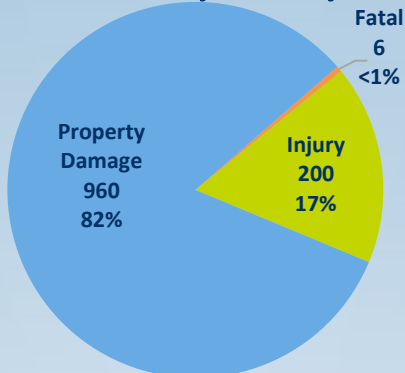




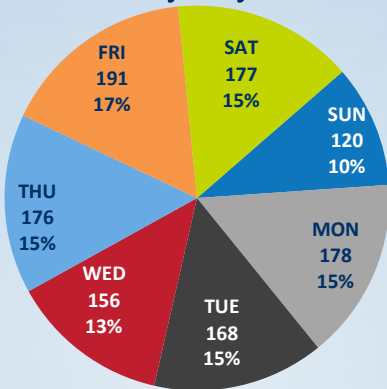
FAST FACTS

2025 Defiance County Traffic Crashes

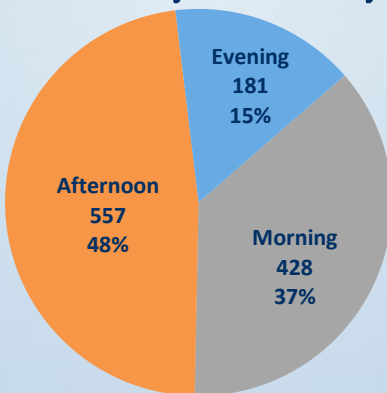
Crashes by Severity



Crashes by Day of Week



Crashes by Time of Day

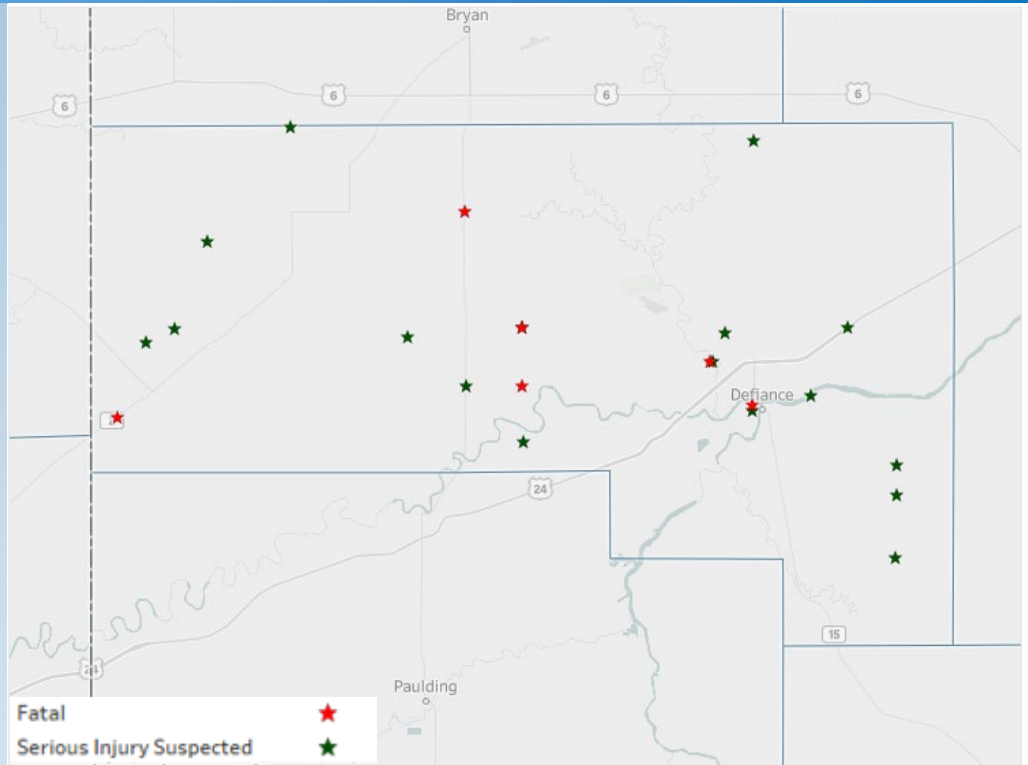


 Defiance County Safety Belt Compliance Rate

81.2%

 Statewide Safety Belt Compliance Rate

87.8%



Crash Severity

Crash Severity	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
Fatal	1	6	6	13	4
Serious Injury	26	19	17	62	21
Minor Injury	115	128	114	357	119
Injury Possible	64	61	69	194	65
Property Damage	1,006	909	960	2,875	958

Select Crash Categories

Category	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
Youth -Related (Driver Age 15 -24)	346	301	322	969	323
Teen-Related (Driver Age 15 -19)	163	146	183	492	164
Speed-Related	113	135	147	395	132
Failure to Yield -Related	90	101	126	317	106
Commercial -Related	64	58	80	202	67
Distracted -Related	48	34	39	121	40
OVI-Related	38	29	48	115	38
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign	44	35	27	106	35
Drug -Related	11	6	18	35	12

Top 3 Routes

Route	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
SR-15	236	173	216	625	208
SR-66	126	134	112	372	124
SR-18	81	78	79	238	79

Additional crash information for Defiance County is available from the OSTATS Crash Dashboard at: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>



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Share the Road with Pedestrians, Bicycles & Motorcycles

- Stay alert and slow down in areas with heavy pedestrian or bicycle activity, especially at crosswalks and intersections.
- Give at least three feet of space when passing bicycles and motorcycles – allow a safe buffer and only pass when it's legal and clear.
- Check blind spots carefully, as pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycles can be harder to see than cars.

Stay Focused and Stay in Your Lane

- 26% of Ohio's fatal crashes over the last 5 years were the result of driving off the roadway.
- Driving off the road is the 2nd most common factor in teen crashes in Ohio. Speeding is #1.
- Distraction often causes drivers to drift out of their lane which puts themselves, their passengers, and others on the road in danger.
- Ohio's distracted driving law makes it illegal to use or hold a cell phone in your hand or on your lap while driving.

Ohio's App to Practice Safe Driving Skills



- RoadReady Ohio is a free app for new drivers that helps them log their required 50 hours of driving practice.
- Beginning April 1, 2026, the BMV will require new drivers to submit a detailed log of supervised driving hours with their 50 Hour Affidavit.

One Killed in Head On Crash Involving Teen Driver

A 16-year-old driver in a white car was traveling northbound on Domersville Road on February 12, 2026. He crossed the center line near Flory Road and struck a tan minivan head-on in the southbound lane, causing the minivan to go off the right side of the road. A third vehicle traveling behind the minivan was hit by debris. The teen driver was not wearing a seat belt and sustained multiple broken bones. The driver and passenger in the minivan were also not wearing seat belts and taken to the hospital, where the driver was pronounced dead. Troopers suspect the teen was distracted at the time of the crash, and charges are pending in this case.

