



St. Patrick's Day Crashes Preliminary Data (2015)

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Oklahoma Highway Safety Facts

St. Patrick's Day
 March 13, 2015 (6 p.m.) through March 18, 2015 (Midnight)
 126 Hours

Injury Severity	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Crashes		Restraint Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	10	12	2	2	Driver		2	3	5
Injury	294	451	32	56	Passenger				
Total	894	2,052	86	158	Total		2	3	5
Total includes property damage crashes.					Five fatalities were motorcycle operators, one ATV operator and one truck-tractor/semi-trailer passenger.				

Fatal Crashes & Fatalities

St. Patrick's Holiday period in 2015 was from March 13 at 6 pm through March 18 at midnight for a total of 126 hours. There were a total of 10 fatal crashes resulting in 12 fatalities. Five fatalities were occupants of passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, one was an occupant of a truck-tractor/semi-trailer, five were motorcyclists and one was an ATV rider. Two of the fatal crashes were alcohol/drug-related which resulted in two fatalities.

Injury Crashes & Injuries

During the 2015 St. Patrick's Holiday period, there were 294 injury crashes resulting in 451 persons injured. Injury crashes accounted for 33.9% of the total 894 crashes. Thirty-two of these injury crashes were alcohol/drug-related resulting in 56 persons injured.

Fatalities & Restraints

Of the 12 fatalities, five were drivers of a passenger vehicle or pickup truck. Three of these five driver fatalities were unrestrained. Of the five motorcycle operator fatalities, two were not wearing a helmet. The ATV rider fatality was not wearing a helmet. The truck-tractor/semi-trailer passenger was unrestrained.

Driver Condition

Of the 58 drivers with an alcohol-related driver condition, the officer indicated on the crash report that 72.4% were impaired. Some 65.5% of drivers with an alcohol-related driver condition were male.

Of the 22 drivers with a drug-related driver condition, 45.5% were using illegal drugs and 54.5% under the influence of medication.

The largest age group of drivers with an alcohol/drug-related driver condition was age 26-35, followed by drivers age 16-25.

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 Drivers with Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition in Crashes

Driver Age	Driver Condition				Total Drivers
	Drinking Ability Impaired	Odor of Alcohol Beverage	Illegal Drugs	Medication	
Unknown	1				1
Under 16					
16 - 25	11	6	2	3	22
26 - 35	16	5	4	4	29
36 - 45	4	4	1		9
46 - 55	4		2	3	9
56 - 65	4	1	1	1	7
66 - 75	2				2
76+				1	1
Total	42	16	10	12	80