



Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Thanksgiving Holiday 2002

November 1, 2003

Thanksgiving Holiday 2002 November 27, 2002 (6 p.m.) through December 1, 2002 (Midnight)								
	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related		Seat Belt Use Among Fatality Victims			
	Crashes	*Persons	Crashes	*Persons	Person Type	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	8	10	2	3	Drivers	3	3	6
Injury	221	371	32	49	Passengers	2	2	4
Total	639	1,251	66	113	Total	5	5	10

*Uninjured passengers are not entered into the DPS crash database.

Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

The Thanksgiving Holiday period for 2002 was a total of 102 hours which began at 6 p.m. on November 27, 2002 and ended at midnight on December 1, 2002. During this time period, there were 1,251¹ persons involved in 639 crashes, 10 persons killed in eight fatal crashes, and 371 persons injured in 221 injury crashes.

Fatalities

Of the 10 fatalities, six were drivers and four were passengers.

Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	4	4	8
Pickup Truck	1		1
OHP Unit	1		1
Totals	6	4	10

Safety Equipment Use Among Fatalities

- I 50% (5 of 10) of the fatalities were not using safety equipment.
- I Of the five fatalities using safety equipment, two were using seat belts only.

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Driver Age & Gender

There were 1,095 drivers involved in crashes during the 2002 Thanksgiving Holiday. The top three driver age groups were 16-20 representing 20.1% of the drivers, 21-25 representing 15.3%, 26-30 representing 8.4%, and 31-35 representing 8.4%. Some 57.9% of the drivers involved in crashes were male.

Of the 12 drivers involved in fatal crashes, 50.0% were age 21-25, 16.7% were age 16-20, 16.7% were age 26-30, 8.3% were age 71-75, and 8.3% were age 81-85. Some 75.0% of the drivers in fatal crashes were male.

Causes

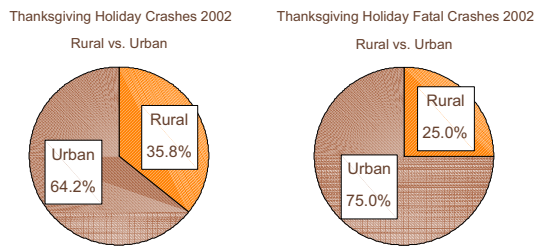
The three primary causes for crashes during the Thanksgiving Holiday were: Other Improper Act/Movement (13.8%), Failed To Yield (12.1%), and Unsafe Speed (11.6%).

The primary causes for fatal crashes were: Failed To Stop (37.5%), Unsafe Speed (37.5%), Left of Center (12.5%), and Unknown/No Improper Action (12.5%).

Rural vs. Urban

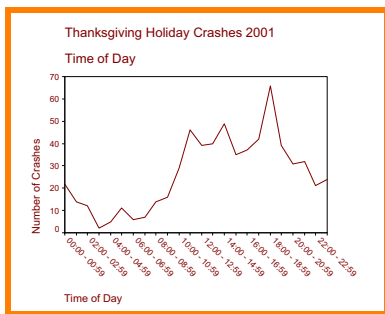
Some 64.2% of the crashes during the Thanksgiving Holiday occurred in urban areas.

Some 75.0% of the fatal crashes occurred in urban areas.

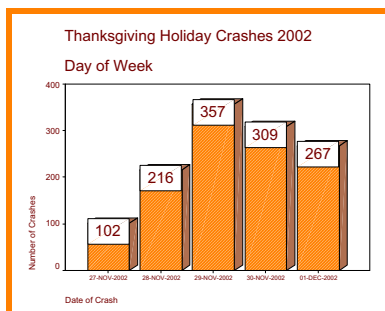


Time & Day

Midday and evening hours had the highest incidence of crashes.



Friday, November 29, 2002, had the highest incidence of crashes during the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Other Facts

- I 52.6% of the crashes occurred at a non-intersection.
- I 98.0% of the crashes occurred in clear or cloudy weather.
- I 49.5% of the crashes occurred in daylight and 40.2% occurred in darkness.
- I 67.4% of the crashes involved two vehicles and 26.8% involved one vehicle.

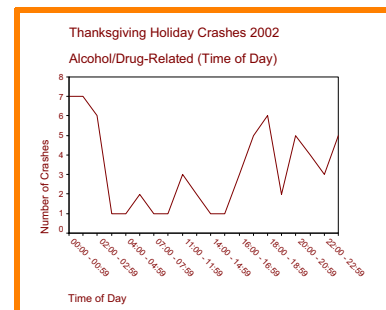
Alcohol/Drug-Related

Some 10.3% (66 of 639) of the total crashes during the Thanksgiving Holiday were Alcohol/Drug-Related. This resulted in three fatalities and 49 persons injured.

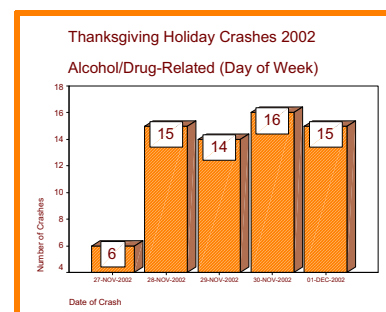
There were 96 drivers involved in Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes. Some 21.9% of the drivers were age 21-25, 17.7% were age 16-20, and 14.6% were age 36-40. Some 77.1% of the drivers in Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes were male.

Alcohol/Drug-Related Time & Day

Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes occurred more frequently in the evening and early morning hours.



With the exception of Wednesday, November 27, there was little difference in the number of Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes each day.



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