

# APPENDIX

## DISTRACTED DRIVERS GEORGIA TRAFFIC SAFETY FACTS (2020)

This document is the appendix for the **2020 Distracted Drivers Georgia Traffic Safety Facts**. Visit <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org/highway-safety/shsp/> to access the full report.

Distracted Driver convictions are convictions processed at the Georgia Department of Driver Services. The total convictions include the following codes based on the county where the violation occurred.

O.C.G.A. 40-6-241(b)	Failure to exercise due care
O.C.G.A. 40-6-241(c)	Unlawful use of wireless device
O.C.G.A. 40-6-241(d)	Unlawful use of wireless device in CMV

### Data Considerations:

- On July 1, 2018, Georgia's Hands-Free Law furthered the "no texting while driving" law and made it illegal for drivers (including young drivers) to physically hold or support a wireless communications device while driving. Under Georgia's Hands-Free Law, drivers can be cited and convicted for distracted driving that may or may not have resulted in a motor vehicle traffic crash. While first time offenders of Georgia's Hands-Free Law can be excused if they provide evidence that they have obtained a device that allows them to use hands-free communication technology, the increase in enforcement and convictions for distracted driving is indicative of a growing traffic safety concern.
- Gwinnett County has consistently had the highest number of distracted driving convictions compared to any other county. From 2011-2017 (prior to the Hands-Free Law), Gwinnett represented 26 percent of all distracted driving convictions across the state.
- Some Georgia counties may not have reported all or any distracted driver convictions in 2020. There were nine (9) distracted driving convictions in 2020 where the county of violation was not known.

### Licensed Drivers, Citations Issued after Motor Vehicle Crash, Distracted Driving Convictions, and Percent Confirmed or Suspected Distracted Drivers (Distraction-Related) Involved in Motor Vehicle Crashes by County, 2020

County Name	Licensed Drivers	Distracted Driving Citations Issued After a Crash	Distracted Driving Convictions	Percent Distraction-Related MV Traffic Crashes
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>8,332,657</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>31,173</b>	<b>47%</b>
Appling	13,858	3	9	21%
Atkinson	5,616	7	16	32%
Bacon	7,996	1	12	24%
Baker	2,328	-	-	12%
Baldwin	30,364	5	92	42%
Banks	15,628	8	291	46%
Barrow	69,466	11	96	44%
Bartow	91,988	65	358	46%
Ben Hill	12,264	4	40	25%
Berrien	14,084	16	144	22%
Bibb	110,030	15	202	43%
Bleckley	9,201	6	64	37%
Brantley	13,874	3	2	25%
Brooks	11,422	24	86	23%
Bryan	37,434	5	75	46%
Bulloch	53,520	54	428	42%
Burke	18,456	4	62	32%

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Butts	19,958	2	45	39%
Calhoun	3,627	-	11	26%
Camden	44,861	4	46	40%
Candler	7,984	2	40	33%
Carroll	97,114	52	347	46%
Catoosa	56,872	58	220	46%
Charlton	7,670	-	1	25%
Chatham	224,444	164	670	44%
Chattahoochee	5,068	-	-	43%
Chattooga	19,001	6	-	42%
Cherokee	223,079	68	605	54%
Clarke	82,488	49	112	44%
Clay	2,257	1	9	28%
Clayton	209,595	101	417	48%
Clinch	4,757	2	24	34%
Cobb	615,271	217	896	53%
Coffee	29,176	22	675	35%
Colquitt	32,780	9	294	35%
Columbia	129,704	16	293	56%
Cook	13,515	18	136	25%
Coweta	123,946	25	962	51%
Crawford	9,993	1	6	65%
Crisp	14,896	14	51	32%
Dade	16,070	7	56	55%
Dawson	24,091	23	246	53%
Decatur	21,294	6	18	33%
Dekalb	560,095	88	645	50%
Dodge	13,527	4	5	30%
Dooly	7,060	4	45	39%
Dougherty	62,143	35	249	42%
Douglas	115,265	41	85	47%
Early	7,984	-	6	25%
Echols	2,503	5	-	49%
Effingham	54,861	11	151	35%
Elbert	15,979	6	61	36%
Emanuel	16,742	5	115	33%
Evans	7,603	1	5	25%
Fannin	23,650	11	35	48%
Fayette	106,856	27	636	55%
Floyd	75,783	21	289	48%
Forsyth	202,897	24	433	57%
Franklin	19,312	16	169	36%
Fulton	809,381	304	4,836	51%

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Gilmer	27,214	10	26	42%
Glascocock	2,280	1	-	34%
Glynn	68,572	22	356	48%
Gordon	45,606	33	162	39%
Grady	17,761	4	29	34%
Greene	16,273	4	14	31%
Gwinnett	734,878	138	4,894	56%
Habersham	36,261	27	160	37%
Hall	164,071	118	1,011	49%
Hancock	6,093	-	5	35%
Haralson	25,532	9	19	39%
Harris	30,103	16	124	43%
Hart	21,281	18	7	36%
Heard	9,676	1	6	42%
Henry	200,405	37	616	51%
Houston	129,058	75	603	50%
Irwin	7,081	7	19	27%
Jackson	62,697	17	273	43%
Jasper	12,277	-	6	30%
Jeff Davis	10,705	3	53	30%
Jefferson	12,236	2	71	31%
Jenkins	5,654	6	21	32%
Johnson	5,901	2	38	39%
Jones	23,516	-	5	29%
Lamar	15,142	3	15	38%
Lanier	6,649	14	16	49%
Laurens	38,553	17	55	32%
Lee	27,288	5	100	41%
Liberty	48,845	89	538	40%
Lincoln	6,721	-	-	42%
Long	11,842	4	70	24%
Lowndes	84,884	199	402	44%
Lumpkin	26,025	9	208	47%
Macon	7,776	2	31	30%
Madison	25,134	6	1	32%
Marion	5,836	2	3	36%
McDuffie	17,035	5	66	31%
McIntosh	10,029	5	24	32%
Meriwether	18,127	6	114	30%
Miller	4,301	-	2	24%
Mitchell	15,532	4	45	21%
Monroe	29,147	6	184	40%
Montgomery	6,101	3	2	28%

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Morgan	17,773	8	93	37%
Murray	30,646	15	114	37%
Muscogee	145,967	99	63	41%
Newton	94,963	13	135	43%
Oconee	35,439	11	120	63%
Oglethorpe	12,511	3	112	20%
Paulding	138,187	71	505	49%
Peach	20,218	7	73	31%
Pickens	30,993	6	34	44%
Pierce	15,714	3	4	30%
Pike	16,774	-	65	51%
Polk	33,799	5	39	35%
Pulaski	6,598	7	15	35%
Putnam	18,566	-	8	36%
Quitman	1,728	-	4	56%
Rabun	15,404	4	12	42%
Randolph	4,707	1	8	39%
Richmond	147,031	55	118	47%
Rockdale	74,310	11	252	52%
Schley	3,581	-	12	39%
Screven	11,187	8	18	22%
Seminole	7,318	-	49	37%
Spalding	55,145	12	291	43%
Stephens	22,242	14	52	32%
Stewart	2,904	-	6	32%
Sumter	20,864	15	89	33%
Talbot	4,748	2	4	26%
Taliaferro	1,241	3	-	41%
Tattnall	15,214	6	21	33%
Taylor	6,176	2	9	37%
Telfair	7,356	2	72	33%
Terrell	6,881	1	63	36%
Thomas	36,701	20	85	34%
Tift	30,071	23	217	36%
Toombs	20,756	9	224	31%
Towns	11,715	1	53	31%
Treutlen	4,787	1	3	32%
Troup	54,532	40	58	40%
Turner	6,558	4	53	39%
Twiggs	6,788	2	22	25%
Union	23,345	12	41	41%
Upson	22,331	3	117	33%
Walker	55,587	17	73	40%

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Walton	82,869	27	2	50%
Ware	25,965	9	47	33%
Warren	4,116	5	3	35%
Washington	14,640	2	17	28%
Wayne	22,911	4	27	24%
Webster	1,848	3	2	44%
Wheeler	3,722	2	17	35%
White	24,884	10	28	40%
Whitfield	77,706	88	842	43%
Wilcox	5,424	-	-	35%
Wilkes	7,697	3	42	35%
Wilkinson	7,267	-	-	28%
Worth	15,411	6	221	55%