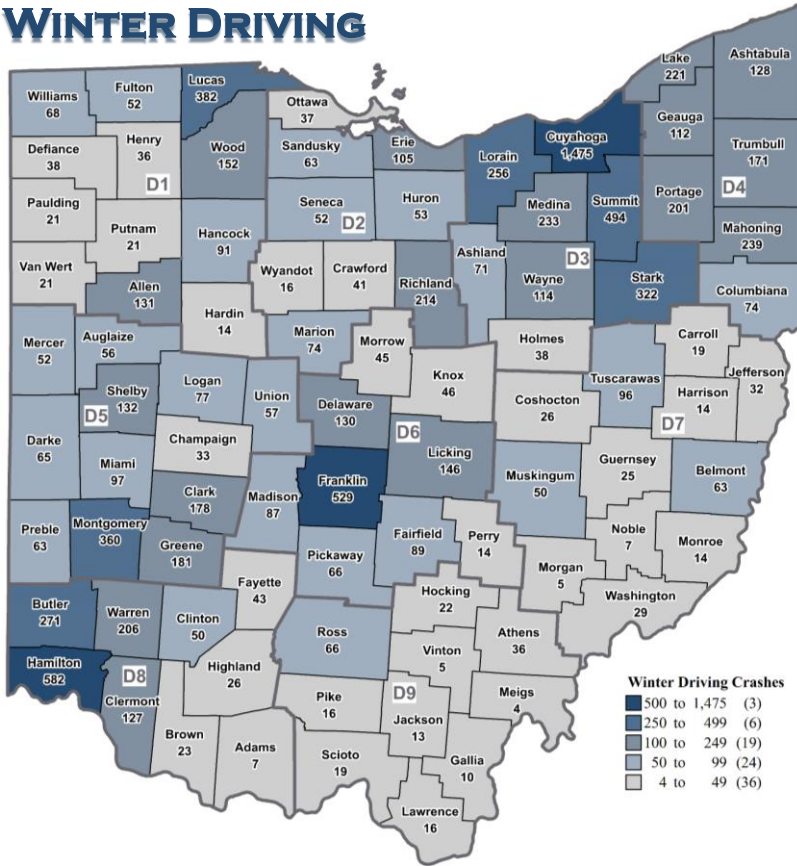




TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

JANUARY 2024

WINTER DRIVING



Map and Table:
December 2022 through March 2023 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,027
District 2	655
District 3	3,003
District 4	1,146
District 5	1,351
District 6	1,152
District 7	380
District 8	1,335
District 9	207

Total 10,256

Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2022-23*, there were 10,256 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a 21% decrease from the previous winter's total. Reflecting differing weather patterns, crashes in January and February 2023 decreased considerably. However, crashes in December 2022 increased 486% from the previous year's total and crashes in March 2023 increased by 27%.
- Last winter, there were 20 fatal crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads that resulted in 26 fatalities, an increase from the 18 crashes (+11%) and 18 fatalities (+44%) that occurred during the winter of 2021-22. Nine of these crashes and 15 fatalities occurred in December 2022 alone.
- "Unsafe Speed" by the at-fault vehicle was the listed cause of 22% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. Other causes included "Drove Off Road" (20%) and "Following Too Close" (14%).
- 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. 2023 data is provisional as of 11/20/2023.