

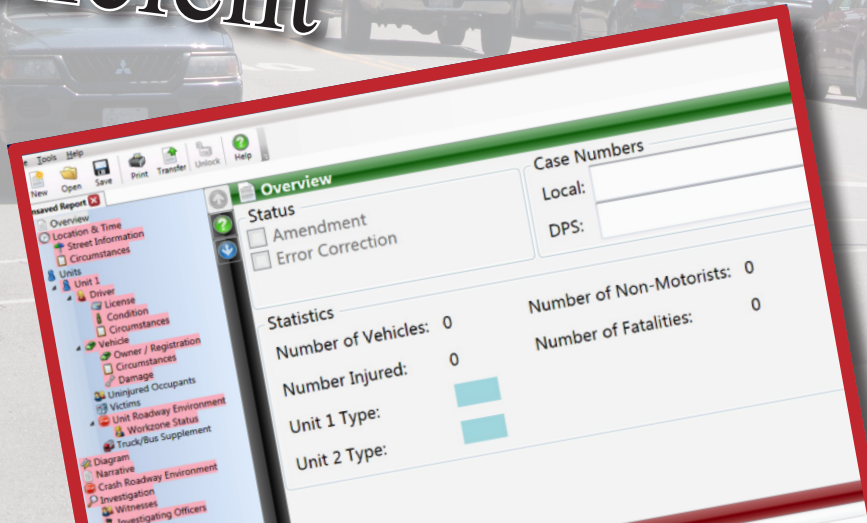


ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

New Technology



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Why Some Numbers Are Not Comparable With the 2008 Crash Facts Book

We know that many of you compare the numbers in the Crash Facts book from year to year. We are discouraging that practice this year except for some of the most obvious numbers (e.g., number of fatalities). This incompatibility of the data from year to year will be a temporary thing, and we expect that, if no major changes are made in the Crash Facts book, that the 2010 numbers will be acceptable to compare with those in this book (2009). Here are the reasons that some of the numbers between 2009 and 2008 might not be comparable:

- There was a major change in both the code descriptions and the interpretation of the new codes that came with the eCrash improvement (e.g., the transition to become totally compliant with the MMUCC federal standard).
- While some codes are described with the same words, this does not mean that the reporting officers would select them in the same way as before. For example, the number of codes within the Primary Contributing Circumstance variable more than doubled. If any of these new codes were used, that means that one of the old codes would not be used.
- Calendar year 2009 was a transition year in which about half of the records came in on the new eCrash system and the rest on the old paper system. This meant that in order to get counts we had to make assumptions about how the codes in the different systems mapped to each other. This is expected to be resolved once the entire state moves over to eCrash.

Different does not mean wrong. In many cases the variable structure, the particular codes, and the procedures that are being applied now are different, and so the numbers in some very similar variables will not be exactly the same as they would had no changes been made.

We hope that you will be patient as we try to do our best to make the results as accurate as possible.

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Quick Facts

	The 2009 Toll	2009	vs	2008
Persons Killed	848	down		11.9%
Persons Injured	35,969	up		1.0%
Reported Crashes	123,731	down		0.2%
Miles Traveled	60,035,200,000	up		1.5%

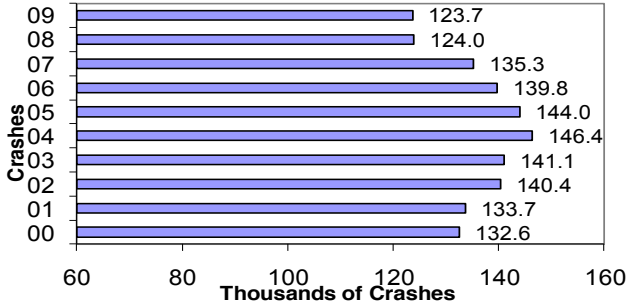
- There were 848 people killed in 774 fatal crashes.
- One traffic crash was reported every 255 seconds.
- One person was injured in a traffic crash every 14 minutes and 37 seconds.
- One person was killed in a traffic crash every 10 hours and 20 minutes.
- Most Alabama crashes (73.1%) occurred in urban areas, but most fatalities (62.0%) occurred in rural areas.
- For each person killed, there were 42.4 injured.
- Of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, 10.3% were age 19 or under, and 22.9% were under 25 years of age.
- Of all fatal crashes, 49% occurred at night (including dusk and dawn).
- The 2009 pedestrian death toll was 65.
- There were 77 fatalities among motorcycle or moped riders.
- Bi/Tricyclists accounted for 7 fatalities.
- For occupants who are in crashes while in the front seat of a vehicle, the probability of being killed is 44.4 times higher for those not wearing safety belts than those who are properly restrained.

Based on 2009 data, if you are a typical driver in Alabama, there is a 48.6% probability that you will be involved in an injury or fatal crash while driving an automobile over your lifetime.

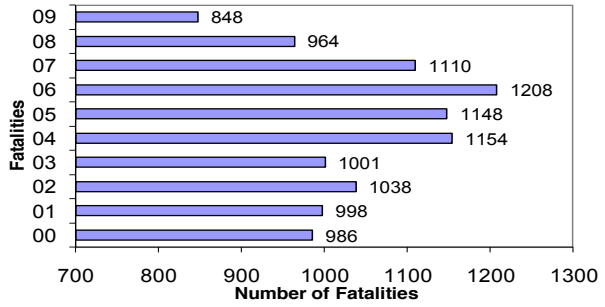
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Ten Year Traffic Trends 2000-2009

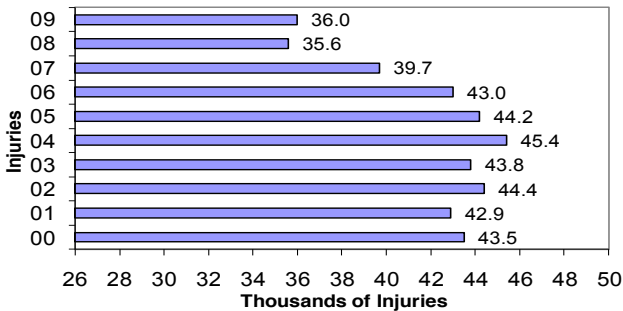
DOWN 6.71% in 10 YEARS



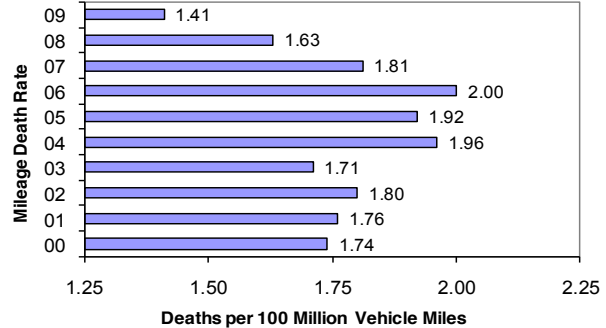
DOWN 14.00% in 10 YEARS



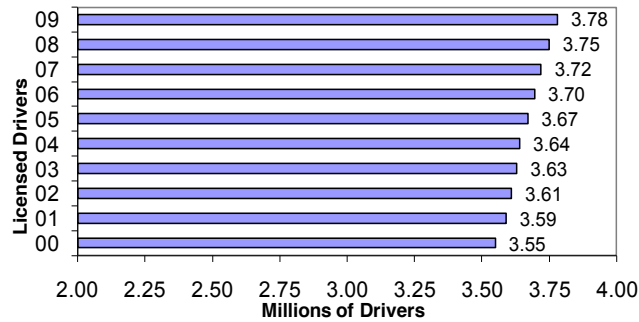
DOWN 17.24% in 10 YEARS



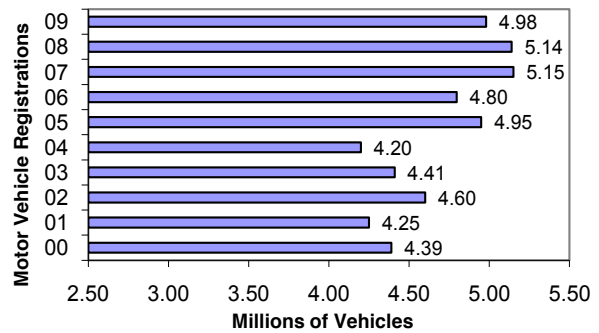
DOWN 18.97% in 10 YEARS



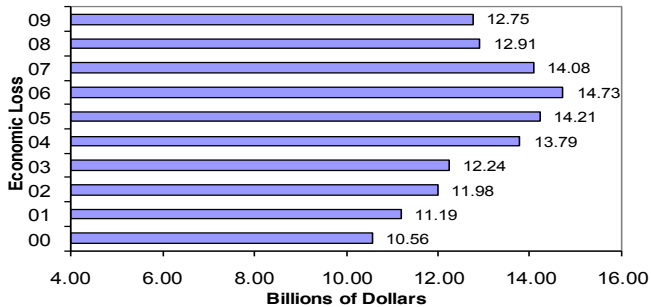
UP 6.48% in 10 YEARS



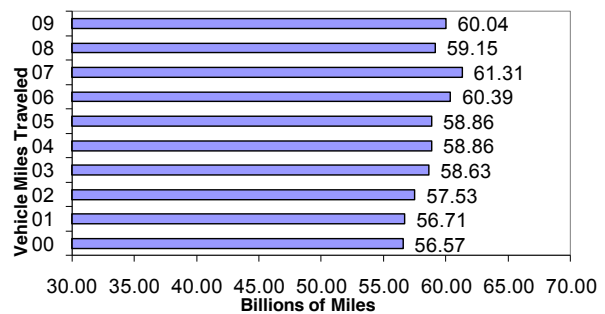
UP 13.44% in 10 YEARS



UP 20.71% in 10 YEARS



UP 6.13% in 10 YEARS



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Time Trends

DAY OF WEEK

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

	Crashes	%	Deaths	%
Sunday	11,913	9.6	119	14.0%
Monday	18,212	14.7	97	11.4%
Tuesday	18,628	15.1	92	10.8%
Wednesday	18,204	14.7	107	12.6%
Thursday	18,668	15.1	113	13.3%
Friday	21,913	17.7	145	17.1%
Saturday	16,187	13.1	175	20.6%
Unknown	6	0.0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	123,731	100.0	848	100.0%

TIME OF DAY

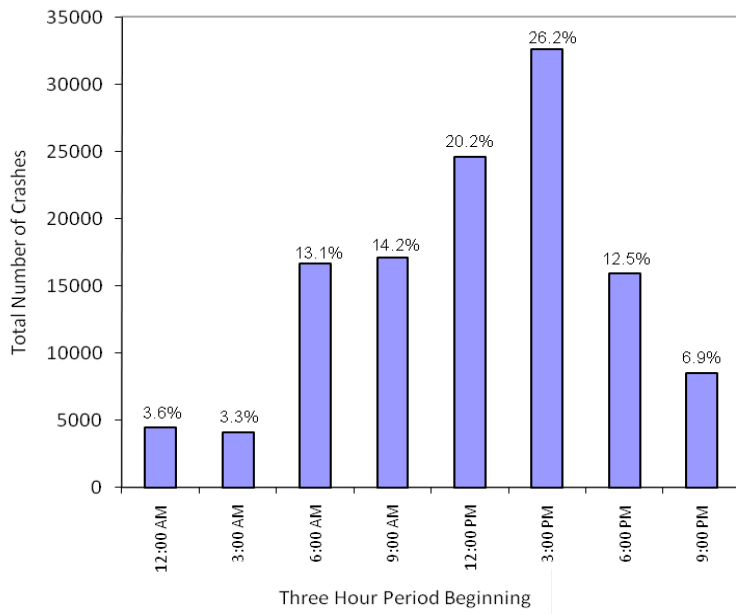
MONTH OF YEAR

	Crashes	%	Deaths	%
January	9,794	7.9%	61	7.2%
February	9,638	7.8%	64	7.5%
March	10,605	8.6%	78	9.2%
April	10,335	8.4%	76	9.0%
May	10,619	8.6%	96	11.3%
June	9,518	7.7%	94	11.1%
July	9,649	7.8%	80	9.4%
August	10,175	8.2%	71	8.4%
September	10,517	8.5%	46	5.4%
October	11,274	9.1%	64	7.5%
November	10,386	8.4%	54	6.4%
December	11,215	9.1%	64	7.5%
Unknown	6	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	123,731	100.0%	848	100.0%

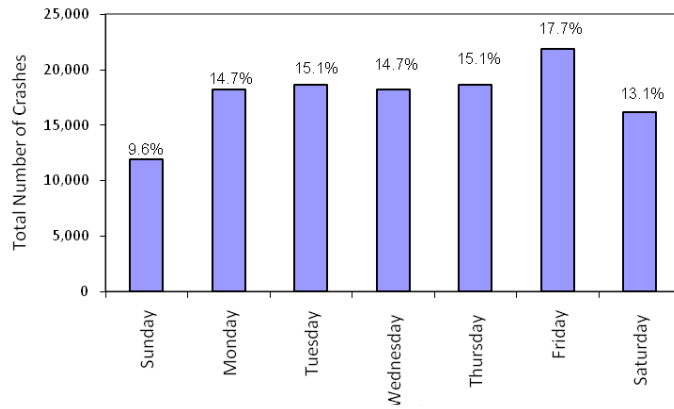
	Crashes	%	Deaths	%
Midnight	1,631	1.3%	36	4.2%
1:00 AM	1,441	1.2%	32	3.8%
2:00 AM	1,343	1.1%	23	2.7%
3:00 AM	1,152	0.9%	24	2.8%
4:00 AM	1,152	0.9%	18	2.1%
5:00 AM	1,729	1.4%	26	3.1%
6:00 AM	2,899	2.3%	27	3.2%
7:00 AM	7,798	6.3%	25	2.9%
8:00 AM	5,490	4.4%	19	2.2%
9:00 AM	4,779	3.9%	34	4.0%
10:00 AM	5,883	4.8%	27	3.2%
11:00 AM	6,930	5.6%	37	4.4%
Noon	8,240	6.7%	39	4.6%
1:00 PM	8,185	6.6%	41	4.8%
2:00 PM	8,550	6.9%	46	5.4%
3:00 PM	11,342	9.2%	41	4.8%
4:00 PM	10,206	8.2%	42	5.0%
5:00 PM	10,858	8.8%	53	6.3%
6:00 PM	6,805	5.5%	40	4.7%
7:00 PM	4,631	3.7%	57	6.7%
8:00 PM	4,078	3.3%	40	4.7%
9:00 PM	3,503	2.8%	47	5.5%
10:00 PM	2,829	2.3%	43	5.1%
11:00 PM	2,227	1.8%	31	3.7%
Unknown	50	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	123,731	100.0%	848	100.0%

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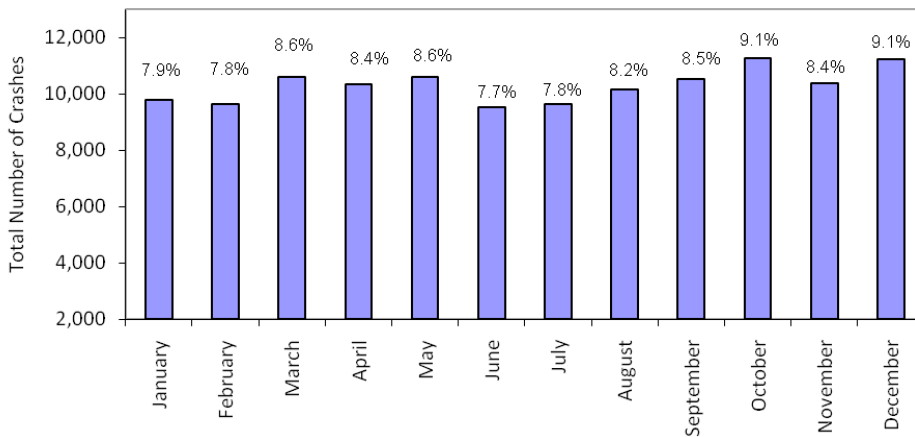
TIME OF DAY



DAY OF WEEK



MONTH OF YEAR



2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

Types of Crashes

FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

	FATALITIES	INJURIES	CRASHES	% OF CRASHES
Hit Other Vehicle	335	23,522	87,631	70.8%
Hit Fixed Object or Other Object	253	5,524	15,735	12.7%
Overtaking	48	1,109	1,580	1.3%
Other Non-Collision	3	142	773	0.6%
Hit Animal	2	230	2,768	2.2%
Hit Pedestrian	66	513	582	0.5%
Hit Pedalcyclist	4	124	139	0.1%
Hit Railway Train	2	14	46	0.0%
Hit Parked Vehicle	7	322	4,079	3.3%
All Other	128	4,469	10,398	8.4%
Total	848	35,969	123,731	100%

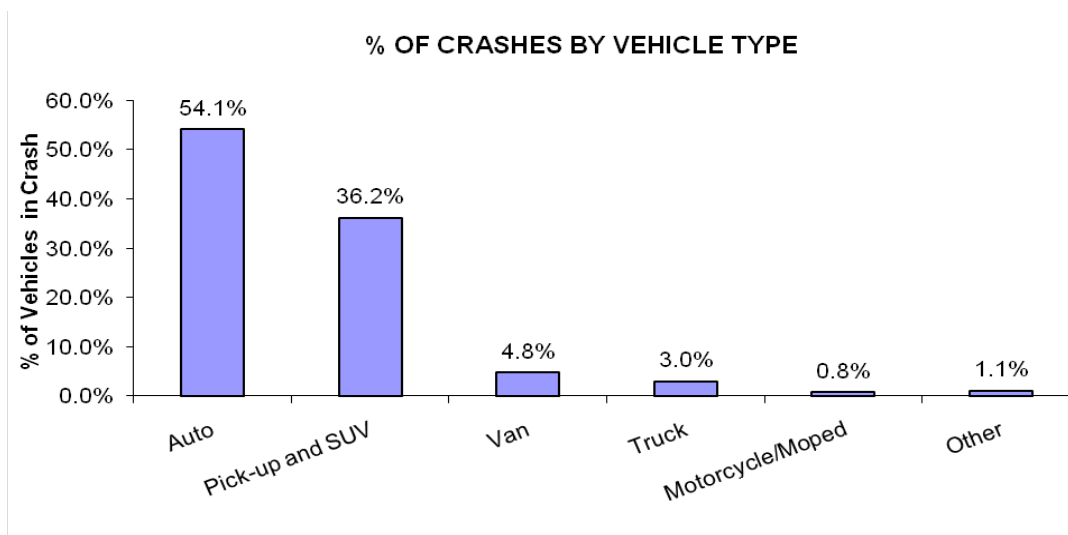
The typical Alabama traffic crash occurs between two autos when one of the drivers fails to yield the right of way.

HAZARDOUS CARGO

	CRASHES	%
Explosive	4	7.4%
Gas/Flammable	40	74.1%
Corrosive	5	9.3%
Radioactive	0	0.0%
Other	5	9.3%
Total	54	100.0%

VEHICLE TYPE

	VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRASHES	% OF VEHICLES
Auto	121,250	54.1%
Pick-up and SUV	81,083	36.2%
Van	10,760	4.8%
Truck	6,704	3.0%
Motorcycle/Moped	1,682	0.8%
Other	2,520	1.1%
Total	223,999	100.0%



2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

BY FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

HIT OTHER VEHICLE			HIT BICYCLE		
	2008	2009		2008	2009
Crashes	89,300	87,631	Crashes	181	139
Injuries	23,262	23,522	Injuries	151	124
Fatalities	367	335	Fatalities	3	7

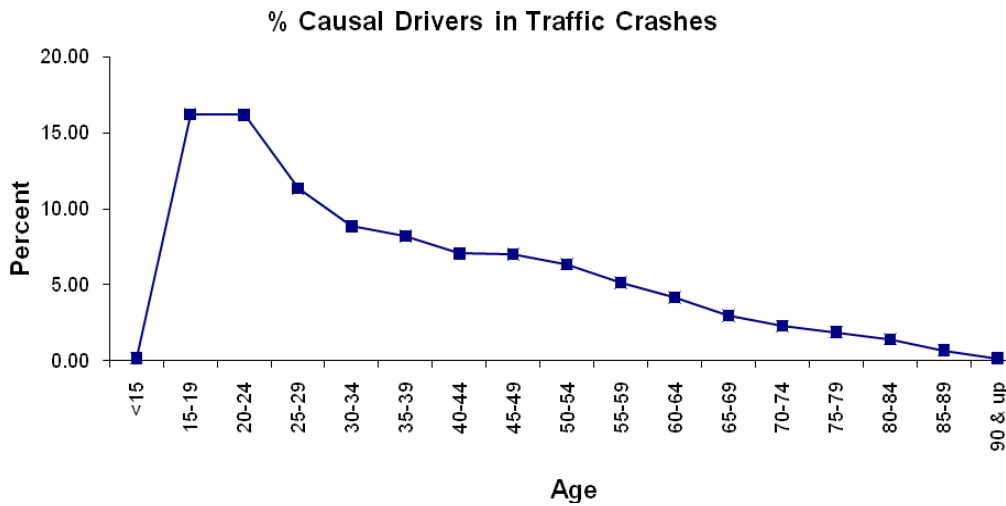
OVERTURNING			HIT TRAIN		
	2008	2009		2008	2009
Crashes	2,059	1,580	Crashes	60	46
Injuries	1,392	1,109	Injuries	36	14
Fatalities	76	48	Fatalities	5	2

HIT FIXED OBJECT			ALL OTHERS		
	2008	2009		2008	2009
Crashes	14,915	15,735	Crashes	19,056	10,398
Injuries	5,696	5,524	Injuries	6,078	4,469
Fatalities	291	253	Fatalities	240	128

TOTALS		
	2008	2009
Crashes	123,969	123,731
Injuries	35,619	35,969
Fatalities	964	848

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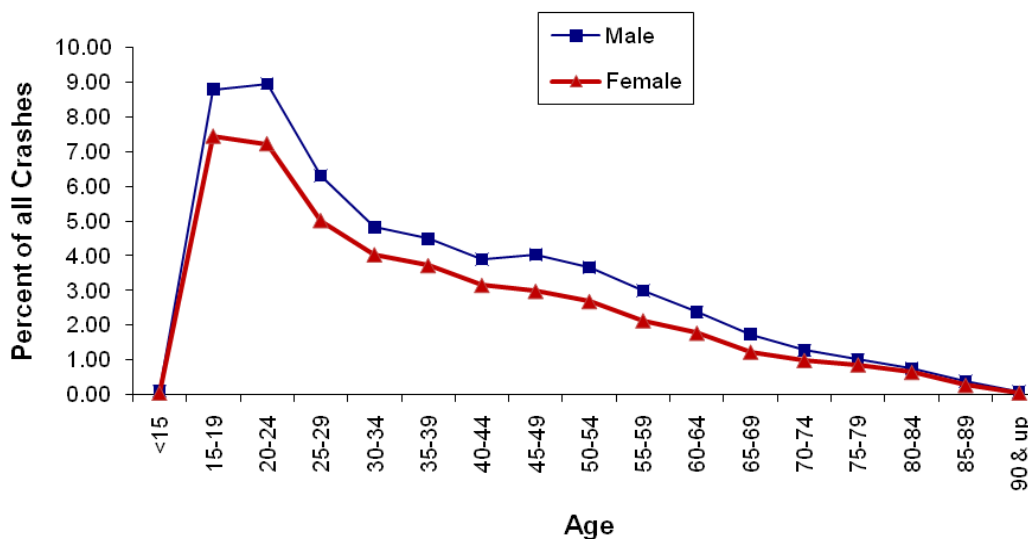
Involvement by Age and Gender



AGES OF FATALITIES

Age (Years)	Number of Persons Killed
0 to 3	8
4 to 5	5
6 to 8	4
9 to 12	12
13 to 15	14
16 to 20	113
21 to 25	81
26 to 64	473
65 or Older	134
Unknown	4
Total	848

% Causal Drivers Involved in Traffic Crashes By Age and Gender



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NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY AGE

Age	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Crashes	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes
<14	0	213	4
14	183	79	2
15	30,129	386	2
16	46,283	5,312	29
17	52,718	6,302	21
18	57,543	7,366	23
19	62,166	7,332	30
(15-19)	248,839	26,698	105
20	64,253	6,695	26
21	64,582	6,497	29
22	64,440	6,042	31
23	65,182	5,694	29
24	66,531	5,312	23
(20-24)	324,988	30,240	138
25	67,020	5,003	22
26	65,206	4,809	21
27	65,142	4,596	28
28	65,711	4,498	24
29	67,032	4,418	18
(25-29)	330,111	23,324	113
(30-34)	305,338	19,667	87
(35-39)	317,690	18,989	107
(40-44)	314,714	17,005	102
(45-49)	347,567	17,128	99
(50-54)	342,746	15,700	100
(55-59)	307,610	12,822	78
(60-64)	272,151	10,183	62
(65-69)	209,439	7,102	40
(70-74)	161,593	4,969	32
>74	299,315	7,391	62
Unknown	0	12,489	23
Total	3,782,284	223,999	1,154

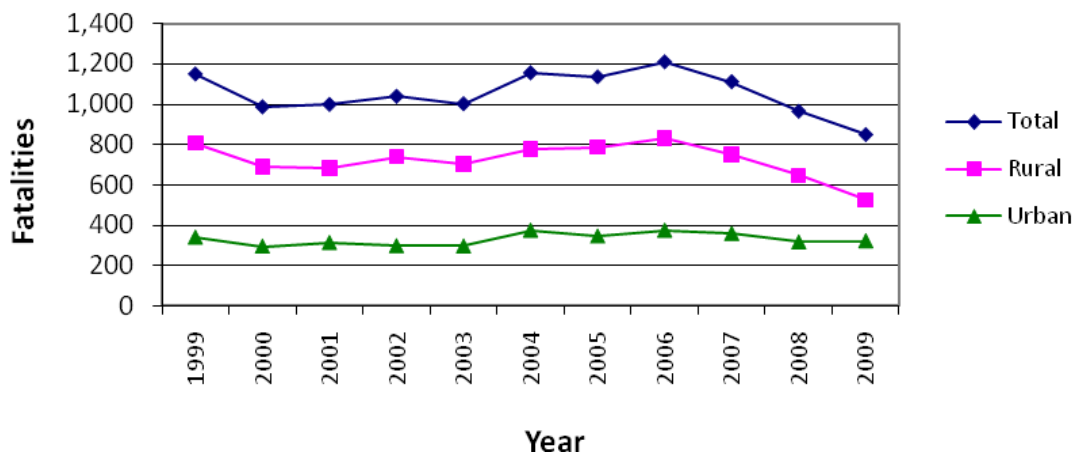
NUMBER OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES AND FATAL CRASHES BY GENDER

Gender	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Crashes	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes
Male	1,848,872	113,246	823
Female	1,933,412	99,813	308
Unknown	0	10,940	23
Total	3,782,284	223,999	1,154

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Crash Location

RURAL VS. URBAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES 11 YEAR TREND



11 YEAR EXPERIENCE

The number of RURAL fatalities decreased 18.7% in 2009.

Year	Fatalities		
	State Total	Rural	Urban
1999	1,148	807	341
2000	986	690	296
2001	998	684	314
2002	1,038	740	298
2003	1,001	704	297
2004	1,154	779	375
2005	1,134	787	347
2006	1,208	833	375
2007	1,110	751	359
2008	964	647	317
2009	848	526	322

The number of URBAN fatalities increased 1.58% in 2009.

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RURAL LOCALE

	Crashes	%
Open Country	26,857	80.99
Residential	3,540	10.68
Business	2,411	7.27
Industrial	184	0.55
School/Playground	152	0.46
Other	16	0.05

URBAN LOCALE

	Crashes	%
Open Country	9,218	10.44
Residential	22,262	25.21
Business	52,984	59.99
Industrial	1,731	1.96
School/Playground	1,949	2.21
Other	171	0.19

Most crashes happen in urban business and residential areas or in open rural areas, on the roadway, and within 25 miles of home.

CRASH LOCATION

	Crashes	%
On Roadway	79,162	63.98
Off Roadway	21,066	17.03
Median	1,275	1.03
Driveway	43	0.03
Private Property	228	0.18
Intersection	20,594	16.64
Other	1,363	1.10

CAUSAL DRIVER'S RESIDENCE

Residence Within 25 Miles	
Yes	73.0%
No	18.5%
Unknown	8.5%

WORKZONE CRASHES

	Crashes
Property Damage	1,839
Injury	518
Fatal	9
Unknown	3
Total	2,369

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Crash Environment

TRAFFIC CONTROL

	Crashes	%
Railroad Device	165	0.1
Yield Sign	3,421	3.0
Stop sign	10,779	9.3
Traffic Signal	25,265	21.9
No Passing Zone	12,849	11.1
Other	3,863	3.3
None	59,215	51.2
Not Stated	8,174	7.1

LIGHT CONDITION

	Crashes	%
Day	89,033	72.0
Dawn	1,414	1.1
Dusk	3,091	2.5
Dark	18,417	14.9
Streetlights	11,359	9.2
Not Stated	417	0.3

ROAD CURVATURE AND GRADE

	Crashes	%
Level	80,075	64.7
Downgrade	12,846	10.4
Upgrade	9,683	7.8
Hillcrest or Sag	1,038	0.8
Level Curve	7,034	5.7
Curve on Hill	8,347	6.7
Other/Unknown	4,708	3.8

NUMBER OF LANES

	Crashes	%
One	2,602	2.1
Two	59,277	47.9
Three	4,701	3.8
Four	38,280	30.9
Five	3,441	2.8
Six or More	10,505	8.5
Not Stated	4,925	4.0

WEATHER

	Crashes	%
Clear	73,256	59.2
Cloudy	28,685	23.2
Rain	19,730	15.9
Snow/Sleet	274	0.2
Fog	690	0.6
Other	1,096	0.9

ROAD CONDITION

	Crashes	%
Dry	91,716	74.1
Wet	26,885	21.7
Icy/Slushy	396	0.3
Muddy	101	0.1
Other	4,633	3.7

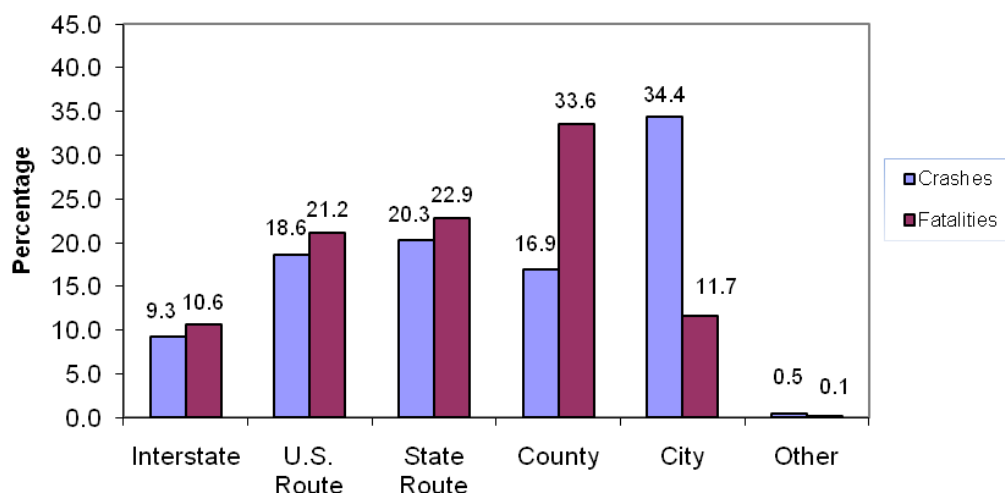
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Type of Roadway

TOTAL FOR STATE

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	11,464	9.3	90	10.6
U.S. Route	23,065	18.6	180	21.2
State Route	25,076	20.3	194	22.9
County	20,958	16.9	285	33.6
City	42,519	34.4	98	11.7
Other	649	0.5	1	0.1
Total	123,731	100.0	848	100.0

TOTAL FOR STATE



RURAL AREAS

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	4,772	14.3	44	8.4
U.S. Route	5,400	16.2	95	18.1
State Route	6,693	20.1	119	22.6
County	16,292	49.0	266	50.6
City	91	0.3	1	0.2
Other	14	0.0	1	0.2
Total	33,262	100.0	526	100.0

URBAN AREAS

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	6,692	7.4	46	14.2
U.S. Route	17,665	19.5	85	26.3
State Route	18,383	20.3	75	23.2
County	4,666	5.2	19	5.9
City	42,428	46.9	97	30.3
Other	635	0.7	0	0.0
Total	90,469	100.0	322	100.0

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The Driver

DRIVER CONDITION

	Drivers	%
No Defect	105,569	85.32
Asleep, Fatigued, Fainted	1,413	1.14
Sick	495	0.40
Other	2,257	1.82
Unknown	13,997	11.31

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

PRIMARY CAUSE OF CRASHES – ALL

	Crashes	%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	18,084	14.6
Tailgating	14,716	11.9
Misjudged Stopping Distance	13,115	10.6
Driver Not in Control	11,879	9.6
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	11,453	9.3
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	5,179	4.2
Improper Lane Change/Use	4,591	3.7
Driver Under the Influence	4,589	3.7
Driving too fast for conditions	4,201	3.4
Over Speed Limit	3,020	2.4
Ran off Road	1,219	1.0
Wrong Side of Road	1,209	1.0
All Other	30,476	24.6

PRIMARY CAUSE OF CRASHES – FATAL

	Crashes	%
Over Speed Limit	137	17.7
Driver Under the Influence	133	17.2
Failed to Yield Right of Way	72	9.3
Driver Not in Control	47	6.1
Wrong Side of Road	44	5.7
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal/Officer	29	3.7
Driving too fast for conditions	29	3.7
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	24	3.1
Ran off Road	18	2.3
Misjudged Stopping Distance	6	0.8

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Motorcycle Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Crashes that Involved Motorcycles
2000	43	698	949
2001	43	778	1,064
2002	45	808	1,089
2003	52	977	1,292
2004	75	1,082	1,523
2005	61	1,347	1,848
2006	105	1,428	1,993
2007	84	1,426	2,032
2008	98	1,495	2,106
2009	77	1,205	1,647

The number of crashes that involved motorcycles decreased from 2008 to 2009.

In 2009, 78% of these collisions resulted in injury or death.

NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE-DRIVER CAUSED CRASHES BY AGE

(includes motor scooters and mopeds)

Age	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Crashes
<14	0	3	5
14	0	3	3
15	0	5	6
16	0	10	12
17	0	8	11
18	2	13	14
19	1	19	27
(15-19)	3	55	70
20	1	28	35
21	0	13	22
22	1	21	30
23	1	26	28
24	1	28	39
(20-24)	4	116	154
25	0	13	20
26	0	9	21
27	2	27	30
28	1	8	24
29	1	22	38
(25-29)	4	79	133
(30-34)	12	97	127
(35-39)	5	98	111
(40-44)	5	84	83
(45-49)	5	90	109
(50-54)	5	79	96
(55-59)	2	70	88
(60-64)	2	39	46
(65-69)	1	24	24
(70-74)	1	10	11
(75-over)	0	2	3
Unknown	0	4	19
Total	49	853	1,082

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

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Bicycle Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2000	7	256
2001	6	242
2002	5	250
2003	11	259
2004	6	218
2005	12	215
2006	9	185
2007	9	193
2008	4	182
2009	6	167

NUMBER OF BICYCLISTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(0-3)	0	1
(4-5)	0	1
(6-8)	0	10
(9-12)	1	22
(13-15)	0	10
(16-20)	0	11
(21-25)	0	15
(26-64)	3	49
(65-over)	0	2
Unknown	2	46
Total	6	167

In 2009, children aged 15 and under accounted for 26% of the bicycle crash injuries.

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Pedestrian Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2000	61	581
2001	68	555
2002	62	579
2003	64	601
2004	81	603
2005	74	562
2006	81	583
2007	69	549
2008	72	468
2009	65	511

NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY AGE

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(0-3)	0	0
(4-5)	0	0
(6-8)	0	0
(9-12)	0	21
(13-15)	1	11
(16-20)	3	38
(21-25)	4	32
(26-64)	27	188
(65-over)	10	57
Unknown	20	164
Total	65	511

From 2008 to 2009, the number of pedestrian fatalities decreased 9.7% and the number of pedestrians injured increased 9.2%.

2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

Alcohol and Drug Involvement

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

Age	All Drivers*	Male	Female	Unknown
<14	0	0	0	0
14	3	1	2	0
15	5	3	2	0
16	32	25	7	0
17	49	44	5	0
18	122	84	38	0
19	156	125	31	0
(15-19)	364	281	83	0
20	203	160	42	1
21	262	205	57	0
22	235	190	45	0
23	238	188	50	0
24	240	187	53	0
(20-24)	1178	930	247	1
25	202	163	39	0
26	181	136	45	0
27	184	151	32	1
28	186	153	33	0
29	179	141	38	0
(25-29)	932	744	187	1
(30-34)	849	627	218	4
(35-39)	702	524	178	0
(40-44)	657	444	212	1
(45-49)	674	507	166	1
(50-54)	504	391	113	0
(55-59)	321	251	70	0
(60-64)	195	166	29	0
(65-69)	81	69	12	0
(70-74)	56	47	9	0
(75-over)	35	29	6	0
Unknown	262	56	9	197
Total	6,813	5,067	1,541	205

* Reported drivers who were DUI, not crashes.

2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

TIME TRENDS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRASHES

	Total		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.	Crsh.	Fatal.
Midnight	385	18	95	1	23	1	31	1	39	3	35	1	46	0	116	11
1:00 AM	391	22	107	6	23	2	27	2	24	0	36	4	62	3	112	5
2:00 AM	391	17	107	10	29	0	23	1	23	0	37	1	54	1	118	4
3:00 AM	265	12	80	1	17	2	7	1	19	3	12	0	19	0	111	5
4:00 AM	209	6	68	4	12	0	10	0	8	0	13	1	22	0	76	1
5:00 AM	153	9	43	4	9	0	10	1	10	0	12	0	21	1	48	3
6:00 AM	124	0	33	0	10	0	14	0	6	0	7	0	14	0	40	0
7:00 AM	132	1	19	0	9	0	22	1	12	0	15	0	22	0	33	0
8:00 AM	105	3	13	0	15	0	9	0	10	0	18	0	18	0	22	3
9:00 AM	78	5	7	1	8	0	10	0	13	0	11	3	13	0	16	1
10:00 AM	84	2	10	0	8	0	10	0	9	1	16	0	15	1	16	0
11:00 AM	118	5	23	4	8	0	13	0	5	0	20	0	18	1	31	0
Noon	140	4	18	0	13	0	24	3	14	1	14	0	28	0	29	0
1:00 PM	153	3	17	0	21	0	23	0	10	1	19	1	23	0	40	1
2:00 PM	221	12	26	1	29	3	29	1	20	1	29	1	33	0	55	5
3:00 PM	261	7	43	1	28	1	38	1	32	1	26	1	45	1	49	1
4:00 PM	298	8	41	1	44	2	27	1	49	1	43	0	48	0	46	3
5:00 PM	391	17	59	0	37	0	46	2	54	4	61	5	61	3	73	3
6:00 PM	438	23	61	9	41	1	46	4	49	4	59	1	85	0	97	4
7:00 PM	428	23	55	1	40	1	47	5	45	4	59	4	80	7	102	1
8:00 PM	487	24	65	4	56	2	66	2	64	3	59	3	86	6	91	4
9:00 PM	477	23	49	1	56	1	47	2	53	4	71	4	97	7	104	4
10:00 PM	502	28	43	4	36	0	50	2	56	6	76	3	128	9	113	4
11:00 PM	432	18	27	1	31	0	40	2	47	3	53	1	129	6	105	5
Unknown	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Total	6,671	290	1,110	54	603	16	669	32	672	40	803	34	1,168	46	1,646	68

****The Alcohol Related Fatality information given in this table is an estimate based on 2009 FARS data, as of August 18, 2010.****

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

2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

Safety Restraint and Child Restraint Usage**

Restraint Used	Severity	Driver		Front Seat Passenger		Back Seat Passenger		Totals	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Wearing Lap and Shoulder Belts	Killed	186	0.09%	47	0.09%	7	0.03%	240	0.09%
	Injured	20,160	10.06%	5,398	10.08%	1,774	7.81%	27,332	9.97%
	No Harm	179,995	89.84%	47,720	89.83%	20,939	92.16%	248,654	89.95%
	Subtotal	200,341	100.00%	53,165	100.00%	22,720	100.00%	276,226	100.00%
Wearing Lap Belt Only	Killed	3	0.42%	3	0.22%	0	0.00%	6	0.14%
	Injured	74	10.32%	143	10.70%	183	7.92%	400	9.16%
	No Harm	640	89.26%	1,190	89.07%	2,129	92.08%	3,959	90.70%
	Subtotal	717	100.00%	1,336	100.00%	2,312	100.00%	4,365	100.00%
Wearing Shoulder Belt Only	Killed	4	1.13%	5	1.12%	0	0.00%	9	0.96%
	Injured	46	12.99%	59	13.26%	10	7.14%	115	12.25%
	No Harm	304	85.88%	381	85.62%	130	92.86%	815	86.79%
	Subtotal	354	100.00%	445	100.00%	140	100.00%	939	100.00%
None Used	Killed	227	4.78%	260	4.08%	28	1.35%	515	3.91%
	Injured	1,923	40.51%	2,639	41.42%	663	32.06%	5,225	39.62%
	No Harm	2,597	54.71%	3,473	54.50%	1,377	66.59%	7,447	56.47%
	Subtotal	4,747	100.00%	6,372	100.00%	2,068	100.00%	13,187	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	100	1.66%	125	1.73%	8	1.03%	233	1.66%
	Injured	1,051	17.43%	1,350	18.67%	109	14.06%	2,510	17.89%
	No Harm	4,879	80.91%	5,754	79.60%	658	84.90%	11,291	80.45%
	Subtotal	6,030	100.00%	7,229	100.00%	775	100.00%	14,034	100.00%

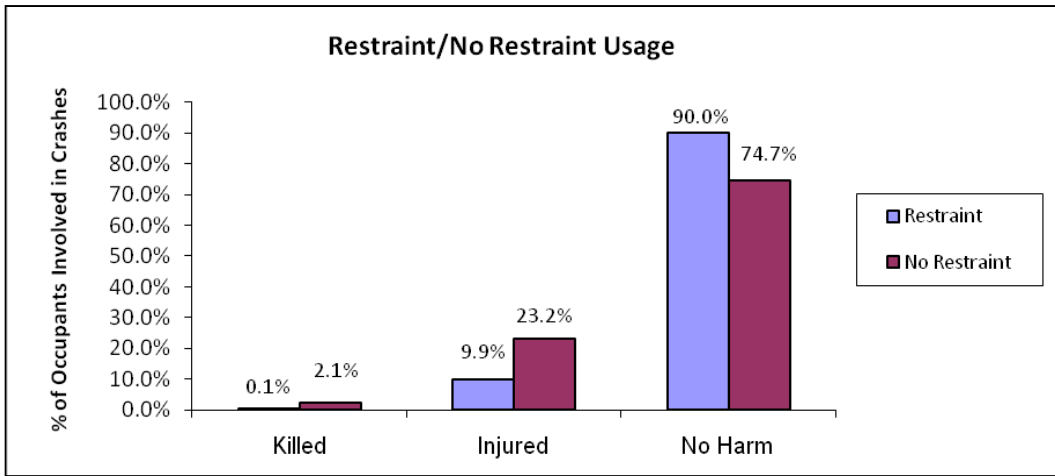
**Seatbelt use for non-fatally injured passengers may be over-estimated because reporting officers have no way to make a direct observation. Additionally, 233 fatalities had unknown restraint use.*

CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE

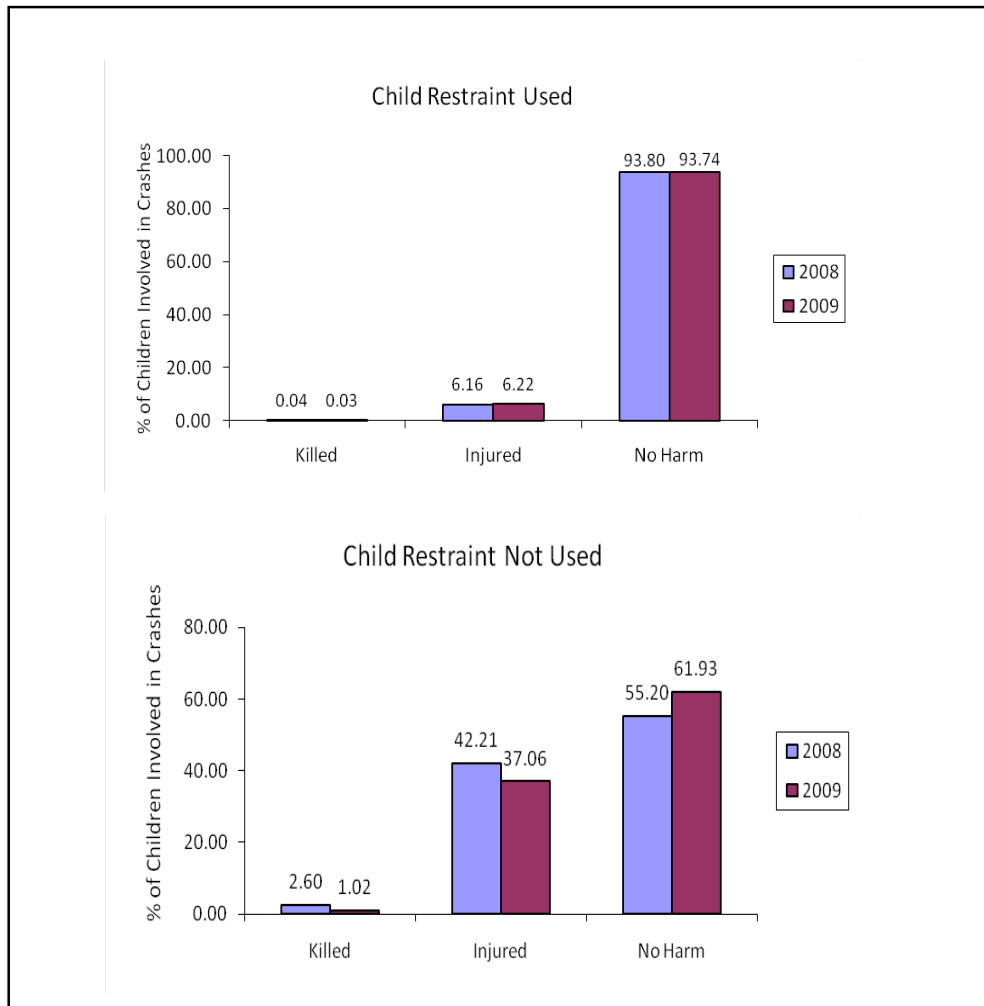
Type	Severity	Front Seat		Back Seat		Totals	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Child Restraint Used	Killed	0	0.00%	4	0.03%	4	0.03%
	Injured	43	10.24%	699	6.08%	742	6.22%
	No Harm	377	89.76%	10,803	93.89%	11,180	93.74%
	Subtotal	420	100.00%	11,506	100.00%	11,926	100.00%
Child Restraint Used Improperly	Killed	0	0.00%	2	1.44%	2	1.07%
	Injured	43	89.58%	25	17.99%	68	36.36%
	No Harm	5	10.42%	112	80.58%	117	62.57%
	Subtotal	48	100.00%	139	100.00%	187	100.00%
None Used	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	4	66.67%	1	25.00%	5	50.00%
	No Harm	2	33.33%	3	75.00%	5	50.00%
	Subtotal	6	100.00%	4	100.00%	10	100.00%
Unknown	Killed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Injured	2	28.57%	9	12.86%	11	14.29%
	No Harm	5	71.43%	61	87.14%	66	85.71%
	Subtotal	7	100.00%	70	100.00%	77	100.00%

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SAFETY RESTRAINT USAGE



CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE



+All data on these two pages were obtained from CARE.

2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

Truck Crash Statistics

TEN YEAR TREND FOR ALL CRASHES WHERE A TRUCK WAS INVOLVED

	FATALITIES	INJURIES	NUMBER OF TRUCKS INVOLVED IN CRASHES
2000	160	2,758	9,757
2001	154	2,588	9,168
2002	136	2,591	9,708
2003	161	2,565	9,995
2004	169	2,990	10,993
2005	134	2,824	10,547
2006	142	2,588	9,810
2007	136	2,202	8,809
2008	132	1,769	7,546
2009	84	1,615	6,704

PRIMARY CAUSE OF ALL CRASHES WHERE A TRUCK WAS INVOLVED*

	Crashes	%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	645	10.2%
Driver Not in Control	341	5.4%
Misjudged Stopping Distance	424	6.7%
Driving Under the Influence	127	2.0%
Improper Backing	242	3.8%
Improper Passing	130	2.0%
Improper Lane Change or Use	602	9.5%
Improper Turn/U-Turn	205	3.2%
Driving too Fast for Conditions	170	2.7%
Failure to Heed Sign/Signal	182	2.9%
Tailgating	447	7.0%
Defective Equipment	244	3.8%
Over the Speed Limit	70	1.1%
Avoiding Object or Person	273	4.3%
Unseen Object, Person, or Vehicle	746	11.7%
All Other	1,506	23.7%
TOTAL	6,354	100.0%

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

TOTAL FOR STATE FOR ALL CRASHES WHERE A TRUCK WAS INVOLVED

Road Type	Crashes		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	1,483	23.34%	25	29.76%
U.S. Route	1,418	22.32%	25	29.76%
State Route	1,308	20.59%	31	36.90%
County	752	11.84%	1	1.19%
City	1,363	21.45%	2	2.38%
Other	30	0.47%	0	0.00%
TOTAL	6,354	100.00%	84	100.00%

2009 ALABAMA TRAFFIC CRASH FACTS

Comparative Holiday Statistics

2008 vs 2009

HOLIDAY	YEAR	KILLED	PERIOD
New Year	2008	11	6 pm, Fri., December 28, 2007 until 11:59 pm, Tue., January 1, 2008 (102 hrs)
	2009	8	6 pm, Wed., December 31, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Thu., January 1, 2009 (30 hrs)
Memorial Day	2008	6	6 pm, Fri., May 23, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 26, 2008 (78 hrs)
	2009	15	6 pm, Fri., May 22, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., May 25, 2009 (78 hrs)
July 4th	2008	16	6 pm, Thu., July 3, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Sun., July 6, 2008 (78 hrs)
	2009	6	6 pm, Fri., July 3, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., July 6, 2009 (78 hrs)
Labor Day	2008	8	6 pm, Fri., August 29, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 1, 2008 (78 hrs)
	2009	8	6 pm, Fri., September 4, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Mon., September 7, 2009 (78 hrs)
Thanksgiving	2008	10	6 pm, Wed., November 26, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 30, 2008 (102 hrs)
	2009	8	6 pm, Wed., November 25, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., November 29, 2009 (102 hrs)
Christmas	2008	8	6 pm, Wed., December 24, 2008 until 11:59 pm, Sun., December 28, 2008 (102 hrs)
	2009	10	6 pm, Thu., December 24, 2009 until 11:59 pm, Sun., December 27, 2009 (78 hrs)

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Comparative County Statistics

2008 vs 2009

COUNTY	TOTAL CRASHES FOR COUNTY				URBAN AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY							
	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
JEFFERSON	21,539	20,752	104	83	4,637	4,560	18,696	17,923	68	62	3,837	3,761	2,843	2,829	36	21	800	799
MOBILE	11,606	11,815	81	58	3,018	2,938	8,980	9,615	42	27	1,942	2,046	2,626	2,200	39	31	1,076	892
MONTGOMERY	8,923	8,415	41	22	2,114	2,004	8,171	7,611	17	13	1,868	1,785	752	804	24	9	246	219
AUTAUGA	1,195	1,232	15	14	343	398	840	840	4	4	220	246	355	392	11	10	123	152
BALDWIN	4,157	3,873	29	28	1,363	1,316	2,710	2,569	7	11	722	771	1,447	1,304	22	17	641	545
BARBOUR	486	488	3	4	195	215	354	354	0	3	124	129	132	134	3	1	71	86
BIBB	166	254	5	4	60	78	23	99	0	3	8	23	143	155	5	1	52	55
BLOUNT	908	886	12	15	277	339	258	319	0	3	62	71	650	567	12	12	215	268
BULLOCK	101	154	3	4	39	74	3	47	0	1	2	14	98	107	3	3	37	60
BUTLER	577	506	6	4	199	171	270	234	1	0	90	49	307	272	5	4	109	122
CALHOUN	3,564	3,749	23	25	1,169	1,214	2,396	2,579	6	10	641	703	1,168	1,170	17	15	528	511
CHAMBERS	688	691	10	7	231	224	380	396	2	3	110	113	308	295	8	4	121	111
CHEROKEE	440	484	6	5	212	216	173	183	1	1	67	66	267	301	5	4	145	150
CHILTON	831	817	12	15	314	308	372	390	3	0	104	129	459	427	9	15	210	179
CHOCTAW	123	159	8	7	62	71	20	43	1	1	10	9	103	116	7	6	52	62
CLARKE	445	382	4	5	182	175	274	210	1	0	87	62	171	172	3	5	95	113
CLAY	192	167	2	3	65	81	52	55	1	0	5	20	140	112	1	3	60	61
CLEBURNE	417	430	6	7	163	198	79	87	0	2	24	41	338	343	6	5	139	157
COFFEE	1,072	1,224	10	8	320	301	795	910	3	4	183	163	277	314	7	4	137	138
COLBERT	1,422	1,338	5	12	433	405	1,030	982	1	0	236	224	392	356	4	12	197	181
CONECUH	353	339	11	3	159	138	95	89	2	0	44	42	258	250	9	3	115	96
COOSA	207	240	2	3	93	107	4	8	0	0	2	1	203	232	2	3	91	106
COVINGTON	630	626	10	4	236	204	408	392	3	3	130	122	222	234	7	1	106	82
CRENSHAW	267	225	2	4	88	75	79	77	0	0	12	13	188	148	2	4	76	62
CULLMAN	2,033	1,930	24	20	589	508	985	927	1	3	220	184	1,048	1,003	23	17	369	324
DALE	830	935	10	7	309	287	609	696	5	2	195	190	221	239	5	5	114	97
DALLAS	1,094	1,124	15	12	397	376	649	657	2	1	178	175	445	467	13	11	219	201
DEKALB	1,237	1,226	10	10	411	401	760	728	3	3	205	172	477	498	7	7	206	229

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2008 vs 2009

COUNTY	TOTAL CRASHES FOR COUNTY						URBAN AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY					
	NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF CRASHES		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
ELMORE	1,605	1,694	18	19	481	546	932	1,030	5	6	243	335	673	664	13	13	238	211
ESCAMBIA	706	722	12	9	264	295	296	300	0	1	57	80	410	422	12	8	207	215
ETOWAH	2,758	2,895	20	15	916	932	2,126	2,258	9	9	623	654	632	637	11	6	293	278
FAYETTE	236	223	4	3	135	129	108	95	0	0	28	43	128	128	4	3	107	86
FRANKLIN	612	622	14	7	272	262	326	325	4	2	110	111	286	297	10	5	162	151
GENEVA	331	361	5	7	151	111	141	160	1	0	54	40	190	201	4	7	97	71
GREENE	289	296	9	4	124	121	47	74	0	0	7	13	242	222	9	4	117	108
HALE	226	225	8	5	108	115	96	94	0	1	26	24	130	131	8	4	82	91
HENRY	233	240	2	1	104	81	110	119	0	0	37	31	123	121	2	1	67	50
HOUSTON	3,155	3,237	10	18	882	968	2,802	2,863	5	9	733	824	353	374	5	9	149	144
JACKSON	850	872	11	18	374	390	485	501	1	8	165	168	365	371	10	10	209	222
LAMAR	93	132	2	4	49	88	3	44	0	1	0	12	90	88	2	3	49	76
LAUDERDALE	2,131	2,037	15	12	558	530	1,459	1,395	4	3	276	245	672	642	11	9	282	285
LAWRENCE	582	544	12	12	235	243	127	127	1	2	28	46	455	417	11	10	207	197
LEE	3,831	4,167	26	22	848	1,015	2,889	3,283	9	15	597	724	942	884	17	7	251	291
LIMESTONE	1,756	1,652	15	18	525	513	897	885	2	6	200	193	859	767	13	12	325	320
LOWNDES	259	282	9	5	103	128	9	134	1	4	1	57	250	148	8	1	102	71
MACON	567	623	7	5	231	320	154	198	1	0	58	100	413	425	6	5	173	220
MADISON	9,764	9,710	46	41	2,674	2,545	7,963	8,017	26	22	2,003	1,959	1,801	1,693	20	20	671	586
MARENGO	383	325	3	6	206	162	183	180	0	0	54	48	200	145	3	6	152	114
MARION	512	477	7	6	207	212	312	309	2	5	92	115	200	168	5	1	115	97
MARSHALL	2,258	2,369	26	25	721	824	1,778	1,845	14	9	459	568	480	524	12	16	262	256
MONROE	352	351	10	9	145	155	145	131	0	1	37	33	207	220	10	8	108	122
MORGAN	3,019	2,972	16	16	841	844	2,127	2,200	5	9	450	547	892	772	11	7	391	297
PERRY	102	103	2	6	44	54	12	17	0	0	1	5	90	86	2	6	43	49
PICKENS	217	234	2	3	125	134	21	53	0	0	0	13	196	181	2	3	125	121
PIKE	908	860	9	14	284	359	584	571	1	2	124	173	324	289	8	12	160	186
RANDOLPH	386	316	3	4	159	148	162	126	0	0	45	34	224	190	3	4	114	114

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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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
RUSSELL	1,863	1,952	19	12	703	656	1,289	1,362	8	4	421	390	574	590	11	8	282	266
SAINT CLAIR	1,546	1,488	14	9	534	616	892	881	6	2	254	349	654	607	8	7	280	267
SHELBY	4,581	4,898	24	21	938	937	3,295	3,661	13	11	606	655	1,286	1,237	11	10	332	282
SUMTER	264	237	4	3	119	133	76	75	0	0	23	32	188	162	4	3	96	101
TALLADEGA	1,909	1,832	17	26	642	711	1,087	1,034	4	13	314	358	822	798	13	13	328	353
TALLAPOOSA	761	774	13	7	235	261	509	513	4	1	128	147	252	261	9	6	107	114
TUSCALOOSA	7,010	7,042	34	36	2,020	2,074	5,448	5,457	11	15	1,420	1,470	1,562	1,585	23	21	600	604
WALKER	1,733	1,875	24	16	668	651	908	968	3	1	251	263	825	907	21	15	417	388
WASHINGTON	168	177	4	1	71	81	13	26	0	0	8	7	155	151	4	1	63	74
WILCOX	167	128	10	3	90	92	45	20	1	0	16	16	122	108	9	3	74	76
WINSTON	370	326	9	7	155	189	136	118	2	1	43	33	207	208	7	6	112	156

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
ABBEVILLE	33	42	0	0	7	8
ADAMSVILLE	201	184	1	1	81	48
ADDISON	0	8	0	0	0	1
AKRON	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALABASTER	740	801	1	2	154	167
ALBERTVILLE	713	748	7	2	188	209
ALEXANDER CITY	381	358	2	1	83	95
ALICEVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLGOOD	6	3	0	0	4	0
ALTOONA	7	8	0	0	3	1
ANDALUSIA	232	247	1	0	66	47
ANDERSON	7	3	0	0	2	4
ANNISTON	1182	1375	1	5	331	396
ARAB	189	193	3	1	50	85
ARDMORE	19	2	0	0	4	1
ARGO	NA	13	NA	0	NA	7
ARITON	1	0	0	0	0	0
ARLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASHFORD	25	39	0	1	11	17
ASHLAND	16	30	1	0	1	12
ASHVILLE	100	91	0	1	69	32
ATHENS	832	820	2	4	183	160
ATMORE	108	101	0	1	15	44
ATTALLA	174	154	0	0	35	24
AUBURN	1723	1693	3	10	333	334
AUTAUGAVILLE	7	9	1	1	6	5
AVON	11	5	1	0	4	0
BABBIE	8	1	0	0	5	0
BAILEYTON	14	15	0	0	2	8
BAKERHILL	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
BANKS	2	0	0	0	3	0
BAY MINETTE	186	197	0	2	64	85
BAYOU LA BATRE	58	79	0	0	15	16
BEAR CREEK	13	16	0	2	1	10
BEATRICE	0	2	0	0	0	0
BEAVERTON	0	1	0	0	0	0
BELK	1	0	0	0	1	0
BELLWOOD	3	5	0	0	2	1
BENTON	0	1	0	0	0	0
BERRY	3	4	0	0	2	3
BESSEMER	1395	1416	12	6	353	326
BIG COVE	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
BILLINGSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRMINGHAM	9661	9428	30	35	1918	1950
BLACK	3	0	0	0	2	0
BLOUNTSVILLE	15	19	0	0	4	2
BLUE MOUNTAIN	0	1	0	0	0	0
BLUE SPRINGS	1	1	0	0	3	2
BOAZ	418	423	2	1	120	149
BOLIGEE	0	4	0	0	0	1
BON AIR	1	0	0	0	1	0
BRANCHVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRANTLEY	5	4	0	0	0	1
BRENT	1	37	0	0	0	10
BREWTON	182	182	0	0	36	34
BRIDGEPORT	13	11	0	2	10	5
BRIGHTON	1	2	0	0	0	2
BRIILLIANT	0	2	0	0	0	6
BROOKSIDE	3	0	0	0	3	0
BROOKWOOD	1	1	0	0	0	0

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
BROWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRUNDIDGE	31	40	0	0	5	9
BUTLER	15	36	0	0	2	5
CALERA	301	355	4	2	72	77
CAMDEN	11	2	0	0	2	0
CAMP HILL	0	14	0	0	0	3
CARBON HILL	0	22	0	0	0	6
CARDIFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAROLINA	0	6	0	0	0	3
CARROLLTON	1	14	0	0	0	3
CARRVILLE	30	26	0	0	10	11
CASTLEBERRY	5	4	0	0	1	5
CEDAR BLUFF	27	24	0	1	12	17
CENTER POINT	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
CENTRE	100	107	1	0	42	36
CENTREVILLE	10	31	0	1	4	6
CHATOM	5	8	0	0	5	3
CHELSEA	NA	110	NA	1	NA	38
CHEROKEE	15	10	0	0	2	4
CHICKASAW	117	71	0	1	29	15
CHILDERSBURG	122	117	2	1	40	25
CITRONELLE	110	59	0	2	22	23
CLANTON	314	307	2	0	78	92
CLAY	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
CLAYHATCHEE	1	7	0	0	0	1
CLAYTON	2	1	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND	23	26	0	1	8	4
CLIO	0	1	0	1	0	1
COALING	NA	12	NA	0	NA	1
COFFEE SPRINGS	1	1	0	0	0	2

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
COFFEEVILLE	5	4	0	0	2	1
COLLINSVILLE	35	35	0	1	11	15
COLONY	3	2	0	0	0	1
COLUMBIA	5	6	0	0	0	1
COLUMBIANA	106	75	1	0	23	22
COOSADA	0	13	0	0	0	9
CORDOVA	0	18	0	0	0	8
COTTONWOOD	5	5	0	0	1	3
COUNTY LINE-COV	1	0	0	0	0	0
COUNTY LINE-JEFF	0	1	0	0	0	0
COURTLAND	12	1	0	0	4	2
COWARTS	24	27	0	0	8	14
CREOLA	47	52	0	1	27	19
CROSSVILLE	15	17	0	0	7	1
CUBA	2	3	0	0	5	1
CULLMAN	752	708	0	0	136	106
DADEVILLE	84	84	1	0	28	28
DALEVILLE	91	138	0	1	30	25
DAPHNE	599	593	1	2	156	158
DAUPHIN ISLAND	0	7	0	0	0	3
DAVISTON	3	2	0	0	0	0
DAYTON	1	1	0	0	0	0
DEATSVILLE	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
DECATUR	1710	1764	5	7	349	435
DEMOPOLIS	166	154	0	0	48	43
DETROIT	0	4	0	0	0	4
DODGE CITY	NA	38	NA	0	NA	9
DORA	38	31	0	0	12	11
DOTHAN	2671	2702	3	7	691	759
DOUBLE SPRINGS	13	26	2	0	6	8

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
DOUGLAS	12	12	0	0	11	5
DOZIER	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUTTON	10	12	0	0	5	6
EAST BREWTON	1	1	0	0	0	0
ECLECTIC	13	17	0	0	1	0
EDWARDSVILLE	2	1	0	0	2	1
ELBA	75	65	1	0	31	10
ELBERTA	56	29	0	0	7	6
ELDRIDGE	1	1	0	0	0	1
ELKMONT	6	9	0	0	1	1
ELMORE	NA	12	NA	0	NA	4
EMELLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENTERPRISE	710	846	2	4	152	154
EPES	1	0	0	0	1	0
ETHELSVILLE	0	2	0	0	0	0
EUFULA	351	346	4	2	121	126
EUNOLA	0	1	0	0	0	0
EUTAW	45	65	0	0	7	11
EVA	0	2	0	0	0	0
EVERGREEN	89	83	2	0	43	36
EXCEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAIRFIELD	300	274	3	2	60	73
FAIRHOPE	285	242	0	0	50	67
FAIRVIEW	18	9	0	0	10	5
FALKVILLE	9	29	0	0	2	4
FAUNSDALE	1	2	0	0	1	0
FAYETTE	90	85	0	0	17	39
FIVE POINTS	0	1	0	0	0	1
FLINT CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLOMATON	2	13	0	0	0	0

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
FLORALA	26	14	0	0	11	3
FLORENCE	1366	1280	3	3	251	214
FOLEY	562	438	3	3	145	130
FORKLAND	2	5	0	0	0	1
FORT DEPOSIT	5	1	0	0	0	1
FORT PAYNE	478	412	1	1	80	77
FRANKLIN	5	5	0	0	1	0
FRISCO CITY	1	1	0	0	0	1
FRUITHURST	0	3	0	0	0	6
FULTON	2	1	0	0	2	0
FULTONDALE	80	5	0	0	23	2
FYFFE	0	7	0	0	0	2
GADSDEN	1442	1564	5	5	421	450
GAINESVILLE	0	1	0	0	0	1
GANTT	3	0	0	0	0	0
GANTTS QUARRY	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARDEN CITY	3	7	0	0	1	3
GARDENDALE	351	312	2	1	72	102
GAYLESVILLE	3	4	0	0	2	0
GEIGER	0	1	0	0	0	0
GENEVA	64	73	0	0	20	24
GEORGIANA	32	39	0	0	14	11
GERALDINE	15	19	0	0	13	9
GILBERTOWN	0	3	0	0	0	0
GLEN ALLEN	0	1	0	0	0	0
GLENCOE	95	93	0	0	40	34
GLENWOOD	0	1	0	0	0	0
GOLDVILLE	1	0	0	0	1	0
GOOD HOPE	0	68	0	0	0	14
GOODWATER	2	3	0	0	2	0

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
GORDO	20	20	0	0	0	7
GORDON	2	0	0	0	1	0
GORDONVILLE	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
GOSHEN	1	4	0	0	3	1
GRANT	0	7	0	0	0	3
GRAYSVILLE	16	27	0	0	6	7
GREENSBORO	49	59	0	1	16	10
GREENVILLE	232	190	1	0	73	36
GRIMES	10	5	1	0	1	2
GROVE HILL	19	24	0	0	7	0
GU-WIN	0	1	0	0	0	6
GUIN	25	18	0	0	10	7
GULF SHORES	399	444	3	1	113	123
GUNTERSVILLE	443	462	2	5	88	122
GURLEY	3	1	0	0	0	0
HACKLEBURG	1	17	0	1	1	3
HALEBURG	1	0	0	0	2	0
HALEYVILLE	119	82	0	1	32	23
HAMILTON	171	156	2	2	51	53
HAMMONDVILLE	3	10	0	0	1	4
HANCEVILLE	55	28	0	1	22	16
HARPERSVILLE	0	5	0	0	0	7
HARTFORD	17	27	0	0	3	2
HARTSELLE	382	352	0	2	83	88
HAYDEN	7	16	0	0	1	2
HAYNEVILLE	1	2	0	0	0	0
HEADLAND	75	73	0	0	27	23
HEATH	5	5	0	0	3	2
HEFLIN	65	66	0	2	20	27
HELENA	182	196	2	0	29	24

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
HENAGAR	29	19	0	0	12	6
HIGDON	NA	3	NA	0	NA	2
HIGHLAND LAKE	0	1	0	0	0	0
HILLSBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOBSON CITY	5	4	0	0	2	0
HODGES	2	0	0	0	3	0
HOKES BLUFF	72	55	1	1	37	24
HOLLY POND	14	15	0	0	2	4
HOLLYWOOD	19	26	0	0	9	11
HOMEWOOD	1399	1218	1	3	224	164
HOOVER	2725	2723	6	2	561	577
HORNHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUEYTOWN	305	287	1	3	79	62
HUNTSVILLE	7040	7083	23	20	1765	1740
HURTSBORO	4	2	0	0	0	0
HYTOP	NA	1	NA	0	NA	0
IDER	6	4	0	0	3	1
INDIAN SPRINGS	NA	24	NA	0	NA	3
IRONDALE	178	165	5	1	54	35
JACKSON	103	61	1	0	41	20
JACKSONS GAP	8	18	1	0	6	5
JACKSONVILLE	315	288	0	0	76	76
JASPER	808	813	3	0	214	210
JEMISON	35	38	0	0	14	20
KANSAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENNEDY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KILLEN	46	61	1	0	11	13
KIMBERLY	22	10	0	0	18	9
KINSEY	13	10	0	0	5	4

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
KINSTON	7	2	0	0	0	0
LAFAYETTE	42	66	0	0	15	20
LAKE VIEW	NA	16	NA	0	NA	3
LAKEVIEW	2	3	0	0	3	2
LANETT	152	161	0	0	40	30
LANGSTON	3	2	0	0	2	1
LEEDS	266	279	1	2	70	82
LEESBURG	32	38	0	0	8	11
LEIGHTON	5	2	0	0	1	1
LESTER	0	3	0	0	0	0
LEVEL PLAINS	16	12	1	0	0	2
LEXINGTON	2	11	0	0	1	2
LIBERTYVILLE	0	1	0	0	0	1
LINCOLN	176	224	2	4	39	77
LINDEN	9	21	0	0	4	5
LINEVILLE	36	25	0	0	4	8
LIPSCOMB	1	0	0	0	1	0
LISMAN	1	0	0	0	2	0
LITTLEVILLE	19	21	0	0	18	5
LIVINGSTON	63	59	0	0	17	26
LOACHAPOKA	0	2	0	0	0	0
LOCKHART	0	3	0	0	0	2
LOCUST FORK	9	23	0	1	1	6
LOUISVILLE	0	5	0	0	0	0
LOWNDESBORO	0	118	0	3	0	50
LOXLEY	116	124	0	0	71	56
LUVERNE	65	63	0	0	10	10
LYNN	0	2	0	0	0	1
MACEDONIA	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
MADISON	895	923	2	3	222	224

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
MADRID	2	3	0	0	0	0
MALVERN	8	14	0	0	9	2
MAPLESVILLE	18	23	1	0	12	10
MARGARET	1	1	0	0	1	0
MARION	11	14	0	0	1	5
MAYTOWN	1	0	0	0	1	0
MCINTOSH	1	4	0	0	2	0
MCKENZIE	6	5	0	0	3	2
MCMULLEN	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEMPHIS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENTONE	1	4	0	0	0	2
MIDFIELD	124	132	0	1	24	38
MIDLAND CITY	34	51	0	0	31	26
MIDWAY	2	2	0	0	2	2
MILLBROOK	349	337	3	2	89	120
MILLPORT	3	0	0	0	0	0
MILLRY	7	14	0	0	1	4
MOBILE	7641	8137	28	17	1557	1604
MONROEVILLE	144	127	0	1	37	32
MONTEVALLO	110	137	2	2	24	54
MONTGOMERY	8171	7598	17	13	1868	1782
MOODY	248	266	0	1	60	66
MOORES CROSSRDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOORESVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORRIS	23	38	0	0	5	16
MOSESSES	2	3	1	0	1	2
MOULTON	99	109	1	2	16	40
MOUNDVILLE	47	34	0	0	10	14
MOUNTAIN BROOK	498	493	0	1	79	111
MOUNTAINBORO	3	2	0	0	0	0

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
MT. VERNON	19	29	0	1	6	9
MULGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
MUNFORD	NA	23	NA	0	NA	6
MUSCLE SHOALS	497	491	1	0	109	98
MYRTLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAPIER FIELD	1	1	0	0	0	0
NAUVOO	2	3	0	0	3	1
NECTAR	3	5	0	0	2	0
NEEDHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW BROCKTON	4	2	0	0	1	1
NEW HOPE	37	28	1	0	17	8
NEW SITE	2	11	0	0	0	5
NEWBERN	0	1	0	0	0	0
NEWSOME	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEWTON	54	52	1	0	18	18
NEVILLE	1	4	0	0	1	0
NORTH BIBB	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
NORTH COURTLAND	0	1	0	0	0	0
NORTH JOHNS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHPORT	960	1078	3	6	186	238
NOTASULGA	3	12	0	0	1	5
OAK GROVE	28	35	0	0	13	14
OAK HILL	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAKMAN	5	3	0	0	2	2
ODENVILLE	2	36	2	0	3	12
OHATCHEE	15	17	3	0	9	5
ONEONTA	152	187	0	1	32	47
ONYCHA	3	2	1	0	2	0
OPELIKA	1158	1537	6	5	261	365
OPP	107	96	1	2	37	55

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
ORANGE BEACH	186	170	0	2	55	45
ORRVILLE	1	3	0	0	1	1
OWENS CROSSRDS	1	0	0	0	2	NO
OXFORD	802	764	2	5	193	192
OZARK	393	413	2	1	112	105
PAINT ROCK	2	4	0	0	0	1
PARRISH	3	2	0	0	0	2
PELHAM	931	1021	1	2	114	175
PELL CITY	359	335	3	0	83	88
PENNINGTON	0	1	0	1	0	2
PETREY	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHENIX CITY	1285	1381	8	4	421	395
PHIL CAMPBELL	12	21	2	0	4	13
PICKENSVILLE	0	2	0	0	0	1
PIEDMONT	74	111	0	0	30	32
PIKE ROAD	NA	15	NA	0	NA	3
PINCKARD	5	10	0	0	2	8
PINE APPLE	1	0	0	0	1	0
PINE HILL	33	18	1	0	13	16
PINE RIDGE	4	7	0	0	1	2
PISGAH	5	3	0	0	3	0
PLEASANT GROVE	75	65	0	1	13	17
POLLARD	0	1	0	0	0	0
POWELL	5	10	0	1	4	4
PRATTVILLE	948	973	3	3	243	285
PRICEVILLE	83	67	0	1	19	33
PRICHARD	617	689	8	3	170	224
PROVIDENCE	1	0	0	0	0	0
RAGLAND	7	13	0	2	1	9
RAINBOW CITY	229	243	2	2	52	56

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
RAINSVILLE	127	130	1	0	55	24
RANBURN	12	17	0	0	2	7
RED BAY	63	67	0	0	14	13
RED LEVEL	3	1	0	0	1	0
REECE CITY	6	11	0	1	2	6
REFORM	0	15	0	0	0	2
REHOBETH	NA	16	NA	1	NA	9
REPTON	1	1	0	0	0	0
RIDGEVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIVER FALLS	8	11	0	0	2	6
RIVERSIDE	8	8	1	0	0	3
RIVERVIEW	3	2	0	0	6	2
ROANOKE	136	95	0	0	38	22
ROBERTSDALE	186	169	0	0	20	45
ROCKFORD	2	5	0	0	0	1
ROGERSVILLE	5	6	0	0	0	4
ROOSEVELT CITY	0	1	0	0	0	0
ROSA	4	4	0	0	2	1
RURAL AUTAUGA	NA	392	NA	10	NA	152
RURAL BALDWIN	NA	1305	NA	17	NA	545
RURAL BARBOUR	NA	134	NA	1	NA	86
RURAL BIBB	NA	155	NA	1	NA	55
RURAL BLOUNT	NA	567	NA	12	NA	268
RURAL BULLOCK	NA	107	NA	3	NA	60
RURAL BUTLER	NA	272	NA	4	NA	122
RURAL CALHOUN	NA	1170	NA	15	NA	511
RURAL CHAMBERS	NA	295	NA	4	NA	111
RURAL CHEROKEE	NA	301	NA	4	NA	150
RURAL CHILTON	NA	427	NA	15	NA	179
RURAL CHOCTAW	NA	116	NA	6	NA	62

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	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
RURAL CLARKE	NA	172	NA	5	NA	113
RURAL CLAY	NA	112	NA	3	NA	61
RURAL CLEBURNE	NA	343	NA	5	NA	157
RURAL COFFEE	NA	314	NA	4	NA	138
RURAL COLBERT	NA	356	NA	12	NA	181
RURAL CONECUH	NA	250	NA	3	NA	96
RURAL COOSA	NA	232	NA	3	NA	106
RURAL COVINGTON	NA	234	NA	1	NA	82
RURAL CRENSHAW	NA	148	NA	4	NA	62
RURAL CULLMAN	NA	1003	NA	17	NA	324
RURAL DALE	NA	239	NA	5	NA	97
RURAL DALLAS	NA	467	NA	11	NA	201
RURAL DEKALB	NA	498	NA	7	NA	229
RURAL ELMORE	NA	664	NA	13	NA	211
RURAL ESCAMBIA	NA	422	NA	8	NA	215
RURAL ETOWAH	NA	637	NA	6	NA	278
RURAL FAYETTE	NA	128	NA	3	NA	86
RURAL FRANKLIN	NA	297	NA	5	NA	151
RURAL GENEVA	NA	201	NA	7	NA	71
RURAL GREENE	NA	222	NA	4	NA	108
RURAL HALE	NA	131	NA	4	NA	91
RURAL HENRY	NA	121	NA	1	NA	50
RURAL HOUSTON	NA	374	NA	9	NA	144
RURAL JACKSON	NA	371	NA	10	NA	222
RURAL JEFFERSON	NA	2829	NA	21	NA	799
RURAL LAMAR	NA	88	NA	3	NA	76
RURAL LAUDERDALE	NA	642	NA	9	NA	285
RURAL LAWRENCE	NA	417	NA	10	NA	197
RURAL LEE	NA	884	NA	7	NA	291
RURAL LIMESTONE	NA	767	NA	12	NA	320

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
RURAL LOWNDES	NA	148	NA	1	NA	71
RURAL MACON	NA	425	NA	5	NA	220
RURAL MADISON	NA	1693	NA	20	NA	586
RURAL MARENGO	NA	145	NA	6	NA	114
RURAL MARION	NA	168	NA	1	NA	97
RURAL MARSHALL	NA	524	NA	16	NA	256
RURAL MOBILE	NA	2200	NA	31	NA	892
RURAL MONROE	NA	220	NA	8	NA	122
RURAL MONTGOMERY	NA	804	NA	9	NA	219
RURAL MORGAN	NA	772	NA	7	NA	297
RURAL PERRY	NA	86	NA	6	NA	49
RURAL PICKENS	NA	181	NA	3	NA	121
RURAL PIKE	NA	289	NA	12	NA	186
RURAL RANDOLPH	NA	190	NA	4	NA	114
RURAL RUSSELL	NA	590	NA	8	NA	266
RURAL SHELBY	NA	1239	NA	6	NA	298
RURAL ST. CLAIR	NA	607	NA	11	NA	252
RURAL SUMTER	NA	162	NA	3	NA	101
RURAL TALLADEGA	NA	798	NA	13	NA	353
RURAL TALLAPOOSA	NA	261	NA	6	NA	114
RURAL TUSCALOOSA	NA	1585	NA	21	NA	604
RURAL WALKER	NA	907	NA	15	NA	388
RURAL WASHINGTON	NA	151	NA	1	NA	74
RURAL WILCOX	NA	108	NA	3	NA	76
RURAL WINSTON	NA	208	NA	6	NA	156
RUSSELLVILLE	247	231	2	2	89	82
RUTLEDGE	9	9	0	0	2	2
SAMSON	16	18	0	0	5	2
SAND ROCK	11	10	0	0	3	2
SANFORD	12	5	0	1	3	3

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
SARALAND	402	428	4	1	109	111
SARDIS CITY	0	20	0	0	0	13
SATSUMA	69	66	2	1	27	22
SCOTTSBORO	395	392	1	4	121	120
SECTION	3	9	0	0	1	3
SELMA	645	650	2	1	176	172
SHEFFIELD	258	247	0	0	47	60
SHILOH	6	10	0	0	6	2
SHORTER	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILAS	1	2	1	0	2	2
SILURIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILVERHILL	1	5	0	0	0	3
SIPSEY	2	1	0	0	1	0
SKYLINE	14	14	0	0	7	7
SLOCOMB	29	22	1	0	13	7
SMITHS STATION	NA	26	NA	0	NA	9
SNEAD	25	27	0	0	5	6
SOMERVILLE	1	1	0	0	2	0
SOUTHSIDE	88	90	1	0	27	29
SPANISH FORT	NA	99	NA	1	NA	32
SPRINGVILLE	88	63	0	0	17	18
ST. FLORIAN	31	33	0	0	11	8
STEELE	1	7	0	0	0	4
STEVENSON	7	2	0	1	2	1
SULLIGENT	0	30	0	1	0	4
SUMITON	49	74	0	1	19	22
SUMMERDALE	46	58	0	0	18	21
SUSAN MOORE	11	5	0	0	2	2
SWEET WATER	3	1	0	0	1	0
SYLACAUGA	309	282	0	4	82	101

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
SYLVANIA	26	31	1	0	9	13
SYLVANIA SPRINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TALLADEGA	421	341	0	4	122	127
TALLADEGA SPRINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TALLASSEE	98	89	0	2	17	29
TARRANT CITY	171	104	2	1	57	29
TAYLOR	0	33	0	0	0	10
THOMASTON	2	1	0	0	0	0
THOMASVILLE	145	120	0	0	35	35
THORSBY	5	22	0	0	0	7
TOWN CREEK	16	16	0	0	8	4
TOXEY	3	1	0	0	4	0
TRAFFORD	0	1	0	0	0	0
TRIANA	1	2	0	0	1	0
TRINITY	8	17	0	0	3	5
TROY	550	527	1	2	113	163
TRUSSVILLE	827	740	5	2	159	128
TUSCALOOSA	4446	4310	8	9	1215	1219
TUSCUMBIA	236	211	0	0	59	56
TUSKEGEE	146	181	1	0	56	95
TWIN	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
UNION	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNION GROVE	3	6	0	0	2	2
UNION SPRINGS	1	45	0	1	0	12
UNIONTOWN	1	3	0	0	0	0
VALLEY	186	168	2	3	55	62
VALLEY GRANDE	NA	4	NA	0	NA	2
VALLEY HEAD	8	11	0	0	0	8
VANCE	0	12	0	0	0	3
VERNON	0	8	0	0	0	4

CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
VESTAVIA HILLS	804	850	0	0	114	144
VINA	2	6	0	0	0	3
VINCENT	1	3	1	0	1	1
VINEMONT	9	16	0	2	0	15
VREDENBURGH	0	1	0	0	0	0
WADLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
WALDO	11	11	0	0	5	10
WALNUT GROVE	13	16	0	0	7	11
WARRIOR	23	20	0	0	11	10
WATERLOO	2	1	0	0	0	0
WAVERLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEAVER	3	22	0	0	0	5
WEBB	23	20	0	0	7	8
WEDOWEE	21	28	0	0	3	9
WEST BLOCTON	0	6	0	2	0	4
WEST END	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
WEST JEFFERSON	0	1	0	0	0	1
WEST POINT	19	21	0	0	14	3
WESTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTOVER	NA	5	NA	0	NA	1
WETUMPKA	352	420	2	2	105	129
WHITEHALL	1	9	0	1	0	4
WHITES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILMER	0	1	0	0	0	0
WILSONVILLE	11	18	0	0	3	7
WILTON	3	7	0	0	3	2
WINFIELD	114	105	0	0	36	38
WOODLAND	5	3	0	0	4	3
WOODSTOCK	NA	37	NA	0	NA	5
WOODVILLE	8	19	0	1	4	11

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CITY	Number of Crashes		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
YELLOW BLUFF	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0
YORK	10	11	0	0	0	4
UNKNOWN	NA	109	NA	0	NA	0

Innovation in Alabama Crash Reporting



The Alabama Department of Public Safety, with the support of the Governor's Highway Safety Office (within the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs), recently directed a project at the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama to develop an electronic crash reporting system for Alabama. Called eCrash, the project was completed and began to be rolled out in June of 2009, and to date over 100,000 motor vehicle collision records have been entered into the state system using eCrash. The target date for the entire state to be totally converted over to eCrash from the current paper forms is December 31, 2010.

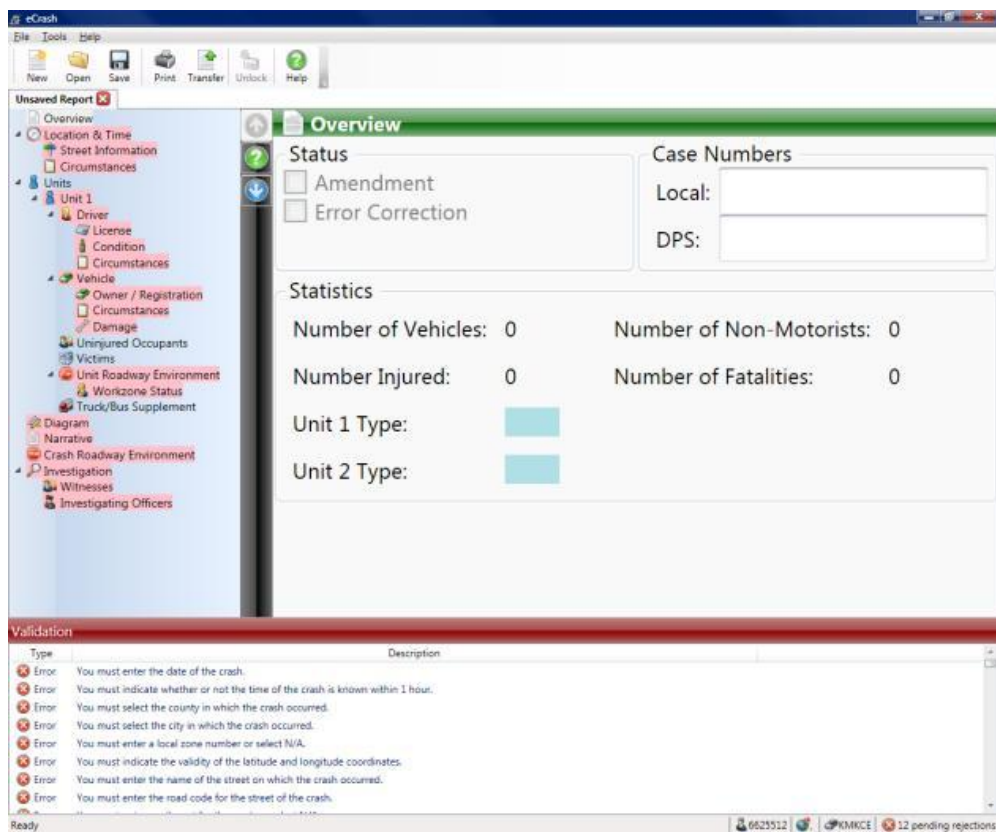
With the exception of the reports for motorists involved in a crash, eCrash is totally paperless, eliminating the need for officers to mail in paper crash forms. The electronic submissions are available immediately once they are transmitted to DPS in Montgomery, so the timeliness of the data is now almost instantaneous compared to a previous average delay of over a month to get the data entered into the database.

The advantages of eCrash go way beyond timeliness. Consistency and completeness checks are done right in the field enabling the officer to assure that the most accurate and complete entries are made. Electronic entry enables driver license barcodes or magnetic stripes and GPS data to pre-populate the report with accurate data, saving countless hours and keeping the officer in the field during the process. It also eliminates the errors and the time consumed in the method of entering data from the old paper forms.

In 2003 the electronic citation (eCite) system was introduced in the state of Alabama, beginning with the Heflin weigh station, and by 2007 this program was deployed to every state trooper, and now it has been rolled out to almost all law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The need for a similar system for entering and processing over 120,000 annual traffic crash reports within Alabama was readily apparent, as was the fact that the majority of law enforcement already had the equipment and the software infrastructure to handle eCrash. At about this same time, the state made the final decision to move to new crash report codes that were compatible with the federal standard that assures that all states have a minimal set of data elements.

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From the outset of the eCrash project, the Alabama Department of Public Safety insisted that eCrash would employ the most current technology to make field data entry as effortless and uncomplicated as possible. As a result, CAPS software designers set up eCrash as indicated by the following illustration:



Note that the screen is divided into four basic sections:

- A row of icons across the top of the screen that deal with strategic issues (creating a new report, saving an existing report, etc.).
- A side panel that essentially controls and directs the data collection for the current report. While officers can elect to move through the report systematically, this side panel enables direct access to each section of the report. This facilitates updating or changing a previous entry to maintain consistency. Each section has a red background until it is totally completed.
- The data entry portion of the screen, to the right of the control side panel. This panel will change depending on the particular portion of the report that is under consideration for updating.
- The validation section at the bottom of the page that keeps track of each data element and will not allow the report to be submitted until all data elements are completed.

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Drop-down menus are provided for all data elements where this is possible. This approach, along with the flexibility of direct access to all data elements through the quad-screen layout, has been found through field testing to provide the easiest possible data entry method.

The eCrash system as designed enables the entry of any number of involved drivers, units, persons, pedestrians or other non-motorists. Unlike systems that are paper-based, eCrash can automatically generate the data space needed for storing the respective data elements, and it automatically sets up the output report to handle any eventuality.

To summarize, eCrash is a major innovation in that it enables the entry of this important data as close to the crash scene as possible, thus assuring completeness, consistency and fewer interpretation errors. It also saves money and resources in reducing all duplicative efforts (i.e., officer's entering data on hard copy forms only to have these data re-entered into the computer), while keeping officers in the field and able to respond more effectively to emergencies. The electronic submission eliminates the need to mail in paper crash forms. The timeliness of the data is now virtually instantaneous and readily available for processing.

An eCrash User Guide and an eCrash Data Element Training Manual have been developed. These are available upon request to eCrash users. To request one or both of these, please email care@cs.ua.edu. For more information about eCrash, see <http://caps.ua.edu/eCrash.aspx>. For technical support questions from eCrash users, contact the CAPS Technical Support Desk at caps.support@cs.ua.edu or call 1-866-588-9830. If you are interested in CAPS developing eCrash for your state, contact Rhonda Stricklin at rstricklin@cs.ua.edu or call 1-866-349-CARE.