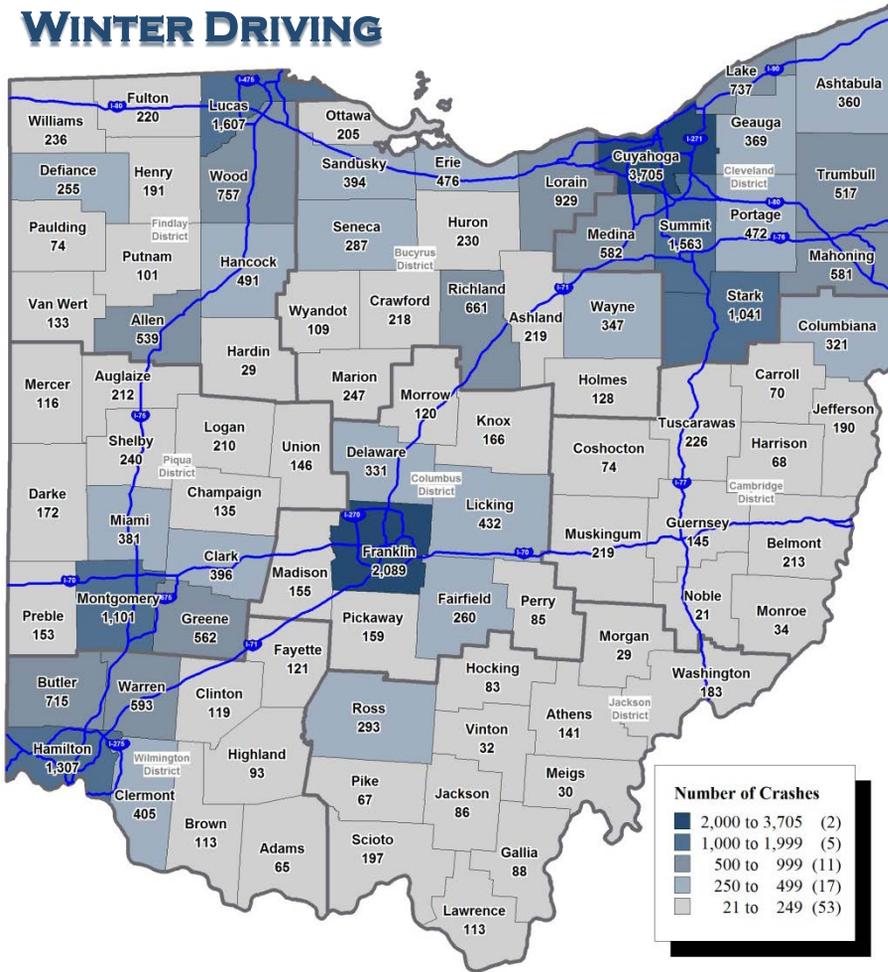


WINTER DRIVING



Map and Table: December 2013 through March 2014 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
Findlay	4,633
Bucyrus	4,450
Cleveland	9,927
Piqua	3,824
Columbus	3,797
Cambridge	1,581
Wilmington	3,531
Jackson	1,342

Total 33,085

Winter Driving Crashes

- During the harsh winter of 2013-14*, there were 33,085 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio. This was an increase of 76% over the winter of 2012-13. Still, fatal crashes fell from 41 to 35. Crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads accounted for 38 deaths and 9,013 injuries last winter.
- Fifty-six percent (56%) of these crashes happened in snowy weather, 58% during daylight hours and 63% on straight, level roadways. Nineteen percent of crashes occurred under all three conditions.
- Speed-related** factors were reported as the cause in 49% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. Forty-eight percent of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads involved only one vehicle.

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, 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."