2011 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

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Quick Facts on 2011 Crash Data

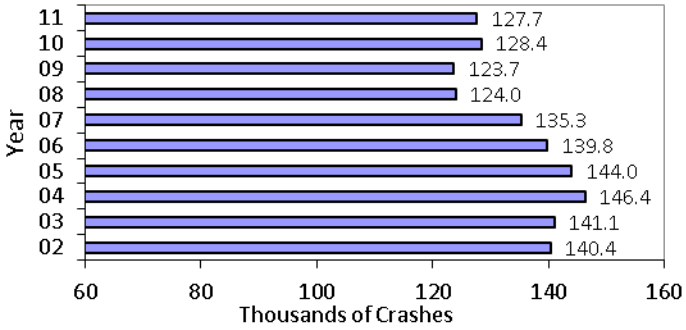
	2011 Crash Data	2011 vs. 2010
All Crashes	127,683	decrease 0.55%
Injuries	38,017	decrease 0.81%
Fatal Crashes	814	increase 3.04%
Fatalities	899	increase 4.29%
Registered Vehicles in Alabama	5,160,437	increase 1.91%
Licensed Drivers in Alabama	3,805,751	increase 0.62%
Vehicle Miles Traveled in Alabama	64,914,000,000	increase 1.19%

- There were 899 people killed in 814 fatal crashes.
- A traffic crash was reported every 247 seconds.
- A person was injured in a traffic crash approximately every 13 minutes and 50 seconds.
- A person was killed in a traffic crash approximately every 9 hours and 44 minutes.
- There were 368 fatalities with no restraint used.
- Most Alabama crashes (75.2%) occurred in urban areas, but most fatalities (60.2%) occurred in rural areas.
- For each fatality, there were 42 injuries.
- Of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, 9.0% were age 19 or under, and 22.4% were under 25 years of age.
- Of all fatal crashes, 49.6% occurred at night (including dusk and dawn).
- The pedestrian death toll was 84.
- There were 97 fatalities involving motorcycle or moped riders.
- Bicyclists accounted for five fatalities.
- There were eight fatalities with train involvement.
- For occupants who are in crashes while in the front seat of a vehicle, the probability of being killed is 50.5 times higher for those not wearing safety belts than those who are properly restrained.

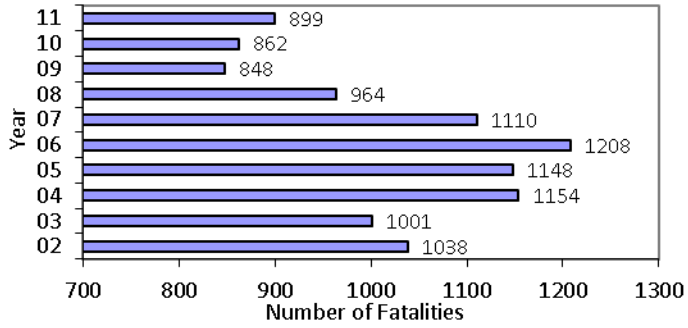
Based on 2011 data, a typical driver in Alabama has greater than one in three chances of involvement in an injury or fatal crash operating a vehicle over their lifetime. The probability of an individual being in a crash of any severity during their lifetime is greater than 98%.

Ten Year Traffic Trends 2002-2011

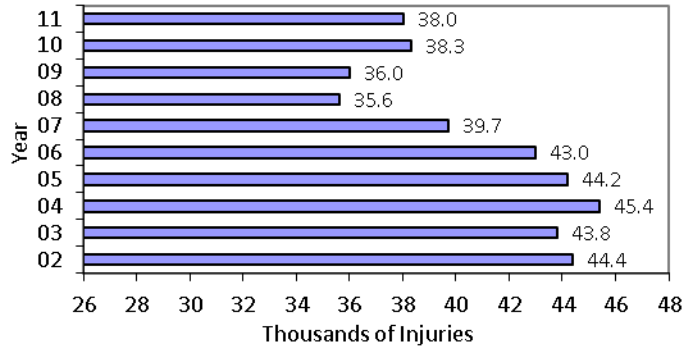
CRASHES DECREASED 9.05%



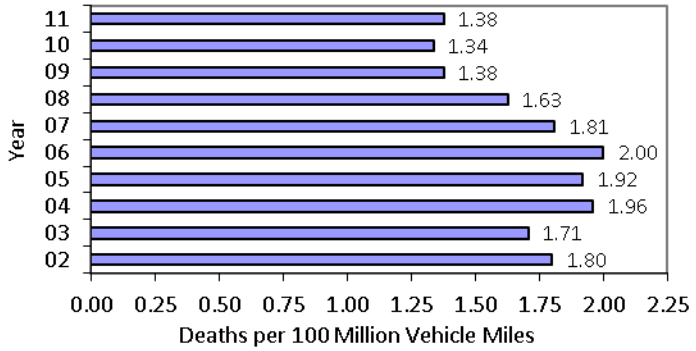
FATALITIES DECREASED 13.39%



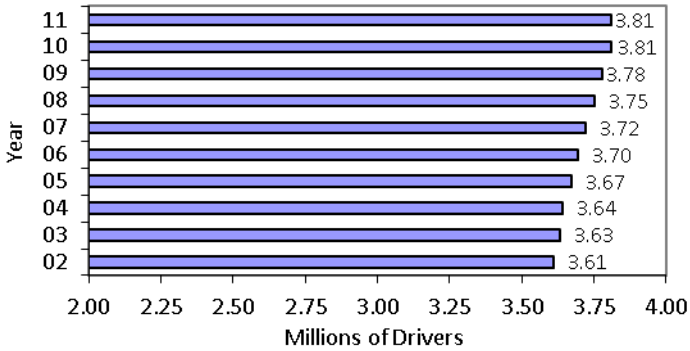
INJURIES DECREASED 14.41% IN 10 YEARS



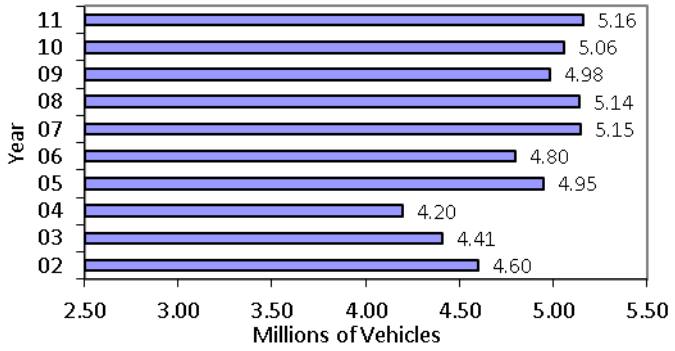
MILEAGE DEATH RATE DECREASED 23.33%



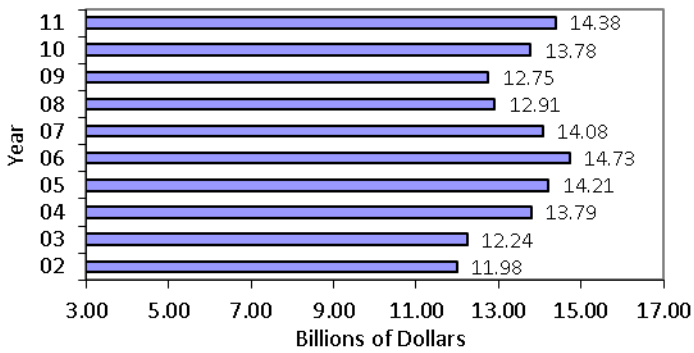
LICENSED DRIVERS INCREASED 5.54%



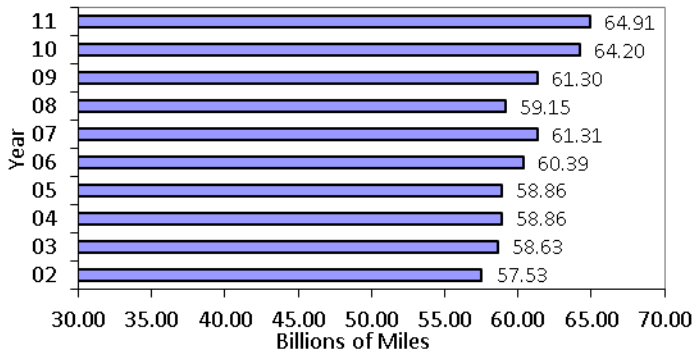
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS INCREASED 12.17%



ECONOMIC LOSS INCREASED 20.03%



VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED INCREASED 12.83%



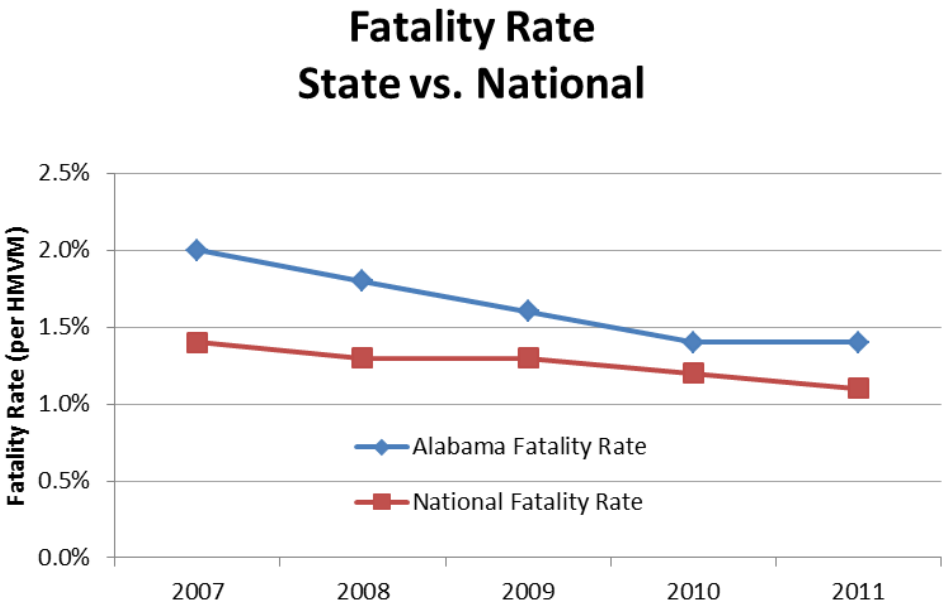
Fatality Rate Trends

The Fatality Rate in Alabama has been declining.

The table below lists the crash totals and crash rates for the past 5 years.

Year	Total Crashes	Total Injuries	Total Fatalities	Alabama Fatality Rate (per HMVM*)	National Fatality Rate (per HMVM*)
2007	135,257	39,655	1,110	1.8	1.3
2008	123,969	35,619	964	1.6	1.3
2009	123,731	35,969	848	1.4	1.2
2010	128,384	38,328	862	1.3	1.1
2011	127,683	38,017	899	1.4	1.1

**Hundred Million Vehicle Miles*



Types of Crashes

The typical Alabama traffic crash occurs between vehicles or when a driver hits a fixed object.

FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

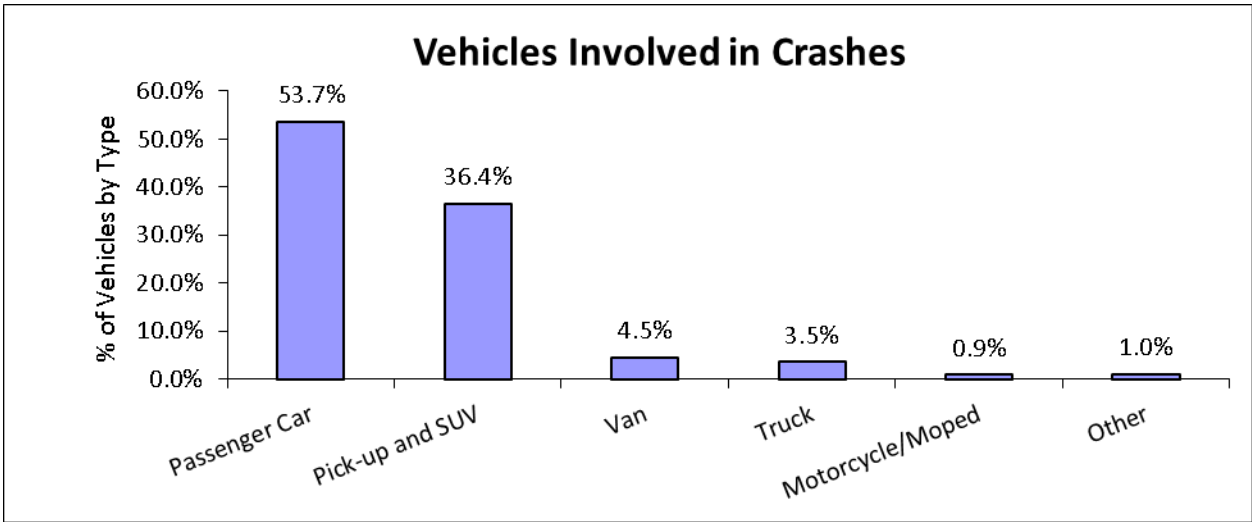
EVENT	TOTAL CRASHES	% OF CRASHES	NON-FATAL INJURIES	FATALITIES
Hit Other Vehicle	89,902	70.4%	25,166	371
Hit Fixed Object or Other Object	13,888	10.9%	5,017	238
Overturning	1,969	1.5%	1,405	59
Hit Pedestrian	445	0.3%	370	42
Hit Railway Train	66	0.1%	38	8
Other Non-Collision	1,120	0.9%	303	5
Hit Pedalcyclist	174	0.1%	138	5
Hit Parked Vehicle	4,887	3.8%	319	5
Hit Animal	2,702	2.1%	288	2
All Other	12,530	9.8%	4,973	164
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100%**	**38,017**	**899**

HAZARDOUS CARGO

CARGO TYPE	CRASHES	
Gas/Flammable	104	50.5%
Corrosive	57	27.7%
Unknown	10	4.9%
Explosive	8	3.9%
Radioactive	0	0.0%
Other	27	13.1%
TOTAL	**206**	**100.0%**

VEHICLE TYPE

TYPE	VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRASHES	% OF VEHICLES
Passenger Car	124,808	53.7%
Pick-up and SUV	84,757	36.4%
Van	10,444	4.5%
Truck	8,149	3.5%
Motorcycle/Moped	2,019	0.9%
Other	2,473	1.0%
TOTAL	**232,650**	**100.0%**



Time Trends

MONTH OF YEAR

MONTH	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
January	9,671	7.6%	58	6.5%
February	9,922	7.8%	69	7.7%
March	10,932	8.6%	89	9.9%
April	10,948	8.6%	59	6.6%
May	10,835	8.5%	89	9.9%
June	10,315	8.1%	94	10.5%
July	10,380	8.1%	91	10.1%
August	10,467	8.2%	63	7.0%
September	10,802	8.5%	68	7.6%
October	10,796	8.5%	77	8.6%
November	11,290	8.8%	59	6.6%
December	11,325	8.9%	83	9.2%
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100.0%**	**899**	**100.0%**

DAY OF WEEK

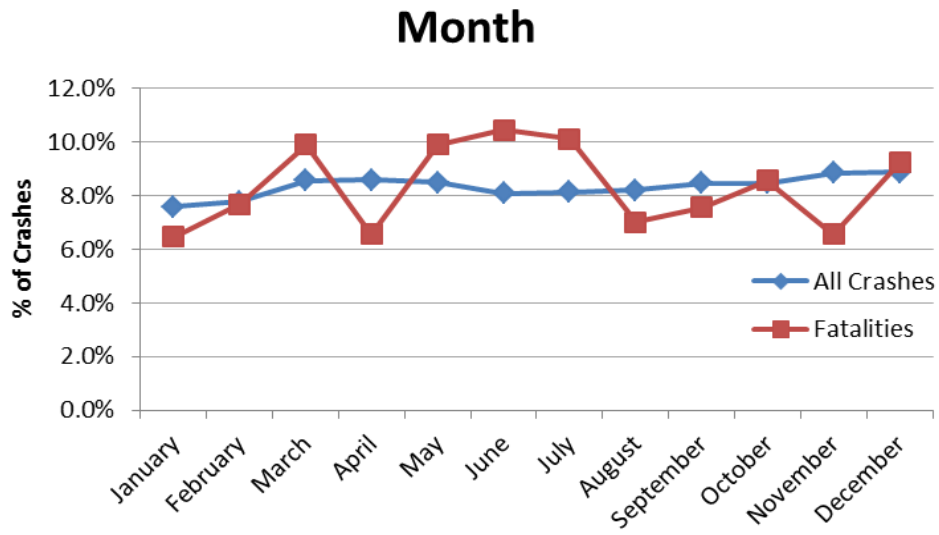
DAY	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Sunday	12,094	9.5%	122	13.6%
Monday	18,354	14.4%	102	11.3%
Tuesday	19,400	15.2%	107	11.9%
Wednesday	19,083	14.9%	117	13.0%
Thursday	19,639	15.4%	91	10.1%
Friday	22,767	17.8%	161	17.9%
Saturday	16,346	12.8%	199	22.1%
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100.0%**	**899**	**100.0%**

The most crash-prone day of the week is Friday.

The most crash-prone period of the day is 3PM-6PM.

TIME OF DAY

HOUR	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Midnight	1,674	1.3%	40	4.4%
1 AM	1,431	1.1%	20	2.2%
2 AM	1,371	1.1%	31	3.4%
3 AM	1,168	0.9%	21	2.3%
4 AM	1,181	0.9%	28	3.1%
5 AM	1,887	1.5%	28	3.1%
6 AM	2,857	2.2%	46	5.1%
7 AM	7,731	6.1%	29	3.2%
8 AM	5,478	4.3%	38	4.2%
9 AM	4,949	3.9%	26	2.9%
10 AM	5,655	4.4%	25	2.8%
11 AM	7,256	5.7%	35	3.9%
Noon	8,533	6.7%	42	4.7%
1 PM	8,425	6.6%	33	3.7%
2 PM	9,161	7.2%	40	4.4%
3 PM	11,650	9.1%	33	3.7%
4 PM	10,720	8.4%	57	6.3%
5 PM	11,331	8.9%	66	7.3%
6 PM	7,428	5.8%	58	6.5%
7 PM	4,994	3.9%	50	5.6%
8 PM	4,327	3.4%	35	3.9%
9 PM	3,445	2.7%	40	4.4%
10 PM	2,757	2.2%	41	4.6%
11 PM	2,179	1.7%	36	4.0%
Unknown	95	0.1%	1	0.1%
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100.0%**	**899**	**100.0%**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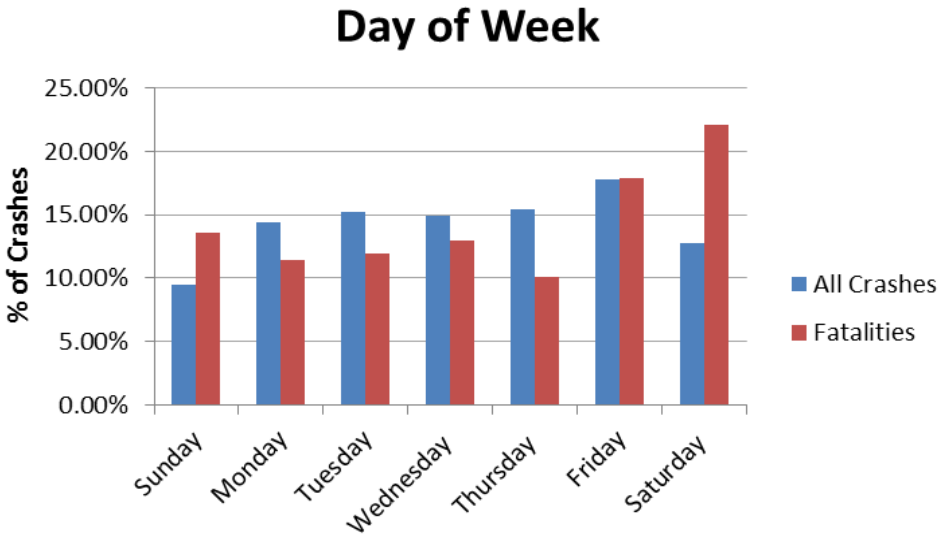
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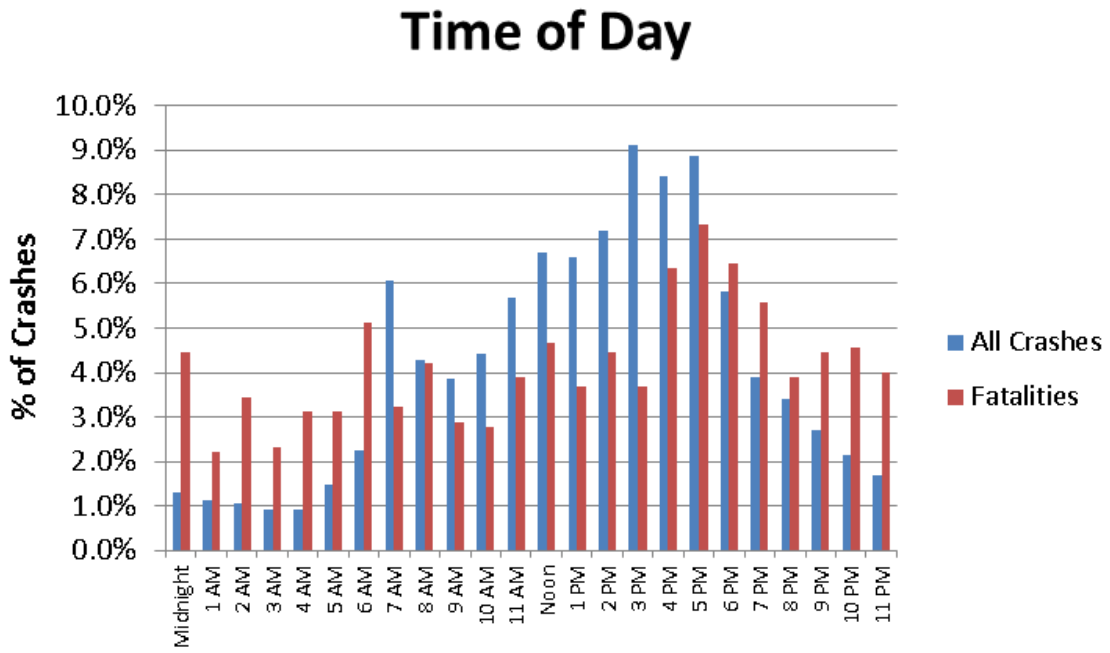
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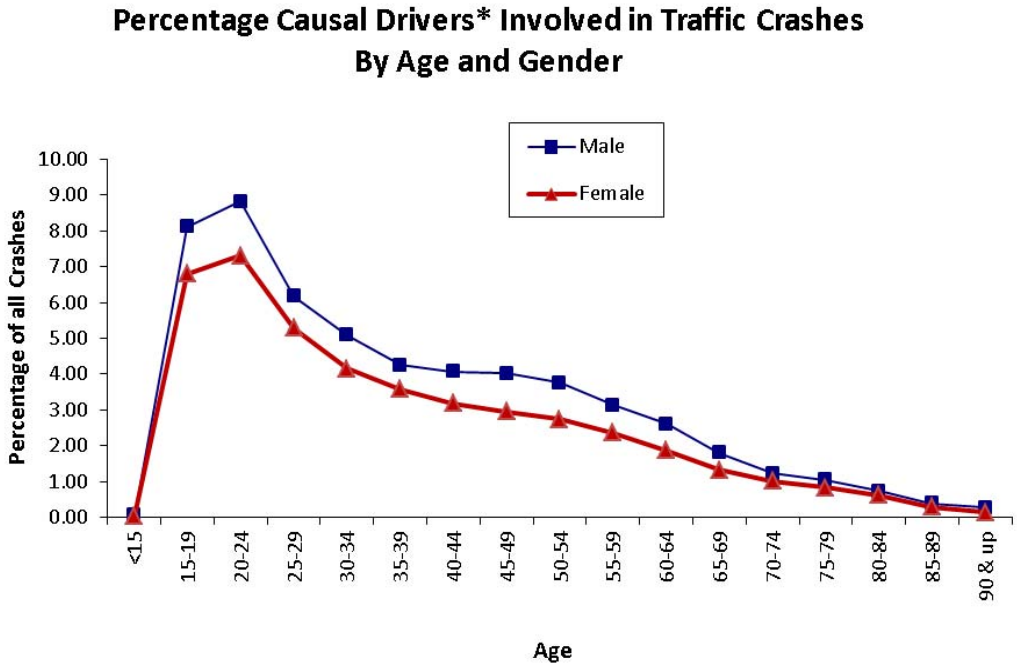
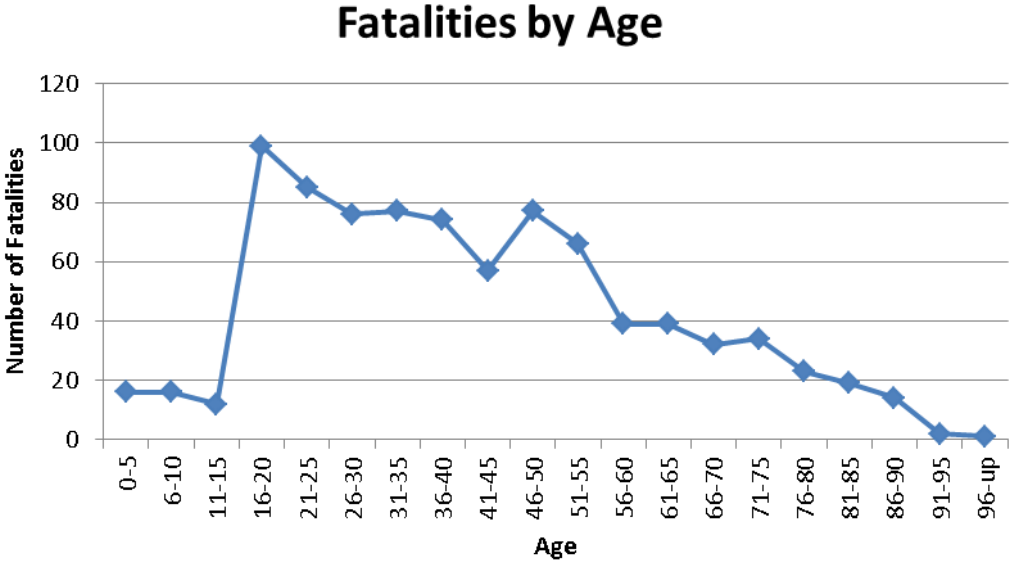
Involvement by Age and Gender



*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.



AGES OF FATALITIES

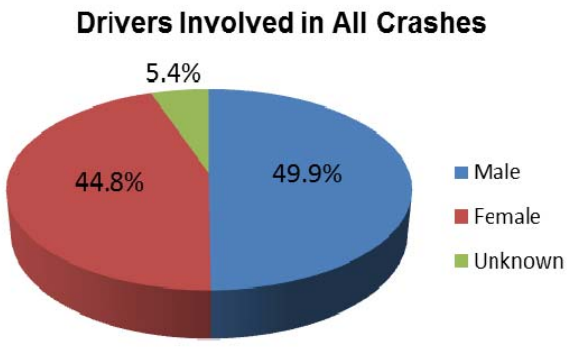
Age (Years)	Persons Killed
0-5	16
6-10	16
11-15	12
16-20	99
21-25	85
26-30	76
31-35	77
36-40	74
41-45	57
46-50	77
51-55	66
56-60	39
61-65	39
66-70	32
71-75	34
76-80	23
81-85	19
86-90	14
91-95	2
96-up	1
Unknown	41
TOTAL	**899**

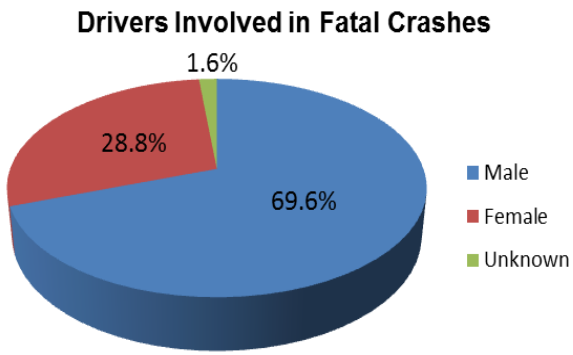
DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY AGE

AGE	LICENSED DRIVERS	NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES	NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES
<=14	162	148	2
15-19	247,048	25,245	101
20-24	328,399	31,179	134
25-29	329,466	24,018	124
30-34	309,167	20,962	121
35-39	307,767	19,049	112
40-44	316,830	18,011	108
45-49	341,911	17,640	125
50-54	345,004	16,412	107
55-59	314,680	14,137	77
60-64	282,713	11,263	59
65-69	213,221	7,650	44
70-74	164,871	5,236	29
>74	304,512	10,523	74
Unknown	0	5,872	16
TOTAL	**3,805,751**	**227,345**	**1,233**

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	115,985	858
Female	1,948,013	104,112	355
Unknown	0	7,248	20
TOTAL	**3,805,751**	**227,345**	**1,233**





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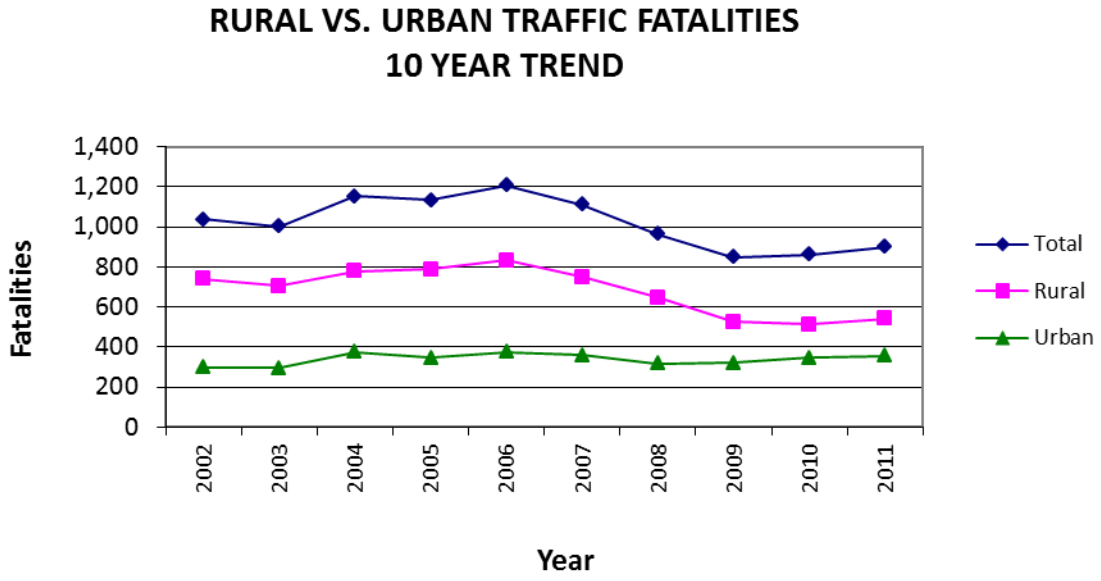


The number of RURAL fatalities increased 5.45% from 2010 to 2011.

The number of URBAN fatalities increased 2.59% from 2010 to 2011.

10 YEAR EXPERIENCE

	FATALITIES		
YEAR	STATE TOTAL	RURAL	URBAN
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
2011	899	542	357

The number of RURAL fatalities decreased 26% from 2002 to 2011.

The number of URBAN fatalities increased 19% from 2002 to 2011.

RURAL LOCALE

LOCALE TYPE	CRASHES	
Open Country	26,104	82.3%
Residential	3,250	10.2%
Business	2,023	6.4%
Industrial	136	0.4%
School/Playground	128	0.4%
Other	27	0.1%
Unknown	56	0.2%
TOTAL	**31,724**	**100.0%**

URBAN LOCALE

LOCALE TYPE	CRASHES	
Business	56,396	58.8%
Residential	23,213	24.2%
Open Country	10,498	10.9%
School/Playground	2,331	2.4%
Industrial	1,970	2.1%
Other	739	0.8%
Unknown	812	0.8%
TOTAL	**95,959**	**100.0%**

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

CRASH LOCATION

LOCATION	CRASHES	
On Roadway	96,284	75.4%
Off Roadway	19,329	15.1%
Median	1,424	1.1%
Driveway	17	0.0%
Private Property	40	0.0%
Intersection	7,112	5.6%
Other	3,477	2.7%
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100.0%**

CAUSAL DRIVER'S RESIDENCE

Residence Within 25 Miles	
Yes	71.6%
No	18.8%
Unknown	9.6%

Crash Environment

TRAFFIC CONTROL

CONTROL TYPE	CRASHES	
None	59,093	46.3%
Traffic Signal	27,973	21.9%
No Passing Zone	11,057	8.7%
Stop Sign	10,975	8.6%
Yield Sign	3,536	2.8%
Railroad Device	182	0.1%
Other	4,648	3.6%
Not Stated	10,219	8.0%

NUMBER OF LANES

LANES	CRASHES	
Two	59,194	46.4%
Four	38,588	30.2%
Six or more	11,980	9.4%
Three	5,332	4.2%
Five	3,707	2.9%
One	2,567	2.0%
Not Stated	6,236	4.9%

LIGHT CONDITION

CONDITION	CRASHES	
Day	92,068	72.1%
Dark	15,945	12.5%
Streetlights	13,216	10.4%
Dusk	3,495	2.7%
Dawn	1,345	1.1%
Not Stated	1,614	1.3%

ROAD CURVATURE AND GRADE

CURVE/GRADE	CRASHES	
Level	82,337	64.5%
Downgrade	12,754	10.0%
Upgrade	9,829	7.7%
Curve on Hill	8,395	6.6%
Level Curve	7,206	5.6%
Hillcrest or Sag	1,081	0.8%
Other/Unknown	6,081	4.8%

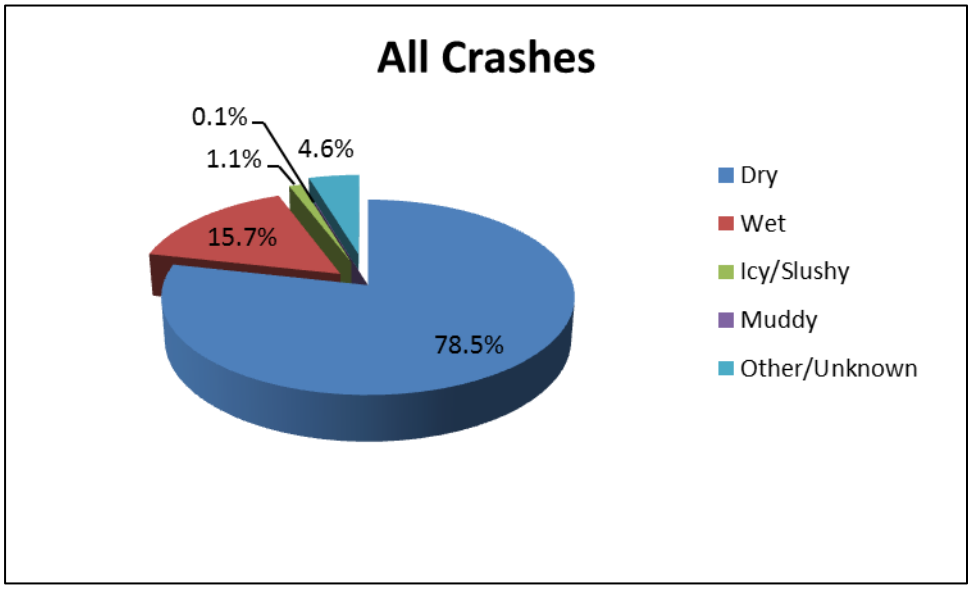
WEATHER

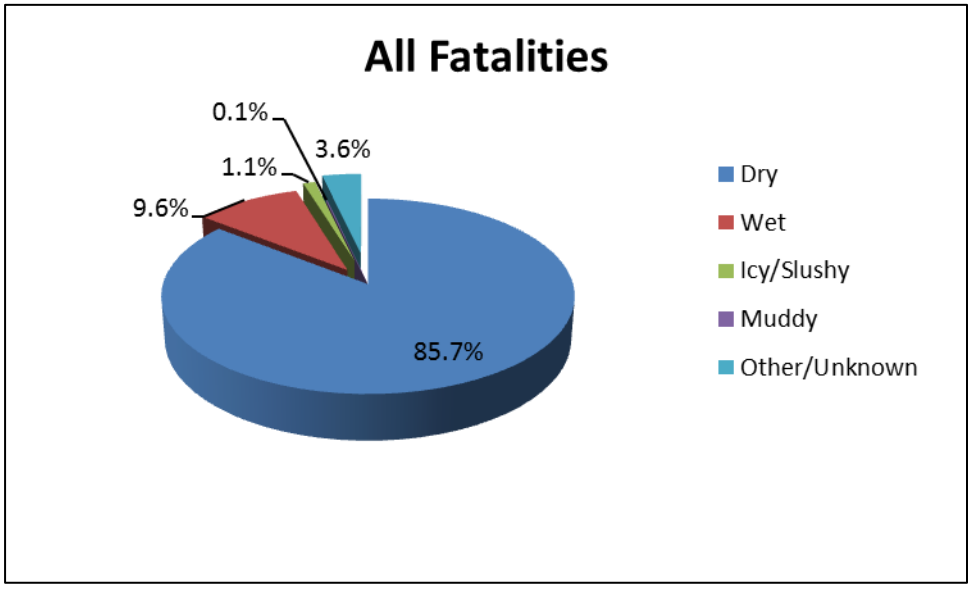
WEATHER	CRASHES	
Clear	86,020	67.4%
Cloudy	23,782	18.6%
Rain	15,783	12.4%
Snow/Sleet	971	0.8%
Fog	682	0.5%
Other	445	0.3%

ROAD CONDITION

CONDITION	CRASHES	
Dry	100,259	78.5%
Wet	20,016	15.7%
Icy/Slushy	1,415	1.1%
Muddy	94	0.1%
Other/Unknown	5,899	4.6%

Roadway Surface Condition

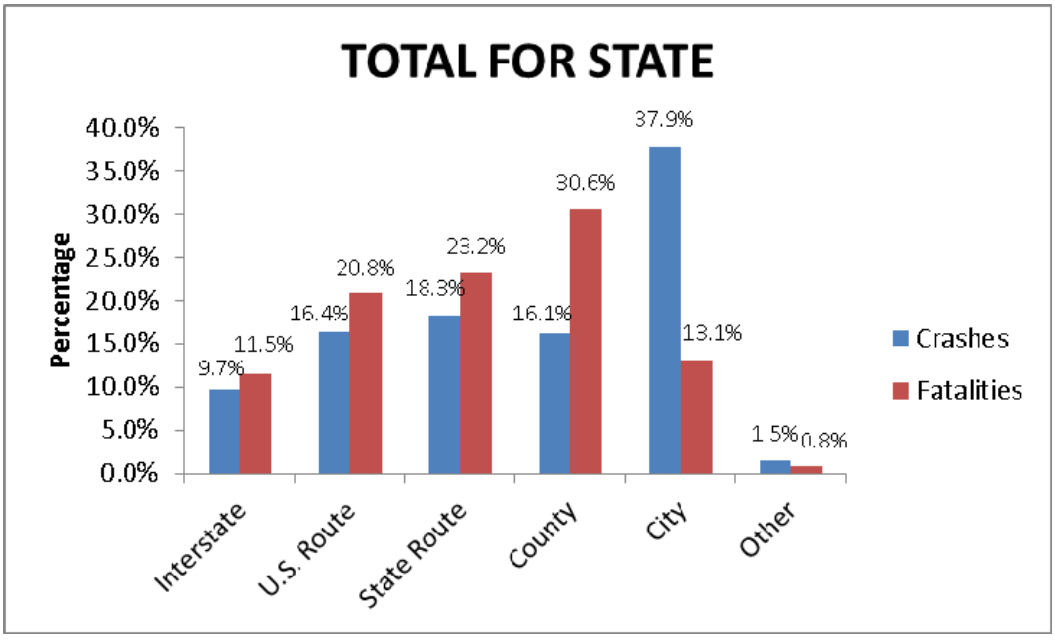




Type of Roadway

TOTAL FOR STATE

ROAD TYPE	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Interstate	12,433	9.7%	103	11.5%
U.S. Route	20,940	16.4%	187	20.8%
State Route	23,363	18.3%	209	23.2%
County	20,610	16.1%	275	30.6%
City	48,396	37.9%	118	13.1%
Other	1,941	1.5%	7	0.8%
TOTAL	**127,683**	**100.0%**	**899**	**100.0%**



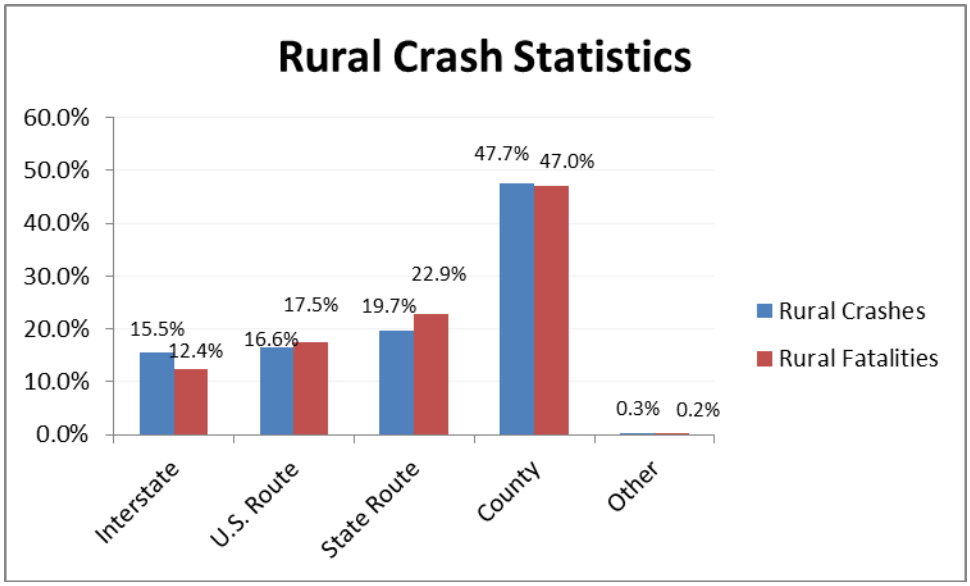
RURAL AREAS

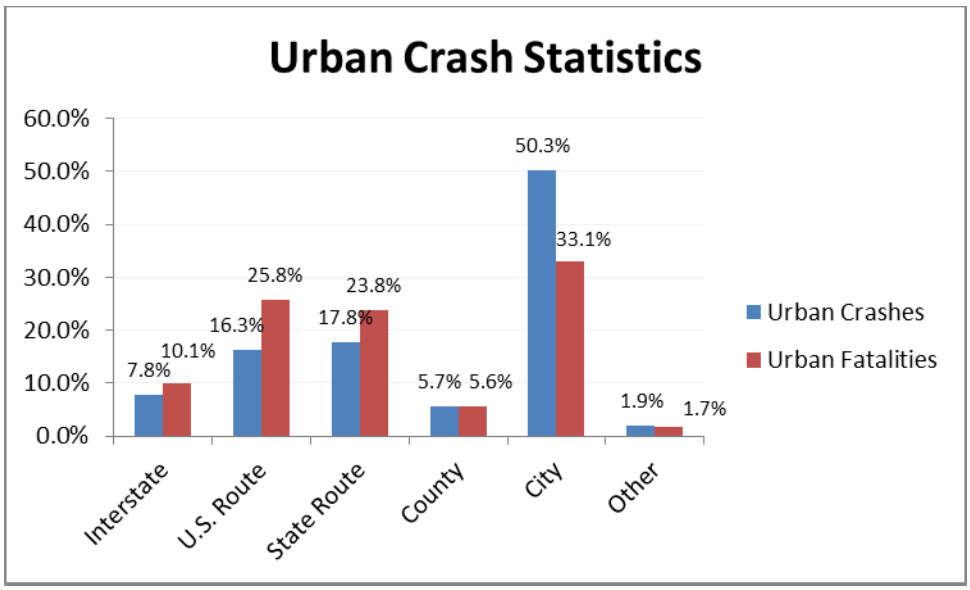
ROAD TYPE	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Interstate	4,907	15.5%	67	12.4%
U.S. Route	5,260	16.6%	95	17.5%
State Route	6,256	19.7%	124	22.9%
County	15,131	47.7%	255	47.0%
City	115	0.4%	0	0.0%
Other	81	0.3%	1	0.2%
TOTAL	**31,750**	**100.0%**	**542**	**12.4%**

URBAN AREAS

ROAD TYPE	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Interstate	7,526	7.8%	36	10.1%
U.S. Route	15,680	16.3%	92	25.8%
State Route	17,107	17.8%	85	23.8%
County	5,479	5.7%	20	5.6%
City	48,281	50.3%	118	33.1%
Other	1,860	1.9%	6	1.7%
TOTAL	**95,933**	**100.0%**	**357**	**100.0%**

Type of Roadway
Rural and Urban Statistics





Intersection Related Crashes by County in 2011

Total Intersection Related Crashes – 26,216

Non-Intersection Related Crashes by County in 2011

Total Non-Intersection Related Crashes – 101,467

The Driver

DRIVER CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCE	ALL CRASHES	FATAL CRASHES
Driver Under the Influence	6,859	220
Speeding	9,114	220
Failed to Yield Right of Way	19,311	97
Ran off Road	2,736	54
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	4,944	35
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	9,624	25
Wrong Side of Road	780	24
Fatigued/Asleep	1,798	20
Improper Lane Change/Use	5,313	11
Driver Not in Control	1,941	9
Swerved to Avoid Vehicle, Object	4,822	8
Misjudged Stopping Distance	12,229	3
Tailgating	17,472	2
All Other	30,710	86
TOTAL	**127,683**	**814**

There may be multiple contributing circumstances in each crash.
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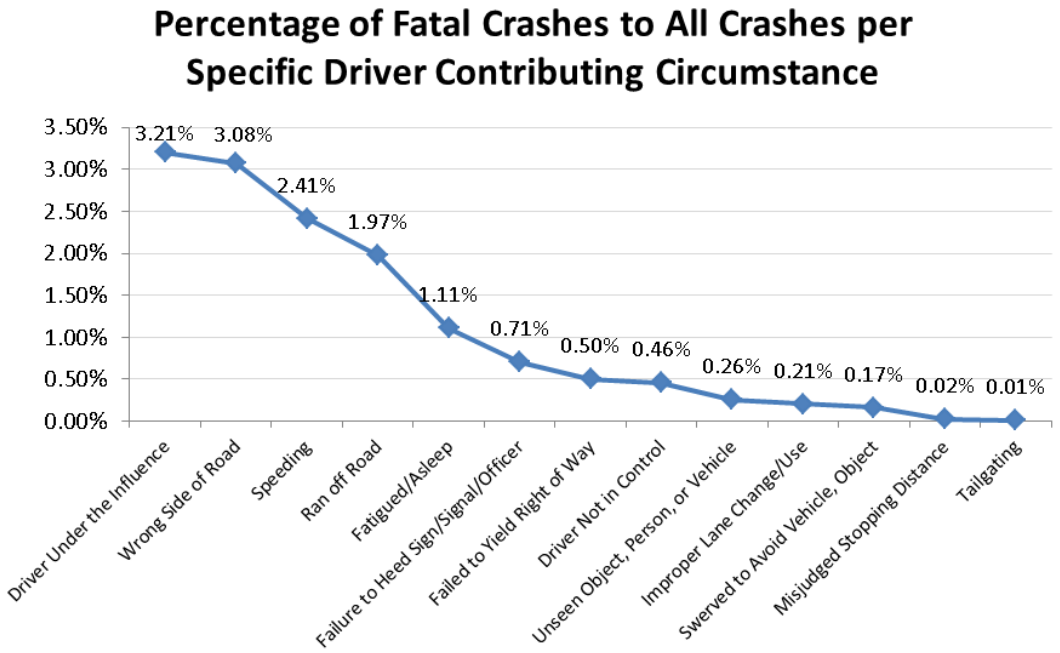

Motorcycle Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES	NUMBER OF CRASHES THAT INVOLVED MOTORCYCLES
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
2011	98	1,438	1,925

NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE-DRIVER CAUSED CRASHES BY AGE

(includes motor scooters and mopeds)

AGE	FATALITIES	INJURIES	NUMBER OF CRASHES
0-14	1	6	9
15-19	1	70	83
20-24	5	141	178
25-29	7	111	148
30-34	12	105	130
35-39	6	114	135
40-44	6	107	115
45-49	10	118	141
50-54	7	118	140
55-59	4	198	96
60-64	4	74	76
65-69	1	27	33
70-74	1	8	9
75-over	0	5	6
Unknown	0	1	8
Total	65	1,203	1,307

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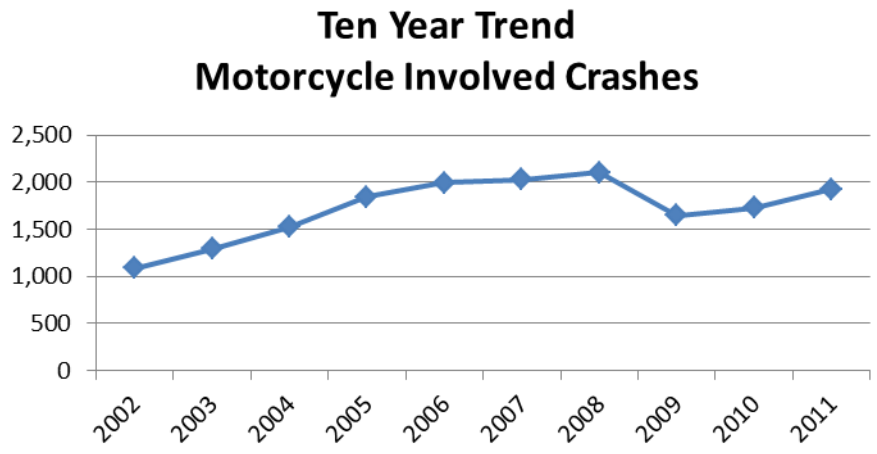


Bicycle Crash Statistics

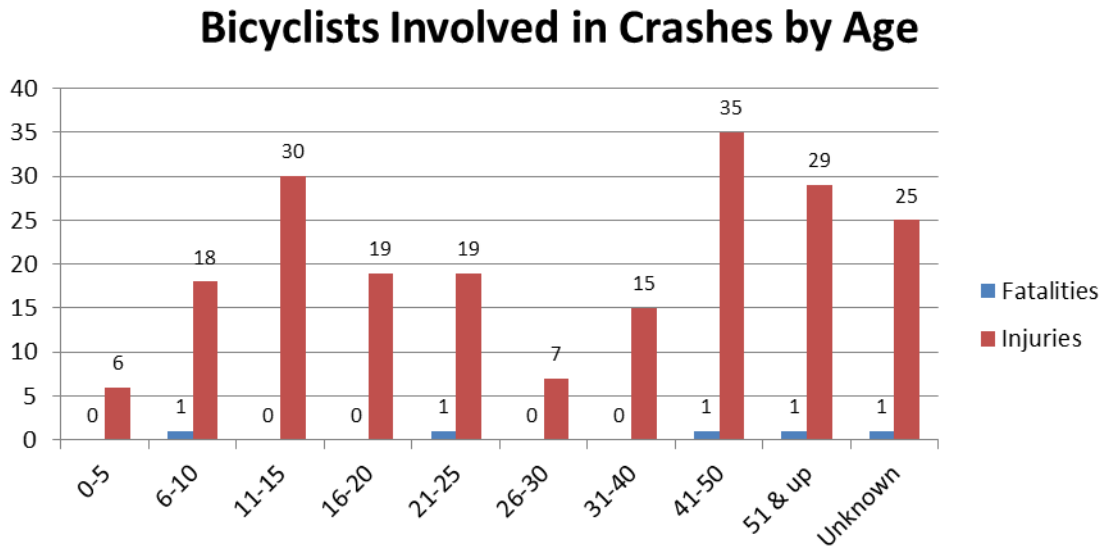
TEN YEAR TREND

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES
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
2011	5	203

BICYCLISTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE (2011)

AGE	FATALITIES	INJURIES
0-5	0	6
6-10	1	18
11-15	0	30
16-20	0	19
21-25	1	19
26-30	0	7
31-40	0	15
41-50	1	35
51 & up	1	29
Unknown	1	25
Total	5	203

In 2011, children aged 15 and under accounted for 27% of bicycle crash injuries



Pedestrian Crash Statistics

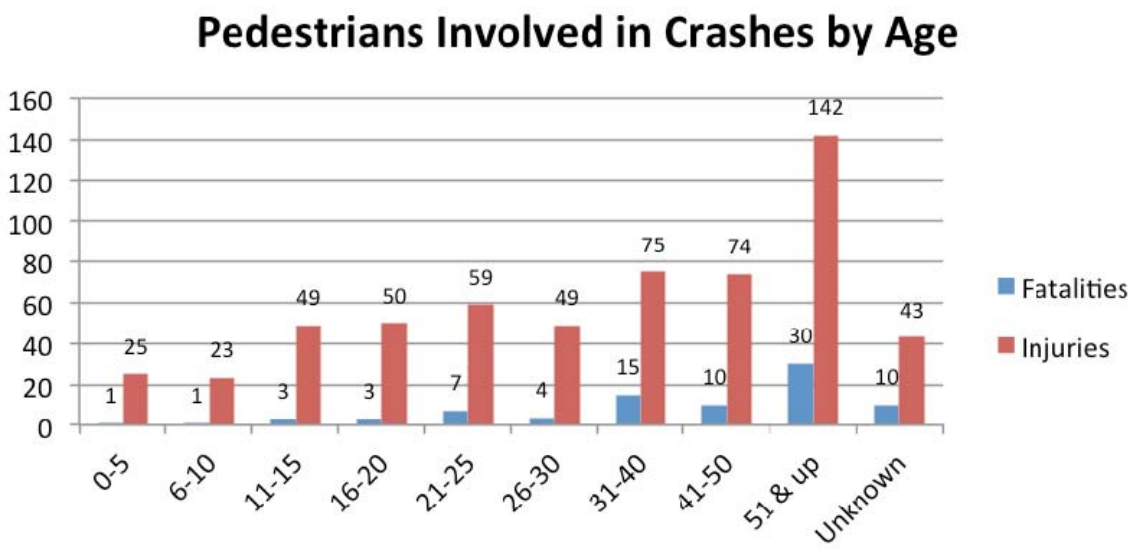
TEN YEAR TREND

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES
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
2011	84	589

PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE

AGE	FATALITIES	INJURIES
0-5	1	25
6-10	1	23
11-15	3	49
16-20	3	50
21-25	7	59
26-30	4	49
31-40	15	75
41-50	10	74
51 & up	30	142
Unknown	10	43
TOTAL	**84**	**589**

From 2010 to 2011, the number of pedestrian fatalities increased 27%. However, the number of pedestrian injuries increased only 1.9%.



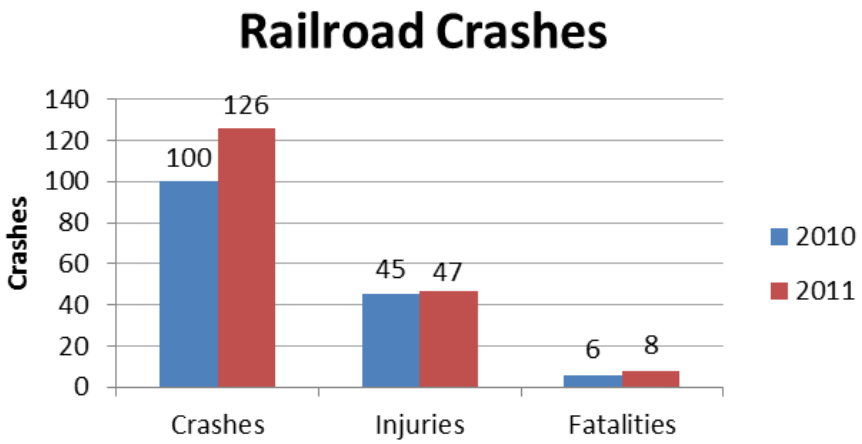
Railroad Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES
2002	11	39
2003	6	46
2004	10	36
2005	11	35
2006	10	31
2007	14	25
2008	5	36
2009	2	14
2010	6	45
2011	8	47

RAILROAD CRASHES

CRASH SEVERITY	CRASHES
Property Damage	77
Injury	36
Fatal	6
Unknown	7
TOTAL	**126**



The number of railroad crashes, injuries, and fatalities increased in 2011.

Driver behavior issues include ignoring flashing lights or other active warning devices, passing through barrier gates, and driving around already lowered gates.

Work Zone Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

YEAR	FATAL CRASHES	INJURY CRASHES
2002	24	629
2003	33	708
2004	24	725
2005	40	654
2006	29	518
2007	31	478
2008	16	472
2009	9	518
2010	19	621
2011	19	585

WORK ZONE CRASHES

CRASH SEVERITY	CRASHES
Property Damage	2,527
Injury	585
Fatal	19
Unknown	36
TOTAL	**3,167**

Drivers need to be particularly alert when traveling through highway work zones. When a road is not in its usual condition due to construction, it is a good idea to slow down. Fines for speeding double in work zones when construction workers are present. Work zone crashes are dangerous to both highway workers and motorists. Most work zone crashes are rear-end collisions, resulting from speeding or inattentive driving.

Alabama promotes Work Zone Awareness in April of each year.

Alabama's theme for Work Zone Awareness in 2011 was:

"Safer Driving. Safer Work Zones. For Everyone."

Truck Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND FOR ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

YEAR	FATALITIES	INJURIES	TRUCKS INVOLVED IN CRASHES
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
2011	92	1,715	6,927

TOTAL FOR ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT

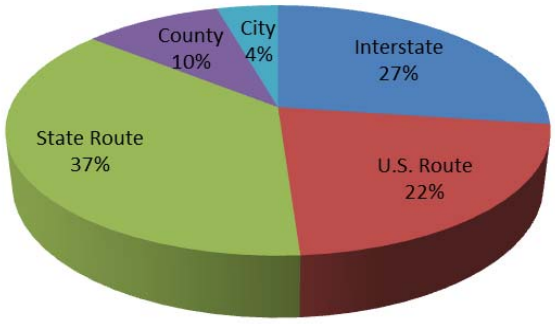
ROAD TYPE	CRASHES		FATALITIES	
Interstate	1,710	24.7%	25	27.2%
U.S. Route	1,352	19.5%	20	21.7%
State Route	1,376	19.9%	34	37.0%
County	730	10.5%	9	9.8%
City	1,689	24.4%	4	4.3%
Other	70	1.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	**6,927**	**100.0%**	**92**	**100.0%**

PRIMARY CAUSE OF ALL CRASHES WITH TRUCK INVOLVEMENT*

PRIMARY CAUSE	CRASHES	
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1055	15.2%
Tailgating	944	13.6%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	689	9.9%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	498	7.2%
Improper Lane Change or Use	328	4.7%
Avoiding Animal, Object, or Person	266	3.8%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal	264	3.8%
Driving too Fast for Conditions	251	3.6%
Driving Under the Influence	214	3.1%
Improper Backing	189	2.7%
Over the Speed Limit	143	2.1%
Improper Turn	137	2.0%
Ran Off Road	136	2.0%
Defective Equipment	114	1.6%
Driver Not in Control	111	1.6%
Fatigued/Asleep	105	1.5%
Improper Passing	63	0.9%
Crossed median/centerline	57	0.8%
Unknown	254	3.7%
All Other	1109	16.0%
TOTAL	**6927**	**100.0%**

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

Truck Involved Fatalities by Road Type



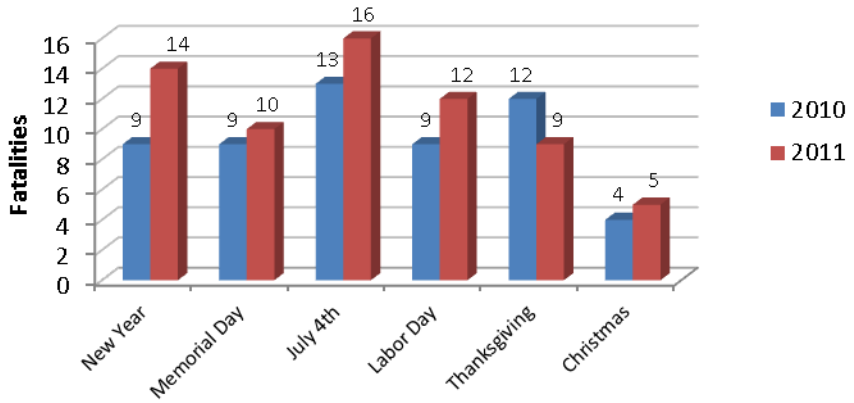
Truck is defined as anything heavier than a light truck or SUV, including: delivery truck, 18 wheeler, tow truck, dually, or work truck. *Truck does not include a bus of any type.*

Comparative Holiday Statistics

2010 vs 2011

HOLIDAY	YEAR	FATALITIES	PERIOD
New Year	2010	9	6 pm, Thu., December 31, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., January 3, 2010 (78 hrs)
	2011	14	6 pm, Thu., December 30, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Sun., January 2, 2011 (78 hrs)
Memorial Day	2010	9	6 pm, Fri., May 28, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 31, 2010 (78 hrs)
	2011	10	6 pm, Fri., May 27, 2011 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 30, 2011 (78 hrs)
July 4th	2010	13	6 pm, Fri., July 2, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 5, 2010 (78 hrs)
	2011	16	6 pm, Fri., July 1, 2011 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 4, 2011 (78 hrs)
Labor Day	2010	9	6 pm, Fri., September 3, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 6, 2010 (78 hrs)
	2011	12	6 pm, Fri., September 2, 2011 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 5, 2011 (78 hrs)
Thanksgiving	2010	12	6 pm, Wed., November 24, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 28, 2010 (102 hrs)
	2011	9	6 pm, Wed., November 23, 2011 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 27, 2011 (102 hrs)
Christmas	2010	4	6 pm, Fri., December 24, 2010 until 11:59 pm, Sun., December 26, 2010 (54 hrs)
	2011	5	6 pm, Fri., December 23, 2011 until 11:59 pm, Mon., December 26, 2011 (78 hrs)

Holiday Fatalities

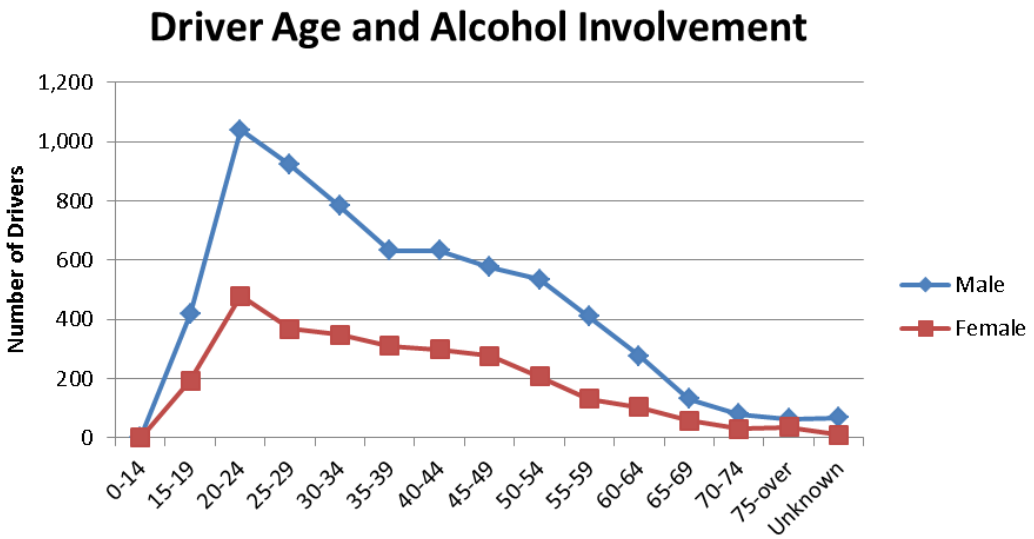


Alcohol and Drug Involvement

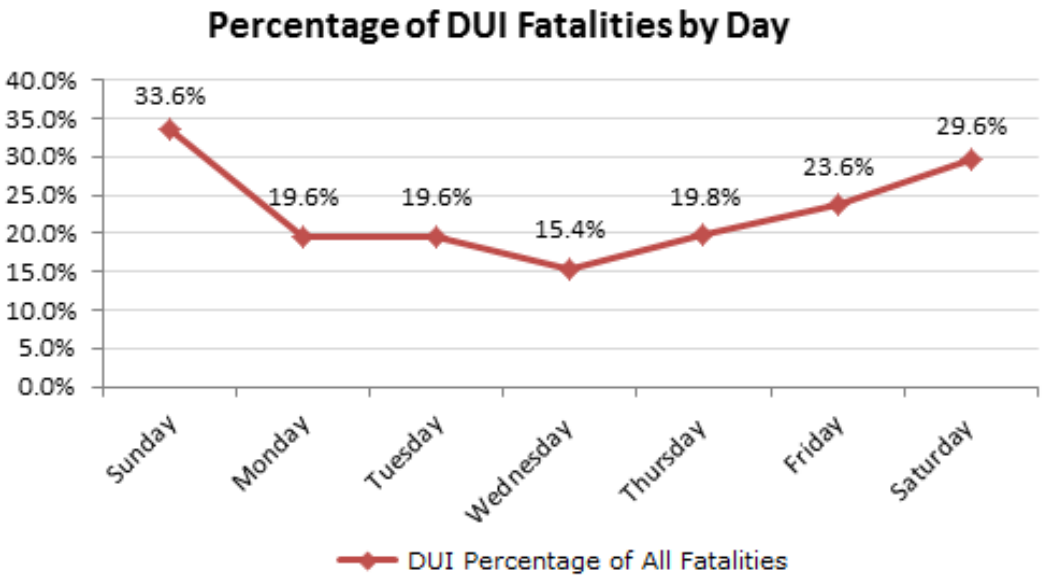
NUMBER OF DRIVERS INFLUENCED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN CRASHES

AGE	ALL DRIVERS*	MALE	FEMALE	UNKNOWN
0-14	3	3	0	0
15-19	612	418	193	1
20-24	1,517	1,038	478	1
25-29	1,292	921	368	3
30-34	1,131	782	348	1
35-39	941	632	309	0
40-44	929	632	297	0
45-49	856	577	276	3
50-54	740	534	206	0
55-59	540	409	131	0
60-64	379	276	103	0
65-69	189	132	57	0
70-74	109	79	30	0
75-over	99	64	35	0
Unknown	672	68	10	594
TOTAL	**10,009**	**6,565**	**2,841**	**603**

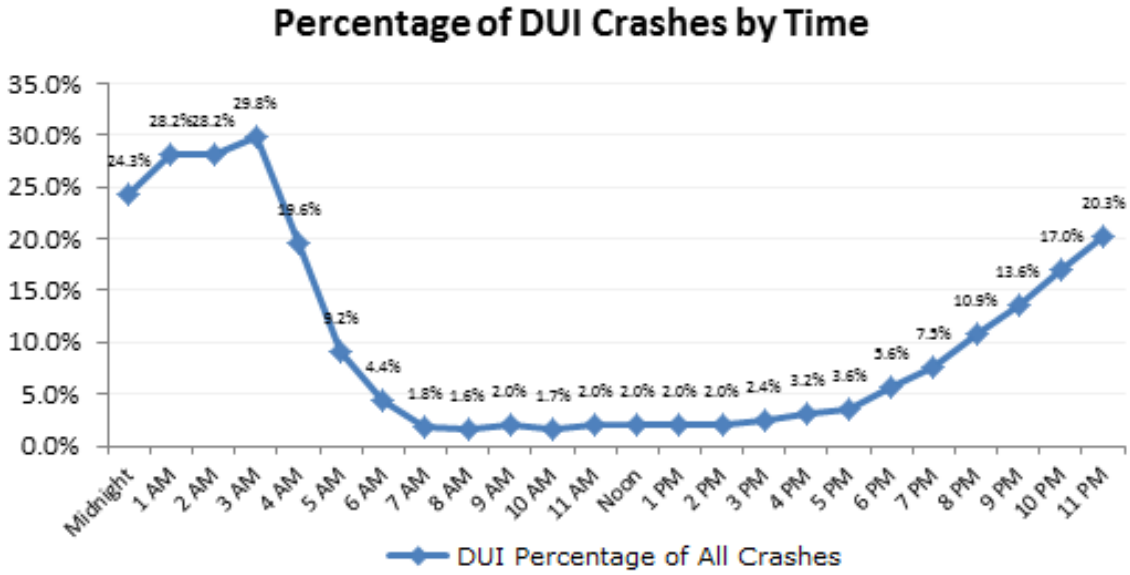
**Reported drivers who were DUI, not crashes.*



Time Trends for Alcohol and Drug Related Crashes



On average less than 1% of crashes end in a fatality. However, for DUI crashes, the probability is much greater. The proportion of fatality crashes involving DUI (3.137%) is almost five times that of crashes in general (0.638%), as reported in 2011.



Safety Restraint and Child Restraint Usage*

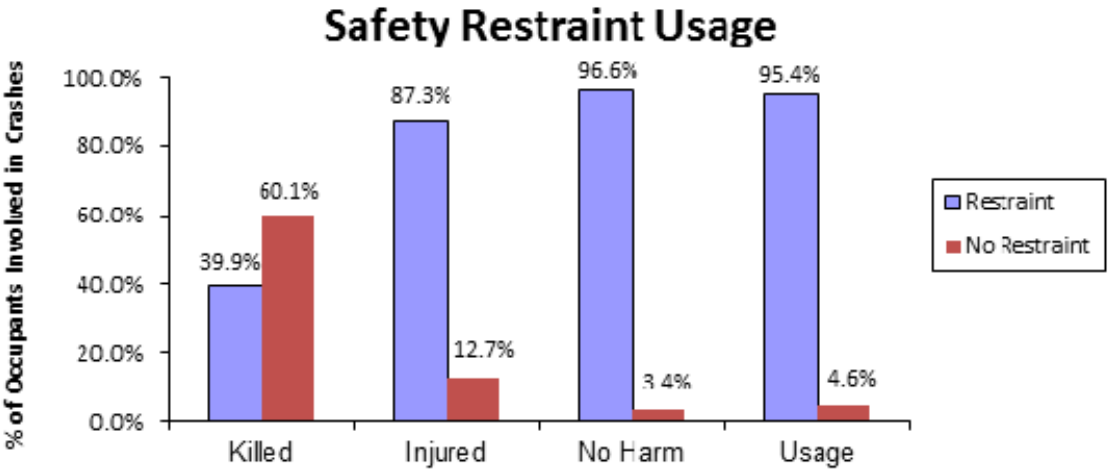
SAFETY RESTRAINT USAGE

RESTRAINT USED	SEVERITY	DRIVER		FRONT SEAT PASSENGER		BACK SEAT PASSENGER		TOTALS	
Wearing Lap and Shoulder Belts	Killed	189	0.09%	46	0.09%	14	0.07%	249	0.09%
	Injured	22,156	10.84%	5,689	11.72%	1,876	8.90%	29,721	10.85%
	No Harm	181,963	89.06%	42,809	88.19%	19,197	91.04%	243,969	89.06%
	Subtotal	204,308	100.00%	48,544	100.00%	21,087	100.00%	273,939	100.00%
Wearing Lap Belt Only	Killed	2	0.23%	2	0.34%	0	0.00%	4	0.11%
	Injured	82	9.39%	61	10.30%	190	9.20%	333	9.43%
	No Harm	789	90.38%	529	89.36%	1,876	90.80%	3,194	90.46%
	Subtotal	873	100.00%	592	100.00%	2,066	100.00%	3,531	100.00%
Wearing Shoulder Belt Only	Killed	2	0.34%	1	0.65%	0	0.00%	3	0.34%
	Injured	55	9.23%	25	16.13%	9	7.56%	89	10.23%
	No Harm	539	90.44%	129	83.23%	110	92.44%	778	89.43%
	Subtotal	596	100.00%	155	100.00%	119	100.00%	870	100.00%
None Used	Killed	277	5.20%	56	3.44%	35	1.94%	368	4.20%
	Injured	2,459	46.17%	840	51.60%	607	33.63%	3,906	44.59%
	No Harm	2,590	48.63%	732	44.96%	1,163	64.43%	4,485	51.20%
	Subtotal	5,326	100.00%	1,628	100.00%	1,805	100.00%	8,759	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	58	0.50%	6	0.36%	1	0.08%	65	0.45%
	Injured	1,259	10.91%	250	14.94%	169	13.17%	1,678	11.57%
	No Harm	10,225	88.59%	1,417	84.70%	1,113	86.75%	12,755	87.98%
	Subtotal	11,542	100.00%	1,673	100.00%	1,283	100.00%	14,498	100.00%

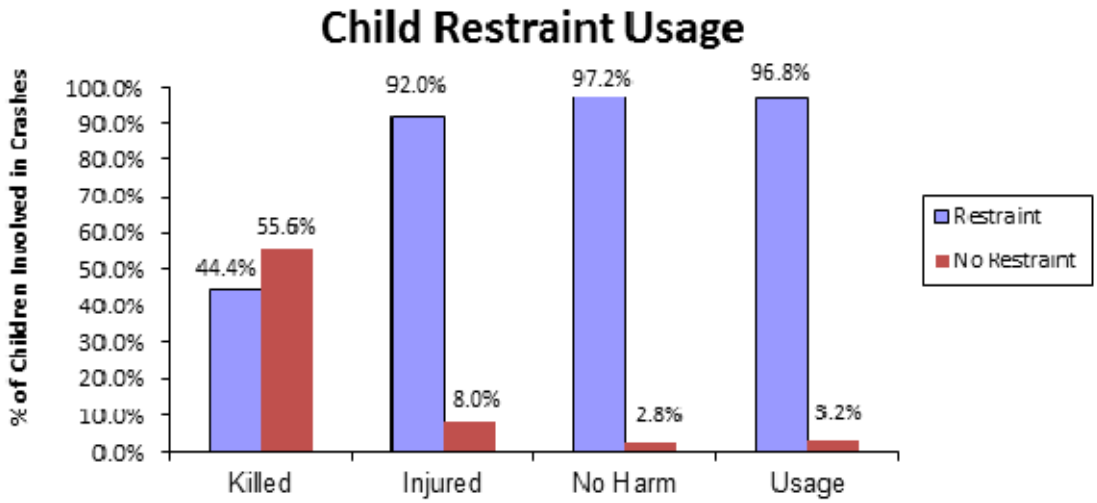
**Seatbelt use for non-fatally injured passengers may be over-estimated because reporting officers have no way to make a direct observation. Additionally, 65 fatalities had unknown restraint use.*

CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE

TYPE	SEVERITY	FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT		BACK SEAT OCCUPANT		TOTALS	
Child Restraint Used	Killed	0	0.00%	4	0.04%	4	0.04%
	Injured	49	11.56%	719	6.73%	768	6.91%
	No Harm	375	88.44%	9,968	93.24%	10,343	93.05%
	Subtotal	424	100.00%	10,691	100.00%	11,115	100.00%
Child Restraint Used Improperly	Killed	0	0.00%	5	1.47%	5	1.35%
	Injured	8	25.81%	57	16.76%	65	17.52%
	No Harm	23	74.19%	278	81.76%	301	81.13%
	Subtotal	31	100.00%	340	100.00%	371	100.00%
None Used	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	0	0.00%	2	40.00%	2	25.00%
	No Harm	3	100.00%	3	60.00%	6	75.00%
	Subtotal	3	100.00%	5	100.00%	8	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	0	0.00%	16	9.64%	16	9.41%
	No Harm	4	100.00%	150	90.36%	154	90.59%
	Subtotal	4	100.00%	166	100.00%	170	100.00%



According to the crash reports, overall only 4.6% of people involved in crashes were not using safety restraints; however over 60% of all fatalities were not restrained. In contrast, 96.6% of people involved in crashes but not harmed were wearing their seat belts.



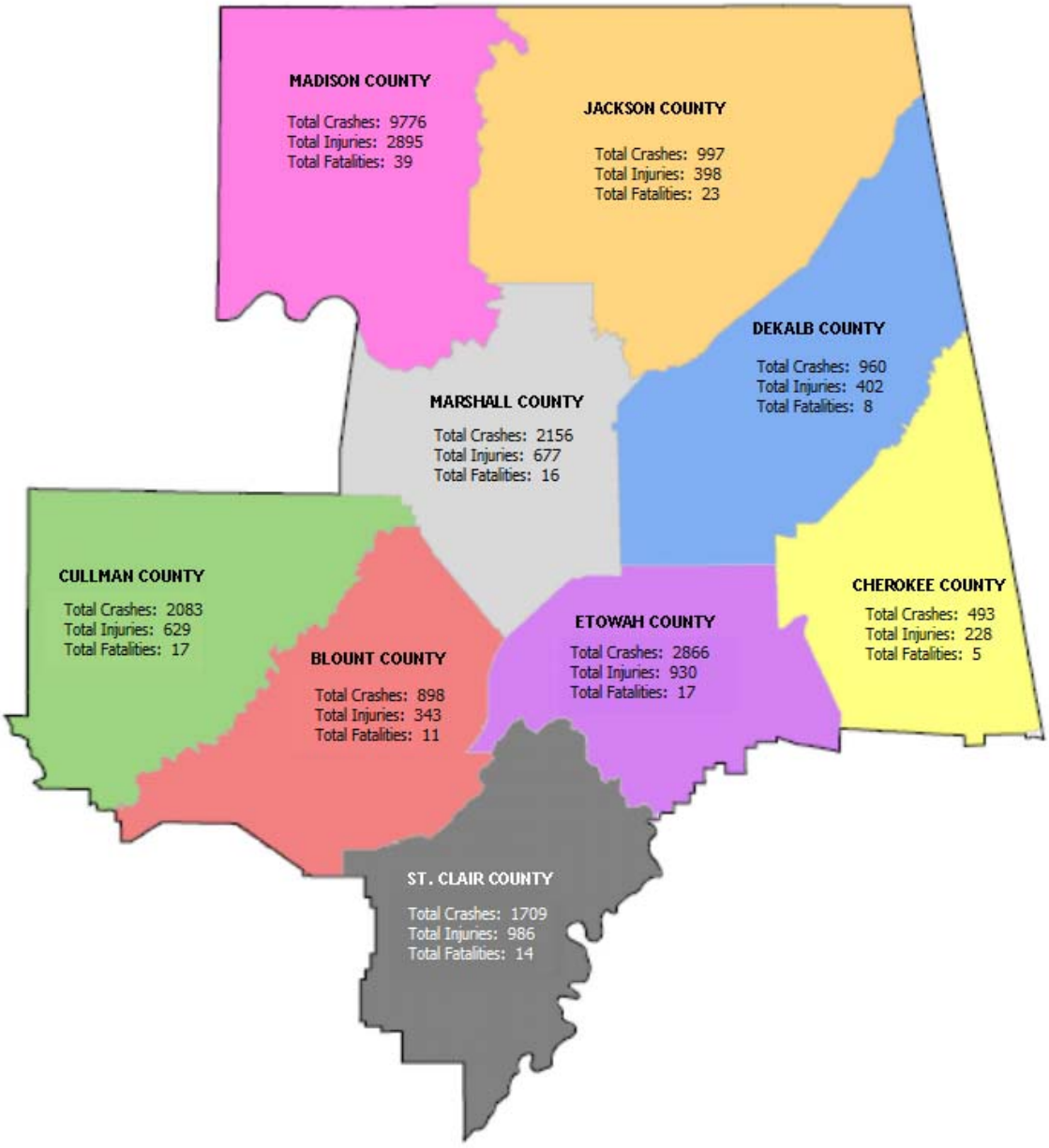
According to the crash reports, overall only 3.2% of children involved in crashes were not using a child restraint; however, over 55% of fatalities were not properly restrained. In contrast, 97.2% of children involved in crashes but not harmed in crashes were protected by child restraints.

Geographical Summary of Traffic Fatalities by County in 2011

Total Traffic Fatalities – 899 / Traffic Fatalities with Apparent Alcohol Involvement - 237

Traffic Crashes Reported by County for Each Alabama Department of Transportation Division

1st Division 2011 Crash Statistics



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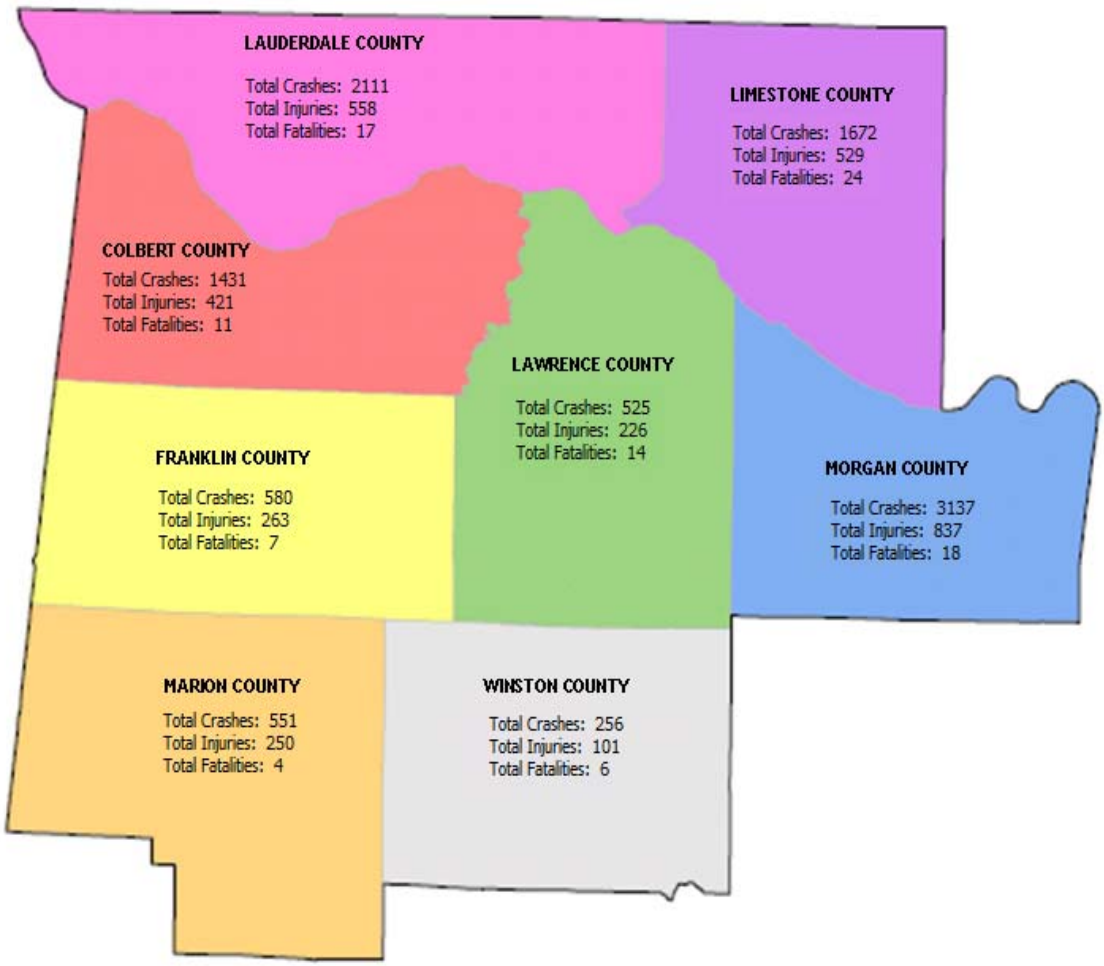
2nd Division 2011 Crash Statistics



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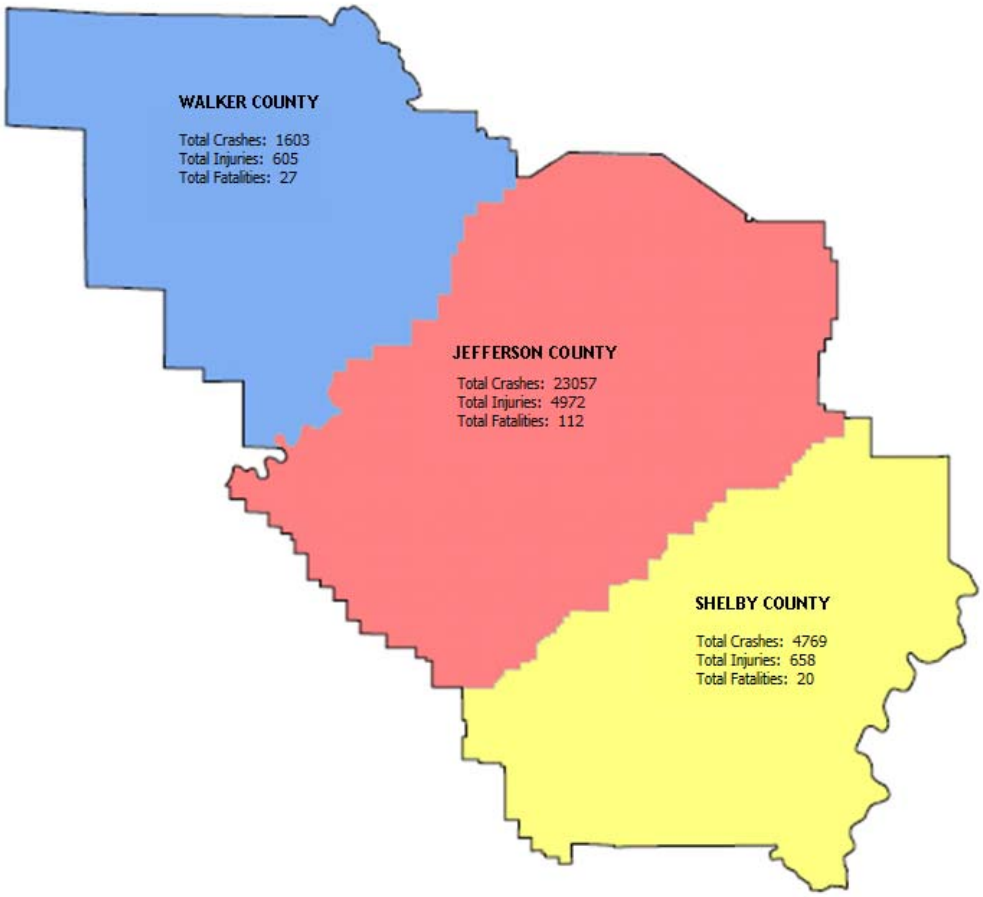

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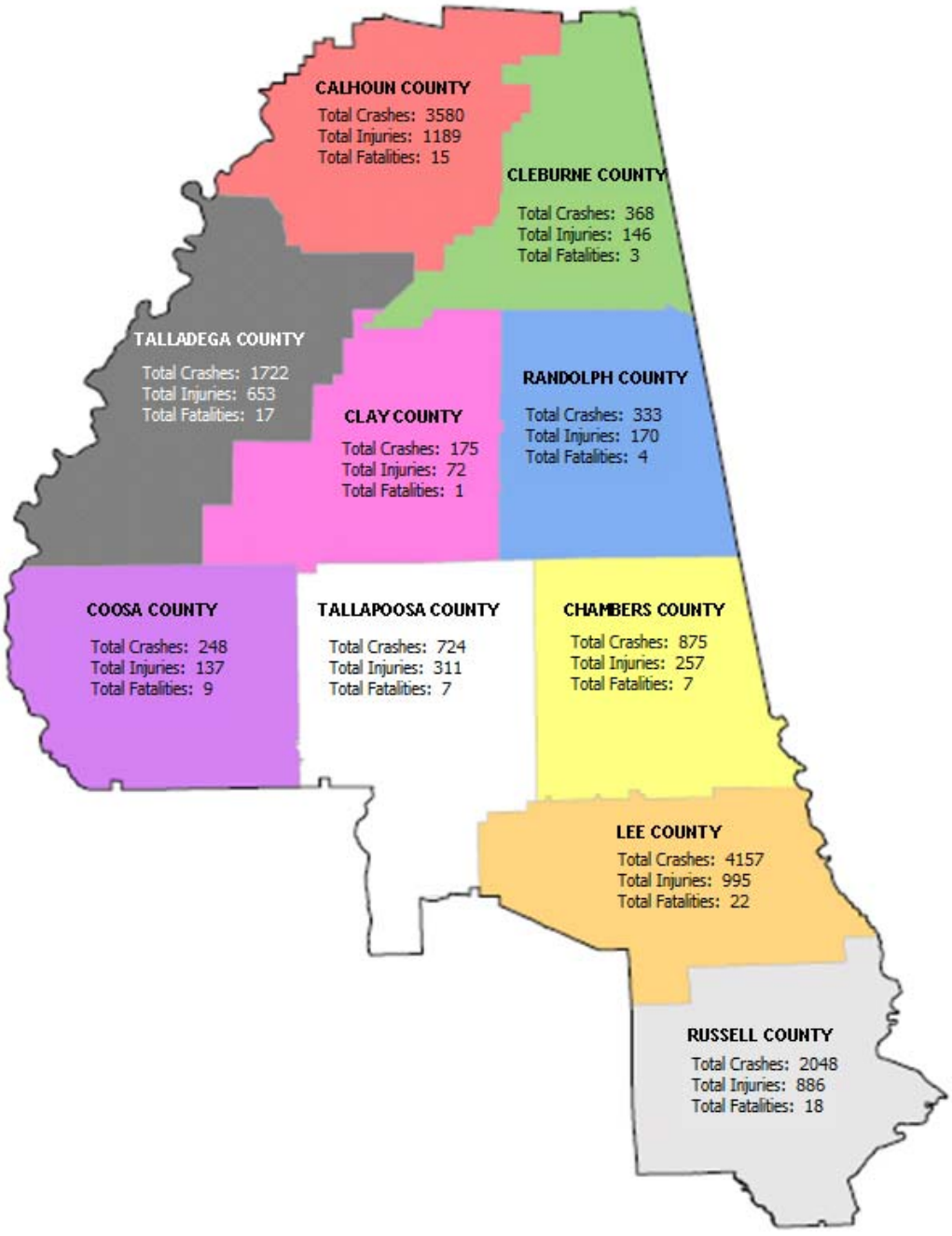

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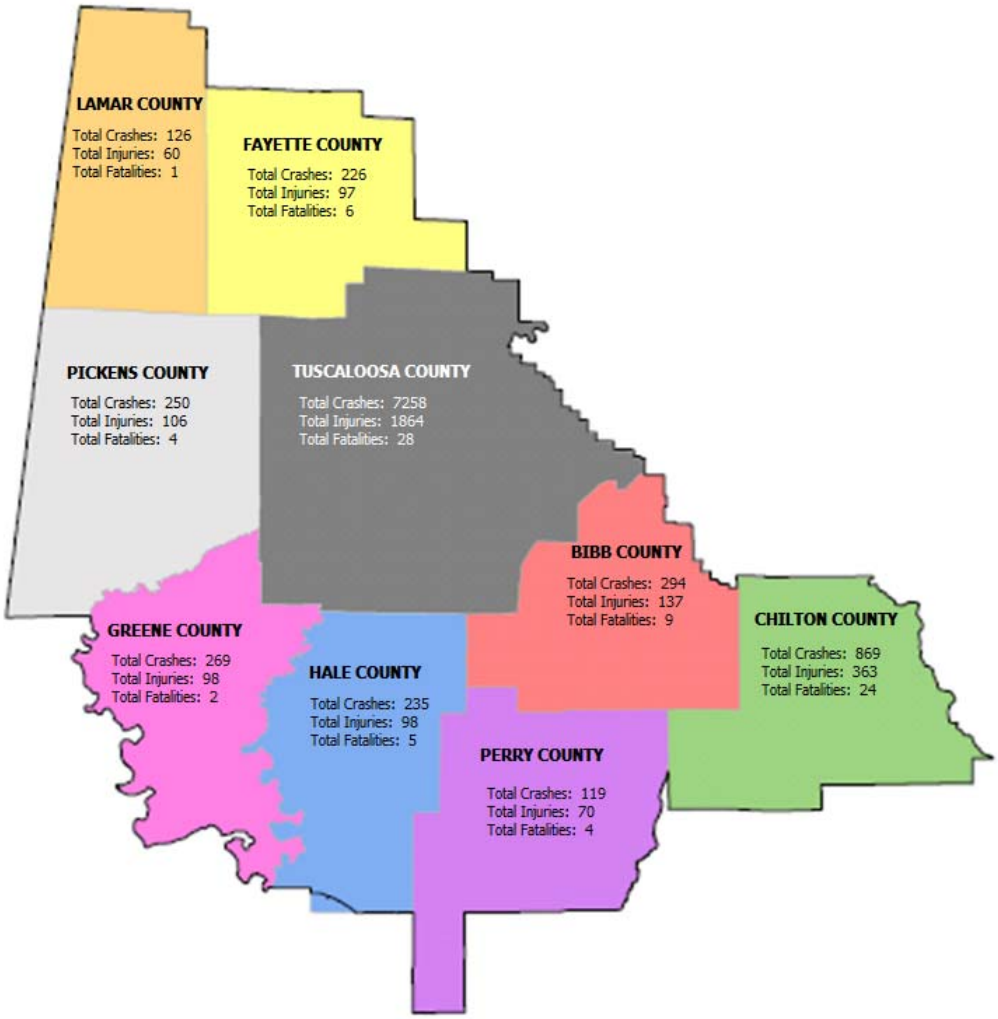

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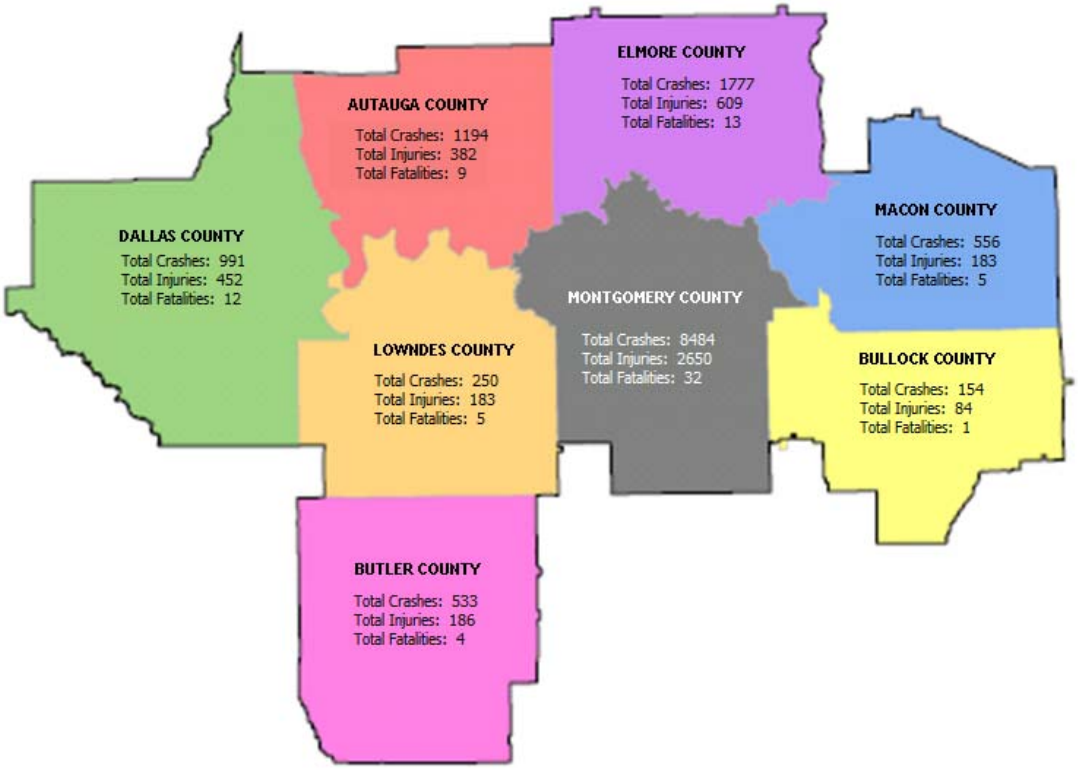

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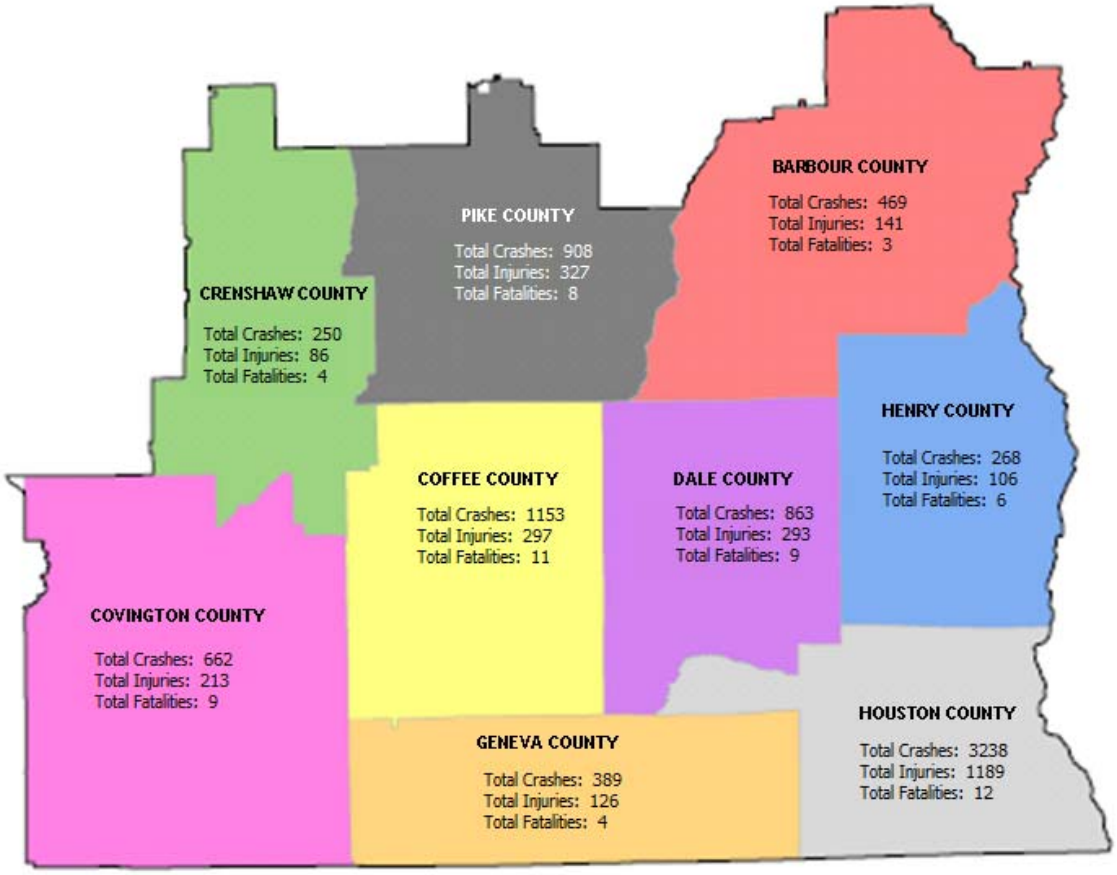

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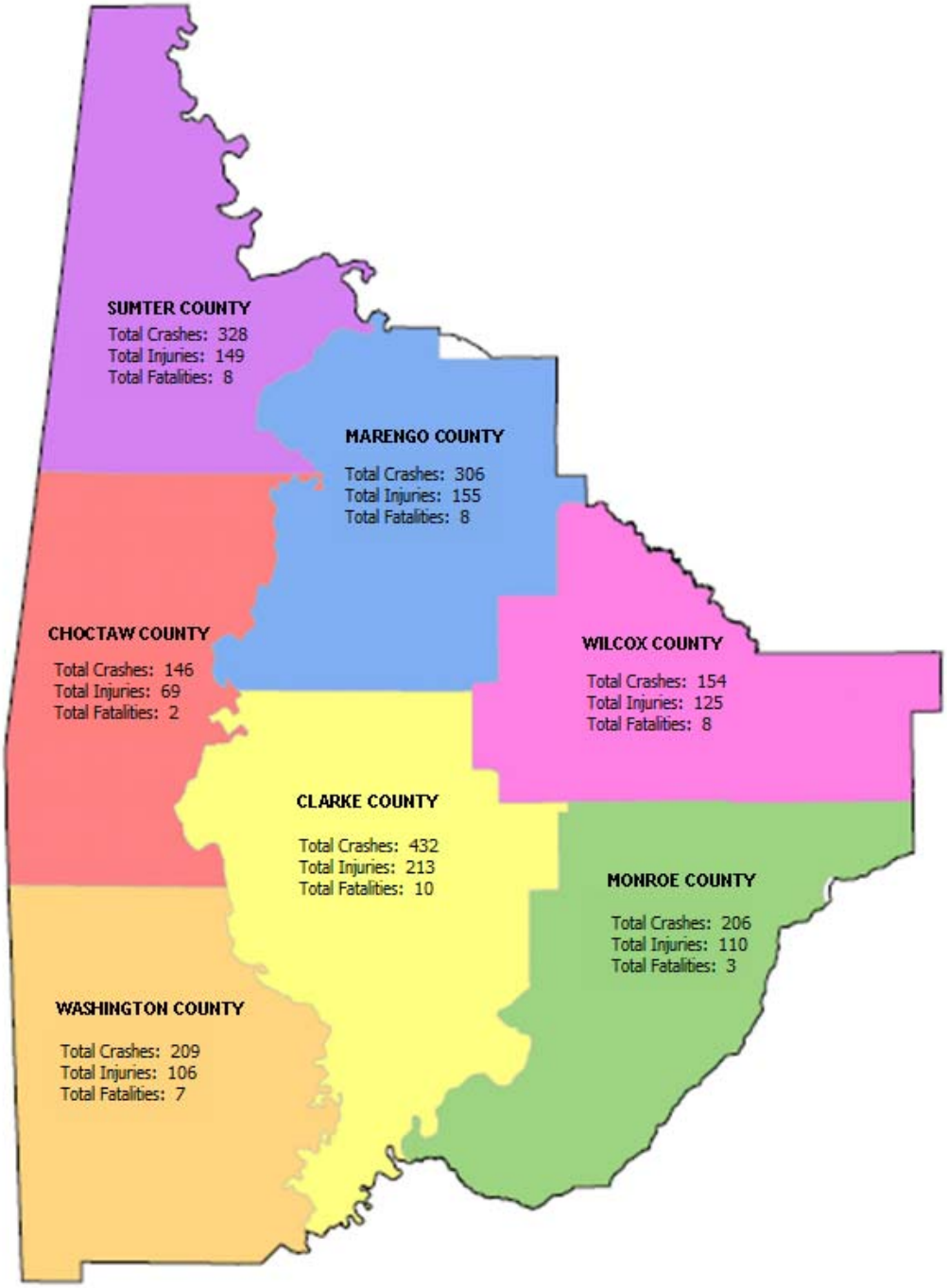

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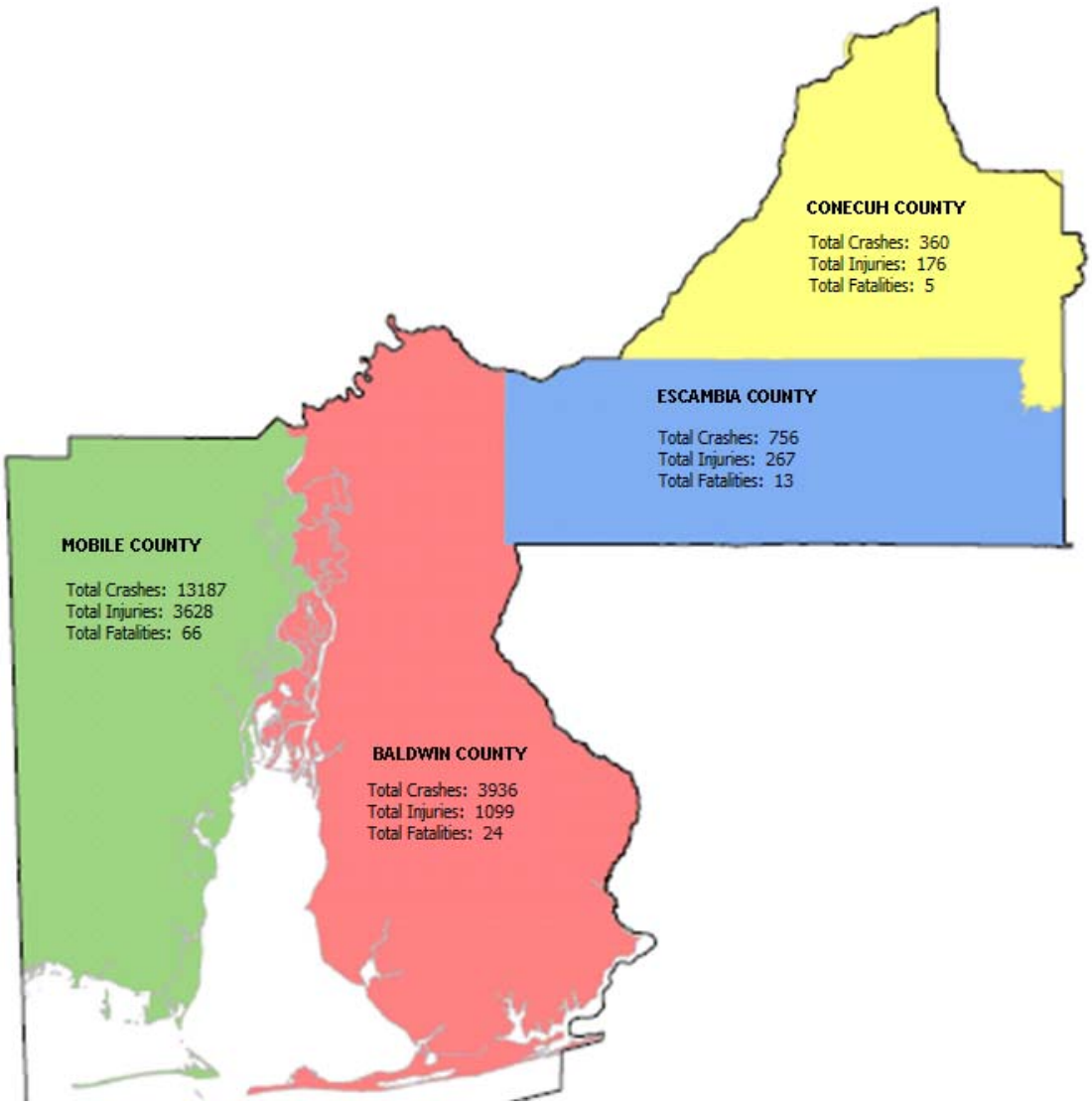
9th Division 2011 Crash Statistics



Comparative County Statistics

2010 vs 2011

	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	
COUNTY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
JEFFERSON	21,831	23,057	88	45	4,709	2,329	18,978	19,963	68	20	3,939	1,697	2,853	3,094	20	25	770	632
MOBILE	13,649	13,187	69	66	3,604	3,627	11,705	11,172	32	31	2,739	2,737	1,944	2,015	37	35	865	890
MONTGOMERY	8,530	8,484	17	32	2,408	2,553	7,703	7,753	8	20	2,171	2,318	827	731	9	12	237	235
AUTAUGA	1,242	1,194	3	9	461	382	835	769	1	2	271	243	407	425	2	7	190	139
BALDWIN	3,352	3,936	25	24	1,055	1,099	2,137	2,758	11	11	538	637	1,215	1,178	14	13	517	462
BARBOUR	529	469	4	3	218	141	393	357	2	1	144	89	136	112	2	2	74	52
BIBB	358	294	7	9	137	137	163	148	2	2	56	62	195	146	5	7	81	75
BLOUNT	894	898	8	11	341	343	379	333	1	4	110	96	515	565	7	7	231	247
BULLOCK	193	154	10	1	78	84	95	54	1	1	37	19	98	100	9	0	41	65
BUTLER	559	533	6	4	198	182	249	270	1	1	58	58	310	263	5	3	140	124
CALHOUN	3,737	3,580	16	15	1,193	1,189	2,724	2,567	5	4	787	789	1,013	1,013	11	11	406	400
CHAMBERS	788	875	8	7	276	257	539	618	4	3	171	143	249	257	4	4	105	114
CHEROKEE	557	493	8	5	229	228	251	233	3	2	84	106	306	260	5	3	145	122
CHILTON	766	869	8	24	353	363	365	427	1	4	158	143	401	442	7	20	195	220
CHOCTAW	153	146	6	2	72	69	50	47	2	0	13	11	103	99	4	2	59	58
CLARKE	395	432	11	10	187	213	233	287	4	4	90	134	162	145	7	6	97	79
CLAY	223	175	5	1	94	71	102	64	2	0	26	14	121	111	3	1	68	57
CLEBURNE	410	368	4	3	153	146	107	99	2	0	40	9	303	269	2	3	113	137
COFFEE	1,220	1,153	7	11	348	297	910	877	3	6	190	176	310	276	4	5	158	121
COLBERT	1,421	1,431	7	11	490	411	1,065	1,090	1	3	287	236	356	341	6	8	203	175
CONECUH	358	360	9	5	154	176	98	96	3	2	34	41	260	264	6	3	120	135
COOSA	222	248	7	9	109	137	9	13	1	1	2	5	213	235	6	8	107	132
COVINGTON	606	662	9	9	204	213	358	434	3	2	110	110	248	228	6	7	94	103
CRENSHAW	245	250	4	4	86	86	89	83	0	1	19	17	156	167	4	3	67	69
CULLMAN	2,077	2,083	17	17	677	629	1,024	1,035	3	6	254	246	1,053	1,048	14	11	423	383
DALE	947	863	10	9	315	293	698	623	5	7	200	169	249	240	5	2	115	124
DALLAS	1,149	991	6	12	459	452	702	587	1	3	241	230	447	404	5	9	218	222
DEKALB	986	960	11	8	377	402	514	498	5	5	163	155	472	462	6	3	214	247

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
COUNTY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
ELMORE	1,858	1,777	24	13	631	609	1,183	1,140	8	2	367	365	675	637	16	11	264	244
ESCAMBIA	761	756	14	13	324	267	366	380	7	4	122	88	395	376	7	9	202	179
ETOWAH	3,117	2,866	14	17	1,117	930	2,501	2,322	2	5	772	677	616	544	12	12	345	253
FAYETTE	255	226	1	6	133	97	133	129	0	1	61	44	122	97	1	5	72	53
FRANKLIN	573	580	4	7	253	263	288	307	1	1	105	107	285	273	3	6	148	156
GENEVA	386	389	7	4	146	126	178	175	2	0	57	35	208	214	5	4	89	91
GREENE	231	269	5	2	86	98	47	61	0	0	11	16	184	208	5	2	75	82
HALE	221	235	6	5	124	95	62	100	0	0	19	30	159	135	6	5	105	65
HENRY	246	268	4	6	90	106	116	158	2	2	38	58	130	110	2	4	52	48
HOUSTON	3,514	3,238	14	12	1,180	1,189	3,150	2,848	6	8	1,036	1,028	364	390	8	4	144	161
JACKSON	1,034	997	14	23	402	398	730	663	7	14	258	231	304	334	7	9	144	167
LAMAR	187	126	3	1	83	60	80	54	0	0	18	11	107	72	3	1	65	49
LAUDERDALE	2,052	2,111	14	17	568	558	1,447	1,542	2	5	310	305	605	569	12	12	258	253
LAWRENCE	516	525	12	14	218	226	115	126	2	3	30	45	401	399	10	11	188	181
LEE	4,125	4,175	24	22	965	995	3,323	3,484	14	12	720	758	802	691	10	10	245	237
LIMESTONE	1,420	1,672	22	24	447	529	551	822	6	3	118	206	869	850	16	21	329	323
LOWNDES	281	250	7	7	125	95	27	25	4	0	27	18	254	225	3	7	98	77
MACON	616	556	8	5	235	183	200	201	1	1	90	52	416	355	7	4	145	131
MADISON	10,156	9,776	34	37	2,814	2,895	8,344	8,100	20	22	2,185	2,275	1,812	1,676	14	15	629	620
MARENGO	337	306	7	8	189	155	174	169	3	2	69	61	163	137	4	6	120	94
MARION	528	551	4	4	253	250	345	350	1	2	133	135	183	201	3	2	120	115
MARSHALL	2,459	2,156	23	16	809	677	1,875	1,685	9	8	557	479	584	471	14	8	252	198
MONROE	314	206	7	3	160	110	107	28	0	0	35	7	207	178	7	3	125	103
MORGAN	3,160	3,137	13	18	829	837	2,316	2,331	7	3	563	515	844	806	6	15	266	322
PERRY	87	119	1	3	55	70	7	23	0	1	6	19	80	96	1	2	49	51
PICKENS	254	250	2	4	79	106	101	86	0	1	29	23	153	164	2	3	50	83
PIKE	904	908	9	8	303	327	663	658	0	0	177	206	241	250	9	8	126	121
RANDOLPH	334	333	6	4	186	170	131	148	1	1	48	76	203	185	5	3	138	94

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
COUNTY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
RUSSELL	2,026	2,048	18	18	838	886	1,578	1,603	8	9	625	589	448	445	10	9	213	297
SAINT CLAIR	1,634	1,709	20	14	932	986	948	1,001	10	10	562	660	686	708	10	4	370	326
SHELBY	4,959	4,769	26	19	661	598	3,674	3,513	12	6	439	306	1,285	1,256	14	13	222	292
SUMTER	295	328	4	8	127	149	99	128	1	0	54	61	196	200	3	8	73	88
TALLADEGA	1,789	1,722	16	17	688	626	1,102	1,045	10	4	377	304	687	677	6	13	311	322
TALLAPOOSA	661	724	5	7	277	311	389	479	2	3	137	202	272	245	3	4	140	109
TUSCALOOSA	7,316	7,258	36	28	1,969	1,864	5,796	5,712	17	14	1,404	1,331	1,520	1,546	19	14	565	533
WALKER	1,714	1,603	25	27	685	605	961	893	6	1	286	257	753	710	19	26	399	348
WASHINGTON	249	209	5	7	108	106	62	49	0	0	26	16	187	160	5	7	82	90
WILCOX	125	154	3	8	99	125	19	42	1	0	19	35	106	112	2	8	80	90
WINSTON	370	256	8	6	155	101	124	137	2	3	36	37	169	119	6	3	119	64

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED		NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	
CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
ABBEVILLE	40	64	1	2	15	22
ADAMSVILLE	178	189	0	1	50	66
ADDISON	17	12	0	0	3	2
AKRON	3	1	0	0	1	0
ALABASTER	789	807	1	1	186	185
ALBERTVILLE	812	691	3	6	229	181
ALEXANDER CITY	244	331	1	2	71	113
ALICEVILLE	6	16	0	0	5	1
ALLGOOD	7	1	0	0	1	0
ALTOONA	18	7	0	0	1	1
ANDALUSIA	197	234	0	1	55	56
ANDERSON	5	12	1	0	1	6
ANNISTON	1361	1296	3	2	386	466
ARAB	190	174	1	0	73	42
ARDMORE	32	25	0	0	6	4
ARGO	7	4	0	0	1	1
ARITON	1	6	0	0	0	2
ARLEY	0	3	0	0	0	0
ASHFORD	41	38	1	1	10	24
ASHLAND	50	31	0	0	8	8
ASHVILLE	24	68	2	3	14	37
ATHENS	414	657	3	2	77	168
ATMORE	110	127	1	4	37	29
ATTALLA	231	226	0	0	77	65
AUBURN	1480	1501	8	5	403	324
AUTAUGAVILLE	4	3	0	0	0	1
AVON	4	0	0	0	0	0
BABBIE	5	3	0	0	0	2
BAILEYTON	11	16	0	0	4	5
BAKERHILL	2	1	0	0	0	2

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
BANKS	4	0	0	0	3	0
BAY MINETTE	168	168	0	0	66	42
BAYOU LA BATRE	107	80	0	1	37	27
BEAR CREEK	14	17	1	0	6	14
BEATRICE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEAVERTON	2	3	0	0	1	1
BELK	0	1	0	0	0	0
BELLWOOD	4	4	0	0	2	1
BENTON	7	3	0	0	5	1
BERRY	28	24	0	1	16	14
BESSEMER	1468	1423	13	10	375	374
BIG COVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRMINGHAM	9943	9811	29	42	1931	1851
BLACK	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLOUNTSVILLE	30	51	0	1	16	15
BLUE MOUNTAIN	4	1	0	0	3	0
BLUE SPRINGS	1	0	0	0	0	0
BOAZ	429	357	2	1	129	112
BOLIGEE	1	1	0	0	0	1
BON AIR	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRANCHVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRANTLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRENT	60	45	0	0	27	25
BREWTON	204	185	2	0	68	55
BRIDGEPORT	18	26	0	0	10	12
BRIGHTON	0	42	0	0	0	20
BRILLIANT	14	10	0	0	11	9
BROOKSIDE	0	2	0	0	0	0
BROOKWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
BROWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRUNDIDGE	42	35	0	0	12	9
BUTLER	35	42	1	0	10	10
CALERA	343	330	3	1	68	68
CAMDEN	1	1	1	0	2	4
CAMP HILL	16	12	0	0	11	12
CARBON HILL	19	16	0	0	9	3
CARDIFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAROLINA	2	2	0	0	3	0
CARROLLTON	17	18	0	0	8	4
CARRVILLE	17	0	1	0	4	0
CASTLEBERRY	10	4	0	0	5	1
CEDAR BLUFF	52	41	2	2	12	20
CENTER POINT	1	30	0	0	0	7
CENTRE	130	153	1	0	43	75
CENTREVILLE	52	52	1	0	12	14
CHATOM	21	17	0	0	11	9
CHELSEA	154	131	0	2	42	27
CHEROKEE	10	7	0	0	8	8
CHICKASAW	13	43	0	0	3	8
CHILDERSBURG	114	82	2	0	51	29
CITRONELLE	103	97	1	1	42	33
CLANTON	281	324	1	2	126	104
CLAY	0	11	0	0	0	1
CLAYHATCHEE	0	8	0	0	0	7
CLAYTON	8	16	0	0	2	3
CLEVELAND	17	9	0	0	8	8
CLIO	0	0	0	0	0	0
COALING	27	35	1	2	13	9
COFFEE SPRINGS	1	0	0	0	1	0

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
COFFEEVILLE	7	3	0	1	5	29
COLLINSVILLE	45	42	1	0	17	12
COLONY	2	1	0	0	1	0
COLUMBIA	15	9	0	0	6	2
COLUMBIANA	83	89	1	1	17	18
COOSADA	34	30	0	0	25	11
CORDOVA	37	37	0	1	4	11
COTTONWOOD	13	15	0	0	3	8
COUNTY LINE-COV	0	0	0	0	0	0
COUNTY LINE-JEFF	2	1	0	0	1	1
COURTLAND	2	0	0	0	0	0
COWARTS	27	16	0	1	8	12
CREOLA	71	42	0	2	16	10
CROSSVILLE	29	24	0	0	11	11
CUBA	8	4	0	0	5	5
CULLMAN	770	749	1	5	176	173
DADEVILLE	84	69	0	0	41	29
DALEVILLE	159	133	1	1	33	22
DAPHNE	634	723	1	4	107	177
DAUPHIN ISLAND	24	27	0	0	4	5
DAVISTON	2	1	0	0	1	2
DAYTON	1	0	0	0	1	0
DEATSVILLE	1	0	0	0	0	0
DECATUR	1812	1853	5	3	437	396
DEMOPOLIS	139	137	3	2	57	50
DETROIT	3	1	0	0	0	1
DODGE CITY	30	29	1	1	7	6
DORA	30	35	0	0	10	20
DOTHAN	2964	2683	5	6	984	954
DOUBLE SPRINGS	14	28	1	2	3	8

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
DOUGLAS	18	26	0	0	3	7
DOZIER	3	1	0	0	2	0
DUTTON	18	10	0	0	9	2
EAST BREWTON***	14	40	0	0	1	1
ECLECTIC	25	21	0	0	4	5
EDWARDSVILLE	4	3	1	0	4	0
ELBA	53	54	1	0	29	19
ELBERTA	46	50	1	0	17	12
ELDRIDGE	1	1	0	0	0	0
ELKMONT	0	1	0	0	0	0
ELMORE	14	18	0	0	2	7
EMELLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENTERPRISE	852	811	3	1	158	160
EPES	0	0	0	0	0	0
ETHELSVILLE	1	0	0	0	0	0
EUFAULA	382	339	2	1	142	84
EUNOLA	3	1	1	0	2	0
EUTAW	44	59	0	0	11	15
EVA	1	3	0	0	0	1
EVERGREEN	87	91	3	2	28	37
EXCEL	1	22	0	0	1	2
FAIRFIELD	290	257	2	1	74	79
FAIRHOPE***	6	276	0	1	2	56
FAIRVIEW	14	12	0	0	3	1
FALKVILLE	27	40	0	0	9	11
FAUNSDALE	1	1	0	0	0	0
FAYETTE	95	95	0	0	36	25
FIVE POINTS	1	0	0	0	4	0
FLINT CITY	0	1	0	0	0	0
FLOMATON	36	26	4	0	15	3

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
FLORALA	25	42	1	0	9	14
FLORENCE	1349	1365	0	3	281	256
FOLEY	404	491	5	2	115	116
FORKLAND	2	1	0	0	0	0
FORT DEPOSIT	4	9	0	0	3	7
FORT PAYNE	89	127	0	0	13	35
FRANKLIN	4	8	0	0	1	3
FRISCO CITY	0	3	0	0	0	2
FRUITHURST	2	2	0	0	1	1
FULTON	3	1	0	0	2	0
FULTONDALE	151	181	1	3	43	50
FYFFE	22	21	1	0	11	1
GADSDEN	1618	1487	1	0	458	430
GAINESVILLE	4	0	0	0	0	0
GANTT	2	3	0	0	2	0
GANTTS QUARRY	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARDEN CITY	5	4	0	0	0	3
GARDENDALE	287	255	1	2	90	76
GAYLESVILLE	5	4	0	0	0	1
GEIGER	0	0	0	0	0	0
GENEVA	90	67	1	0	30	14
GEORGIANA	33	36	0	1	7	18
GERALDINE	28	36	0	1	13	3
GILBERTOWN	10	3	0	0	1	0
GLEN ALLEN	1	1	0	0	0	0
GLENCOE	68	84	0	1	33	32
GLENWOOD	2	2	0	0	0	0
GOLDVILLE	0	3	0	0	0	0
GOOD HOPE	59	63	1	0	20	17
GOODWATER	1	9	0	1	0	2

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
GORDO	40	19	0	0	8	9
GORDON	0	1	0	0	0	0
GORDONVILLE	1	1	0	0	1	0
GOSHEN	4	4	0	0	0	4
GRANT	19	14	1	0	8	5
GRAYSVILLE	33	25	1	0	13	9
GREENSBORO	32	53	0	0	7	16
GREENVILLE	215	232	1	0	51	41
GRIMES	6	5	0	0	13	2
GROVE HILL	35	45	0	1	16	20
GU-WIN	0	3	0	0	0	3
GUIN	29	22	0	0	9	14
GULF SHORES	419	541	3	3	113	111
GUNTERSVILLE	418	436	2	1	116	140
GURLEY***	11	33	0	0	2	10
HACKLEBURG	36	21	0	0	10	3
HALEBURG	0	1	0	0	0	1
HALEYVILLE	96	100	1	1	31	31
HAMILTON	156	179	0	1	57	51
HAMMONDVILLE***	4	9	0	0	1	9
HANCEVILLE***	88	113	0	0	26	22
HARPERSVILLE***	15	21	0	4	8	9
HARTFORD	31	30	0	0	2	9
HARTSELLE	385	344	1	1	91	71
HAYDEN***	39	38	1	1	10	15
HAYNEVILLE***	1	4	0	0	0	1
HEADLAND	71	91	0	0	18	35
HEATH	3	6	0	0	1	1
HEFLIN	87	87	1	0	28	8
HELENA	184	162	3	0	25	42

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
HENAGAR***	47	32	1	0	8	8
HIGDON	3	2	0	0	1	2
HIGHLAND LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0
HILLSBORO	0	3	0	0	0	2
HOBSON CITY	6	7	0	0	3	7
HODGES	0	1	0	0	0	3
HOKES BLUFF	72	64	0	2	45	23
HOLLY POND	15	20	0	0	3	2
HOLLYWOOD	26	25	1	0	14	23
HOMEWOOD	1324	1592	0	1	192	262
HOOVER	2854	3305	7	4	659	743
HORNHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUEYTOWN	258	253	0	3	53	58
HUNTSVILLE	7317	7124	20	18	1922	2010
HURTSBORO	2	2	0	0	0	0
HYTOP	0	1	0	0	0	1
IDER	3	1	0	0	0	1
INDIAN SPRINGS	25	18	0	0	6	1
IRONDALE	177	245	1	2	44	59
JACKSON	74	113	3	1	30	44
JACKSONS GAP	18	13	0	0	7	6
JACKSONVILLE	239	296	0	1	52	96
JASPER	765	721	5	0	215	189
JEMISON	58	43	0	0	27	15
KANSAS	1	0	0	0	0	0
KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENNEDY	1	0	0	0	0	0
KILLEN	45	68	1	1	18	25
KIMBERLY	13	10	0	0	2	3
KINSEY	13	29	0	0	5	10

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
KINSTON	7	5	0	0	3	0
LAFAYETTE	33	43	0	0	8	10
LAKE VIEW	16	18	0	0	9	4
LAKEVIEW	5	3	0	0	2	4
LANETT	183	187	2	1	60	50
LANGSTON	1	3	0	0	1	1
LEEDS	245	237	3	1	64	57
LEESBURG	55	28	0	0	23	6
LEIGHTON	1	0	0	0	1	0
LESTER	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEVEL PLAINS	21	27	0	0	5	14
LEXINGTON	10	12	0	0	1	3
LIBERTYVILLE	1	0	0	0	0	0
LINCOLN	222	219	6	0	70	70
LINDEN	30	28	0	0	8	10
LINEVILLE	52	33	2	0	18	7
LIPSCOMB	0	0	0	0	0	0
LISMAN	3	2	1	0	1	1
LITTLEVILLE	24	16	0	0	17	15
LIVINGSTON	65	94	0	0	27	38
LOACHAPOKA	4	2	0	0	2	2
LOCKHART	0	1	0	0	0	0
LOCUST FORK	15	14	0	0	5	7
LOUISVILLE***	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOWNDESBORO***	7	5	2	0	6	7
LOXLEY	155	135	0	0	38	33
LUVERNE	78	74	0	1	16	15
LYNN	3	4	0	0	0	1
MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADISON	1032	1004	1	2	262	261

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
MADRID	4	2	0	0	1	2
MALVERN	7	19	0	0	5	2
MAPLESVILLE***	1	24	0	0	0	9
MARGARET	18	19	0	0	9	6
MARION	0	1	0	1	0	0
MAYTOWN	1	0	0	0	2	0
MCINTOSH	22	27	0	0	3	6
MCKENZIE	1	3	0	0	0	6
MCMULLEN	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEMPHIS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENTONE	8	7	1	0	2	2
MIDFIELD	204	183	0	0	94	76
MIDLAND CITY	51	68	0	2	25	22
MIDWAY	2	3	0	0	1	5
MILLBROOK	392	366	7	0	109	122
MILLPORT	2	2	0	0	2	0
MILLRY	19	5	0	0	12	1
MOBILE	10347	9754	28	18	2294	2290
MONROEVILLE	106	2	0	0	34	3
MONTEVALLO	145	110	0	1	43	26
MONTGOMERY	7686	7715	8	20	2169	2406
MOODY	277	279	3	0	72	67
MOORES CROSSRDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOORESVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORRIS	35	26	0	0	6	6
MOSSES	2	3	1	0	8	2
MOULTON	109	114	2	3	30	39
MOUNDVILLE	28	48	0	0	10	15
MOUNTAIN BROOK	473	605	1	3	76	96
MOUNTAINBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED		NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	
CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
MT. VERNON	52	54	1	0	22	29
MULGA	1	1	0	0	0	1
MUNFORD	31	17	2	0	18	12
MUSCLE SHOALS	551	600	0	1	149	121
MYRTLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAPIER FIELD	2	5	0	0	1	0
NAUVOO	0	3	0	0	0	2
NECTAR	2	3	0	0	0	3
NEEDHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW BROCKTON	3	8	1	5	0	0
NEW HOPE	25	10	1	2	10	4
NEW SITE	8	12	0	1	2	10
NEWBERN	1	0	0	0	1	0
NEWSOME	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEWTON	35	38	0	1	11	13
NEWVILLE	5	2	1	0	5	0
NORTH BIBB	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH COURTLAND	4	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH JOHNS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHPORT	1062	1017	3	6	233	216
NOTASULGA	13	4	0	0	4	0
OAK GROVE	21	16	0	1	17	9
OAK HILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAKMAN	6	5	0	0	7	2
ODENVILLE	134	80	1	1	48	38
OHATCHEE	20	21	0	0	10	5
ONEONTA	201	169	0	2	40	31
ONYCHA	2	4	0	0	1	0
OPELIKA	1757	1835	5	5	306	390
OPP	96	122	2	1	30	30

	NUMBER OF CRASHES		NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED		NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	
CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
ORANGE BEACH***	51	180	0	1	14	55
ORRVILLE	5	2	0	0	6	2
OWENS CROSSRDS	28	24	0	2	14	9
OXFORD	962	813	2	1	292	192
OZARK	393	313	0	3	100	72
PAINT ROCK	6	5	0	0	9	4
PARRISH	3	1	1	0	3	0
PELHAM	969	925	3	1	141	150
PELL CITY	356	399	1	1	89	118
PENNINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
PETREY	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHENIX CITY	1597	1625	8	9	626	597
PHIL CAMPBELL	13	21	0	0	8	1
PICKENSVILLE	3	3	0	0	1	2
PIEDMONT	99	105	0	0	22	17
PIKE ROAD	17	38	0	0	2	9
PINCKARD	23	16	1	0	10	11
PINE APPLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINE HILL	18	41	0	0	17	31
PINE RIDGE	3	7	0	0	3	2
PISGAH	5	11	0	1	2	2
PLEASANT GROVE	84	89	0	1	20	22
POLLARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWELL	12	11	1	0	10	5
PRATTVILLE	1000	919	1	2	327	284
PRICEVILLE	92	93	2	0	22	39
PRICHARD	430	616	1	8	158	217
PROVIDENCE	1	2	0	0	1	0
RAGLAND***	2	4	0	1	1	2
RAINBOW CITY	299	294	1	0	86	66

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED		NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	
CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
RAINSVILLE	178	152	0	4	61	50
RANBURNE	14	7	0	0	7	0
RED BAY	60	70	0	0	14	15
RED LEVEL	6	1	0	0	4	0
REECE CITY	9	3	0	0	3	2
REFORM	34	30	0	1	7	7
REHOBETH	12	10	0	0	5	3
REPTON	1	0	0	0	1	0
RIDGEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1	0
RIVER FALLS	16	11	0	0	5	6
RIVERSIDE	5	20	0	0	0	9
RIVERVIEW	2	2	0	0	1	0
ROANOKE	99	109	0	1	29	52
ROBERTSDALE	182	148	0	0	20	26
ROCKFORD	8	4	1	0	2	3
ROGERSVILLE***	35	36	0	0	8	10
ROOSEVELT CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSA	5	4	0	0	5	6
RURAL AUTAUGA	407	425	2	7	190	139
RURAL BALDWIN	1215	1178	14	13	517	462
RURAL BARBOUR	136	112	2	2	74	52
RURAL BIBB	195	146	5	7	81	75
RURAL BLOUNT	515	565	7	7	231	247
RURAL BULLOCK	98	100	9	0	41	65
RURAL BUTLER	310	263	5	3	140	124
RURAL CALHOUN	1013	1013	11	11	406	400
RURAL CHAMBERS	249	257	4	4	105	114
RURAL CHEROKEE	306	260	5	3	145	122
RURAL CHILTON	401	442	7	20	195	220
RURAL CHOCTAW	103	99	4	2	59	58

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
RURAL CLARKE	162	145	7	6	97	79
RURAL CLAY	121	111	3	1	68	57
RURAL CLEBURNE	303	269	2	3	113	137
RURAL COFFEE	310	276	4	5	158	121
RURAL COLBERT	356	341	6	8	203	175
RURAL CONECUH	260	264	6	3	120	135
RURAL COOSA	213	235	6	8	107	132
RURAL COVINGTON	248	228	6	7	94	103
RURAL CRENSHAW	156	167	4	3	67	69
RURAL CULLMAN	1053	1048	14	11	423	383
RURAL DALE	249	240	5	2	115	124
RURAL DALLAS	447	404	5	9	218	222
RURAL DEKALB	472	462	6	3	214	247
RURAL ELMORE	675	637	16	11	264	244
RURAL ESCAMBIA	395	376	7	9	202	179
RURAL ETOWAH	616	544	12	12	345	253
RURAL FAYETTE	122	97	1	5	72	53
RURAL FRANKLIN	285	273	3	6	148	156
RURAL GENEVA	208	214	5	4	89	91
RURAL GREENE	184	208	5	2	75	82
RURAL HALE	159	135	6	5	105	65
RURAL HENRY	130	110	2	4	52	48
RURAL HOUSTON	364	390	8	4	144	161
RURAL JACKSON	304	334	7	9	144	167
RURAL JEFFERSON	2853	3093	20	36	770	847
RURAL LAMAR	107	72	3	1	65	49
RURAL LAUDERDALE	605	569	12	12	258	253
RURAL LAWRENCE	401	399	10	11	188	181
RURAL LEE	802	691	10	10	245	237
RURAL LIMESTONE	869	850	16	21	329	323

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
RURAL LOWNDES	254	225	3	7	98	77
RURAL MACON	416	355	7	4	145	131
RURAL MADISON	1812	1676	14	15	629	620
RURAL MARENGO	163	137	4	6	120	94
RURAL MARION	183	201	3	2	120	115
RURAL MARSHALL	584	471	14	8	252	198
RURAL MOBILE	1944	2015	37	35	865	890
RURAL MONROE	207	178	7	3	125	103
RURAL MONTGOMERY	827	731	9	12	237	235
RURAL MORGAN	844	806	6	15	266	322
RURAL PERRY	80	96	1	2	49	51
RURAL PICKENS	153	164	2	3	50	83
RURAL PIKE	241	250	9	8	126	121
RURAL RANDOLPH	203	185	5	3	138	94
RURAL RUSSELL	448	445	10	9	213	297
RURAL SHELBY	1285	1257	10	4	372	326
RURAL ST. CLAIR	686	708	14	13	220	292
RURAL SUMTER	196	200	3	8	73	88
RURAL TALLADEGA	687	677	6	13	311	322
RURAL TALLAPOOSA	272	245	3	4	140	109
RURAL TUSCALOOSA	1520	1546	19	14	565	533
RURAL WALKER	753	710	19	26	399	348
RURAL WASHINGTON	187	160	5	7	82	90
RURAL WILCOX	106	112	2	8	80	90
RURAL WINSTON	169	119	6	3	119	64
RUSSELLVILLE	214	213	1	1	82	84
RUTLEDGE	6	6	0	0	1	2
SAMSON	15	30	0	0	2	5
SAND ROCK	9	7	0	0	6	4
SANFORD	3	5	0	0	0	1

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
SARALAND	476	413	1	0	137	112
SARDIS CITY***	41	32	0	1	16	8
SATSUMA	82	46	0	1	26	7
SCOTTSBORO	502	463	5	7	172	162
SECTION	29	19	0	0	8	2
SELMA	689	578	1	3	231	224
SHEFFIELD	261	240	0	2	67	62
SHILOH	7	2	0	0	1	1
SHORTER	4	3	0	0	10	3
SILAS	2	0	0	0	1	0
SILURIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILVERHILL	4	17	0	0	0	3
SIPSEY	4	0	0	0	1	0
SKYLINE	22	9	0	0	13	1
SLOCOMB	27	24	0	0	13	4
SMITHS STATION	57	122	1	2	8	34
SNEAD	47	31	0	0	20	6
SOMERVILLE	1	0	0	0	1	0
SOUTHSIDE	111	91	0	0	35	32
SPANISH FORT***	0	2	0	0	0	0
SPRINGVILLE	78	72	1	0	19	15
ST. FLORIAN	3	48	0	1	1	4
STEELE	4	2	0	0	0	0
STEVENSON	84	67	1	6	12	12
SULLIGENT	44	27	0	0	9	5
SUMITON	95	74	0	0	37	30
SUMMERDALE	68	28	1	0	46	6
SUSAN MOORE	9	11	0	0	4	4
SWEET WATER	1	1	0	0	0	1
SYLACAUGA	294	315	0	2	107	61

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
SYLVANIA	27	21	0	0	9	9
SYLVANIA SPRINGS	1	1	1	0	0	1
TALLADEGA	404	388	0	1	108	145
TALLADEGA SPRINGS	2	1	0	0	0	0
TALLASSEE	78	148	0	1	22	61
TARRANT CITY	178	67	0	1	65	29
TAYLOR	31	31	0	0	7	11
THOMASTON	1	0	0	0	2	0
THOMASVILLE	114	125	1	1	37	41
THORSBY	17	36	0	2	3	15
TOWN CREEK	0	9	0	0	0	4
TOXEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFORD	3	1	0	0	0	0
TRIANA	1	2	0	0	2	1
TRINITY	33	39	0	0	11	11
TROY	613	619	0	0	162	193
TRUSSVILLE	805	832	3	0	161	194
TUSCALOOSA	4663	4597	13	6	1138	1082
TUSCUMBIA	218	227	1	0	45	40
TUSKEGEE	180	186	1	1	75	46
TWIN	2	1	0	0	3	0
UNION	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNION GROVE	6	3	0	0	4	0
UNION SPRINGS	93	51	1	1	36	14
UNIONTOWN	7	22	0	1	6	19
VALLEY	322	387	2	2	99	83
VALLEY GRANDE	8	7	0	0	4	4
VALLEY HEAD	7	5	0	0	1	3
VANCE	17	35	0	0	12	17
VERNON	27	20	0	0	6	4

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CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
VESTAVIA HILLS	845	1201	4	1	102	165
VINA	1	2	0	0	1	4
VINCENT	2	3	0	0	0	0
VINEMONT	14	16	0	0	6	12
VREDENBURGH	0	1	0	0	0	0
WADLEY	1	0	0	0	0	0
WALDO	5	2	0	0	3	3
WALNUT GROVE	22	19	0	1	12	10
WARRIOR	8	17	0	0	3	13
WATERLOO	0	1	0	0	0	1
WAVERLY	3	1	0	0	0	0
WEAVER	41	33	0	0	22	8
WEBB	28	17	1	0	9	3
WEDOWEE	28	35	1	0	18	20
WEST BLOCTON	15	14	0	1	6	6
WEST END	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST JEFFERSON	0	1	0	0	0	0
WEST POINT	16	12	0	0	8	5
WESTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTOVER	11	8	3	0	5	0
WETUMPKA	470	442	1	1	149	147
WHITEHALL	5	0	1	0	4	0
WHITES CHAPEL	0	1	0	0	0	1
WILMER	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILSONVILLE	18	12	1	0	5	8
WILTON	7	4	0	0	3	0
WINFIELD	97	95	0	1	45	41
WOODLAND	3	4	0	0	1	4
WOODSTOCK	45	46	1	1	10	19
WOODVILLE	16	19	0	0	7	6

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	NUMBER OF CRASHES		NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED		NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	
CITY	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
YELLOW BLUFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
YORK***	22	30	1	0	22	18
UNKNOWN	0	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.

Distracted Driving and the Ban on Texting

While it is difficult to determine the exact number of crashes caused by distracted driving, two recent Governors' Highway Safety Association (GHSA) studies that surveyed a number of research sources concluded that the range of the number of crashes caused by all types of distracted driving was between 15% and 30% of all crashes. Assuming the most conservative estimate, this would mean that *at least* 125 fatalities, 4,000 injuries and 15,000 crashes were attributable to this distracted driving in Alabama during 2011. Recognizing that the actual numbers could be as much as twice those given above presents a very alarming picture to the traffic safety community within Alabama.

According to the definition given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distraction "is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the driving task to focus on another activity. These distractions can be from electronic devices, such as navigation systems and cell phones, or more conventional distractions such as interacting with passengers and eating." It is important to recognize that this is a *voluntary* diversion of attention away from driving to something not related to driving. Thus, making sure that a child does not run into the roadway is not considered distracted driving, nor would any roadway features encountered in driving, since the safe driver has no choice but to observe and address them.

The use of cell phones and texting are some of the worst distractions. Hands free cell phones help, but not as much as might be expected. The problem has little to do with the driver having both hands on the steering wheel; it has everything to do with occupying the part of the brain that is essential to safe driving. The ability to talk and listen synchronously compounds the problem. This was not a capability of CB radios that were so predominant in the 1960s and 70s. Most CB chatter had to do with routine road condition and police locations, and it eventually morphed heavily into *mindless* catchy phrases. Contrary to this, today's cell phone is often quite *mind-consuming*, in the sense of conducting business and family affairs. The epitome of this would be an argument or intensive discussion between two closely related people. In this case the entire brain gets poured into the phone and very little is left for the attention-intensive needs of driving.

Texting is even worse, since it calls for the driver to view, read and interpret text symbols, a task that is impossible without taking eyes off the road. Research has shown that the average duration of eye distraction from the road is about five seconds. A vehicle at highway speed of 55 MPH traverses the length of a football field in this amount of time. Average implies that for every instance below the average there would be another comparable to it above the average. So, for example, for every two-second text eye distraction, they would be one or more above five seconds to compensate, so at least half the time drivers are missing entire football field length sections of roadway. It is certainly a wonder that more crashes do not occur given the number of people texting and using cell phones. It has been found that texting increases the chances of a crash by as much as 23 times what it would normally be.

The Alabama legislature and Governor are to be commended for passing and signing the ban on texting while driving, which became effective August 1, 2012. While this is a difficult law to enforce, there are people who will refrain from the act simply to comply with the law or to avoid the

possibility of being cited for it. The very fact that it is on the books makes texting while driving obvious grounds for contributory negligence. And, although officers may have a hard time detecting this offense before the fact, there is no problem at all in law enforcement or judicial authorities determining it from phone records after a crash, as has been borne out in several recent high-profile cases. So, texting is not only risky from the crash causation point of view, it is a major risk to the perpetrator's financial wellbeing.

The fine for texting while driving is $25 for a first conviction, $50 for a second conviction and $75 for each later conviction. Probably more of a deterrent is the two points added to the driving record for each offense. Drivers' licenses are suspended for at least 60 days for those who get 12 or more points in a two-year period.

Alabama was the thirty-seventh state to pass a texting while driving ban. Two other states have passed a ban since Alabama to bring the total to thirty-nine states. This demonstrates that states feel this issue warrants their strong attention. At the very least, the law enacted in Alabama should raise awareness of the serious dangers and consequences of texting while driving. A reduction in crashes, injuries and fatalities from distracted driving is the ultimate goal of this law, and a very worthy goal it is.

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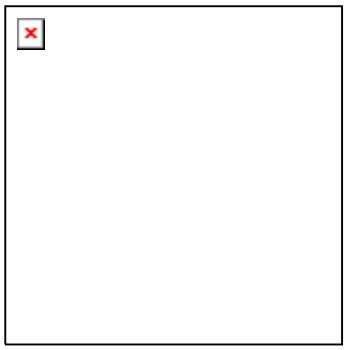

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