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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:** 2002 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 \$500¹ property damage. Non-traffic crashes occurring on private or public property are also 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.
- The Department of Public Safety database is used with one exclusion: non-traffic crashes occurring on private property which includes 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.
- County Tables:** Unlisted counties in county tables did not report any crashes, fatalities, or injuries as defined in the table.
- 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.

¹ Title 47§40-102, 2002 Edition.

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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

Construction Zone: Also defined as Work Zone.

VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled.