



MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Fatality Crash Information - From Jan 1, 2026 to Oct 13, 2026

Table 1: Digest	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	31	32	29	33	23	24	-20.69%	-27.27%
PRIMARY	65	71	61	73	53	60	-13.11%	-17.81%
RURAL	8	9	10	10	7	7	-30.00%	-30.00%
SECONDARY	21	21	17	19	22	22	29.41%	15.79%
URBAN	36	40	30	30	20	20	-33.33%	-33.33%
Total	161	173	147	165	125	133	-14.97%	-19.39%

In this report, Percent Change columns reflect the change between the latest two years.



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CONFIRMED as of Oct 1st Jan 1 to July 31	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
Table 2: Category Stats	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total for Time Period	106	110	105	118	100	107	-4.76%	-9.32%
Alcohol a Factor**	41	42	38	42	35	37	-7.89%	-11.90%
Drugs a Factor**	26	28	29	34	32	34	10.34%	0.00%
Speed a Factor	38	38	33	40	34	37	3.03%	-7.50%
One Vehicle Crashes	65	66	57	58	66	66	15.79%	13.79%
Seat Belts Not Used	59	60	57	69	54	60	-5.26%	-13.04%
Seat Belts Used	32	34	34	35	33	34	-2.94%	-2.86%
Seat Belts Unknown	15	16	14	14	13	13	-7.14%	-7.14%
Motorcycle Involved	19	19	12	12	15	15	25.00%	25.00%
ATV Involved	1	1	5	5	1	1	-80.00%	-80.00%
Helmets Used	12	12	9	9	10	10	11.11%	11.11%
Bicycle Involved	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	6	6	13	15	10	10	-23.08%	-33.33%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	8	9	13	18	9	10	-30.77%	-44.44%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	22	24	27	33	5	6	-81.48%	-81.82%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	63	66	56	61	56	62	0.00%	1.64%
Out of State Vehicle Involved	28	30	27	35	28	29	3.70%	-17.14%

Table 2: This information is derived from the completed crash investigation.

CONFIRMED as of Oct 1st Jan 1 to July 31	2024		2025		2026	
Table 3: Percentages	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	106	110	105	118	100	107
Alcohol a Factor**	38.68%	38.18%	36.19%	35.59%	35.00%	34.58%
Drugs a Factor**	24.53%	25.45%	27.62%	28.81%	32.00%	31.78%
Speed a Factor	35.85%	34.55%	31.43%	33.90%	34.00%	34.58%
One Vehicle Crashes	61.32%	60.00%	54.29%	49.15%	66.00%	61.68%
Seat Belts Not Used	55.66%	54.55%	54.29%	58.47%	54.00%	56.07%
Seat Belts Used	30.19%	30.91%	32.38%	29.66%	33.00%	31.78%
Seat Belts Unknown	14.15%	14.55%	13.33%	11.86%	13.00%	12.15%
Motorcycle Involved	17.92%	17.27%	11.43%	10.17%	15.00%	14.02%
ATV Involved	0.94%	0.91%	4.76%	4.24%	1.00%	0.93%
Helmets Used	11.32%	10.91%	8.57%	7.63%	10.00%	9.35%
Bicycle Involved	0.94%	0.91%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	0.93%
Pedestrian Involved	5.66%	5.45%	12.38%	12.71%	10.00%	9.35%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	7.55%	8.18%	12.38%	15.25%	9.00%	9.35%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	20.75%	21.82%	25.71%	27.97%	5.00%	5.61%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	59.43%	60.00%	53.33%	51.69%	56.00%	57.94%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	26.42%	27.27%	25.71%	29.66%	28.00%	27.10%

Table 3: This information is the percent of the total for the time period. For example, from January 1st to July 31st there were 106 fatalities. Of these 106 fatalities, 44.34% had alcohol as a confirmed contributing factor.

* Seat Belts Unknown - The investigation is complete but belt use was unable to be determined, such as in a car fire.

** For the specific time period listed on tables 2 & 3, the alcohol and drug test results for 9 crashes in 2020 is still pending.



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SUSPECTED and Latest Jan 1 to Oct 13	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
Table 4: Category Stats	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total for Time Period	161	173	147	165	125	133	-14.97%	-19.39%
Alcohol Suspected	66	74	56	62	44	47	-21.43%	-24.19%
Drugs Suspected	43	49	40	49	37	40	-7.50%	-18.37%
Speed Suspected	56	61	45	52	39	42	-13.33%	-19.23%
One Vehicle Crashes	99	102	86	87	83	84	-3.49%	-3.45%
Seat Belts Not Used	85	90	83	100	65	72	-21.69%	-28.00%
Seat Belts Used	47	52	41	42	40	41	-2.44%	-2.38%
Seat Belts Unknown	29	31	23	23	20	20	-13.04%	-13.04%
Motorcycle Involved	32	33	22	22	19	19	-13.64%	-13.64%
ATV Involved	3	3	6	6	2	2	-66.67%	-66.67%
Helmets Used	16	17	16	16	12	12	-25.00%	-25.00%
Bicycle Involved	2	2	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	9	9	15	17	16	16	6.67%	-5.88%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	12	13	15	20	11	12	-26.67%	-40.00%
Hazardous Materials Involved	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	25	27	15	17	7	9	-53.33%	-47.06%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	102	109	15	20	67	73	346.67%	265.00%
Out of State Vehicle Involved	45	51	0	0	34	35	0.00%	0.00%

Table 4: This information is derived from the preliminary investigation at the scene of the crash.

SUSPECTED and Latest Jan 1 to Oct 13	2024		2025		2026	
Table 5: Percentages	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	161	173	147	165	125	133
Alcohol Suspected	40.99%	42.77%	38.10%	37.58%	35.20%	35.34%
Drugs Suspected	26.71%	28.32%	27.21%	29.70%	29.60%	30.08%
Speed Suspected	34.78%	35.26%	30.61%	31.52%	31.20%	31.58%
One Vehicle Crashes	61.49%	58.96%	58.50%	52.73%	66.40%	63.16%
Seat Belts Not Used	52.80%	52.02%	56.46%	60.61%	52.00%	54.14%
Seat Belts Used	29.19%	30.06%	27.89%	25.45%	32.00%	30.83%
Seat Belts Unknown	18.01%	17.92%	15.65%	13.94%	16.00%	15.04%
Motorcycle Involved	19.88%	19.08%	14.97%	13.33%	15.20%	14.29%
ATV Involved	1.86%	1.73%	4.08%	3.64%	1.60%	1.50%
Helmets Used	9.94%	9.83%	10.88%	9.70%	9.60%	9.02%
Bicycle Involved	1.24%	1.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.80%	0.75%
Pedestrian Involved	5.59%	5.20%	10.20%	10.30%	12.80%	12.03%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	7.45%	7.51%	10.20%	12.12%	8.80%	9.02%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0.62%	0.58%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	15.53%	15.61%	10.20%	10.30%	5.60%	6.77%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	63.35%	63.01%	10.20%	12.12%	53.60%	54.89%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	27.95%	29.48%	0.00%	0.00%	27.20%	26.32%

Table 5: This information is the percent of the total for the time period. For example, from January 1st to July 31st there were 106 fatalities. Of these 106 fatalities, 44.34% had alcohol as a confirmed contributing factor.



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Table 6: Deaths		DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	
INTERSTATE	4	7	1	4.0	6	2	1	3.0	
PRIMARY	10	13	5	9.3	13	11	7	10.3	
RURAL	0	2	0	0.7	1	2	1	1.3	
SECONDARY	0	2	3	1.7	4	2	4	3.3	
URBAN	2	4	2	2.7	1	5	3	3.0	
TOTAL DEATHS	16	28	11	18.3	25	22	16	21.0	
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS				
INTERSTATE	7	12	9	9.3	6	5	2	4.3	
PRIMARY	7	1	11	6.3	13	15	5	11.0	
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	3	0	2	1.7	
SECONDARY	7	1	0	2.7	6	7	6	6.3	
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	19	8	10	12.3	
TOTAL DEATHS	24	19	23	22.0	47	35	25	35.7	
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL				
INTERSTATE	1	5	5	3.7	1	0	1	0.7	
PRIMARY	2	7	6	5.0	15	15	24	18.0	
RURAL	2	0	0	0.7	2	1	4	2.3	
SECONDARY	0	4	3	2.3	2	1	2	1.7	
URBAN	2	2	0	1.3	5	8	1	4.7	
TOTAL DEATHS	7	18	14	13.0	25	25	32	27.3	
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS				
INTERSTATE	7	2	5	4.7	32	33	24	29.7	
PRIMARY	11	11	2	8.0	71	73	60	68.0	
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	9	10	7	8.7	
SECONDARY	2	2	4	2.7	21	19	22	20.7	
URBAN	9	2	1	4.0	40	30	20	30.0	
TOTAL DEATHS	29	18	12	19.7	173	165	133	157.0	



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Table 7: Crashes	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
Route	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	4	4	1	3.0	6	2	1	3.0
PRIMARY	9	11	5	8.3	13	10	7	10.0
RURAL	0	2	0	0.7	1	2	1	1.3
SECONDARY	0	2	3	1.7	4	2	4	3.3
URBAN	2	4	2	2.7	1	5	3	3.0
TOTAL CRASHES	15	23	11	16.3	25	21	16	20.7
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
INTERSTATE	7	12	8	9.0	6	4	2	4.0
PRIMARY	6	1	9	5.3	11	11	5	9.0
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	2	0	2	1.3
SECONDARY	7	1	0	2.7	6	6	6	6.0
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	16	8	10	11.3
TOTAL CRASHES	23	19	20	20.7	41	29	25	31.7
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
INTERSTATE	1	5	5	3.7	1	0	1	0.7
PRIMARY	2	7	6	5.0	14	12	19	15.0
RURAL	2	0	0	0.7	2	1	4	2.3
SECONDARY	0	3	3	2.0	2	1	2	1.7
URBAN	2	2	0	1.3	5	8	1	4.7
TOTAL CRASHES	7	17	14	12.7	24	22	27	24.3
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS			
INTERSTATE	6	2	5	4.3	31	29	23	27.7
PRIMARY	10	9	2	7.0	65	61	53	59.7
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	8	10	7	8.3
SECONDARY	2	2	4	2.7	21	17	22	20.0
URBAN	8	2	1	3.7	36	30	20	28.7
TOTAL CRASHES	26	16	12	18.0	161	147	125	144.3