



MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Fatality Crash Information - From Jan 1, 2026 to Sep 8, 2026

Table 1: Digest	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	27	28	23	26	20	20	-13.04%	-23.08%
PRIMARY	58	61	56	67	48	55	-14.29%	-17.91%
RURAL	7	8	7	7	6	6	-14.29%	-14.29%
SECONDARY	18	18	17	19	21	21	23.53%	10.53%
URBAN	29	32	22	22	16	16	-27.27%	-27.27%
Total	139	147	125	141	111	118	-11.20%	-16.31%

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



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CONFIRMED as of Sep 1st Jan 1 to June 30	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
Table 2: Category Stats	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total for Time Period	82	85	80	93	71	78	-11.25%	-16.13%
Alcohol a Factor**	37	38	32	36	24	25	-25.00%	-30.56%
Drugs a Factor**	22	23	22	27	19	20	-13.64%	-25.93%
Speed a Factor	33	33	26	33	30	33	15.38%	0.00%
One Vehicle Crashes	51	52	41	42	46	46	12.20%	9.52%
Seat Belts Not Used	50	51	46	58	38	44	-17.39%	-24.14%
Seat Belts Used	25	26	26	27	23	24	-11.54%	-11.11%
Seat Belts Unknown	7	8	8	8	10	10	25.00%	25.00%
Motorcycle Involved	8	8	5	5	10	10	100.00%	100.00%
ATV Involved	0	0	4	4	1	1	-75.00%	-75.00%
Helmets Used	5	5	6	6	7	7	16.67%	16.67%
Bicycle Involved	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	6	6	8	10	9	9	12.50%	-10.00%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	8	9	12	17	7	8	-41.67%	-52.94%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	22	24	26	32	5	6	-80.77%	-81.25%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	46	48	40	45	38	44	-5.00%	-2.22%
Out of State Vehicle Involved	18	19	18	26	17	18	-5.56%	-30.77%

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

CONFIRMED as of Sep 1st Jan 1 to June 30	2024		2025		2026	
Table 3: Percentages	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	82	85	80	93	71	78
Alcohol a Factor**	45.12%	44.71%	40.00%	38.71%	33.80%	32.05%
Drugs a Factor**	26.83%	27.06%	27.50%	29.03%	26.76%	25.64%
Speed a Factor	40.24%	38.82%	32.50%	35.48%	42.25%	42.31%
One Vehicle Crashes	62.20%	61.18%	51.25%	45.16%	64.79%	58.97%
Seat Belts Not Used	60.98%	60.00%	57.50%	62.37%	53.52%	56.41%
Seat Belts Used	30.49%	30.59%	32.50%	29.03%	32.39%	30.77%
Seat Belts Unknown	8.54%	9.41%	10.00%	8.60%	14.08%	12.82%
Motorcycle Involved	9.76%	9.41%	6.25%	5.38%	14.08%	12.82%
ATV Involved	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	4.30%	1.41%	1.28%
Helmets Used	6.10%	5.88%	7.50%	6.45%	9.86%	8.97%
Bicycle Involved	1.22%	1.18%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	7.32%	7.06%	10.00%	10.75%	12.68%	11.54%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	9.76%	10.59%	15.00%	18.28%	9.86%	10.26%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	26.83%	28.24%	32.50%	34.41%	7.04%	7.69%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	56.10%	56.47%	50.00%	48.39%	53.52%	56.41%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	21.95%	22.35%	22.50%	27.96%	23.94%	23.08%

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 Sep 8	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
Table 4: Category Stats	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total for Time Period	139	147	125	141	111	118	-11.20%	-16.31%
Alcohol Suspected	53	58	48	52	38	39	-20.83%	-25.00%
Drugs Suspected	34	38	33	41	29	30	-12.12%	-26.83%
Speed Suspected	47	50	41	48	35	38	-14.63%	-20.83%
One Vehicle Crashes	86	89	71	72	72	72	1.41%	0.00%
Seat Belts Not Used	73	77	69	84	56	62	-18.84%	-26.19%
Seat Belts Used	43	46	36	37	39	40	8.33%	8.11%
Seat Belts Unknown	23	24	20	20	16	16	-20.00%	-20.00%
Motorcycle Involved	27	27	19	19	18	18	-5.26%	-5.26%
ATV Involved	2	2	6	6	1	1	-83.33%	-83.33%
Helmets Used	12	12	15	15	11	11	-26.67%	-26.67%
Bicycle Involved	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	9	9	13	15	12	12	-7.69%	-20.00%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	10	11	14	19	10	11	-28.57%	-42.11%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	24	26	29	35	5	6	-82.76%	-82.86%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	88	94	65	73	59	65	-9.23%	-10.96%
Out of State Vehicle Involved	37	41	30	41	32	33	6.67%	-19.51%

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

SUSPECTED and Latest Jan 1 to Sep 8	2024		2025		2026	
Table 5: Percentages	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	139	147	125	141	111	118
Alcohol Suspected	38.13%	39.46%	38.40%	36.88%	34.23%	33.05%
Drugs Suspected	24.46%	25.85%	26.40%	29.08%	26.13%	25.42%
Speed Suspected	33.81%	34.01%	32.80%	34.04%	31.53%	32.20%
One Vehicle Crashes	61.87%	60.54%	56.80%	51.06%	64.86%	61.02%
Seat Belts Not Used	52.52%	52.38%	55.20%	59.57%	50.45%	52.54%
Seat Belts Used	30.94%	31.29%	28.80%	26.24%	35.14%	33.90%
Seat Belts Unknown	16.55%	16.33%	16.00%	14.18%	14.41%	13.56%
Motorcycle Involved	19.42%	18.37%	15.20%	13.48%	16.22%	15.25%
ATV Involved	1.44%	1.36%	4.80%	4.26%	0.90%	0.85%
Helmets Used	8.63%	8.16%	12.00%	10.64%	9.91%	9.32%
Bicycle Involved	0.72%	0.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%	0.85%
Pedestrian Involved	6.47%	6.12%	10.40%	10.64%	10.81%	10.17%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	7.19%	7.48%	11.20%	13.48%	9.01%	9.32%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	17.27%	17.69%	23.20%	24.82%	4.50%	5.08%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	63.31%	63.95%	52.00%	51.77%	53.15%	55.08%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	26.62%	27.89%	24.00%	29.08%	28.83%	27.97%

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	3	4	1	2.7	6	1	1	2.7	
PRIMARY	8	12	4	8.0	11	11	6	9.3	
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	1	2	1	1.3	
SECONDARY	0	2	3	1.7	4	2	4	3.3	
URBAN	2	3	1	2.0	1	5	2	2.7	
TOTAL DEATHS	13	22	9	14.7	23	21	14	19.3	
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS				
INTERSTATE	5	11	6	7.3	6	4	2	4.0	
PRIMARY	4	0	11	5.0	13	12	5	10.0	
RURAL	1	3	0	1.3	3	0	1	1.3	
SECONDARY	5	1	0	2.0	6	7	6	6.3	
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	16	4	8	9.3	
TOTAL DEATHS	17	16	20	17.7	44	27	22	31.0	
	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL				
INTERSTATE	1	4	4	3.0	1	0	1	0.7	
PRIMARY	2	7	6	5.0	14	15	21	16.7	
RURAL	2	0	0	0.7	1	0	4	1.7	
SECONDARY	0	4	3	2.3	1	1	2	1.3	
URBAN	1	2	0	1.0	5	5	1	3.7	
TOTAL DEATHS	6	17	13	12.0	22	21	29	24.0	
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS				
INTERSTATE	6	2	5	4.3	28	26	20	24.7	
PRIMARY	9	10	2	7.0	61	67	55	61.0	
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	8	7	6	7.0	
SECONDARY	2	2	3	2.3	18	19	21	19.3	
URBAN	5	2	1	2.7	32	22	16	23.3	
TOTAL DEATHS	22	17	11	16.7	147	141	118	135.3	



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Table 7: Crashes								
Route	DISTRICT 1 - MISSOULA				DISTRICT 2 - GREAT FALLS			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	3	2	1	2.0	6	1	1	2.7
PRIMARY	8	10	4	7.3	11	10	6	9.0
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	1	2	1	1.3
SECONDARY	0	2	3	1.7	4	2	4	3.3
URBAN	2	3	1	2.0	1	5	2	2.7
TOTAL CRASHES	13	18	9	13.3	23	20	14	19.0
Route	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	5	11	6	7.3	6	3	2	3.7
PRIMARY	4	0	9	4.3	11	9	5	8.3
RURAL	1	3	0	1.3	2	0	1	1.0
SECONDARY	5	1	0	2.0	6	6	6	6.0
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	14	4	8	8.7
TOTAL CRASHES	17	16	18	17.0	39	22	22	27.7
Route	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	1	4	4	3.0	1	0	1	0.7
PRIMARY	2	7	6	5.0	13	12	16	13.7
RURAL	2	0	0	0.7	1	0	4	1.7
SECONDARY	0	3	3	2.0	1	1	2	1.3
URBAN	1	2	0	1.0	5	5	1	3.7
TOTAL CRASHES	6	16	13	11.7	21	18	24	21.0
Route	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	5	2	5	4.0	27	23	20	23.3
PRIMARY	9	8	2	6.3	58	56	48	54.0
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	7	7	6	6.7
SECONDARY	2	2	3	2.3	18	17	21	18.7
URBAN	4	2	1	2.3	29	22	16	22.3
TOTAL CRASHES	20	15	11	15.3	139	125	111	125.0