Quick Facts
Illinois Crash Information 2007

Overnight Crashes Involving Pedestrians

A large proportion of motor vehicle-related pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2007 took place at night.

- Of 172 total pedestrian fatalities, 119 (69.2%) 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.

- 4.6% of all weekday crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 11.0% of all weekend crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 49.0% 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 16 pedestrian fatalities (9.3% of all 172 pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2007)

Note: Data as of March 23, 2009; with 422,889 crash records, 785,918 vehicle records and 983,373 person records

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