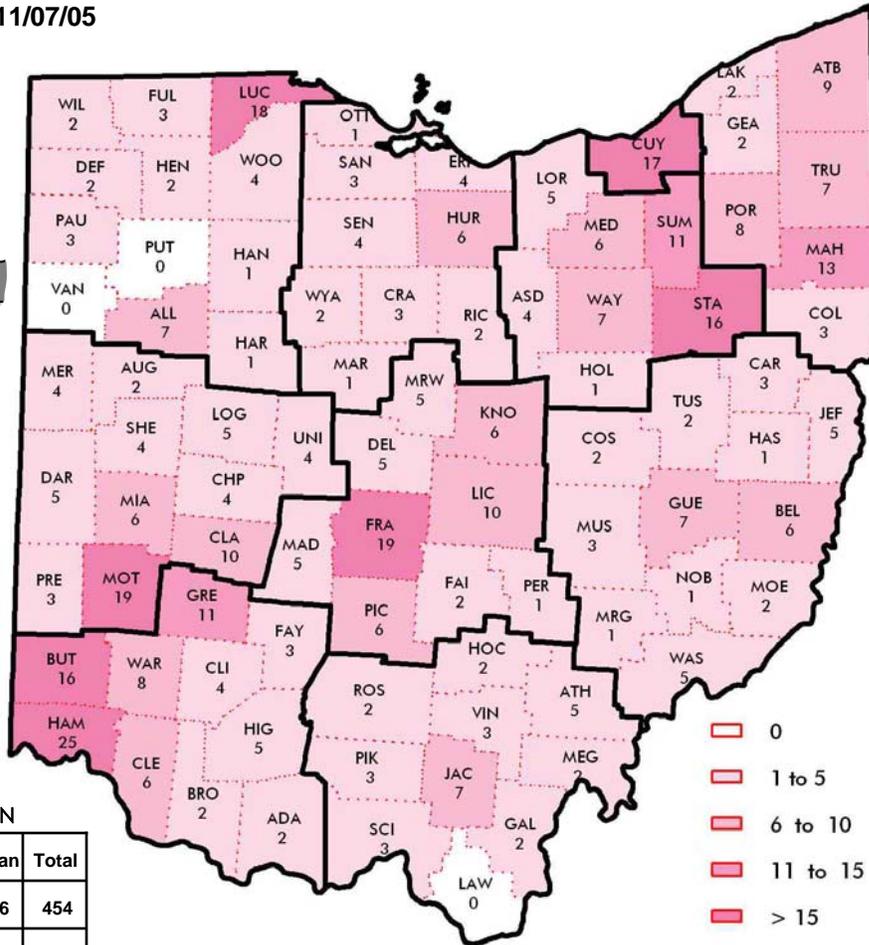
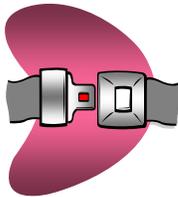




## REPORTED NON-BELTED FATALITIES, 01/01/05-11/07/05



STATEWIDE  
NON-BELTED  
FATALITIES BY  
RURAL AND URBAN

	Rural	Urban	Total
2005*	328	126	454
2004	464	201	665
2003	497	185	682
2002	561	199	760



## WEEKLY FOCUS: SAFETY BELTS

- Thirty-three percent of Ohio fatalities were wearing safety belts at the time of the crash; 36% were non-belted; 30% had no belt available; and 2% were unknown.
- Thirty-three percent of 16- to 25-year-olds killed in traffic crashes statewide in 2005 were wearing safety belts; while 53% were non-belted; 7% had no belt available; and 7% were unknown.
- NHTSA estimates that fatalities could be reduced by 2/3 if safety belt use was increased to 90% nationwide. In 2004, Ohio's safety belt use rate was 74%.

\*Figures are current as of 11/04/05