

Cell Phone Related Crashes and Fatalities in Pennsylvania – Statewide

Since 2003, 397 accidents in Pennsylvania listed hands free phones as a contributing factor, while 6,877 accidents listed handheld phones as a contributing factor.

Year	Handheld	Hands Free
2003	956	64
2004	1176	79
2005	1197	85
2006	1244	62
2007	1249	56
2008	1055	51
Total	6877	397

Between 2003 and 2008, accidents in Pennsylvania involving handheld phones resulted in 56 fatalities, while accidents involving hands free phones resulted in 7 fatalities.

Year	Handheld	Hands Free
2003	6	0
2004	14	4
2005	11	1
2006	11	1
2007	8	1
2008	6	0
Total	56	7

On the following pages, please find a county by county breakdown of cell phone related crashes and fatalities occurring between 2003 and 2008.

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	Handheld											
	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities
ADAMS	6	0	8	0	10	0	9	0	4	0	9	0
ALLEGHENY	111	1	120	0	147	1	157	0	166	2	115	0
ARMSTRONG	4	0	6	0	7	1	8	0	5	0	4	0
BEAVER	5	0	15	0	8	0	9	0	15	1	9	0
BEDFORD	5	0	5	0	1	0	5	0	4	0	3	0
BERKS	20	0	30	1	50	0	47	1	67	0	39	2
BLAIR	8	0	6	0	7	0	18	0	13	0	8	0
BRADFORD	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	3	0
BUCKS	36	1	82	0	59	0	66	0	60	1	59	0
BUTLER	11	0	21	0	18	0	14	0	17	1	12	0
CAMBRIA	10	0	12	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	12	0
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARBON	1	0	8	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	6	0
CENTRE	5	0	12	0	14	0	13	0	9	0	14	0
CHESTER	54	0	42	2	45	0	57	2	46	0	45	0
CLARION	2	0	1	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	2	0
CLEARFIELD	4	0	3	0	9	0	7	0	5	0	6	0
CLINTON	0	0	1	0	4	1	3	0	3	0	6	0
COLUMBIA	7	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	3	0	5	1
CRAWFORD	2	0	6	0	16	0	7	0	16	0	4	0
CUMBERLAND	21	0	19	0	15	0	29	0	17	1	17	0
DAUPHIN	30	0	21	0	23	0	28	0	28	0	19	0
DELAWARE	32	0	64	0	53	2	44	0	38	0	39	0
ELK	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	3	0
ERIE	30	0	22	0	27	0	26	0	33	0	29	0
FAYETTE	6	0	5	0	10	0	12	0	14	0	16	0
FRANKLIN	20	0	10	1	13	0	13	0	10	0	7	0
FULTON	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
GREENE	2	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	3	1
HUNTINGDON	0	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	2	0
INDIANA	4	0	6	0	10	0	9	0	5	0	6	0
JEFFERSON	2	0	3	0	2	0	5	1	5	0	5	0
JUNIATA	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
LACKAWANNA	19	0	32	0	16	0	20	0	24	0	26	0

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	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities
LANCASTER	32	0	54	0	61	3	61	1	71	0	66	0
LAWRENCE	7	0	11	0	12	0	12	0	8	0	5	0
LEBANON	10	0	9	0	10	0	17	0	13	0	14	0
LEHIGH	48	0	56	0	47	1	50	1	35	0	39	0
LUZERNE	46	0	36	0	25	0	17	0	20	0	26	0
LYCOMING	6	3	10	0	14	0	11	0	13	0	13	0
MCKEAN	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	2	0
MERCER	10	0	10	1	11	0	13	0	13	0	14	0
MIFFLIN	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	3	0
MONROE	15	0	15	0	11	0	17	0	10	0	5	0
MONTGOMERY	64	1	83	2	92	0	75	0	84	0	84	0
MONTOUR	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
NORTHAMPTON	15	0	21	5	25	0	29	0	28	0	24	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	2	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	3	0	7	0
PERRY	2	0	4	0	2	0	8	0	8	0	3	0
PHILADELPHIA	143	0	180	1	127	0	125	1	120	0	106	1
PIKE	7	0	2	0	6	0	4	0	3	0	3	0
POTTER	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
SCHUYLKILL	10	0	14	0	16	1	15	0	13	0	8	1
SNYDER	3	0	4	0	4	0	5	1	2	0	1	0
SOMERSET	5	0	7	0	6	1	10	0	7	0	4	0
SULLIVAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
TIOGA	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
UNION	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	7	0	5	0
VENANGO	6	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	2	0
WARREN	2	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	4	0	2	0
WASHINGTON	5	0	14	0	19	0	26	1	16	0	12	0
WAYNE	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	8	0	3	0
WESTMORELAND	24	0	20	0	29	0	29	0	33	1	29	0
WYOMING	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
YORK	21	0	36	1	46	0	49	2	54	1	34	0
Total	956	6	1,176	14	1,197	11	1,244	11	1,249	8	1,055	6

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	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities	crashes	fatalities
ADAMS	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLEGHENY	9	0	5	0	13	0	6	0	6	0	4	0
ARMSTRONG	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEAVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BEDFORD	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BERKS	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
BLAIR	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
BRADFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
BUCKS	1	0	5	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	6	0
BUTLER	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
CAMBRIA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARBON	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRE	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
CHESTER	1	0	5	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	7	0
CLARION	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
CLEARFIELD	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
CLINTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CRAWFORD	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUMBERLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
DAUPHIN	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
DELAWARE	0	0	1	0	4	0	3	0	3	0	2	0
ELK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ERIE	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAYETTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
FRANKLIN	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FULTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GREENE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUNTINGDON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
JUNIATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LACKAWANNA	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

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LANCASTER	2	0	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
LAWRENCE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
LEBANON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEHIGH	5	0	4	0	6	0	6	0	2	0	1	0
LUZERNE	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LYCOMING	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCKEAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MERCER	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
MIFFLIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONROE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
MONTGOMERY	1	0	7	0	5	0	5	0	3	0	2	0
MONTOUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHAMPTON	1	0	2	0	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PERRY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILADELPHIA	16	0	22	1	11	0	12	0	10	0	8	0
PIKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
POTTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHUYLKILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNYDER	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SOMERSET	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SULLIVAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TIOGA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
UNION	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VENANGO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WARREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
WAYNE	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTMORELAND	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
WYOMING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YORK	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	0
Total	64	0	79	4	85	1	62	1	56	1	51	0

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ADAMS	7	0	8	0	12	0	8	0	4	0	9	0
ALLEGHENY	120	1	124	0	156	1	161	0	172	2	119	0
ARMSTRONG	5	0	7	2	8	1	8	0	5	0	4	0
BEAVER	5	0	15	0	8	0	9	0	15	1	10	0
BEDFORD	5	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	4	0
BERKS	23	0	33	1	49	0	50	1	69	0	40	2
BLAIR	11	0	7	0	9	0	19	0	13	0	9	0
BRADFORD	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	10	0	4	0
BUCKS	38	1	86	0	63	0	69	0	62	1	65	0
BUTLER	12	0	22	0	18	0	14	0	19	1	13	0
CAMBRIA	10	0	12	0	13	0	11	0	12	0	12	0
CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARBON	2	0	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	6	0
CENTRE	6	0	12	0	15	1	14	0	10	0	14	0
CHESTER	55	0	47	2	47	0	60	2	48	0	52	0
CLARION	2	0	2	0	8	0	4	0	4	0	3	0
CLEARFIELD	5	0	5	0	9	0	8	0	5	0	7	0
CLINTON	0	0	1	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	6	0
COLUMBIA	7	0	4	0	3	0	7	0	3	0	5	1
CRAWFORD	2	0	7	0	15	0	7	0	16	0	4	0
CUMBERLAND	21	0	18	0	15	0	29	0	20	1	19	0
DAUPHIN	31	0	21	0	24	0	29	0	30	0	20	0
DELAWARE	32	0	65	0	57	2	46	0	41	0	40	0
ELK	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	3	0
ERIE	33	0	22	0	29	0	26	0	33	0	29	0
FAYETTE	6	0	5	0	10	0	13	0	15	0	16	0
FRANKLIN	22	0	11	1	14	0	13	0	10	0	7	0
FULTON	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
GREENE	1	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	3	1
HUNTINGDON	1	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	2	0
INDIANA	4	0	5	0	10	0	9	0	5	0	6	0
JEFFERSON	2	0	4	0	2	0	6	1	5	0	6	0
JUNIATA	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
LACKAWANNA	20	0	34	0	17	0	20	0	26	0	26	0

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LANCASTER	34	0	59	1	60	3	64	1	70	0	68	0
LAWRENCE	8	0	11	0	12	0	13	0	9	0	5	0
LEBANON	10	0	9	0	10	0	17	0	13	0	14	0
LEHIGH	51	0	60	0	52	1	56	1	37	0	40	0
LUZERNE	47	0	38	0	26	0	17	0	20	0	25	0
LYCOMING	7	3	10	0	15	0	11	0	13	0	13	0
MCKEAN	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	2	0
MERCER	10	0	10	1	13	0	13	0	14	1	14	0
MIFFLIN	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	3	0
MONROE	15	0	15	0	12	0	17	0	11	0	7	0
MONTGOMERY	65	1	90	2	97	0	80	0	87	0	86	0
MONTOUR	2	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	4	0	0	0
NORTHAMPTON	16	0	23	5	30	0	33	0	29	0	24	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	2	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	3	0	7	0
PERRY	2	0	4	0	3	0	8	0	8	0	3	0
PHILADELPHIA	154	0	199	2	137	0	134	1	128	0	110	1
PIKE	7	0	2	0	6	0	4	0	4	0	3	0
POTTER	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
SCHUYLKILL	10	0	14	0	16	1	15	0	13	0	8	1
SNYDER	4	0	4	0	5	0	6	1	2	0	1	0
SOMERSET	5	0	7	0	7	1	10	0	7	0	4	0
SULLIVAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
TIOGA	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
UNION	2	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	7	0	5	0
VENANGO	7	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	2	0
WARREN	2	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	4	0	2	0
WASHINGTON	5	0	15	0	19	0	26	1	18	0	13	0
WAYNE	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	8	0	3	0
WESTMORELAND	25	0	20	0	30	0	30	0	34	1	29	0
WYOMING	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
YORK	22	0	37	1	46	0	51	3	55	1	35	0
Total	1,014	6	1,248	18	1,267	12	1,298	12	1,298	9	1,100	6

Facts and Figures of Distracted Driving

Polling Data:

- 90% of Americans think punching out text messages while behind the wheel should be outlawed, compared with just 8% who think it is okay. (Source: CBS News/New York Times poll released September 26, 2009)
- 85% of Pennsylvanians surveyed support making it illegal to use handheld cell phones while driving, while 89% support a bill banning text messaging while driving. (Source: Quinnipiac Poll, March 19-23, 1056 PA Voters)
- 54% of Pennsylvanians surveyed “strongly favor” making it against the law to use a handheld cell phone while driving, while 17% “somewhat favor” such a provision. (Source: Franklin and Marshall Poll, March 17-22, 662 PA Voters)

Teen Statistics:

- 16% of all under-20 drivers in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving. (Source: NHTSA - System (NASS) General Estimates System (GES))
- 48% of all teens ages 12-17 say they have been in a car when the driver was texting. (Source: Pew: Teens and Distracted Driving (November 16, 2009))
- 40% of all teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put themselves or others in danger. (Source: Pew: Teens and Distracted Driving (November 16, 2009))

Crash Statistics:

- 80% of all crashes and 65% of near crashes involve some type of distraction. (Source: Virginia Tech 100-car study for NHTSA)
- In 2008, 5,870 (16% of total fatalities) people lost their lives and an estimated 515,000 people were injured in police-reported crashes in which at least one form of driver distraction was reported on the police crash report. (Source: NHTSA)
- Drivers who use handheld devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. (Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
- The proportion of drivers reportedly distracted at the time of the fatal crashes has increased from 8 percent in 2004 to 11 percent in 2008. (Source: NHTSA)

Additional Facts:

- Using a cell phone use while driving, whether it’s handheld or hands free, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent. (Source: University of Utah, 40 person driving simulator study measuring braking)
- Among drivers using a hands-free device as compared to a handheld phone: 71% steered more accurately, 92% had more consistent speeds and 100% had faster reaction times. (Source: Design Science, 36 person driving simulator study measuring steering accuracy)

State	Handheld Ban		Text Messaging Ban	
	All Drivers	Novice Driver	All Drivers	Novice Driver
Alabama				
Alaska			X	X
Arizona				
Arkansas		X	X	X
California	X	X	X	X
Colorado		X	X	X
Connecticut	X	X	X	X
Delaware		X		X
D.C.	X	X	X	X
Florida				
Georgia				
Hawaii	By Jurisdiction			
Idaho				
Illinois	By Jurisdiction	X	X	X
Indiana		X		X
Iowa				
Kansas		X		X
Kentucky				
Louisiana			X	X
Maine		X		X
Maryland		X	X	X
Massachusetts	By Jurisdiction			
Michigan	By Jurisdiction			
Minnesota		X	X	X
Mississippi				X
Missouri				X
Montana				
Nebraska		X		X
Nevada				
New Hampshire			X	X
New Jersey	X	X	X	X
New Mexico	By Jurisdiction			

State	Handheld Ban		Text Messaging Ban	
	All Drivers	Novice Driver	All Drivers	Novice Driver
New York	X	X	X	X
North Carolina		X	X	X
North Dakota				
Ohio	By Jurisdiction			
Oklahoma				
Oregon	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	By Jurisdiction			
Rhode Island		X		
South Carolina				
South Dakota				
Tennessee		X	X	X
Texas		X		X
Utah	Secondary	Enforcement	X	X
Vermont				
Virgin Islands	X	X	X	X
Virginia		X	X	X
Washington	X	X	X	X
West Virginia		X		X
Wisconsin	By Jurisdiction			
Wyoming	By Jurisdiction			
Total	6+ D.C., Virgin Islands By Jurisdiction: 9	21+ D.C. and Virgin Islands	18+D.C. and Virgin Islands	9

No state completely bans all types of cell phone use (handheld and hands-free) for all drivers, but many prohibit cell phone use by certain segments of the population.

Novice Drivers: 21 states and the District of Columbia ban all cell use by novice drivers.

School Bus Drivers: In 17 states and the District of Columbia, school bus drivers are prohibited from all cell phone use when passengers are present.

