# **TABLE 1**

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# THESE ARE THE TABLE ONE UPDATES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE POSTED IN THE State of Alabama Fiscal Year 2024 HSP



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## Introduction

This document consists of the following sections:

- Table 1, 2022 the most recent Table 1 based on CY2022 data that is expected to be part of the FY2024 HSP.
- Comparison of Relative Fatality Positions for 2022 vs. 2021
- Table 1, 2021 Table 1 from CY2021 data that was used in the FY2023 HSP.
- Table 1, 2020 Table 1 from CY2020 data that was used in the FY2022 HSP.
- Comparison of the Table 1 fatality ordering (2019-2021) this considers and compares the ordering of Table 1s for CY19. CY20 and CY21. Table 1 items are generally ordered by the number of fatalities in any given year. This shows how they have changed over the previous years. This can be compared to Table 1, 2022.
- Narrative Description of Categories this defines each of the Table 1 attributes so that there is no confusion as to their meanings.
- Table 1, 2019 provided for a reference if there is a need to consult this prior year Table 1.
- Potential Special Study Subjects this section considers the first 18 attributes in the 2021 Table 1 and comments on special studies that have been completed, are in progress or are anticipated based on their ordering and number of fatalities in the 2021 Table 1.

| CY21 | CY22 | Crash Type (Causal<br>Driver) | Fatal<br>Number | Fatal<br>% | Injuries | Injury<br>% | PDO<br>No. | PDO<br>% | Total  |
|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|--------|
| 1    | 1    | Belt Restraint Fault*         | 390             | 3.99%      | 3,753    | 38.35%      | 5,643      | 57.66%   | 9,786  |
| 3    | 2    | ID/DUI All Substances         | 179             | 3.58%      | 1,702    | 34.01%      | 3,018      | 60.30%   | 5,005  |
| 2    | 3    | Speed Involved                | 172             | 2.24%      | 2,319    | 30.17%      | 5,058      | 65.81%   | 7,686  |
| 4    | 4    | Hit Roadside Obstacle         | 134             | 2.46%      | 1659     | 30.50%      | 3573       | 65.58%   | 5,440  |
| 8    | 5    | Large Truck Involved          | 127             | 1.32%      | 1,580    | 16.43%      | 7,753      | 80.63%   | 9,616  |
| 9    | 6    | Mature 65+ Involved           | 120             | 0.92%      | 2,662    | 20.36%      | 10,018     | 76.61%   | 13,077 |
| 5    | 7    | Fail to Yield or Ran (All)    | 116             | 0.38%      | 8,078    | 26.58%      | 21,546     | 70.91%   | 30,387 |
| 7    | 8    | Pedestrian Involved           | 112             | 14.76%     | 572      | 75.36%      | 34         | 4.48%    | 759    |
| 11   | 9    | Wrong Way Items               | 108             | 3.29%      | 675      | 20.57%      | 2,391      | 72.85%   | 3,282  |
| 12   | 10   | Motorcycle Involved           | 89              | 5.49%      | 1,025    | 63.19%      | 461        | 28.42%   | 1,622  |
| 6    | 11   | License Deficiency Cause      | 79              | 1.38%      | 1,600    | 27.98%      | 3,875      | 67.76%   | 5,719  |
| 10   | 12   | Youth (16-20) Causal          | 74              | 0.37%      | 3,720    | 18.68%      | 15,730     | 79.00%   | 19,912 |
| 13   | 13   | Aggressive Operation          | 64              | 2.28%      | 712      | 25.32%      | 1,917      | 68.17%   | 2,812  |
| 14   | 14   | Distracted Driving            | 60              | 0.46%      | 2,494    | 19.06%      | 10,277     | 78.53%   | 13,086 |
| 16   | 15   | Utility Pole                  | 37              | 1.61%      | 698      | 30.41%      | 1,457      | 63.49%   | 2,295  |
| 17   | 16   | Drowsy Driving                | 30              | 0.92%      | 1,186    | 36.38%      | 1,970      | 60.43%   | 3,260  |
| 15   | 17   | Vehicle Defects – All         | 29              | 0.78%      | 710      | 19.22%      | 2,863      | 77.48%   | 3,695  |
| 22   | 18   | Work Zone Related             | 16              | 0.84%      | 382      | 19.94%      | 1,498      | 78.18%   | 1,916  |
| 18   | 19   | Vision Obscured               | 13              | 1.09%      | 293      | 24.66%      | 857        | 72.14%   | 1,188  |
| 19   | 20   | Bicycle                       | 12              | 4.84%      | 180      | 72.58%      | 50         | 20.16%   | 248    |
| 20   | 21   | Railroad Trains               | 5               | 9.09%      | 13       | 23.64%      | 35         | 63.64%   | 55     |
| 21   | 22   | Child Restraint Fault*        | 4               | 0.17%      | 247      | 10.37%      | 2,132      | 89.47%   | 2,383  |
| 24   | 23   | School Bus Involved           | 1               | 0.18%      | 71       | 12.98%      | 452        | 82.63%   | 547    |
| 23   | 24   | Roadway Defects – All         | 0               | 0.00%      | 27       | 18.88%      | 111        | 77.62%   | 143    |

#### Table 1. Top Fatality Causes Alabama 2022 Data

# **Crash Type Relative Fatality Position Changes from 2021 to 2022**

| CY21 | CY22 | Crash Type (Causal<br>Driver) | Fatal<br>CY22 | Fatal<br>CY21 | Improved<br>Positions | Declined<br>Positions | No<br>Change |
|------|------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1    | 1    | Belt Restraint Fault*         | 390           | 541           | -                     | -                     | *            |
| 3    | 2    | ID/DUI All<br>Substances      | 179           | 180           | -                     | 1                     | -            |
| 2    | 3    | Speed Involved                | 172           | 199           | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 4    | 4    | Hit Roadside Obstacle         | 134           | 126           | -                     | -                     | *            |
| 8    | 5    | Large Truck Involved          | 127           | 112           | -                     | 3                     | -            |
| 9    | 6    | Mature (65&Older)<br>Cause    | 120           | 81            | -                     | 3                     | -            |
| 5    | 7    | Fail to Yield or Ran (All)    | 116           | 111           | 2                     | -                     | -            |
| 7    | 8    | Pedestrian Involved           | 112           | 126           | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 11   | 9    | Wrong Way Items               | 108           | 113           | -                     | 2                     | -            |
| 12   | 10   | Motorcycle Involved           | 89            | 72            | -                     | 2                     | -            |
| 6    | 11   | License Deficiency<br>Cause   | 79            | 101           | 5                     | -                     | -            |
| 10   | 12   | Youth (16-20) Causal          | 74            | 82            | 2                     | -                     | -            |
| 13   | 13   | Aggressive Operation          | 64            | 70            | -                     | -                     | *            |
| 14   | 14   | Distracted Driving            | 60            | 45            | -                     | -                     | *            |
| 16   | 15   | Utility Pole                  | 37            | 26            | -                     | 1                     | -            |
| 17   | 16   | Drowsy Driving                | 30            | 33            | -                     | 1                     | -            |
| 15   | 17   | Vehicle Defects – All         | 29            | 29            | 2                     | -                     | -            |
| 22   | 18   | Work Zone Related             | 16            | 17            | -                     | 4                     | -            |
| 18   | 19   | Vision Obscured               | 13            | 12            | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 19   | 20   | Bicycle                       | 12            | 7             | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 20   | 21   | Railroad Trains               | 5             | 6             | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 21   | 22   | Child Restraint Fault*        | 4             | 22            | 1                     | -                     | -            |
| 24   | 23   | School Bus Involved           | 1             | 1             |                       | 1                     | -            |
| 23   | 24   | Roadway Defects –<br>All      | 0             | 2             | 1                     | -                     | -            |

#### **Top Fatality Causes Alabama 2022 Data**

| CY20 | CY21 | Crash Type (Causal<br>Driver) | Fatal<br>Number | Fatal<br>% | Injuries | Injury<br>% | PDO<br>No. | PDO<br>% | Total  |
|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|--------|
| 1    | 1    | Belt Restraint Fault*         | 541             | 6.24%      | 4,476    | 51.62%      | 3,654      | 42.14%   | 8,671  |
| 2    | 2    | Speed Involved                | 199             | 2.16%      | 2,785    | 30.29%      | 6,209      | 67.54%   | 9,193  |
| 3    | 3    | ID/DUI All Substances         | 180             | 3.17%      | 1,953    | 34.40%      | 3,544      | 62.43%   | 5,677  |
| 4    | 4    | Hit Roadside Obstacle         | 126             | 2.15%      | 1785     | 30.46%      | 3949       | 67.39%   | 5,860  |
| 9    | 5    | Pedestrian Involved           | 126             | 17.14%     | 575      | 78.23%      | 34         | 4.63%    | 735    |
| 10   | 6    | Wrong Way Items               | 113             | 3.19%      | 805      | 22.73%      | 2,623      | 74.08%   | 3,541  |
| 6    | 7    | Large Truck Involved          | 112             | 1.17%      | 1,701    | 17.80%      | 7,741      | 81.02%   | 9,554  |
| 5    | 8    | Fail to Yield-Ran (All)       | 111             | 0.38%      | 8,040    | 27.41%      | 21,184     | 72.21%   | 29,335 |
| 8    | 9    | License Defect Causal         | 101             | 1.39%      | 2,127    | 29.22%      | 5,052      | 69.40%   | 7,280  |
| 13   | 10   | Youth (16-20) Causal          | 82              | 0.38%      | 4,351    | 20.08%      | 17,233     | 79.54%   | 21,666 |
| 11   | 11   | Mature (65 or Older)          | 81              | 0.61%      | 2,666    | 19.94%      | 10,621     | 79.45%   | 13,368 |
| 14   | 12   | Motorcycle Involved           | 72              | 4.57%      | 1,044    | 66.33%      | 458        | 29.10%   | 1,574  |
| 12   | 13   | Aggressive Operation          | 70              | 2.46%      | 792      | 27.89%      | 1,978      | 69.65%   | 2,840  |
| 15   | 14   | Distracted Driving            | 45              | 0.33%      | 2,803    | 20.55%      | 10,794     | 79.12%   | 13,642 |
| 17   | 15   | Drowsy Driving                | 33              | 0.97%      | 1,201    | 35.22%      | 2,176      | 63.81%   | 3,410  |
| 19   | 16   | Vehicle Defects – All         | 29              | 0.64%      | 923      | 20.28%      | 3,600      | 79.09%   | 4,552  |
| 16   | 17   | Utility Pole                  | 26              | 1.03%      | 799      | 31.76%      | 1,691      | 67.21%   | 2,516  |
| 22   | 18   | Child Restraint Fault*        | 22              | 0.85%      | 717      | 27.80%      | 1,840      | 71.35%   | 2,579  |
| 18   | 19   | Work Zone Related             | 17              | 0.73%      | 420      | 18.07%      | 1,887      | 81.20%   | 2,324  |
| 20   | 20   | Vision Obscured               | 12              | 0.97%      | 289      | 23.31%      | 939        | 75.73%   | 1,240  |
| 21   | 21   | Bicycle                       | 7               | 3.15%      | 174      | 78.38%      | 41         | 18.47%   | 222    |
| 24   | 22   | Railroad Trains               | 6               | 9.84%      | 18       | 29.51%      | 37         | 60.66%   | 61     |
| 25   | 23   | Roadway Defects – All         | 2               | 1.77%      | 22       | 19.47%      | 89         | 78.76%   | 113    |
| 23   | 24   | School Bus Involved           | 1               | 0.18%      | 71       | 12.96%      | 476        | 86.86%   | 548    |

#### Table 1. Top Fatality Causes Alabama CY2021 Data

| Table 1. | <b>Top Fatality</b> | <b>Causes Alabama</b> | CY2020 Data |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|

| CY19 | CY20 | Crash Type (Causal<br>Driver)  | Fatal<br>Number | Fatal % | Injuries | Injury<br>% | PDO<br>No. | PDO %  | Total  |
|------|------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|--------|--------|
| 1    | 1    | Seat Belt Restraint Fault*     | 392             | 3.74%   | 3,834    | 36.56%      | 6,260      | 59.70% | 10,486 |
| 3    | 2    | Speed Involved                 | 192             | 2.14%   | 2,769    | 30.89%      | 6,003      | 66.97% | 8,964  |
| 2    | 3    | ID/DUI All Substances          | 141             | 2.72%   | 1,883    | 36.27%      | 3,167      | 61.01% | 5,191  |
| 4    | 4    | Hit Obstacle on Roadside       | 129             | 2.33%   | 1,680    | 30.29%      | 3,738      | 67.39% | 5,547  |
| 6    | 5    | Fail to Yield or Ran (All)     | 128             | 0.50%   | 7,265    | 28.40%      | 18,187     | 71.10% | 25,580 |
| 9    | 6    | Large Truck Involved           | 117             | 1.40%   | 1,529    | 18.27%      | 6,721      | 80.33% | 8,367  |
| 5    | 7    | Ped., Bicycle, School Bus      | 97              | 4.30%   | 674      | 29.88%      | 1485       | 65.82% | 2,256  |
| 8    | 8    | License Deficiency Causal      | 103             | 1.56%   | 2,020    | 30.55%      | 4,489      | 67.89% | 6,612  |
| 7    | 9    | Pedestrian Involved            | 96              | 14.84%  | 529      | 81.76%      | 22         | 3.40%  | 647    |
| 11   | 10   | Wrong Way Items                | 93              | 4.89%   | 613      | 32.25%      | 1,195      | 62.86% | 1,901  |
| 10   | 11   | Mature (65 or Older) Causal    | 83              | 0.71%   | 2,453    | 20.97%      | 9,162      | 78.32% | 11,698 |
| 14   | 12   | Aggressive Operation           | 81              | 3.20%   | 737      | 29.15%      | 1,710      | 67.64% | 2,528  |
| 13   | 13   | Youth (16-20) Causal<br>Driver | 73              | 0.39%   | 4,040    | 21.71%      | 14,495     | 77.90% | 18,608 |
| 12   | 14   | Motorcycle Involved            | 68              | 5.00%   | 943      | 69.39%      | 348        | 25.61% | 1,359  |
| 15   | 15   | Distracted Driving             | 52              | 0.45%   | 2,523    | 21.64%      | 9,083      | 77.91% | 11,658 |
| 16   | 16   | Utility Pole                   | 28              | 1.17%   | 776      | 32.43%      | 1,589      | 66.40% | 2,393  |
| 17   | 17   | Drowsy Driving                 | 23              | 0.84%   | 1,016    | 37.12%      | 1,698      | 62.04% | 2,737  |
| 18   | 18   | Work Zone Related              | 18              | 0.77%   | 441      | 18.85%      | 1,880      | 80.38% | 2,339  |
| 19   | 19   | Vehicle Defects – All          | 18              | 0.41%   | 929      | 21.27%      | 3,420      | 78.31% | 4,367  |
| 20   | 20   | Vision Obscured                | 8               | 0.76%   | 275      | 25.99%      | 775        | 73.25% | 1,058  |
| 23   | 21   | Bicycle                        | 8               | 3.79%   | 167      | 79.15%      | 36         | 17.06% | 211    |
| 21   | 22   | Child Restraint Fault*         | 5               | 0.24%   | 298      | 14.08%      | 1,813      | 85.68% | 2,116  |
| 25   | 23   | School Bus Involved            | 4               | 1.13%   | 61       | 17.18%      | 290        | 81.69% | 355    |
| 24   | 24   | Railroad Trains                | 3               | 5.88%   | 13       | 25.49%      | 35         | 68.63% | 51     |
| 22   | 25   | Roadway Defects – All          | 1               | 0.82%   | 32       | 26.23%      | 89         | 72.95% | 122    |

| CY19 | CY20 | CY21 | Crash Type (Causal Driver) | Fatal<br>2019 | Fatal<br>2020 | Fatal<br>2021 | Sgnfcnt<br>Increase |
|------|------|------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1    | 1    | 1    | Belt Restraint Fault*      | 382           | 392           | 541           | **                  |
| 3    | 2    | 2    | Speed Involved             | 145           | 192           | 199           | *                   |
| 2    | 3    | 3    | ID/DUI All Substances      | 171           | 141           | 180           |                     |
| 4    | 4    | 4    | Hit Roadside Obstacle      | 125           | 129           | 126           |                     |
| 6    | 9    | 5    | Pedestrian Involved        | 113           | 96            | 126           |                     |
| 11   | 10   | 6    | Wrong Way Items            | 101           | 93            | 113           | *                   |
| 5    | 7    | -    | Ped., Bicycle, School Bus  | 123           | 97            | -             |                     |
| 9    | 6    | 7    | Large Truck Involved       | 108           | 103           | 112           |                     |
| 6    | 5    | 8    | Fail to Yield-Ran (All)    | 117           | 128           | 111           |                     |
| 8    | 8    | 9    | License Defect Causal      | 108           | 103           | 101           |                     |
| 13   | 13   | 10   | Youth (16-20) Causal       | 76            | 73            | 82            |                     |
| 14   | 11   | 11   | Mature (65 or Older)       | 104           | 83            | 81            |                     |
| 12   | 14   | 12   | Motorcycle Involved        | 85            | 68            | 72            |                     |
| 14   | 12   | 13   | Aggressive Operation       | 68            | 81            | 70            |                     |
| 15   | 15   | 14   | Distracted Driving         | 45            | 52            | 45            |                     |
| 17   | 17   | 15   | Drowsy Driving             | 27            | 23            | 33            |                     |
| 19   | 19   | 16   | Vehicle Defects – All      | 16            | 18            | 29            | *                   |
| 16   | 16   | 17   | Utility Pole               | 32            | 28            | 26            |                     |
| 21   | 22   | 18   | Child Restraint Fault*     | 11            | 5             | 22            |                     |
| 18   | 18   | 19   | Work Zone Related          | 16            | 18            | 17            |                     |
| 20   | 20   | 20   | Vision Obscured            | 13            | 8             | 12            |                     |
| 23   | 21   | 21   | Bicycle                    | 6             | 8             | 7             |                     |
| 24   | 24   | 22   | Railroad Trains            | 4             | 3             | 6             |                     |
| 22   | 25   | 23   | Roadway Defects – All      | 8             | 1             | 2             |                     |
| 25   | 23   | 24   | School Bus Involved        | 4             | 4             | 1             |                     |

# **Comparison of the Table 1 Fatality Ordering (2019-2021)**

### **Narrative Description of Categories**

The purpose of the narrative descriptions that follow is to give non-technical users of Table Ones a simple description for each of the items. This will enable better comparisons that are essential to optimal decisions regarding traffic safety resource allocations that must be made among the various crash categories.

Unless otherwise indicated, the counts presented in Table 1 are Crashes of various severities. Exceptions are 2022 crash categories 1 and 18, restraint items. These two exceptions are for restraints, and an asterisk (\*) is placed on these items for the footnote that describes the reason for the exception (see the Table 1s above).

The descriptions below are given in terms of the Table 1 item numbers that were used in the **2024 HSP (CY2022 data).** A brief rationale will be given for each category so that its use can be placed into a real-world context. The ordering within the current Table 1 is in terms of the number of fatalities that were found for each category during CY2022. This numbering will change when Table 1 is updated in future years, due to the changes in the category definitions as well and the changes in the number of fatal crashes counted within each category.

These categories are not mutually exclusive. It is fairly easy to imagine crashes that might include five to ten of the categories simultaneously. Users of Table 1 will need to apply their knowledge of traffic crash causes and severities to estimate which of the multiple causes might be the primary cause for the fatalities indicated, and thus, which should have the higher priority to counter.

Descriptions of the categories and order within the 2022 Table1:

#### 1. Seatbelt Restraint Fault\*

This item records those restraint faults (generally non-use, but could be improper use) of restraintthat have been found to normally result in an increased severity in those who are not properly restrained. It covers drivers and all occupants of age 6 and older. Those aged less than 6 are covered in Category 22, Child Restraint Fault.

#### 2. ID/DUI All Substances

This item includes all crashes in which either alcohol or any other drug was indicated to be involved in the crash.

#### 3. Speed Involved

This item includes all crashes in which speed was indicated to be a factor, which is generally indicated as "Over Speed Limit." However, **beginning in** 2021 the PCC "Too Fast for Conditions" was added to this category.

#### 4. Hit Obstacle on Roadside

This item includes crashes where the vehicle ran off the road and struck an object on the roadside, restricted to obstacles for which the responsible agency would have some capability to either remove or otherwise mitigate the hazard.

#### 5. Large Truck Involved

Generally, this covers all trucks larger than the typical pickup truck. The attempt here is to concentrate on the size of the truck as opposed to its function or whether it is a CMV or not (some will be; others are not). See the comment under Motorcycle **Involved**, **Category 10**.

#### 6. Mature – Age > 64 Involved

#### This item includes all crashes that involved which drivers of age 65 or older whether they were listed as the causal driver or not.

#### 7. Fail to Yield or "Ran" (All)

This item includes all subcategories of Failure to Yield the Right-of-Way and "Ranxxx," such as "Ran a Stop Sign" or "Ran a Traffic Signal." The reporting of just one or a small subset of these did not seem to be warranted since the underlying cause of such behavior is the same regardless of where it manifests itself. Since this category has changed considerably from the past, we will give all of the item specifications for it, as follow:

- Ran Traffic Signal
- Ran Stop Sign
- Failed to Yield Right-of-Way from/to ...
- Traffic Signal
- Stop Sign
- Yield Sign
- Making Left or U-Turn
- Making Right Turn
- Making Right Turn on Red Signal
- from Driveway
- from Parked Position
- at Uncontrolled Intersection
- to Pedestrian in Crosswalk
- Failed to Yield the Right-of-Way (stated unqualified)
- Other Failed to Yield

#### 8. Pedestrian Involved

This item includes all crashes that involved pedestrians in any way, independent of whether or not the pedestrian was the cause of the crash. See the comment under Motorcycle **Involved**, **Category 10**.

#### 9. Wrong Way Items

All crashes where the causal vehicle is in a lane for oncoming traffic; this includes median crossovers and also lane departures into oncoming traffic on two-lane or four-lane roads. It also includes violations in no-passing zones, since these offenses would put the causal driver into oncomingtraffic lanes.

#### 10. Motorcycle Involved

This item is for those crashes in which a motorcycle was involved either as the causal vehicle or the second unit in the crash.

*General comment on vehicle type involvement.* Discussions were conducted as to whether categories that involved vehicle types should be those "involved" or those "caused by." It was determined that countermeasures to these crashes could, and in some cases should, change the behaviors of vehicle drivers that are not of the category type who caused the crash. Thus, it was felt that all crashes in which they were involved should be included, and not just those caused by the driver of the specific vehicle type. *This applies to all categories that are defined by a vehicle type, including pedestrians.* 

#### 11. Causal Driver License Status Deficiency

This item includes all crashes in which the causal driver had one or more of the following driver license status deficiencies: Denied, Expired, Fraudulent, Revoked, and/or Suspended. It serves as an indicator as to whether the change of license status has a significant effect on the crash expectations of those drivers involved.

#### 12. Youth Age 16-20 Caused.

This item includes all crashes for which drivers of age 16-20 (inclusive) were listed as the causal drivers.

#### 13. Aggressive Operation

This code is indicated by officers when there are two or more PCCs that are relevant and thus the indication is that the driver was under some psychological stress to disregard several safety considerations simultaneously. In CY2021, attribute C542 was added as an indicator in addition to C015 and C202 that had been used in the past.

#### 14. Distracted Driving

Many different things tend to distract drivers, and this item is an attempt to count all of them. These would include distracted by: Passenger; Use of Electronic Communication Device; Use of Other Electronic Device; Fallen Object; Fatigued/Asleep; Insect/Reptile; Other Distraction Inside the Vehicle; and/or Other Distraction Outside the Vehicle. Of these, Fatigued/Asleep is redundant with Drowsy Driving (see 16). For purposes of analysis, it is being left as a contributor to this list to be consistent with the way it is reported on the crash report. It should be noted that Drowsy Driving may include items of fatigue and sleep that are not within the Distracted Driving **category, see Category 16.** 

#### 15. Utility Pole

There are many roadside obstacles that are struck by vehicles that run off the road. Utility poles are listed here since generally, utility poles are obstacles that are of special interest to utility companies.

#### 16. Drowsy Driving

This item includes any and all indications that the driver or drivers were drowsy or falling asleep.

#### 17. Vehicle Defects (All)

This includes all reportable vehicle defects, namely: Brakes, Steering, Tire Blowout/Separation,Improper Tread Depth, Wheels, Wipers, Windows/Windshield, Mirrors, Trailer Hitch/Coupling,Power Train, Fuel System, Exhaust, Headlights, Tail Lights, Turn Signal, Suspension, Cruise Control, Body/Doors, and Other. Paper Report Archive that are no longer reported as separate items in eCrash include: Tires, Lights, Restraint System, and Cargo.

#### 18. Work Zone Related

There are about ten locations within a work zone in which a crash can be specified to have been located. This item includes any or all of them. The work zone does not need to be a cause of thecrash in any way for it to be counted; the crash just needs to be located in or adjacent to the work zone.

#### 19. Vision Obscured

This covers the following situations in which vision might be obscured by something in the roadway or its environment.

CU Vision Obscured By (C408)

- Trees/Crops
- Buildings
- Embankment
- Sign/Billboard
- E Lights/Glare (Roadside)
- Hillcrest
- Curve in Road

Rationale: typically, the vision obstructions listed are those that can be addressed by engineering types of countermeasures and thus exclude items of a temporary nature, such as obstructions caused by weather conditions. Roadway related obstructions are included.

20. Bicycle (Pedalcycle) Involved

This is all crashes in which a pedalcycle (mostly bicycles) were involved independent of who caused the crashes. See comment under Motorcycle **Involved**, **Category 10**.

21. Railroad Train Involved

This counts the number of crashes in which a railroad train was involved independent of who may have caused the crashes. See comment under Motorcycle **Involved**, **Category 10**.

#### 22. Child Restraint Fault\*

This includes the child passengers aged 5 or younger who were not properly restrained.

#### 23. School Bus Involved

This is the number of crashes that involved a school bus independent of the causal unit. See comment under Motorcycle **Involved**, **Category 10**.

24. Contributing Roadway Defects

Any crash where a roadway defect was noted as a Contributing Circumstance in any of the following: C015, C202 or C542. PCC, CUCC and V2 Contributing Circumstance are recorded as "E Roadway/Sign/Signal Defect" in the eCrash system.

The 2019 past year's Table 1 is given below in case it is needed for reference purposes.

| Crash Type (Causal Driver)     | Fatal<br>Number | Fatal % | Injuries | Injury % | PDO No. | PDO %  | Total  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1-Seat Belt Restraint Fault*   | 382             | 5.70%   | 3,569    | 53.21%   | 2,756   | 41.09% | 6,707  |
| 2-ID/DUI All Substances        | 171             | 3.21%   | 2,003    | 37.55%   | 3,160   | 59.24% | 5,334  |
| 3-Speed Involved               | 145             | 1.46%   | 2,991    | 30.13%   | 6,791   | 68.41% | 9,927  |
| 4-Hit Obstacle on Roadside     | 125             | 1.93%   | 2,037    | 31.45%   | 4,315   | 66.62% | 6,477  |
| 5-Ped., Bicycle, School Bus    | 123             | 1.33%   | 2731     | 29.47%   | 6412    | 69.20% | 9,266  |
| 6-Fail to Yield or Ran (All)   | 117             | 0.36%   | 8,063    | 24.94%   | 24,145  | 74.69% | 32,325 |
| 7-Pedestrian Involved          | 113             | 14.13%  | 653      | 81.63%   | 34      | 4.25%  | 800    |
| 8-License Deficiency Causal    | 108             | 1.64%   | 2,005    | 30.40%   | 4,482   | 67.96% | 6,595  |
| 9-Large Truck Involved         | 108             | 1.15%   | 1,679    | 17.89%   | 7599    | 80.96% | 9,386  |
| 10-Mature (65 or Older) Causal | 104             | 0.67%   | 3,305    | 21.44%   | 12,006  | 77.89% | 15,415 |
| 11-Wrong Way Items             | 101             | 2.14%   | 994      | 21.10%   | 3,615   | 76.75% | 4,710  |
| 12-Motorcycle Involved         | 85              | 5.48%   | 1,032    | 66.49%   | 435     | 28.03% | 1,552  |
| 13-Youth (16-20) Causal        | 76              | 0.33%   | 4,959    | 21.75%   | 17,768  | 77.92% | 22,803 |
| 14-Aggressive Operation        | 68              | 2.31%   | 867      | 29.42%   | 2,012   | 68.27% | 2,947  |
| 15-Distracted Driving          | 45              | 0.30%   | 3242     | 21.60%   | 11,724  | 78.10% | 15,011 |
| 16-Utility Pole                | 32              | 1.35%   | 848      | 35.78%   | 1,490   | 62.87% | 2,370  |
| 17-Drowsy Driving              | 27              | 0.76%   | 1357     | 38.10%   | 2,178   | 61.15% | 3,562  |
| 18-Work Zone Related           | 16              | 0.52%   | 588      | 18.96%   | 2,498   | 80.53% | 3,102  |
| 19-Vehicle Defects – All       | 16              | 0.44%   | 821      | 22.49%   | 2,813   | 77.07% | 3,650  |
| 20-Vision Obscured             | 13              | 1.12%   | 297      | 25.52%   | 854     | 73.37% | 1,164  |
| 21-Child Restraint Fault*      | 11              | 0.53%   | 639      | 31.00%   | 1411    | 68.46% | 2,061  |
| 22-Roadway Defects – All       | 8               | 0.29%   | 599      | 21.36%   | 2,197   | 78.35% | 2,804  |
| 23-Bicycle                     | 6               | 2.55%   | 186      | 79.15%   | 43      | 18.30% | 235    |
| 24-Railroad Trains             | 4               | 6.45%   | 16       | 25.81%   | 42      | 67.74% | 62     |
| 25-School Bus Involved         | 4               | 0.66%   | 87       | 14.26%   | 519     | 85.08% | 610    |

Past Table 1. Top Fatality Causes Alabama CY2019 Data

## **Potential Special Study Subjects**

### http://www.safehomealabama.gov/caps-special-studies/

### In SHA: <u>http://www.safehomealabama.gov/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/09/15100\_Countermeasures10th\_080621\_v5\_tag.pdf</u> Countermeasures that Work

| CY21 | Crash Type (Causal<br>Driver) | Status of Special Study<br>SHA = SafeHomeAlabama.gov Special Studies Page |
|------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1    | Belt Restraint Fault*         | On SHA, for the FY2023 HSP 2016-2020                                      |
| 2    | Speed Involved                | On SHA Jan-2019-July 2021data   |
| 3    | ID/DUI All Substances         | On SHA, 2016-2020 data, Impaired Driving                                  |
| 4    | Hit Roadside Obstacle         | On SHA, 2016-2020 data  |
| 5    | Pedestrian Involved           | On SHA, 2018-2022 data  |
| 6    | Wrong Way Items               | On SHA, 2016-2020 data  |
| 7    | Large Truck Involved          | On SHA, 2016-2020 data  |
| 8    | Fail to Yield-Ran (All)       | On SHA, 2015-2019 data  |
| 9    | License Defect Causal         | On SHA, 2016-2020 data  |
| 10   | Youth (16-20) Causal          | On SHA, 2017-2021 data  |
| 11   | Mature (65 or Older)          | On SHA, 2017-2021 data  |
| 12   | Motorcycle Involved           | MC Caused, 2016-2020 data on SHA  |
| 13   | Aggressive Operation          | On SHA, 2017-2021 data  |
| 14   | Distracted Driving            | On SHA, 2017-2021 update for 2023 HSP                                     |
| 15   | Drowsy Driving                | On SHA 2017-2021 data   |
| 16   | Vehicle Defects – All         | On SHA 2017-2021 data   |
| 17   | Utility Pole                  | No study – needs review to determine if study is required                 |
| 18   | Child Restraint Fault*        | On SHA 2014-2018 needs update   |