



MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

Fatality Crash Information - From Jan 1, 2026 to Sep 29, 2026

Table 1: Digest	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
INTERSTATE	29	30	26	30	22	23	-15.38%	-23.33%
PRIMARY	63	68	60	72	52	59	-13.33%	-18.06%
RURAL	7	8	10	10	6	6	-40.00%	-40.00%
SECONDARY	18	18	17	19	22	22	29.41%	15.79%
URBAN	34	38	25	25	17	17	-32.00%	-32.00%
Total	151	162	138	156	119	127	-13.77%	-18.59%

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 29	2024		2025		2026		Percent Change	
Table 4: Category Stats	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total for Time Period	151	162	138	156	119	127	-13.77%	-18.59%
Alcohol Suspected	60	67	54	60	44	47	-18.52%	-21.67%
Drugs Suspected	38	43	38	47	36	39	-5.26%	-17.02%
Speed Suspected	51	55	44	51	38	41	-13.64%	-19.61%
One Vehicle Crashes	92	95	80	81	78	79	-2.50%	-2.47%
Seat Belts Not Used	78	82	78	95	63	70	-19.23%	-26.32%
Seat Belts Used	47	52	39	40	39	40	0.00%	0.00%
Seat Belts Unknown	26	28	21	21	17	17	-19.05%	-19.05%
Motorcycle Involved	30	31	21	21	18	18	-14.29%	-14.29%
ATV Involved	3	3	6	6	2	2	-66.67%	-66.67%
Helmets Used	14	15	16	16	11	11	-31.25%	-31.25%
Bicycle Involved	2	2	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
Pedestrian Involved	9	9	15	17	13	13	-13.33%	-23.53%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	11	12	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	25	27	29	35	7	9	-75.86%	-74.29%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	95	102	71	79	63	69	-11.27%	-12.66%
Out of State Vehicle Involved	43	49	34	46	33	34	-2.94%	-26.09%

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

SUSPECTED and Latest Jan 1 to Sep 29	2024		2025		2026	
Table 5: Percentages	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths	Crashes	Deaths
Total For Time Period	151	162	138	156	119	127
Alcohol Suspected	39.74%	41.36%	39.13%	38.46%	36.97%	37.01%
Drugs Suspected	25.17%	26.54%	27.54%	30.13%	30.25%	30.71%
Speed Suspected	33.77%	33.95%	31.88%	32.69%	31.93%	32.28%
One Vehicle Crashes	60.93%	58.64%	57.97%	51.92%	65.55%	62.20%
Seat Belts Not Used	51.66%	50.62%	56.52%	60.90%	52.94%	55.12%
Seat Belts Used	31.13%	32.10%	28.26%	25.64%	32.77%	31.50%
Seat Belts Unknown	17.22%	17.28%	15.22%	13.46%	14.29%	13.39%
Motorcycle Involved	19.87%	19.14%	15.22%	13.46%	15.13%	14.17%
ATV Involved	1.99%	1.85%	4.35%	3.85%	1.68%	1.57%
Helmets Used	9.27%	9.26%	11.59%	10.26%	9.24%	8.66%
Bicycle Involved	1.32%	1.23%	0.00%	0.00%	0.84%	0.79%
Pedestrian Involved	5.96%	5.56%	10.87%	10.90%	10.92%	10.24%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	7.28%	7.41%	10.14%	12.18%	8.40%	8.66%
Hazardous Materials Involved	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other than Dry Roads	16.56%	16.67%	21.01%	22.44%	5.88%	7.09%
Occurred During Daylight Hrs	62.91%	62.96%	51.45%	50.64%	52.94%	54.33%
Out-of-State Veh. Involved	28.48%	30.25%	24.64%	29.49%	27.73%	26.77%

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	7	1	3.7	6	1	1	2.7	
PRIMARY	8	12	4	8.0	12	11	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	2	2.7	
TOTAL DEATHS	13	27	10	16.7	24	21	15	20.0	
	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS				
INTERSTATE	7	11	8	8.7	6	4	2	4.0	
PRIMARY	7	1	11	6.3	13	15	5	11.0	
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	3	0	1	1.3	
SECONDARY	5	1	0	2.0	6	7	6	6.3	
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	19	4	8	10.3	
TOTAL DEATHS	22	18	22	20.7	47	30	22	33.0	
	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	1	1	4	2.0	
SECONDARY	0	4	3	2.3	1	1	2	1.3	
URBAN	1	2	0	1.0	5	7	1	4.3	
TOTAL DEATHS	6	18	14	12.7	23	24	32	26.3	
	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS				
INTERSTATE	6	2	5	4.3	30	30	23	27.7	
PRIMARY	11	11	2	8.0	68	72	59	66.3	
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	8	10	6	8.0	
SECONDARY	2	2	4	2.7	18	19	22	19.7	
URBAN	8	2	1	3.7	38	25	17	26.7	
TOTAL DEATHS	27	18	12	19.0	162	156	127	148.3	



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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	4	1	2.7	6	1	1	2.7
PRIMARY	8	10	4	7.3	12	10	7	9.7
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	2	2.7
TOTAL CRASHES	13	22	10	15.0	24	20	15	19.7
Route	DISTRICT 3 - BUTTE				DISTRICT 4 - BILLINGS			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	7	11	7	8.3	6	3	2	3.7
PRIMARY	6	1	9	5.3	11	11	5	9.0
RURAL	1	4	0	1.7	2	0	1	1.0
SECONDARY	5	1	0	2.0	6	6	6	6.0
URBAN	2	1	3	2.0	16	4	8	9.3
TOTAL CRASHES	21	18	19	19.3	41	24	22	29.0
Route	DISTRICT 5 - GLENDIVE				DISTRICT 6 - KALISPELL			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
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	1	1	4	2.0
SECONDARY	0	3	3	2.0	1	1	2	1.3
URBAN	1	2	0	1.0	5	7	1	4.3
TOTAL CRASHES	6	17	14	12.3	22	21	27	23.3
Route	DISTRICT 7 - BOZEMAN				ALL DISTRICTS			
	2024	2025	2026	AVG.	2024	2025	2026	AVG.
INTERSTATE	5	2	5	4.0	29	26	22	25.7
PRIMARY	10	9	2	7.0	63	60	52	58.3
RURAL	0	1	0	0.3	7	10	6	7.7
SECONDARY	2	2	4	2.7	18	17	22	19.0
URBAN	7	2	1	3.3	34	25	17	25.3
TOTAL CRASHES	24	16	12	17.3	151	138	119	136.0