

Illinois Crash Data 2003-2007

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The data provided in this document are based on reported crashes which occurred on public roadways within Illinois.

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Five-Year Statistics

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007 vs. 2003
Registered Motor Vehicles ¹	9.41	9.70	9.85	10.08	10.21	8.5
Licensed Drivers ¹	8.52	8.56	8.57	8.62	8.67	1.8
Vehicle Miles Traveled ²	106.46	108.91	107.86	106.81	107.40	0.9
Crashes	437,289	433,032	421,522	408,670	422,778	-3.3
Injuries	131,279	121,670	112,343	106,918	103,156	-21.4
Deaths	1,454	1,355	1,363	1,254	1,248	-14.2
Mileage Death Rate ³	1.37	1.24	1.26	1.17	1.16	-15.3

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.

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

The number of motor vehicle registrations increased 8.5 percent from 2003 to 2007, while vehicle miles traveled increased only slightly, by less than one percent. The number of licensed drivers also increased, by 1.8 percent. The number of crashes for 2007 decreased by 3.3 percent compared to the number of crashes for 2003.

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. When comparing 2007 with 2003, the number of vehicle miles traveled increased by 0.9 percent. The mileage death rate decreased by 15.3 percent. Improvements in roadway engineering, enhanced enforcement, and efforts to increase occupant restraint usage and to decrease alcohol-related fatalities 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							
2007	3.25	11	535	3,036	11	837	3.4
2006	3.25	20	659	3,158	20	1,004	6.2
2005	3.25	14	635	2,929	15	1,003	4.6
2004	3.25	17	704	3,420	22	1,095	6.8
2003	3.25	17	701	3,102	22	1,060	6.8
FOURTH OF JULY							
2007	1.25	4	224	1,260	4	308	3.2
2006	4.25	21	852	4,018	21	1,300	4.9
2005	3.25	9	670	3,143	11	1,008	3.4
2004	3.25	6	739	3,615	6	1,136	1.8
2003	3.25	21	827	3,448	24	1,297	7.4
LABOR DAY							
2007	3.25	17	646	2,972	20	996	6.2
2006	3.25	17	653	2,978	17	997	5.2
2005	3.25	17	640	2,768	17	948	5.2
2004	3.25	11	681	2,833	12	1,056	3.7
2003	3.25	17	810	3,503	20	1,337	6.2
THANKSGIVING							
2007	4.25	12	665	4,301	18	1,005	4.2
2006	4.25	17	648	3,973	20	964	4.7
2005	4.25	12	749	4,523	12	1,130	2.8
2004	4.25	13	728	4,837	19	1,121	4.5
2003	4.25	16	789	4,274	17	1,257	4.0
CHRISTMAS							
2007	4.25	13	665	4,375	13	971	3.1
2006	3.25	9	396	2,636	10	587	3.1
2005	3.25	7	438	2,724	8	640	2.5
2004	3.25	19	601	3,668	22	930	6.8
2003	4.25	12	706	3,678	13	1,122	3.1
NEW YEAR'S							
2007-2008	4.25	11	620	4,775	11	912	2.6
2006-2007	3.25	13	503	2,836	13	738	4.0
2005-2006	3.25	8	462	2,475	8	671	2.5
2004-2005	3.25	6	561	2,940	7	839	2.2
2003-2004	4.25	22	946	5,573	25	1,457	5.9

This table shows motor vehicle traffic crash experience in Illinois for the six major holiday periods from 2002 to New Year's Day 2007. Crash counts begin at 6 p.m. on the day before the first full day of the holiday period and end at midnight of the last day of the holiday period. For example, since Memorial Day has become a legal Monday holiday, the holiday period begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and continues until midnight on Monday.

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

DRIVER INVOLVEMENT By Crash Severity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	103,919	100,839	94,392	90,895	90,691	97,511	-7.0%
Fatal Crashes	289	237	233	227	251	247	1.6%
Injury Crashes	24,902	22,915	20,937	19,678	17,978	22,108	-18.7%
Licensed Drivers	716,578	720,520	722,732	727,629	737,605	721,865	2.2%
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	2.78	2.35	2.47	2.50	2.77	2.53	9.5%
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.40	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.34	0.0%
Total Crash Rate ³	145.02	139.95	130.60	124.92	122.95	135.08	-9.0%

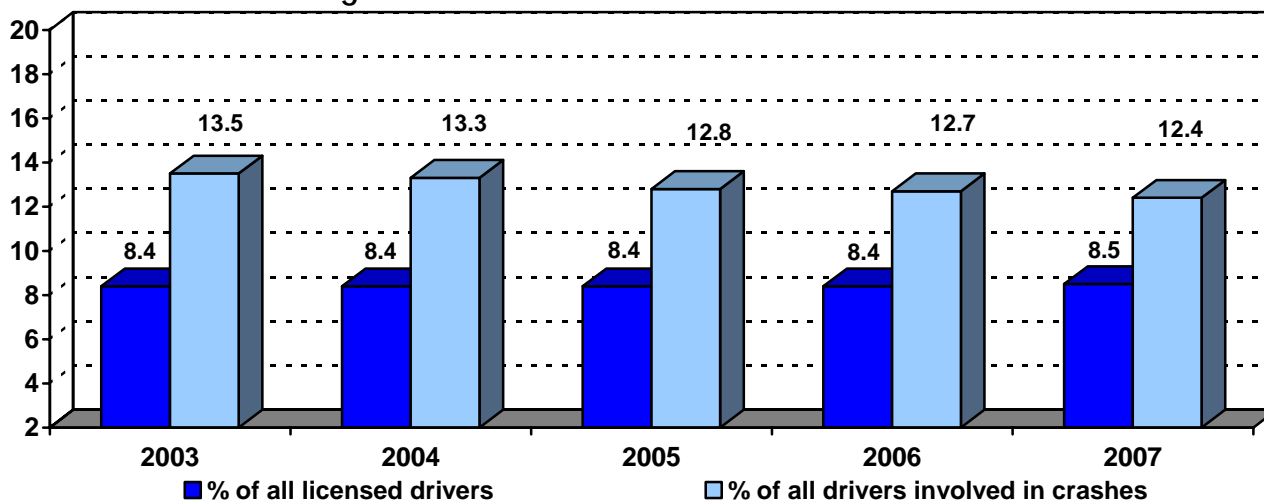
¹ Drivers involved in fatal crashes per 1,000 total crashes.

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

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

Comparing 2007 with the previous 4-year average, the number of young drivers involved in crashes decreased by 7.0 percent. While young drivers account for about 8 percent of all licensed drivers, their involvement in crashes 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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	49,724	49,267	48,536	48,601	49,508	49,032	1.0%
Fatal Crashes	241	191	221	163	186	204	-8.8%
Injury Crashes	11,280	10,862	10,210	10,024	9,823	10,594	-7.3%
Licensed Drivers	1,103,729	1,120,929	1,128,623	1,158,023	1,171,732	1,127,826	3.9%
Fatal Crash Ratio ¹	4.85	3.88	4.55	3.35	3.76	4.16	-9.6%
Fatal Crash Rate ²	0.22	0.17	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.18	-11.1%
Total Crash Rate ³	45.05	43.95	43.00	41.97	42.25	43.47	-2.8%

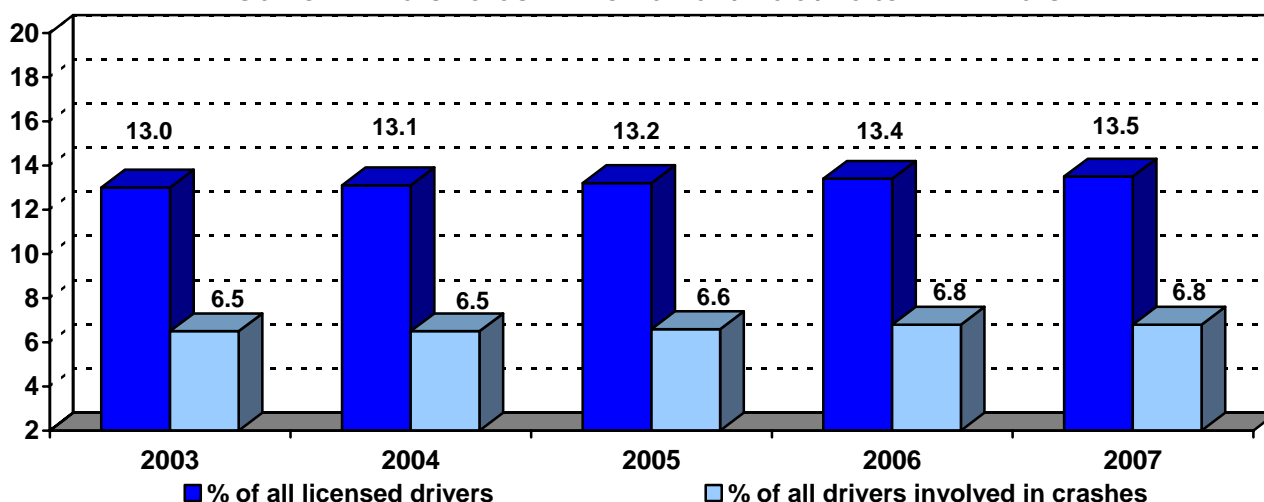
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Comparing 2007 with the previous 4-year average, the number of senior drivers involved in crashes increased by 1.0 percent. While senior drivers account for about 13 percent of all licensed drivers, their involvement in crashes is considerably lower. This under-representation is shown in the graph below.

Senior Drivers: Crash Involvement Relative to All Drivers



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Pedestrian Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	6,057	5,695	5,753	6,212	6,191	5,929	4.4%
Pedestrians Killed	190	156	168	137	172	163	5.5%
Pedestrians Injured	5,889	5,797	5,701	6,221	6,171	5,902	4.6%
Number of Fatal Crashes by Light Condition							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Daylight	67	51	56	48	50		
Dawn	1	0	2	2	2		
Dusk	3	3	3	0	3		
Darkness	52	38	41	38	63		
Dark-Road Lighted	64	64	68	50	47		
Unknown	0	2	1	0	0		
TOTAL	187	158	171	138	165		
Number of Pedestrians Killed by Age							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
4 or Younger	8	2	1	7	6		
5-9	6	7	4	6	5		
10-14	8	3	9	2	3		
15-19	13	2	12	5	11		
20-24	15	14	13	8	15		
25-34	24	16	13	14	18		
35-44	31	32	27	19	31		
45-54	30	19	35	24	31		
55-64	16	26	16	17	20		
65-74	13	14	13	15	10		
75 or Older	26	20	23	20	21		
Unknown	0	1	2	0	1		
TOTAL	190	156	168	137	172		

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

Pedestrian crashes increased by 4.4 percent when comparing 2007 with the previous 4-year average. The number of pedestrians killed or injured increased by 4.6 percent, from an average of 6,065 during 2003-2006 to 6,343 in 2007.

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Pedalcycle Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	3,208	3,239	3,407	3,204	3,888	3,265	19.1%
Fatal Crashes	20	25	21	26	17	23	-26.1%
Injury Crashes	2,959	3,118	3,305	3,173	3,836	3,139	22.2%
Pedalcyclists Killed	17	25	21	24	18	22	-18.2%
Pedalcyclists Injured	2,971	3,233	3,337	3,188	3,867	3,182	21.5%
	Number of Pedalcyclists Killed by Type of Roadway						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Urban							
State Routes	5	2	6	12	3		
Interstate Type Roads	0	0	0	0	0		
City Streets and Roads	8	14	9	11	3		
Unmarked Routes	1	3	2	0	4		
Urban Total	14	19	17	23	10		
Rural							
State Routes	2	4	3	1	2		
Interstate Type Roads	0	0	0	0	0		
County and Local Roads	0	2	1	0	5		
Unmarked Routes	1	0	0	0	1		
Rural Total	3	6	4	1	8		
	Pedalcyclists Killed		Pedalcyclists Injured				
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
4 or Younger	0	0	15	24			
5-9	3	0	225	235			
10-14	2	2	605	662			
15-19	1	2	393	521			
20-24	0	2	340	447			
25-34	3	2	449	541			
35-44	4	4	353	460			
45-54	6	2	371	461			
55-64	2	3	150	181			
65 or Older	3	1	106	112			
Unknown	0	0	181	223			
TOTAL	24	18	3,188	3,867			

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.

When comparing 2007 to the previous 4-year average, the number of pedalcyclists killed or injured increased by 21.3 percent.

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Motorcycle Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	4,376	4,302	4,483	4,119	4,819	4,320	11.6%
Fatal Crashes	137	154	152	128	154	143	7.7%
Injury Crashes	2,618	2,799	2,923	2,573	3,108	2,728	13.9%
Motorcyclists Killed	143	157	158	132	157	148	6.1%
Motorcyclists Injured	2,878	3,079	3,191	2,788	3,390	2,984	13.6%
Non-Motorcyclists Killed	2	0	1	0	2	1	100.0%
Non-Motorcyclists Injured	352	289	147	207	253	249	1.6%
Number of Motorcyclists Involved in Crashes by Type of Maneuver							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Going Straight Ahead	2,256	2,268	2,364	2,214	2,623		
Passing/Overtaking	83	122	115	108	104		
Making Left Turn	185	191	229	193	215		
Making Right Turn	150	145	167	152	170		
Slow/Stopped in Traffic	490	387	372	261	299		
Skidding/Control Loss	675	652	627	550	673		
Changing Lanes	62	38	60	46	51		
Other	422	487	525	550	629		
Parked	190	139	160	155	182		
TOTAL	4,513	4,429	4,619	4,229	4,946		
Operators Killed							
	2006	2007					
Operator Age							
9 or Younger	0	0		0	0		
10-14	0	1		7	7		
15-19	2	4		120	151		
20-24	18	14		374	447		
25-34	28	34		544	718		
35-44	25	36		546	692		
45 or Older	48	53		863	1,010		
Unknown	0	0		7	14		
TOTAL	121	142		2,461	3,039		
Operators Injured							
	2006	2007					
Operator Age							
9 or Younger	0	0		0	0		
10-14	0	1		7	7		
15-19	2	4		120	151		
20-24	18	14		374	447		
25-34	28	34		544	718		
35-44	25	36		546	692		
45 or Older	48	53		863	1,010		
Unknown	0	0		7	14		
TOTAL	121	142		2,461	3,039		

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

Comparing 2007 with the average for the previous four years, motorcycle crashes increased by 11.6 percent. The number of motorcyclists killed or injured increased by 13.3 percent, from an average of 3,132 during 2003-2006 to 3,547 in 2007.

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School Bus Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	2,276	2,211	2,363	2,069	2,296	2,230	3.0%
Fatal Crashes	2	2	7	2	4	3	33.3%
Injury Crashes	399	349	352	325	331	356	-7.0%
Urban Crashes	2,118	2,045	2,062	1,878	2,079	2,026	2.6%
Rural Crashes	158	166	301	191	217	204	6.4%
	Number of Persons Killed and Injured						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Persons Killed							
School Bus Drivers	0	0	0	0	0		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	1	0	0	0	0		
Other School Bus Passengers	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Vehicle Occupants	1	1	3	2	1		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	0	0	1	0	0		
Other Pedestrians	0	1	3	0	3		
Pedalcyclists	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	2	2	7	2	4		
Persons Injured							
School Bus Drivers	139	114	103	95	103		
School Bus Passengers (School-Age)*	152	117	88	96	178		
Other School Bus Passengers	82	70	38	47	57		
Other Vehicle Occupants	325	305	278	277	242		
Pedestrians (School-Age)*	6	6	7	12	4		
Other Pedestrians	10	16	10	9	14		
Pedalcyclists	4	4	11	3	6		
TOTAL	718	632	535	539	604		
	Number of Crashes By Road Surface Condition						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Dry	1,649	1,636	1,648	1,562	1,677		
Wet	418	343	342	371	327		
Ice or Snow	111	146	258	55	217		
Sand, Mud or Dirt	0	0	0	3	2		
Other	22	3	5	0	0		
Unknown	76	83	110	78	73		
TOTAL	2,276	2,211	2,363	2,069	2,296		

*School-Age = Children 5-19 years of age.

School Bus = Type 1 or Type 2.

School bus crashes increased by 3.0 percent in 2007, compared to the previous 4-year average.

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Tractor-Trailer Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	16,215	16,215	16,860	16,064	16,112	16,339	-1.4%
Fatal Crashes	125	105	131	115	111	119	-6.7%
Injury Crashes	2,719	2,559	2,593	2,310	2,248	2,545	-11.7%
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Millions)	7,374	7,523	7,868	7,507	7,557	7,568	-0.1%
Urban Crashes	13,613	13,844	14,173	13,613	13,650	13,811	-1.2%
Rural Crashes	2,602	2,371	2,687	2,451	2,462	2,528	-2.6%
Number of Persons Killed and Injured							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Persons Killed							
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	17	14	22	20	12		
Other Vehicle Occupants	127	99	112	109	102		
Pedestrians	7	8	9	8	7		
Pedalcyclists	3	0	4	2	3		
Occupants of Non-Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	0	0		
TOTAL	154	121	148	139	124		
Persons Injured							
Tractor-Trailer Occupants	978	747	781	700	600		
Other Vehicle Occupants	3,011	2,764	2,777	2,567	2,552		
Pedestrians	24	32	27	35	35		
Pedalcyclists	8	8	13	9	8		
Occupants of Non-Motor Vehicle	0	1	2	0	0		
Other	4	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	4,025	3,552	3,600	3,311	3,195		
Number of Persons Killed by Type of Roadway							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
Urban							
State Routes	19	16	28	16	20		
Interstate Type Roads	31	20	29	25	25		
City Streets and Roads	10	17	24	13	9		
Unmarked State Routes	2	6	4	11	7		
Urban Total	62	59	85	65	61		
Rural							
State Routes	51	32	39	40	43		
Interstate Type Roads	31	19	16	23	12		
County and Local Roads	7	11	8	8	5		
Unmarked State Routes	3	0	0	3	3		
Rural Total	92	62	63	74	63		

Tractor-trailer crashes decreased by 1.4 percent in 2007 compared to the previous 4-year average.

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Work Zone Crashes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Previous 4-Year Average	% Change (2007 vs. 4-Year Average)
Total Crashes	6,982	6,015	6,648	8,326	7,729	6,993	10.5%
Fatal Crashes	31	30	22	23	18	27	-33.3%
Injury Crashes	1,891	1,514	1,472	1,586	1,431	1,616	-11.4%
Persons Killed	44	38	25	29	21	34	-38.2%
Persons Injured	2,867	2,302	2,080	2,268	2,007	2,379	-15.6%
	Number of Crashes by Type of Roadway						
	2003	2004	2005	2006			2007
Urban							
State Routes	2,417	1,556	1,162	1,217			1,145
Interstate Type Roads	949	954	2,367	3,571			3,636
City Streets and Roads	2,463	2,448	1,824	2,453			1,825
Unmarked State Routes	346	467	613	585			655
Urban Total	6,175	5,425	5,966	7,826			7,261
Rural							
State Routes	244	166	183	124			166
Interstate Type Roads	413	129	150	123			55
City Streets and Roads	131	227	131	229			220
Unmarked State Routes	19	68	218	24			27
Rural Total	807	590	682	500			468

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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Adams	1,754	1,895	5	5	448	426
Alexander	183	221	4	5	64	110
Bond	458	501	4	1	130	150
Boone	1,292	1,313	7	10	466	447
Brown	267	260	3	1	51	35
Bureau	1,188	1,182	8	2	294	262
Calhoun	291	251	4	1	38	26
Carroll	452	494	1	1	122	113
Cass	360	379	2	4	60	64
Champaign	4,303	4,429	16	19	1,318	1,239
Christian	868	851	6	5	262	233
Clark	513	574	6	4	99	85
Clay	403	413	0	2	88	104
Clinton	726	713	8	10	208	197
Coles	1,296	1,429	4	3	358	337
Cook	203,035	206,884	362	348	47,323	44,874
Crawford	701	700	6	4	84	129
Cumberland	359	372	3	6	60	70
DeKalb	2,302	2,569	8	16	736	777
DeWitt	387	434	0	1	93	82
Douglas	346	376	9	3	107	97
DuPage	28,074	29,171	36	37	7,363	7,111
Edgar	437	481	2	3	115	99
Edwards	208	211	3	2	28	23
Effingham	1,291	1,395	9	9	361	373
Fayette	638	639	9	4	158	170
Ford	280	277	5	2	99	95
Franklin	1,226	1,164	14	14	422	334
Fulton	1,057	1,218	9	4	250	294
Gallatin	151	165	2	3	41	45
Greene	405	385	2	2	98	83
Grundy	1,363	1,507	2	12	432	404
Hamilton	227	241	0	3	56	50
Hancock	515	575	2	5	102	127
Hardin	141	112	7	2	54	53
Henderson	270	285	7	2	70	92
Henry	1,040	1,275	11	5	285	321
Iroquois	795	905	6	10	311	288
Jackson	1,930	1,867	11	11	535	536
Jasper	243	316	3	2	90	71
Jefferson	1,514	1,434	6	7	421	363
Jersey	712	745	5	11	181	215
JoDaviess	716	775	4	9	186	149
Johnson	376	361	3	2	57	66
Kane	13,828	14,536	56	35	4,354	4,106
Kankakee	2,879	3,214	8	17	925	952
Kendall	2,067	2,402	9	14	654	801
Knox	1,276	1,284	4	9	354	333
Lake	18,249	19,700	38	36	5,539	5,377
LaSalle	3,040	3,576	23	32	889	895
Lawrence	416	386	7	2	67	77

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COUNTY	CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Lee	1,081	1,161	8	8	293	297
Livingston	731	888	8	18	252	299
Logan	826	875	5	11	222	236
McDonough	884	911	3	6	172	206
McHenry	7,222	7,266	32	30	2,190	2,129
McLean	3,938	4,390	17	20	1,132	1,278
Macon	3,117	3,385	10	11	1,024	1,091
Macoupin	1,080	1,133	7	7	259	295
Madison	6,854	7,485	31	33	2,081	2,086
Marion	1,226	1,193	8	11	313	351
Marshall	322	371	5	4	91	91
Mason	349	352	1	3	81	65
Massac	488	454	2	4	130	148
Menard	276	262	1	1	35	52
Mercer	306	344	2	1	118	100
Monroe	766	755	6	5	229	184
Montgomery	765	858	8	7	238	240
Morgan	936	976	1	5	283	252
Moultrie	355	383	4	3	112	98
Ogle	1,414	1,455	22	15	347	365
Peoria	6,037	6,088	17	18	1,854	1,785
Perry	687	649	2	6	159	169
Piatt	257	292	0	0	82	103
Pike	932	931	5	3	112	94
Pope	126	88	2	2	26	25
Pulaski	173	185	2	2	35	39
Putnam	203	238	3	1	38	46
Randolph	921	827	4	4	227	184
Richland	496	477	3	3	160	123
Rock Island	4,098	4,509	9	15	1,230	1,267
St. Clair	7,820	7,938	51	45	2,519	2,407
Saline	584	725	7	6	147	197
Sangamon	6,326	6,496	16	27	1,935	1,844
Schuyler	339	417	1	1	48	78
Scott	199	194	1	0	51	40
Shelby	557	559	1	5	124	130
Stark	155	160	1	0	36	56
Stephenson	1,365	1,542	8	9	321	334
Tazewell	3,326	3,405	18	13	998	920
Union	522	529	2	3	112	128
Vermilion	1,938	2,059	11	12	622	646
Wabash	318	302	1	0	66	54
Warren	549	551	3	2	133	131
Washington	508	475	6	5	147	125
Wayne	596	587	5	7	152	125
White	570	541	0	3	129	84
Whiteside	1,544	1,557	7	7	417	439
Will	16,229	16,893	66	43	4,783	4,388
Williamson	2,009	2,044	19	9	637	534
Winnebago	8,910	9,071	27	30	2,922	2,792
Woodford	592	710	6	7	188	246
TOTALS	408,670	422,778	1,254	1,248	106,918	103,156

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 originates on public roadways involving a moving motor vehicle producing death, injury, or property damage in excess in \$500.

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.

FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System)

Nationwide database maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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 of the above injuries. 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.

SENIOR DRIVER

Any driver who is 65 years of age or older.

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.

YOUNG DRIVER

Any driver who is between the ages of 16 and 20, inclusive.