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**SUMMARY OF RURAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Statistical Services - Texas Department of Public Safety

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PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_ CALENDAR YEAR - 1961

This summary includes reports and information available on 3-15-62

TABLE A - TYPE OF ACCIDENT, and LOCATION

Table A: Type of Accident and Location. Includes sections for Motor Vehicle with... and II. LOCATION. Columns include Total Accidents, Fatal, Injury, Non-Injury, Killed, Injured, Injury Severity (A, B, C), Same Period, and Percent Change in Deaths.

INJURY SEVERITY: A - Visible signs of injury, as bleeding wound or dislocated member; or had to be carried from scene. B - Other visible injury, as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, etc. C - No visible injury but complaint of pain or momentary unconsciousness.

TABLE B - AGE and SEX of KILLED and INJURED PERSONS

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TABLE C - TIME OF ACCIDENT

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**TABLE D - DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS**  
An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event

1. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS					3. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS						
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Non-Injury	Total Ped. Accidents	Fatal			Injury		
					Total	Intersect.	Non-int.	Total	Intersect.	Non-int.	
<b>At Intersection</b>											
Entering at angle	4228	93	1089	3046							
From same direction - both going straight	334	1	74	259	383	128	8	120	255	14	241
Same - one turn, one straight	1755	9	302	1444	3	0	0	0	3	1	2
Same - one stopped	636	1	135	500	9	1	0	1	8	4	4
Same - all others	151	0	16	135	12	1	0	1	11	1	10
From opposite direction - both going straight	128	4	42	82	8	3	0	3	5	1	4
Same - one left turn, one straight	654	19	225	410							
Same - all others	77	2	10	65							
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>7963</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1893</b>	<b>5941</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Not at Intersection</b>											
Going in opposite direction - head on	2618	254	857	1507							
Going same direction - rear-end	2729	42	801	1886							
Same - sideswipe	373	2	53	318							
One car parked improper location	531	9	160	362							
One car stopped in traffic	587	2	116	469							
One car forward from parking	187	4	25	158							
One car backward from parking	283	1	12	270							
One car entering driveway	2216	14	520	1682							
One car leaving driveway	898	5	156	737							
All others	770	3	148	619							
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>11192</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>2848</b>	<b>8008</b>							

2. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS					4. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS			
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Non-Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury	Non-Injury
<b>At Intersection</b>								
Collision with Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.		23	3	16				
Fixed object in road		784	14	237				
Overturned in road		135	2	54				
Left road		914	28	370				
Collision with Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.		249	52	101				
Fixed object in road		3939	166	1304				
Overturned in road		933	26	351				
Left road		2542	125	1118				
At curve		4433	176	1695				
Straight road								
Fall or jumped from moving vehicle		115	21	93				
With animal		1886	6	178				
All others		1818	18	265				
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>17771</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>5782</b>	<b>11352</b>				
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5. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE		Pedestrians Killed by Age														Pedestrians Injured by Age													
	Total Pedestrians	Pedestrians Killed by Age														Pedestrians Injured by Age													
		Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	Unk.	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65 & Over	Unk.								
Crossing roadway at intersection	30	9	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	2	0	21	1	4	4	1	0	1	7	3	0								
Crossing roadway not at intersection	218	53	1	10	2	1	2	8	12	17	0	165	32	61	18	6	3	14	12	12	7								
Getting on or off other vehicle	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0								
Walking in roadway with traffic	47	20	0	0	0	3	1	2	9	5	0	27	0	0	5	3	2	7	5	4	1								
Walking in roadway against traffic	22	10	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	12	0	1	2	3	2	3	0	1	0								
Standing in roadway	39	17	1	1	0	1	3	1	3	7	0	22	3	1	0	2	1	8	6	0	1								
Pushing or working on vehicle	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	15	0	0	0	1	0	9	4	1	0								
Other working in roadway	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	1	2	4	0	1								
Playing in roadway	26	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	9	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	0								
Other in roadway	24	11	0	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	13	0	1	0	2	2	4	2	2	0								
Not in roadway	57	13	0	1	2	0	2	5	2	1	0	44	1	4	2	4	4	16	6	2	5								
Action not known	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3								
<b>TOTAL PEDESTRIANS</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>								

TABLE E - MISCELLANEOUS

TYPE OF VEHICLE					AGE OF DRIVER				
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Non-Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury	Non-Injury	
Passenger car	43087	1275	12023	29789	15 years & younger	807	23	252	532
Passenger car & trailer	303	3	60	240	16 years	1082	21	274	787
Pass. car & house tr.	63	0	11	52	17 years	1705	30	458	1217
Truck	10208	287	2756	7165	18 - 19 years	3888	106	1126	2656
Truck & trailer	1082	10	249	823	20 - 24 years	8187	265	2481	5441
Truck-tractor & semi tr.	1694	136	473	1085	25 - 34 years	11976	401	3430	8145
Truck & house trailer	67	2	9	56	35 - 44 years	9760	353	2816	6591
Other truck combinations	6	1	0	5	45 - 54 years	7661	252	2138	5271
Farm tractor	182	7	64	111	55 - 64 years	5147	161	1447	3539
Road machinery	34	3	12	19	65 - 74 years	2887	98	783	2006
Bus	61	7	21	33	75 years & older	897	29	254	614
School bus	217	4	44	169	Unknown	3522	14	480	3028
Motorcycle	133	5	100	28	<b>TOTAL DRIVERS</b>	<b>57519</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>15939</b>	<b>39827</b>
Motor scooter or motor bike	108	6	87	15					
Unknown	274	7	30	237					
<b>TOTAL VEHICLES</b>	<b>57519</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>15939</b>	<b>39827</b>					
Special Vehicles Included Above					<b>VIOLATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO ACCIDENT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Injury</b>	<b>Non-Injury</b>
Emergency (including privately owned)	61	1	17	43	Speeding-limit	5536	514	2354	2668
Military vehicles	52	1	23	28	Speeding-unsafe	5267	132	1750	3385
Other publicly owned vehicles	554	11	120	423	Fail to Yield ROW to Vehicle	5675	90	1510	4075
					Disregard Stop Sign or Light	631	34	218	379
					Disregard Stop and Go Signal	86	1	20	65
					Disregard Flashing Yellow Signal	8	3	0	5
					Improper turn-wide right	343	3	34	306
					Improper turn-cut corner on left	168	5	20	143
					Improper turn-wrong lane	509	0	71	438
					Wrong side-not passing	2591	191	780	1620
					Wrong way 1 way road	55	4	25	26
					Following too closely	2008	6	413	1589
					Overtake and pass-insufficient clearance	472	40	155	277
					Pass in No Passing Zone	112	11	32	69
					Other illegal passing	2915	28	662	2225
					No signal or wrong signal of intention	1787	4	321	1462
					Improper start from parked position	822	2	70	750
					Fail to yield ROW to pedestrian	14	2	12	0
					Improper parking	693	13	202	478
					Driving under influence (liquor or drugs)	3604	331	1570	1703
					Defective Brakes	1167	16	292	859
					Defective lights	309	17	117	175
					Other Defective equipment	1843	40	484	1319
					Other Violations	858	64	180	614
					<b>TOTAL VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>37473</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>11292</b>	<b>24630</b>
					<b>CUMULATIVE MILEAGE RATES</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Percent change</b>	
					Motor Vehicle Traffic Deaths	1,570	1,524	+ 3%	
					Motor Vehicle Traffic Injuries (Reported)	18,064	17,813	+ 1%	
					Estimated Motor Vehicle Miles Traveled*	28,756	27,812	+ 3%	
					Death Rate per 100,000,000 Vehicle Miles	5.5	5.5	NC	
					Injury Rate per 100,000,000 Vehicle Miles	62.8	64.0	- 2%	

\* In Millions