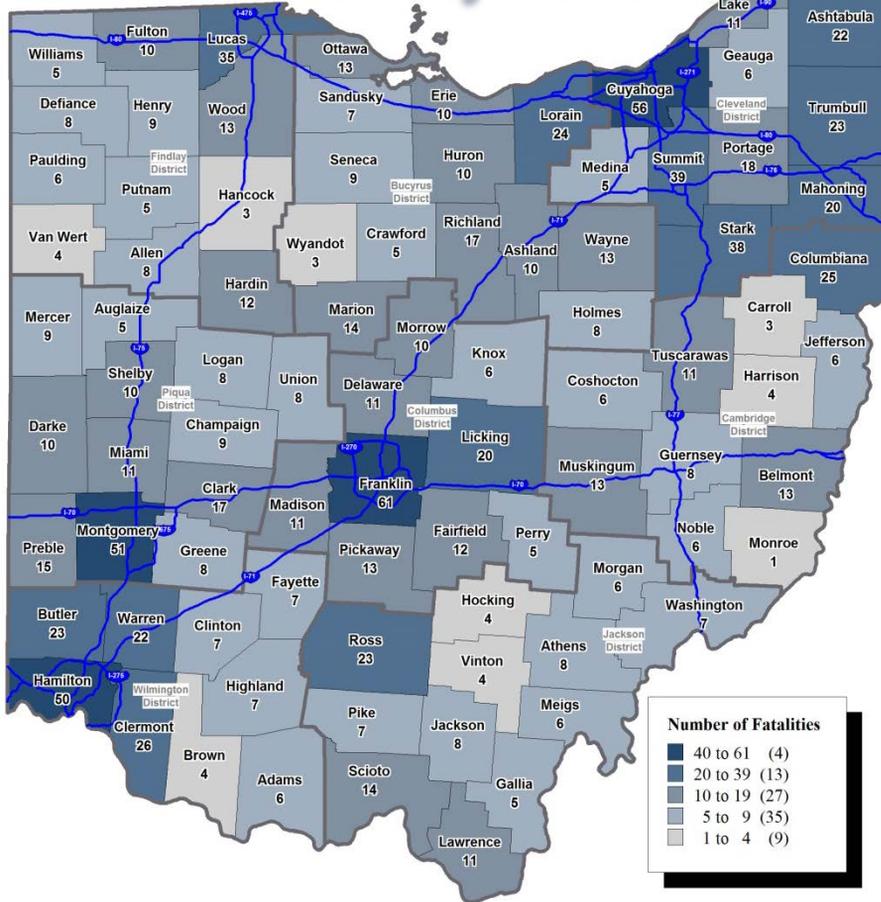


Safety Belts



Map and Table: 2011-2013
Statewide Unbelted Fatalities

OSHP District	Number of Fatalities
Findlay	118
Bucyrus	143
Cleveland	238
Piqua	161
Columbus	149
Cambridge	96
Wilmington	152
Jackson	103

Total 1,160

Safety Belt Crashes

- In Ohio, from 2011-2013, 1,160 people were killed in crashes who were not wearing safety belts and who were occupants of motor vehicles. This represents 52% of crash fatalities (39% of those killed were wearing safety belts; the remaining 9% had no belts available to them). During this period, an additional 4,853 unbelted occupants sustained serious (incapacitating) injuries.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates 379 lives were saved in Ohio by safety belt usage in 2012. Nationwide, an estimated 12,174 fatalities were prevented. Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Usage

- In 2013, Ohio's observed safety belt usage rate was 84.5%*. This is the highest usage rate seen since observational studies began in 1991. Occupants of light (pickup) trucks (79%) and those who were 15-25 years old (83%) were below the statewide rate. Women (90%) were more likely to wear safety belts than men (81%). Drivers in the Southeast part of the state had the lowest belt usage rate (73%).
- Safety belt usage rates in the 33 states with primary safety belt laws (91% usage rate in 2013) continue to be higher than the rates in states with secondary laws like Ohio (80%). Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Citations and Convictions

- In 2013, 118,206** people in Ohio were convicted of driving or riding in a vehicle without wearing a safety belt. During that time, OSHP troopers wrote 97,463 citations for the same violations.

*Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2013. "Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio."
 **Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2013. "Commercial and Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County."