

2026 TEXAS 18-WHEELER CRASH REPORT

Latest completed Texas commercial-motor-vehicle crash data available in 2026

Analysis of TxDOT calendar-year 2025 data, with county rankings and 2021-2025 trends.

38,533 CMV crashes	528 Fatalities	1,267 Serious-injury crashes	1,611 Suspected serious injuries
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Source note

The statistics in this publication are from Texas Department of Transportation Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Involved Crashes and Injuries by County reports. The 2025 data reflect reportable crash reports received and processed by TxDOT as of April 7, 2026. The term CMV includes vehicles beyond tractor-trailers; the consumer-facing title uses '18-wheeler.'

Executive findings

- Texas recorded 38,533 CMV-involved crashes in 2025 - about 2.2% fewer than in 2024.
- Fatalities fell from 608 in 2024 to 528 in 2025, a decrease of approximately 13.2%.
- Suspected serious-injury crashes were nearly unchanged, rising from 1,261 to 1,267.
- Harris, Dallas, Bexar and Tarrant counties together accounted for approximately 37.5% of statewide CMV crashes.

2024-2025 comparison

Measure	2024	2025	Change	Change %
Total CMV crashes	39,393	38,533	-860	-2.2%
Fatal crashes	546	469	-77	-14.1%
Fatalities	608	528	-80	-13.2%
Serious-injury crashes	1,261	1,267	+6	+0.5%
Suspected serious injuries	1,601	1,611	+10	+0.6%

Percentages are Texas Settlement Calculator calculations using the cited TxDOT annual totals. Rounded to one decimal place. Differences do not establish causation.

Five-year statewide trend

Year	Total crashes	Fatal crashes	Fatalities	Serious-injury crashes	Serious injuries
2021	38,176	631	706	1,334	1,708
2022	38,658	603	706	1,294	1,645
2023	38,928	549	621	1,351	1,687
2024	39,393	546	608	1,261	1,601
2025	38,533	469	528	1,267	1,611

County ranking

Ranked by raw 2025 TxDOT CMV crash counts. These are not population-, traffic-, or vehicle-miles-traveled-adjusted danger rates.

Rank	County	2025 CMV crashes
1	Harris	5,913
2	Dallas	3,778
3	Bexar	2,581
4	Tarrant	2,183
5	El Paso	1,014
6	Denton	948
7	Webb	746
8	Collin	684
9	Montgomery	674
10	Travis	648

Selected Texas market-area comparison

This comparison sums only the listed counties available in the report dataset. It is not a complete metropolitan-statistical-area total and should not be used as an exposure-adjusted risk ranking.

Rank	Market label	Counties included	Included-county crashes
1	Dallas-Fort Worth	Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin	7,593
2	Houston area	Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend	7,076
3	San Antonio anchor	Bexar	2,581
4	Austin area	Travis, Williamson	1,162
5	El Paso	El Paso	1,014

Reporter-ready findings

“Texas CMV crash fatalities declined 13.2% in 2025, but suspected serious-injury crashes remained essentially flat.”

Attribution: Texas Settlement Calculator analysis of TxDOT 2024 and 2025 CMV county reports.

“The state's four highest-count counties - Harris, Dallas, Bexar and Tarrant - represented roughly 37.5% of all reported Texas CMV crashes in 2025.”

Attribution: Texas Settlement Calculator analysis of TxDOT 2024 and 2025 CMV county reports.

“Texas recorded fewer total CMV crashes and fatalities in 2025 than in 2024, while suspected serious injuries increased slightly.”

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“Harris County alone recorded 5,913 CMV-involved crashes in 2025, the highest raw county count in Texas.”

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Full report: <https://texassettlementcalculator.com/research/texas-18-wheeler-crash-statistics>

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Sources and methodology

Primary source

Texas Department of Transportation, 2025 Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Involved Crashes and Injuries by County. Data represent reportable Texas Peace Officer's Crash Reports received and processed by TxDOT as of April 7, 2026.

Trend sources

TxDOT annual CMV Involved Crashes and Injuries by County reports for calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. The 2021-2024 figures used here reflect TxDOT processing as of April 9, 2025; the 2025 figures reflect processing as of April 7, 2026.

Method

Texas Settlement Calculator transcribed the statewide totals and selected county values from the cited TxDOT tables. County rankings sort raw 2025 crash totals in descending order. Year-over-year changes use $(2025 \text{ value} - 2024 \text{ value}) / 2024 \text{ value} \times 100$ and are rounded to one decimal place. The four-county concentration divides the sum for Harris, Dallas, Bexar and Tarrant counties by the 2025 statewide total.

Limitations

Raw counts do not measure crash risk. This report does not adjust for population, commercial traffic, vehicle miles traveled or roadway exposure. TxDOT may revise prior-year values. TxDOT and FMCSA datasets use different inclusion and reporting rules and are not combined here. Five annual observations do not establish a causal trend. Crash statistics cannot determine the value of an individual legal claim.

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