Quick Facts
Illinois Crash Information 2006

Overnight Crashes Involving Pedestrians

A large proportion of motor vehicle-related pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2006 took place at night.

- Of 137 total pedestrian fatalities, 91 (66.4%) occurred during darkness, dusk or dawn.
- Use of protective equipment—including contrasting clothing, reflective clothing and other light sources—varied by lighting condition (i.e. time of day) among pedestrians who were fatally injured.

In general, a disproportionate number of traffic crashes involving pedestrians took place specifically during weekend nights. These are among the peak times for alcohol-related incidents, and alcohol may play a contributing factor in these crashes.

- 4.2% of all weekday crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 10.4% of all weekend crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 51.9% of all crashes that occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM took place in the two weekend nights (Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning)
- Weekend crashes between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM accounted for 13 pedestrian fatalities (9.5% of all 137 pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2006)