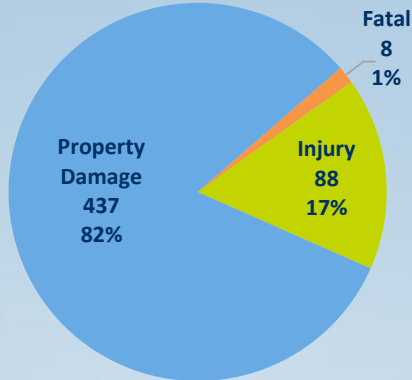




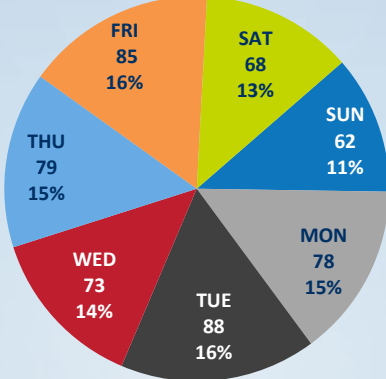
FAST FACTS

2025 Paulding County Traffic Crashes

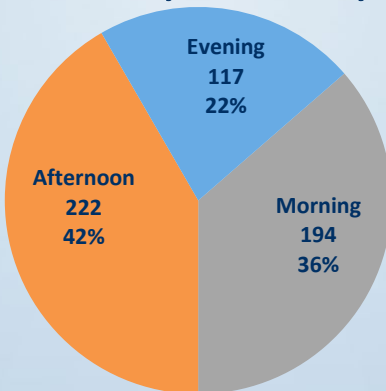
Crashes by Severity



Crashes by Day of Week



Crashes by Time of Day



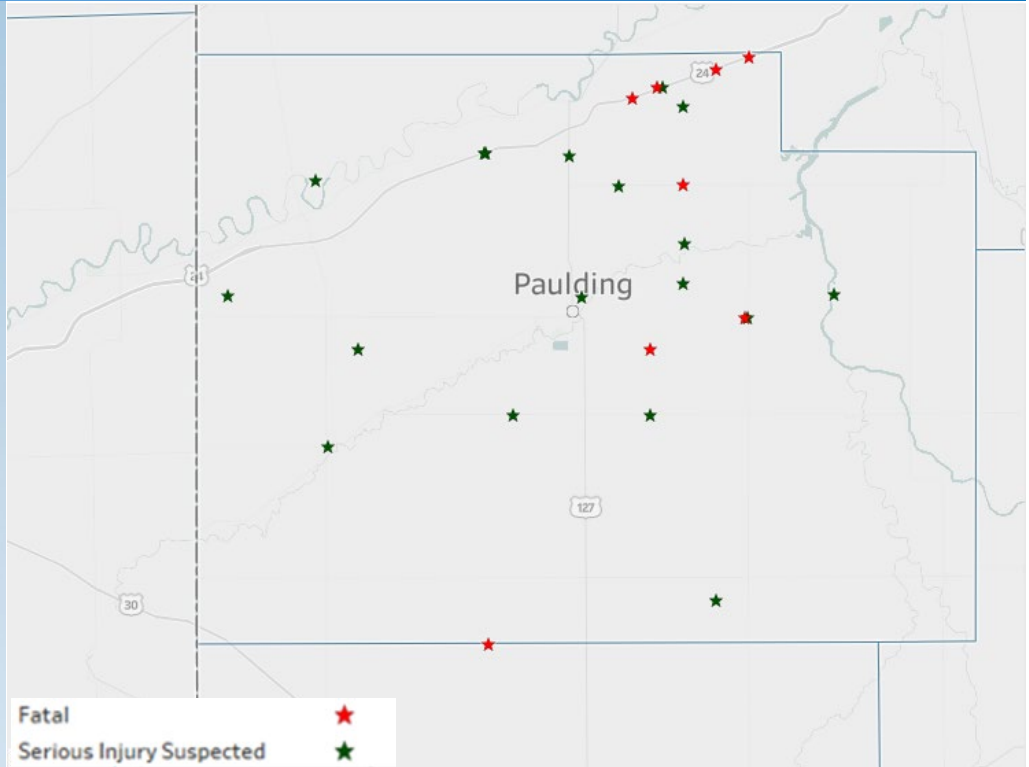
Paulding County Safety
Belt Compliance Rate

92.6%



Statewide Safety Belt
Compliance Rate

87.8%



Crash Severity

Crash Severity	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
Fatal	3	2	8	13	4
Serious Injury	18	16	18	52	17
Minor Injury	38	57	49	144	48
Injury Possible	16	22	21	59	20
Property Damage	446	405	437	1,288	429

Select Crash Categories

Category	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
Youth -Related (Driver Age 15 -24)	125	136	129	390	130
Teen-Related (Driver Age 15 -19)	61	71	63	195	65
Commercial -Related	28	78	62	168	56
Speed-Related	49	63	55	167	56
Failure to Yield -Related	29	32	37	98	33
OVI-Related	20	18	26	64	21
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign	11	15	8	34	11
Distracted -Related	12	11	8	31	10
Drug -Related	6	6	8	20	7

Top 3 Routes

Route	2023	2024	2025	Total	Average
US-24	43	73	72	188	63
US-127	42	44	45	131	44
SR-613	50	29	38	117	39

Additional crash information for Paulding 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.

Teen Driver Charged with OVI After Crash on County Road 111

A 17-year-old driver in a pickup truck was traveling southbound on County Road 111 just before 1 a.m. on August 1, 2025. He lost control near Emerald Township Road 168 and went off the left side of the roadway – where the truck overturned in a ditch. Because he was not wearing a seat belt, he was ejected from the vehicle and taken to the hospital with serious injuries. Toxicology tests showed his blood alcohol content was .102. He was charged with OVI, Underage Consumption, Failure to Control, and Failure to Wear a Seat Belt.



Three Injured in Crash at Dangerous Intersection

The Ohio State Highway Patrol considers US 24 and County Road 115 in Emerald Township to be a dangerous intersection due to a high number of crashes. On August 12, 2025, the driver of a red car was traveling westbound on US 24 and made a left turn toward County Road 115. He proceeded through the eastbound lanes of US 24, directly into the path of an oncoming minivan traveling east at 60 mph. The minivan struck the side of the red car, forcing it into a ditch. All occupants were wearing seat belts, and the driver and passenger in the minivan and the driver of the red car were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The at-fault driver of the red car was cited for Failure to Yield when Turning Left.

