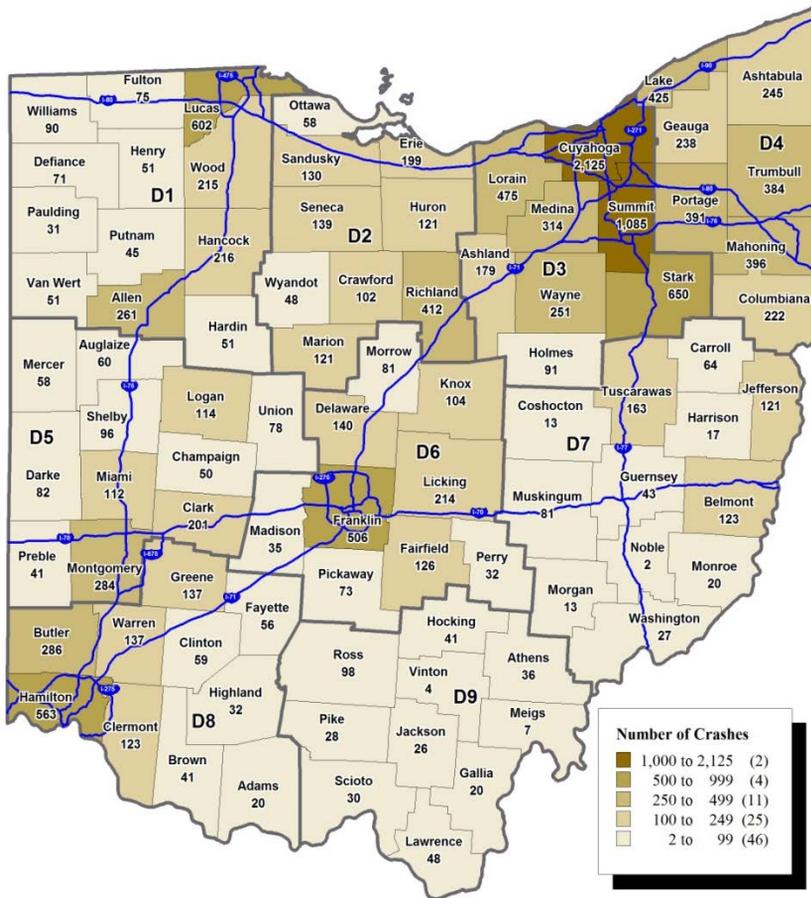


Winter Driving



Map and Table: December 2011 through March 2012 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,759
District 2	1,330
District 3	5,170
District 4	2,301
District 5	1,176
District 6	1,311
District 7	687
District 8	1,454
District 9	338
TOTAL	15,526

Winter Driving Crashes

- Last winter*, 15,526 crashes occurred on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio. This represents a 59% decrease in these types of crashes from the previous winter. This drop can most likely be attributed to the mild winter Ohio experienced last year.
- Although fatal and injury crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads fell 60% during the 2011-2012 winter (compared to 2010-2011), 27 people were killed and another 4,529 injured in those crashes.
- Speed-related** factors were reported as the cause in 72% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. These causes include driving at an unsafe speed, following too closely, and failure to control.

Winter Driving Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that your battery, cooling system, tires, wipers, and defrosters are all in good condition and working properly. Click [here](#) for more on preparing your car for winter driving.
- Drive slowly. Everything – accelerating, turning, braking – takes longer on snow-covered roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by slowing down. Click [here](#) for more safe winter driving tips.
- Carry a winter car kit in case you get stranded. It should include, among other things, a flashlight, jumper cables, flares, a small shovel, a blanket, food and water and a cell phone and car charger. Click [here](#) to see a complete list of items to include in a winter driving kit.

*Winter is defined as the December to March period. **Speed-related causes include "exceeded speed limit," "unsafe speed," "followed too closely/ACDA" and "failure to control."