

2020 CRASH DATA

During Stay-at-Home Order Compared to Previous Years

Five years' worth of Illinois Departments of Public Health and Transportation linked data are used to examine how the COVID-19 pandemic and Illinois stay at home order affected motor vehicle crashes and health outcomes of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.



REDUCED DRIVING

Illinois saw a 13 percent reduction in miles traveled and 25 percent reduction in crash victims.



INCREASED INJURIES AND FATALITIES

While crashes went down, the rate of severe injuries and fatalities increased.



INCREASED HOSPITAL CHARGES

2020 saw a nearly 72 percent growth in average hospital charges to over \$16,000.



POVERTY

For four years, the median poverty rate among all crash victims remained steady around 10%. In 2020, that median poverty rate jumped to closer to 15 percent indicating that those involved in crashes during the stay at home order were disproportionately living in zip codes with high poverty rates.



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