



8 Investigates Maine's high-crash locations for 2019

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Augusta, Maine — There were more than 34,000 crashes reported across Maine in 2019. The majority of crashes involved rear-ending, going off the road or hitting an animal.

Nearly two-thirds of crashes occurred during daylight and in clear conditions where the road was dry.

Traffic engineers rely on several factors when it comes to determining where high-crash locations are across the state.

Data, including the number of crashes, volume, pedestrian fatalities and other violations, are combined to create a critical rate factor. Locations that then have eight or more crashes and a critical rate factor greater than one over a three-year period are added to the list.

Below is a list of the top 20 high-crash locations for 2019 based on the number of crashes:

20. Auburn: Intersection of Mount Auburn Avenue and Turner Street (46 crashes)

19. Portland: Ramp off I-295 to Forest Avenue (47 crashes)

18. Bangor: Ramp off Stillwater Avenue to I-95 (48 crashes)

17. South Portland: Intersection of Broadway and Casco Bay Bridge (49 crashes)

16. South Portland: Ramp off I-295 to Westbrook Street (50 crashes)

15. Auburn: Intersection of Turner Street and Union Street 51 crashes)

14. South Portland: Intersection of Broadway and Westbrook Street (52 crashes)

13. Portland: Intersection of Franklin Street and Marginal Way (54 crashes)

12. Bangor: Intersection of Hammond Street and I-395 (55 crashes)

11. Brunswick: Intersection of Gurnet Road to Route 1 northbound (58 crashes)
10. Portland: Intersection of Riverside Street and Warren Avenue (59 crashes)
9. Westbrook: Intersection of Cumberland Street and Warren Avenue (59 crashes)
8. Saco: Ramp from Ocean Park Road to Main Street (60 crashes)
7. Portland: Intersection of Allen Avenue and Forest Avenue (67 crashes)
6. Portland: Intersection of Forest Avenue, Kennebec Street, Marginal Way and State Street Extension (74 crashes)
5. Sanford: Alfred Road-Maine Street roundabout (82 crashes)
4. Portland: Intersection of Larrabee Road off-ramp to Riverside Street (84 crashes)
3. Biddeford: Intersection of Alfred Street and Precourt Street ramp (86 crashes)
2. Augusta: Intersection of Bangor Street and Cony Street at the Cony Circle (138 crashes)
1. Augusta: Intersection of Memorial Circle at Western Avenue (146 crashes)

Not one of the top 20 crash locations included a fatality in 2019, according to state data. However, a person crossing the road was killed near the Memorial Circle in Augusta in 2019.

DOT officials said they rely on the list of high-crash locations to determine where to put resources.

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Maybe if the DOT wasn't wasting so much money on boondoggles like the I-395/Route 9 Connector—they could put some money towards these problems!!