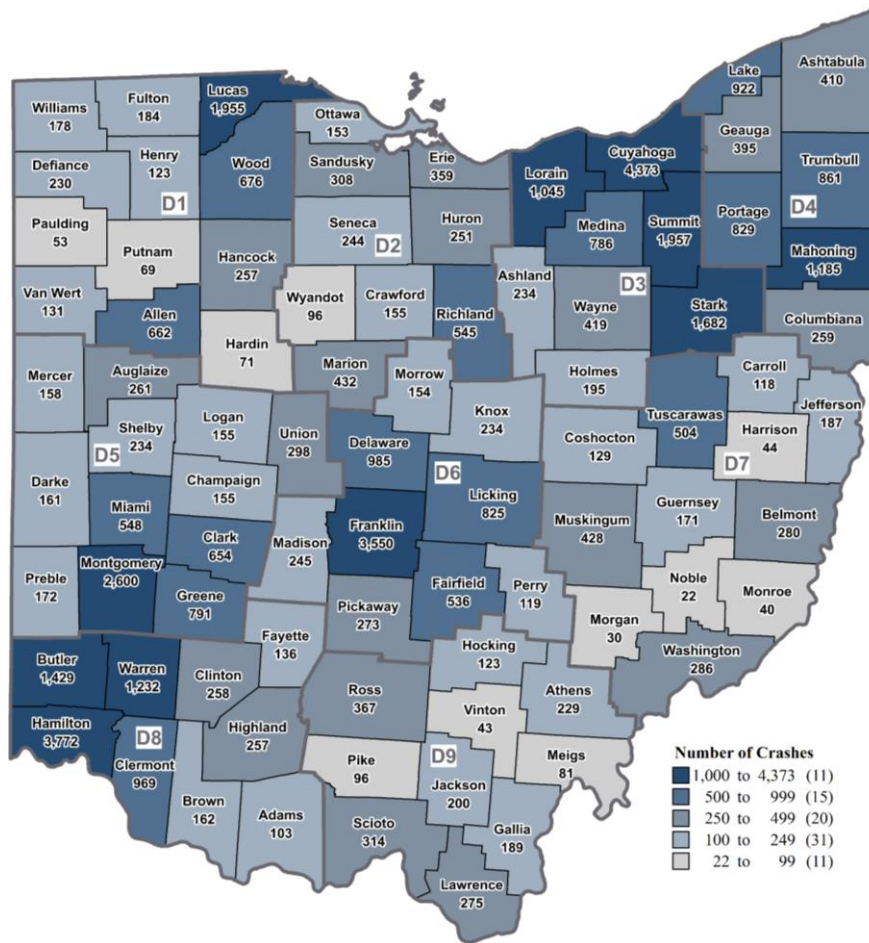




TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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Map and Table:

2021-2025

Distracted Driving Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	4,589
District 2	2,543
District 3	10,691
District 4	4,861
District 5	6,187
District 6	6,921
District 7	2,239
District 8	8,318
District 9	1,917
Total	48,266

Distracted Driving in Ohio

- From 2021 through 2025, 48,266 crashes occurred in Ohio that involved one or more drivers who were distracted by something within their vehicle.² Of these, 158 were fatal crashes that resulted in 170 deaths, and another 25,124 individuals were injured. The 8,346 crashes in 2025 were three percent (3%) lower than 2024's total and the lowest over the five-year period.
- Over the past five years (2021-2025), Cuyahoga County led the state in distracted driving crashes (4,373), followed by Hamilton (3,772), Franklin (3,550), Montgomery (2,600), and Summit (1,957) Counties. Together, these five counties accounted for more than one in three distracted driving crashes (34%) in Ohio.
- Of the more than 48,300 drivers reported as being distracted in these crashes, male drivers made up most of those distracted (57% vs. 43%). In fatal crashes, male drivers were the distracted ones almost three-fourths of the time (71%). About three-in-ten distracted drivers (31%) were 15-24 years old.
- Strict enforcement of Ohio's primary distracted driving law began in October 2023. Since then, citations issued for distracted driving by OSHP Troopers have increased substantially. The 42,371 citations written in 2025 were a 42% increase over 2024 numbers and reflects a 301% increase after two years over pre-primary law levels.⁴
- Additional distracted driving enforcement and educational information can be found on the Patrol's Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) distracted driving dashboard at: <https://www.distracteddrivingdashboard.ohio.gov>.

¹ Data is provisional as of 3/16/2026.

² Includes any crash in which one or more drivers were distracted by: 2) manually operating an electronic communication device, 3) talking on hands-free communication device, 4) talking on hand-held communication device, 5) other activity with an electronic device, 6) passenger, or 7) other distraction inside the vehicle.

³ Distracted driving violations include incidents with one of the following violations: ORC: 4511.204, 4511.205, or 4511.991 or federal motor carrier codes: 390.17, 392.80A, or 392.82A1.

⁴ Two-year analysis includes pre-primary enforcement (10/4/2021-10/4/2023; 16,344 violations) and post-primary enforcement (10/5/2023-10/4/2025; 65,503 violations). An extra day was added to the pre-enforcement period to account for the 2024 leap year.