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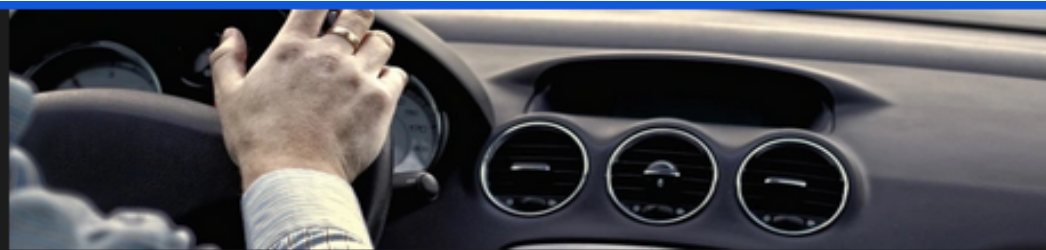
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Texas ranks No.1 for having the worst drivers

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EL PASO, Texas ([KTSM](#)) — Texas was ranked number one when it came to having the “worst drivers” among all 50 states, [according to a report from Forbes Advisor](#).

The report compares all 50 states and Washington D.C. across six key metrics to determine which state has the worst drivers.

Those six metrics are the following:

- Number of drunk drivers involved in fatal car accidents per 100,000 licensed drivers
- Number of fatal car accidents involving a distracted driver per 100,000 licensed drivers
- Number of fatal car accidents involving a drowsy driver per 100,000 licensed drivers
- Number of fatal car accidents involving a driver who was driving the wrong way on a one-way street or on the wrong side of the road per 100,000 licensed driver
- Number of fatal car accidents involving a driver who failed to obey traffic signs, traffic signals or a traffic officer per 100,000 licensed drivers
- Number of drivers who looked at a phone per mile

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EL PASO TX LIVE TRAFFIC CAMS



WHAT AMERICAN CITY HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF FATAL DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES?

- THE CITY WITH THE MOST DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES PER CAPITA IS **ODESSA, TEXAS**.
 - BETWEEN **2018 AND 2022**, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF **31 DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES** THAT RESULTED IN FATALITIES, AMOUNTING TO A RATE OF **27.46 FATAL DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS**.
- OF THE **31 DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES**, **23** WERE CAUSED BY IMPAIRED DRIVERS WITH A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT OF **0.15% OR HIGHER**
- IN **FEBRUARY 2024**, OVER JUST 4 DAYS, LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ODESSA ARRESTED AND CHARGED 20 PEOPLE WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING. A STUDY ALSO FOUND THAT **TEXAS HAS THE MOST** DRUNK DRIVERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CAR CRASHES, WITH MORE THAN 40% OF THE DRIVERS FOUND TO HAVE A BAC LEVEL OF 0.08 OR HIGHER.
 - SOURCE - [HTTPS://WWW.MTVLAW.COM/75-US-CITIES-WITH-THE-HIGHEST-RATE-OF-FATAL-DRUNK-DRIVING-ACCIDENTS/](https://www.mtvlaw.com/75-US-CITIES-WITH-THE-HIGHEST-RATE-OF-FATAL-DRUNK-DRIVING-ACCIDENTS/)

THE 10 CITIES WITH THE HIGHEST RATE OF DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENTS, PER 100,000 PEOPLE

Rank	City	Population (2022)	Drivers in Fatal Accidents With a BAC of 0.08+ (2018-2022)	Drivers in Fatal Accidents With a BAC of 0.15+ (2018-2022)	Fatal Drunk Driving Accidents per 100,000 People
1	Odessa, TX	112,906	31	23	27.46
2	San Bernardino, CA	220,328	40	26	18.15
3	Pueblo, CO	111,456	20	17	17.94
4	Corona, CA	159,567	24	17	15.04
5	Hartford, CT	120,686	18	11	14.91
6	Midland, TX	134,444	19	17	14.13
7	Dallas, TX	1,299,544	181	130	13.93
8	Chattanooga, TN	184,086	25	19	13.58
9	Detroit, MI	620,376	82	59	13.22
10	Charleston, SC	153,672	20	15	13.01

TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE STUDY

COMMISSIONED BY THE PERMIAN ROAD
SAFETY COALITION

Driving in West Texas is deadly dangerous. A new report measures how much.

A nonprofit commissioned the report that found severe and fatal vehicle crashes in the Permian Basin far outpaced the state.

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Morning oilfield traffic on West Broadway Street in Andrews. Deadly traffic accidents in West Texas out pace the rest of the state, according to a new report. 📷 Jerod Foster for The Texas Tribune

TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE STUDY

***15 CRASHES PER 1,000 RESULTED IN AT
LEAST ONE DEATH***

***STATEWIDE AVERAGE IS 7 CRASHES PER
1,000***

***PERMIAN BASIN CRASHES ARE **TWICE** AS
LIKELY TO BE **FATAL** COMPARED TO THE
REST OF THE STATE***

The difference between the rate of severe and fatal crashes in West Texas compared to the rest of the state is striking. Nearly 15 crashes per 1,000 resulted in at least one death in the Permian Basin. During the same time period, the statewide average for the same type of crashes was seven per 1,000.

Put another way, crashes were twice as likely to be fatal in the Permian Basin than in the rest of Texas. More than half of the incidents involved multiple vehicles, with the rate of fatalities of multi-vehicle collisions being three times higher.

The report tracked 962 crashes in the Permian that resulted in at least one death during the five-year period. That's about one fatal crash every other day. Nearly half of those accidents happened within Midland and Ector counties, the two most populated in the region. A combined 329,000 people live in those counties, which include the cities of Midland and Odessa.

2024 FATAL TRAFFIC STATS PERMIAN BASIN

DPS INVESTIGATED CRASHES ONLY

- **FATAL CRASH STATS ARE FOR THE FOLLOWING 17 COUNTIES:** ANDREWS, BORDEN, CRANE, DAWSON, ECTOR, GAINES, GLASSCOCK, HOWARD, LOVING, MARTIN, MIDLAND, PECOS, REEVES, TERRELL, UPTON, WARD AND WINKLER
- **TOTAL FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES: 86**
 - **AVERAGE - FATAL CRASH EVERY 4.2 DAYS**
- **TOTAL DEATHS: 104**
 - **AVERAGE AGE OF THE DECEASED 38 YEARS**
 - **DECEASED GENDER: 82 MALES**
- **TOP THREE DEADLIEST MONTHS**
 - **APRIL: 10 FATAL CRASHES - FATAL CRASH EVERY 3 DAYS**
 - **MAY: 10 FATAL CRASHES - FATAL CRASH EVERY 3.1 DAYS**
 - **NOVEMBER: 10 FATAL CRASHES - FATAL CRASH EVERY 3 DAYS**

2023 FATAL TRAFFIC STATS

- **TOP THREE COUNTIES:**

- **ECTOR – 13 FATAL CRASHES**
- **MIDLAND – 12 FATAL CRASHES**
- **MARTIN – 9 FATAL CRASHES**

- **PEEK FATAL CRASH TIME WINDOWS:**

- **5A TO 9A – 22 FATAL CRASHES**
- **4P TO 8P – 16 FATAL CRASHES**
- **38 OF THE 86 FATAL CRASHES OCCURRED IN AN 8-HOUR TIME BLOCK**

**LET'S BREAK DOWN THE
FATAL CRASHES
IN THE PERMIAN BASIN
FOR 2024**

PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

- **NO SEATBELT DEATHS: 26**
- **GROUPS NOT USING SEATBELTS**
 - **18 - 25**
 - **OVER 55**
 - **ENERGY SECTOR EMPLOYEES**



PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

- **INTERSECTION FATAL CRASHES: 26**
- **CAUSES:**
 - **FAIL TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY**
 - **DISREGARD STOP SIGN**



PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

- **FAIL TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE - FATAL CRASHES: 19**
- **CAUSES**
 - **DISTRACTED DRIVING**
 - **OVER-CORRECTING**
 - **FATIGUE**
 - **INTOXICATION**



PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

- **WRONG SIDE OF THE ROADWAY - FATAL CRASHES: 15**
- **CAUSES**
 - **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**
 - **PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE**
 - **FATIGUE**
 - **INTOXICATION**



PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

- **FAIL TO CONTROL SPEED - FATAL CRASHES: 9**
 - **STRIKING ANOTHER VEHICLE FROM THE REAR**
- **CAUSES**
 - **DISTRACTED DRIVING**
 - **SPEEDING**



PERMIAN BASIN CRASH DATA

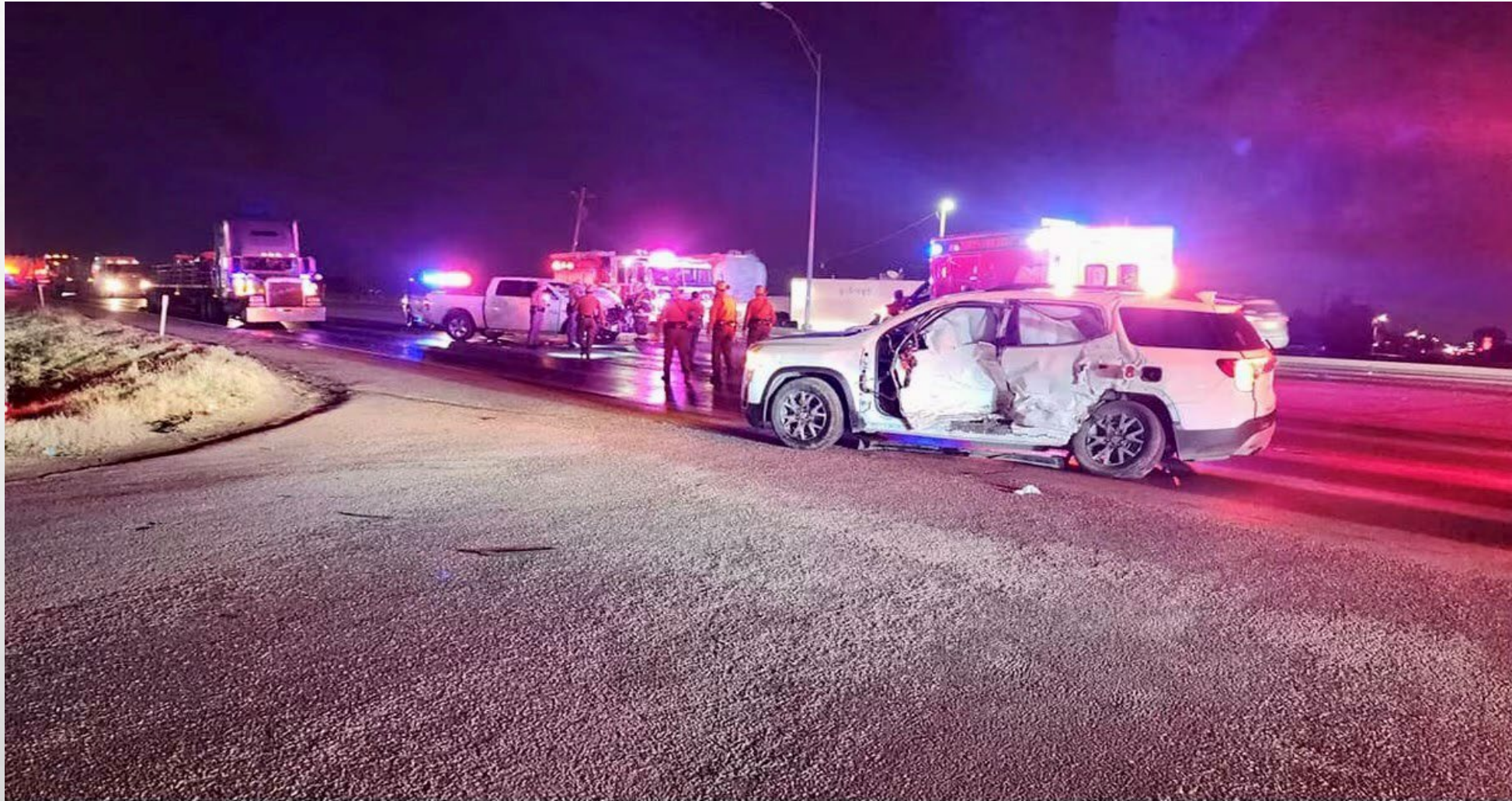
- **SPEEDING FATAL CRASHES: 6**
- **CAUSES**
 - **“TIME IS MONEY” ATTITUDE**
 - **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**



IS THIS AN ACCIDENT?









I will NOT speed **Today!**

I will NOT drive tired **Today!**

I will NOT drive distracted **Today!**

**I will NOT put my life or other lives in
danger **Today!****



“THAT’S ALL FOLKS”

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