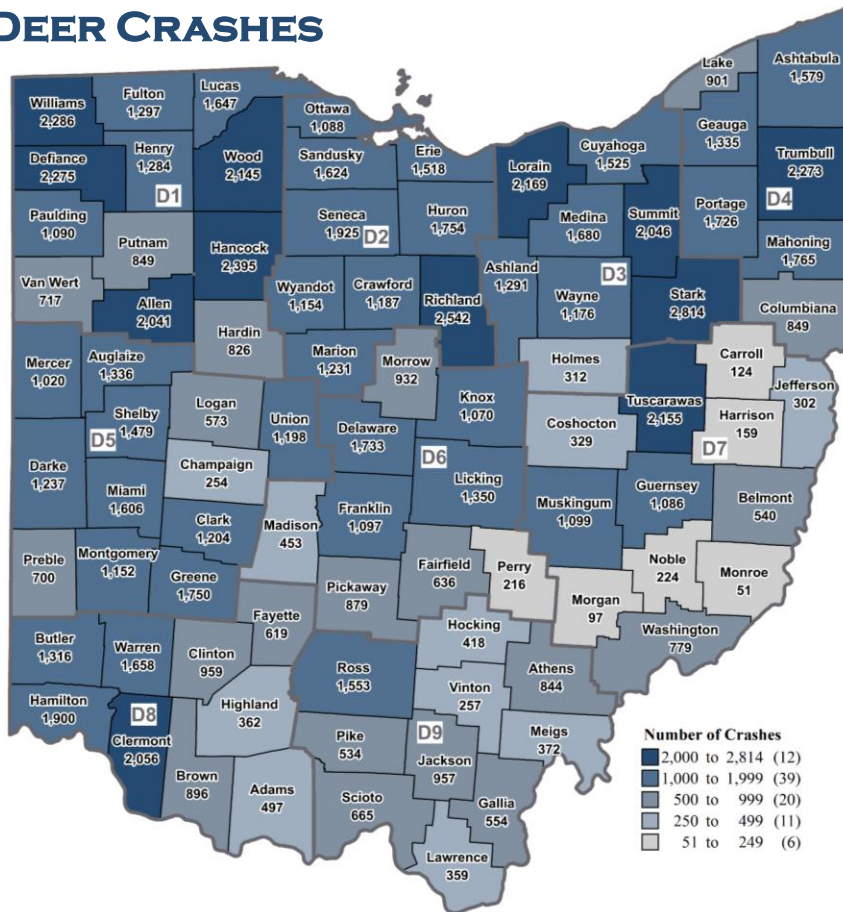


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2022



DEER CRASHES



Map and Table:
2017-2022¹ Deer-Related Crashes

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	18,852
District 2	14,023
District 3	13,013
District 4	10,428
District 5	13,509
District 6	8,366
District 7	6,945
District 8	10,263
District 9	6,513
Total	101,912

Deer-Related Crash Facts

- Since 2017¹, 101,912 deer-related crashes have occurred in Ohio. While 95% of deer-related crashes only result in property damage, 29 of these crashes were fatal and resulted in 31 deaths. Nearly 40% of these fatal crashes occurred in 2021 (11) and nearly 70% involved motorcycles (20).
- At least 50 deer-related crashes happened in each county in Ohio. The highest number of crashes happened in Stark County (2,814), followed by Richland (2,542), Hancock (2,395), and Williams (2,286) Combined, these four counties accounted for 10% of deer-related crashes.
- Altogether, 47% of deer-related crashes occurred during the months of October, November, and December. The dawn and dusk hours are the most likely times for deer-related crashes. Twenty-six percent (26%) of these crashes happened between 5:00am and 7:59am. Another 31% of crashes took place between 6:00pm and 9:59pm.
- I-71 (1,359), SR-2 (1,299), US-30 (1,296), US-33 (1,281), and I-75 (1,242) have been the top routes for deer-related crashes since 2017. Combined, these five routes saw 6% of deer-related crashes.
- According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), the average claim nationally for animal collisions (mostly deer) in 2020 was \$4,262.
- Additional information on deer-related crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at: <https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx>.

¹2022 data through 8/31 and is provisional as of 9/21/2022.