

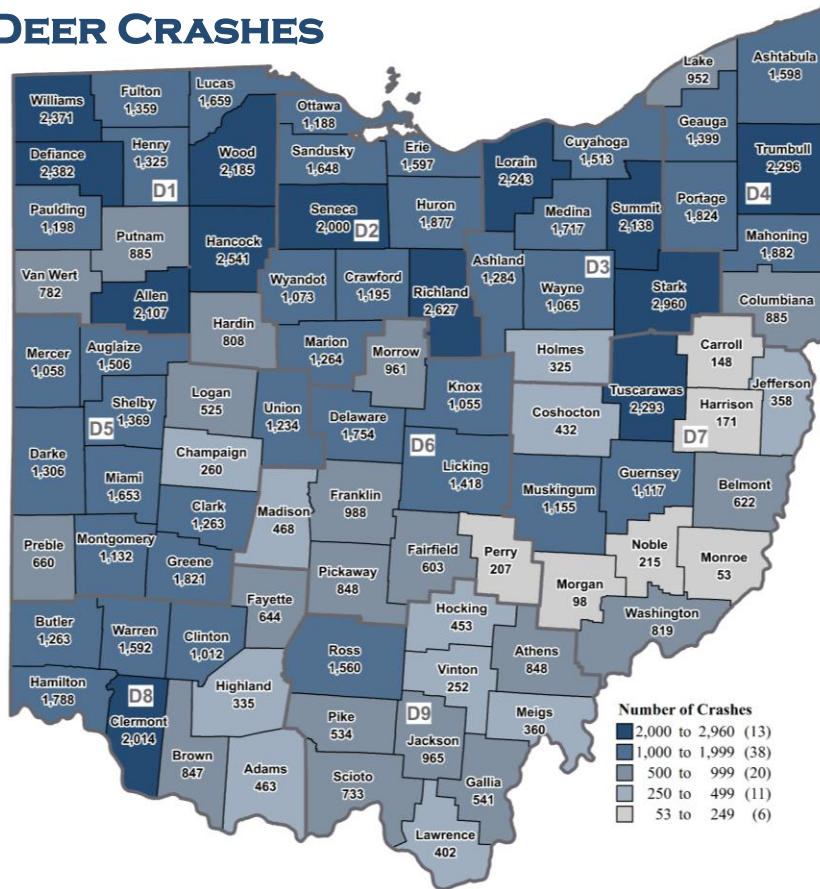


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2023



DEER CRASHES



Map and Table:
2018-2023¹

Deer-Related Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	19,602
District 2	14,469
District 3	13,245
District 4	10,836
District 5	13,787
District 6	8,302
District 7	7,481
District 8	9,958
District 9	6,648

Total 104,328

Deer-Related Crash Facts

- Since 2018¹, 104,328 deer-related crashes have occurred in Ohio. While 95% of deer-related crashes only result in property damage, 33 of these crashes were fatal and resulted in 34 deaths. In 2023, six fatal deer-related crashes occurred through July matching the total from all of 2022. Motorcycles are only involved in 1% of deer crashes, however, 82% of fatal crashes are motorcycle-related.
- Over this time, at least 50 deer-related crashes have happened in each Ohio county. The most crashes have happened in Stark County (2,960), followed by Richland (2,627), Hancock (2,541), and Defiance (2,382). Combined, these four counties accounted for 10% of deer-related crashes.
- From 2018-2022, 47% of deer-related crashes occurred during the months of October, November, and December. Further, the dawn and dusk hours are the most likely times for deer-related crashes. Twenty-six percent (26%) of these crashes happened between 5:00am and 7:59am and another 31% of crashes took place between 6:00pm and 9:59pm.
- US-30 (1,557), SR-2 (1,555), I-71 (1,550), I-75 (1,494), and I-77 (1,474) have been the top routes for deer-related crashes since 2018. Combined, 7% of deer-related 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 \$5,447 in 2022.
- Additional information on deer-related crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at: <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>.

¹2023 data through 9/30 and is provisional as of 10/12/2023.