



Harris County Safety Facts

- In 1999, there were 64,634 *serious* motor vehicle crashes in Harris County involving fatalities, injuries or property damage where one or more vehicle was towed away.
- There were 372 persons who were killed and 74,372 persons who were injured.
 - 52,137 were between motor vehicles
 - 1,039 were with pedestrians
 - 535 were with bicyclists
 - 8,343 were with fixed objects (e.g., telephone polls, median strips)
 - 1,096 were with parked cars
 - 93 were with animals
 - 17 were with railroad trains
- Factors associated with the crashes:
 - 39% involved speeding
 - 20% involved failure to yield to a vehicle that had the right of way
 - 12% involved failure to stop at a stop sign or light
 - 9% involved running a red light
 - 5% involved 'driving under the influence'
 - 19% involved teenagers
- *Serious crash risk* is the number of serious crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT). In 1999, serious crash risk in Harris County was 214 crashes per 100 million VMT. This is higher than the regional average of 199 crashes per 100 million VMT and much higher than the average for the State of Texas (146).
- There are 417 hot spot areas where 50 or more serious crashes occurred. The top five are:
 - A 0.5 mile stretch of US 59 W between Gessner and just north of Beechnut (547 serious crashes in 1999)
 - A 0.25 mile stretch of US 290 between 43rd St and Pinemont/Verdome (453 serious crashes)
 - A 0.25 mile stretch of IH 45 S around Broadway (370 serious crashes)
 - A 0.25 mile stretch of IH 45 N around North Main (308 serious crashes)
 - A small area involving the junctions of US 59 W with Spur 527, Main St, and San Jacinto (270 serious crashes)