



Illinois Department of Transportation

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2019 & 2020 STATEWIDE CRASH DATA & AVAILABILITY

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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

Safety remains at the forefront of importance and attention of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT or Department), as we all strive to fulfill our Safety Mission of **“Drive Zero Fatalities to Zero”**. As we work towards fulfilling this mission, information and data become important aspects in planning and targeting sites for improvement.

The Office of Planning & Programming’s Bureau of Data Collection has finalized the 2019 and 2020 crash data, which is now available as described below. This critical information provides important crash data required for the identification of areas requiring improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes, as well as many other facets.

SAFETY PORTAL AND OBTAINING DATA & OTHER SAFETY INFORMATION:

The Department has assembled a wealth of information available to Local Public Agencies (LPA), and those professions and organizations that have use of this data via many resources, as follows:

Safety Portal:

The Department has established, maintains, updates, and provides access to a large amount of crash data and crash reports. This information can be accessed by logging into “IDOT’s Safety Portal” via the following link:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/accounts/Pages/default.aspx>

If you are a first-time user, please select “Create a New Account” and enter the required information. ***Please note that prior to establishing a new account and being granted access, please work with your specific County Engineer to be vetted by them, and if approved IDOT can approve your account and grant access.***

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The IDOT Safety Portal offers valuable functionality, including the ability to:

- Search and retrieve individual crash reports as soon as IDOT receives and posts that information;
- View the location of a crash on a map, and view a GPS link to review the crash report image(s);
- Access the full 10-year retention period for historical and trend analysis purposes of sites and crashes; and
- Generate standardized summary reports of crash data based on various input parameters.

Additional Crash Data:

If additional crash data is required, IDOT now also has further information that can be provided upon request, which is made by contacting the Bureau of Data Collection at the following email address: DOT.DTS.DataRequests@illinois.gov.

Crash Data Facts (2019 & 2020):

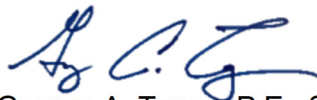
As another resource, the 2019 Crash Facts publication can be viewed on the IDOT website at the following link:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/safety/Illinois-Roadway-Crash-Data>

Currently, the 2020 Crash Facts publication is being developed and will be posted in the same link as the 2019 publication.

If you have any questions regarding this information, future updates, and/or access to the system, please contact Jessica Keldermans at (217) 785-3062 and Jessica.Keldermans@illinois.gov or Mark Blankenship at (217) 785-3056 and Mark.Blankenship@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



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