

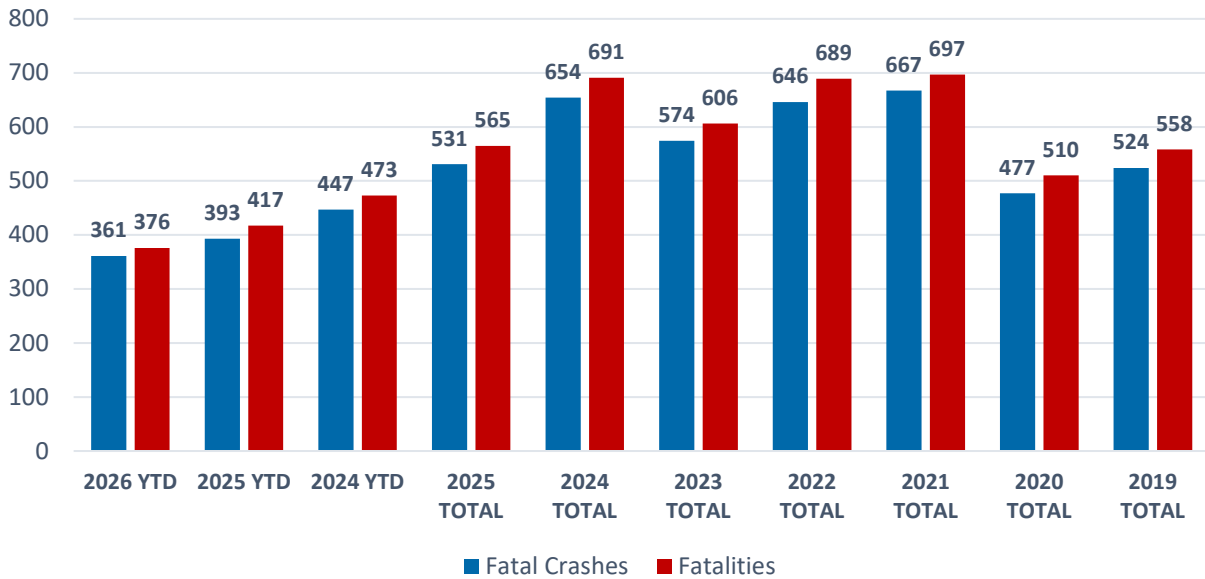


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Traffic Safety Bulletin

September 22, 2026

Year to Date — Statewide Fatal Crash Statistics



FATAL CRASHES	
2026	361
2025	393
2024	447
2025 TOTALS	531
2024	654
2023	574
2022	646
2021	667
2020	477

FATALITIES	
2026	376
2025	417
2024	473
2025 TOTALS	565
2024	691
2023	606
2022	689
2021	697
2020	510

- **YTD Percentage Change 2025 – 2026: -9.8% (-41)**
- **TOTAL Percentage Change 2024 – 2025: -11.8% (-56)**

Fatal crash data can be viewed as a barometer of the state's overall roadway health. Sustained traffic safety engagement and enforcement decrease the physical, emotional, and monetary victimization of the motoring public due to violent traffic collisions. Please join us in **SAVING LIVES** and **REDUCING INJURIES** from traffic crashes.



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Child Passenger Safety Week

Keeping children safe while traveling is a top priority for parents and caregivers, and often parents seek out information regarding car seat safety. Material created for this campaign covers topics every step of the way — from purchasing the correct car seat according to a child’s weight and height, to properly installing it, and when to move them to the next type of seat.

Key Dates:

- Child Passenger Safety Week: September 20 – 26, 2026
- National Seat Check Saturday: September 26, 2026

Many assets are available in English and Spanish. Share this information with partner organizations to help spread the message across communities.

[Car Seats, Boosters & Seat Belts](#)



US DOT's new road safety plan emphasizes reducing congestion, national AV strategy

The 2026 National Roadway Safety Strategy prioritizes rural and tribal communities and relies on advanced technology to reduce preventable crashes. The U.S. Department of Transportation published the 2026 National Roadway Safety Strategy in August, focusing on safer people, safer roads, and safer vehicles. It also calls for a national strategy for autonomous vehicles and places greater emphasis on the role of law enforcement in road safety. [Read More Here](#)

What Philly can – and can't – do to reduce the number of people killed in car crashes

Philadelphians die in traffic crashes more than people who live in Chicago, Boston, Washington and New York. In fact, three times more Philly residents than New Yorkers died in traffic crashes in 2024, according to a [report](#) from the Philadelphia city controller's office based on the most recent data available. [Read More Here](#)

New Research Finds Most Drivers Think Speeding Is Normal, Putting Everyone At Risk.

"No one actually drives the speed limit." Three in ten drivers agreed with that statement in a new study from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAAFTS), highlighting how speeding has become normalized on today's roads. While most drivers agreed that posted speed limits are appropriate, many also considered driving 10 mph over the acceptable limit, and nearly half believed keeping up with traffic is safer than obeying the posted limit. Those attitudes matter because speeding continues to have deadly consequences. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, speeding was a factor in nearly 30% of traffic fatalities in 2024. [Read More Here](#)

IACP Statement on the Responsible Use of Automated License Plate Recognition Technology

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) strongly supports the lawful, ethical, transparent, and accountable use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology when it advances legitimate public safety objectives, including preventing and solving crime, protecting community members and officers, locating missing, endangered, and vulnerable persons, and recovering stolen property. [Read more at theiacp.org](https://theiacp.org).



Sad News from the Catch You Later Foundation

“We, the volunteers for the Catch You Later Foundation and “Help Pam O'Donnell,” are sharing the news that Pam was newly diagnosed with cancer and would like to make things easier for her while she fights this battle, along with still doing her presentations. At the moment, she is fine and physically fit, but her daughter is scared and mentally fighting a battle of her own since the car crash has already taken her other parent.

Ali, her daughter, took it upon herself to start a fundraising campaign to ease some of the burden. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.. [Here is the link](#)

DDEF- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Update

- DDEF Funds are secured upon conviction of 39:4-50.
- The improper use of the “Refusal” statute remains an issue: use 39:4-50.4A.
- DDEF Funds can be used to purchase 9510 breath testing devices.
- Overtime enforcement rates are not capped at the \$70 grant rate.
- Over \$5 million in funds remain unclaimed or unused.

To reinforce DDEF program rules, all departments are reminded that at least 50% of this award must be used for overtime DWI enforcement to qualify for reimbursement. Consideration should be given to when DWI overtime details are scheduled, since statistics show alcohol consumption peaks in the evenings, overnight, and on weekends. Scheduling DWI details during morning or afternoon hours runs counter to the purpose of this funding and should be avoided unless other circumstances or special events justify it.

Contact Steve Slimowicz at hts.ddef@njoag.gov (609-917-8530)



A Pedestrian Safety Solution

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Goal Zero Memorial Enforcement Campaign – Labor Day

Thank You for Participating

[Goal Zero Participation Link](#)

Note: Goal Zero Palm Cards are available



New Jersey High Injury Network (HIN)

Definition

The New Jersey High Injury Network (HIN) is a data-driven identification of roadway segments where a disproportionate number of fatal and serious injury crashes occur.

More information here:



New Jersey Department of Transportation Crash Data Dashboard

Provided by New Jersey Department of Transportation and AASHTOWare Safety

The available data (2001-2018) is based on crash reports submitted by Police Departments and entered into the Crash Record Database.

To access data from 2019 and onward, please use the following link to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Crash Data Dashboard.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT), Bureau of Transportation Data and Safety (BTDS) collects all New Jersey Police Crash Investigation Report forms (NJTR-1) statewide from both state and local law enforcement agencies. The BTDS receives an average of 320,000 crash reports annually that are processed, scanned, verified, and stored in a database.

Note: 2025 crash data will be updated within 30 days.

Crash Data Dashboard

Access to a more robust version of the dashboard can be accessed by Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Professionals by submitting a request to:

DOT-btds.numetric@dot.nj.gov



Save the Date

NJ Police Traffic Officers Association Meeting

Date: October 7, 2026 @ 1000

Location: AAA Hamilton, NJ

NJSACOP Monthly Briefing

Date: October 1, 2026 @ 1000

Location: Sheraton Hotel
6 Industrial Way East,
Eatontown, NJ

If you have any questions or suggestions for future posts, please don't hesitate to contact the NJSACOP Traffic Safety Team at mmorris@njsacop.org and wparenti@njsacop.org. Our Statewide Traffic Safety Coalition is always seeking new ideas, images, and success stories to share. Thank you in advance for your efforts to keep our roadways safe. #SafeRoadsNJ

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