



# Unsafe Speed Crashes in 2005 Fact Sheet

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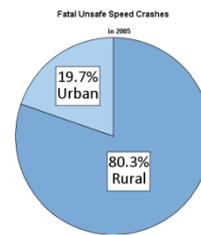
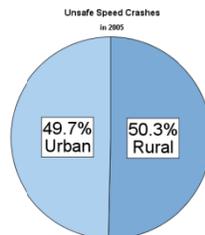
## Unsafe Speed Crashes

In 2005, there were a total of 8,768 Unsafe Speed crashes, which is 11.6% (8,768 of 75,511) of the total annual crashes. There were 213 fatal Unsafe Speed crashes and 4,007 Unsafe Speed injury crashes resulting in 239 fatalities and 6,027 persons injured.

Nationally, speeding is a factor in 30.0% of all fatal crashes. In 2005, 30.0% (213 of 708) of all fatal crashes in Oklahoma were caused by Unsafe Speed.

## Rural vs. Urban Crashes

Unsafe Speed crashes occur as often in rural areas as in urban areas. However, there were more than three times as many fatal Unsafe Speed crashes in rural areas as in urban areas.



*Unsafe Speed crashes account for 30% of all fatal crashes, both nationally and in Oklahoma.*

## Primary Causes of Crashes

In 2005, the primary causes of Unsafe Speed crashes were: Rain/Wet Roadway (22.9%), Exceeding Legal Limit (19.1%) and Traffic Conditions (16.7%).

In rural areas, the primary causes of Unsafe Speed crashes were: Exceeding Legal Limit (22.1%), Rain/Wet Roadway (18.5%) and Curve/Turn (16.3%).

In urban areas, the primary causes of Unsafe Speed crashes were: Rain/Wet Roadway (27.4%), Traffic Conditions (24.1%) and Exceeding Legal Limit (16.1%).

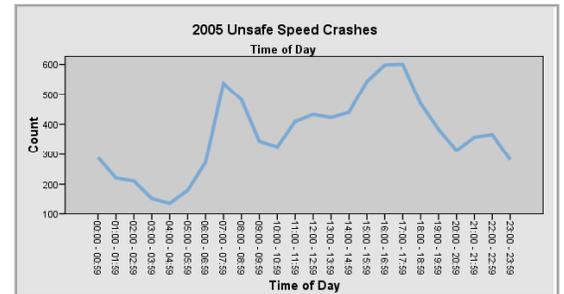
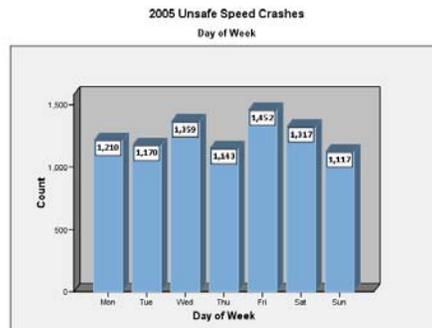
## Time & Day of Crashes

Unsafe Speed crashes peaked between the hours of 1500 (3 p.m.) and 1800 (6 p.m.). In 2005, Friday had the highest occurrence of Unsafe Speed crashes with 16.5% of the total crashes.

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*In 2005, 77.2% of the drivers in fatal Unsafe Speed Crashes were male.*

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## Driver Age & Gender

In 2005, there were 12,921 drivers in Unsafe Speed crashes. Some 22.1% were age 16-20, 16.0% were age 21-25 and 10.2% were age 26-30. Some 59.8% of the total drivers were male.

There were 263 drivers in fatal Unsafe Speed crashes in 2005. Some 19.8% were age 16-20, 17.9% were age 21-25 and 11.0% were age 26-30. Some 77.2% of the drivers were male.

## Safety Equipment Use

Of the 239 fatalities in Unsafe Speed crashes, 82.8% (198 of 213) were in passenger vehicles or pickup trucks. There were 144 drivers and 54 passengers. Some 67.7% of these fatalities were not using any type of safety equipment. In addition, 59.7% of the fatalities not using safety equipment were ejected from their vehicle.

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## Alcohol/Drug-Related

Some 7.3% of the total Unsafe Speed crashes were Alcohol/Drug-Related and 23.0% of the total fatal Unsafe Speed crashes were Alcohol/Drug-Related.

## Additional Facts

- 58.7% of Unsafe Speed crashes involved only one vehicle.
- 61.1% of Unsafe Speed crashes occurred in daylight.
- 20.7% of Unsafe Speed crashes occurred in an intersection.
- 71.4% of Unsafe Speed crashes occurred in clear/cloudy weather.
- 6.3% of Unsafe Speed crashes involved a commercial vehicle.