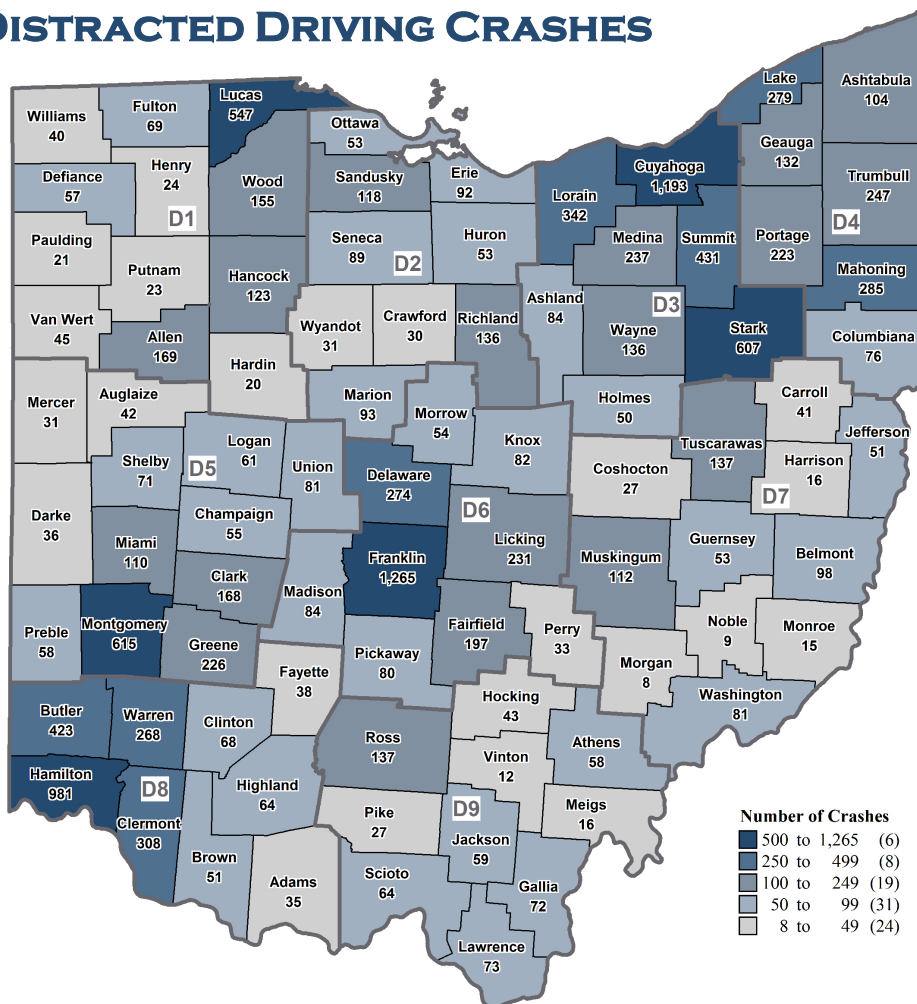


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASHES



Map and Table:
2018 Distracted Driving Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,293
District 2	695
District 3	3,080
District 4	1,346
District 5	1,554
District 6	2,300
District 7	648
District 8	2,236
District 9	561

Total 13,713

Distracted Driving Facts

- In 2018, there were 13,713 crashes in Ohio that involved one or more drivers that were distracted by something within their vehicle. Forty-seven (47) of these crashes were fatal and resulted in 51 deaths. There were an additional 4,628 injury crashes resulting in 6,860 injuries.
- Males drivers were more likely than their female counterparts to be distracted in a crash (53% vs. 45% with 2% unknown). In fatal crashes, males made up 62% of distracted drivers. Over one in three (34%) distracted drivers were 16-24 years old.
- Over the last five years, between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, there have been 1,171 crashes involving a distracted driver. These crashes have killed two people and injured 276.
- Ohio law bans all "electronic wireless communication device" usage for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers but only as a secondary offense. Across the U.S., 48 states ban text messaging for all drivers. Talking on a hand-held phone while driving is banned in 21 states.
- In October 2018, Ohio passed a law to enhance the penalty for specific moving violations when the driver was distracted. Offenders who are found guilty can either pay a fee of \$100 (in addition to the fine for the moving violation) or attend a distracted driving safety course.