

NCTCOG Regional Crash Fact Sheet (Calendar Year 2021)

1. The Fatality Rate on North Central Texas (12-county) roadways for 2021 was 1.303 deaths per hundred million vehicle miles traveled. This is an increase from the 2020 fatality rate.
2. The North Central Texas (12-county) Region experienced an increase in the number of motor vehicle traffic fatalities. The 2021 death toll of 917 was an increase of 11.56% from the 822 deaths recorded in 2020.
3. There were 3,969 serious injury crashes in the North Central Texas (12-county) Region in 2021 with 4,811 people sustaining a serious injury.
4. Fatalities in traffic crashes in rural areas of the North Central Texas (12-county) Region accounted for 20.83% of the region's traffic fatalities. There were 191 deaths in rural traffic crashes.*
5. Single vehicle, run off the road crashes resulted in 286 deaths in 2021. This was 31% of all motor vehicle traffic deaths in 2020.
6. In 2021, there were 209 people killed in crashes occurring in intersections or related to an intersection.
7. There were 72 people killed in head-on crashes in 2021.
8. Based on reportable crashes in 2021:
 - o 1 person was killed every 9 hours 33 minutes
 - o 1 person was injured every 12 minutes 23 seconds
 - o 1 reportable crash occurred every 4 minutes 9 seconds
9. Of all persons killed in vehicles where restraint usage was applicable and usage was known in 2021, 21.36% were reported as not restrained when the fatal crash occurred.
10. 59,795 persons were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2021.
11. There were 151 motorcyclists (operators and passengers) killed in 2021. About 40% of motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.
12. Pedestrian fatalities totaled 207 in 2021. This is a 2% increase from 2020.
13. Pedalcyclist fatalities totaled 18 in 2021. This is a 38.46% increase from 2020.
14. In 2021, there were 118 people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where the use of alcohol was cited by police as a crash contributing factor. This is 12.2% of the total number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes.
15. During 2021, 53% of alcohol-related crashes were reported from between 10:00 PM and 3:59 AM. Also, 47% of alcohol-related crashes occurred on weekends.
16. In 2021, there were 54 people killed in crashes involving distracted driving. This is a 5.26% decrease from 2020.

*Rural is defined as a geographical location having a population of less than 5,000.



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