

--Fatal Crashes **September 26, 2017 – October 2, 2017:**

- 9/26/17 Essex, VT 15. Single vehicle crash into light pole. Driver and passenger fatality. Driver unbelted, passenger belted.
- 10/2/17 Newport, Bear Mountain Rd. Passenger car into corn harvester. Driver fatality.

--2017 Fatalities: **50** Total – **35** vehicle operators, **11** passengers, **4** pedestrians

As of **October 2 in each calendar year:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fatalities (people)</u>	<u>Fatal Crashes</u>
2017	50	44
2016	47	44
2015	41	36
2014	32	31

--2017 Fatal Crash data **known to-date (October 2, 2017):**

- 3** Double fatality crashes.
- 0** Triple fatality crashes.
- 1** Quadruple fatality crash.
- 5** operators suspected as driving under the influence of alcohol only.
- 9** operators suspected as driving under the influence of drugs only.
- 6** operators suspected as driving under the influence of both alcohol & drugs.
- 10 Active Cannabis – Delta 9 THC confirmed**
- 18** operators suspected to be speeding.
- 10** operator(s) under suspended license.
- 0** person operating without a license.
- 9** Motorcyclist Fatalities
- 10** “Older Drivers” involved (Older Driver is defined as any person age 65 or older. & “involved” does **not** imply “fault”)
- 1** Junior License operators involved in fatal crashes.
- 3** Crashes *involving* a Commercial Motor Vehicle (“*involving*” does **not** imply “fault”)

--Total **50** Fatalities:

- 4 Pedestrians
- 0 Bicyclists
- 13 Belted
- 19 Unbelted
- 7 Wearing Helmet/DOT Approved Helmet (Motor-Driven Cycles & ATV)
- 1 Not wearing Helmet/DOT Approved Helmet (Motor-Driven Cycles)
- 0 Improperly Restrained/Incorrect use of Belt or Child Safety Seat
- 4 Unknown Restraint Use
- 56%** **Of all fatalities: involving vehicles with seatbelts available were Unbelted. This percentage does not consider the 2 unknown restraint cases. (Sum of “Belted” & “Unbelted”, divided into “Unbelted”)**

***The above-mentioned data is preliminary as final investigation reports and toxicology are still pending in many cases.**

If you wish to see additional statewide crash information, please go to the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance web page at: <http://vermonthighwaysafety.org>. The opening page counts are updated as soon as we are notified of a fatal crash. If you wish further detailed queries, just let me know.