

2019 Highway Safety Fact Sheet: Labor Day Crash Facts

The 2019 Labor Day holiday included a total of 78 hours, beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, August 30, and ending at 11:59pm on Monday, September 2

Crashes & Fatalities

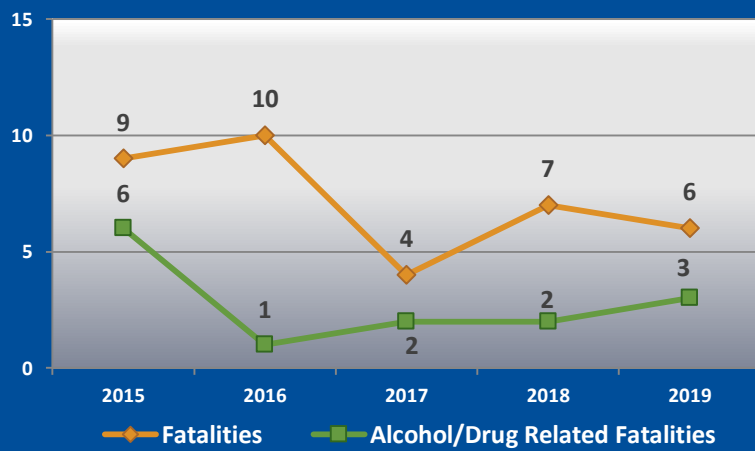
During the Labor Day holiday, 2019, there were a total of 469 crashes throughout the state of Oklahoma. Six of these crashes were fatal, resulting in the deaths of six persons. Three of these fatalities occurred in alcohol/drug related crashes.

Of the 469 total crashes, 55 were alcohol and/or drug related. This means that nearly 12% of the holiday crashes on Oklahoma roads involved a potentially impaired driver.

Labor Day 2019 Crashes in Oklahoma				
Crash Severity	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related Crashes	
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons
Fatal	6	6	3	3
Injury	146	235	26	40
Non-Injury	317	914	26	87
Total	469	1155	55	130

Injury includes serious, minor, and possible injuries.
Total includes all crashes (fatal, injury, and property damage only crashes)

Labor Day Holiday Fatalities, 2015 - 2019



Labor Day Fatality Trends

Fatalities on Oklahoma roads over the Labor Day holiday decreased by one from the 2018 Labor Day period. 2017 saw the lowest number of fatalities over the holiday period out of any of the past five years.

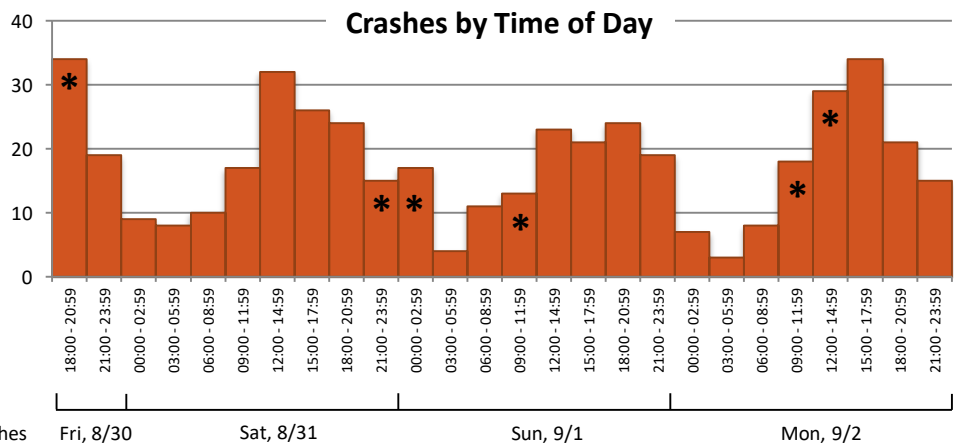
While the overall fatalities decreased, the number of alcohol/drug related fatalities rose from 2018 to 2019. 2015 saw the highest number of alcohol/drug related fatalities in the last five years.

Restraint Use among Fatalities

Of the six fatalities, one was the driver of a pickup truck, and one was the passenger in an SUV; neither of those were wearing a seat belt. The other four fatalities were all motorcyclists. Of those, two were wearing helmets at the time of their crash, and two were unhelmeted.

Crash Timeline

As seen in the chart on the right, a large number of crashes occurred on Friday evening and during the daytime hours on Saturday and on Monday of Labor Day weekend. At least one fatal crash occurred on each of the four days of the holiday weekend, and were split between daytime and nighttime crashes.



* Fatal crashes