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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.