



# Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Thanksgiving Holiday 2003

November 5, 2004

Thanksgiving Holiday 2003 November 26, 2003 (6 p.m.) through November 30, 2003 (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	11	11	4	4	Driver	2	6	8
Injury	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Passenger	1	1	2
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Total	3	7	10
N/A Data not currently available.					One motorcyclist fatality not included above.			

## Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

The Thanksgiving Holiday period for 2003 was a total of 102 hours which began at 6 p.m. on November 26, 2003 and ended at midnight on November 30, 2003. During this time there were 11 fatal crashes with 11 persons killed.

## Driver Age & Gender

There were 22 drivers involved in fatal crashes during the 2003 Thanksgiving Holiday. Nineteen of the drivers in fatal crashes were age 45 and under. Some 72.7% of the drivers in fatal crashes were male.

## Fatalities

Of the 11 fatalities, nine were drivers and two were passengers.

Vehicle Type	Driver	Passenger	Total
Passenger Vehicle	5	2	7
Pickup Truck	3		3
Motorcycle	1		1
Totals	9	2	11

## Causes

There were various causes for the 11 fatal crashes during the 2003 Thanksgiving Holiday.

Cause of Crash	Fatal Crashes
Failed To Yield	1
Improper Turn	1
Inattention	1
Left of Center	1
Other Improper Act/Movement	1
Unsafe Speed	5
DUI-Alcohol	1
Total	11

## Safety Equipment Use Among Fatalities

- I 75% (6 of 8) of the driver fatalities were not using safety equipment.
- I The one motorcyclist was not wearing a safety helmet.
- I Of the two passenger fatalities, one was using safety equipment and one was not.

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