

INTERESTING FACTS about CRASHES on MAINE ROADS

From 2001 to 2005, the following reported highway crashes occurred on Maine roads. Separate publications on each of these categories are available by calling the MaineDOT's Traffic Engineering Division at 624-3618 or by emailing greg.costello@maine.gov

MOOSE CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 3,417 crashes and 12 human fatalities
- ▶ The greatest number happened in Aroostook County
- ▶ The least number occurred in Sagadahoc, Knox, and Lincoln Counties
- ▶ The most common age group of driver was the 40's followed closely by drivers in their 30's and 50's
- ▶ The most common vehicle was a 4 door sedan followed closely by a pickup truck
- ▶ The month with the highest number of crashes was June and the lowest was in February and March
- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred from 7:00 to 10 PM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear.

DEER CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 17,155 crashes and 3 human fatalities
- ▶ The number of crashes per year has been steadily dropping from 2001 to 2005.
- ▶ The greatest number happened in Cumberland County followed closely by Penobscot County
- ▶ The least number occurred in Sagadahoc, Piscataquis, and Lincoln Counties
- ▶ The most common age group of driver was the 40's followed closely by drivers in their 30's and 50's
- ▶ The most common vehicle was a 4 door sedan followed closely by a pickup truck
- ▶ The months with the highest number of crashes was November and December and the lowest was in February and August

- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred from 4:00 to 11 PM and from 4:00 to 7 AM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear.

TRUCK CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 10,512 crashes and 102 human fatalities
- ▶ By far, the greatest number happened in Cumberland County
- ▶ The least number occurred in Piscataquis County
- ▶ The most common age group of individuals involved in truck crashes was the 30's and 40's.
- ▶ The months with the highest number of crashes were December and January and the lowest was in April
- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred in daylight from 8:00 AM to 4 PM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear with dry road conditions (by far).

MOTORCYCLE CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 2,420 crashes and 84 human fatalities
- ▶ The number of crashes has increased over the last 3 years
- ▶ By far, the greatest number happened in Cumberland and York Counties
- ▶ The least number occurred in Piscataquis and Washington Counties
- ▶ The most common age group of individuals involved in motorcycle crashes was the 40's followed closely by the 30's and 50's.
- ▶ One of the least common age group of individuals involved in motorcycle crashes was 15 to 19.
- ▶ The months with the highest number of crashes were June through August
- ▶ The most common days for crashes were Saturday and Sunday
- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred in daylight from 2:00 to 6:00 PM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear with dry road conditions (by far).

PEDESTRIAN CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 1,414 crashes and 52 human fatalities (average of about 280/year)
- ▶ By far, the greatest number happened in Cumberland County
- ▶ The least number occurred in Piscataquis County
- ▶ The highest number occurred in urban areas
- ▶ The most common age group of pedestrian involved in crashes was 15 to 19 followed by folks in their 30's and 40's.
- ▶ The month with the highest number of crashes was January and the lowest was in April
- ▶ The greatest number occurred on Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays and the least number occurred on Sunday.
- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear with dry road conditions (by far).

BICYCLE CRASHES:

- ▶ There were 1,002 crashes and 9 human fatalities (average of about 200/year)
- ▶ By far, the greatest number happened in Cumberland and York Counties
- ▶ The least number occurred in Piscataquis County
- ▶ The highest number occurred in urban areas
- ▶ The most common age group of bicyclists involved in crashes was 10 to 14 followed by 15 to 19.
- ▶ The month with the highest number of crashes was July followed closely by August, June, and September
- ▶ The greatest number occurred on Thursday and Friday and the least number occurred on Sunday.
- ▶ The highest number of crashes occurred in daylight from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- ▶ Weather conditions in the greatest majority of crashes was clear with dry road conditions (by far).