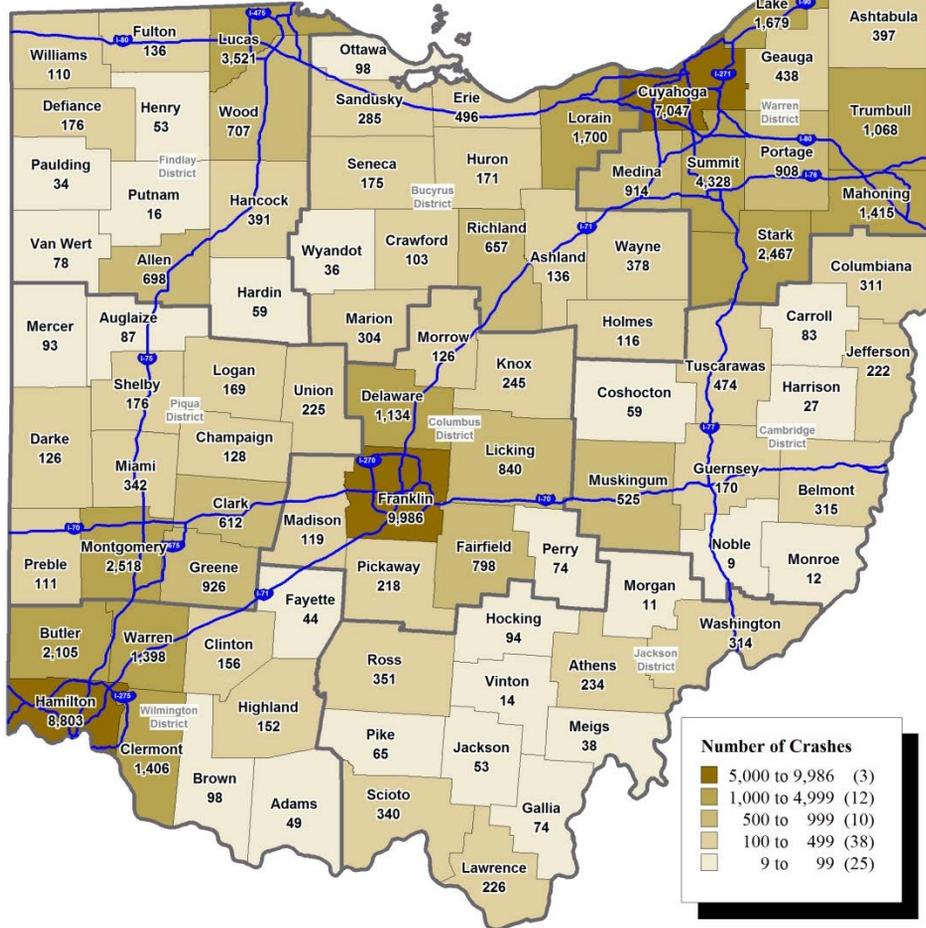


### Following Too Closely/ACDA<sup>1</sup>



**Map and Table:**

**2012 Statewide Following-Too-Closely/ACDA Crashes**

| OSHP District | Number of Arrests |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Findlay       | 5,979             |
| Bucyrus       | 4,655             |
| Warren        | 20,661            |
| Piqua         | 5,513             |
| Columbus      | 13,540            |
| Cambridge     | 2,207             |
| Wilmington    | 14,211            |
| Jackson       | 1,814             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>68,580</b>     |

### Following-Too-Closely/ACDA-Related Crashes<sup>2</sup>

- In 2012, there were 68,580 motor vehicle crashes in which following-too-closely/ACDA was the primary contributing factor. This includes 58 fatal crashes (60 killed) and 18,552 injury crashes (27,812 injured).
- Following-too-closely/ACDA is the primary cause of one-quarter (25%) of all crashes in Ohio in 2012, making it the leading cause of all crashes as well as the top cause of injury (26%) and property damage (24%) crashes.
- Large, urban counties with the highest traffic volumes also have the highest percentages of following-too-closely/ACDA crashes. Thirty percent (30%) of crashes in Franklin County, which has the highest traffic volume of any single Ohio county, are caused by following-too-closely/ACDA. Lake County had the highest percentage (36%) of their total crashes resulting from following-too-closely/ACDA.

- A good rule of thumb to avoid following-too-closely/ACDA crashes is to maintain a distance of 3 seconds behind the vehicle in front of yours. Use a light or sign post as a landmark to begin your count.

### OSHP Following-Too-Closely/ACDA Citations<sup>2</sup>

- In 2012, OSHP officers issued 21,925 citations for following-too-closely/ACDA. This is a 49% increase from 2011 levels. Traffic stops accounted for 53% of these citations. Moreover, 46% of citations were written following a crash.
- One-third (33%) of following-too-closely/ACDA citations were written between the afternoon rush hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., with an additional 16% of citations between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

<sup>1</sup> Assured Clear Distance Ahead. <sup>2</sup> Data provisional as of 5/17/2013