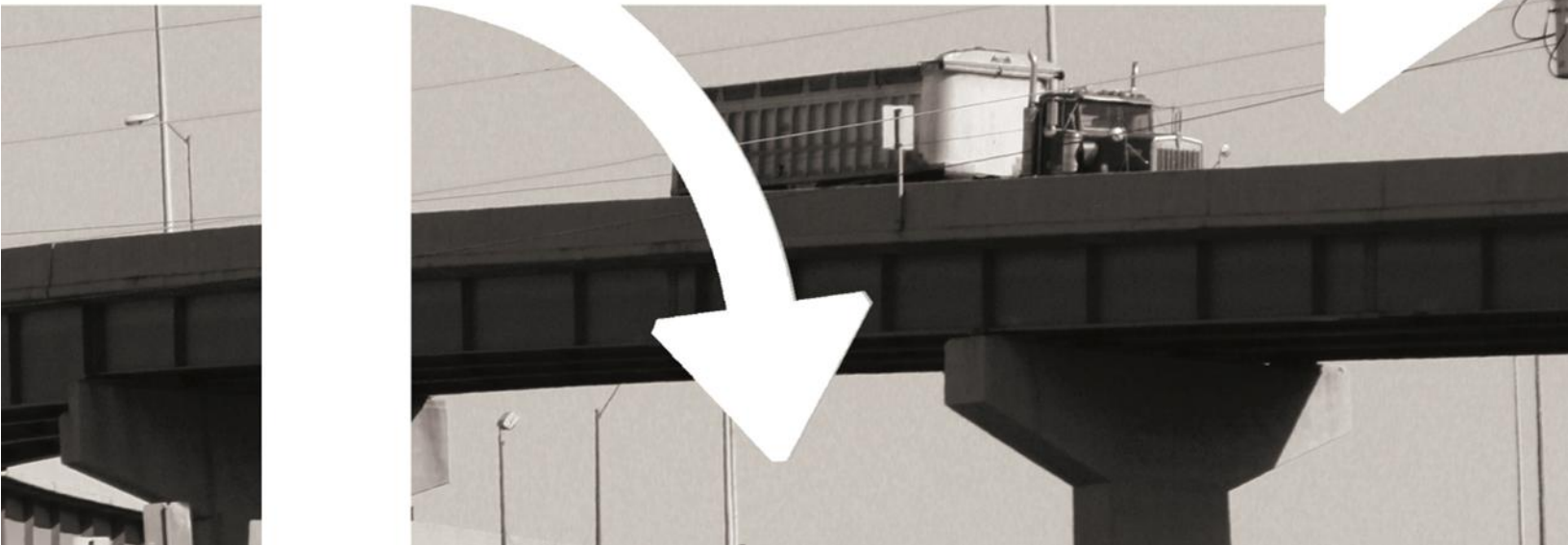


2010

# Alabama Traffic Crash Facts



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## Quick Facts on 2010 Crash Data

	2010 Crash Data	2010	vs	2009
<b>Persons Killed</b>	862	increase		1.7%
<b>Persons Injured</b>	38,328	increase		6.6%
<b>Reported Crashes</b>	128,384	increase		3.8%
<b>Miles Traveled</b>	64,151,000,000	increase		4.7%

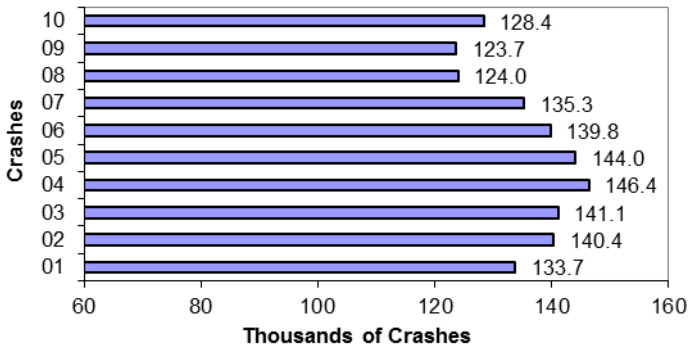
- There were 862 people killed in 790 fatal crashes.
- One traffic crash was reported every 246 seconds.
- One person was injured in a traffic crash every 13 minutes and 43 seconds.
- One person was killed in a traffic crash every 10 hours and 10 minutes.
- Most Alabama crashes (74.6%) occurred in urban areas, but most fatalities (58.8%) occurred in rural areas.
- For each person killed, there were 45 injured.
- Of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, 10.7% were age 19 or under, and 24.4% were under 25 years of age.
- Of all fatal crashes, 49.4% occurred at night (including dusk and dawn).
- The pedestrian death total was 68.
- There were 86 fatalities involving motorcycle or moped riders.
- Bicyclists accounted for seven fatalities.
- For occupants who are in crashes while in the front seat of a vehicle, the probability of being killed is 46.6 times higher for those not wearing safety belts than those who are properly restrained.

Based on 2010 data, a typical driver in Alabama has greater than one in three chances of involvement in an injury or fatal crash operating a vehicle over their lifetime. The probability for an individual being in a crash of any severity during their lifetime is greater than 98%.

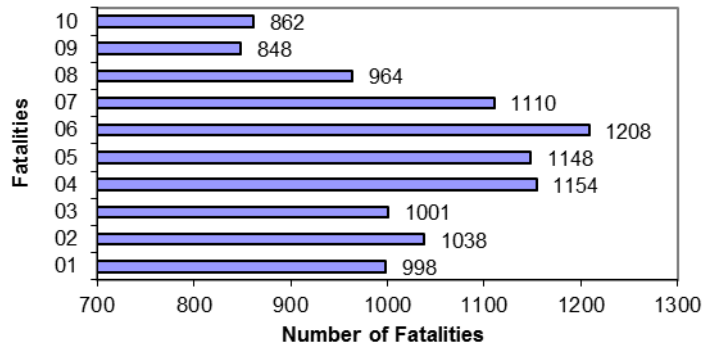
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## Ten Year Traffic Trends 2001-2010

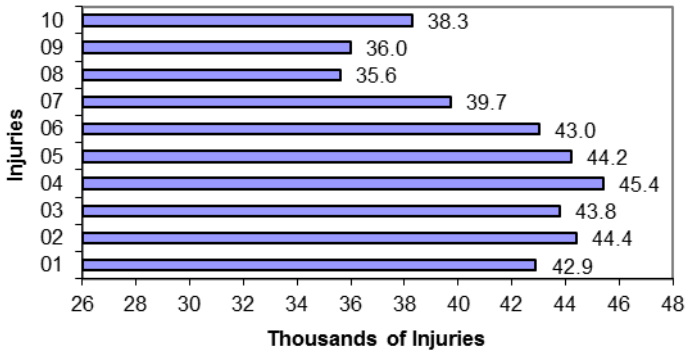
DECREASE 3.96% in 10 YEARS



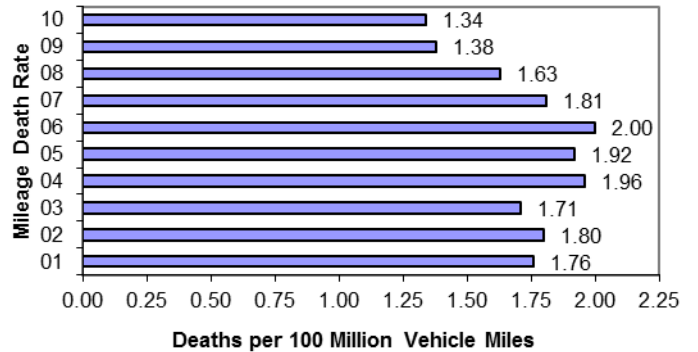
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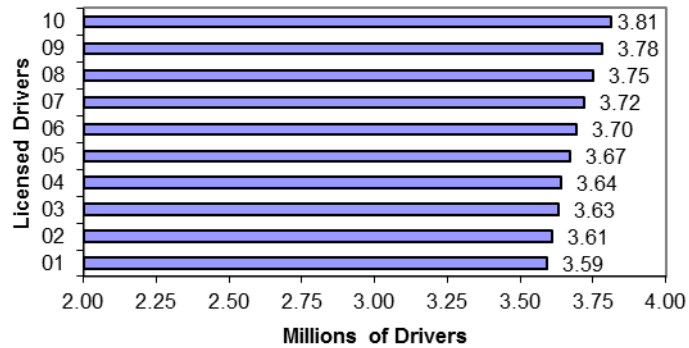
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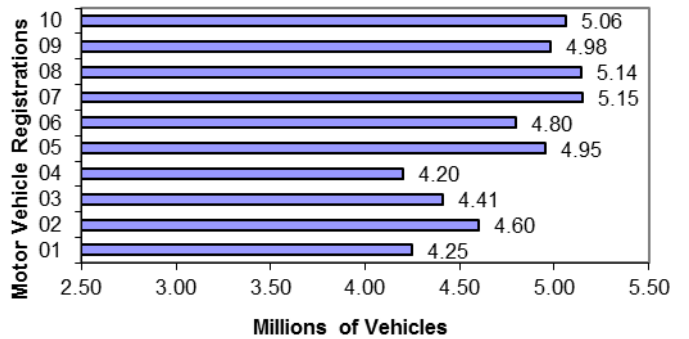
DECREASE 23.86% in 10 YEARS



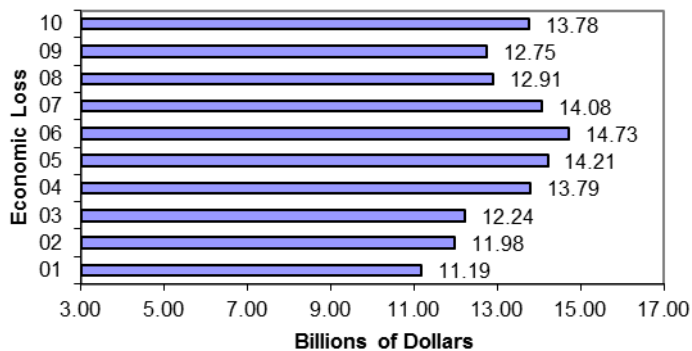
INCREASE 6.13% in 10 YEARS



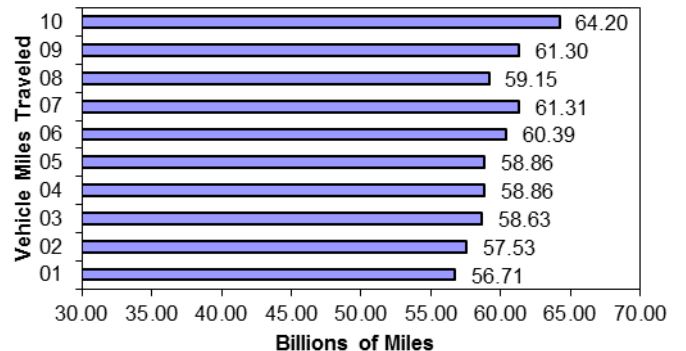
INCREASE 19.06% in 10 YEARS



INCREASE 23.20% in 10 YEARS



INCREASE 13.21% in 10 YEARS



# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Time Trends

### DAY OF WEEK

	Crashes		Fatalities	
Sunday	12,401	9.7%	121	14.0%
Monday	18,543	14.4%	118	13.7%
Tuesday	18,946	14.8%	102	11.8%
Wednesday	19,306	15.0%	111	12.9%
Thursday	19,463	15.2%	119	13.8%
Friday	23,254	18.1%	131	15.2%
Saturday	16,469	12.8%	155	18.0%
Unknown	2	0.0%	5	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Be careful not to start your weekend with a crash.  
The most crash-prone period is Friday afternoon.*

### MONTH OF YEAR

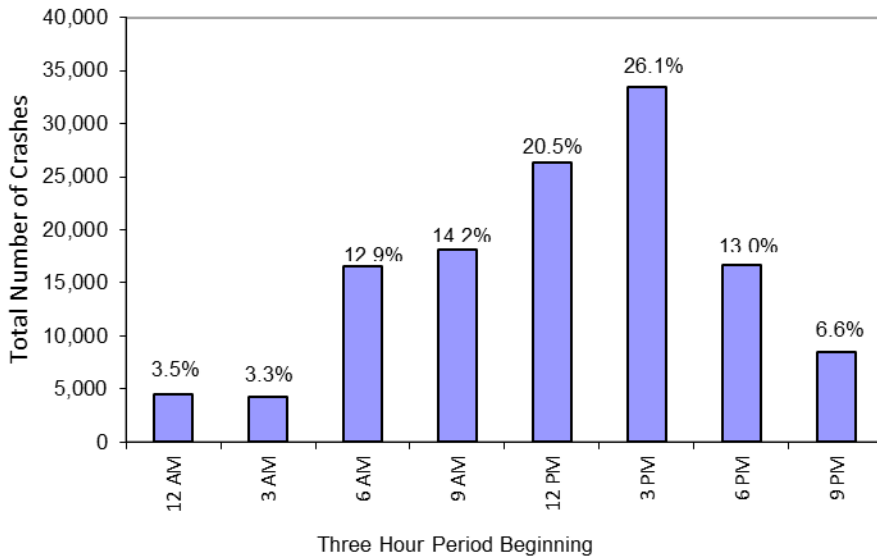
	Crashes		Fatalities	
January	9,974	7.8%	74	8.6%
February	9,913	7.7%	47	5.5%
March	10,741	8.4%	68	7.9%
April	10,828	8.4%	75	8.7%
May	10,813	8.4%	63	7.3%
June	10,212	8.0%	62	7.2%
July	10,336	8.1%	69	8.0%
August	11,080	8.6%	93	10.8%
September	10,573	8.2%	79	9.2%
October	11,420	8.9%	74	8.6%
November	11,284	8.8%	79	9.2%
December	11,208	8.7%	74	8.6%
Unknown	2	0.0%	5	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### TIME OF DAY

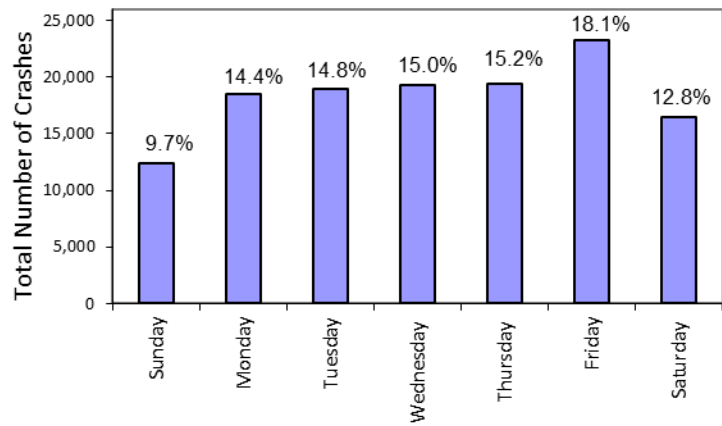
	Crashes		Fatalities	
Midnight	1,649	1.3%	41	4.8%
1:00 AM	1,454	1.1%	33	3.8%
2:00 AM	1,376	1.1%	25	2.9%
3:00 AM	1,239	1.0%	21	2.4%
4:00 AM	1,170	0.9%	22	2.6%
5:00 AM	1,842	1.4%	33	3.8%
6:00 AM	2,970	2.3%	29	3.4%
7:00 AM	7,875	6.1%	36	4.2%
8:00 AM	5,705	4.4%	20	2.3%
9:00 AM	5,121	4.0%	30	3.5%
10:00 AM	5,734	4.5%	23	2.7%
11:00 AM	7,322	5.7%	25	2.9%
Noon	8,633	6.7%	39	4.5%
1:00 PM	8,563	6.7%	37	4.3%
2:00 PM	9,075	7.1%	44	5.1%
3:00 PM	11,735	9.1%	48	5.6%
4:00 PM	10,591	8.2%	43	5.0%
5:00 PM	11,138	8.7%	50	5.8%
6:00 PM	7,413	5.8%	57	6.6%
7:00 PM	4,942	3.8%	34	3.9%
8:00 PM	4,277	3.3%	46	5.3%
9:00 PM	3,537	2.8%	49	5.7%
10:00 PM	2,792	2.2%	37	4.3%
11:00 PM	2,126	1.7%	34	3.9%
Unknown	105	0.1%	6	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

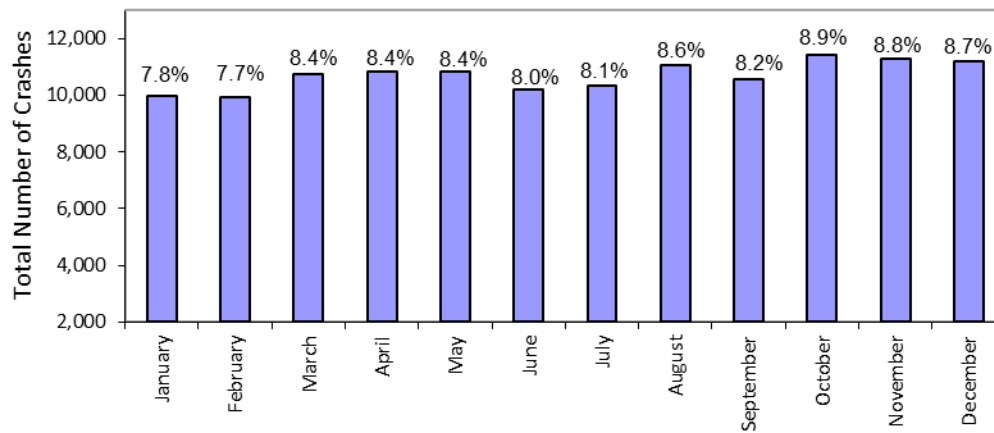
## TIME OF DAY



## DAY OF WEEK



## MONTH OF YEAR



# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Types of Crashes

### FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

	FATALITIES	INJURIES	CRASHES	% OF CRASHES
Hit Other Vehicle	333	25,176	89,962	70.1%
Hit Fixed Object or Other Object	233	5,009	14,159	11.0%
Overtuning	59	1,340	1,777	1.4%
Other Non-Collision	7	309	1,165	1.0%
Hit Animal	2	264	2,989	2.3%
Hit Pedestrian	35	373	425	0.3%
Hit Pedalcyclist	5	122	157	0.1%
Hit Railway Train	6	27	56	0.0%
Hit Parked Vehicle	6	296	4,687	3.7%
All Other	176	5,412	13,007	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>38,328</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

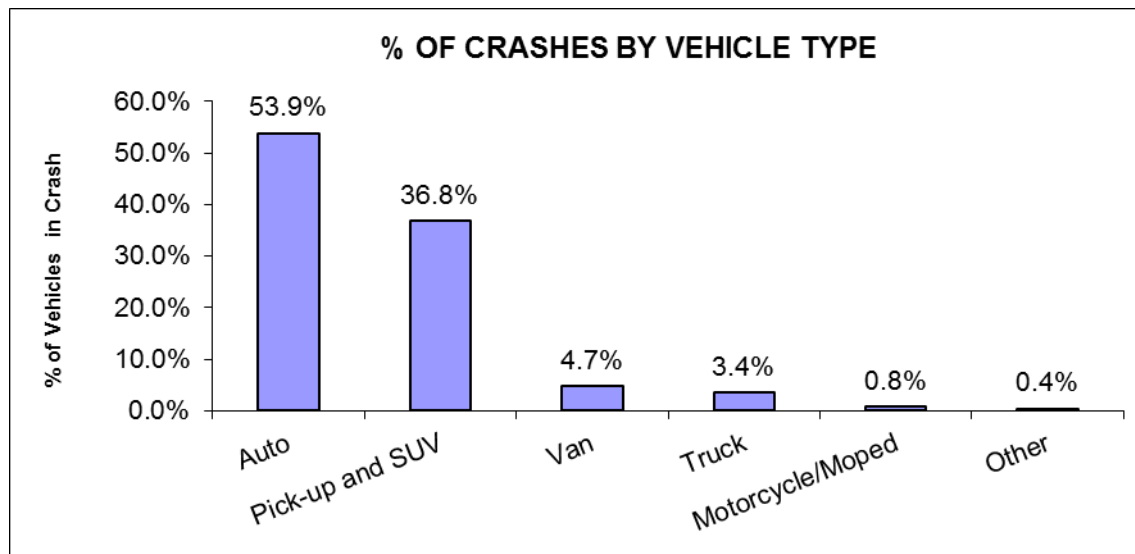
*The typical Alabama traffic crash occurs between two autos when one of the drivers fails to yield the right of way.*

### HAZARDOUS CARGO

	CRASHES	% OF CRASHES
Explosive	0	0.0%
Gas/Flammable	51	67.2%
Corrosive	13	17.1%
Radioactive	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	3.9%
Other	9	11.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### VEHICLE TYPE

	VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRASHES	% OF VEHICLES
Auto	123,654	53.9%
Pick-up and SUV	84,544	36.8%
Van	10,818	4.7%
Truck	7,898	3.4%
Motorcycle/Moped	1,801	0.8%
Other	854	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>229,569</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

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## BY FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

HIT OTHER VEHICLE			HIT BICYCLE		
	2009	2010		2009	2010
Crashes	87,631	89,962	Crashes	139	157
Injuries	23,522	25,176	Injuries	124	122
Fatalities	335	333	Fatalities	4	5

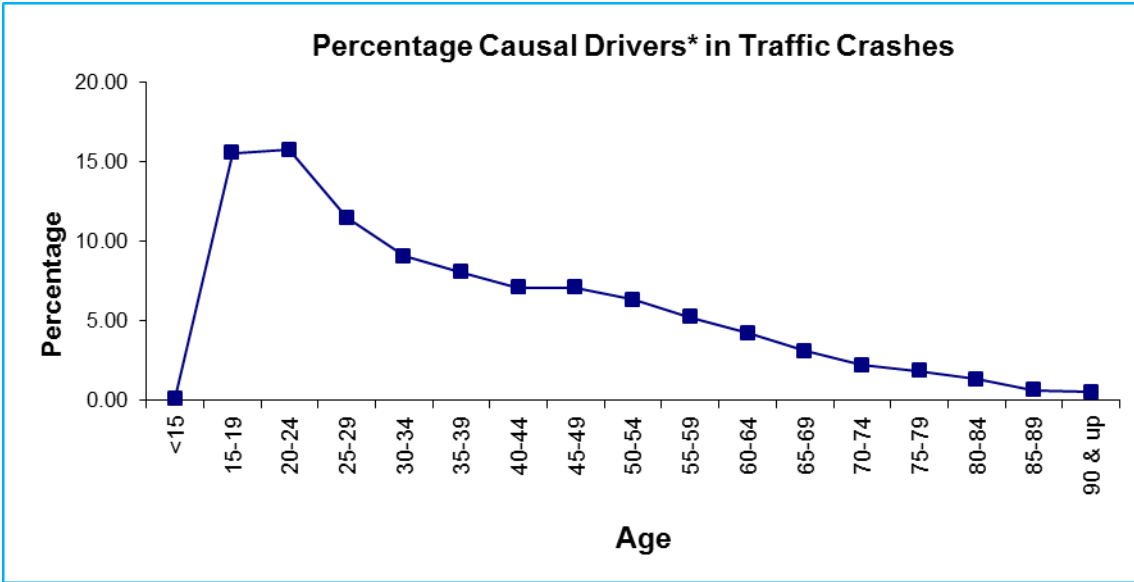
OVERTURNING			HIT TRAIN		
	2009	2010		2009	2010
Crashes	1,580	1,777	Crashes	46	56
Injuries	1,109	1,340	Injuries	14	27
Fatalities	48	59	Fatalities	2	6

HIT FIXED OBJECT			ALL OTHERS		
	2009	2010		2009	2010
Crashes	15,735	14,159	Crashes	10,398	13,007
Injuries	5,524	5,009	Injuries	4,469	5,412
Fatalities	253	233	Fatalities	128	176

TOTALS		
	2009	2010
Crashes	123,731	128,384
Injuries	35,969	38,328
Fatalities	848	862

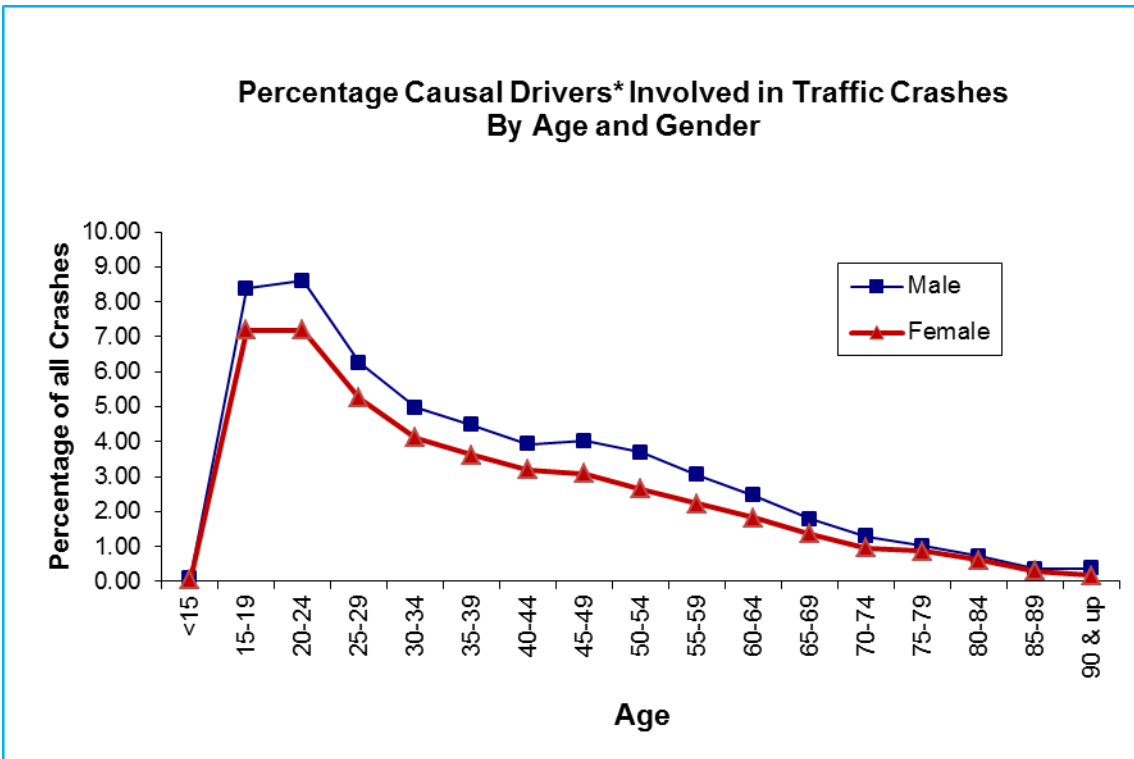


## Involvement by Age and Gender



### AGES OF FATALITIES

Age (Years)	Persons Killed
0 to 3	10
4 to 5	4
6 to 8	9
9 to 12	9
13 to 15	10
16 to 20	95
21 to 25	101
26 to 64	471
65 or Older	115
Unknown	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>



\*The Causal driver is the driver of the vehicle that was determined to have caused the traffic crash. Crashes for all vehicle types are included. Each crash has only one causal driver.

## 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

**NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN  
CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY AGE**

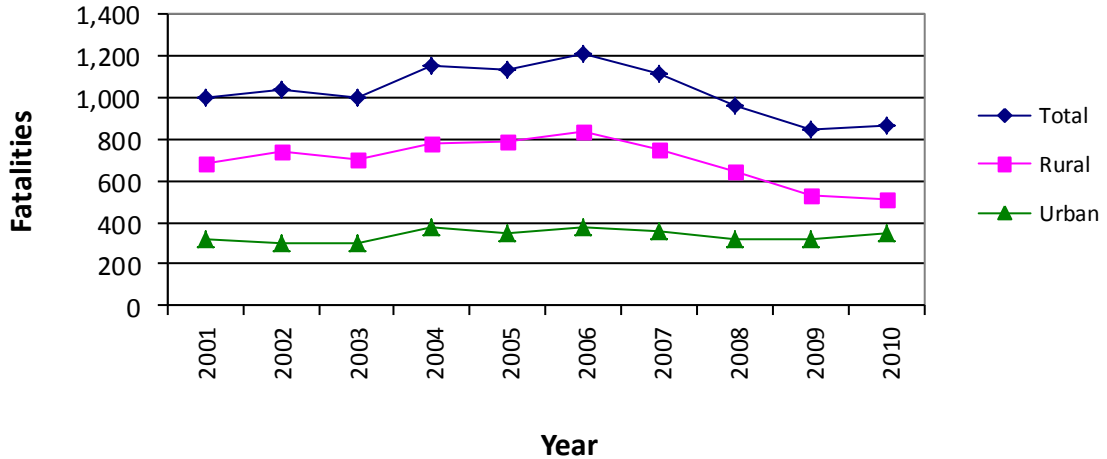
Age	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Crashes	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes
<14	0	142	1
14	162	79	0
15	30,275	398	6
16	46,252	5,327	23
17	52,516	6,363	24
18	56,984	6,964	23
19	61,021	7,315	28
(15-19)	247,048	26,367	104
20	64,962	6,974	29
21	66,578	6,486	30
22	65,486	6,078	31
23	65,176	5,725	31
24	66,197	5,304	27
(20-24)	328,399	30,567	148
25	67,839	5,262	28
26	65,877	4,990	27
27	64,514	4,819	24
28	65,231	4,747	21
29	66,005	4,504	16
(25-29)	329,466	24,322	116
(30-34)	309,167	20,528	100
(35-39)	307,767	19,194	78
(40-44)	316,830	17,695	108
(45-49)	341,911	17,726	95
(50-54)	345,004	16,201	81
(55-59)	314,680	13,619	77
(60-64)	282,713	10,868	67
(65-69)	213,221	7,513	52
(70-74)	164,871	5,038	27
>74	304,512	10,876	58
Unknown	0	10,468	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,805,751</b>	<b>231,203</b>	<b>1,137</b>

**NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES  
AND FATAL CRASHES BY GENDER**

Gender	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Crashes	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes
Male	1,857,738	115,776	798
Female	1,948,013	103,405	313
Unknown	0	12,022	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,805,751</b>	<b>231,203</b>	<b>1,137</b>

**Crash Location**

**RURAL VS. URBAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
10 YEAR TREND**



**10 YEAR EXPERIENCE**

*The number of RURAL fatalities decreased 2.28% from 2009 to 2010.*

Year	Fatalities		
	State Total	Rural	Urban
2001	998	684	314
2002	1,038	740	298
2003	1,001	704	297
2004	1,154	779	375
2005	1,134	787	347
2006	1,208	833	375
2007	1,110	751	359
2008	964	647	317
2009	848	526	322
2010	862	514	348

*The number of URBAN fatalities increased 8.07% from 2009 to 2010.*

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

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## RURAL LOCALE

	Crashes	
Open Country	26,676	81.8%
Residential	3,405	10.4%
Business	2,100	6.4%
Industrial	178	0.5%
School/Playground	164	0.5%
Other	18	0.1%
Unknown	56	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,597</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## URBAN LOCALE

	Crashes	
Open Country	10,150	10.6%
Residential	23,528	24.6%
Business	55,955	58.4%
Industrial	1,970	2.1%
School/Playground	2,429	2.5%
Other	682	0.7%
Unknown	1,073	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,787</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Most crashes occur in urban business and residential areas or in open rural areas and within 25 miles of home.*

## CRASH LOCATION

	Crashes	
On Roadway	94,558	73.7%
Off Roadway	20,318	15.8%
Median	1,401	1.1%
Driveway	18	0.0%
Private Property	68	0.1%
Intersection	8,737	6.8%
Other	3,284	2.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## CAUSAL DRIVER'S RESIDENCE

Residence Within 25 Miles	
Yes	72.1%
No	18.5%
Unknown	9.4%

## WORKZONE CRASHES

	Crashes
Property Damage	2,302
Injury	621
Fatal	19
Unknown	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,978</b>

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Crash Environment

### TRAFFIC CONTROL

	Crashes	
Railroad Device	167	0.1%
Yield Sign	3,509	2.7%
Stop Sign	11,188	8.7%
Traffic Signal	27,796	21.7%
No Passing Zone	10,800	8.4%
Other	4,856	3.8%
None	60,131	46.8%
Not Stated	9,937	7.7%

### LIGHT CONDITION

	Crashes	
Day	93,058	72.5%
Dawn	1,396	1.1%
Dusk	3,333	2.6%
Dark	16,770	13.1%
Streetlights	11,945	9.3%
Not Stated	1,882	1.5%

### ROAD CURVATURE AND GRADE

	Crashes	
Level	82,446	64.2%
Downgrade	12,929	10.1%
Upgrade	10,227	8.0%
Hillcrest or Sag	1,073	0.8%
Level Curve	7,345	5.7%
Curve on Hill	8,523	6.6%
Other/Unknown	5,841	4.5%

### NUMBER OF LANES

	Crashes	
One	2,652	2.1%
Two	60,857	47.4%
Three	5,160	4.0%
Four	38,604	30.1%
Five	3,705	2.9%
Six or More	11,340	8.8%
Not Stated	6,066	4.7%

### WEATHER

	Crashes	
Clear	87,959	68.5%
Cloudy	23,001	17.9%
Rain	14,548	11.3%
Snow/Sleet	2,013	1.6%
Fog	470	0.4%
Other	393	0.3%

### ROAD CONDITION

	Crashes	
Dry	101,241	78.9%
Wet	19,152	14.9%
Icy/Slushy	2,166	1.7%
Muddy	88	0.1%
Other/Unknown	5,737	4.5%

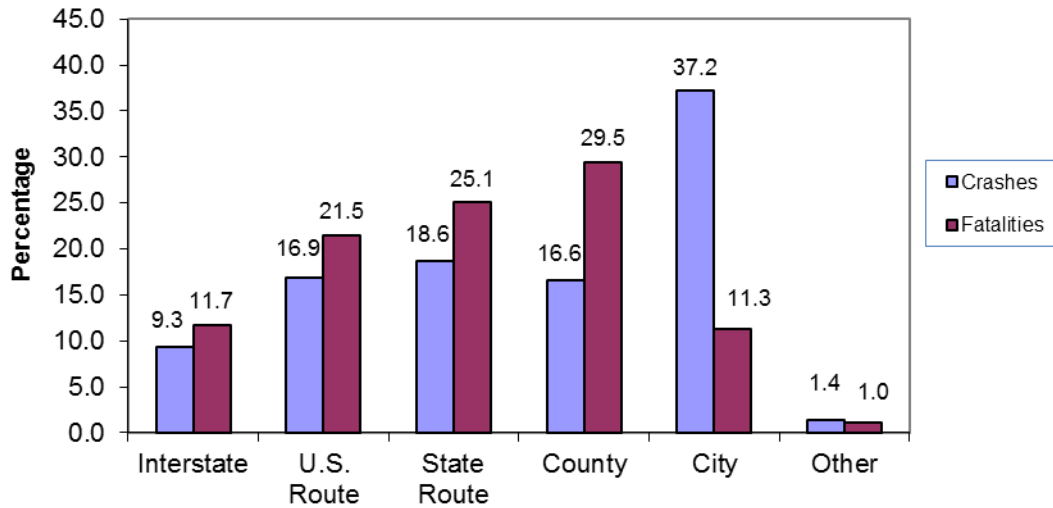
# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Type of Roadway

### TOTAL FOR STATE

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number		Number	
Interstate	11,915	9.3%	101	11.7%
U.S. Route	21,734	16.9%	185	21.5%
State Route	23,910	18.6%	216	25.1%
County	21,321	16.6%	254	29.5%
City	47,745	37.2%	97	11.2%
Other	1,759	1.4%	9	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### TOTAL FOR STATE



### RURAL AREAS

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number		Number	
Interstate	4,781	14.7%	57	11.1%
U.S. Route	5,409	16.6%	114	22.2%
State Route	6,608	20.3%	123	24.0%
County	15,620	47.9%	215	41.9%
City	151	0.5%	0	0.0%
Other	28	0.1%	4	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,597</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### URBAN AREAS

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number		Number	
Interstate	7,134	7.4%	44	12.6%
U.S. Route	16,325	17.0%	72	20.6%
State Route	17,302	18.1%	94	26.9%
County	5,701	6.0%	39	11.2%
City	47,594	49.7%	97	27.8%
Other	1,731	1.8%	3	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,787</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## The Driver

### DRIVER CONDITION

	Drivers	
Normal	106,032	86.0%
Asleep, Fatigued, Fainted	1,761	1.4%
Sick	499	0.4%
Other	1,601	1.3%
Unknown	13,404	10.9%

(Alcohol related crashes are found in a separate table.)

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF CRASHES – ALL

	Crashes	
Failed to Yield Right of Way	19,508	15.2%
Tailgating	17,268	13.5%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	12,598	9.8%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	9,991	7.8%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	5,206	4.1%
Improper Lane Change/Use	5,006	3.9%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	4,836	3.8%
Driver Under the Influence	4,784	3.7%
Swerved to Avoid Vehicle, Object	4,696	3.7%
Driver Not in Control	2,814	2.2%
Ran off Road	2,762	2.2%
Over Speed Limit	2,666	2.1%
Distracted by Passenger/Electronic Device	1,846	1.4%
Fatigued/Asleep	1,758	1.4%
Wrong Side of Road	878	0.7%
All Other	31,767	24.7%
Total	128,384	100.0%

### PRIMARY CAUSE OF CRASHES – FATAL

	Crashes	
Over Speed Limit	118	15.0%
Driver Under the Influence	114	14.5%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	76	9.6%
Ran off Road	41	5.2%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	36	4.6%
Fatigued/Asleep	34	4.3%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	32	4.1%
Wrong Side of Road	31	3.9%
Driver Not in Control	16	2.0%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	16	2.0%
Swerved to Avoid Vehicle, Object	13	1.6%
Improper Lane Change/Use	9	1.1%
Distracted by Passenger/Electronic Device	7	0.9%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	3	0.4%
Tailgating	1	0.1%
All Other	243	30.6%
Total	790	100.0%

## Motorcycle Crash Statistics

### TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Crashes that Involved Motorcycles
2001	43	778	1,064
2002	45	808	1,089
2003	52	977	1,292
2004	75	1,082	1,523
2005	61	1,347	1,848
2006	105	1,428	1,993
2007	84	1,426	2,032
2008	98	1,495	2,106
2009	77	1,205	1,647
2010	86	1,319	1,729

*The number of crashes that involved motorcycles increased from 2009 to 2010. In 2010, 81% of these collisions resulted in injury or death.*

### NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE-DRIVER CAUSED CRASHES BY AGE (includes motor scooters and mopeds)

Age	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Crashes
<14	0	2	3
14	0	1	3
15	0	2	3
16	0	5	7
17	0	6	7
18	2	12	16
19	1	24	31
(15-19)	3	49	64
20	1	30	38
21	1	21	25
22	4	20	27
23	1	17	21
24	0	23	29
(20-24)	7	111	140
25	2	24	31
26	1	19	24
27	1	16	19
28	1	20	21
29	1	14	18
(25-29)	6	93	113
(30-34)	11	89	120
(35-39)	6	84	115
(40-44)	7	102	116
(45-49)	9	114	138
(50-54)	7	105	128
(55-59)	6	65	83
(60-64)	4	49	65
(65-69)	1	32	37
(70-74)	0	11	11
(75-over)	2	1	7
Unknown	0	0	17
Total	69	908	1,160

\*Note - The numbers here will be different from the table on the left because this table reflects crashes CAUSED by motorcycles, not all crashes involving motorcycles.



## Bicycle Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2001	6	242
2002	5	250
2003	11	259
2004	6	218
2005	12	215
2006	9	185
2007	9	193
2008	4	182
2009	6	167
2010	5	169

NUMBER OF BICYCLISTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(0-3)	0	0
(4-5)	0	1
(6-8)	0	14
(9-12)	0	18
(13-15)	0	12
(16-20)	0	19
(21-25)	1	8
(26-64)	2	87
(65-over)	1	7
Unknown	1	3
Total	5	169

*In 2010, children aged 15 and under accounted for 27% of bicycle crash injuries.*

**Pedestrian Crash Statistics**

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2001	68	555
2002	62	579
2003	64	601
2004	81	603
2005	74	562
2006	81	583
2007	69	549
2008	72	468
2009	65	511
2010	63	578

NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(0-3)	0	7
(4-5)	0	17
(6-8)	1	20
(9-12)	2	19
(13-15)	1	22
(16-20)	4	60
(21-25)	4	59
(26-64)	42	297
(65-over)	7	58
Unknown	2	19
Total	63	578

*From 2009 to 2010, the number of pedestrian fatalities decreased 3.1%; however the number of pedestrians injured increased 13.1%.*

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Alcohol and Drug Involvement

### NUMBER OF DRIVERS INFLUENCED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN CRASHES

Age	All Drivers*	Male	Female	Unknown
<14	5	4	1	0
14	0	0	0	0
15	15	12	3	0
16	62	40	22	0
17	119	78	41	0
18	203	135	68	0
19	246	169	77	0
(15-19)	645	434	211	0
20	259	192	67	0
21	326	220	106	0
22	300	209	91	0
23	316	235	81	0
24	330	229	101	0
(20-24)	1531	1,085	446	0
25	290	204	86	0
26	307	211	96	0
27	292	221	71	0
28	259	192	67	0
29	240	173	67	0
(25-29)	1388	1,001	387	0
(30-34)	1107	785	320	2
(35-39)	986	647	339	0
(40-44)	893	597	294	2
(45-49)	883	629	254	0
(50-54)	742	537	204	1
(55-59)	464	338	126	0
(60-64)	294	215	79	0
(65-69)	179	134	45	0
(70-74)	83	71	12	0
(75-over)	85	58	27	0
Unknown	725	84	20	621
Total	10,010	6,619	2,765	626

\* Reported drivers who were DUI, not crashes.

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## TIME TRENDS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRASHES

	Total		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Crash	Fatal	Crash	Fatal	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.
Midnight	395	22	102	3	38	3	33	2	24	0	31	3	59	0	108	11
1:00 AM	420	16	114	6	30	2	26	0	26	0	44	0	71	2	109	6
2:00 AM	410	20	124	6	18	3	19	3	29	0	33	0	60	0	127	8
3:00 AM	329	14	91	5	20	0	22	0	14	0	19	0	53	4	110	5
4:00 AM	228	16	68	2	10	2	16	0	13	3	18	3	28	0	75	6
5:00 AM	188	11	52	2	20	0	18	2	11	0	16	2	15	2	56	3
6:00 AM	132	2	47	2	5	0	6	0	9	0	13	0	14	0	38	0
7:00 AM	131	5	23	0	12	2	12	0	14	0	22	0	17	0	31	3
8:00 AM	114	6	21	2	13	2	10	0	8	0	24	2	21	0	17	0
9:00 AM	83	2	14	0	10	0	14	0	11	0	7	0	11	0	16	2
10:00 AM	107	8	15	5	9	0	11	0	16	3	14	0	18	0	24	0
11:00 AM	112	2	17	0	13	0	9	0	13	0	11	0	18	0	31	2
Noon	146	9	22	2	14	0	16	2	23	3	16	0	26	0	29	2
1:00 PM	196	8	36	2	20	2	26	0	26	0	19	0	28	0	41	4
2:00 PM	235	9	33	2	24	0	26	0	38	3	28	2	32	2	54	0
3:00 PM	280	12	40	3	28	0	36	0	43	4	35	0	52	2	46	3
4:00 PM	337	13	47	2	37	2	31	2	47	0	49	0	61	2	65	5
5:00 PM	367	14	51	2	51	3	36	4	35	0	37	0	76	2	81	3
6:00 PM	432	20	54	3	45	4	58	2	53	0	46	2	79	3	97	6
7:00 PM	441	17	61	2	51	2	42	2	55	3	60	3	84	0	88	5
8:00 PM	464	23	54	3	48	3	48	2	60	6	66	3	77	0	111	6
9:00 PM	494	32	66	8	52	0	55	2	53	3	55	0	109	11	104	8
10:00 PM	443	21	51	3	34	0	45	3	51	3	55	6	102	3	105	3
11:00 PM	442	31	27	0	44	6	33	6	45	3	64	2	105	6	124	8
Unknown	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>99</b>

**\*\*The Alcohol Related Fatality information shown in this table is estimated based on 2010 FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System) data, as of August 13, 2011.\*\***

*Saturday has the most alcohol and drug related crashes, followed by Sunday and Friday. More fatalities occur on Saturday, followed by Sunday and Friday. The most likely hours for an alcohol related collision are between 4pm and 3am.*

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Safety Restraint and Child Restraint Usage\*

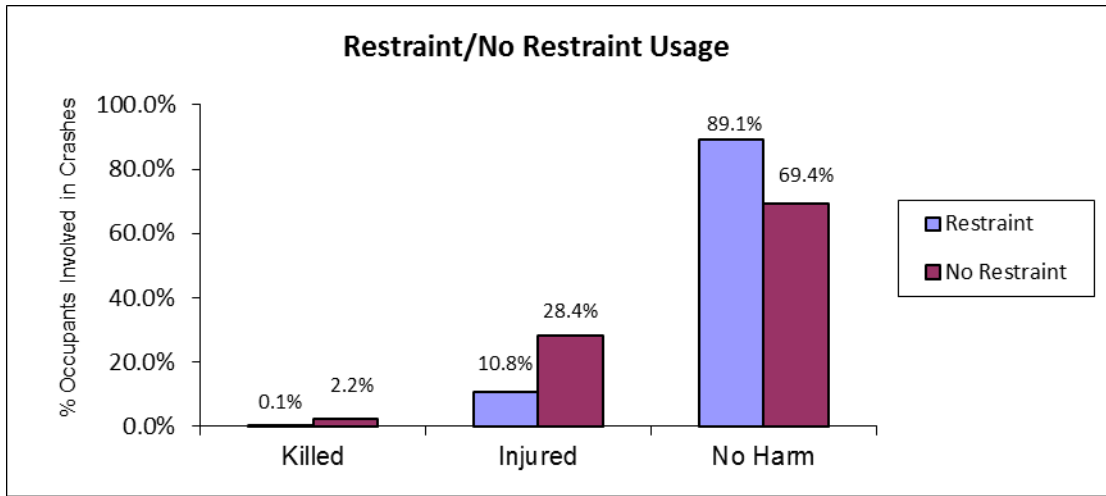
Restraint Used	Severity	Driver		Front Seat Passenger		Back Seat Passenger		Totals	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Wearing Lap and Shoulder Belts	Killed	205	0.10%	42	0.08%	3	0.01%	250	0.09%
	Injured	22,257	10.81%	5,983	11.73%	1,853	8.61%	30,093	10.81%
	No Harm	183,509	89.09%	44,988	88.19%	19,668	91.38%	248,165	89.11%
	Subtotal	205,971	100.00%	51,013	100.00%	21,524	100.00%	278,508	100.00%
Wearing Lap Belt Only	Killed	2	0.21%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.05%
	Injured	132	13.64%	78	11.50%	183	7.92%	393	9.93%
	No Harm	834	86.16%	600	88.50%	2,129	92.08%	3,563	90.02%
	Subtotal	968	100.00%	678	100.00%	2,312	100.00%	3,958	100.00%
Wearing Shoulder Belt Only	Killed	2	0.21%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.05%
	Injured	132	13.64%	78	11.50%	183	7.92%	393	9.93%
	No Harm	834	86.16%	600	88.50%	2,129	92.08%	3,563	90.02%
	Subtotal	968	100.00%	678	100.00%	2,312	100.00%	3,958	100.00%
None Used	Killed	282	5.00%	58	3.17%	38	1.87%	378	3.98%
	Injured	2,516	44.58%	908	49.67%	743	36.48%	4,167	43.82%
	No Harm	2,846	50.43%	862	47.16%	1,256	61.66%	4,964	52.20%
	Subtotal	5,644	100.00%	1,828	100.00%	2,037	100.00%	9,509	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	35	0.36%	7	0.47%	5	0.43%	47	0.38%
	Injured	1,026	10.48%	255	17.10%	164	14.16%	1,445	11.62%
	No Harm	8,725	89.16%	1,229	82.43%	989	85.41%	10,943	88.00%
	Subtotal	9,786	100.00%	1,491	100.00%	1,158	100.00%	12,435	100.00%

*\*Seatbelt use for non-fatally injured passengers may be over-estimated because reporting officers have no way to make a direct observation. Additionally, 47 fatalities had unknown restraint use.*

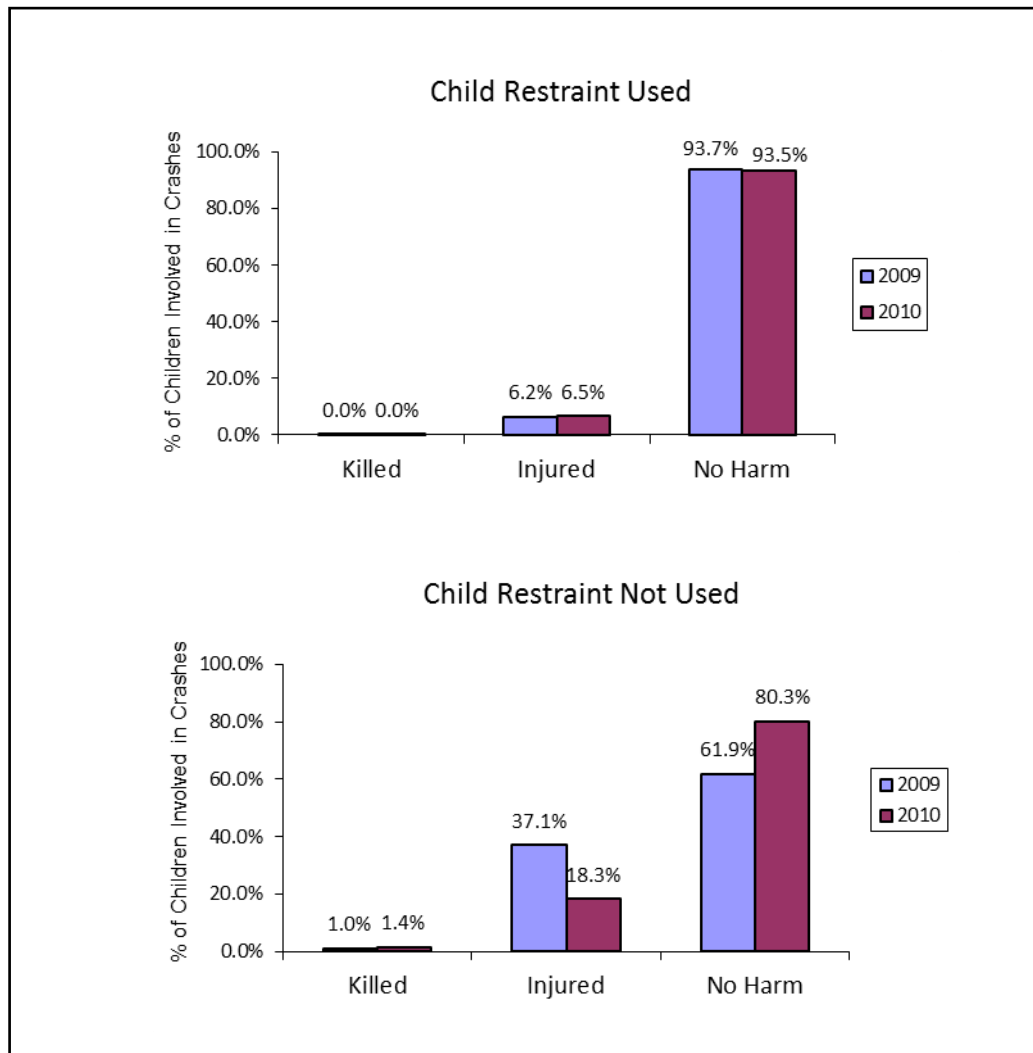
### CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE

Type	Severity	Front Seat		Back Seat		Totals	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Child Restraint Used	Killed	0	0.00%	5	0.04%	5	0.04%
	Injured	31	6.72%	748	6.49%	779	6.50%
	No Harm	430	93.28%	10,771	93.47%	11,201	93.46%
	Subtotal	461	100.00%	11,524	100.00%	11,985	100.00%
Child Restraint Used Improperly	Killed	0	0.00%	6	1.64%	6	1.53%
	Injured	11	42.31%	58	15.85%	69	17.60%
	No Harm	15	57.69%	302	82.51%	317	80.87%
	Subtotal	26	100.00%	366	100.00%	392	100.00%
None Used	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	6	60.00%	1	7.14%	7	29.17%
	No Harm	4	40.00%	13	92.86%	17	70.83%
	Subtotal	10	100.00%	14	100.00%	24	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	2	15.38%	15	8.72%	17	9.19%
	No Harm	11	84.62%	157	91.28%	168	90.81%
	Subtotal	13	100.00%	172	100.00%	185	100.00%

### SAFETY RESTRAINT USAGE



### CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE



# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Truck Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND FOR ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

	FATALITIES	INJURIES	NUMBER OF TRUCKS INVOLVED IN CRASHES
2001	154	2,588	9,168
2002	136	2,591	9,708
2003	161	2,565	9,995
2004	169	2,990	10,993
2005	134	2,824	10,547
2006	142	2,588	9,810
2007	136	2,202	8,809
2008	132	1,769	7,546
2009	84	1,615	6,704
2010	113	2,002	7,898

PRIMARY CAUSE OF ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT\*

	Crashes	
Failed to Yield Right of Way	840	11.2%
Improper Lane Change or Use	754	10.1%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	713	9.5%
Tailgating	628	8.4%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	442	5.9%
Defective Equipment	360	4.8%
Improper Turn	283	3.8%
Avoiding Animal, Object, or Person	271	3.6%
Improper Backing	262	3.5%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal	222	3.0%
Driving too Fast for Conditions	208	2.8%
Crossed Median/Centerline	198	2.6%
Improper Passing	145	1.9%
Driving Under the Influence	124	1.6%
Fatigued/Asleep	104	1.4%
Speeding	98	1.3%
Unknown	233	3.1%
All Other	1,609	21.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*There is no inference as to whether the truck or another type of vehicle was the cause of the crash.

TOTAL FOR ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number		Number	
Interstate	1,747	23.3%	17	15.0%
U.S. Route	1,575	21.0%	40	35.5%
State Route	1,506	20.1%	37	32.7%
County	846	11.3%	14	12.4%
City	1,760	23.5%	5	4.4%
Other	60	0.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Comparative Holiday Statistics

2009 vs 2010

HOLIDAY	YEAR	KILLED	PERIOD
New Year	2009	8	6 pm, Wed., December 31, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Thu., January 1, 2009 (30 hrs)
	2010	6	6 pm, Thu., December 31, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., January 3, 2010 (78 hrs)
Memorial Day	2009	15	6 pm, Fri., May 22, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 25, 2009 (78 hrs)
	2010	9	6 pm, Fri., May 28, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 31, 2010 (78 hrs)
July 4th	2009	6	6 pm, Fri., July 3, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 6, 2009 (78 hrs)
	2010	4	6 pm, Fri., July 2, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 5, 2010 (78 hrs)
Labor Day	2009	8	6 pm, Fri., September 4, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 7, 2009 (78 hrs)
	2010	9	6 pm, Fri., September 3, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 6, 2010 (78 hrs)
Thanksgiving	2009	8	6 pm, Wed., November 25, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 29, 2009 (102 hrs)
	2010	12	6 pm, Wed., November 24, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 28, 2010 (102 hrs)
Christmas	2009	10	6 pm, Thu., December 24, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., December 27, 2009 (78 hrs)
	2010	4	6 pm, Fri., December 24, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Sun., December 26, 2010 (54 hrs)



# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Comparative County Statistics 2009 vs 2010

COUNTY	TOTAL CRASHES FOR COUNTY						URBAN AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY					
	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
JEFFERSON	20,752	21,831	83	88	4,560	4,709	17,923	18,978	62	68	3,761	3,939	2,829	2,853	21	20	799	770
MOBILE	11,815	13,649	58	69	2,938	3,604	9,615	11,705	27	32	2,046	2,739	2,200	1,944	31	37	892	865
MONTGOMERY	8,415	8,530	22	17	2,004	2,408	7,611	7,703	13	8	1,785	2,171	804	827	9	9	219	237
AUTAUGA	1,232	1,242	14	3	398	461	840	835	4	1	246	271	392	407	10	2	152	190
BALDWIN	3,873	3,352	28	25	1,316	1,055	2,569	2,137	11	11	771	538	1,304	1,215	17	14	545	517
BARBOUR	488	529	4	4	215	218	354	393	3	2	129	144	134	136	1	2	86	74
BIBB	254	358	4	7	78	137	99	163	3	2	23	56	155	195	1	5	55	81
BLOUNT	886	894	15	8	339	341	319	379	3	1	71	110	567	515	12	7	268	231
BULLOCK	154	193	4	10	74	78	47	95	1	1	14	37	107	98	3	9	60	41
BUTLER	506	559	4	6	171	198	234	249	0	1	49	58	272	310	4	5	122	140
CALHOUN	3,749	3,737	25	16	1,214	1,193	2,579	2,724	10	5	703	787	1,170	1,013	15	11	511	406
CHAMBERS	691	788	7	8	224	276	396	539	3	4	113	171	295	249	4	4	111	105
CHEROKEE	484	557	5	8	216	229	183	251	1	3	66	84	301	306	4	5	150	145
CHILTON	817	766	15	8	308	353	390	365	0	1	129	158	427	401	15	7	179	195
CHOCTAW	159	153	7	6	71	72	43	50	1	2	9	13	116	103	6	4	62	59
CLARKE	382	395	5	11	175	187	210	233	0	4	62	90	172	162	5	7	113	97
CLAY	167	223	3	5	81	94	55	102	0	2	20	26	112	121	3	3	61	68
CLEBURNE	430	410	7	4	198	153	87	107	2	2	41	40	343	303	5	2	157	113
COFFEE	1,224	1,220	8	7	301	348	910	910	4	3	163	190	314	310	4	4	138	158
COLBERT	1,338	1,421	12	7	405	490	982	1,065	0	1	224	287	356	356	12	6	181	203
CONECUH	339	358	3	9	138	154	89	98	0	3	42	34	250	260	3	6	96	120
COOSA	240	222	3	7	107	109	8	9	0	1	1	2	232	213	3	6	106	107
COVINGTON	626	606	4	9	204	204	392	358	3	3	122	110	234	248	1	6	82	94
CRENSHAW	225	245	4	4	75	86	77	89	0	0	13	19	148	156	4	4	62	67
CULLMAN	1,930	2,077	20	17	508	677	927	1,024	3	3	184	254	1,003	1,053	17	14	324	423
DALE	935	947	7	10	287	315	696	698	2	5	190	200	239	249	5	5	97	115
DALLAS	1,124	1,149	12	6	376	459	657	702	1	1	175	241	467	447	11	5	201	218
DEKALB	1,226	986	10	11	401	377	728	514	3	5	172	163	498	472	7	6	229	214

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## 2009 vs 2010

COUNTY	TOTAL CRASHES FOR COUNTY						URBAN AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY					
	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
ELMORE	1,694	1,858	19	24	546	631	1,030	1,183	6	8	335	367	664	675	13	16	211	264
ESCAMBIA	722	761	9	14	295	324	300	366	1	7	80	122	422	395	8	7	215	202
ETOWAH	2,895	3,117	15	14	932	1,117	2,258	2,501	9	2	654	772	637	616	6	12	278	345
FAYETTE	223	255	3	1	129	133	95	133	0	0	43	61	128	122	3	1	86	72
FRANKLIN	622	573	7	4	262	253	325	288	2	1	111	105	297	285	5	3	151	148
GENEVA	361	386	7	7	111	146	160	178	0	2	40	57	201	208	7	5	71	89
GREENE	296	231	4	5	121	86	74	47	0	0	13	11	222	184	4	5	108	75
HALE	225	221	5	6	115	124	94	62	1	0	24	19	131	159	4	6	91	105
HENRY	240	246	1	4	81	90	119	116	0	2	31	38	121	130	1	2	50	52
HOUSTON	3,237	3,514	18	14	968	1,180	2,863	3,150	9	6	824	1,036	374	364	9	8	144	144
JACKSON	872	1,034	18	14	390	402	501	730	8	7	168	258	371	304	10	7	222	144
LAMAR	132	187	4	3	88	83	44	80	1	0	12	18	88	107	3	3	76	65
LAUDERDALE	2,037	2,052	12	14	530	568	1,395	1,447	3	2	245	310	642	605	9	12	285	258
LAWRENCE	544	516	12	12	243	218	127	115	2	2	46	30	417	401	10	10	197	188
LEE	4,167	4,125	22	24	1,015	965	3,283	3,323	15	14	724	720	884	802	7	10	291	245
LIMESTONE	1,652	1,420	18	22	513	447	885	551	6	6	193	118	767	869	12	16	320	329
LOWNDES	282	281	5	7	128	125	134	27	4	4	57	27	148	254	1	3	71	98
MACON	623	616	5	8	320	235	198	200	0	1	100	90	425	416	5	7	220	145
MADISON	9,710	10,156	42	34	2,545	2,814	8,017	8,344	22	20	1,959	2,185	1,693	1,812	20	14	586	629
MARENGO	325	337	6	7	162	189	180	174	0	3	48	69	145	163	6	4	114	120
MARION	477	528	6	4	212	253	309	345	5	1	115	133	168	183	1	3	97	120
MARSHALL	2,369	2,459	25	23	824	809	1,845	1,875	9	9	568	557	524	584	16	14	256	252
MONROE	351	314	9	7	155	160	131	107	1	0	33	35	220	207	8	7	122	125
MORGAN	2,972	3,160	16	13	844	829	2,200	2,316	9	7	547	563	772	844	7	6	297	266
PERRY	103	87	6	1	54	55	17	7	0	0	5	6	86	80	6	1	49	49
PICKENS	234	254	3	2	134	79	53	101	0	0	13	29	181	153	3	2	121	50
PIKE	860	904	14	9	359	303	571	663	2	0	173	177	289	241	12	9	186	126
RANDOLPH	316	334	4	6	148	186	126	131	0	1	34	48	190	203	4	5	114	138

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## 2009 vs 2010

COUNTY	TOTAL CRASHES FOR COUNTY						URBAN AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY					
	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
RUSSELL	1,952	2,026	12	18	656	838	1,362	1,578	4	8	390	625	590	448	8	10	266	213
SAINT CLAIR	1,488	1,634	9	20	616	661	881	948	2	10	349	439	607	686	7	10	267	222
SHELBY	4,898	4,959	21	26	937	932	3,661	3,674	11	12	655	562	1,237	1,285	10	14	282	370
SUMTER	237	295	3	4	133	127	75	99	0	1	32	54	162	196	3	3	101	73
TALLADEGA	1,832	1,789	26	16	711	688	1,034	1,102	13	10	358	377	798	687	13	6	353	311
TALLAPOOSA	774	661	7	5	261	277	513	389	1	2	147	137	261	272	6	3	114	140
TUSCALOOSA	7,042	7,316	36	36	2,074	1,969	5,457	5,796	15	17	1,470	1,404	1,585	1,520	21	19	604	565
WALKER	1,875	1,714	16	25	651	685	968	961	1	6	263	286	907	753	15	19	388	399
WASHINGTON	177	249	1	5	81	108	26	62	0	0	7	26	151	187	1	5	74	82
WILCOX	128	125	3	3	92	99	20	19	0	1	16	19	108	106	3	2	76	80
WINSTON	370	293	7	8	189	155	118	124	1	2	33	36	208	169	6	6	156	119

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Comparative City Statistics 2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
ABBEVILLE	42	40	0	1	8	15
ADAMSVILLE	184	178	1	0	48	50
ADDISON	8	17	0	0	1	3
AKRON	0	3	0	0	0	1
ALABASTER	801	789	2	1	167	186
ALBERTVILLE	748	812	2	3	209	229
ALEXANDER CITY	358	244	1	1	95	71
ALICEVILLE	0	6	0	0	0	5
ALLGOOD	3	7	0	0	0	1
ALTOONA	8	18	0	0	1	1
ANDALUSIA	247	197	0	0	47	55
ANDERSON	3	5	0	1	4	1
ANNISTON	1375	1361	5	3	396	386
ARAB	193	190	1	1	85	73
ARDMORE	2	32	0	0	1	6
ARGO	13	7	0	0	7	1
ARITON	0	1	0	0	0	0
ARLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASHFORD	39	41	1	1	17	10
ASHLAND	30	50	0	0	12	8
ASHVILLE	91	24	1	2	32	14
ATHENS	820	414	4	3	160	77
ATMORE	101	110	1	1	44	37
ATTALLA	154	231	0	0	24	77
AUBURN	1693	1480	10	8	334	403
AUTAUGAVILLE	9	4	1	0	5	0
AVON	5	4	0	0	0	0
BABBIE	1	5	0	0	0	0
BAILEYTON	15	11	0	0	8	4
BAKERHILL	0	2	0	0	0	0

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
BANKS	0	4	0	0	0	3
BAY MINETTE	197	168	2	0	85	66
BAYOU LA BATRE	79	107	0	0	16	37
BEAR CREEK	16	14	2	1	10	6
BEATRICE	2	0	0	0	0	0
BEAVERTON	1	2	0	0	0	1
BELK	0	0	0	0	0	0
BELLWOOD	5	4	0	0	1	2
BENTON	1	7	0	0	0	5
BERRY	4	28	0	0	3	16
BESSEMER	1416	1468	6	13	326	375
BIG COVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRMINGHAM	9428	9943	35	29	1950	1931
BLACK	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLOUNTSVILLE	19	30	0	0	2	16
BLUE MOUNTAIN	1	4	0	0	0	3
BLUE SPRINGS	1	1	0	0	2	0
BOAZ	423	429	1	2	149	129
BOLIGEE	4	1	0	0	1	0
BON AIR	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRANCHVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRANTLEY	4	0	0	0	1	0
BRENT	37	60	0	0	10	27
BREWTON	182	204	0	2	34	68
BRIDGEPORT	11	18	2	0	5	10
BRIGHTON	2	0	0	0	2	0
BRILLIANT	2	14	0	0	6	11
BROOKSIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROOKWOOD	1	0	0	0	0	0

# 2010 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

## Comparative City Statistics (continued) 2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
BROWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRUNDIDGE	40	42	0	0	9	12
BUTLER	36	35	0	1	5	10
CALERA	355	343	2	3	77	68
CAMDEN	2	1	0	1	0	2
CAMP HILL	14	16	0	0	3	11
CARBON HILL	22	19	0	0	6	9
CARDIFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAROLINA	6	2	0	0	3	3
CARROLLTON	14	17	0	0	3	8
CARRVILLE	26	17	0	1	11	4
CASTLEBERRY	4	10	0	0	5	5
CEDAR BLUFF	24	52	1	2	17	12
CENTER POINT	0	1	0	0	0	0
CENTRE	107	130	0	1	36	43
CENTREVILLE	31	52	1	1	6	12
CHATOM	8	21	0	0	3	11
CHELSEA	110	154	1	0	38	42
CHEROKEE	10	10	0	0	4	8
CHICKASAW	71	13	1	0	15	3
CHILDERSBURG	117	114	1	2	25	51
CITRONELLE	59	103	2	1	23	42
CLANTON	307	281	0	1	92	126
CLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAYHATCHEE	7	0	0	0	1	0
CLAYTON	1	8	0	0	0	2
CLEVELAND	26	17	1	0	4	8
CLIO	1	0	1	0	1	0
COALING	12	27	0	1	1	13
COFFEE SPRINGS	1	1	0	0	2	1

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
COFFEEVILLE	4	7	0	0	1	5
COLLINSVILLE	35	45	1	1	15	17
COLONY	2	2	0	0	1	1
COLUMBIA	6	15	0	0	1	6
COLUMBIANA	75	83	0	1	22	17
COOSADA	13	34	0	0	9	25
CORDOVA	18	37	0	0	8	4
COTTONWOOD	5	13	0	0	3	3
COUNTY LINE-COV	0	0	0	0	0	0
COUNTY LINE-JEFF	1	2	0	0	0	1
COURTLAND	1	2	0	0	2	0
COWARTS	27	27	0	0	14	8
CREOLA	52	71	1	0	19	16
CROSSVILLE	17	29	0	0	1	11
CUBA	3	8	0	0	1	5
CULLMAN	708	770	0	1	106	176
DADEVILLE	84	84	0	0	28	41
DALEVILLE	138	159	1	1	25	33
DAPHNE	593	634	2	1	158	107
DAUPHIN ISLAND	7	24	0	0	3	4
DAVISTON	2	2	0	0	0	1
DAYTON	1	1	0	0	0	1
DEATSVILLE	0	1	0	0	0	0
DECATUR	1764	1812	7	5	435	437
DEMOPOLIS	154	139	0	3	43	57
DETROIT	4	3	0	0	4	0
DODGE CITY	38	30	0	1	9	7
DORA	31	30	0	0	11	10
DOTHAN	2702	2964	7	5	759	984
DOUBLE SPRINGS	26	14	0	1	8	3

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## Comparative City Statistics (continued)

2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
DOUGLAS	12	18	0	0	5	3
DOZIER	0	3	0	0	0	2
DUTTON	12	18	0	0	6	9
EAST BREWTON***	1	14	0	0	0	1
ECLECTIC	17	25	0	0	0	4
EDWARDSVILLE	1	4	0	1	1	4
ELBA	65	53	0	1	10	29
ELBERTA	29	46	0	1	6	17
ELDRIDGE	1	1	0	0	1	0
ELKMONT	9	0	0	0	1	0
ELMORE	12	14	0	0	4	2
EMELLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENTERPRISE	846	852	4	3	154	158
EPES	0	0	0	0	0	0
ETHELSDALE	2	1	0	0	0	0
EUFAULA	346	382	2	2	126	142
EUNOLA	1	3	0	1	0	2
EUTAW	65	44	0	0	11	11
EVA	2	1	0	0	0	0
EVERGREEN	83	87	0	3	36	28
EXCEL	0	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRFIELD	274	290	2	2	73	74
FAIRHOPE***	242	6	0	0	67	2
FAIRVIEW	9	14	0	0	5	3
FALKVILLE	29	27	0	0	4	9
FAUNSDALE	2	1	0	0	0	0
FAYETTE	85	95	0	0	39	36
FIVE POINTS	1	1	0	0	1	4
FLINT CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLOMATON	13	36	0	4	0	15

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
FLORALA	14	25	0	1	3	9
FLORENCE	1280	1349	3	0	214	281
FOLEY	438	404	3	5	130	115
FORKLAND	5	2	0	0	1	0
FORT DEPOSIT	1	4	0	0	1	3
FORT PAYNE	412	89	1	0	77	13
FRANKLIN	5	4	0	0	0	1
FRISCO CITY	1	0	0	0	1	0
FRUITHURST	3	2	0	0	6	1
FULTON	1	3	0	0	0	2
FULTONDALE	5	151	0	1	2	43
FYFFE	7	22	0	1	2	11
GADSDEN	1564	1618	5	1	450	458
GAINESVILLE	1	4	0	0	1	0
GANTT	0	2	0	0	0	2
GANTTS QUARRY	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARDEN CITY	7	5	0	0	3	0
GARDENDALE	312	287	1	1	102	90
GAYLESVILLE	4	5	0	0	0	0
GEIGER	1	0	0	0	0	0
GENEVA	73	90	0	1	24	30
GEORGIANA	39	33	0	0	11	7
GERALDINE	19	28	0	0	9	13
GILBERTOWN	3	10	0	0	0	1
GLEN ALLEN	1	1	0	0	0	0
GLENCOE	93	68	0	0	34	33
GLENWOOD	1	2	0	0	0	0
GOLDVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOOD HOPE	68	59	0	1	14	20
GOODWATER	3	1	0	0	0	0

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## Comparative City Statistics (continued)

2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
GORDO	20	40	0	0	7	8
GORDON	0	0	0	0	0	0
GORDONVILLE	0	1	0	0	0	1
GOSHEN	4	4	0	0	1	0
GRANT	7	19	0	1	3	8
GRAYSVILLE	27	33	0	1	7	13
GREENSBORO	59	32	1	0	10	7
GREENVILLE	190	215	0	1	36	51
GRIMES	5	6	0	0	2	13
GROVE HILL	24	35	0	0	0	16
GU-WIN	1	0	0	0	6	0
GUIN	18	29	0	0	7	9
GULF SHORES	444	419	1	3	123	113
GUNTERSVILLE	462	418	5	2	122	116
GURLEY***	1	11	0	0	0	2
HACKLEBURG	17	36	1	0	3	10
HALEBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0
HALEYVILLE	82	96	1	1	23	31
HAMILTON	156	156	2	0	53	57
HAMMONDVILLE***	10	4	0	0	4	1
HANCEVILLE***	28	88	1	0	16	26
HARPERSVILLE***	5	15	0	0	7	8
HARTFORD	27	31	0	0	2	2
HARTSELLE	352	385	2	1	88	91
HAYDEN***	16	39	0	1	2	10
HAYNEVILLE***	2	1	0	0	0	0
HEADLAND	73	71	0	0	23	18
HEATH	5	3	0	0	2	1
HEFLIN	66	87	2	1	27	28
HELENA	196	184	0	3	24	25

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
HENAGAR***	19	47	0	1	6	8
HIGDON	3	3	0	0	2	1
HIGHLAND LAKE	1	0	0	0	0	0
HILLSBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOBSON CITY	4	6	0	0	0	3
HODGES	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOKES BLUFF	55	72	1	0	24	45
HOLLY POND	15	15	0	0	4	3
HOLLYWOOD	26	26	0	1	11	14
HOMEWOOD	1218	1324	3	0	164	192
HOOVER	2723	2854	2	7	577	659
HORNHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUEYTOWN	287	258	3	0	62	53
HUNTSVILLE	7083	7317	20	20	1740	1922
HURTSBORO	2	2	0	0	0	0
HYTOP	1	0	0	0	0	0
IDER	4	3	0	0	1	0
INDIAN SPRINGS	24	25	0	0	3	6
IRONDALE	165	177	1	1	35	44
JACKSON	61	74	0	3	20	30
JACKSONS GAP	18	18	0	0	5	7
JACKSONVILLE	288	239	0	0	76	52
JASPER	813	765	0	5	210	215
JEMISON	38	58	0	0	20	27
KANSAS	0	1	0	0	0	0
KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENNEDY	0	1	0	0	0	0
KILLEN	61	45	0	1	13	18
KIMBERLY	10	13	0	0	9	2
KINSEY	10	13	0	0	4	5

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### Comparative City Statistics (continued) 2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
KINSTON	2	7	0	0	0	3
LAFAYETTE	66	33	0	0	20	8
LAKE VIEW	16	16	0	0	3	9
LAKEVIEW	3	5	0	0	2	2
LANETT	161	183	0	2	30	60
LANGSTON	2	1	0	0	1	1
LEEDS	279	245	2	3	82	64
LEESBURG	38	55	0	0	11	23
LEIGHTON	2	1	0	0	1	1
LESTER	3	0	0	0	0	0
LEVEL PLAINS	12	21	0	0	2	5
LEXINGTON	11	10	0	0	2	1
LIBERTYVILLE	1	1	0	0	1	0
LINCOLN	224	222	4	6	77	70
LINDEN	21	30	0	0	5	8
LINEVILLE	25	52	0	2	8	18
LIPSCOMB	0	0	0	0	0	0
LISMAN	0	3	0	1	0	1
LITTLEVILLE	21	24	0	0	5	17
LIVINGSTON	59	65	0	0	26	27
LOACHAPOKA	2	4	0	0	0	2
LOCKHART	3	0	0	0	2	0
LOCUST FORK	23	15	1	0	6	5
LOUISVILLE***	5	0	0	0	0	0
LOWNDESBORO***	118	7	3	2	50	6
LOXLEY	124	155	0	0	56	38
LUVERNE	63	78	0	0	10	16
LYNN	2	3	0	0	1	0
MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADISON	923	1032	3	1	224	262

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
MADRID	3	4	0	0	0	1
MALVERN	14	7	0	0	2	5
MAPLESVILLE***	23	1	0	0	10	0
MARGARET	1	18	0	0	0	9
MARION	14	0	0	0	5	0
MAYTOWN	0	1	0	0	0	2
MCINTOSH	4	22	0	0	0	3
MCKENZIE	5	1	0	0	2	0
MCMULLEN	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEMPHIS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENTONE	4	8	0	1	2	2
MIDFIELD	132	204	1	0	38	94
MIDLAND CITY	51	51	0	0	26	25
MIDWAY	2	2	0	0	2	1
MILLBROOK	337	392	2	7	120	109
MILLPORT	0	2	0	0	0	2
MILLRY	14	19	0	0	4	12
MOBILE	8137	10347	17	28	1604	2294
MONROEVILLE	127	106	1	0	32	34
MONTEVALLO	137	145	2	0	54	43
MONTGOMERY	7598	7686	13	8	1782	2169
MOODY	266	277	1	3	66	72
MOORES CROSSRDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOORESVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORRIS	38	35	0	0	16	6
MOSSSES	3	2	0	1	2	8
MOULTON	109	109	2	2	40	30
MOUNDEVILLE	34	28	0	0	14	10
MOUNTAIN BROOK	493	473	1	1	111	76
MOUNTAINBORO	2	0	0	0	0	0



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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
MT. VERNON	29	52	1	1	9	22
MULGA	0	1	0	0	0	0
MUNFORD	23	31	0	2	6	18
MUSCLE SHOALS	491	551	0	0	98	149
MYRTLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAPIER FIELD	1	2	0	0	0	1
NAUVOO	3	0	0	0	1	0
NECTAR	5	2	0	0	0	0
NEEDHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW BROCKTON	2	3	0	1	1	0
NEW HOPE	28	25	0	1	8	10
NEW SITE	11	8	0	0	5	2
NEWBERN	1	1	0	0	0	1
NEWSOME	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEWTON	52	35	0	0	18	11
NEWVILLE	4	5	0	1	0	5
NORTH BIBB	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH COURTLAND	1	4	0	0	0	0
NORTH JOHNS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHPORT	1078	1062	6	3	238	233
NOTASULGA	12	13	0	0	5	4
OAK GROVE	35	21	0	0	14	17
OAK HILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAKMAN	3	6	0	0	2	7
ODENVILLE	36	134	0	1	12	48
OHATCHEE	17	20	0	0	5	10
ONEONTA	187	201	1	0	47	40
ONYCHA	2	2	0	0	0	1
OPELIKA	1537	1757	5	5	365	306
OPP	96	96	2	2	55	30

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
ORANGE BEACH***	170	51	2	0	45	14
ORRVILLE	3	5	0	0	1	6
OWENS CROSSRDS	0	28	0	0	NO	14
OXFORD	764	962	5	2	192	292
OZARK	413	393	1	0	105	100
PAINT ROCK	4	6	0	0	1	9
PARRISH	2	3	0	1	2	3
PELHAM	1021	969	2	3	175	141
PELL CITY	335	356	0	1	88	89
PENNINGTON	1	0	1	0	2	0
PETREY	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHENIX CITY	1381	1597	4	8	395	626
PHIL CAMPBELL	21	13	0	0	13	8
PICKENSVILLE	2	3	0	0	1	1
PIEDMONT	111	99	0	0	32	22
PIKE ROAD	15	17	0	0	3	2
PINCKARD	10	23	0	1	8	10
PINE APPLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINE HILL	18	18	0	0	16	17
PINE RIDGE	7	3	0	0	2	3
PISGAH	3	5	0	0	0	2
PLEASANT GROVE	65	84	1	0	17	20
POLLARD	1	0	0	0	0	0
POWELL	10	12	1	1	4	10
PRATTVILLE	973	1000	3	1	285	327
PRICEVILLE	67	92	1	2	33	22
PRICHARD	689	430	3	1	224	158
PROVIDENCE	0	1	0	0	0	1
RAGLAND***	13	2	2	0	9	1
RAINBOW CITY	243	299	2	1	56	86

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2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
RAINSVILLE	130	178	0	0	24	61
RANBURNE	17	14	0	0	7	7
RED BAY	67	60	0	0	13	14
RED LEVEL	1	6	0	0	0	4
REECE CITY	11	9	1	0	6	3
REFORM	15	34	0	0	2	7
REHOBETH	16	12	1	0	9	5
REPTON	1	1	0	0	0	1
RIDGEVILLE	0	1	0	0	0	1
RIVER FALLS	11	16	0	0	6	5
RIVERSIDE	8	5	0	0	3	0
RIVERVIEW	2	2	0	0	2	1
ROANOKE	95	99	0	0	22	29
ROBERTSDALE	169	182	0	0	45	20
ROCKFORD	5	8	0	1	1	2
ROGERSVILLE***	6	35	0	0	4	8
ROOSEVELT CITY	1	0	0	0	0	0
ROSA	4	5	0	0	1	5
RURAL AUTAUGA	392	407	10	2	152	190
RURAL BALDWIN	1305	1215	17	14	545	517
RURAL BARBOUR	134	136	1	2	86	74
RURAL BIBB	155	195	1	5	55	81
RURAL BLOUNT	567	515	12	7	268	231
RURAL BULLOCK	107	98	3	9	60	41
RURAL BUTLER	272	310	4	5	122	140
RURAL CALHOUN	1170	1013	15	11	511	406
RURAL CHAMBERS	295	249	4	4	111	105
RURAL CHEROKEE	301	306	4	5	150	145
RURAL CHILTON	427	401	15	7	179	195
RURAL CHOCTAW	116	103	6	4	62	59

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
RURAL CLARKE	172	162	5	7	113	97
RURAL CLAY	112	121	3	3	61	68
RURAL CLEBURNE	343	303	5	2	157	113
RURAL COFFEE	314	310	4	4	138	158
RURAL COLBERT	356	356	12	6	181	203
RURAL CONECHUH	250	260	3	6	96	120
RURAL COOSA	232	213	3	6	106	107
RURAL COVINGTON	234	248	1	6	82	94
RURAL CRENSHAW	148	156	4	4	62	67
RURAL CULLMAN	1003	1053	17	14	324	423
RURAL DALE	239	249	5	5	97	115
RURAL DALLAS	467	447	11	5	201	218
RURAL DEKALB	498	472	7	6	229	214
RURAL ELMORE	664	675	13	16	211	264
RURAL ESCAMBIA	422	395	8	7	215	202
RURAL ETOWAH	637	616	6	12	278	345
RURAL FAYETTE	128	122	3	1	86	72
RURAL FRANKLIN	297	285	5	3	151	148
RURAL GENEVA	201	208	7	5	71	89
RURAL GREENE	222	184	4	5	108	75
RURAL HALE	131	159	4	6	91	105
RURAL HENRY	121	130	1	2	50	52
RURAL HOUSTON	374	364	9	8	144	144
RURAL JACKSON	371	304	10	7	222	144
RURAL JEFFERSON	2829	2853	21	20	799	770
RURAL LAMAR	88	107	3	3	76	65
RURAL LAUDERDALE	642	605	9	12	285	258
RURAL LAWRENCE	417	401	10	10	197	188
RURAL LEE	884	802	7	10	291	245
RURAL LIMESTONE	767	869	12	16	320	329

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
RURAL LOWNDES	148	254	1	3	71	98
RURAL MACON	425	416	5	7	220	145
RURAL MADISON	1693	1812	20	14	586	629
RURAL MARENGO	145	163	6	4	114	120
RURAL MARION	168	183	1	3	97	120
RURAL MARSHALL	524	584	16	14	256	252
RURAL MOBILE	2200	1944	31	37	892	865
RURAL MONROE	220	207	8	7	122	125
RURAL MONTGOMERY	804	827	9	9	219	237
RURAL MORGAN	772	844	7	6	297	266
RURAL PERRY	86	80	6	1	49	49
RURAL PICKENS	181	153	3	2	121	50
RURAL PIKE	289	241	12	9	186	126
RURAL RANDOLPH	190	203	4	5	114	138
RURAL RUSSELL	590	448	8	10	266	213
RURAL SHELBY	1239	1285	6	10	298	372
RURAL ST. CLAIR	607	686	11	14	252	220
RURAL SUMTER	162	196	3	3	101	73
RURAL TALLADEGA	798	687	13	6	353	311
RURAL TALLAPOOSA	261	272	6	3	114	140
RURAL TUSCALOOSA	1585	1520	21	19	604	565
RURAL WALKER	907	753	15	19	388	399
RURAL WASHINGTON	151	187	1	5	74	82
RURAL WILCOX	108	106	3	2	76	80
RURAL WINSTON	208	169	6	6	156	119
RUSSELLVILLE	231	214	2	1	82	82
RUTLEDGE	9	6	0	0	2	1
SAMSON	18	15	0	0	2	2
SAND ROCK	10	9	0	0	2	6
SANFORD	5	3	1	0	3	0

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
SARALAND	428	476	1	1	111	137
SARDIS CITY***	20	41	0	0	13	16
SATSUMA	66	82	1	0	22	26
SCOTTSBORO	392	502	4	5	120	172
SECTION	9	29	0	0	3	8
SELMA	650	689	1	1	172	231
SHEFFIELD	247	261	0	0	60	67
SHILOH	10	7	0	0	2	1
SHORTER	0	4	0	0	0	10
SILAS	2	2	0	0	2	1
SILURIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILVERHILL	5	4	0	0	3	0
SIPSEY	1	4	0	0	0	1
SKYLINE	14	22	0	0	7	13
SLOCOMB	22	27	0	0	7	13
SMITHS STATION	26	57	0	1	9	8
SNEAD	27	47	0	0	6	20
SOMERVILLE	1	1	0	0	0	1
SOUTHSIDE	90	111	0	0	29	35
SPANISH FORT***	99	0	1	0	32	0
SPRINGVILLE	63	78	0	1	18	19
ST. FLORIAN	33	3	0	0	8	1
STEELE	7	4	0	0	4	0
STEVENSON	2	84	1	1	1	12
SULLIGENT	30	44	1	0	4	9
SUMITON	74	95	1	0	22	37
SUMMERDALE	58	68	0	1	21	46
SUSAN MOORE	5	9	0	0	2	4
SWEET WATER	1	1	0	0	0	0
SYLACAUGA	282	294	4	0	101	107

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
SYLVANIA	31	27	0	0	13	9
SYLVANIA SPRINGS	0	1	0	1	0	0
TALLADEGA	341	404	4	0	127	108
TALLADEGA SPRINGS	0	2	0	0	0	0
TALLASSEE	89	78	2	0	29	22
TARRANT CITY	104	178	1	0	29	65
TAYLOR	33	31	0	0	10	7
THOMASTON	1	1	0	0	0	2
THOMASVILLE	120	114	0	1	35	37
THORSBY	22	17	0	0	7	3
TOWN CREEK	16	0	0	0	4	0
TOXEY	1	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFORD	1	3	0	0	0	0
TRIANA	2	1	0	0	0	2
TRINITY	17	33	0	0	5	11
TROY	527	613	2	0	163	162
TRUSSVILLE	740	805	2	3	128	161
TUSCALOOSA	4310	4663	9	13	1219	1138
TUSCUMBIA	211	218	0	1	56	45
TUSKEGEE	181	180	0	1	95	75
TWIN	0	2	0	0	0	3
UNION	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNION GROVE	6	6	0	0	2	4
UNION SPRINGS	45	93	1	1	12	36
UNIONTOWN	3	7	0	0	0	6
VALLEY	168	322	3	2	62	99
VALLEY GRANDE	4	8	0	0	2	4
VALLEY HEAD	11	7	0	0	8	1
VANCE	12	17	0	0	3	12
VERNON	8	27	0	0	4	6

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
VESTAVIA HILLS	850	845	0	4	144	102
VINA	6	1	0	0	3	1
VINCENT	3	2	0	0	1	0
VINEMONT	16	14	2	0	15	6
VREDENBURGH	1	0	0	0	0	0
WADLEY	0	1	0	0	0	0
WALDO	11	5	0	0	10	3
WALNUT GROVE	16	22	0	0	11	12
WARRIOR	20	8	0	0	10	3
WATERLOO	1	0	0	0	0	0
WAVERLY	0	3	0	0	0	0
WEAVER	22	41	0	0	5	22
WEBB	20	28	0	1	8	9
WEDOWEE	28	28	0	1	9	18
WEST BLOCTON	6	15	2	0	4	6
WEST END	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST JEFFERSON	1	0	0	0	1	0
WEST POINT	21	16	0	0	3	8
WESTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTOVER	5	11	0	3	1	5
WETUMPKA	420	470	2	1	129	149
WHITEHALL	9	5	1	1	4	4
WHITES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILMER	1	0	0	0	0	0
WILSONVILLE	18	18	0	1	7	5
WILTON	7	7	0	0	2	3
WINFIELD	105	97	0	0	38	45
WOODLAND	3	3	0	0	3	1
WOODSTOCK	37	45	0	1	5	10
WOODVILLE	19	16	1	0	11	7

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### Comparative City Statistics (continued) 2009 vs 2010

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
YELLOW BLUFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
YORK***	11	22	0	1	4	22
UNKNOWN	109	0	0	0	0	0

\*\*\* These cities' results for 2010 were questionable due to the eCrash transition. For more information call Jesse Norris at 205-348-7920.

## **A MESSAGE TO YOUNG DRIVERS**

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This is an exciting time in your lives -- you have so much to look forward to. We know that the very last thing you want to do is to ruin it all by getting hurt or hurting someone else in a car crash.

Nevertheless, in Alabama, young drivers (ages 16-20) caused over 22,000 crashes in 2010. That is on average about one crash every 15 minutes during normal driving hours.

In 2010 these crashes resulted in 119 deaths and 7340 injured persons.

The chances of you being involved, if not causing a car crash, over the next five years is so high that many traffic safety experts feel that it is almost inevitable for most young drivers.

Ask your friends who have been involved in crashes just how much turmoil it caused in their lives. This is something that you do not need, and it can be avoided. Please read on to see how.

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All of these numbers and warnings are meaningless unless you realize that it can, and almost certainly will happen to you if you do not do something now to establish a basic safety habit.

*What can you do?* You know the rules of the road, you passed your drivers' test, you have great reflexes ... what else do you need?

Fact: People rarely cause collisions when they are anticipating that *it can happen to them* and really thinking about it. Imaging this must become an established habit.

How do you establish it? Take out your car key and look at it right now. Concentrate on it, and make a promise to yourself that every time you put that key into the ignition you **will** bring to your mind the real possibility that *you could kill someone or end up spending the rest of your life in a wheelchair.*

Do not be afraid to think about it and concentrate on it. Some actually fear that this will increase the chances of your being in a crash -- just the opposite is true. *If you become complacent, you increase your risk dramatically.*

Ask any of your friends who have been there! They will tell you: "It was the last thing on my mind."

One of the most recent causes of fatalities among teens is texting and the use of cell phones while driving. If you are serious about safety you will take the time to read about those who did not see this to be a problem, and as a result, they lost friends and loved ones –

<http://www.safehomealabama.gov/InfoTraining/YoungDriverIssues.aspx>

Do not fall into this trap – texting is deadly, and even talking on a cell phone greatly diminishes the full concentration you need to keep you and your passengers safe.

Recognize that without taking constant action to prevent it, the natural tendency on the road is to stumble into unsafe situations. It is up to you to see these inevitable hazardous situations and to take action to avoid them.

**Always act to move to a safer situation.** The following can help:

- Look well ahead for hazard indicators – brake lights coming on, an approaching intersection, warning signs ... these require action ... if you ignore them the hazard will be upon you before you know it.
- Keep distance between you and other vehicles. Do not give in to the herd instinct to tailgate with others. You cannot crash into a vehicle that is not near you.
- If you are being tailgated, just look for a safe stretch, and then gradually slow down and give them a chance to pass. They are no longer your problem.

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- Don't let others do your driving for you by forcing you to speed up and become part of a tight group. Safely increase the separation between yourself and other vehicles to greatly reduce your probability of a crash.
- It can take twice as long to stop going down a hill as on level ground. Don't put yourself in a situation where you have to learn this the hard way.
- Curves are deadly to young people, especially in wet weather – there just is no remedy if you are going too fast – the laws of physics are irrevocable.
- Don't let your friends distract you or cause you to take chances – you are the driver, and it is your responsibility.
- If the weather, the traffic, the fact that you are lost, or anything else gets you into a confused situation, find a safe place and pull over and just sit and relax for a while until you know that things are under control and you are ready to continue ... doing this is a sign of maturity and strength, not weakness.

Do we have to mention: buckle up? It is the number one defensive action that you can take to save your life and that of your passengers. So, make your passengers buckle up too. As the driver, this is your responsibility.

Between two and three people are killed on Alabama roadways every day, many of them young people. This terrible problem will never be solved until all of you understand how critical your individual decisions are to your safety and that of your friends and loved ones.