

Quick Facts

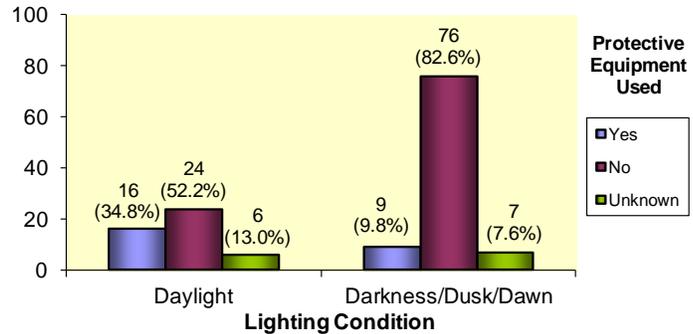
Illinois Crash Information 2012

Overnight Crashes Involving Pedestrians

A large proportion of motor vehicle-related pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2012 took place at night.

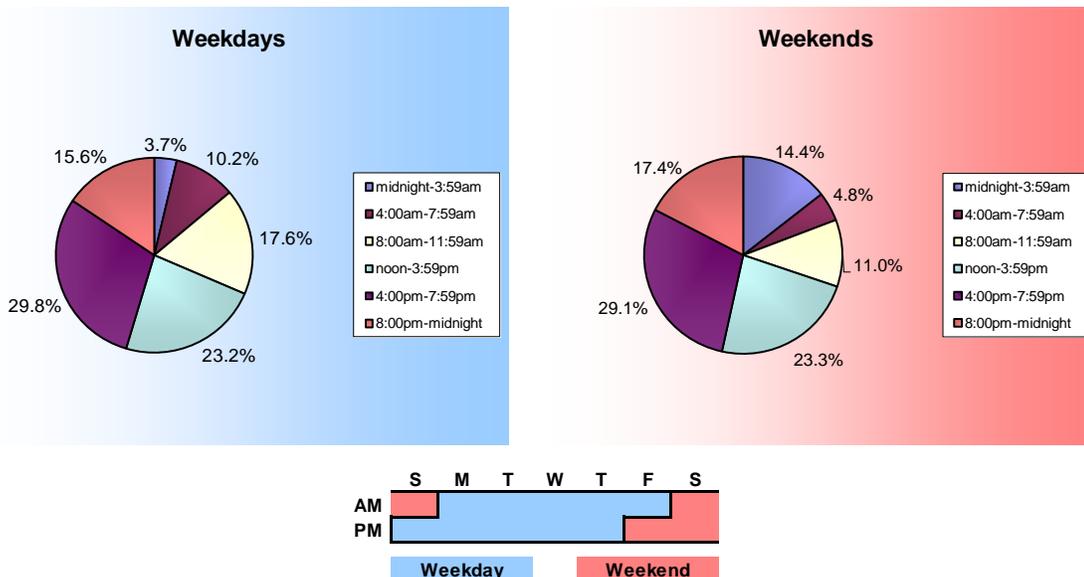
- Of the 138 total pedestrian fatalities when lighting conditions were known, 92 (66.7%) occurred during darkness, dusk or dawn.
- When lighting conditions were known, the use of protective equipment—contrasting clothing, reflective clothing and other light sources—varied by lighting condition (i.e. time of day) among pedestrians who were fatally injured.

Number of Pedestrian Fatalities by Lighting Condition and Protective Equipment



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.

- 3.7% of all weekday crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 14.4% of all weekend crashes occurred between 12:00 AM and 3:59 AM
- 60.9% 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 accounted for 56 pedestrian fatalities (40.3% of all 139 pedestrian fatalities in Illinois in 2012)



Note: Data as of March 28, 2014; with 274,291 crash records, 511,337 vehicle records and 649,023 person records.

The law regarding the reporting threshold for Property Damage Only crashes was amended effective January 1, 2009, resulting in decreased reporting of crashes in this specific category. It did not affect the reporting of injury or fatal crashes. For details of the reporting amendment, see also <http://app.idph.state.il.us/emsrpt/crash.asp>.

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