



# MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Weekly Fatal Report  
August 29, 2016





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

**A TIMELESS RECIPE FOR TRAGEDY**



**TOTAL FATALS TO DATE: 130**

**FATALS THIS TIME LAST YEAR: 146**



## 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

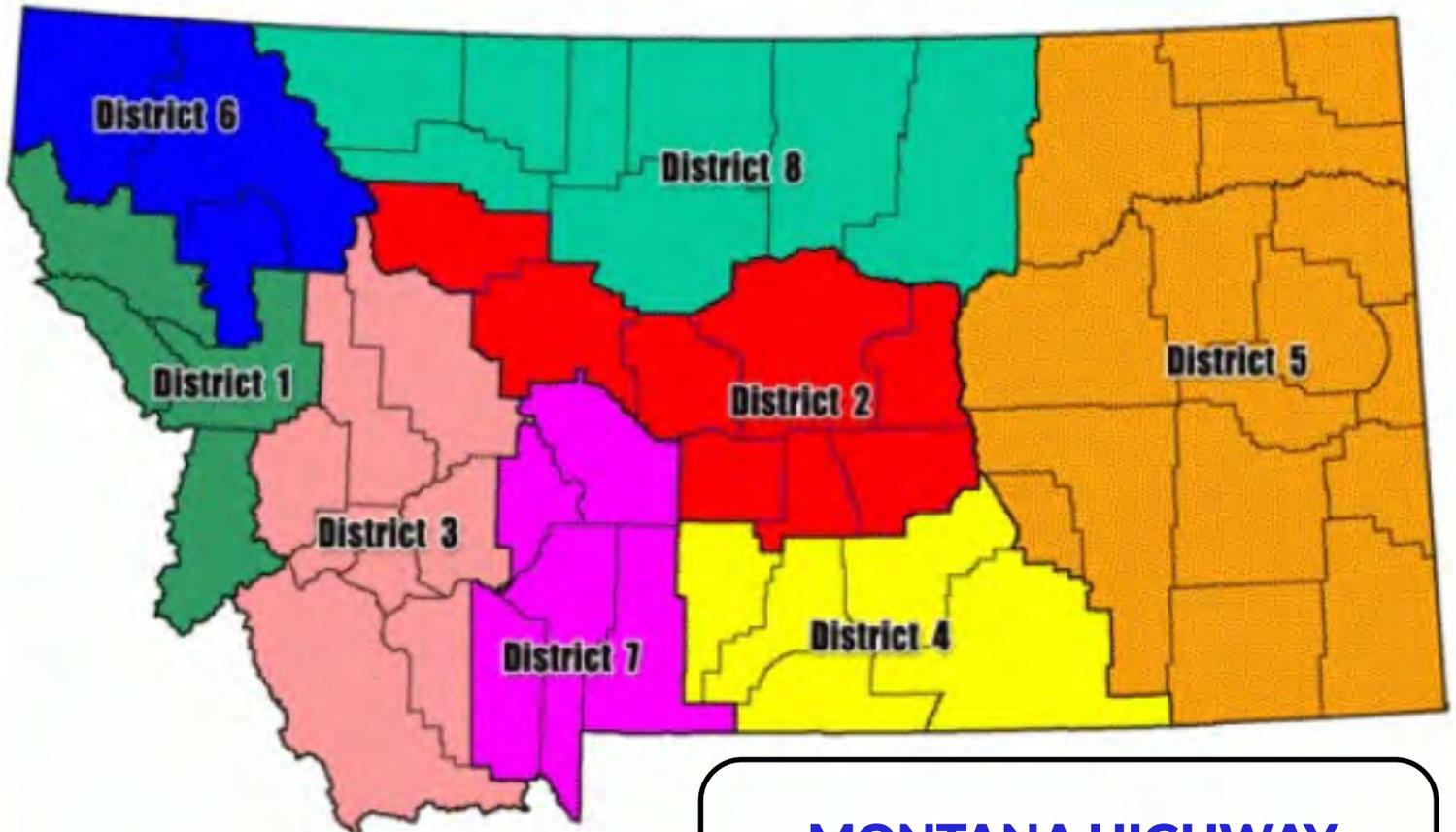
### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Fatality Crash Information

From Jan 1, 2016 to Aug 29, 2016

	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	18	18	19	25	5.56%	38.89%
PRIMARY	52	58	37	39	-28.85%	-32.76%
RURAL	37	39	35	38	-5.41%	-2.56%
SECONDARY	21	23	21	21	0.00%	-8.70%
URBAN	7	8	7	7	0.00%	-12.50%
Total	135	146	119	130	-11.85%	-10.96%





## 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	3	4	2	3.0	2	3	4	3.0
PRIMARY	7	10	2	6.3	4	12	5	7.0
RURAL	5	5	5	5.0	5	3	2	3.3
SECONDARY	1	2	2	1.7	3	1	1	1.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	1.0
TOTAL	16	21	11	16.0	15	20	13	16.0
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	10	2	5	5.7	2	4	5	3.7
PRIMARY	9	9	3	7.0	3	11	4	6.0
RURAL	1	1	4	2.0	5	5	9	6.3
SECONDARY	2	1	1	1.3	1	5	10	5.3
URBAN	0	4	0	1.3	4	1	6	3.7
TOTAL	22	17	13	17.3	15	26	34	25.0
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	2	5	2.3	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	7	7	9	7.7	6	5	11	7.3
RURAL	6	7	4	5.7	5	6	7	6.0
SECONDARY	3	1	0	1.3	2	4	3	3.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0.3
TOTAL	16	17	18	17.0	14	15	21	16.7
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				DISTRICT 8 - HAVRE			
INTERSTATE	3	3	3	3.0	0	0	1	0.3
PRIMARY	10	1	4	5.0	5	3	1	3.0
RURAL	0	6	4	3.3	6	6	3	5.0
SECONDARY	2	3	1	2.0	3	6	3	4.0
URBAN	1	1	0	0.7	0	1	0	0.3
TOTAL	16	14	12	14.0	14	16	8	12.7
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	20	18	25	21.0				
PRIMARY	51	58	39	49.3				
RURAL	33	39	38	36.7				
SECONDARY	17	23	21	20.3				
URBAN	7	8	7	7.3				
TOTAL	128	146	130	134.7				



# CRASHES BY DISTRICT

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Route	2014	2015	2016	AVE.	2014	2015	2016	AVE.
INTERSTATE	3	4	2	3.0	2	3	2	2.3
PRIMARY	5	10	2	5.7	4	10	4	6.0
RURAL	5	5	5	5.0	5	3	2	3.3
SECONDARY	1	2	2	1.7	3	1	1	1.7
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	1.0
TOTAL	14	21	11	15.3	15	18	10	14.3
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	9	2	4	5.0	2	4	4	3.3
PRIMARY	4	6	3	4.3	3	10	4	5.7
RURAL	1	1	4	2.0	5	4	9	6.0
SECONDARY	2	1	1	1.3	1	5	10	5.3
URBAN	0	3	0	1.0	4	1	6	3.7
TOTAL	16	13	12	13.7	15	24	33	24.0
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	0	2	3	1.7	0	0	0	0.0
PRIMARY	7	7	8	7.3	6	5	11	7.3
RURAL	6	7	4	5.7	4	6	5	5.0
SECONDARY	3	1	0	1.3	2	4	3	3.0
URBAN	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0.3
TOTAL	16	17	15	16.0	13	15	19	15.7
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SECONDARY	2	3	1	2.0	3	4	3	3.3
URBAN	1	1	0	0.7	0	1	0	0.3
TOTAL	15	14	11	13.3	13	13	8	11.3
	ALL DISTRICTS							
INTERSTATE	19	18	19	18.7				
PRIMARY	43	52	37	44.0				
RURAL	31	37	35	34.3				
SECONDARY	17	21	21	19.7				
URBAN	7	7	7	7.0				
TOTAL	117	135	119	123.7				

**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 Aug 2016 Jan 1 to May 31	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	49	50	61	67	24.49%	34.00%
Alcohol a Factor	26	27	24	29	-7.69%	7.41%
Drugs a Factor	16	16	8	10	-50.00%	-37.50%
Speed a Factor	16	16	13	15	-18.75%	-6.25%
One Vehicle Crashes	37	38	45	46	21.62%	21.05%
Seat Belts Not Used	25	26	34	36	36.00%	38.46%
Seat Belts Used	9	9	10	13	11.11%	44.44%
Seat Belts Unknown*	1	1	1	2	0.00%	100.00%
Motorcycle Involved	6	6	5	5	-16.67%	-16.67%
ATV Involved	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	3	3	1	1	-66.67%	-66.67%
Bicycle Involved	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	6	6	8	8	33.33%	33.33%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	3	3	9	12	200.00%	300.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	6	6	13	16	116.67%	166.67%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	23	24	32	33	39.13%	37.50%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	5	5	7	9	40.00%	80.00%

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



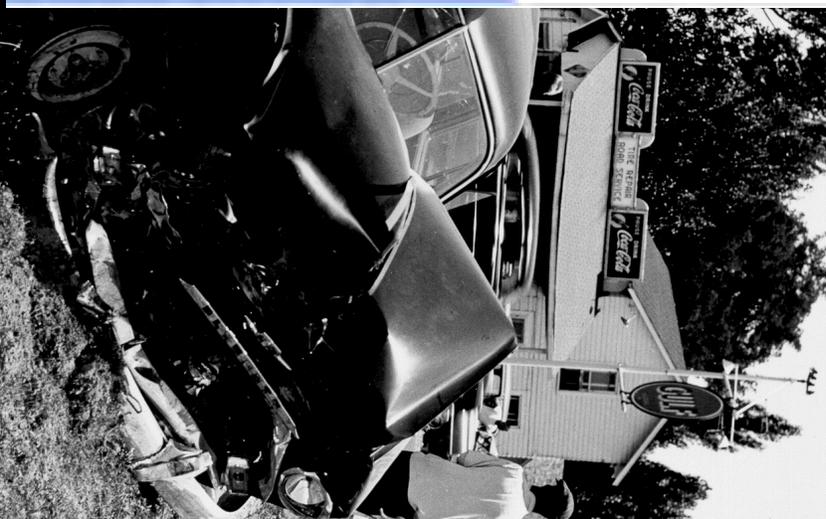
# UNCONFIRMED FACTORS

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From Jan 1, 2016 to Aug 29, 2016

Unconfirmed and Latest Jan 1 to Aug 29	2015		2016		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Alcohol Suspected	61	66	50	58	-18.03%	-12.12%
Drugs Suspected	45	50	16	18	-64.44%	-64.00%
Speed Suspected	42	47	41	47	-2.38%	0.00%
One Vehicle Crashes	104	111	94	100	-9.62%	-9.91%
Seat Belts Not Used	69	78	61	64	-11.59%	-17.95%
Seat Belts Used	31	32	24	28	-22.58%	-12.50%
Seat Belts Unknown	1	2	2	5	100.00%	150.00%
Motorcycle Involved	20	20	13	14	-35.00%	-30.00%
ATV Involved	7	7	7	7	0.00%	0.00%
Helmets Used	7	7	4	4	-42.86%	-42.86%
Bicycle Involved	1	1	2	2	100.00%	100.00%
Pedestrian Involved	7	7	9	9	28.57%	28.57%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	11	14	13	16	18.18%	14.29%
Hazardous Materials Involved	1	1	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Other than Dry Roads	14	14	19	22	35.71%	57.14%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	79	87	67	70	-15.19%	-19.54%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	23	29	14	17	-39.13%	-41.38%





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