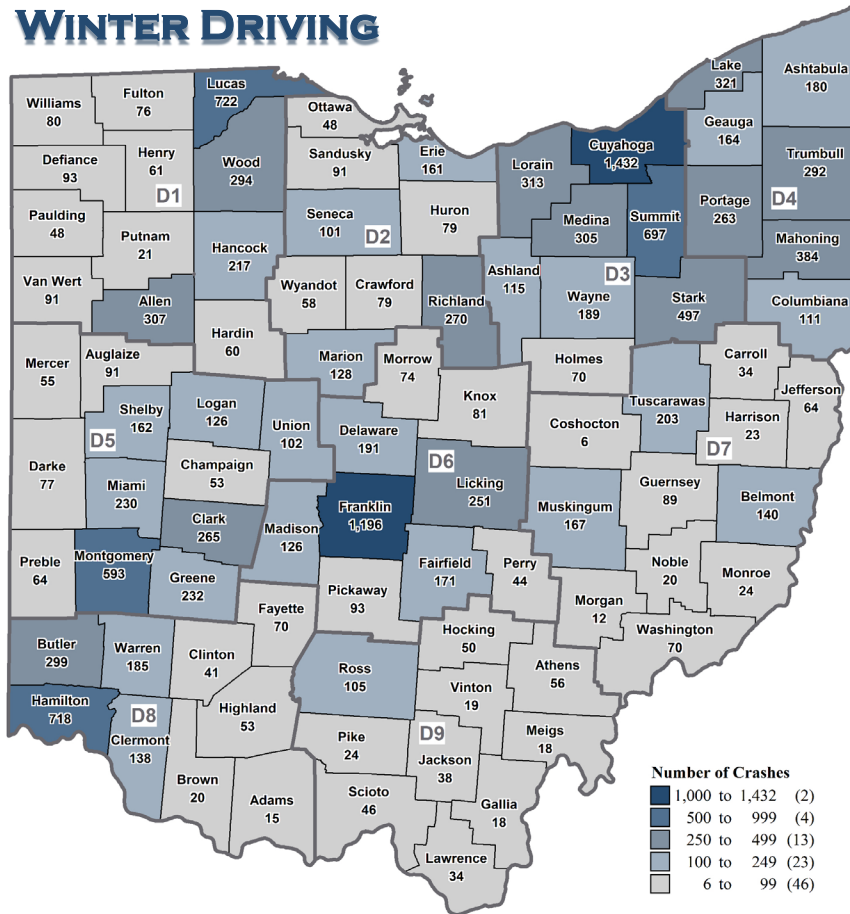


## WINTER DRIVING



**Map and Table:** December 2018 through March 2019 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	2,070
District 2	1,015
District 3	3,800
District 4	1,715
District 5	2,050
District 6	2,227
District 7	852
District 8	1,539
District 9	408

**Total 15,676**

### Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2018-19\*, there were 15,676 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a 30% decrease over the previous winter's total. December saw the largest decline in crashes with an 87% decrease. Both January and February saw increases in crashes of 2% and 23% respectively. Finally, March saw just about half as many crashes as the previous year's winter (-49%).
- Last winter, 26 fatal crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads resulted in 27 fatalities. This is a reduction from the 37 crashes (-30%) and 42 fatalities (-36%) occurring during the previous winter.
- "Unsafe Speed" by the at-fault vehicle was the reported cause of 23% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. In addition, driving left of center was the reason for 14% of these crashes.

### Winter Driving Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that your battery, cooling system, tires, wipers, and defrosters are all in good condition and working properly. Click [here](#) for more on preparing your car for winter driving.
- Drive slowly. Everything – accelerating, turning, braking – takes longer on snow covered roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by slowing down. Click [here](#) for more safe winter driving tips.
- Carry a winter car kit in case you get stranded. It should include, among other things, a flashlight, jumper cables, flares, a small shovel, a blanket, food and water, a cell phone with car charger. Click [here](#) to see a complete list of items to include in a winter driving kit.

\*Winter is defined as the December through March period.