



Map and Table: 2012-2014 Statewide Unbelted Fatalities

OSHP District	Number of Fatalities
District 1	121
District 2	90
District 3	194
District 4	126
District 5	153
District 6	138
District 7	83
District 8	161
District 9	91

Total 1,157

Safety Belt Crashes

- In Ohio, 1,157 people who were not wearing safety belts while occupants of motor vehicles were killed in crashes from 2012-2014. This represents 51% of such crash fatalities (40% of those killed were wearing safety belts; the remaining 9% had no belts available to them). During this period, an additional 4,510 unbelted motor vehicle occupants sustained serious (incapacitating) injuries.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that in 2013, 361 lives were saved by safety belts in Ohio. An estimated 12,584 lives were saved nationwide. Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Usage

- In 2014, Ohio's observed safety belt usage rate was 85%*, the highest rate seen since observational studies began in 1991. Occupants of light trucks (78%) and those who were 15-25 years old (82%) were below the statewide rate. Women (88%) were more likely to wear safety belts than men (82%). Drivers in the rural eastern (76%) and southern (79%) parts of Ohio had the lowest usage rates.
- Safety belt usage rates in the 33 states with primary safety belt laws (90% usage rate in 2014) continue to be higher than the rates in states with secondary laws like Ohio (79%). Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Convictions

- In 2014, 121,945** people in Ohio were convicted of driving or riding in a passenger vehicle without wearing a safety belt.

*Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2014. "Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio."

**Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2014. "Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County."