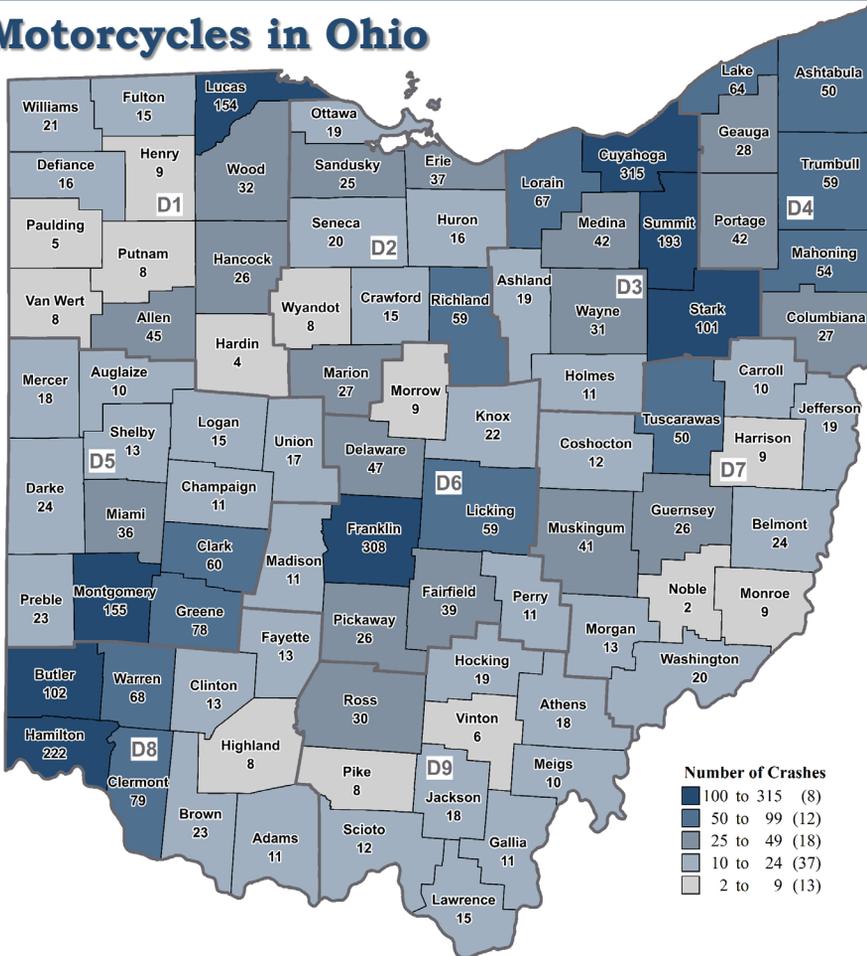


# TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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## Motorcycles in Ohio



Map and Table:  
2019 Motorcycle Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	343
District 2	226
District 3	779
District 4	324
District 5	460
District 6	532
District 7	235
District 8	539
District 9	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,585</b>

### Ohio Motorcycle Crashes

- In 2019, 3,585 motorcycle-involved crashes occurred on Ohio roadways, an 8% increase from 2018. These crashes included 156 fatal crashes (+10%) that killed 160 motorcycle occupants and five others. Another 3,245 people were injured. Overall, 79% of motorcycle-involved crashes resulted in at least one injury or death.
- Motorcycle drivers were at-fault in 56% of all motorcycle-involved crashes in 2019. About 40% of at-fault motorcycle drivers involved in crashes in 2019 did not have a motorcycle license endorsement. Forty-one percent (41%) of motorcycle crashes in 2019 involved just the motorcycle and no other vehicle. This percentage increases to 46% for fatal crashes.
- In 2019, ten percent (10%) of motorcycle-involved crashes involved alcohol and/or drugs, more than twice the rate of alcohol/drug use in crashes overall (4%). Fifty-three percent (53%) of fatal crashes involving motorcycles were alcohol and/or drug related, about the same rate as for fatal crashes in general.
- In 2019, only 43% of motorcyclists involved in crashes were wearing helmets. For motorcycle occupants killed in crashes, this number dropped to 27%. Ohio only requires helmets for drivers under 18, drivers with less than one year of motorcycle driving experience or passengers on motorcycles where the driver is required to wear a helmet.

### OSHP Motorcycle Traffic Stops

- OSHP troopers wrote 1,552 citations to motorcycle drivers in 2019. Of these, 65% included a speed violation and 21% had a charge of driving without a valid driver license or motorcycle endorsement. Nine percent (9%) of motorcycle drivers were cited for some kind of vehicle defect. Six percent (6%) of citations were written for OVI.