



GTSB REPORT

May 2020

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

- Motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes & fatalities.
- Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are 27x more likely to die in a crash than other motorists.
- According to NHTSA, motorcycle crashes involving another motor vehicle continue to account for nearly 1/2 of all motorcycle fatalities in the US.

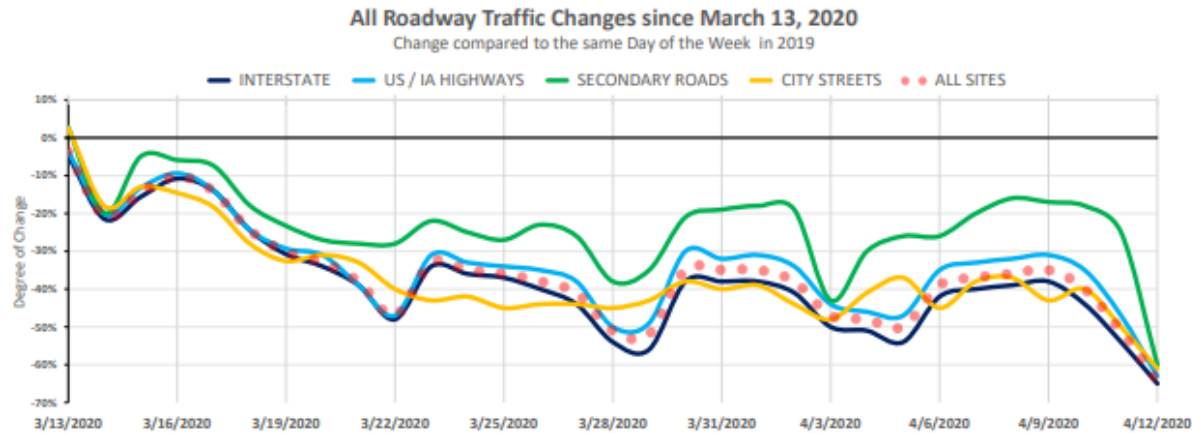


COVID-19 TRAFFIC TRENDS



Iowa Department of Transportation Continuous Count Site Traffic Trend Change During the COVID-19 Period

Purpose: This report contains traffic data collected from over 120 Continuous Count Sites to report how traffic trends have changed since Friday March 13, 2020.



Road Systems	DAILY VEHICLE COUNT Changes for the Same Days of the Week from 2019 to 2020								
	Change from March 13th to April 9	Friday 04-10	Saturday 04-11	Sunday 04-12	Monday 04-13	Tuesday 04-14	Wednesday 04-15	Thursday 04-16	Current Week Change to Date
INTERSTATE	-36%	-44%	-54%	-65%					-54%
US/IA HIGHWAYS	-32%	-35%	-47%	-63%					-47%
SECONDARY ROADS	-22%	-18%	-25%	-60%					-33%
CITY STREETS	-35%	-40%	-50%	-61%					-48%
ALL SITES	-34%	-40%	-51%	-64%					-50%

Report Notes:

- This report compares Iowa's various road system traffic changes to the same day of the week from last year (for example, the third week of March 2019 is compared to the third week of March 2020).
- Additional information on traffic reporting can be found at:

<https://iowadot.gov/maps/Data/AUTOMATIC-TRAFFIC-RECORDER-REPORTS>

- In 2020, the Iowa State Patrol is experiencing a 36% increase in traffic citations issued for speeds **25+ (over)** the posted speed limit based on the previous 4 year average. (797 total citations in 2020)
- Iowa State Patrol also reports experiencing a 41% increase in traffic citations issued for speeds **100 m.ph. or faster** based on the previous 4 year average. (246 total citations in 2020)
- For Polk County, from January 1, 2020 to April 24, 2020, Iowa State Patrol cited
 - 129 vehicles for traveling 25+ over the speed limit
 - 32 vehicles for traveling 100+ over the speed limit
- As mentioned last month, an adverse side effect of less vehicle miles traveled over all, is that generally speaking, our roadways are wide open racetracks for risky drivers. Speed is up significantly and law enforcement is stepping up and sending a message in response – they are out there and they will find you.

CAN'T SEE? DON'T GO!

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Slow down! If you Can't See, Don't Go!

Extra Caution at Dawn, Dusk and Night!

Drive Defensively!

This will be a great topic for us to discuss as a group once we are able to all be back together. Do you have problem intersections in your area? Does your crash data have saturations on rural roads in your area?



Can't wait to be
back together!

QUESTIONS?

STAY SAFE!

STAY HEALTHY!



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