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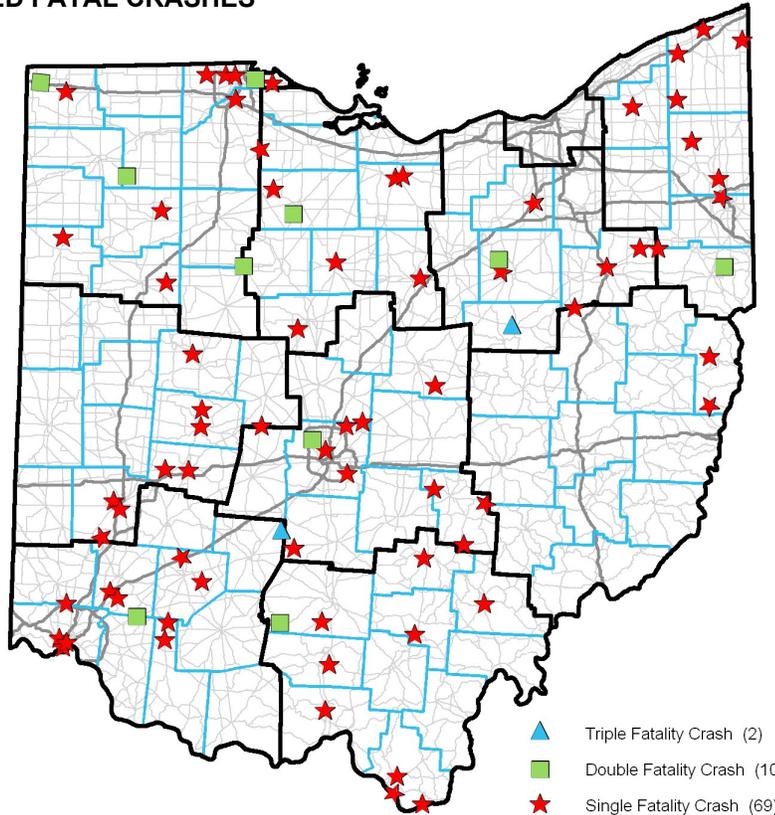
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STATEWIDE REPORTED FATAL CRASHES 06/20/2007-07/17/2007

Statewide Reported*
Fatal Crashes
06/20/07-07/17/07

Rural	Urban	Total
61	20	81

Total Fatalities: 95

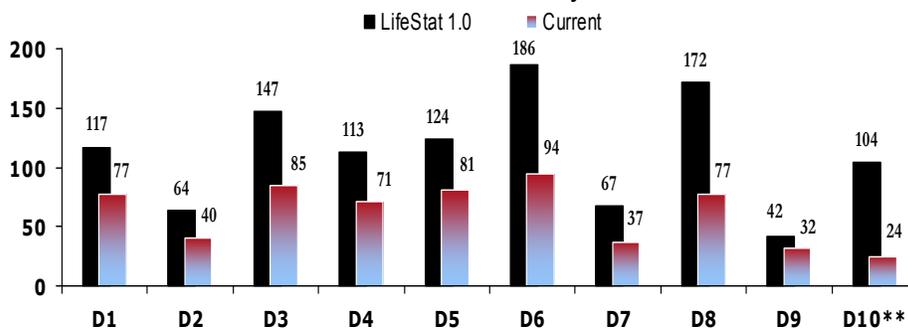


- ▲ Triple Fatality Crash (2)
- Double Fatality Crash (10)
- ★ Single Fatality Crash (69)

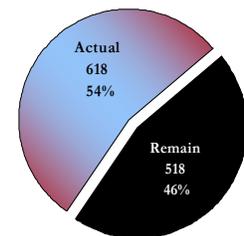
FATAL CRASH FACTS:

	Past Four Weeks	YTD	Top Crash Causes:	YTD
Alcohol-Related	14	179	Failure to Yield	116
Intersection	23	133	Improper Speed	112
Commercial Vehicle Involved	9	79	Driving Off Roadway	89
Motorcycle Involved	28	82	Left of Center	64
Pedestrian	8	72	Following too Closely	58

Year-To-Date Fatalities by District



LifeStat 1.0 = 1,136
Year-To-Date = 618



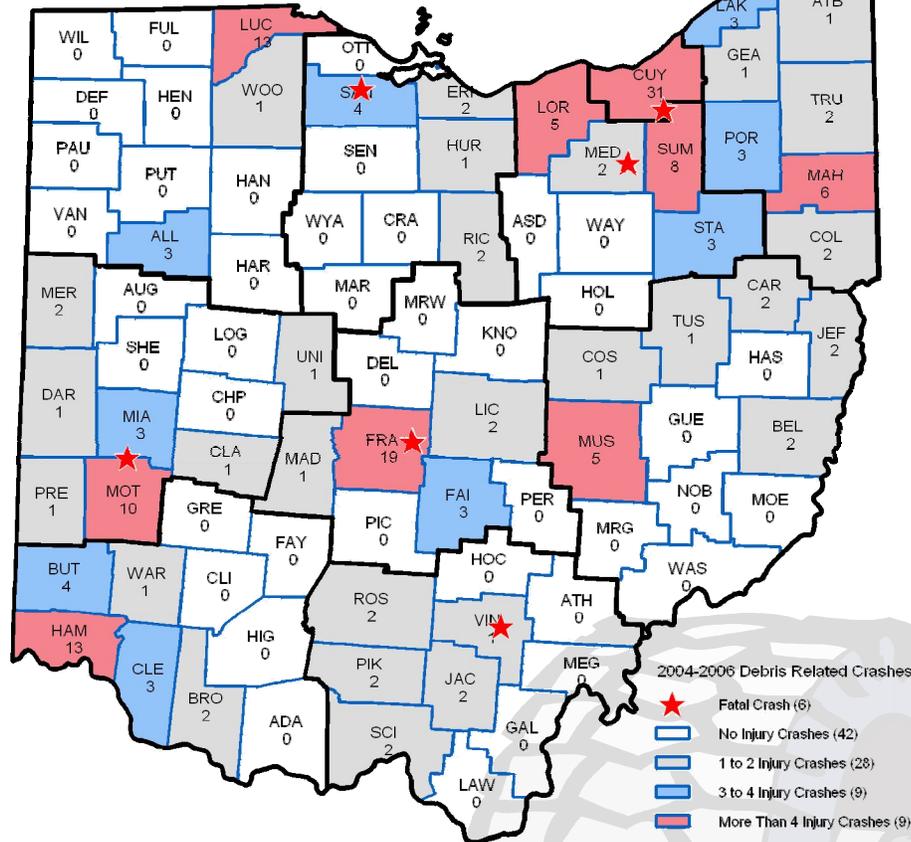
Statewide LifeStat 1.0

* Only fatal crashes that have been reported in the LINCS fatal crash reporting system are included in this update.

**Includes Cuyahoga County



Road Debris



- Although not recognized as a frequent cause of fatal and injury crashes, roadway debris (like tire fragments, furniture, or other objects unintentionally discharged from vehicles) cause about 25,000 crashes per year nationwide.*
- There were 950 crashes involving road debris reported from 2004 to 2006 on Ohio roads. One in five (182/20%) of those crashes involved an injury and six were fatal.**
- From 2004 to 2006, OSHP issued 1,966 citations to drivers for having improperly secured loads and over 18,000 cargo securement violations were identified during commercial vehicle inspections.
- Almost two-thirds (63%) of debris-related injury crashes occurred during daylight conditions; nearly one-third took place during normal commuting hours (6:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.).
- Top causes for debris-related injury crashes included failure to control (20%), “none” (18%), following too closely (16%), and swerving to avoid (12%).
- Motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable to road debris. Thirteen percent of 2004-2006 debris-related injury crashes involved motorcycles, compared to 3-4% of all injury crashes.
- Commercial vehicle involvement was higher for debris-related injury crashes. Nine percent of 2004-2006 debris-related injury crashes involved commercial trucks compared to 6% of all injury crashes.

* (2004). AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. *The Safety Impact of Vehicle-Related Road Debris*. Online at aaafoundation.org.
 ** Limitations on the crash form may result in significant underreporting of debris-related crashes.