



# MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Weekly Fatal Report  
June 21st, 2016





**SPEED. IMPAIRMENT. NO SEAT BELTS.**

**A TIMELESS RECIPE FOR TRAGEDY**



**TOTAL FATALS TO DATE: 75**

**FATALS THIS TIME LAST YEAR: 67**



## DISCLAIMERS:

**CONFIRMED FACTORS:** These investigations are closed and the reports have been approved. The factors and numbers are established.

**UNCONFIRMED FACTORS:** These investigations remain ongoing. The data and contributing factors should be viewed as preliminary only and subject to change.

## 1965 MONTANA STATISTICS

Traffic Accidents.....	16,672
Deaths.....	280
Personal Injuries.....	7,283
Property Damage Accidents....	11,775
Economic Loss.....	\$50,400,000

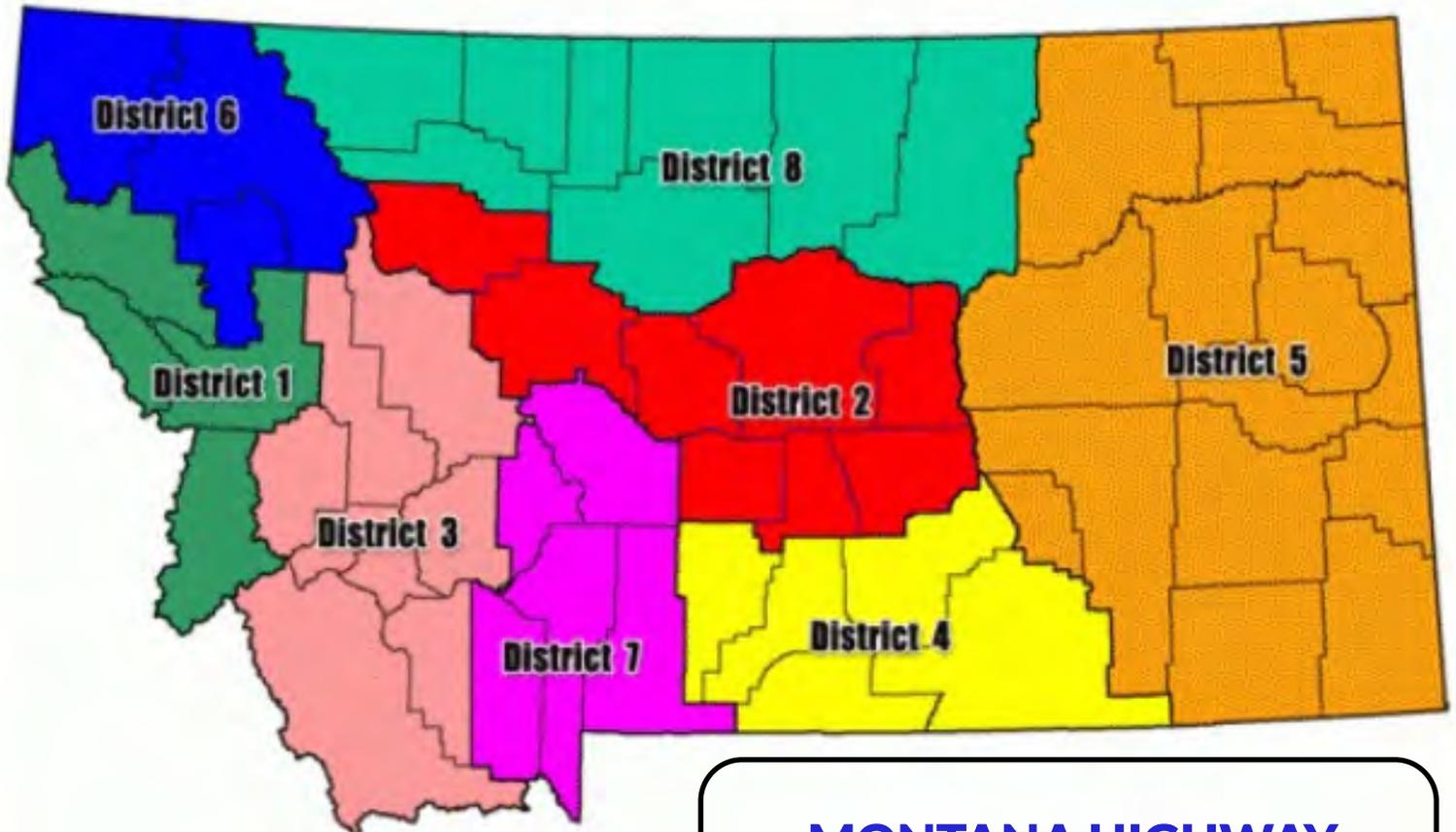


**FATALITIES BY ROADWAY TYPE**

**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
 Fatality Crash Information  
 From Jan 1, 2016 to Jun 21, 2016

	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	8	8	13	18	62.50%	125.00%
PRIMARY	25	25	23	24	-8.00%	-4.00%
RURAL	20	21	19	19	-5.00%	-9.52%
SECONDARY	8	10	9	9	12.50%	-10.00%
URBAN	3	3	5	5	66.67%	66.67%
Total	64	67	69	75	7.81%	11.94%





## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL DISTRICT MAP

### 1955 DEATH TOLL MOVES UP TO 235

Montana's 1955 traffic toll now stands at 235 with the death of George Foley, Harlowton, from injuries from a car-truck collision Nov. 26.

The 1955 toll is 14 more than the 1954 figure, 221.

The last fatal accident of 1955 occurred only a few hours before midnight New Year's Eve near Missoula.

The fatality increase on Montana's best roads and the increasing number of multiple-death accidents made 1955 one of the worst traffic death years in the patrol's 20-year history.

More than half of the fatal accidents revealed gasoline mixed with alcohol. Speed--too fast for conditions of both car and road--came in for a fair share of criticism. Winter road conditions were also tagged for causing some of the recent crashes.



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Deaths	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2014	2015	2016	AVE.	2014	2015	2016	AVE.
INTERSTATE	0	2	1	1.0	1	1	4	2.0
PRIMARY	4	8	1	4.3	2	4	1	2.3
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	2	2	1	1.7
SECONDARY	1	0	0	0.3	2	0	1	1.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0.3
TOTAL	6	14	2	7.3	7	7	8	7.3
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	6	1	2	3.0	2	2	4	2.7
PRIMARY	8	1	1	3.3	1	2	4	2.3
RURAL	1	0	2	1.0	2	3	6	3.7
SECONDARY	2	0	0	0.7	0	2	4	2.0
URBAN	0	1	0	0.3	3	1	4	2.7
TOTAL	17	3	5	8.3	8	10	22	13.3
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	1	4	1.7	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	2	3	7	4.0	0	3	6	3.0
RURAL	4	5	4	4.3	4	3	3	3.3
SECONDARY	1	1	0	0.7	1	2	3	2.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	7	10	15	10.7	5	8	12	8.3
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				DISTRICT 8 - HAVRE			
INTERSTATE	1	1	2	1.3	0	0	1	0.3
PRIMARY	8	1	3	4.0	5	3	1	3.0
RURAL	0	2	1	1.0	3	2	2	2.3
SECONDARY	1	1	0	0.7	2	4	1	2.3
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0.3
TOTAL	10	5	6	7.0	10	10	5	8.3
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	10	8	18	12.0				
PRIMARY	30	25	24	26.3				
RURAL	17	21	19	19.0				
SECONDARY	10	10	9	9.7				
URBAN	3	3	5	3.7				
TOTAL	70	67	75	70.7				



**Air bags provide added protection but are NOT substitutes for seat belts. Air bags plus seat belts provide the greatest protection for adults.**

# CRASHES BY DISTRICT

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Crashes	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2014	2015	2016	AVE.	2014	2015	2016	AVE.
INTERSTATE	0	2	1	1.0	1	1	2	1.3
PRIMARY	2	8	1	3.7	2	4	1	2.3
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	2	2	1	1.7
SECONDARY	1	0	0	0.3	2	0	1	1.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0.3
TOTAL	4	14	2	6.7	7	7	6	6.7
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	5	1	2	2.7	2	2	3	2.3
PRIMARY	3	1	1	1.7	1	2	4	2.3
RURAL	1	0	2	1.0	2	2	6	3.3
SECONDARY	2	0	0	0.7	0	2	4	2.0
URBAN	0	1	0	0.3	3	1	4	2.7
TOTAL	11	3	5	6.3	8	9	21	12.7
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	2	3	6	3.7	0	3	6	3.0
RURAL	4	5	4	4.3	3	3	3	3.0
SECONDARY	1	1	0	0.7	1	2	3	2.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	7	10	12	9.7	4	8	12	8.0
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				DISTRICT 8 - HAVRE			
INTERSTATE	1	1	2	1.3	0	0	1	0.3
PRIMARY	7	1	3	3.7	5	3	1	3.0
RURAL	0	2	1	1.0	3	2	2	2.3
SECONDARY	1	1	0	0.7	2	2	1	1.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0.3
TOTAL	9	5	6	6.7	10	8	5	7.7
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	9	8	13	10.0				
PRIMARY	22	25	23	23.3				
RURAL	16	20	19	18.3				
SECONDARY	10	8	9	9.0				
URBAN	3	3	5	3.7				

Always make sure that you are properly buckled. NEVER put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.



**CONFIRMED FACTORS**



# Fatalities Increase on Montana Highways in 2015

Alcohol, speed and lack of seat belt use linked to most crashes, according to Montana Highway Patrol

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Confirmed as of Jun 2016  
Jan 1 to Mar 31

	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
<b>Total For Time Period</b>	23	23	39	42	69.57%	82.61%
Alcohol a Factor	11	11	13	15	18.18%	36.36%
Drugs a Factor	6	6	6	6	0.00%	0.00%
Speed a Factor	9	9	7	8	-22.22%	-11.11%
One Vehicle Crashes	15	15	29	29	93.33%	93.33%
Seat Belts Not Used	11	11	22	22	100.00%	100.00%
Seat Belts Used	5	5	7	9	40.00%	80.00%
Seat Belts Unknown*	1	1	1	2	0.00%	100.00%
Motorcycle Involved	3	3	1	1	-66.67%	-66.67%
ATV Involved	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	1	1	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Bicycle Involved	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	3	3	7	7	133.33%	133.33%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	3	3	5	6	66.67%	100.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	5	5	11	12	120.00%	140.00%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	7	7	17	17	142.86%	142.86%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	2	2	6	6	200.00%	200.00%

\*Seat Belts Unknown - The investigation is complete but belt use was unable to be determined, such as in a car fire.



# UNCONFIRMED FACTORS

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Unconfirmed and Latest  
 Jan 1 to Jun 21

	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Alcohol Suspected	34	37	28	33	-17.65%	-10.81%
Drugs Suspected	22	24	10	12	-54.55%	-50.00%
Speed Suspected	22	24	17	19	-22.73%	-20.83%
One Vehicle Crashes	47	50	51	52	8.51%	4.00%
Seat Belts Not Used	33	36	37	39	12.12%	8.33%
Seat Belts Used	14	14	13	16	-7.14%	14.29%
Seat Belts Unknown	1	1	1	2	0.00%	100.00%
Motorcycle Involved	6	6	6	6	0.00%	0.00%
ATV Involved	3	3	3	3	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	3	3	2	2	-33.33%	-33.33%
Bicycle Involved	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	6	6	8	8	33.33%	33.33%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	5	5	9	12	80.00%	140.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	8	8	13	16	62.50%	100.00%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	35	38	35	36	0.00%	-5.26%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	9	11	8	10	-11.11%	-9.09%





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