



The Dangers Facing
BATON ROUGE
DRIVERS

5 BATON ROUGE ZIP CODES

With the Most Car Crashes

According to the 2024 INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard, Baton Rouge drivers lose an average of 36 hours annually due to traffic congestion, placing the city in the worst 10% in the U.S. and worst 20% worldwide.

Between January 2021 and July 2024, there were 24,482 auto accidents reported in Baton Rouge. 5,808 of those crashes resulted in injuries. Our research has revealed the five worst zip codes in Baton Rouge for crashes, based on data over the last three and a half years.

BATON ROUGE INJURY CRASHES BY ZIP CODE

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| 70805 | 875 (32.5% of all crashes in the zip code) |
| 70802 | 814 (24% of all crashes in the zip code) |
| 70808 | 737 (18% of all crashes in the zip code) |
| 70815 | 664 (26% of all crashes in the zip code) |
| 70816 | 664 (21% of all crashes in the zip code) |

ALL CRASHES BY ZIP CODE

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| 70808 | 4,075 |
| 70802 | 3,385 |
| 70816 | 3,139 |
| 70805 | 2,692 |
| 70815 | 2,541 |

BREAKING DOWN

the Zip Code Data

These five zip codes top the charts for both the largest number of crashes and the largest number of injury-causing crashes.

Interestingly, although the 70808 area sees more total crashes than the 70805 area, the latter zip code sees the most injuries. Close to a third (32.5%) of all crashes in the 70805 area result in injuries.

This may be attributed to **several dangerous intersections** in the area, including those along **Airline Hwy.**, **Plank Rd.**, **Winbourne Ave.**, and **Evangeline St.**

The **stretch of I-10** which passes through three of these five zip codes is also a major location for crashes, and the **8th worst corridor in the country for traffic jams**.

Knowing which streets suffer the most congestion and crashes can help drivers make more informed choices about the routes they take.

When taking alternate routes isn't an option, these statistics serve as a reminder to stay focused on driving defensively, as crashes can happen at any moment.

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ROAD SAFETY IN BATON ROUGE:

A Deep Dive Into Troubling Statistics

Baton Rouge—and East Baton Rouge Parish as a whole—has consistently led Louisiana in motor vehicle-related fatalities. LSU’s Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety provides key crash statistics from 2019 to 2023. These insights highlight the danger on Baton Rouge roads and underscore the need for greater awareness and safety measures in the region.

East Baton Rouge Parish recorded an annual average of 84 motor vehicle-related fatalities, marking it as the deadliest parish in Louisiana. Here’s a breakdown of the average:

44.8

Driver Deaths
Per Year

11.4

Passenger Deaths
Per Year

23

Pedestrian Deaths
Per Year

5.2

Cyclist Deaths
Per Year

THE DANGERS

of Large Trucks and Buses

Among these crashes, some involve large trucks and buses, which pose an additional level of risk. Each year, the parish averages:

8

fatal crashes
involving a large
truck or bus

304

suspected injuries in
crashes involving these
heavy vehicles

MOTORCYCLIST

Vulnerability

Motorcyclists in Baton Rouge also face heightened risks, with an average of:

8

motorcyclist fatalities

99

suspected injuries
reported annually.

ALARMING TRENDS

Among Seniors

From 2010 to 2022, there was a troubling 109% increase in seniors involved in fatal crashes. This sharp rise signals the need for more focused safety measures or initiatives for elderly drivers, as the population ages.

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A SOBERING NATIONAL

Comparison

On a national scale, Louisiana ranks 7th in vehicle fatality rates according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT). This places Louisiana, and by extension Baton Rouge, among the most dangerous areas in the U.S. to drive.

7TH

nationwide in vehicle fatality rates

IMPROVING OUR ROADS

for Everyone

These statistics paint a troubling picture of road safety in Baton Rouge. Given the rising fatalities, the vulnerability of motorcyclists and seniors, and increased congestion as the population grows faster than our infrastructure can handle—the need for improved road safety measures is clear. As Baton Rouge continues to grow, so too must efforts to protect its drivers, bikers, pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers.

By addressing these concerns head-on—whether through better infrastructure, stricter enforcement of traffic laws, or more comprehensive public safety campaigns—there is hope that these tragic numbers can be reduced in the future.

Dudley DeBosier has worked closely with families whose lives have been completely upended by preventable crashes. We are committed to helping those who have been injured in Baton Rouge crashes and to standing up for the rights of those who have lost loved ones in crashes caused by negligence.

For more information about our firm, visit <https://www.dudleydebosier.com/>.



STAY SAFE

Baton Rouge

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