



Map and Table: 2013-2015 Statewide Unbelted Fatalities

OSHP District	Number of Fatalities
District 1	123
District 2	86
District 3	200
District 4	116
District 5	145
District 6	149
District 7	81
District 8	165
District 9	86

Total 1,151

Safety Belt Crashes

- In Ohio, 1,151 people who were not wearing safety belts while occupants of motor vehicles were killed in crashes from 2013-2015. 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 4,566 unbelted motor vehicle occupants sustained serious (incapacitating) injuries.
- NHTSA estimates that in 2015, 394 lives of motor vehicle occupants aged 5 and over were saved by safety belts in Ohio. An estimated 13,941 lives were saved nationwide. Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Usage

- In 2015, Ohio's observed safety belt usage rate was 83.9%*, a decrease from the 85.0% observed in 2014, the record high. Occupants of light trucks (80%) 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 (81%). Male passengers of motor vehicles aged 15-25 only had a 64% usage rate, the lowest in the survey.
- Safety belt usage rates in the 34 states with primary safety belt laws continue to be higher than the rates in states with secondary laws like Ohio (91% versus 79% in 2015). Source: [NHTSA](#)

Safety Belt Convictions

- In 2015, 118,358** people in Ohio were convicted of driving or riding in a passenger vehicle without wearing a safety belt, a decline of 3% from 2014.

*Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2015. "Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio."

**Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2015. "Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County."