

Illinois Crash Data 2006-2010

IMPORTANT

The law regarding the reporting threshold for property damage only crashes was amended, effective January 1, 2009, as follows:

When all drivers involved in a crash are insured, the amount of damage to any one person's property that must be reported increased from \$500 to \$1,500. If any driver does not have insurance, the threshold remains at \$500. The change did not affect the reporting of injury or fatal crashes.

The noticeable decline in property damage crashes may have been influenced by IDOT's safety efforts; however, part of the decline is attributable to this change in the crash reporting threshold.

There were 85,604 crashes reported in 2010 for which damage to any one person's property totaled between \$501 and \$1,500.

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Five-Year Statistics

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 vs. 2006
Registered Motor Vehicles ¹	10.08	10.21	10.15	10.01	10.00	-0.8
Licensed Drivers ¹	8.62	8.67	8.73	8.77	8.80	2.1
Vehicle Miles Traveled ²	106.81	107.40	105.64	105.73	105.74	-1.0
Crashes	408,670	422,778	408,258	292,106 ⁴	289,260 ⁴	-29.2
Injuries	106,918	103,156	94,021	89,090	88,937	-16.8
Deaths	1,254	1,248	1,043	911	927	-26.1
Mileage Death Rate ³	1.17	1.16	0.99	0.86	0.88	-24.8

¹ Millions. Data obtained from Illinois Secretary of State.

² Miles of travel on all roadways within Illinois, expressed in billions.

³ Per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled.

⁴ The noticeable decline in crashes is partially attributable to the change in crash reporting threshold effective January 1, 2009.

Note: Crash data in this publication are taken from the state's crash records system except where noted.

The number of motor vehicle registrations decreased 0.8 percent from 2006 to 2010. The number of licensed drivers increased by 2.1 percent. While vehicle miles traveled decreased by 1.0 percent in 2010 compared to 2006, fatalities and injuries decreased by the even greater amounts of 26.1 percent and 16.8 percent, respectively.

The risk of being in a crash generally increases with miles traveled. The number of deaths and miles traveled are used to calculate the mileage death rate, which decreased by 24.8 percent in 2010 compared to 2006. Improvements in roadway engineering, enhanced enforcement, and efforts to increase occupant restraint usage and to decrease alcohol-related fatalities, teen fatalities, and driver distraction have all contributed to this reduction.

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Holiday Traffic Crashes

YEAR	TOTAL DAYS	CRASH SEVERITY			PERSONS		Average Killed Per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
MEMORIAL DAY							
2010	3.25	14	538	2,201	16	799	4.9
2009	3.25	17	514	2,135	30	757	9.2
2008	3.25	7	509	2,654	8	726	2.5
2007	3.25	11	537	3,040	11	839	3.4
2006	3.25	20	659	3,159	20	1,004	6.2
FOURTH OF JULY							
2010	3.25	10	539	2,101	10	794	3.1
2009	3.25	11	535	2,239	13	813	4.0
2008	3.25	13	539	2,695	15	805	4.6
2007	1.25	4	224	1,262	4	308	3.2
2006	4.25	21	852	4,021	21	1,299	4.9
LABOR DAY							
2010	3.25	11	509	1,906	12	763	3.7
2009	3.25	5	469	1,866	6	700	1.8
2008	3.25	12	553	2,565	15	808	4.6
2007	3.25	17	647	2,975	20	995	6.2
2006	3.25	17	652	2,980	17	994	5.2
THANKSGIVING							
2010	4.25	13	501	2,780	15	743	3.5
2009	4.25	12	558	2,893	12	806	2.8
2008	4.25	9	643	3,846	10	964	2.4
2007	4.25	12	665	4,306	18	1,004	4.2
2006	4.25	17	648	3,977	20	964	4.7
CHRISTMAS							
2010	3.25	8	515	3,034	9	802	2.8
2009	3.25	3	496	3,059	4	775	1.2
2008	4.25	7	588	4,877	8	843	1.9
2007	4.25	13	663	4,390	13	969	3.1
2006	3.25	9	394	2,641	10	584	3.1
NEW YEAR'S							
2010-2011	3.25	6	331	1,748	6	535	1.8
2009-2010	3.25	6	329	1,879	6	477	1.8
2008-2009	4.25	10	458	2,298	10	657	2.4
2007-2008	4.25	11	622	4,796	11	914	2.6
2006-2007	3.25	13	504	2,837	13	739	4.0

This table shows motor vehicle traffic crash experience in Illinois for the six major holiday periods from 2006 to New Year's Day 2011. Crash counts begin at 6 p.m. on the day before the first full day of the holiday period and end at 11:59 p.m. of the last day of the holiday period. For example, since Memorial Day is a legal Monday holiday, the holiday period begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Monday.

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Young Drivers (16-20 Years of Age) Involved in Crashes

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT By Crash Severity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	90,895	90,691	82,451	60,566 ⁴	58,392 ⁴	81,151	-28.0
Fatal Crashes	227	251	144	119	143	185	-22.7
Injury Crashes	19,678	17,978	15,637	15,156	14,354	17,112	-16.1
Licensed Drivers	727,629	737,605	734,095	728,458	721,183	731,947	-1.5
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	2.50	2.77	1.75	1.96	2.45	2.28	7.5
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.31	0.34	0.20	0.16	0.20	0.25	-20.0
Total Crash Rate ³	124.92	122.95	112.32	83.14	80.97	110.87	-27.0

¹ Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 total crashes.

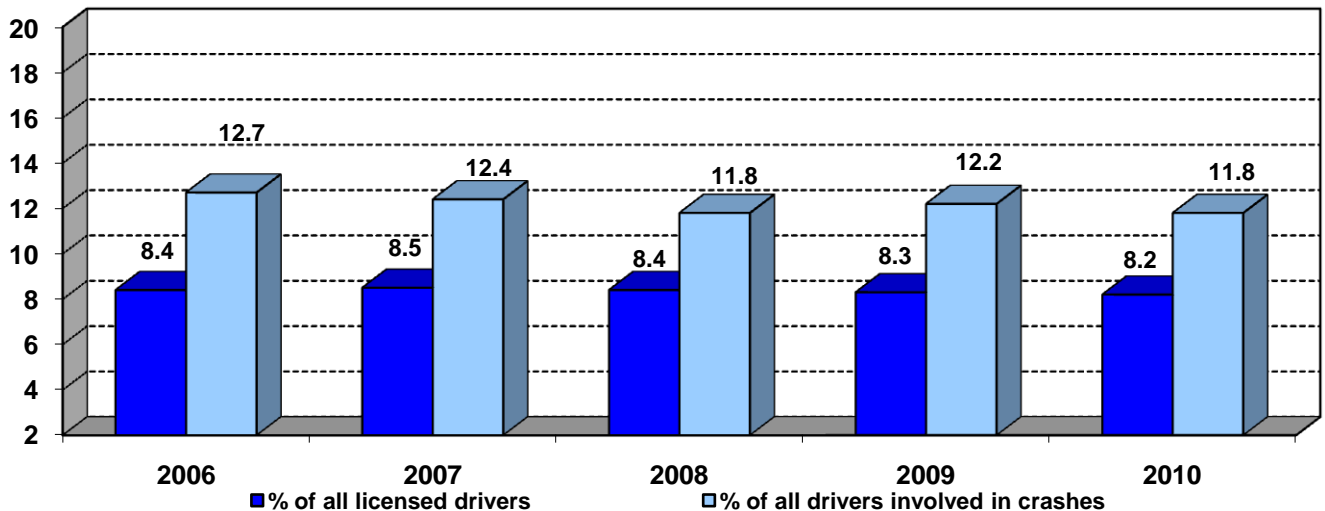
² Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

³ Drivers involved in all crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers.

⁴ The noticeable decline in drivers involved in total crashes is partially attributable to the change in crash reporting threshold effective January 1, 2009.

Young drivers account for about 8 percent of all licensed drivers; their involvement in crashes, however, is considerably higher. This over-representation is shown in the graph below.

Young Drivers: Crash Involvement Relative to All Drivers



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Senior Drivers (65 Years or Older) Involved in Crashes

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT By Crash Severity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	48,601	49,508	48,697	35,672 ⁴	37,196 ⁴	45,620	-18.5
Fatal Crashes	163	186	164	155	155	167	-7.2
Injury Crashes	10,024	9,823	9,448	9,049	9,451	9,586	-1.4
Licensed Drivers	1,158,023	1,171,732	1,209,571	1,230,503	1,260,237	1,192,457	5.7
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	3.35	3.76	3.37	4.35	4.17	3.66	13.9
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.14	-14.3
Total Crash Rate ³	41.97	42.25	40.26	28.99	29.52	38.26	-22.8

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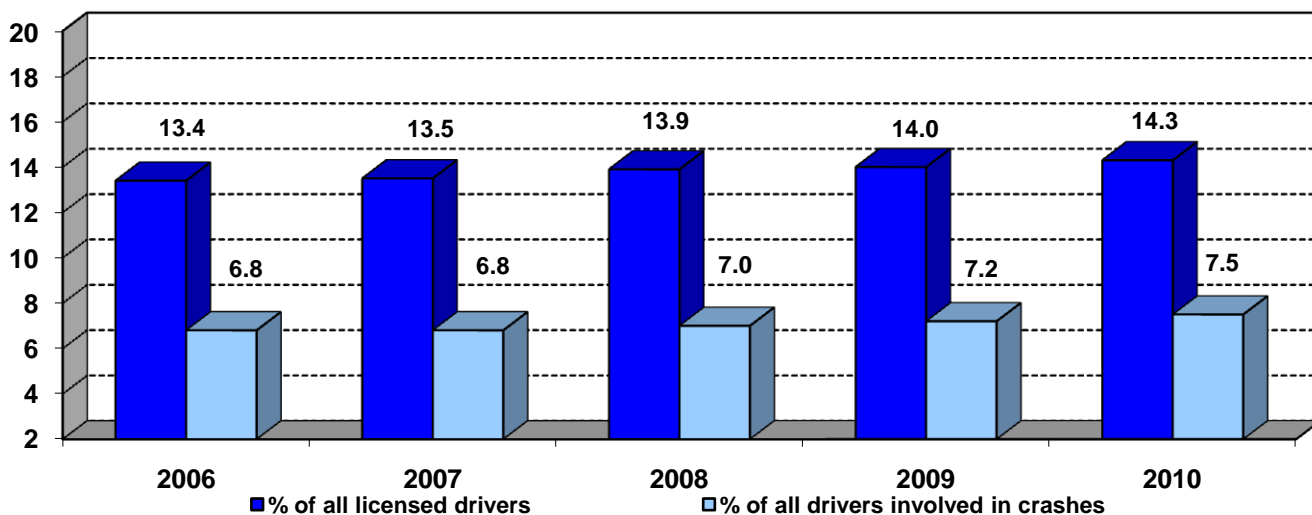
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Senior drivers account for 13-14 percent of all licensed drivers; their involvement in crashes, however, is considerably lower. This under-representation is shown in the graph below.

Senior Drivers: Crash Involvement Relative to All Drivers



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Pedestrian Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	6,212	6,191	5,877	5,313	5,215	5,898	-11.6
Pedestrians Killed	137	172	135	111	115	139	-17.3
Pedestrians Injured	6,221	6,171	5,423	5,231	5,174	5,762	-10.2
Number of Fatal Crashes by Light Condition							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Daylight	48	50	45	35	32		
Dawn	2	2	2	2	2		
Dusk	0	3	2	0	3		
Darkness	38	63	45	31	39		
Dark-Road Lighted	50	47	43	45	38		
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	138	165	137	113	114		
Number of Pedestrians Killed by Age							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
4 or Younger	7	6	2	2	1		
5-9	6	5	7	1	4		
10-14	2	3	3	2	3		
15-19	5	11	10	4	7		
20-24	8	15	10	5	12		
25-34	14	18	19	16	17		
35-44	19	31	30	16	15		
45-54	24	31	24	26	15		
55-64	17	20	10	16	22		
65-74	15	10	9	10	8		
75 or Older	20	21	11	13	11		
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0		
TOTAL	137	172	135	111	115		

A pedestrian crash is any crash in which the first harmful event is the collision of a pedestrian and a motor vehicle.

Comparing 2010 to the previous 4-year average, the number of pedestrians killed or injured decreased by 10.4 percent, from an average of 5,901 during 2006-2009 to 5,289 in 2010.

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Pedalcycle Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	3,204	3,888	3,853	3,255	3,599	3,550	1.4
Fatal Crashes	26	17	28	20	24	23	4.3
Injury Crashes	3,173	3,836	3,331	3,100	3,444	3,360	2.5
Pedalcyclists Killed	24	18	27	20	24	22	9.1
Pedalcyclists Injured	3,188	3,867	3,342	3,123	3,464	3,380	2.5
	Number of Pedalcyclists Killed by Type of Roadway						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Urban							
State Routes	12	3	11	4	5		
Interstate Type Roads	0	0	0	0	2		
City Streets and Roads	11	3	13	10	9		
Unmarked State Routes	0	4	0	4	3		
Urban Total	23	10	24	18	19		
Rural							
State Routes	1	2	1	1	2		
Interstate Type Roads	0	0	0	0	0		
County and Local Roads	0	5	2	1	2		
Unmarked State Routes	0	1	0	0	1		
Rural Total	1	8	3	2	5		
	Pedalcyclists Killed				Pedalcyclists Injured		
	2009	2010			2009	2010	
4 or Younger	0	0			13	12	
5-9	1	1			189	192	
10-14	3	2			456	542	
15-19	1	2			455	505	
20-24	1	1			395	483	
25-34	4	3			532	561	
35-44	4	2			346	360	
45-54	3	6			382	401	
55-64	1	5			182	201	
65 or Older	2	2			80	79	
Unknown	0	0			93	128	
TOTAL	20	24			3,123	3,464	

The above figures include only crashes in which pedalcyclists are involved with motor vehicles. Crashes which involve only pedalcyclists are not reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Comparing 2010 to the previous 4-year average, the number of pedalcyclists killed or injured increased by 2.5 percent.

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Motorcycle Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	4,119	4,819	4,901	3,846	4,013	4,421	-9.2
Fatal Crashes	128	154	130	124	130	134	-3.0
Injury Crashes	2,573	3,108	3,166	2,822	2,917	2,917	0.0
Motorcyclists Killed	132	157	135	130	131	139	-5.8
Motorcyclists Injured	2,788	3,390	3,463	3,152	3,189	3,198	-0.3
Non-Motorcyclists Killed	0	2	5	2	1	2	-50.0
Non-Motorcyclists Injured	207	253	229	172	205	215	-4.7
Number of Motorcyclists Involved in Crashes by Type of Maneuver							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Going Straight Ahead	2,214	2,623	2,605	2,114	2,155		
Passing/Overtaking	108	104	109	109	110		
Making Left Turn	193	215	219	187	178		
Making Right Turn	152	170	183	103	130		
Slow/Stopped in Traffic	261	299	341	330	360		
Skidding/Control Loss	550	673	647	526	542		
Changing Lanes	46	51	63	47	57		
Other	550	629	665	442	461		
Parked	155	182	174	119	123		
TOTAL	4,229	4,946	5,006	3,977	4,116		
Operators Killed							
	2009	2010					
Operator Age							
9 or Younger	0	0		0	1		
10-14	0	0		9	8		
15-19	2	2		130	109		
20-24	12	10		337	360		
25-34	31	30		610	609		
35-44	24	23		623	598		
45 or Older	47	56		1,058	1,145		
Unknown	0	0		7	13		
TOTAL	116	121		2,774	2,843		
Operators Injured							
	2009	2010					

The above figures include motorcycles, motorscooters, motorbikes, and mopeds.

Comparing 2010 to the previous 4-average, the number of motorcyclists killed or injured decreased by 0.5 percent, from an average of 3,337 during 2006-2009 to 3,320 in 2010.

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School Bus Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	2,069	2,296	2,418	1,537	1,510	2,080	-27.4
Fatal Crashes	2	4	6	2	3	4	-25.0
Injury Crashes	325	331	341	281	295	320	-7.8
Urban Crashes	1,878	2,079	2,158	1,344	1,368	1,865	-26.6
Rural Crashes	191	217	260	193	142	215	-34.0
	Number of Persons Killed and Injured						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Persons Killed							
School Bus Drivers	0	0	0	0	0		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	0	0	0	0	0		
Other School Bus Passengers	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Vehicle Occupants	2	1	3	2	3		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	0	0	1	0	0		
Other Pedestrians	0	3	2	0	0		
Pedalcyclists	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	2	4	6	2	3		
Persons Injured							
School Bus Drivers	95	103	99	78	64		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	96	178	123	133	138		
Other School Bus Passengers	47	57	71	31	36		
Other Vehicle Occupants	277	242	290	223	219		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	12	4	1	7	5		
Other Pedestrians	9	14	11	2	15		
Pedalcyclists	3	6	6	8	11		
TOTAL	539	604	601	482	488		
	Number of Crashes By Road Surface Condition						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Dry	1,562	1,677	1,457	991	1,128		
Wet	371	327	404	293	191		
Ice or Snow	55	217	482	221	152		
Sand, Mud or Dirt	3	2	2	1	2		
Unknown	78	73	73	31	37		
TOTAL	2,069	2,296	2,418	1,537	1,510		

*School-Age = Children 5-19 years of age.
School Bus = Type 1 or Type 2.

School bus crashes involving injury or death decreased by 8.0 percent in 2010 compared to the previous 4-year average.

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Tractor-Trailer Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	16,064	16,112	14,632	9,319	10,343	14,032	-26.3
Fatal Crashes	115	111	100	62	84	97	-13.4
Injury Crashes	2,310	2,248	2,084	1,603	1,836	2,061	-10.9
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Millions)	7,507	7,557	7,447	6,519	6,605	7,258	-9.0
Urban Crashes	13,613	13,650	12,101	7,599	8,297	11,741	-29.3
Rural Crashes	2,451	2,462	2,531	1,720	2,046	2,291	-10.7
Number of Persons Killed and Injured							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Persons Killed							
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	20	12	5	3	14		
Other Vehicle Occupants	109	102	99	55	72		
Pedestrians	8	7	8	5	10		
Pedalcyclists	2	3	1	1	0		
Occupants of Non-Motor Vehicle	0	0	2	0	0		
TOTAL	139	124	115	64	96		
Persons Injured							
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	700	600	581	396	483		
Other Vehicle Occupants	2,567	2,552	2,298	1,820	2,112		
Pedestrians	35	35	30	23	35		
Pedalcyclists	9	8	11	6	12		
Occupants of Non-Motor Vehicle	0	0	20	0	1		
TOTAL	3,311	3,195	2,940	2,245	2,643		
Number of Persons Killed by Type of Roadway							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Urban							
State Routes	16	20	16	7	16		
Interstate Type Roads	25	25	30	14	22		
City Streets and Roads	13	9	7	6	3		
Unmarked State Routes	11	7	7	2	0		
Urban Total	65	61	60	29	41		
Rural							
State Routes	40	43	38	19	21		
Interstate Type Roads	23	12	11	11	25		
County and Local Roads	8	5	3	1	7		
Unmarked State Routes	3	3	3	4	2		
Rural Total	74	63	55	35	55		

Tractor-trailer crashes involving injury or death decreased by 11.0 percent in 2010 compared to the previous 4-year average.

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Work Zone Crashes

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2010 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	8,326	7,729	7,813	6,197	6,011	7,516	-20.0
Fatal Crashes	23	18	31	31	28	26	7.7
Injury Crashes	1,586	1,431	1,386	1,478	1,405	1,470	-4.4
Persons Killed	29	21	31	31	32	28	14.3
Persons Injured	2,268	2,007	1,985	2,101	2,041	2,090	-2.3
	Number of Crashes by Type of Roadway						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Urban							
State Routes	1,217	1,145	1,217	1,352	1,432		
Interstate Type Roads	3,571	3,636	3,927	2,557	2,127		
City Streets and Roads	2,453	1,825	1,511	1,196	1,320		
Unmarked State Routes	585	655	705	601	633		
Urban Total	7,826	7,261	7,360	5,706	5,512		
Rural							
State Routes	124	166	157	154	180		
Interstate Type Roads	123	55	56	115	143		
County and Local Roads	229	220	205	132	156		
Unmarked State Routes	24	27	35	90	20		
Rural Total	500	468	453	491	499		

Work zone crashes are determined by location only, regardless of contributing factors. All reported crashes that occur in the vicinity of roadway construction, maintenance, or utility workers or designated work zone areas are included.

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COUNTY	CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Adams	1,436	1,511	4	2	479	430
Alexander	170	162	1	4	73	71
Bond	405	407	0	5	107	129
Boone	776	791	6	3	301	306
Brown	237	189	0	1	26	17
Bureau	858	892	7	6	243	248
Calhoun	189	180	0	0	24	26
Carroll	314	334	5	3	84	92
Cass	253	259	2	1	63	75
Champaign	3,395	3,353	12	19	1,134	1,009
Christian	716	694	10	6	226	245
Clark	467	422	5	6	125	94
Clay	292	265	2	2	70	83
Clinton	621	651	6	10	195	243
Coles	1,117	1,085	11	12	306	341
Cook	138,297	137,391	264	236	38,697	38,887
Crawford	497	509	0	2	103	61
Cumberland	324	303	5	7	94	74
DeKalb	1,686	1,450	10	7	603	516
DeWitt	357	319	1	3	79	64
Douglas	287	316	4	2	76	106
DuPage	18,677	18,411	23	38	5,718	5,777
Edgar	407	384	6	4	106	115
Edwards	154	137	0	2	20	26
Effingham	979	1,053	4	12	323	339
Fayette	483	527	2	6	142	157
Ford	231	256	1	1	105	84
Franklin	913	1,010	5	9	335	428
Fulton	1,025	925	8	5	234	215
Gallatin	140	144	1	3	30	52
Greene	264	250	2	2	81	60
Grundy	1,063	1,020	10	8	375	323
Hamilton	182	187	0	0	47	43
Hancock	460	419	5	3	85	98
Hardin	55	76	2	2	28	59
Henderson	187	238	1	1	68	70
Henry	920	901	5	4	266	278
Iroquois	609	651	7	11	215	227
Jackson	1,395	1,462	5	5	534	564
Jasper	232	227	0	1	82	57
Jefferson	896	1,034	5	8	304	323
Jersey	663	568	1	8	192	183
JoDaviess	578	544	4	4	146	159
Johnson	236	267	2	2	70	68
Kane	9,379	8,688	30	21	3,325	3,177
Kankakee	2,305	2,322	10	7	840	874
Kendall	1,580	1,408	7	6	661	553
Knox	961	1,008	5	5	293	332
Lake	13,050	11,765	18	34	4,668	4,450
LaSalle	2,528	2,466	21	13	738	734
Lawrence	340	309	0	2	107	122

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COUNTY	CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Lee	867	865	11	6	232	219
Livingston	667	705	5	6	270	302
Logan	691	662	9	3	198	180
McDonough	643	669	0	4	173	164
McHenry	5,150	4,768	15	15	1,687	1,671
McLean	3,343	3,363	14	12	1,123	1,102
Macon	2,454	2,371	7	4	884	850
Macoupin	772	885	7	8	226	260
Madison	5,420	5,762	26	27	1,833	1,850
Marion	839	946	9	5	285	304
Marshall	280	317	2	2	67	99
Mason	332	262	4	3	80	64
Massac	338	345	5	5	135	106
Menard	186	191	2	0	35	58
Mercer	242	226	0	2	92	74
Monroe	588	615	5	6	211	185
Montgomery	674	664	8	4	212	206
Morgan	706	700	0	4	209	192
Moultrie	280	336	2	2	95	94
Ogle	992	807	11	9	291	280
Peoria	4,862	5,133	15	19	1,733	1,770
Perry	479	478	2	4	155	146
Piatt	218	221	2	0	70	66
Pike	730	619	2	0	143	79
Pope	56	82	2	2	30	20
Pulaski	148	161	4	1	61	55
Putnam	165	171	0	0	24	33
Randolph	685	659	5	8	188	239
Richland	369	372	3	0	114	88
Rock Island	3,088	3,377	4	8	1,100	1,082
St. Clair	5,647	6,155	31	26	2,112	2,134
Saline	587	611	0	3	171	189
Sangamon	5,057	5,284	21	22	1,852	1,940
Schuyler	291	292	2	1	51	69
Scott	141	138	0	0	30	34
Shelby	478	461	4	7	139	146
Stark	154	138	1	1	49	48
Stephenson	1,054	1,043	4	3	290	263
Tazewell	2,592	2,634	8	8	946	954
Union	443	426	3	2	127	166
Vermilion	1,519	1,579	15	12	612	570
Wabash	186	199	1	2	61	56
Warren	457	401	3	2	134	104
Washington	366	378	5	3	92	110
Wayne	489	440	0	7	117	111
White	438	417	3	0	96	91
Whiteside	1,195	1,160	8	6	422	428
Will	12,504	12,082	37	48	3,799	3,747
Williamson	1,521	1,676	8	5	535	607
Winnebago	6,571	6,365	28	30	2,068	2,124
Woodford	566	509	3	6	185	144
TOTALS	292,106	289,260	911	927	89,090	88,937

Glossary

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC)

On July 2, 1997, a BAC of 0.08 or greater became the level at which a driver is considered legally intoxicated in Illinois. Prior to July 2, 1997, the level was 0.10.

CRASH

An occurrence which takes place on a public roadway, involves a moving motor vehicle and produces death, injury, or damage in excess of \$1,500 to any one person's property when all drivers in the crash are insured. If any driver does not have insurance, the threshold is \$500. (The change in the threshold was effective on January 1, 2009).

DRIVER

An occupant who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or, for an out-of-control vehicle, an occupant who was in control until control was lost. When the term driver is used, it includes drivers of all types of motor vehicles, including cars, vans, pickup trucks, motorcycles, tractor-trailers, emergency vehicles, and buses.

FATALITY VS. FATAL CRASH

A fatality is a death that results from a traffic crash. A fatal crash is a motor vehicle crash (single or multiple) that results in the death of one or more persons.

INJURY CRASH

Any motor vehicle crash that results in one or more non-fatal injuries.

“A” INJURY (incapacitating injury)

Any injury, other than a fatal injury, which prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities he/she was capable of performing before the injury occurred. Includes severe lacerations, broken limbs, skull or chest injuries, and abdominal injuries.

“B” INJURY (nonincapacitating injury)

Any injury, other than a fatal or incapacitating injury, which is evident to observers at the scene of the crash. Includes lump on head, abrasions, bruises, minor lacerations.

“C” INJURY (possible injury)

Any injury reported or claimed which is not either an “A” or “B” injury. Includes momentary unconsciousness, claims of injuries not evident, limping, complaint of pain, nausea, hysteria.

LOCATION (URBAN)

Includes locations in or adjacent to a municipality or other urban area of over 5,000 population.

LOCATION (RURAL)

Includes all locations not classified as urban.

MILEAGE DEATH RATE

Fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel (VMT).

MOTORCYCLIST

Any occupant, either operator (driver) or passenger, of a motorcycle.

PEDALCYCLIST

Any occupant of a non-motorized vehicle which is propelled by pedaling. Included in this pedalcycle category are bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, and big wheels.

PEDESTRIAN

Any person who is not in or on a vehicle.

TRACTOR-TRAILER

Alternative term for semi truck.

TRAVEL

Vehicle miles driven.

WORK ZONE CRASHES

Determined by location only. These are crashes that occur in the vicinity of roadway construction, maintenance, or utility workers or designated work zone areas.