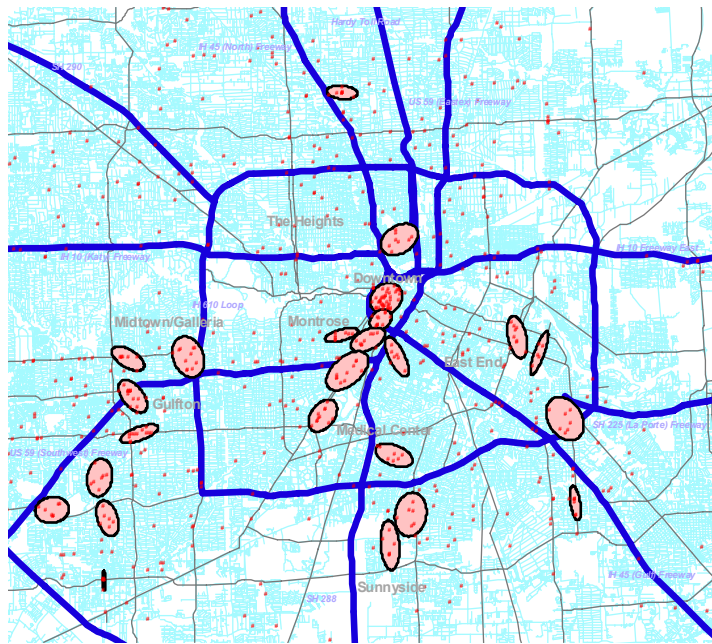


Fact Sheet on Safety in the City of Houston

1. H-GAC has been analyzing crashes in the eight county region that we serve. The crash data come from the Accident Records Bureau of the Texas Department of Public Safety. They compile data on all serious crashes collected by local police departments. By 'serious' is meant fatal crashes, injury crashes, and property damage only crashes where one or more vehicles were towed. This information does not include property damage only crashes where no one was injured and all vehicles are driven off. The following data is taken from this source.
2. In 1999, there were 45,228 serious crashes within the City of Houston.
3. The 45,228 serious crashes within the City constitute 14.5% of all serious crashes within Texas. This is compared to the City's 9.4% share of the Texas population (2000 census)
4. Fatal and injury crash risk (fatal and injury crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled) is known for Harris County as a whole. We don't yet have estimates for the City. For Harris County as a whole, the rate is 43% higher than the State average and 167% higher than the national average.
5. Three particular types of crashes are a problem in the City:
 - A. In 1999, there were 2,608 serious commercial motor vehicle crashes within the City of Houston. This was 15.7% of the State total for commercial motor vehicle crashes.
 - B. In 1999, there were 828 crashes with pedestrians within the City of Houston. This was 18.3% of the State total for pedestrian crashes.
 - C. In 1999, there were 365 crashes with bicyclists within the City of Houston. This was 15.0% of the State total bicycle crashes.
6. There are several locations with a high number of crashes. These are called 'Hot spots'. H-GAC has identified a number of pedestrian and bicycle crash hot spots. Figure 1 below shows a map of pedestrian crash hot spots and figure 2 shows a particularly hazardous one in the East End of Houston. We are in the process of also identifying truck crash hot spots and vehicle hot spots. They occur in virtually every area of the City.

**Figure 1:
Pedestrian Safety in Central Houston
Location of Pedestrian Crashes and Crash Hot Spots: 1999**



- Pedestrian crash location
- Pedestrian crash hot spot
- ▬ Freeways
- ▬ Arterials
- ▬ Streets



0 5 10 Miles



Figure 2.*

East End Crash Hot Spot: 1998 Location of Vehicle, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Crashes

