

Fatal Crashes in Oklahoma's History 1998 - 2003

Sunday, November 23, was the deadliest day on Oklahoma roads in 2003. Nine people were killed in that 24-hour period. Five males and four females died in six crashes. Three were drivers, five were passengers, and one was a pedestrian. Alcohol use was reported in three collisions in which four people died. Driving left of center caused two collisions, one involved an animal in the roadway, and the other three were classified under "other" causes. In crashes where seat belt use was applicable, there were six victims not using seat belts and two victims for whom seat belt use was unknown.

Sunday, October 6, was the deadliest day on Oklahoma roads in 2002. Nine people were killed in that 24-hour period. Four males and five females died in five crashes. Three were drivers, three were passengers, and three were pedestrians. Alcohol use was reported in two collisions that killed four people. Unsafe speed was cited in three collisions, and two collisions were due to failure to stop or yield the right of way. In the collisions in which seat belts were available, two victims were using seat belts, two victims were not using seat belts, and seat belt usage for two other victims was unknown.

Friday, August 3, was the deadliest day on Oklahoma roads in 2001. Nine people were killed in that 24-hour period. Four males and five females died in six crashes. Six were drivers and three were passengers. Alcohol use was reported in one collision. Unsafe speed was cited in one collision that killed four people. Two victims were using seat belts and seven were not.

Friday, March 24, was the deadliest day on Oklahoma roads in 2000. Nine people were killed in that 24-hour period. Four males and five females died in seven crashes. Three were drivers, five were passengers, and one was a pedestrian. Alcohol use was reported in three crashes that resulted in four deaths. Two of the victims were using seat belts and six were not.

Friday, July 30, was one of the deadliest days on Oklahoma roads in 1999. Eight people were killed in that 24-hour period. Six males and two females died in four crashes. Three were drivers and five were passengers. Unsafe speed was cited as a contributing factor in one crash that killed four people. Two of the victims were using seat belts at the time of the crash and two were not. Seat belt usage for four of the victims is unknown. A fatality count of eight was recorded on four other days in 1999. Those dates are Saturday, February 27; Friday, March 12; Friday, August 20; and Saturday, November 20.

Monday, December 21, was the deadliest day on Oklahoma roads in 1998. Ten people were killed in that 24-hour period. Four males and six females died in six crashes. Four were drivers and six were passengers. Alcohol use was reported in one of the crashes in which two people were killed. Unsafe speed for conditions (ice on the roadway) was cited as a contributing cause in all six crashes. Five of the victims were using seat belts at the time of the crash and five were not. Five 4-fatality, 17 3-fatality, and 63 2-fatality crashes occurred on Oklahoma roadways in 1998.