

Contributing Factors

Driver lost control, illegal or unsafe speed, wrong side of road and failure to yield were the leading contributing factors to fatal crashes.

Following too closely and failure to yield were the leading factors in overall crashes.

Crash rates for fatal crashes by contributing factors indicate that none of the most important contributing factors show a consistently increasing or decreasing trend.

Georgia Crashes: Contributing Factors; Numbers and Rates per 100,000 Licensed Drivers									
Contributing Factor			2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Illegal or Unsafe Speed									
Crashes	Numbers		19,255	19,025	20,135	19,804	19,759	19,784	18,182
	Rate		346.9	326.1	334.9	343.9	341.1	333.1	296.4
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		297	310	289	307	304	314	343
	Rate		5.35	5.31	4.81	5.33	5.25	5.29	5.59
Driver Lost Control									
Crashes	Numbers		29,529	29,499	32,149	32,281	33,732	35,378	33,803
	Rate		532.0	505.7	534.7	560.6	582.3	595.6	551.0
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		578	604	570	634	592	697	704
	Rate		10.41	10.35	9.48	11.01	10.22	11.73	11.48
Wrong Side of Road									
Crashes	Numbers		6,674	6,937	7,165	7,115	7,638	7,935	7,439
	Rate		120.2	118.9	119.2	123.6	131.8	133.6	121.3
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		188	235	199	232	244	255	225
	Rate		3.39	4.03	3.31	4.03	4.21	4.29	3.67
Failure to Yield									
Crashes	Numbers		62,524	63,129	63,692	62,095	63,769	63,295	62,270
	Rate		1126.5	1082.1	1059.3	1078.4	1100.8	1065.7	1015.1
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		233	248	202	223	233	246	217
	Rate		4.20	4.25	3.36	3.87	4.02	4.14	3.54
Following too Closely									
Crashes	Numbers		98,516	105,640	110,025	111,518	116,160	118,246	117,235
	Rate		1775.0	1810.8	1829.8	1936.8	2005.1	1990.8	1911.1
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		63	54	55	53	75	70	77
	Rate		1.14	0.93	0.91	0.92	1.29	1.18	1.26
Disregarded Stop/Signal									
Crashes	Numbers		13,335	13,554	13,699	13,451	13,583	13,376	12,466
	Rate		240.3	232.3	227.8	233.6	234.5	225.2	203.2
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		75	104	79	76	67	84	69
	Rate		1.35	1.78	1.31	1.32	1.16	1.41	1.12
Improper Lane Change									
Crashes	Numbers		22,034	22,313	23,960	23,477	24,518	25,677	25,942
	Rate		397.0	382.5	398.5	407.7	423.2	432.3	422.9
Fatal Crashes	Numbers		41	38	31	48	49	46	51
	Rate		0.74	0.65	0.52	0.83	0.85	0.77	0.83

