



Map and Table: 2010-2012 Statewide Unbelted Fatalities

OSHP District	Number of Fatalities
Findlay	131
Bucyrus	158
Warren	238
Piqua	159
Columbus	161
Cambridge	96
Wilmington	153
Jackson	97

Total 1,193

Safety Belt Crashes

- In Ohio, from 2010-2012, 1,193 people were killed in crashes who were not wearing safety belts but had them available. This represents 52% of crash fatalities (38% of those killed were wearing safety belts; the remaining 10% had no belts available to them). During this period, an additional 4,956 unbelted occupants sustained serious (incapacitating) injuries.

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates 340 lives were saved in Ohio by safety belt usage in 2011. Nationwide, an estimated 11,949 fatalities were prevented. Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Usage

- In 2012, Ohio's observed safety belt usage rate was 82%*. This is down 2% from the 2011 usage level. Occupants of light (pickup) trucks (77%) and those who were 15-25 years old (75%) were well below the statewide rate. Women (87%) were more likely to wear safety belts than men (78%).
- Safety belt usage rates in the 33 states with primary safety belt laws (90% usage rate in 2012) continue to be higher than the rates in states with secondary laws like Ohio's (78%). Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Citations and Convictions

- In 2012, 114,699** people in Ohio were convicted of driving or riding in a vehicle without wearing a safety belt. During that time, OSHP troopers wrote 94,461 citations for the same violations.

*Source: Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2012. "Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio."

**Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2012. "Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County."