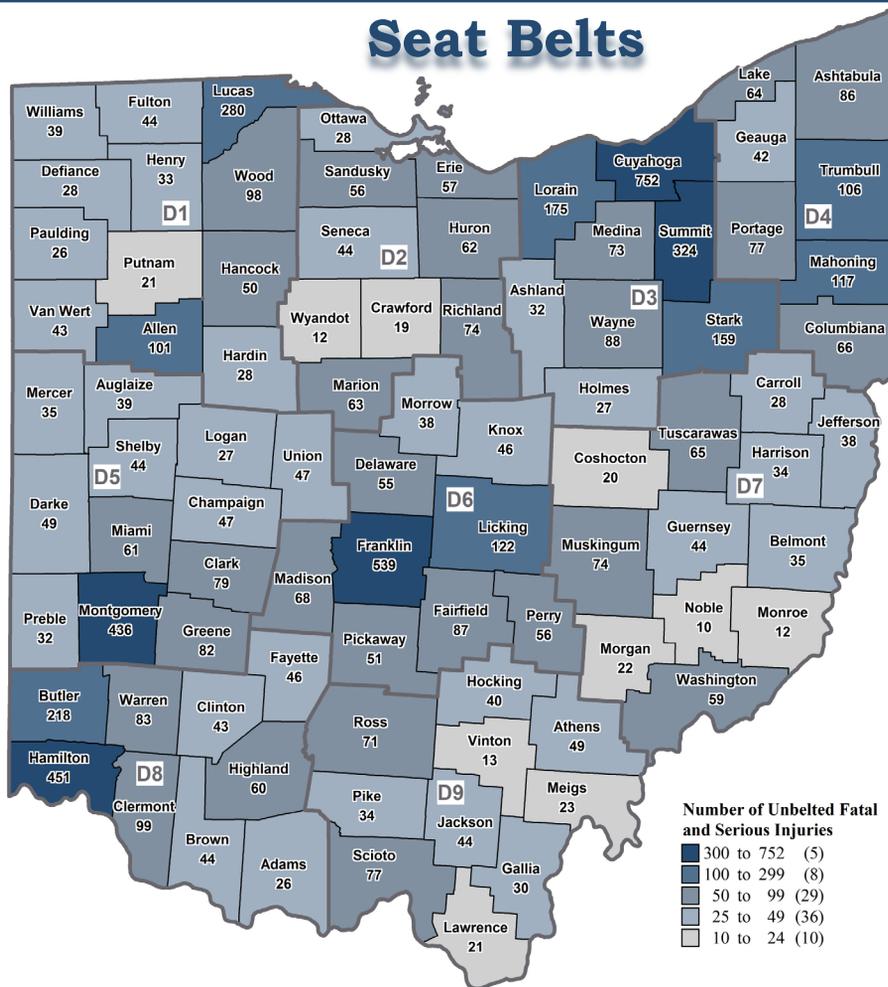


Seat Belts



Map and Table: 2016-2018 Statewide Unbelted Fatal and Serious Injuries

OSHP District	Number of Injuries
District 1	791
District 2	415
District 3	1,630
District 4	558
District 5	978
District 6	1,062
District 7	441
District 8	1,070
District 9	402

Total 7,347

Number of Unbelted Fatal and Serious Injuries

- 300 to 752 (5)
- 100 to 299 (8)
- 50 to 99 (29)
- 25 to 49 (36)
- 10 to 24 (10)

Seat Belt Crashes

- In Ohio, 1,326 people who were not wearing an available seat belt while occupants of motor vehicles were killed in crashes from 2016-2018. This represents 56% of such crash fatalities. Further, another 6,021 occupants suffering “serious” injuries were unbelted, comprising 30% of those seriously injured.
- NHTSA estimates that in 2017, 456 lives of motor vehicle occupants aged 5 and older were saved by using seat belts in Ohio. In addition, if everyone involved in a fatal crash in Ohio had used a seat belt, 138 additional lives could have been saved. Nationwide, NHTSA projects that 14,955 lives were saved by people wearing their seat belts in 2017. Source: [NHTSA](#)

Seat Belt Usage

- In 2018, Ohio’s observed seat belt usage rate was 84.9%*, an increase over the 2017 rate of 82.8%. This remains below the 2018 national usage rate of 89.6%. Women (90.5%) were more likely to wear seat belts than men (84.9%). Vehicle occupants aged 15-25 lagged behind 26-64 year old occupants (83.2% vs. 87.5%). Occupants of heavy trucks (77.5%) and light trucks (84.1%) had lower usage rates.

Seat Belt Convictions

- In 2018, 121,019** people in Ohio were convicted of driving or riding in a passenger vehicle without wearing a seat belt, a 3% decrease from 2017. OSHP wrote 137,080 seat belt citations in 2018.

*Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2018. “Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio.”
 **Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2018. “Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County.”