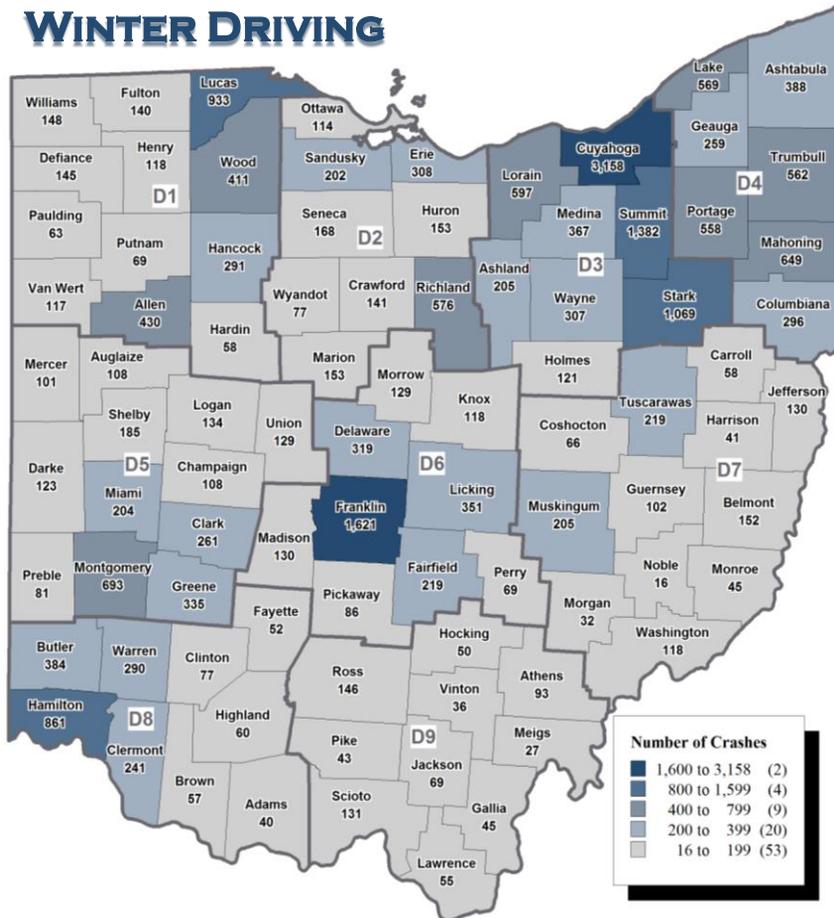


## WINTER DRIVING



Map and Table: December 2014 through March 2015 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	2,923
District 2	1,892
District 3	7,206
District 4	3,281
District 5	2,462
District 6	3,042
District 7	1,184
District 8	2,062
District 9	695

**Total 24,747**

### Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2014-15\*, there were 24,747 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a decrease of 28% over the previous winter. Fatal crashes fell from 35 to 30 over the four-month period. Crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads accounted for 31 deaths and 6,676 injuries last winter.
- Last winter's crashes happened most often in snowy weather (48%), on straight, level roads (63%), during daylight hours (57%), and/or with the vehicle moving straight ahead (66%).
- About two-thirds (67%) of the crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads were caused by a speed-related\*\* factor. Forty-five percent of such crashes 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."