2017 Ohio Pedestrian Fatality Report

Ohio Traffic Deaths Continue to Rise

In 2017, there were 144 pedestrian fatalities. This represents the highest annual total in the past 10 years+. The stats below represent all of these fatalities:

- 35 Rural (24%)
- 109 Urban (76%)

Alcohol/Drug Impairment (29%)
- 30 involved alcohol and/or drugs suspected for pedestrians (21%)
  a. 10 involved pedestrian walking in roadway*
  b. 13 involved pedestrian crossing the roadway*
  c. 2 involved pedestrian walking on the side of the road
- 12 involved alcohol and/or drugs suspected for drivers (8%)
  a. 5 resulted in hit/skip
  b. All 12 located in urban areas

Driver Distraction
- 3 fatalities due to driver distraction

Hit/skip involvement – 38 fatalities (Driver fleeing scene) (26%)
  a. 11 were intersection related
  b. 27 non-intersection related

Location of Pedestrian Fatalities
- 36 were Intersection Related (25%)
  a. 15 in marked crosswalks (All urban areas)
    i. 13 of these, the pedestrian killed was 48 years or older
    ii. 1 mid-block crossing
    iii. 1 wheelchair crossing in a marked crosswalk
  b. 12 in unmarked crosswalks
  c. 2 were pedestrians standing on the corner and struck due to a crash at the intersection
  d. 2 were near intersections (outside crosswalk areas)
  e. 2 were lying in the roadway at intersections
- 13 occurred on **Interstate/Freeway routes (limited access)** (9%)
  a. 5 were motorists outside of vehicles/roadside emergencies
  b. 5 were pedestrians walking or darting in highway lanes
  c. 3 were workers (1 officer, 1 Construction worker, 1 Roadside Assistance)

- 2 occurred at the **End of driveways** (1%)

- 76 occurred with **pedestrian in travel lane** (53%)
  a. 47 were crossing the roadway*
  b. 17 were walking in roadway*
  c. 4 were standing in roadway
  d. Remaining ones are listed in the unique occurrences below

- 17 occurred with **pedestrian on side of road** (12%)
  a. 12 were walking or standing on side of road
  b. 5 were standing outside of vehicle (Non-Interstate)
  c. 6 resulted in hit/skip

*Crossing the roadway means the pedestrian was intending to cross the roadway, whereas walking in roadway means that the pedestrian was walking in the travel lanes either with traffic or against traffic.
Special conditions

- 5 involved workers
  a. 1 Police Officer (Placing flares)
  b. 2 construction workers
  c. 1 Volunteer Firefighter (Directing traffic)
  d. 1 Roadside Assistance worker (working on Interstate shoulder)

- 10 Child Pedestrian Fatalities (15 yrs old or younger)
  a. 6 were three years old or younger

- 7 unique occurrences
  a. 2 were sitting in their house when a car came through the home
  b. 1 was killed being struck in a parking lot from a vehicle that left the roadway
  c. 1 was killed trying to jump onto the hood of a vehicle
  d. 1 was on a skateboard being pulled by a car
  e. 1 was killed pushing a vehicle on the roadway
  f. 1 was killed walking with a bicycle in the roadway

All pedestrian fatalities plotted on map

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Pedestrian Fatalities by Month for the past 11 years
(Heat map goes from left to right across the months)

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Light Conditions

- Dark - No Lights: 34%
- Dark - Lighted: 40%
- Daylight: 22%
- Dusk: 2%
- Dawn: 2%