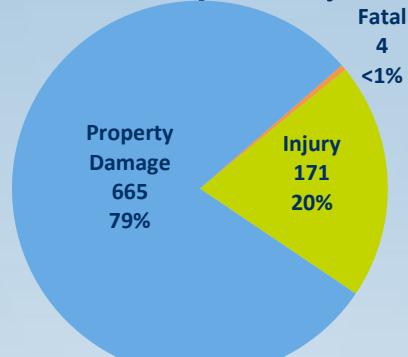




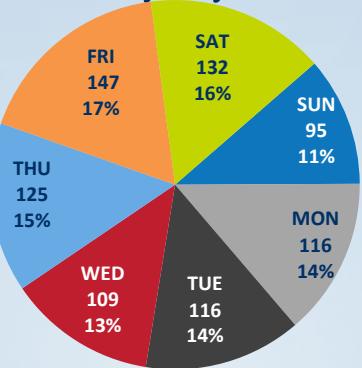
FAST FACTS

2024 Ottawa County Traffic Crashes

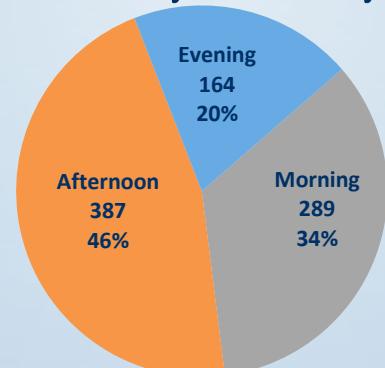
Crashes by Severity



Crashes by Day of Week



Crashes by Time of Day

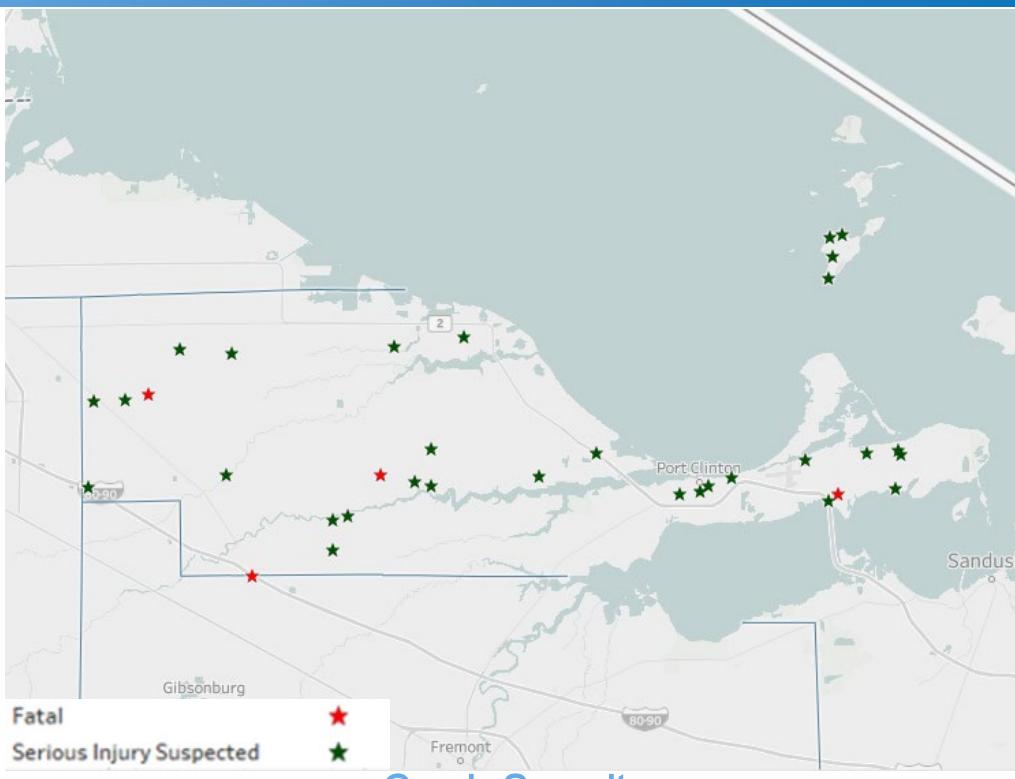


Ottawa County Safety Belt Compliance Rate

93.5%

Statewide Safety Belt Compliance Rate

85.2%



Crash Severity

Crash Severity	2022	2023	2024	Total	Average
Fatal	6	3	4	13	4
Serious Injury	18	24	30	72	24
Minor Injury	122	91	97	310	103
Injury Possible	45	56	44	145	48
Property Damage	670	662	665	1,997	666

Select Crash Categories

Category	2022	2023	2024	Total	Average
Youth -Related (Driver Age 15 -24)	212	199	217	628	209
Teen-Related (Driver Age 15 -19)	120	113	104	337	112
Failure to Yield -Related	96	110	94	300	100
Speed -Related	90	87	87	264	88
Commercial -Related	58	70	51	179	60
OVI-Related	53	48	48	149	50
Distracted -Related	28	28	21	77	26
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign	17	9	16	42	14
Drug -Related	10	6	14	30	10

Top 3 Routes

Route	2022	2023	2024	Total	Average
SR-2	156	146	158	460	153
SR-163	160	125	147	432	144
SR-53	49	50	48	147	49

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



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Speeding Catches Up With You

- Crashing into an object at 40 mph can exert the same force on your body as falling from a 5-story building.
- Unsafe speed is a factor in 26% of fatal crashes where a teen driver is at fault.
- The higher the speed, the more distance you need to come to a stop.
- A first offense for speeding is considered a minor misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$150 and 2 points on your driver's license.

Fall is Peak Time for Deer-Related Crashes

- In 2024, there were 19,948 deer-related crashes in Ohio – most happening at dawn and dusk.
- Scan the road ahead so you have more time to react if an animal is spotted.
- If a crash is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane.
- Swerving to avoid an animal can often cause a more serious crash or cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

Ohio's New 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.
- The app includes video lessons and provides driving scores and recommendations in key areas like braking, acceleration, cornering and speed.

Drivers Cited for Rear -End Crashes in Work Zone on State Route 2

An 18-year-old driver in a blue pickup truck was traveling northbound in Danbury Township on August 17, 2025. A grey SUV was stopped for traffic in the roadway ahead, and the teen driver rear -ended the SUV at about 10 mph. All occupants were wearing seat belts, and no injuries were reported. The teen driver admitted to Troopers that he reached down to the floorboard to pick up a water bottle moments before the crash and did not see that traffic in front of him had stopped. He was cited for Failure to Maintain Assured Clear Distance Ahead.



On May 28 2025, a semi -truck driver was southbound through a one -lane construction zone on State Route 2 near mile post 28. Conditions were wet and the driver was traveling at 28 mph when he lost control and struck the guardrail face on the left side of the road – before rear-ending a red SUV which was stopped ahead of him. The impact pushed the red SUV into the back of a blue SUV ahead, which was also stopped. All occupants were wearing seat belts and only the driver of the red SUV reported minor injuries. The semi -truck driver was cited for Failure to Maintain Assured Clear Distance Ahead.

