highway Patrol Non-OHP = all reporting agencies except OHP Statewide = all reporting agencies
VMT:	Vehicle Miles Traveled.
Intersection	Beginning with 2003 data intersection crash data is obtained from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Traffic Engineering Division.

¹ Title 47§40-102, 2003 Edition.