

Pedestrian Safety Facts



Nationwide

In the United States, a pedestrian is struck by a car every seven minutes. It is estimated that over 5,000 pedestrians are killed and 70,000 pedestrians are injured each year.¹ Pedestrian deaths account, on average, for 18% of all traffic crash fatalities and 3% of all traffic related injuries.²

From 2005 – 2014, more than 46,000 people walking were struck by cars and killed, the equivalent of a jumbo jet full of passengers crashing every month.²

Speed Kills: People struck by cars are more likely to be killed on roads with speeds over 40 mph.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at:



Florida

In 2016, pedestrian deaths in Florida accounted for 9 percent of the national total. Florida leads the nation in the most deaths per capita, and the total pedestrian fatality rate in Florida is the third highest in the U.S.¹

Five Florida metropolitan areas were ranked as the most dangerous places to walk in the nation.³

- 1) Cape Coral-Ft. Myers
- 2) Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville
- 3) Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford**
- 4) Jacksonville
- 5) Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach

Florida law is clear

Drivers approaching a pedestrian legally crossing a street at an intersection must yield – slowing substantially or stopping – to allow the pedestrian to cross.

The penalty for failing to yield to a pedestrian in Florida is a minimum fine of \$164 and three (3) points on your driver's license.

Metro Orlando

(Metro Orlando is defined as Osceola, Orange and Seminole counties.)

Metro Orlando nears the top of the list of the most dangerous places for walking because of its high pedestrian fatality rate of 2.6 for 100,000 people, despite only 1.2 percent of the people walking to work.³

On average, three pedestrians are injured every day in Metro Orlando and at least one is killed every week.⁴

The region has made progress with the Pedestrian Danger Index (PDI) dropping 10 points since 2014, moving this region from #1 to #3 as the most dangerous place in the nation for walking.³

Major investments are being made in walking and biking projects aimed at addressing safety and public health. In the next five years, Central Florida will invest \$595 million in the region's pedestrian, bicycle and transit network.⁶

Injury & Fatality Report

911 reported people struck by vehicles in Osceola, Orange and Seminole counties in 2016 – of those, **76** people died.

Orange County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Injuries & Fatalities	571	636	707	655	638
Fatalities	40	36	44	39	49
Osceola County					
Injuries & Fatalities	90	99	103	145	148
Fatalities	2	8	12	14	19
Seminole County					
Injuries & Fatalities	118	131	136	137	125
Fatalities	5	8	4	6	8

¹ NHTSA. National Pedestrian Crash Report, 2016

² NHTSA. Traffic Safety Facts, 2016

³ Smart Growth America. Dangerous by Design Report, 2016

⁴ Florida Highway Safety Motor Vehicles

⁵ Federal Highway Safety Administration

⁶ MetroPlan Orlando, 2017

⁷ Center for Education and Research in Safety

⁸ Center for Urban Transportation, University of South Florida, 2016

Fast Facts

60% of drivers are yielding on roads **35 mph and lower in Orange County** in 2016 – a jump from 17% in 2012.

21% of drivers are yielding on roads **40 mph and higher in Orange County** in 2016 – a jump from 2% in 2012.

More drivers are yielding to people walking in crosswalks **today** than they were four years ago in the City of Orlando and Orange County.

In the Numbers

19% of pedestrian fatalities nationwide involved **hit-and-run drivers** (2015).¹

14% of pedestrian fatalities in Florida occur in marked crosswalks.⁸ As overall traffic crashes rise, Best Foot Forward is working to stop the upward trend by changing behavior and getting drivers to yield for people in crosswalks.

Pedestrian injury is the **3rd** leading cause of death nationwide for **children 15 and younger**.

21% of pedestrian fatalities nationwide are **children under 14** (2015).¹

45 y/o – the average age of pedestrians killed in Florida and nationwide.²

19.5% of pedestrian deaths in Florida were 65 years and older – in line with the national average of 19% (and 18.2% of the total population in Florida is over 65).³

93% of pedestrians killed were Floridians.

96% of drivers striking people were Floridians.



Orange County & City of Orlando Progress to Date (2012-2017):



7,385
TOTAL CITATIONS AND WARNINGS



354
ENFORCEMENT DETAILS



53
MARKED CROSSWALKS MONITORED



324
PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

Enforcement

Engineering

Education

Operation Best Foot Forward: Orange County Sheriff's Office & Orlando Police Department Crosswalks to be enforced on November 8, 2017

Crosswalk Location	Approx. Time	Agency
Lake Underhill Rd. & Palmer St.	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	OPD
S. Conway Rd. & Hargill Dr.	8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	OPD
E. Rollins St. & Camden Rd.	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	OPD
Lake Baldwin Ln. & Almond Ave.	10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	OPD
101 E. Central Ave. <i>(in front of Orange County Library)</i>	TBD	OPD
International Drive & Austrian Ct.	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	OSCO
Pine Hills Rd. & El Trio Way	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	OSCO
W. Oak Ridge Rd. & Magic Way <i>(in front of Westridge MS)</i>	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	OSCO

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