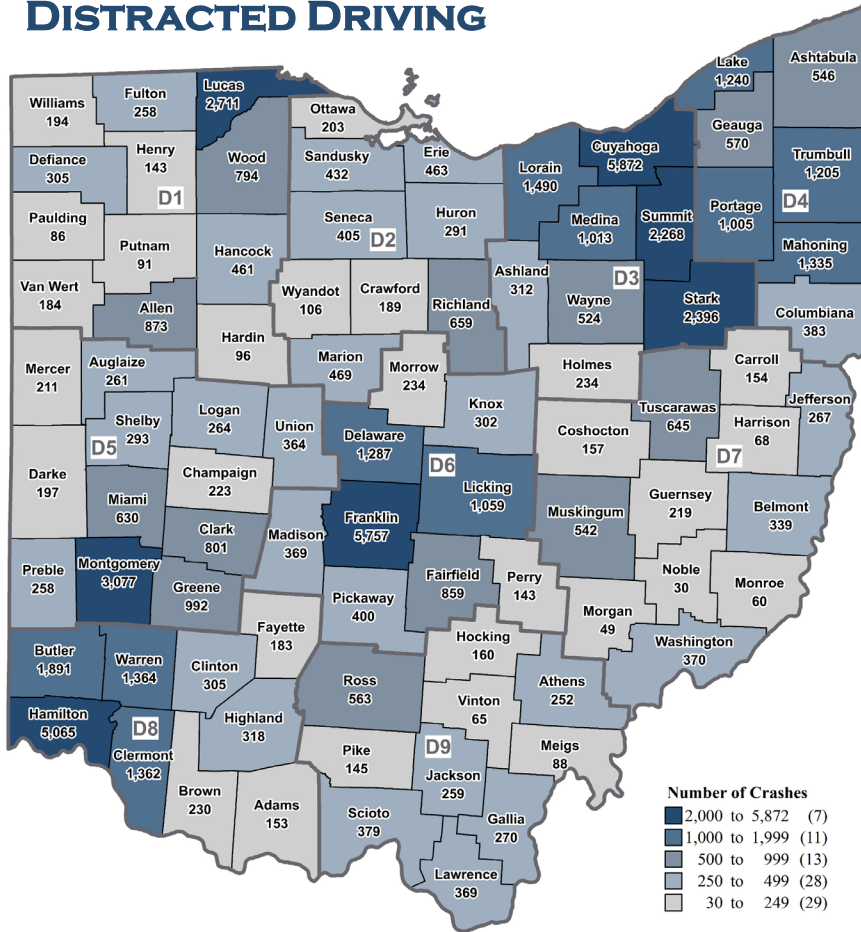


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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DISTRACTED DRIVING



Map and Table:
2017-2021
Distracted Driving Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	6,196
District 2	3,217
District 3	14,109
District 4	6,284
District 5	7,571
District 6	10,410
District 7	2,900
District 8	10,871
District 9	2,550
Total	64,108

Distracted Driving Facts

- From 2017 through 2021, there were 64,108 crashes in Ohio that involved one or more drivers who were distracted by something within their vehicle.¹ Of these, 206 were fatal crashes that resulted in 226 deaths.
- Over the past five years (2017-2021), Cuyahoga County has led the state in the number of distracted driving crashes (5,872). Franklin (5,757), Hamilton (5,065), Montgomery (3,077), and Lucas (2,711) Counties have also had significant numbers of crashes during this time period. Combined, these counties accounted for more than one in three distracted driving crashes (35%) in the state.
- Male drivers were more likely than their female counterparts to be distracted in these crashes (55% vs. 44%). In fatal crashes, males made up 64% of distracted drivers. About one in three distracted drivers (33%) were 15-24 years old.
- Additional distracted driving enforcement and educational information can be found on the Patrol's Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) distracted driving dashboard at: <https://www.distracteddrivingdashboard.ohio.gov>. Additional crash-related data can be found at: <https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx>.
- Ohio law bans all "handheld electronic wireless communication device" usage for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers as a secondary offense. If distracted driving contributes to the commission of another moving violation, then enhanced penalties apply. These include an additional fee of \$100 or attendance at a distracted driving safety course. These enhanced penalties went into effect on 10/29/2018.
- From 2017 through 2021, OSHP troopers issued 31,516 citations that included a charge of distracted driving.

¹Includes any crash in which one or more drivers were distracted by: 2) manually operating an electronic communication device, 3) talking on hands-free communication device, 4) talking on hand-held communication device, 5) other activity with an electronic device, 6) passenger, or 7) other distraction inside the vehicle.