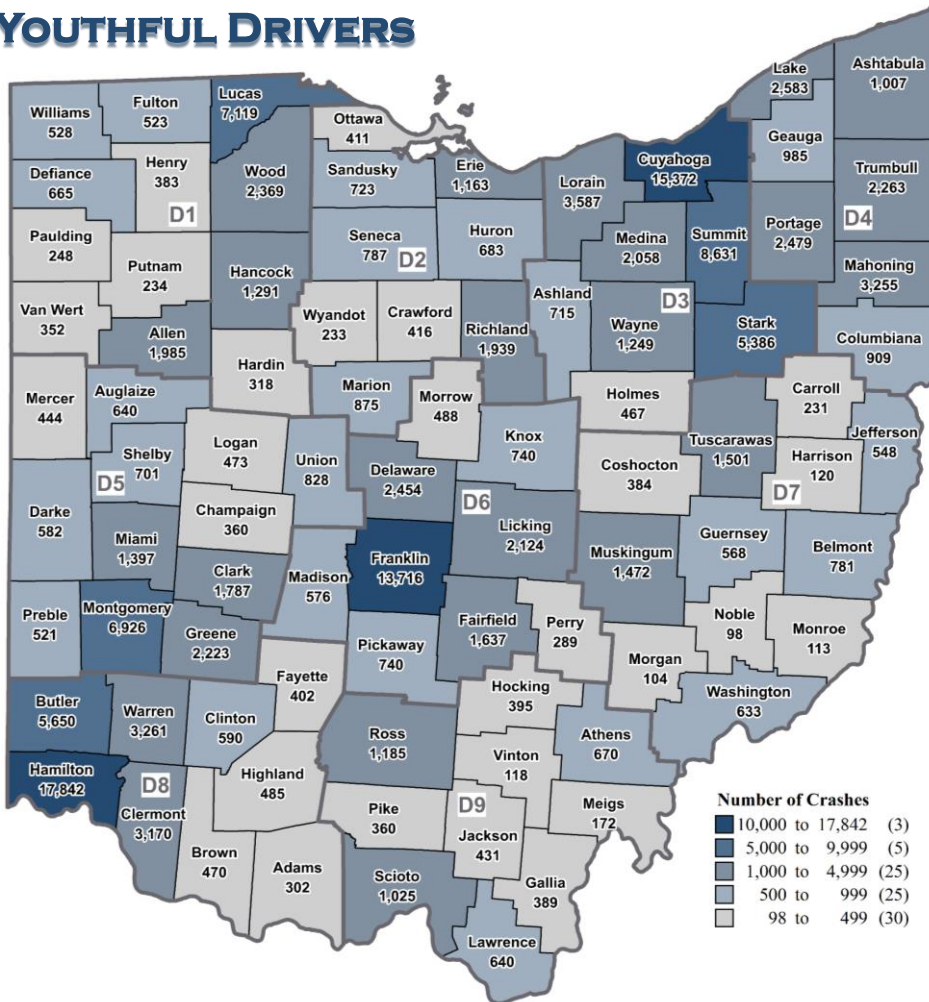


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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YOUTHFUL DRIVERS



Map and Table:
2022-2023
Youthful Driver Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	16,015
District 2	7,230
District 3	37,465
District 4	13,481
District 5	16,882
District 6	22,764
District 7	6,553
District 8	32,172
District 9	5,385

Total 157,947

Crashes Involving Youthful Drivers

- From 2022-2023, there were 157,947 traffic crashes in Ohio involving at least one driver aged 15 to 24. This represents nearly one-third (30%) of all crashes during this time. According to the Federal Highway Administration, about 11% of licensed drivers in the US were aged 24 or younger in 2022¹.
- An action by the youthful driver contributed to nearly two-thirds (63%) of all of these crashes and 68% of fatal crashes. At-fault youthful driver crashes resulted in 439 deaths and 42,288 injuries from 2022-2023. This is 17% of all fatalities and 23% of people injured in traffic crashes during this time.
- Of at-fault, youthful driver crashes, 29% were caused by the young driver following too closely. Another 22% of crashes were caused by failure to yield/ran red light or stop sign. Leading causes of fatal at-fault, youthful driver crashes included drove off road (24%), unsafe speed (24%), failure to yield/ran red light or stop sign (18%), and driving left of center (12%).
- Youthful male drivers were more likely than their female counterparts to be at-fault in crashes (58% vs. 41%). In fatal crashes, males made up more than three-fourths of the at-fault drivers (79%).
- Additional information on youthful driver involved crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) dashboard at: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>.

¹Includes drivers under 15