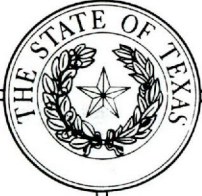


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**STATEWIDE  
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS**

Calendar Year - 1997

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**STATEWIDE - MOTORCYCLE CASUALTIES ONLY**

AGE GROUP	KILLED					INJURED				
	TOTAL	OPERATOR		PASSENGER		TOTAL	OPERATOR		PASSENGER	
		MALE	FEM	MALE	FEM		MALE	FEM	MALE	FEM
6 & UNDER	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	4	3
7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
8	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1
9	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
11	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	1
12	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	1	4	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	15	5	1	5	4
14	0	0	0	0	0	12	6	0	3	3
15	2	2	0	0	0	31	18	1	6	6
16	0	0	0	0	0	39	25	3	5	6
17	1	1	0	0	0	43	31	0	10	2
18	2	2	0	0	0	80	66	4	4	6
19	4	3	0	0	1	110	92	4	5	9
20-24	14	12	1	0	1	605	546	10	13	36
25-34	37	32	2	3	0	967	862	34	15	55
35-44	30	28	2	0	0	804	680	37	8	75
45-54	13	11	2	0	0	412	363	16	4	28
55-64	6	5	0	0	1	121	111	1	1	8
65 & OVER	7	6	1	0	0	47	46	1	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	18	8	1	0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>2864</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>254</b>

AGE GROUP	KILLED					INJURED				
	TOTAL	OPERATOR		PASSENGER		TOTAL	OPERATOR		PASSENGER	
		HELMET	NO HELMET	HELMET	NO HELMET		HELMET	NO HELMET	HELMET	NO HELMET
6 & UNDER	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	4
7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
11	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	1
12	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	5	4	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	3	4	3
14	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	5	3	1
15	2	2	0	0	0	29	8	9	7	5
16	0	0	0	0	0	33	17	8	4	4
17	1	0	1	0	0	37	14	12	9	2
18	1	1	0	0	0	71	52	11	5	3
19	4	2	1	1	0	88	68	10	9	1
20-24	13	10	2	1	0	552	423	84	33	12
25-34	34	22	10	0	2	866	689	111	50	16
35-44	28	18	10	0	0	690	499	120	52	19
45-54	10	8	2	0	0	362	278	54	26	4
55-64	6	3	2	1	0	102	81	12	9	0
65 & OVER	7	7	0	0	0	41	36	5	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	2	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2929</b>	<b>2172</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>77</b>

Figures do not include motorcyclists whose helmet use was not reported.

HELMET INFORMATION	KILLED	INJURED
WORN	76	2400
NOT WORN	30	529
NOT REPORTED	10	407
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3336</b>

**STATEWIDE - MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS ONLY**

AGE OF DRIVER	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
15 & YOUNGER	42	3	39
16	32	0	31
17	36	1	35
18 to 19	176	5	169
20 to 24	596	15	559
25 to 34	977	36	915
35 to 44	798	30	743
45 to 54	417	14	391
55 to 64	130	5	117
65 to 74	46	6	40
75 & OLDER	9	1	8
UNKNOWN	37	0	20
<b>TOTAL DRIVERS</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3067</b>

VEHICLE CONDITION	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
NO DEFECTS REPORTED	3186	113	2964
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	31	3	26
DEFECTIVE STEERING	11	0	10
DEFECTIVE OR IMPROPER LIGHT	11	0	11
DEFECTIVE TIRES	37	0	36
DEFECTIVE TRAILER EQUIPMENT	0	0	0
DEFECTIVE STOP OR TURN SIGNAL	1	0	1
WHEEL CAME OFF VEHICLE	1	0	1
OTHER DEFECTS	18	0	18
<b>TOTAL VEHICLES</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3067</b>

CONDITION OF DRIVER	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
NORMAL	3269	114	3042
EYESIGHT DEFECTIVE	0	0	0
HEARING DEFECTIVE	0	0	0
LIMBS MISSING	0	0	0
OTHER PHYSICAL DEFECT	0	0	0
ILL	12	1	11
FATIGUED OR ASLEEP	15	1	14
OTHER HANDICAP	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL DRIVERS</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3067</b>

VIOLATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO ACCIDENT	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
SPEEDING OVER LIMIT	210	21	180
SPEED-UNSAFE (UNDER LIMIT)	798	27	743
FAIL TO YIELD ROW TO VEHICLE	90	4	83
DISREGARD STOP SIGN OR LIGHT	25	0	24
DISREGARD STOP AND GO SIGNAL	34	1	31
IMPROPER TURN-WIDE RIGHT	10	0	10
IMPROPER TURN-CUT CORNER ON LEFT	4	0	4
IMPROPER TURN-WRONG LANE	6	0	6
WRONG SIDE-NOT PASSING	10	2	8
WRONG WAY ONE WAY ROAD	1	0	1
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	90	0	86
OVERTAKE & PASS-INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE	4	1	3
PASS IN NO PASSING ZONE	10	1	8
OTHER ILLEGAL PASSING	51	1	50
NO SIGNAL OR WRONG SIGNAL OF INTENTION	3	0	3
IMPROPER START FROM PARKED POSITION	6	0	6
FAIL TO YIELD ROW TO PEDESTRIAN	1	0	1
IMPROPER PARKING	1	0	1
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE (Liquor or Drugs)	265	37	222
OTHER VIOLATIONS	431	9	409
<b>TOTAL VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1879</b>

RESIDENCE & LICENSE	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
TEXAS RESIDENT, LICENSED	2894	102	2705
TEXAS RESIDENT, NOT LICENSED	166	7	155
TEXAS RESIDENT, LICENSE UNK.	33	2	30
NON-RESIDENT, LICENSED	168	5	158
NON-RESIDENT, NOT LICENSED	0	0	0
NON-RESIDENT, LICENSE UNK.	0	0	0
NOT STATED	35	0	19
<b>TOTAL DRIVERS</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3067</b>



# MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

SUMMARY OF        MOTORCYCLE INVOLVED        ACCIDENTS IN        THE STATE OF        TEXAS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997  
 PREPARED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
 ACCIDENT RECORDS BUREAU

THIS SUMMARY INCLUDES REPORTS  
 AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON        02-28-98

1. CURRENT REPORT A. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS											
	TOTAL				ON ROADWAY				OFF ROADWAY			
	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ
PEDESTRIAN	15	0	15	0	14	0	14	0	1	0	1	0
MTR VEH IN TRAFFIC	1668	65	1542	61	1649	63	1525	61	19	2	17	0
RAILROAD TRAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKED MOTOR VEH	36	1	33	2	20	0	19	1	16	1	14	1
PEDALCYCLIST	12	2	10	0	11	2	9	0	1	0	1	0
ANIMAL	72	1	71	0	71	1	70	0	1	0	1	0
FIXED OBJECT	387	28	338	21	23	1	22	0	364	27	316	21
OTHER OBJECT	19	1	16	2	18	1	15	2	1	0	1	0
OVERTURNED	995	17	952	26	997	8	577	12	398	9	375	14
OTH. NON-COLLISION	40	0	39	1	26	0	26	0	14	0	13	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3016</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2429</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2277</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>37</b>

NUMBER OF PERSONS	INJURY SEVERITY					
	KILLED	INJURED	A			C
			B	B	C	
0	24	8	11	1	5	
71	1929	470	794	665	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	36	13	14	9	3	
2	18	6	9	3	0	
1	82	27	40	15	2	
28	381	141	181	59	0	
1	17	7	8	2	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	1080	288	579	213	8	
0	44	13	23	8	0	
121	3611	973	1659	979	0	

2. COMPARATIVE TOT'S A. TYPE OF ACC.	TOTALS												%CHNG IN
	THIS YEAR TO DATE				SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR				ON ROADWAY				
	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED	FAT	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED	FAT	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED	FAT	
PEDESTRIAN	15	0	24	23	1	36	100%	14	0	23	19	1	31
MTR VEH IN TRAFFIC	1668	71	1929	1846	58	2189	+ 22%	1649	69	1907	1829	57	2173
RAILROAD TRAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKED MTR VEHICLE	36	1	36	42	2	41	- 50%	20	0	21	28	1	27
PEDALCYCLIST	12	2	18	10	0	17	+ INF%	11	2	16	10	0	17
ANIMAL	72	1	82	74	0	88	+ INF%	71	1	81	74	0	88
FIXED OBJECT	387	28	381	379	30	381	7%	23	1	27	21	0	27
OTHER OBJECT	19	1	17	13	1	14	NC	18	1	16	10	1	11
MTR VEH OTHER ROAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OVERTURNED	995	17	1080	1103	22	1185	- 23%	597	8	652	620	16	672
OTH. NON-COLLISION	40	0	44	32	2	32	+ 100%	26	0	29	22	2	21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3611</b>	<b>3522</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3983</b>	+ 4%	<b>2429</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2772</b>	<b>2633</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3067</b>

**A. INCAPACITATING INJURY - SEVERE INJURY WHICH PREVENTS CONTINUATION OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES. INCLUDES BROKEN OR DISTORTED LIMBS, INTERNAL INJURIES, CRUSHED CHESTS, ETC.**

**B. NONINCAPACITATING INJURY - EVIDENT INJURY SUCH AS BRUISES, ABRASIONS, MINOR LACERATIONS WHICH DO NOT INCAPACITATE.**

**C. POSSIBLE INJURY - INJURY WHICH IS CLAIMED, REPORTED OR INDICATED BY BEHAVIOR BUT WITHOUT VISIBLE WOUNDS. INCLUDES LIMPING, MOMENTARY UNCONSCIOUSNESS OR COMPLAINT OF PAIN.**

MILEAGE RATES	THIS YEAR TO DATE	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR	PER CENT CHANGE
REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC DEATHS	NOT		%
REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC INJURIES	USED		%
ESTIMATED VEH MILES TRAVELED (MILLIONS)	ON THIS		%
DEATH RATE PER 100,000,000 VEHICLE MILES	REPORT		%
INJURY RATE PER 100,000,000 VEHICLE MILES			%

3. TIME HOUR BEGINNING	* INDICATES LESS THAN 0.5% CHANGE																							
	TOTAL ACC'S		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		PED		PEDCYCL					
	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL				
MIDNIGHT	90	2	25	0	6	1	9	0	9	0	11	1	11	0	19	0	1	0	0	0				
1:00 A.M.	71	2	22	1	5	0	4	0	5	0	4	0	10	0	21	1	0	0	0	0				
2:00 A.M.	87	5	24	0	7	0	3	0	7	1	12	2	16	1	18	1	0	0	0	0				
3:00 A.M.	33	3	16	2	3	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0				
4:00 A.M.	22	4	6	2	3	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	0				
5:00 A.M.	18	1	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				
6:00 A.M.	63	3	1	0	19	3	7	0	10	0	14	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0				
7:00 A.M.	94	3	7	1	19	0	19	2	13	0	18	0	13	0	5	0	1	0	0	0				
8:00 A.M.	84	3	9	1	12	0	8	0	13	0	16	0	10	1	16	1	0	0	0	0				
9:00 A.M.	64	3	5	0	9	0	6	0	11	0	5	0	11	0	17	3	0	0	0	0				
10:00 A.M.	96	0	15	0	9	0	8	0	20	0	7	0	13	0	24	0	0	0	0	0				
11:00 A.M.	144	2	22	0	18	0	19	0	11	0	20	1	16	0	38	1	1	0	1	0				
NOON	181	4	26	1	29	2	14	1	22	0	22	0	28	0	40	0	0	0	1	0				
1:00 P.M.	189	2	36	0	13	0	18	0	12	0	24	0	34	0	52	0	0	0	0	0				
2:00 P.M.	215	10	52	2	15	2	22	0	24	0	21	0	26	2	55	4	2	0	0	0				
3:00 P.M.	210	7	37	1	22	1	18	0	29	2	27	0	31	2	43	1	3	0	0	0				
4:00 P.M.	245	6	43	1	35	1	24	1	32	1	32	1	32	1	49	1	2	0	4	1				
5:00 P.M.	279	7	53	2	36	0	28	0	33	1	42	3	43	1	44	0	0	0	0	0				
6:00 P.M.	256	8	44	3	27	0	30	0	30	1	37	0	44	1	44	3	0	0	0	0				
7:00 P.M.	214	9	42	2	34	1	22	0	27	1	26	0	26	1	37	3	0	0	2	0				
8:00 P.M.	162	8	24	1	20	2	20	0	20	1	16	0	28	2	34	2	0	0	0	0				
9:00 P.M.	171	6	20	1	23	0	24	1	14	0	21	2	28	1	24	1	2	0	0	0				
10:00 P.M.	136	5	20	1	12	0	17	1	17	1	21	0	37	0	22	2	1	0	1	0				
11:00 P.M.	120	13	7	0	8	1	10	0	10	2	15	2	35	3	35	5	2	0	0	0				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>				

NOTE: ALL FIGURES ON THIS REPORT ARE FINAL. Beginning with July 1, 1995 accidents, only property damaged accidents having at least one vehicle towed due to damages will be tabulated; therefore, total accidents and non-injury accidents cannot be compared to prior year's totals.