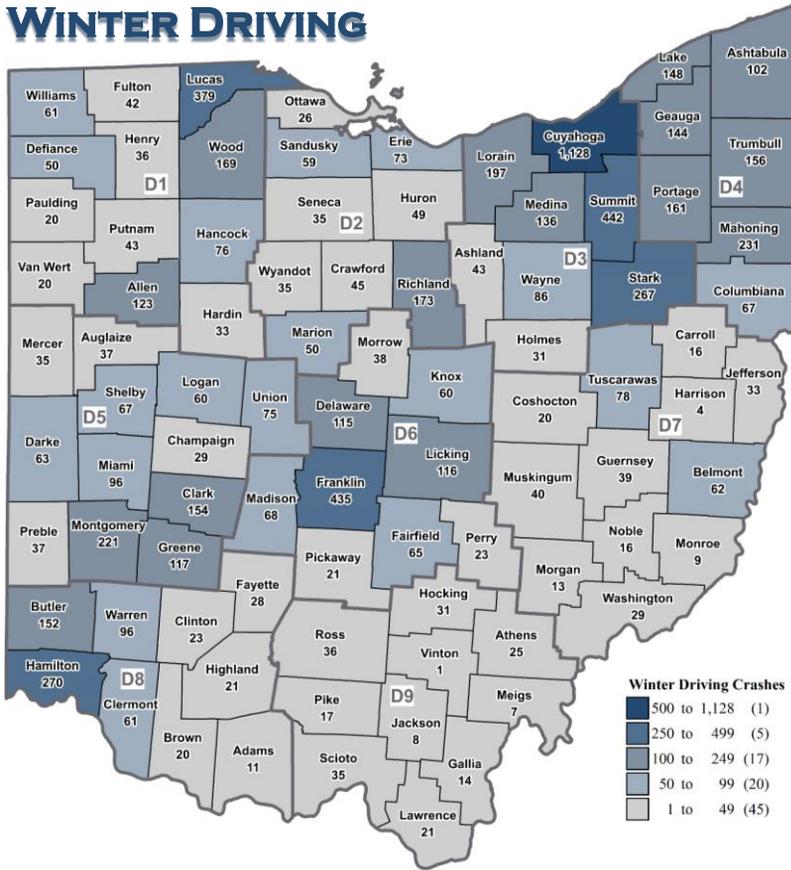




# TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

JANUARY 2025

## WINTER DRIVING



**Map and Table:**  
December 2023 through March 2024 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,052
District 2	545
District 3	2,330
District 4	1,009
District 5	991
District 6	941
District 7	359
District 8	682
District 9	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,104</b>

### Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2023-24\*, there were 8,104 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a 21% decrease from the previous winter's total. Reflecting varying weather patterns, crashes in December 2023 dropped by 81% from the previous December. Crashes in both January (up 9%) and February (up 593%) increased from 2023 totals, before dropping again in March (down 70%).
- Last winter, there were 15 fatal crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads that resulted in 15 fatalities, a decrease from the 20 crashes (-25%) and 26 fatalities (-42%) that occurred during the winter of 2022-23. Nearly half of these fatal crashes and fatalities occurred in January 2024 (7).
- "Unsafe Speed" by the at-fault vehicle was the listed cause of 21% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. Other causes included "Drove Off Road" (20%) and "Following Too Close" (13%).
- Additional crash information is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at: <https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>.

### Winter Driving Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that your battery, cooling system, tires, wipers, and defrosters are in good condition and working properly. Click [here](#) for additional information.
- Drive slowly. Everything – accelerating, turning, braking – takes longer on snow covered roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by slowing down. Click [here](#) for more safe winter driving tips.
- Carry a winter car kit in case you get stranded. It should include, among other things, a flashlight, jumper cables, flares, a small shovel, a blanket, food and water. Click [here](#) to see a complete list.

\*Winter includes the months of December through March. Data is provisional as of 12/10/2024.