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# MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

SUMMARY OF ALL REPORTED ACCIDENTS IN RURAL AREAS OF TEXAS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS 1997  
 PREPARED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ACCIDENT RECORDS BUREAU  
 THIS SUMMARY INCLUDES REPORTS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON 07-20-97

I. CURRENT REPORT & TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS											
	TOTAL				ON ROADWAY				OFF ROADWAY			
	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY	NON-INJ
PEDESTRIAN	340	55	285	0	298	50	248	0	42	5	37	0
MTR VEH IN TRAFFIC	18374	339	12258	5781	18073	324	12063	5686	301	15	191	95
RAILROAD TRAIN	82	11	40	31	76	11	39	26	6	0	1	5
PARKED MTR VEH	532	18	273	241	153	0	65	88	379	18	208	153
PEDALECYCLIST	179	8	171	0	166	8	158	0	13	0	13	0
ANIMAL	987	5	446	536	971	5	438	528	16	0	8	8
FIRE SUBJECT	10803	193	5505	5105	202	5	99	98	10601	188	5406	5007
OTHER SUBJECT	199	4	88	107	160	3	63	94	39	1	25	13
OVERTURNED	5050	153	3235	1662	681	26	463	192	4369	127	2772	1470
OTH. NDB-COLLISION	467	12	158	297	273	9	103	161	194	3	55	136
TOTALS	37013	798	22455	13760	21053	441	13739	6873	15960	357	8716	6887

II. LOCATION	NUMBER OF PERSONS				
	KILLED	INJURED	INJURY SEVERITY		
			A	B	C
INTERSTATE ROUTES	131	4514	593	1572	2349
US & STATE ROUTES	444	15162	2131	5041	7990
FARM-MARKET ROADS	229	8498	1201	2801	4496
COUNTY ROADS	122	8636	880	2925	4831
CITY STREETS	12	1616	130	475	1011
OTHER	180	0	144	11	36
TOTALS	938	38570	4946	12850	20774

III. COMPARATIVE TOTALS & TYPE OF ACC.	TOTALS						CHNG. %	ON ROADWAY					
	THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR				THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR		
	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED		ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED	ACC'S	KILLED	INJURED
PEDESTRIAN	340	56	330	348	51	332	10%	298	50	281	305	43	292
MTR VEH IN TRAFFIC	18374	433	23893	15913	442	21234	22%	18073	413	23505	15640	432	20805
RAILROAD TRAIN	82	18	53	70	24	57	25%	18	5	68	24	55	
PARKED MTR VEHICLE	532	23	426	440	15	369	53%	153	0	85	139	1	
PEDALECYCLIST	179	8	181	189	14	182	43%	166	8	168	173	12	
ANIMAL	987	5	616	929	9	518	44%	971	5	608	906	9	
FIRE SUBJECT	10803	213	7613	8616	263	6618	19%	202	5	139	187	1	
OTHER SUBJECT	199	4	118	148	7	112	43%	160	3	93	117	3	
OVERTURNED	5050	165	5142	5008	203	5143	19%	681	29	767	614	33	
OTH. NDB-COLLISION	467	13	196	406	8	179	63%	273	9	126	226	6	
TOTALS	37013	938	38570	32067	1036	34744	9%	21053	540	25824	18375	564	

A. INCAPACITATING INJURY - SEVERE INJURY WHICH PREVENTS CONTINUATION OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES. INCLUDES BROKEN OR DISTORTED LIMBS, INTERNAL INJURIES, CRUSHED CHESTS, ETC.  
 B. NONINCAPACITATING INJURY - EVIDENT INJURY SUCH AS BRUISES, ABRASIONS, MINOR LACERATIONS WHICH DO NOT INCAPACITATE.  
 C. POSSIBLE INJURY - INJURY WHICH IS CLAIMED, REPORTED OR INDICATED BY BEHAVIOR BUT WITHOUT VISIBLE WOUNDS. INCLUDES LIMPING, MOMENTARY UNCONSCIOUSNESS OR COMPLAINT OF PAIN.

MILEAGE RATES	THIS YEAR TO DATE	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR	PER CENT CHANGE
REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC DEATHS	938	1036	-9%
REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC INJURIES	38570	34744	11%
ESTIMATED VEH MILES TRAVELED (BILLIONS)	30198	41342	*
DEATH RATE PER 100,000,000 VEHICLES MILES	3.1	2.5	*
INJURY RATE PER 100,000,000 VEHICLES MILES	127.7	84.0	*

IV. TIME OF DAY BEGINNING	* INDICATES LESS THAN 0.5% CHANGE																							
	TOTAL ACC'S		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		PED		PEDCYCL					
	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL				
MIDNIGHT	1113	30	272	8	133	4	87	4	120	2	90	1	133	6	278	5	12	3	2	1				
1:00 A.M.	992	29	297	9	98	2	65	2	105	5	84	3	103	0	240	8	7	3	0	0				
2:00 A.M.	912	36	255	9	88	3	52	2	96	5	85	4	113	7	223	8	6	2	0	0				
3:00 A.M.	736	29	193	5	80	3	56	1	62	4	65	3	90	4	190	9	4	1	0	0				
4:00 A.M.	553	22	150	8	55	4	53	1	62	1	66	2	80	5	107	1	4	1	0	0				
5:00 A.M.	695	24	125	7	103	2	76	2	108	4	85	2	80	3	118	4	8	3	0	0				
6:00 A.M.	1143	22	107	4	187	3	196	2	171	4	189	2	180	4	113	2	11	1	1	0				
7:00 A.M.	1985	36	94	6	290	3	355	5	380	4	364	6	265	9	137	3	13	1	3	1				
8:00 A.M.	1490	28	111	2	252	6	239	7	284	3	218	1	236	6	150	3	9	1	3	0				
9:00 A.M.	1232	15	139	3	179	0	181	0	212	4	150	2	184	1	187	5	6	0	7	0				
10:00 A.M.	1319	26	164	4	196	1	195	6	163	3	165	1	196	5	236	6	4	0	7	0				
11:00 A.M.	1458	22	183	2	222	6	179	2	207	3	157	2	229	1	281	6	5	0	3	0				
12:00 P.M.	1763	30	226	5	257	4	238	0	200	2	218	5	264	5	283	9	9	0	6	0				
1:00 P.M.	1973	30	240	1	298	4	228	2	228	3	214	2	299	5	298	3	12	2	11	0				
2:00 P.M.	2518	39	340	5	362	12	328	3	321	2	354	5	467	6	346	6	15	0	11	0				
3:00 P.M.	2623	40	342	8	385	6	326	6	352	5	427	5	451	6	340	4	25	0	26	1				
4:00 P.M.	2711	59	390	9	403	6	360	6	359	7	408	8	450	13	341	10	25	0	26	1				
5:00 P.M.	2343	53	365	11	347	10	274	3	283	7	315	7	425	8	334	7	42	11	24	2				
6:00 P.M.	1886	37	292	5	223	3	238	9	242	4	240	5	337	7	314	4	30	6	15	0				
7:00 P.M.	1636	46	269	10	210	4	210	8	195	7	181	7	276	7	295	3	27	5	10	1				
8:00 P.M.	1667	50	271	9	210	2	196	7	179	7	190	4	318	13	303	8	29	7	6	1				
9:00 P.M.	1358	47	211	7	139	6	155	2	129	9	180	5	280	10	264	8	6	2	3	0				
10:00 P.M.	1221	26	176	1	121	1	106	2	139	5	140	1	257	8	282	8	17	7	1	0				
TOTALS	37013	798	5506	141	5090	99	4615	90	4860	105	4839	84	6112	142	5991	137	340	55	179	8				

NOTE: ALL FIGURES ON THIS REPORT ARE PRELIMINARY. To insure proper comparisons, 1997 figures are preliminary figures covering the same reporting period as those of 1996. Beginning with July 1, 1995 accidents, the only Property Damage Only (PDO) accidents tabulated were those having at least one vehicle towed due to damages, therefore, total accidents and non-injury accidents cannot be compared to prior year's totals.

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4A. AGE OF CASUALTY (YEARS)	RURAL								
	NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED								
	TOTAL KILLED			PEDESTRIANS			PEDALCYCLISTS		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM
0 TO 4	33	19	14	2	1	1	0	0	0
5 TO 9	19	10	9	3	1	2	0	0	0
10 TO 14	24	13	11	3	2	1	2	1	1
15 TO 19	116	73	42	5	4	1	2	2	0
20 TO 24	101	69	32	4	3	1	0	0	0
25 TO 34	185	125	60	14	12	2	1	1	0
35 TO 44	161	112	49	12	10	2	0	0	0
45 TO 54	103	65	38	4	3	1	1	1	0
55 TO 64	68	37	28	2	1	1	1	1	0
65 TO 74	70	48	22	7	7	0	0	0	0
75 & OLDER	37	24	5	5	5	0	1	1	0
NOT STATED	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	938	609	329	61	49	12	8	7	1

TYPE SUMMARY ALL REPORTED

4B. AGE OF CASUALTY (YEARS)	NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED								
	TOTAL INJURED								
	TOTAL			PEDESTRIANS			PEDALCYCLISTS		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM
0 TO 4	1201	640	559	18	11	7	9	7	2
5 TO 9	1444	716	728	40	24	16	48	35	13
10 TO 14	1851	899	950	52	32	20	55	50	5
15 TO 19	6481	3397	3276	57	40	17	21	19	2
20 TO 24	5502	3192	2305	36	29	7	9	6	3
25 TO 34	7441	4030	3399	74	56	18	11	10	1
35 TO 44	6043	3142	2891	45	33	12	14	10	4
45 TO 54	3817	1917	1891	28	22	6	6	6	0
55 TO 64	1995	1040	955	14	10	4	3	2	1
65 TO 74	1426	707	719	11	8	3	1	1	0
75 & OLDER	944	463	479	2	0	2	0	0	0
NOT STATED	225	111	80	6	2	2	2	1	0
TOTALS	38570	20254	18240	383	267	114	179	147	31

5A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	TOTAL	FATAL			INJURY			NON-INJ		
		TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM
ENTERING AT ANGLE	4525	78	3102	1345						
FROM SAME DIR. BOTH GOING STRAIGHT	692	1	445	246						
SAME-ONE TURN, ONE STRAIGHT	675	5	448	222						
SAME-ONE STOPPED	1731	3	1279	449						
SAME-ALL OTHERS	33	0	21	12						
FROM OPP. DIR. BOTH GOING STRAIGHT	99	6	66	27						
SAME-ONE LEFT TURN, ONE STRAIGHT	1116	18	753	345						
SAME-ALL OTHERS	91	1	46	44						
TOTALS	8962	112	6160	2690						

5C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	TOT PED ACCS	FATAL			INJURY		
		TOTAL	INT	NO INT	TOTAL	INT	NO INT
MOTOR VEH GOING STRAIGHT	299	55	4	51	244	24	220
MOTOR VEH TURNING RIGHT	8	0	0	0	8	7	1
MOTOR VEH TURNING LEFT	15	0	0	0	15	6	9
MOTOR VEHICLE BACKING	17	0	0	0	17	2	15
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	340	55	4	51	285	40	245

5B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	TOTAL	FATAL			INJURY			NON-INJ		
		TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM	TOTAL	MALE	FEM
GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION-HEAD ON	1494	170	936	391						
GOING SAME DIRECTION-REAR END	2202	18	1439	745						
SAME-SIDSWIPED	780	4	453	323						
ONE CAR PARKED IMPROPER LOCATION	52	1	36	15						
ONE CAR STOPPED IN TRAFFIC	1940	6	1304	630						
ONE CAR FORWARD FROM PARKING	28	0	17	11						
ONE CAR BACKWARD FROM PARKING	5	0	3	2						
ONE CAR ENTERING DRIVEWAY	1164	14	790	360						
ONE CAR LEAVING DRIVEWAY	1093	7	692	394						
ALL OTHERS	652	7	425	220						
TOTALS	9412	227	6094	3091						

5D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	TOTAL	FATAL			INJURY		
		TOTAL	INT	NO INT	TOTAL	INT	NO INT
COLLISION WITH OTH ROAD VEH OR TRAIN	72	2	70	0			
COLLISION WITH FIXED OBJECT	1454	23	701	730			
COLLISION WITH OTHER OBJECT	12	0	4	8			
OVERTURNED	308	5	180	123			
OTHER NON-COLLISION	46	0	20	26			
COLLISION WITH OTH ROAD VEH OR TRAIN	189	17	141	31			
COLLISION WITH FIXED OBJECT	9349	170	4804	4375			
COLLISION WITH OTHER OBJECT	187	4	84	99			
OVERTURNED	4742	148	3056	1639			
OTHER NON-COLLISION	421	12	138	271			
COLLISION WITH ANIMAL	987	5	446	536			
NOT STATED	532	18	273	241			
TOTALS	18299	404	9916	7979			

6. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	TOTAL PED'S	AGES OF PEDESTRIANS KILLED											AGES OF PEDESTRIANS INJURED										
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65-80	UNK	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65-80	UNK				
CROSSING AT INTERSECTION OR CROSSWALK	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
CROSSING NOT AT INTERSECT OR CROSSWALK	157	34	2	2	2	2	4	10	2	9	0	123	9	22	20	19	6	27					
GETTING ON OR OFF OTHER VEHICLE	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0					
WALKING IN ROADWAY WITH TRAFFIC	23	9	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	0	14	0	0	0	0	3	2					
WALKING IN ROADWAY AGAINST TRAFFIC	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0					
STANDING IN ROADWAY	37	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	2	0	0	0					
PUSHING OR WORKING ON VEHICLE	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	7	13	3					
OTHER WORKING IN ROADWAY	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	3	5	4					
PLAYING IN ROADWAY	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	2	0	1	0					
OTHER IN ROADWAY	55	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	5	4	9	9	4	13					
NOT IN ROADWAY	56	6	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	50	2	1	4	7	6	20					
NOT STATED	48	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	45	1	5	7	4	7	15					
TOTALS	444	61	2	3	3	5	4	26	6	12	0	383	18	40	52	57	36	119					

7. AGE OF DRIVER	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
15 & YOUNGER	206	5	148
16	773	9	508
17	2413	24	1478
18 TO 19	4875	83	3064
20 TO 24	8835	170	5492
25 TO 34	13294	280	8638
35 TO 44	11626	267	7266
45 TO 54	7141	180	4600
55 TO 64	3654	89	2359
65 TO 74	2336	71	1557
75 & OLDER	1489	49	982
UNKNOWN	1411	10	632
TOTAL DRIVERS	58052	1207	36629

11. VEH CONDITIONS	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
NO DEFECTS REPORTED	56590	1163	35877
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	309	10	194
DEFECTIVE STEERING	133	0	71
DEF OR IMPROPER LT	71	7	45
DEFECTIVE TIRES	557	19	298
DEF TRAILER EQUIP	89	3	31
DEF STOP OR TRN SIG	100	3	59
WHEEL CAME OFF VEH	48	0	16
OTHER DEFECTS	155	2	38
TOTAL VEHICLES	58052	1207	36629

15. TYPE OF VEHICLE	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
PASSENGER CAR	28675	508	18453
PASSENGER CAR & TRAILER	39	2	22
PASSENGER CAR & HOUSE TRAILER	0	0	0
TRUCK	25086	523	15605
TRUCK & TRAILER	1086	26	565
TRUCK-TRACTOR & SEMI-TRAILER	1937	102	1095
TRUCK & HOUSE TRAILER	18	0	7
OTHER TRUCK COMBINATIONS	148	3	84
FARM TRACTOR	70	2	46
ROAD MACHINERY	6	0	5
BUS	65	9	44
SCHOOL BUS	128	2	83
MOTORCYCLE	431	21	383
MOTOR SCOOTER OR MOTOR BIKE	23	1	22
MOPED	5	0	5
OTHER & UNKNOWN	335	8	210
TOTAL VEHICLES	58052	1207	36629

8. SEX OF DRIVER	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
MALE	36694	897	22455
FEMALE	20105	302	13634
NOT STATED	1253	8	538
TOTAL DRIVERS	58052	1207	36629

12. LIGHT COND.	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
DAYLIGHT	22941	382	14452
DAWN	689	16	392
DARK-NO STREET LT	10229	342	5729
DARKNESS-STREET LT	2397	42	1408
DUSK	757	16	474
UNKNOWN	0	0	0
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	37013	798	22455

16. CONTRIBUTING FACTORS	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
SPEEDING OVER LIMIT	1731	135	1062
SPEED - UNSAFE (UNDER LIMIT)	14841	195	8831
FAIL TO YIELD ROW TO VEHICLE	5724	80	3889
DISREGARD STOP SIGN OR LIGHT	800	23	527
DISREGARD STOP AND GO SIGNAL	483	9	338
DISREGARD FLASHING YELLOW SIGNAL	0	0	0
IMPROPER TURN-WIDE RIGHT	95	1	52
IMPROPER TURN CUT CORNER ON LEFT	66	1	36
IMPROPER TURN-WRONG LANE	195	1	121
WRONG SIDE NOT PASSING	523	92	320
WRONG WAY ONE WAY ROAD	52	7	30
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	1251	3	873
OVERTAKE & PASS INSUFF CLEARANCE	164	1	43
PASS IN 4C PASSING ZONE	534	6	361
OTHER ILLEGAL PASSING	184	0	128
NO SIGNAL, OR WRONG SIG OF INTENTION	60	1	39
FAIL TO YIELD ROW TO PEDESTRIAN	12	0	12
IMPROPER PARKING	157	0	99
DRIVE UNDER INFLU (LIQUOR OR DRUGS)	5004	287	3104
OTHER VIOLATIONS	7855	177	4707
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	39789	1022	24690

9. CONDITION OF DRIVER	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
NORMAL	55659	1099	35101
EYESIGHT DEFECTIVE	13	2	4
HEARING DEFECTIVE	5	0	1
LIMBS MISSING	0	0	0
OTHER PHYSICAL DEFECT	13	3	6
ILL	264	5	206
FATIGUED OR ASLEEP	2095	98	1309
OTHER HANDICAP	3	0	2
TOTAL DRIVERS	58052	1207	36629

13. WEATHER COND	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
CLEAR	29061	671	18062
RAIN	6139	92	3453
SNOW	378	8	172
FOG	721	14	439
OTHER & UNKNOWN	714	9	329
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	37013	798	22455

10. RESIDENCE & LICENSE	TOTAL	FATAL	INJURY
TEXAS RESIDENT, LICENSED	51036	1021	32497
TEX RESIDENT, NOT LICENSED	2270	47	1501
TEX RESIDENT, LICENSE UNK	207	15	126
NON-RES, LICENSED	3160	111	1891
NON-RES, NOT LICENSED	8	1	5
NON-RESIDENT, LICENSE UNK	9	2	4
NOT STATED	1362	10	605
TOTAL DRIVERS	58052	1207	36629

14. ROAD SURFACE	T
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