

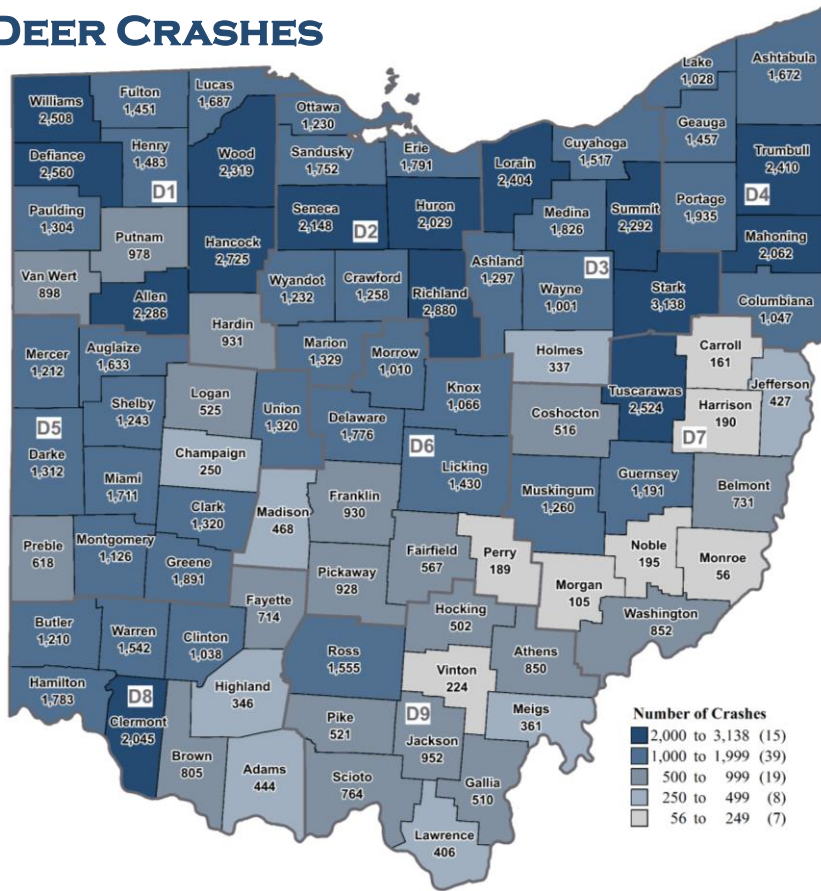


# TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

## NOVEMBER 2024



### DEER CRASHES



Map and Table:  
2019-2024<sup>1</sup>

Deer-involved Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	21,130
District 2	15,649
District 3	13,812
District 4	11,611
District 5	14,161
District 6	8,364
District 7	8,208
District 8	9,927
District 9	6,645

**Total 109,507**

**Number of Crashes**

- 2,000 to 3,138 (15)
- 1,000 to 1,999 (39)
- 500 to 999 (19)
- 250 to 499 (8)
- 56 to 249 (7)

### Deer-involved Crash Facts

- Since 2019<sup>1</sup>, 109,507 deer-involved crashes have occurred in Ohio. While 95% of deer-involved crashes only result in property damage, 44 of these crashes were fatal and resulted in 45 deaths. While motorcycles are only involved in 1% of deer crashes overall; 80% of fatal deer crashes involve a motorcycle.
- Over this time, more than 100 deer-involved crashes have happened in all but one Ohio county. The most crashes have occurred in Stark County (3,138), followed by Richland (2,880), Hancock (2,725), and Defiance (2,560). Combined, these four counties accounted for 10% of deer-involved crashes.
- From 2019-2023, 47% of deer-involved crashes occurred during the months of October, November, and December, with 22% in November alone. Further, the dawn and dusk hours are the most likely times for deer-involved crashes. Twenty-six percent (26%) of these crashes happened between 5:00am and 7:59am and another 32% of crashes took place between 6:00pm and 9:59pm.
- US-30 (1,665), SR-2 (1,655), I-71 (1,599), I-77 (1,576), and I-75 (1,564) have been the top routes for deer-involved crashes since 2019. Combined, 7% of deer crashes occurred on these five routes.
- According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), the average claim for an automobile involved in a crash with an animal (mainly deer) was \$5,980 in 2023, up nearly 10% from 2022.
- Additional information on deer-involved crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>.

<sup>1</sup>2024 data through 10/31 and is provisional as of 11/4/2024.