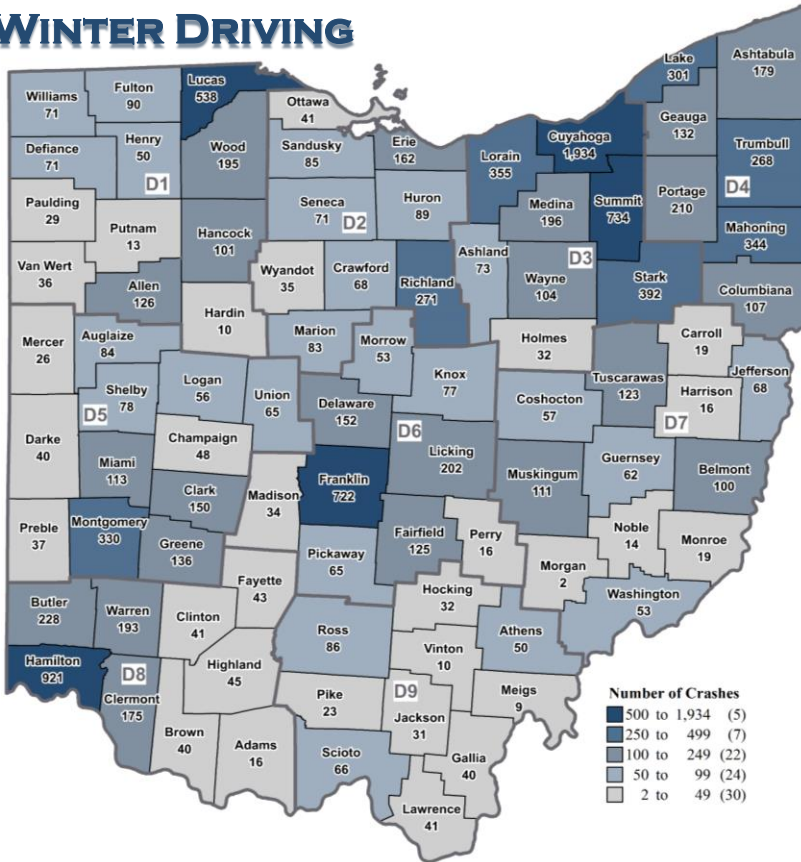




TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

JANUARY 2023

WINTER DRIVING



Map and Table: December 2021 through March 2022 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,330
District 2	905
District 3	3,820
District 4	1,541
District 5	1,163
District 6	1,446
District 7	644
District 8	1,702
District 9	388

Total 12,939

Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2021-22*, there were 12,939 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a 12% decrease from the previous winter's total. Reflecting differing weather patterns, crashes in December and February decreased considerably. However, crashes in January 2022 doubled from the previous year's total and crashes in March 2022 increased over 1,200%.
- Last winter, there were 17 fatal crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads that resulted in 17 fatalities, a decrease from the 26 crashes (-35%) and 33 fatalities (-48%) that occurred during the winter of 2020-21. Another 3,364 people (-11%) were injured in such crashes last winter.
- "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" (18%) 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.aspx>

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.