

Hollingsworth Law Firm Issues Traffic Safety Information Release

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Hollingsworth Law Firm has issued a public information release reviewing traffic fatality figures based on Texas Department of Transportation Crash Records Information System data. An independent analysis published in April 2026 reported 3,809 traffic fatalities across Texas during 2025.

The total represents a decline of more than 8 percent from the 4,150 traffic deaths recorded for 2024. It also continues a downward movement from earlier in the decade, when annual roadway fatalities approached 4,500.

TxDOT maintains CRIS as the statewide database for reportable motor vehicle crashes submitted by law enforcement agencies. The agency uses the system to produce annual statistics, public queries, downloadable data, dashboards, and safety reports through the TxDOT data portal.

TxDOT's 2025 archive includes statewide crash facts, county-level fatalities, pedestrian and bicyclist crashes, speed-related fatalities, distracted-driving data, and reported contributing factors. These resources allow the public to compare trends across years and geographic areas. The archive also includes monthly and roadway-type breakdowns.

The analysis found that smaller counties accounted for 44.7 percent of traffic deaths despite representing 25.3 percent of the population. Large counties, including Harris County, also recorded high fatality totals, showing that roadway risks affect both urban and rural communities.

Vehicle speed remains an important factor in crashes involving pedestrians. Research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety estimated that the average risk of pedestrian death reaches approximately 10 percent at an impact speed of 23 miles per hour, 25 percent at 32 miles per hour, and 50 percent at about 42 miles per hour.

The findings demonstrate how increases in impact speed can affect pedestrian outcomes. The research provides context for speed management, pedestrian crossings, roadway design, visibility, and separation between vehicles and people walking near traffic.

Houston adopted its Vision Zero Action Plan in 2020 with the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. The city later introduced a public crash dashboard based on CRIS data to examine severe crashes, high-injury corridors, and transportation safety trends.

Houston's Vision Zero materials describe roadway redesign, pedestrian improvements, public education, bicycle infrastructure, and projects along corridors with histories of fatal or serious crashes. The dashboard and annual reports are intended to measure trends and guide planning.

Statewide data shows general trends but not the details of each crash. Investigations may review police reports, witness accounts, photos, roadway conditions, video footage, medical records, and vehicle data.

TxDOT reports identify possible contributing factors in serious collisions, including unsafe speed, impaired driving, distraction, failure to yield, failure to obey traffic controls, following too closely, improper lane movements, and driver fatigue. More than one factor may be recorded in the same incident.

The reduction reported for 2025 provides a measurable comparison with the previous year. However, 3,809 fatalities still represent an average of more than 10 traffic deaths per day across the state, indicating that roadway safety remains an ongoing public concern.

The independent analysis was not conducted by Hollingsworth Law Firm. The figures in this release come from an outside review of publicly available TxDOT data and are included for general informational purposes.

Hollingsworth Law Firm is a Houston-based personal injury law firm founded by Steve Hollingsworth that represents car accident victims across the Houston area and throughout the surrounding region, working with clients to understand what happened in a crash and what options may be available to them afterward.

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