Quick Facts
Illinois Crash Information 2008

Overnight Crashes Involving Pedestrians

A large proportion of motor vehicle-related pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2008 took place at night.

- Of 135 total pedestrian fatalities, 91 (67.4%) 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
- 12.6% of all weekend crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 54.2% 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 21 pedestrian fatalities (15.6% of all 135 pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2008)

Note: Data as of January 6, 2010; with 408,399 crash records, 751,885 vehicle records and 937,463 person records

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