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### IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY IN ALABAMA CONTINUES TO BE A PRESSING NEED ACROSS THE STATE. MORE THAN 950 LIVES WERE LOST IN CRASHES ON ALABAMA ROADS IN 2021. MORE THAN 40,000 INJURIES, SOME LIFE-CHANGING, HAPPENED.

Finding solutions to prevent these tragedies begins with using historical crash data to identify critical traffic safety issues and trends. The Alabama Crash Facts report contains some of the data that the Alabama Department of Transportation and local transportation agencies use to identify specific engineering and operational opportunities for improving the safety of our transportation system.

Crash data is also informative for the public.

Through crash data, the public can better understand the driver behaviors that most often lead to serious crashes. The data also shows when and where most crashes happen, along with other important details. With these facts, motorists can make better decisions that will help them stay safe on the road.

Current data shows that the following actions can reduce the number of highway crashes, injuries and deaths:

Buckle up
 Follow the speed limit
 Drive alert, without distractions
 Drive sober
 Share the road with motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians
 Follow all warnings at railroad crossings

Safe roads start with safe drivers. Crash data clearly shows how much influence drivers can have on traffic safety.

Safety must be factored into every transportation decision at the organizational and personal level. It is with this holistic approach that positive change begins on Alabama roads.

### Acknowledgements

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Current and previous editions of the Alabama Crash Facts publication are available online at **DriveSafeAlabama.org** and **caps.ua.edu**.



### MORE ALABAMA CRASH DATA, INCLUDING COUNTY AND CITY LEVEL DATA AND CHARTS, ARE AVAILABLE ON THE AL SAFETY PORTAL: SAFETY.ALADATA.COM.

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# 2021 CRASH DATA QUICK FACTS\*

Based on 2021 data, typical drivers in Alabama have greater than a **TWO IN FIVE CHANCE OF INVOLVEMENT IN AN INJURY OR FATAL CRASH** 

operating a vehicle over their lifetimes. The probability of any given driver being in **A CRASH OF ANY SEVERITY DURING THEIR LIFETIME IS GREATER THAN 90%.** 





A traffic crash was reported every 3 minutes and 27 seconds.



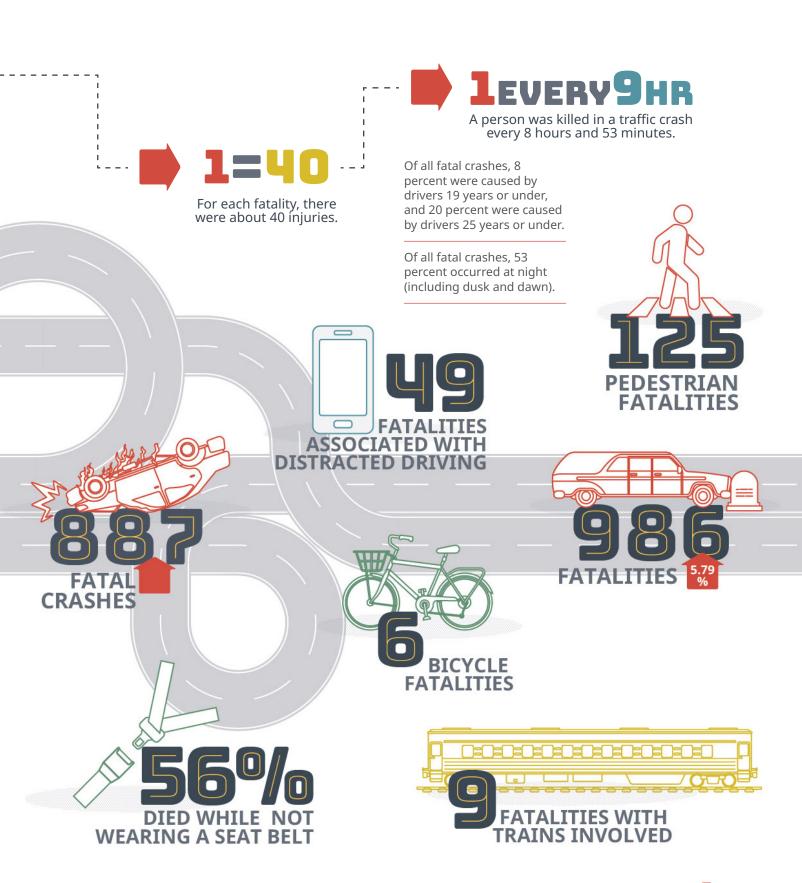
A person was injured in a traffic crash every 13 minutes and 27 seconds.

For front seat occupants who are in vehicle crashes, the probability of being killed is 43 times higher for those not wearing safety belts than those who are properly restrained. Most Alabama crashes (75 percent) occurred in urban areas, but most fatalities (60 percent) occurred in rural areas.



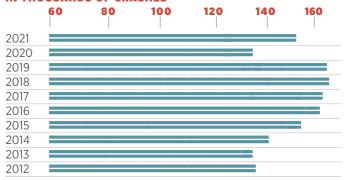


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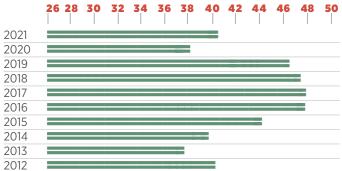


# TEN YEAR COMPARISON<sup>\*</sup> CRASH DATA 2012-2021

### **CRASHES UP 18.57%** IN THOUSANDS OF CRASHES



### **INJURIES UP 0.62%** IN THOUSANDS OF INJURIES



### LICENSED DRIVERS UP 6.49% IN MILLIONS OF DRIVERS



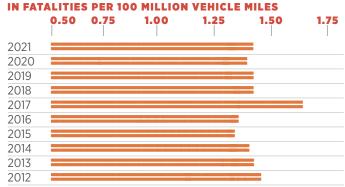
## ECONOMIC LOSS UP 34.59% IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



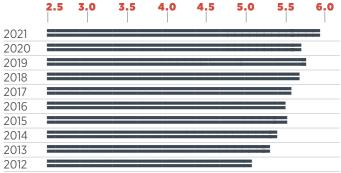
### FATALITIES UP 13.33%

### IN NUMBER OF FATALITIES 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2012

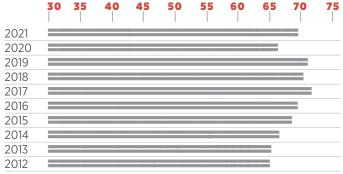
### **MILEAGE FATALITY RATE UP 5.74%**



### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS UP 16.67% IN MILLIONS OF VEHICLES



### VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED UP 7.13% IN BILLIONS OF MILES TRAVELED 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65



\*The increase/decrease percentage of change includes the entire 10-year time frame represented.

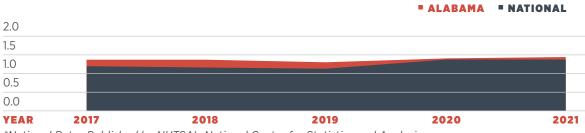
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### **CRASH TOTALS AND RATES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS**

YEAR	TOTAL CRASHES	TOTAL INJURIES	TOTAL FATALITIES	ALABAMA FATALITY RATE (PER HMVM*)	NATIONAL FATALITY RATE (PER HMVM*)
2017	156,993	47,771	948	1.34	1.17
2018	159,925	47,419	953	1.34	1.14
2019	159,102	46,383	930	1.30	1.11
2020	134,039	37,983	934	1.38	1.34
2021	152,134	40,450	986	1.42	1.33

\*Hundred Million Vehicle Miles

### **FATALITY RATE: STATE VERSUS NATIONAL**



\*National Rates Published by NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis

### FIRST HARMFUL EVENT (ORDERED BY FATALITIES)

EVENT	TOTAL CRASHES	% OF ALL CRASHES	NON-FATAL INJURIES	FATALITIES
Hit Other Vehicle	108,659	71.4%	27,558	450
Hit Fixed Object or Other Object	17,885	11.8%	5,630	275
Hit Pedestrian	584	0.4%	480	71
Overturning	1,280	0.9%	785	40
Hit Parked Vehicle	6,554	4.3%	386	15
Hit Railway Train	68	0.0%	30	5
Hit Bicyclist	149	0.1%	119	4
Hit Animal	3,047	2.0%	255	2
Other Non-Collsion	348	0.2%	98	1
All other	13,560	8.9%	3,720	123
TOTAL	152,134	100%	39,061	986

\*Includes only those pedestrian events and train events in the First Harmful Event; for more details, see pedestrian crash statistics on page 25 and train involved crash statistics on page 26.

### **VEHICLE TYPE**

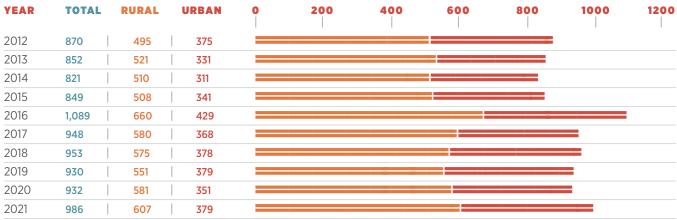
ТҮРЕ	VEHICLES Involved	,	% OF VEHICLES	0	<b>10%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b> 	<b>40%</b>	50% 	60% 
Passenger Car	137,940		49.0%							
Pickup and SUV	116,862		41.6%							
Truck	11,408		4.1%							
Van	9,680		3.4%							
Motorcycle/Moped	1,682		0.6%	10						
Other	3,588		1.3%	=						
TOTAL	281,160									

### **HAZARDOUS CARGO**

CARGO TYPE	C	CRASHES					
Gas/Flammable	136		67%				
Corrosive	28		13.8%				
Explosive	3		1.5%				
Radioactive	1		0.5%				
Other	35		17.2%				
TOTAL	203						

### **RURAL VS. URBAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES 10 YEAR DATA**

CRASHES



# RURAL LOCALE

EVGALE ITTE	GRADIES						
Open Country	31,636		84.30%				
Residential	3,144		8.40%				
Shopping or Business	2,332		6.20%				
Manufacturing or Industrial	213		0.60%				
School	114		0.30%				
Playground	2		0.00%				
Other	66		0.20%				
TOTAL	37,507						

### URBAN LOCALE

LOCALE TYPE	CRASHES				
Shopping or Business	63,976		55.80%		
Residential	28,380		24.70%		
Open Country	15,661		13.70%		
Manufacturing or Industrial	2,861		2.50%		
School	1,561		1.40%		
Playground	42		0.00%		
Other	2,146		1.90%		
TOTAL	114,627				

### **CRASH LOCATION**

LOCATION	CI	CRASHES					
On Roadway	122,608		80.60%				
Off Roadway	20,354		13.40%				
Intersection	2,386		1.60%				
Median	1,746		1.10%				
Driveway	27		0.00%				
Other	5,013		3.30%				
TOTAL	152,134						

### **CAUSAL DRIVER'S RESIDENCE**

### **RESIDENCE WITHIN 25 MILES OF CRASH**

Yes	62.8%
No	20.2%
Unknown	17%

MOST CRASHES OCCUR WITHIN 25 MILES OF

THE CAUSAL DRIVER'S

The number of **RURAL FATALITIES INCREASED 4.48%** from 2020 to 2021 and **INCREASED 22.63%** from 2012 to 2021.

The number of URBAN FATALITIES INCREASED 7.98% from 2020 to 2021 and INCREASED 1.07% from 2012 to 2021.

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# TIME DATA

### TIME OF DAY

CRASHES		TIES	0	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b> 	<b>9%</b> 	<b>10%</b>
Midnight	1,979   32	1.3% 3.3%											
1:00 AM	1,697   35	1.1% 3.6%											
2:00 AM	1,520   29	1.0% 2.9%											
3:00 AM	1,368   <mark>38</mark>	0.9% 3.9%											
4:00 AM	1,495   20	1.0% 2.0%											
5:00 AM	2,632   30	1.7% 3.0%											
6:00 AM	4,183   26	2.8% 2.6%											
7:00 AM	8,290   34	5.4% 3.4%											
8:00 AM	6,063   26	4.0% 2.6%											
9:00 AM	5,761   17	3.8% 1.7%											
10:00 AM	6,582   38	4.3%											
11:00 AM	8,161   25	5.4% 2.5%											
Noon	10,153   54	6.7% 5.5%											
1:00 PM	10,010   36	6.6% 3.6%								-			
2:00 PM	11,101   54	7.3% 5.5%											
3:00 PM	13,234   45	8.7% 4.6%											
4:00 PM	12,789   49	8.4% 5.0%											
5:00 PM	13,326   59	8.8% 6.0%											
6:00 PM	9,006   74	5.9% 7.5%									•		
7:00 PM	6,583   56	4.3%							_		•		
8:00 PM	5,502	5.7% 3.6%					-						
9:00 PM	66   4,430	6.7% 2.9%											
10:00 PM	47   3,422	4.8% 2.2%											
11:00 PM	46   2,545	4.7% 1.7%											
Unknown	47   302	4.8% 0.2%											
TOTAL	3   152,134 986	0.3%	=										

### 5PM-9PM.

THE MOST FATALITY-PRONE PERIOD OF THE DAY IS



### **3PM-6PM.**

THE MOST CRASH-PRONE PERIOD OF THE DAY IS



DAY OF	WEEI	K				
CRASHES	= FATAI	LITIES	0 2% 49	<b>6% 8%</b>	10% 12% 14%	% 16% 18% 20
Sunday	15,487 144	10.2%   14.6%				=
Monday	22,031 126	14.5%   12.8%				
Tuesday	22,338 118	14.7%   12.0%				
Wednesday	22,672 110	14.9%   11.2%				
Thursday	23,426 151	15.4%   15.3%				
Friday	26,021 160	17.1%   16.2%				
Saturday	20,159 177	13.2%   17.9%				
Not Reported	0 0	0.0%				
TOTAL	152,134 986					



PRONE DAY IS SATURDAY.

# DAY OF THE WEEK IS



THE MOST CRASH-PRONE

# INVOLVEMENT BY AGE AND GENDER

**PERCENTAGE CAUSAL DRIVERS\* INVOLVED IN** 

# ALL TRAFFIC CRASHES BY AGE AND GENDER • MALE • FEMALE

AGE 0-14 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80-84 84-89 90+ \*The Causal Driver is the driver of the vehicle that was determined to have caused the traffic crash. Crashes for all vehicle types are included. Each crash has only one causal driver.

FATAL	ITIES	BY	AGE					
AGE FA (YEARS)	TALITIES	0	<b>20</b> 	<b>40</b> 	<b>60</b> 	<b>80</b> 	<b>100</b> 	<b>120</b>
0-5	17							
6-10	14							
11-15	12							
16-20	91							
21-25	95							
26-30	99							
31-35	86							
36-40	90							
41-45	72							
46-50	64							
51-55	69							
56-60	67							
61-65	60							
66-70	39							
71-75	30							
76-80	24							
81-85	23							
86-90	15							
91-95	4							
96-up	1							
Unknown	14							
TOTAL	986							

### **FATALITIES BY AGE**

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### DRIVERS INVOLVED\* IN ALL CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY AGE

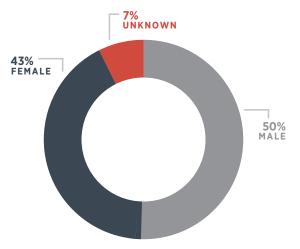
AGE	LICENSED	ALL CRASHES	F/	ATAL CRASHES
0-14	69	186		5
15-19	243,584	27,517		103
20-24	328,732	35,931		146
25-29	341,063	29,146		153
30-34	328,762	26,509		138
35-39	306,255	23,464		142
40-44	302,128	20,834		137
45-49	292,680	18,008		89
50-54	317,563	17,517		103
55-59	328,378	16,745		101
60-64	333,938	14,582		85
65-69	302,995	11,107		48
70-74	258,946	8,317		42
>74	425,572	9,357		61
Unknown	0	21,981		49
TOTAL	4,110,665	281,201		1,402

\*All numbers in this chart include both causal and victim drivers. For example, if there is a four-vehicle crash, all four drivers and their ages are reflected in this chart. For all except single vehicle fatal crashes, there will be more drivers counted than there are crashes.

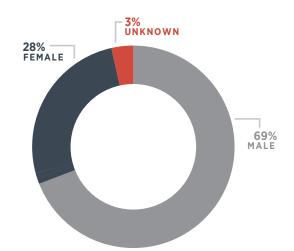
### DRIVERS INVOLVED\* IN ALL CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY GENDER

GENDER	LICENSED	ALL CRASHES	F/	TAL CRASHES
Male	1,990,699	141,740		972
Female	2,119,966	119,455		386
Unknown	0	20,006		44
TOTAL	4,110,665	281,201		1,402

### GENDER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN ALL CRASHES



### GENDER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES



### **TRAFFIC CONTROL**

CONTROL TYPE	CRA	SHES	FAT/	LITIES
No Control Present	73,576	48.40%	518	<b>52.50</b> %
No Passing Zone	11,480	7.50%	246	25.00%
Stop Sign	13,544	8.90%	72	7.30%
Traffic Signal	34,929	23.00%	62	6.30%
Railroad Device	191	0.10%	4	0.40%
Yield Sign	3,533	2.30%	2	0.20%
Other	3,806	2.50%	50	5.10%
Not Stated	11,075	7.30%	32	3.20%
TOTAL	152,134		986	

### **LIGHT CONDITION**

CONDITION	CRA	FATALITIES				
Day	107,972	71.00%		467	47.40%	
Dark	15,106	9.90%		322	32.70%	
Streetlights	20,409	13.40%		139	14.10%	
Dusk	4,564	3.00%		31	3.10%	
Dawn	2,499	1.70%		20	2.00%	
Other/Unknown/NA	1,584	1.00%		7	0.70%	
TOTAL	152,134			986		

### **ROAD CURVATURE AND GRADE**

CURVE/GRADE	CRA	SHES	FATALITIES					
Level	104,463	68.70%	495	50.20%				
Curve on Hill	7,329	4.80%	126	12.80%				
Downgrade	11,765	7.70%	121	12.30%				
Level Curve	7,402	4.90%	118	12.00%				
Upgrade	9,393	6.20%	79	8.00%				
Hillcrest or Sag	1,228	0.80%	17	1.70%				
Other/Unknown	10,554	6.90%	30	3.00%				
TOTAL	152,134		986					

### NUMBER OF LANES

LANES	CRA	SHES	FATALITIES				
Two	65,307	42.90%	553	<b>56.10%</b>			
Four	43,660	28.70%	271	27.50%			
Six or More	15,183	10.00%	74	7.50%			
Three	7,426	4.90%	24	2.40%			
Five	5,601	3.70%	24	2.40%			
One	3,720	2.40%	9	0.90%			
Not Stated	11,237	7.40%	31	3.20%			
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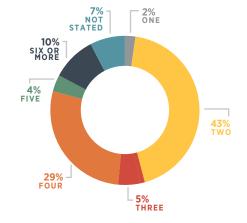
### **ROAD CONDITION**

CONDITION	CRA	FATALITIES				
Dry	114,819	75.50%		764	77.50%	
Wet	26,090	17.10%		186	18.90%	
Muddy	88	0.00%		2	0.20%	
lcy/Slushy	392	0.30%		0	0.00%	
Other/Unknown	10,745	7.10%		34	3.40%	
TOTAL	152,134			986		

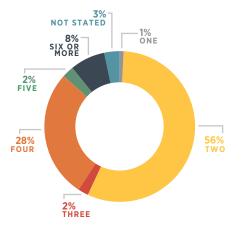
### WEATHER

CONDITION	CRA	FAT/	FATALITIES				
Clear	104,588	68.70%		628	63.70%		
Cloudy	25,758	16.90%		192	19.50%		
Rain	19,878	13.10%		141	14.30%		
Fog	1,017	0.70%		19	1.90%		
Snow/Sleet	317	0.20%		0	0.00%		
Other	576	0.40%		6	0.60%		
TOTAL	152,134			986			

### **CRASHES PER NUMBER OF LANES**



### **FATALITIES PER NUMBER OF LANES**



### 2019 VS. 2020

HOLIDAY	YEAR	FA'	TALIT	IES		PERIOD	0	<b>2</b> 	4	<b>6</b> 	<b>8</b> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b> 		
New Year	2020		7			6 pm, Mon., December 30, 2019 until 11:59 pm, Thur., January 2, 2020 (78 hrs)					•							
	2021		8			6 pm, Wed., December 30, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Sat., January 2, 2021 (78 hrs)												
Memorial Day	2020		7			6 pm, Fri., May 22, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 25, 2020 (78 hrs)	-											
	2021   10   <sup>6</sup> 11					6 pm, Fri., May 28, 2021 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 31, 2021 (78 hrs)												
July 4th	2020		2			6 pm, Fri., July 3, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Sat., July 4, 2020 (30 hrs)												
	2021		16			6 pm, Fri., July 2, 2021 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 5, 2021 (78 hrs)												
Labor Day	2020		15			6 pm, Fri., September 4, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 7, 2020 (78 hrs)												
	2021		4			6 pm, Fri., September 3, 2021 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 6, 2021 (78 hrs)												
Thanksgiving	2020		13			6 pm, Wed., November 25, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 29, 2020 (102 hrs)												
	2021		11			6 pm, Wed., November 24, 2021 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 28, 2021 (102 hrs)												
Christmas	2020		6			6 pm, Tues., December 22, 2020 until 11:59 pm, Sat., December 26, 2020 (102 hrs)												
	2021		14			6 pm, Thur., December 23, 2021 until 11:59 pm, Mon., December 27, 2021 (102 hrs)												

\*Note that the hours for each holiday period may vary from one year to the other.

# TYPE OF **ROADWAY**

### **TOTAL FOR STATE**

CRASHES	<b>FATALITIES</b>	0	<b>10</b> 	20	30	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	70	80	90	<b>100</b>
State Route	30,27019.9%27928.3%											
County	21,722     14.3%       241     24.5%				1							
U.S. Route	17,717   11.6% 163   16.5%											
City	59,785         39.39           135         13.7%											
Interstate	18,090   11.9% 162   16.4%											
Other	4,550   3.0% 6   0.6%											
TOTAL	152,134 986											

### **RURAL AREAS**

CRASHES	• FATAL	ITII	ES	0	<b>10</b> 	20	30	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	80	90	<b>100</b>
County	15,535 <mark>213</mark>	 	41.4% 35.1%											
State Route	9,085 196		24.2% 32.3%											
Interstate	8,051 115		21.5% 18.9%											
U.S. Route	4,288 80		11.4% 13.2%											
City	522 2		1.4% 0.3%	-										
Other	26 1		0.1% 0.2%											
TOTAL	37,507 607													

### **URBAN AREAS**

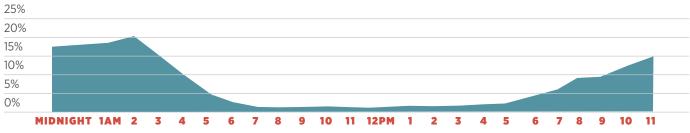
CRASHES	<b>FATAL</b>	ITIE	S	0	<b>10</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	80	<b>90</b> 	<b>100</b>
City	59,263 <mark>133</mark>	 	51.7% 35.1%											
U.S. Route	13,429 <mark>83</mark>		11.7% 21.9%											
State Route	21,185 <mark>83</mark>		18.5% 21.9%											
Interstate	10,039 47		8.8% 12.4%											
County	6,187 28		5.4% 7.4%											
Other	4,524 5		3.9% 1.3%	-										
TOTAL	114,627 379													

### **DRIVERS SUSPECTED OF ALCOHOL OR DRUG IMPAIRMENT**

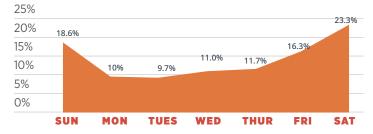
AGE	ALL*	MALE	FEMAL	.Е	UNKNOWN	0	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>800</b> 	<b>900</b> 	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,100</b>
0-14	1	1	0		0												
15-19	412	299	111		2												
20-24	1,074	738	336		0												
25-29	1,067	771	296		0												
30-34	1,057	735	321		1												
35-39	926	639	285		2												
40-44	747	518	229		0												
45-49	614	426	188		0												
50-54	563	409	154		0												
55-59	510	377	133		0												
60-64	355	263	91		1												
65-69	195	153	42		0												
70-74	103	75	28		0												
75-over	69	56	11		2												
Unknown	231	58	10		163	-											
TOTAL	7,924	5,518	2,235		171												

\*All causal drivers who were cited for DUI.

### IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES BY TIME



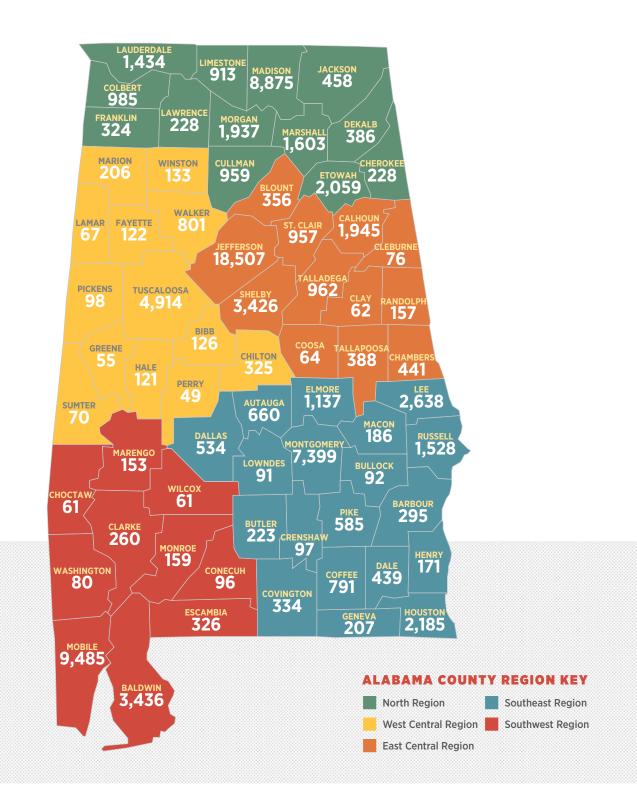
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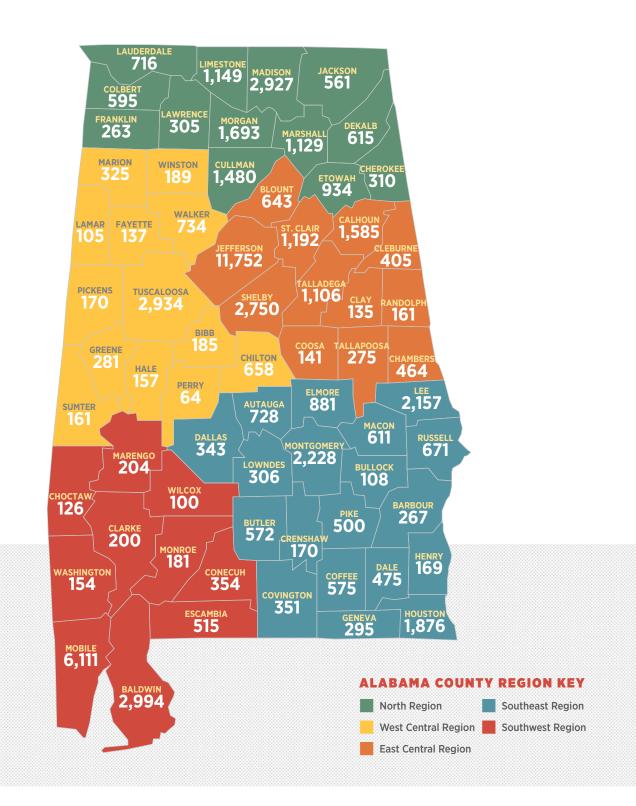
On average, less than 1 percent of crashes end in a fatality. However, for impaired driving crashes, the probability is much greater. The proportion of FATALITY CRASHES INVOLVING IMPAIRMENT (3.2 percent) is 6.6 TIMES THAT OF CRASHES IN GENERAL (0.5 percent), as reported in 2021. There were 208 PEOPLE who died in 5,839

CRASHES with SUSPECTED ALCOHOL OR DRUG IMPAIRMENT.

### TOTAL INTERSECTION-RELATED CRASHES 88,526



### TOTAL NON-INTERSECTION-RELATED CRASHES 63,608



### **DRIVER CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES** WITH PERCENTAGE OF FATAL CRASHES TO ALL CRASHES

CIRCUMSTANCE	ALL CRASHES	FATAL CRASHES	0	<b>1%</b> 	<b>2%</b> 	<b>3%</b> 	<b>4%</b> 	<b>5%</b> 	<b>6%</b> 	<b>7%</b> 	<b>8%</b> 
Speeding	7,910	163									
Driving Under the Influence	4,495	97									
Failed to Yield Right of Way	24,150	91									
Improper Lane Change/Use	14,815	75									
Unseen Object/Person/Vehicle	10,186	50									
Ran off Road	3,161	40									
Wrong Side of Road	677	31									
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	6,194	24									
Fatigued/Asleep	2,551	18									
Swerved to Avoid Vehicle/Object	7,185	15									
Misjudged Stopping Distance	12,025	5									
Tailgating	18,931	4									
All Other	39,854	274									
TOTAL	152,134	887									

There may be multiple contributing circumstances in each crash.

The table above shows the primary cause determined by the officer reporting the crash.

### **TEN YEAR DATA**

YEAR	MOTORCYCLI	STS	INJURIES	FAT/	ALITIES	0	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,
2012	1,912		1,477		92					-	
2013	1,583		1,173		76						
2014	1,650		1,251		64						
2015	1,601		1,254		74						
2016	1,828		1,297		114						
2017	1,918		1,222		79						
2018	1,859		1,262		83						
2019	1,867		1,213		90						
2020	1,685		1,115		72						
2021	1,818		1,178		77						

### **MOTORCYCLE INVOLVED CRASHES BY AGE** INCLUDES MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS

AGE	CRASHES	INJURIES	FATALITIES
0-14	16	13	0
15-19	89	61	2
20-24	190	132	4
25-29	207	147	10
30-34	218	145	15
35-39	178	117	7
40-44	149	91	7
45-49	154	97	2
50-54	168	113	11
55-59	149	101	6
60-64	110	78	3
65-69	67	42	7
70-74	41	27	3
75-over	13	5	0
Unknown	69	9	0
TOTAL	1,818	1,178	77



67% OF ALL FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASHES WERE CAUSED BY THE MOTORCYCLIST.

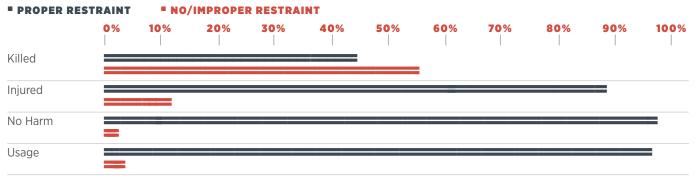
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### SAFETY RESTRAINT USAGE

RESTRAINT USED	SEVERITY	DRI	VER	FRONT Passe		BACK Passe		тот	ALS
	KILLED	223	0.10%	63	0.20%	7	0.10%	293	0.10%
Wearing Lap and	INJURED	23,337	10.10%	4,713	12.20%	1,401	9.00%	29,451	10.40%
Shoulder Belts	NO HARM	206,778	89.80%	33,746	87.60%	14,082	90.90%	254,606	89.50%
	SUBTOTAL	230,338		38,522		15,490		284,350	
	KILLED	4	0.60%	1	0.50%	1	0.40%	6	0.50%
Wearing Lap	INJURED	62	8.80%	29	14.70%	35	11.80%	126	10.50%
Belt Only	NO HARM	640	90.60%	167	84.80%	260	87.80%	1,067	89.00%
	SUBTOTAL	706		197		296		1,199	
	KILLED	1	0.10%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.10%
Wearing Shoulder	INJURED	93	9.50%	18	14.30%	5	6.90%	116	9.80%
Belt Only	NO HARM	887	90.40%	108	85.70%	67	93.10%	1,062	90.10%
	SUBTOTAL	981		126		72		1,179	
	KILLED	297	4.90%	46	3.70%	16	2.20%	359	4.50%
None	INJURED	2,698	44.80%	614	49.90%	348	47.00%	3,660	45.80%
Used	NO HARM	3,024	50.30%	571	46.40%	376	50.80%	3,971	49.70%
	SUBTOTAL	6,019		1,231		740		7,990	
	KILLED	47	0.30%	4	0.20%	1	0.10%	52	0.30%
Unknown	INJURED	2,001	12.10%	363	21.00%	145	18.40%	2,509	13.10%
	NO HARM	14,504	87.60%	1,361	78.80%	644	81.50%	16,509	86.60%
	SUBTOTAL	16,552		1,728		790		19,070	

\*Seat belt use for non-fatal injured passengers may be over-estimated because reporting officers have no way to make a direct observation. Additionally, 58 fatalities had unknown restraint use.

### PERCENTAGE OF OCCUPANTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES



According to the crash reports, overall only 3.5 PERCENT OF PEOPLE

**INVOLVED IN CRASHES WERE NOT USING SAFETY RESTRAINTS; however,** 

### OVER 55 PERCENT OF ALL FATALITIES WERE NOT RESTRAINED.

In contrast, OVER 97 PERCENT OF PEOPLE involved in crashes but

NOT HARMED were reported to have been WEARING THEIR SEAT BELTS.

RESTRAINT USED	SEVERITY		T SEAT Enger	BACK S Passei		тот	ALS	
	KILLED	0	0.00%	8	0.10%	8	0.10%	
Child	INJURED	13	5.20%	439	5.70%	452	<b>5.70</b> %	
Restraint Used	NO HARM	238	94.80%	7,270	94.20%	7,508	94.20%	
	SUBTOTAL	251		7,717		7,968		
	KILLED	1	0.50%	3	0.20%	4	0.20%	
Child Restraint	INJURED	24	11.90%	180	9.30%	204	9.60%	
Jsed Improperly	NO HARM	176	87.60%	1,747	90.50%	1,923	90.20%	
	SUBTOTAL	201		1 <b>,930</b>		2,131		
	KILLED	0	0.00%	1	0.90%	1	0.70%	
None	INJURED	16	59.30%	37	32.20%	53	37.30%	
Used	NO HARM	11	40.70%	77	66.90%	88	62.00%	
	SUBTOTAL	27		115		142		
	KILLED	1	2.80%	1	0.30%	2	0.60%	
Jnknown	INJURED	6	16.70%	44	15.80%	50	15.90%	
	NO HARM	29	80.50%	234	83.90%	263	83.50%	
	SUBTOTAL	36		279		315		

### CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE (UNDER 6 YEARS OLD)

### **PERCENTAGE OF CHILD PASSENGERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES**



According to the crash reports, overall, OVER 22 PERCENT OF CHILDREN INVOLVED IN CRASHES WERE NOT IN A CHILD RESTRAINT OR WERE IMPROPERLY RESTRAINED.

Over 78 PERCENT OF CHILDREN INVOLVED IN CRASHES BUT NOT HARMED were reported to have been PROTECTED BY CHILD RESTRAINTS.

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# **BICYCLE** CRASH STATISTICS

### **TEN YEAR DATA**

YEAR	BICYCLISTS	INJURIES	FATALITIES
2012	278	225	9
2013	264	192	6
2014	203	195	8
2015	260	185	9
2016	290	214	4
2017	299	212	6
2018	277	209	9
2019	256	194	6
2020	220	168	8
2021	233	176	6

In 2021, ABOUT 57% OF ALL BICYCLE CRASHES WERE CAUSED BY THE BICYCLIST.

19% of all bicycle crashes OCCUR ON RURAL ROUTES, and 81% of all bicycle crashes OCCUR IN URBAN STREETS.

### **BICYCLISTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE**

	BICYCLISTS	INJURIES Fatalities	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
0-5	2	1   0	=								
6-10	11	10   0									
11-15	16	14   0									
16-20	31	22 0									
21-25	19	16   0									
26-30	18	14   0									
31-40	31	24									
41-50	21	14   2									
51-60	36	29   2									
61-70	29	20   1									
71-up	8	8			-						
Unknov	wn 11	4   0									
TOTAL	233	176 6									

# **PEDESTRIAN** CRASH STATISTICS

### **TEN YEAR DATA**

YEAR	PEDESTRIANS	INJURIES	FATALITIES
2012	798	651	80
2013	757	639	57
2014	818	623	95
2015	834	656	96
2016	932	724	122
2017	882	706	113
2018	861	691	106
2019	905	713	114
2020	725	574	97
2021	801	610	125

### In 2021, 54 PERCENT of all FATAL PEDESTRIAN CRASHES were CAUSED BY THE PEDESTRIAN.

Pedestrian FATALITIES HAVE INCREASED ABOUT 56 PERCENT since 2012, which traffic safety professionals attribute largely to distracted walking with electronic devices.

### **PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED BY AGE AND SEVERITY**

AGE F	PEDESTRIANS	INJURIES FATALITIES	0	20	40	60	80	100	120
0-5	25	21 1				·	·		
6-10	20	18 1							
11-15	21	20 0							
16-20	67	60 <mark>6</mark>							
21-25	79	59 12							
26-30	74	59 12							
31-40	139	107 23							
41-50	112	75 26							
51-60	115	83 17							
61-70	78	62 11							
71-up	53	39 11							
Unknov	wn 18	7 5							
TOTAL	* 801	610 125							

\*Total number of pedestrians involved.

### **TEN YEAR DATA**

2012	INJURIES	CRASHES FATALITIES	0	<b>10</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>40</b> 	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b> 	<b>80</b> 	<b>90</b> 	<b>100</b> 
2012	33	60   <mark>5</mark>											
2013	45	85   5											
2014	37	95   15											
2015	34	90   5											
2016	42	78   9											
2017	23	66   9											
2018	33	55   7											
2019	36	85   6											
2020	28	84 3											
2021	30	85   9											

### **RAILROAD CRASHES**

INJURY SEVERITY	TOTAL
Injuries	30
Fatalities	9
Crashes	85

The number of railroad **CRASHES** and **INJURIES DECREASED** in 2021, but the **FATALITIES INCREASED**. DRIVER BEHAVIOR ISSUES include ignoring flashing lights or other active warning devices, passing through barrier gates, and driving around already lowered gates/failure to observe passive warning devices.

According to NHTSA, A MOTORIST IS ALMOST 20 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN A CRASH INVOLVING A TRAIN than in a collision involving another motor vehicle.

# **WORK ZONE** CRASH STATISTICS

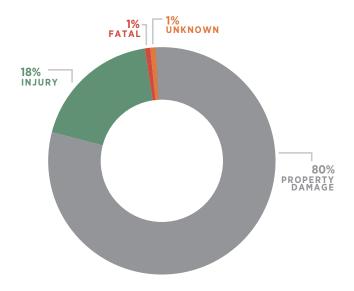
### **TEN YEAR DATA**

YEAR	INJURY CRASHES	INJURIES	FATAL CRASHES	FATALITIES
2012	477	707	23	25
2013	541	808	22	24
2014	504	750	21	23
2015	492	705	31	31
2016	652	954	18	19
2017	640	963	25	31
2018	769	1155	28	34
2019	589	812	19	16
2020	398	616	17	19
2021	420	596	17	17

### **WORK ZONE CRASHES**

CRASH SEVERITY	CRASHES		
Property Damage	1,888		
Injury	420		
Fatal	17		
Unknown	25		
TOTAL	2,350		

### **WORK ZONE CRASHES**



Drivers need to be particularly alert when traveling through highway work zones. When a road is not in its usual condition due to construction, it is essential to slow down. Fines for speeding double in work zones when construction workers are present. Work zone crashes are dangerous to both highway workers and motorists. MOST WORK ZONE CRASHES ARE REAR-END COLLISIONS, RESULTING FROM SPEEDING OR INATTENTIVE DRIVING.

ALDOT promotes Work Zone Awareness in April of each year. Alabama's theme for in 2021 was: "MOVE OVER. SLOW DOWN.

SAVE LIVES."

### **TEN YEAR DATA**

YEAR	TRUCKS INVOLVED	INJURIES	FATALITIES
2012	5,798	1,562	90
2013	7,322	1,982	116
2014	7,782	2,184	89
2015	8,484	2,367	118
2016	8,937	2,345	157
2017	9,351	2,563	101
2018	10,079	2,629	121
2019	10,486	2,612	137
2020	8,579	2,330	130
2021	10,588	2,577	148

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT\*

PRIMARY CAUSE	CRASHES		
Improper Lane Change or Use	1,656		15.6%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1,050		9.9%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	823		7.8%
Tailgating	768		7.2%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	461		4.3%
Defective Equipment	443		4.2%
Improper Backing	429		4.0%
Avoiding Animal, Object, or Person	382		3.6%
Improper Turn	376		3.6%
Crossed Median/Centerline	333		3.2%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal	295		2.8%
Driving too Fast for Conditions	282		2.7%
Fatigued/Asleep	214		2.0%
Improper Passing	211		2.0%
Driving Under the Influence	156		1.5%
Ran Off Road	142		1.3%
Over the Speed Limit	116		1.1%
Unknown	487		4.6%
All Other	1,964		18.6%
TOTAL	10,588		

\*\*There is no inference as to whether the truck or another type of vehicle was the cause of the crash.

### TRUCK DEFINITION

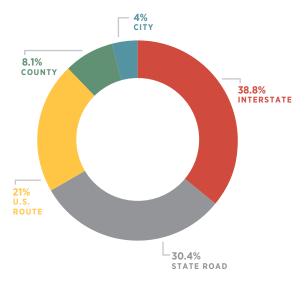


A truck is defined as a vehicle heavier than a light truck or SUV, including delivery truck, 18 wheeler, tow truck, dually, or work truck. Truck does not include a bus of any type.

### TOTAL FOR ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

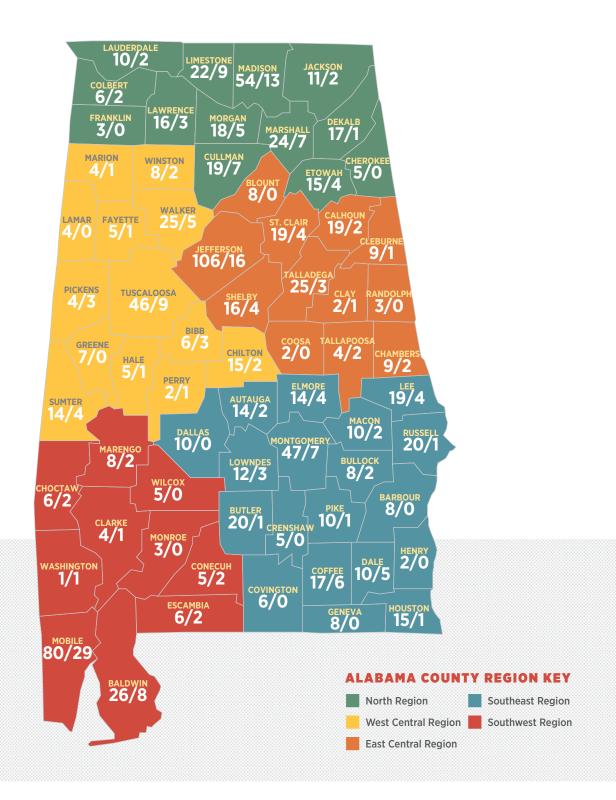
ROAD TYPE	CRASHES			FATALITIES	
Interstate	2,731	31.7%		53	35.8%
State Route	1,710	19.9%		45	30.4%
U.S. Route	1,068	12.4%		31	21.0%
County	794	9.2%		12	8.1%
City	2,096	24.3%		6	4.0%
Other	214	2.5%		1	0.7%
TOTAL	8,613			148	

### TRUCK INVOLVED FATALITIES BY ROAD TYPE



### TOTAL TRAFFIC FATALITIES 986 (First Figure)

### TRAFFIC FATALITIES WITH APPARENT ALCOHOL OR DRUG INVOLVEMENT 208 (Second Figure)





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