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Illinois Car Accident Statistics 2026

IDOT Crash Facts 2024 vs the still-cited 2022 report, plus provisional 2025 and 2026 counts and NHTSA estimates

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1,171
Illinois traffic deaths in 2025 (IDOT provisional)

1,178
deaths in 2024 (IDOT Crash Facts)

835
deaths in 2026 as of Nov 9 (vs 1,037)

Key findings

- IDOT's provisional count shows 1,171 Illinois traffic deaths in 2025 in 1,069 fatal crashes, after 1,178 in 2024 (2024 Crash Facts).
- That is down from 1,268 in the still-cited 2022 Crash Facts report and 1,240 in 2023; the peak was 1,341 in 2021.
- 2026 is running lower: 835 deaths as of November 9, 2026, versus 1,037 at the same point in 2025 (provisional).
- Crashes rose to 303,913 in 2024 (298,347 in 2022) and injuries to 89,023 (83,783), while serious injuries fell to 8,124 (8,921).
- Pedestrian deaths rose to 217 in 2024 from 196 in 2022; the provisional 2025 count is 219.
- NHTSA projects 193 Illinois deaths in Q1 2026, down 26.9% from 264 (early estimate).
- Federal: FARS 2024 annual report file 1,177 deaths; NHTSA 2025 early estimate 1,177.

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Illinois crash statistics by year, 2021-2025

Year	Deaths	Fatal crashes	Total crashes	Injured	Serious (A) injuries	Deaths per 100M miles	Pedestrians killed	Motorcyclists killed	Bicyclists killed
2021	1,341	1,217	295,604	85,398	9,417	1.3	215	174	35
2022 (old report)	1,268	1,147	298,347	83,783	8,921	1.2	196	145	35
2023	1,240	1,142	299,133	87,573	8,846	1.2	195	168	41
2024 (latest book)	1,178	1,085	303,913	89,023	8,124	1.1	217	144	37
2025 (provisional)*	1,171	1,069	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	219	153	28

2021-2024: IDOT Illinois Crash Facts & Statistics (2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 editions). * 2025: provisional counts from IDOT's Fatal Crash Historic Data dashboard as of November 9, 2026; IDOT has not yet published a 2025 Crash Facts book, so crash, injury and rate columns are not available (n/a). Mileage death rates are as printed by IDOT (one decimal).

Old 2022 report vs latest 2024 Crash Facts

Statistic	2022 Crash Facts	2024 Crash Facts	Change
People killed	1,268	1,178 (1,171 in 2025, provisional)	-7.1%
Fatal crashes	1,147	1,085	-5.4%
Total crashes	298,347	303,913	+1.9%
People injured	83,783	89,023	+6.3%
Serious (A) injuries	8,921	8,124	-8.9%
Pedestrians killed	196	217	+10.7%
Share of fatal crashes involving speed	43.8%	45.3%	+1.5 points
Share of fatal crashes involving alcohol	21%	20.4%	-0.6 points
Estimated cost of crashes	$8 billion	$8.3 billion	+$0.3 billion

Changes are our calculations from IDOT's printed figures.

Newest figures

- IDOT provisional, 2026: 835 deaths as of November 9, 2026, versus 1,037 at the same point in 2025 (-202, -19.5%, our calculation). Partial-year count, changes daily.
- NHTSA early estimate, Q1 2026: 193 deaths vs 264 in Q1 2025 (-26.9%); 0.80 vs 1.10 deaths per 100 million miles (DOT HS 813 833, July 2026). Projection, subject to revision.
- NHTSA early estimate, 2025: 1,177 deaths (0.0%), 1.12 per 100 million miles (DOT HS 813 800).
- FARS 2024 annual report file: 1,177 deaths, 9.3 per 100,000 people, 1.13 per 100 million miles; 36% speeding-related (IIHS Fatality Facts 2024).

Other 2024 figures (IDOT 2024 Crash Facts)

- About 833 crashes a day; more than 3 deaths a day.
- Speed involved in 31.1% of all crashes and 45.3% of fatal crashes; alcohol involved in 20.4% of fatal crashes (34.7% of 502 tested drivers killed had BAC 0.01+).
- Pedestrian crashes: 1.6% of crashes, 19.7% of fatal crashes. Deer involved in 4.7% of crashes.
- Estimated cost of crashes: $8.3 billion (National Safety Council cost estimates).

Insurance context

- Minimum liability 25/50/20: $25,000 per person / $50,000 per crash bodily injury, $20,000 property damage (625 ILCS 5/7-203).

- Average auto insurance expenditure: $1,263.95 per insured vehicle in 2024, vs $1,152.85 in 2023 and $1,431.63 for the U.S. (NAIC 2024 Average Premium Supplement, Table 4).

Methodology

IDOT Illinois Crash Facts & Statistics is compiled by IDOT's Bureau of Data Collection from police crash reports for crashes on Illinois public roadways. Each year in the table comes from that year's book. 2025 and 2026 counts come from IDOT's public Fatal Crash dashboards (provisional; IDOT Circular Letter 2026-09 says the 2025 crash data has been finalized for its safety portal, but no 2025 Crash Facts book was published as of November 9, 2026). The dashboard's 2024 total is 1,176 versus 1,178 in the book and 1,177 in FARS, reflecting different data-closeout times. NHTSA 2025 and Q1 2026 state figures are statistical projections. Percent changes not attributed to IDOT or NHTSA are our calculations.

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