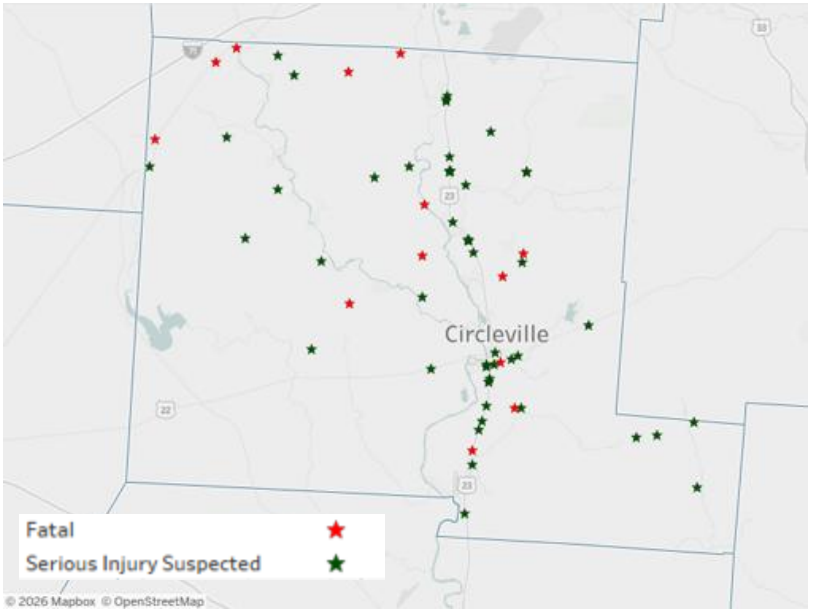
Ohio Traffic Safety Office

Fast Facts October 2026

Pickaway County

2025 Traffic Crash Statistics

Be aware of the crash picture in your community!



Top 5 Crash Variables

1. **Failure to Yield-Related** – 232
2. **Speed-Related** – 174
3. **Commercial-Related** – 145
4. **Ran Red Light/Stop Sign** – 42
5. **Distracted-Related** – 35

Impaired Driving

- **OVI-related** – 47
- **Drug-related** – 14

Driver Age

- **Age 15-24** – 443
- **Age 15-19** – 210

Safety Belt Usage Rate

Pickaway County	Statewide
78.0%	87.8%

Crashes by Severity

- **Fatal** – 13 (1%)
- **Injury** – 322 (23%)
- **Property Damage** – 1,067 (76%)

Crashes by Time

- **Afternoon** – 613 (44%)
- **Morning** – 558 (40%)
- **Evening** – 231 (16%)

Top 3 Crash Routes

- **U.S. Route 23** – 352
- **State Route 104** – 74
- **State Route 56** – 59

Find more crash statistics at statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats

Pickaway County – What Drivers Should Know

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 **25%** of fatal crashes caused by teen drivers in Ohio.
- The higher the speed, the **more time and distance** you need to come to a stop.

Failure to Yield: Small Mistake, Big Consequences

- Ohio law defines Failure to Yield as **not giving the right of way** when entering an intersection.
- Failure to Yield is a factor in **14% of fatal crashes** caused by teen drivers in Ohio.
- When turning left, **always yield to <u>both</u> oncoming traffic and pedestrians** on the cross street.
- At intersections, yield to any vehicles in the intersection or if they arrive at the same time, **yield to the right.**

Seat Belts Save Lives

62% of people killed in crashes in Ohio were not wearing a seat belt.

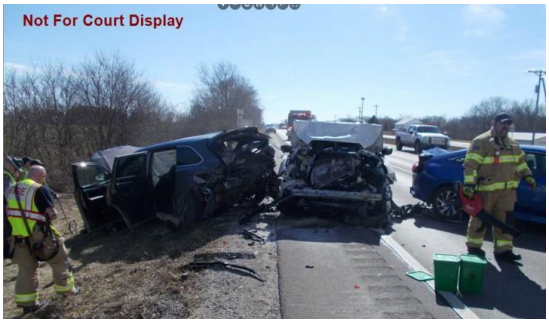
Buckling up keeps you secure inside a vehicle, being completely ejected is **almost always deadly.**

Ohio law requires new teen drivers with temporary permits or probationary licenses to ensure all passengers are wearing a seat belt.

Visit Buckleup.ohio.gov to learn more about seat belt use in Ohio.

Distracted Driving a Factor in Rear-End Crash at Dangerous Intersection

The Ohio State Highway Patrol considers US 23 and State Route 762 to be a dangerous intersection due to a high number of crashes. On February 28, 2026, a white SUV was traveling north on US 23 at 55 mph and approaching stopped traffic at State Route 762. The driver rear-ended a grey SUV, pushing it into the back of a blue car, before the grey SUV went off the side of the road. All 4 occupants in the white SUV were wearing seat belts and sustained minor to serious injuries. The driver of the grey SUV was not wearing a seat belt and was treated for serious injuries. The driver of the white SUV was found to be manually operating his phone moments before the crash, and he was cited for Distracted Driving.



Two Hospitalized in Drunk-Driving Crash on I-71

The driver of a grey car was traveling north on I-71 on March 15, 2026. He went off the left side of the road near mile post 90 and struck the cable barrier- which caused the car to roll over into the southbound lanes, where it landed upside down. A driver in a red SUV traveling southbound then struck the grey car. Both drivers were wearing seat belts – the driver of the SUV sustained minor injuries, and the driver of the car sustained serious injuries. Toxicology tests showed the driver of the grey car had a blood alcohol content of .262 and he also tested positive for opiates. He was charged with OVI and Failure to Control.

