

2020 Crash Data

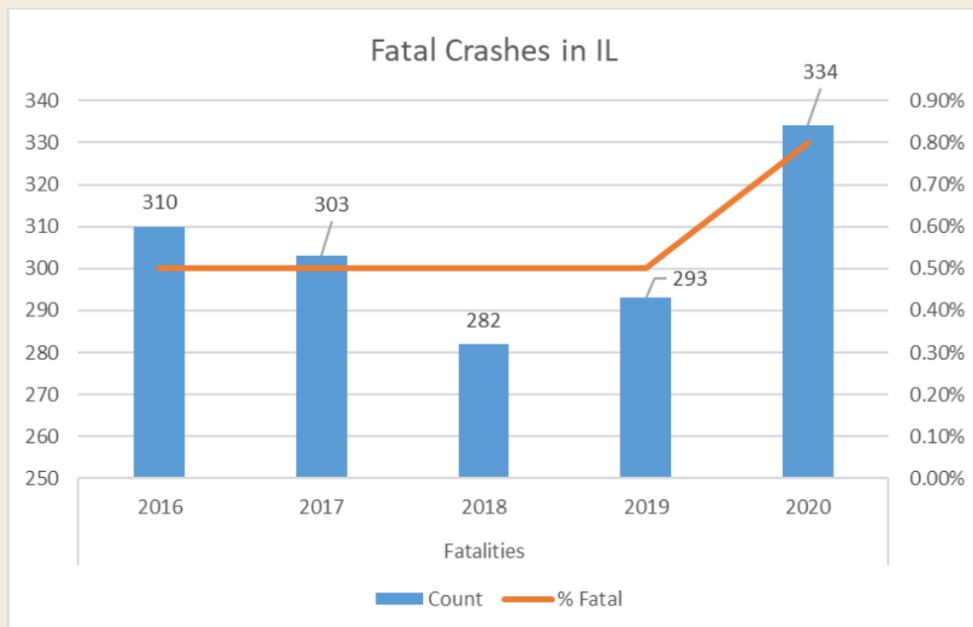


Risky Roadway Behavior during the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

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.

Fatal Crashes

There were 37 more fatal crashes than the previous four year mean in 2020, despite there being nearly 14,000 fewer crashes than is typical – implying a significant increase in fatal crashes. The share of fatal crashes was also up to 0.8% of linked crashes, up from the consistent share of 0.5% of the previous four years. So the number and proportion of fatal crashes were both up significantly in 2020.



Incidence counts and percentages of fatal crashes among all linked Illinois crashes for 2016 through 2020

Contributing Factors:

- Increased Speeding
- Increased Impaired Driving
- Improper Restraints



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