# 2016

# Jackson County Crash Profile



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**Based on Crash Data from** 

Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System (GEARS)

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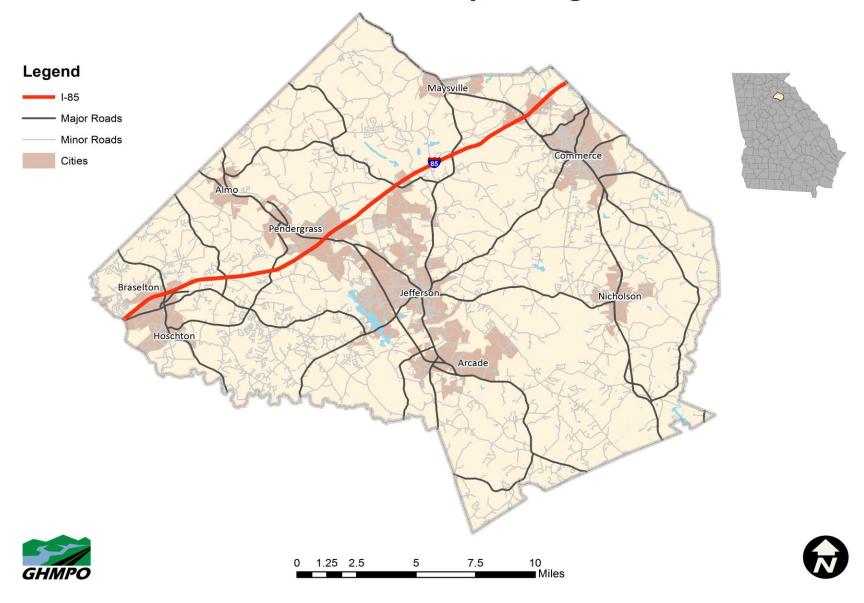
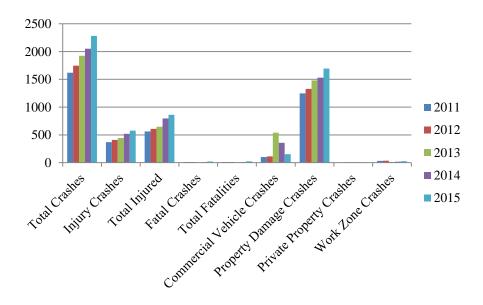


Figure 1: Jackson County, Georgia

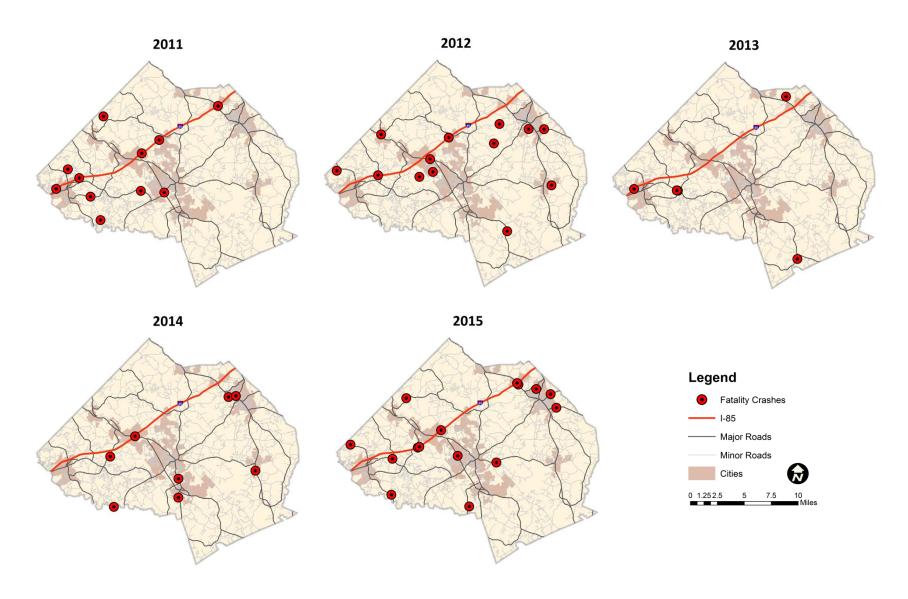
This profile has been prepared based upon crash data available from the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System (GEARS) developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Data was pulled from this tool for the time period of 2011 through 2015.

The following table and graph show certain crash statistics by year. The data shows that total crashes have increased every year.

|                            | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Crashes              | 1,601 | 1,747 | 1,926 | 2,052 | 2,281 |
| Injury Crashes             | 368   | 409   | 443   | 518   | 577   |
| Total Injured              | 561   | 609   | 647   | 794   | 862   |
| Fatal Crashes              | 12    | 13    | 5     | 10    | 19    |
| Total Fatalities           | 13    | 13    | 5     | 10    | 23    |
| Commercial Vehicle Crashes | 101   | 112   | 540   | 358   | 152   |
| Property Damage Crashes    | 1,249 | 1,329 | 1,481 | 1,529 | 1,695 |
| Private Property Crashes   | 0     | 6     | 8     | 6     | 7     |
| Work Zone Crashes          | 32    | 36    | 12    | 16    | 26    |



Crashes with fatalities decreased from twelve in 2011 to five in 2013 but rose to nineteen by 2015.



**I-85** and **Highway 53** were the most accident prone locations.

# **High Accident Locations**

| N BOUND I 85 & HIGHWAY 53    | TOTAL<br>COLLISIONS<br>80 | TOTAL FATAL COLLISIONS 0 | TOTAL<br>INJURY COLLISIONS<br>7 | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE<br>73 | NUMBER<br>KILLED<br>0 | NUMBER<br>INJURED<br>9 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| HIGHWAY 53 & I 85            | 58                        | 0                        | 11                              | 47                                | 0                     | 16                     |
| S BOUND I 85 & HIGHWAY 53    | 57                        | 0                        | 7                               | 50                                | 0                     | 9                      |
| HIGHWAY 53 & CHARDONNAY TRCE | 32                        | 0                        | 2                               | 30                                | 0                     | 3                      |
| HIGHWAY 53 &                 | 26                        | 0                        | 0                               | 26                                | 0                     | 0                      |
| SR 11 & I 85                 | 25                        | 1                        | 12                              | 12                                | 1                     | 23                     |
| HWY 129 N & I 85             | 25                        | 0                        | 2                               | 23                                | 0                     | 2                      |
| HIGHWAY 124 & HIGHWAY 53     | 24                        | 0                        | 2                               | 22                                | 0                     | 3                      |
| SR 98 & SR 15                | 23                        | 0                        | 7                               | 16                                | 0                     | 12                     |
| S BOUND I 85 & HIGHWAY 211   | 22                        | 0                        | 3                               | 19                                | 0                     | 7                      |
| SYCAMORE ST & MARTIN ST      | 20                        | 0                        | 3                               | 17                                | 0                     | 7                      |
| I 85 S & HWY 129             | 20                        | 0                        | 0                               | 20                                | 0                     | 0                      |
| SR 15 & SR 98                | 20                        | 1                        | 13                              | 6                                 | 1                     | 37                     |
| I 85 & HWY 129               | 18                        | 0                        | 1                               | 17                                | 0                     | 2                      |
| HIGHWAY 53 & HIGHWAY 124     | 18                        | 0                        | 3                               | 15                                | 0                     | 4                      |



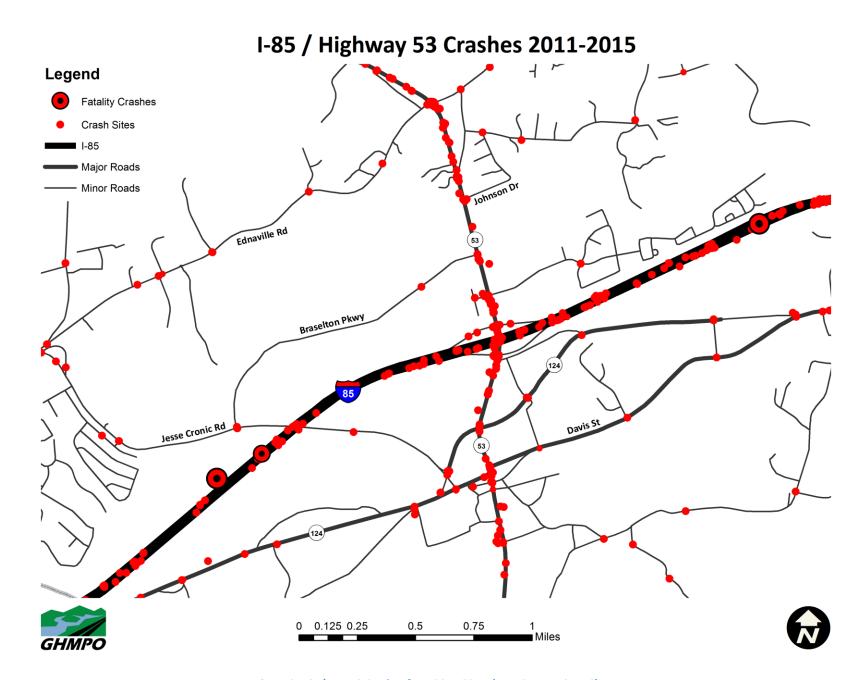


Figure 2: I-85/Hwy 53 Crashes from 2011-2015. (Data Source: GEARS)

Majority of the collisions observed occurred during the **afternoon rush hours** between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.:

#### **Collisions by Time of Day**

|                                | TOTAL<br>COLLISION | TOTAL NS FATAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>INJURY COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED | NUMBER<br>INJURED |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 22:00 TO 23:59 - LATE EVENING  | 478                | 2                         | 115                        | 361                         | 3                | 156               |
| 09:00 TO 10:59 - MID MORNING   | 652                | 2                         | 165                        | 485                         | 2                | 240               |
| 00:00 TO 05:59 - LATE NIGHT    | 949                | 6                         | 221                        | 722                         | 6                | 304               |
| 19:00 TO 21:59 - EARLY EVENING | 1,161              | 14                        | 249                        | 898                         | 15               | 380               |
| 06:00 TO 08:59 - TO WORK       | 1,376              | 6                         | 298                        | 1,072                       | 8                | 425               |
| 14:00 TO 15:59 - MID AFTERNOON | 1,434              | 12                        | 357                        | 1,065                       | 13               | 595               |
| 11:00 TO 13:59 - LUNCH         | 1,454              | 8                         | 347                        | 1,099                       | 8                | 540               |
| 16:00 TO 18:59 - FROM WORK     | 2,127              | 9                         | 533                        | 1,585                       | 9                | 833               |
|                                |                    |                           |                            |                             |                  |                   |
|                                | Total: 9,631       | 64                        | 2,285                      | 7,287                       | 59               | 3,473             |



Over the past five years, **Friday** had the highest number of collisions of the week:

# **Collisions by Day of the Week**

|           | TOTAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>FATAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>INJURY COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED | NUMBER<br>INJURED |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday    | 1,245            | 9                         | 302                        | 934                         | 9                | 484               |
| Monday    | 1,391            | 10                        | 315                        | 1,066                       | 12               | 471               |
| Tuesday   | 1,361            | 2                         | 305                        | 1,054                       | 2                | 432               |
| Wednesday | 1,395            | 8                         | 368                        | 1,019                       | 9                | 523               |
| Thursday  | 1,359            | 11                        | 314                        | 1,034                       | 12               | 483               |
| Friday    | 1,589            | 8                         | 371                        | 1,210                       | 9                | 574               |
| Saturday  | 1,291            | 11                        | 310                        | 970                         | 11               | 506               |
|           |                  |                           |                            |                             |                  |                   |
|           | Total: 9,631     | 64                        | 2,285                      | 7,287                       | 59               | 3,473             |



#### **Collisions by Contributing Factors**

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015



While many collisions had no contributing factors, among the collisions that did have a contributing factor, **following the vehicle in front too closely** was the primary factor, followed by **collision with an object or an animal**.

|                               | TOTAL<br>COUNT |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Cell Phone                    | 29             |
| Changed Lanes Improperly      | 157            |
| D.U.I                         | 239            |
| Disregard Police Officer      | 3              |
| Disregard Stop Sign/Signal    | 88             |
| Distracted                    | 256            |
| Driver Condition              | 101            |
| Driver Lost Control           | 631            |
| Driverless Vehicle            | 12             |
| Exceeding Speed Limit         | 19             |
| Failed to Yield               | 729            |
| Following too Close           | 1,401          |
| Improper Backing              | 222            |
| Improper Passing              | 38             |
| Improper Turn                 | 93             |
| Inattentive                   | 305            |
| Mechanical Or Vehicle Failure | 244            |
| Misjudged Clearance           | 236            |
| No Contributing Factors       | 3,219          |
| No Signal/Improper Signal     | 3              |
| Object Or Animal              | 1,143          |
| Other                         | 344            |
| Parked Improperly             | 14             |
| Surface Defects               | 14             |
| Too Fast For Conditions       | 235            |
| Weather Conditions            | 406            |
| Wrong Side of Road            | 68             |

Total: 10,249

Drivers between ages 20 and 25 were involved in more crashes than any other age group.

### **Driver's Age at Time of Collision**

|               | TOTAL<br>COLLISIONS<br>INVOLVED<br>WITH | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED<br>INVOLVED<br>WITH | NUMBER<br>INJURED<br>INVOLVED<br>WITH |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NOT SPECIFIED | 414                                     | 378                         | 1                                    | 35                                    |
| 13 TO 15      | 15                                      | 6                           | 0                                    | 9                                     |
| 16            | 213                                     | 160                         | 0                                    | 53                                    |
| 17            | 345                                     | 251                         | 3                                    | 91                                    |
| 18            | 385                                     | 266                         | 3                                    | 116                                   |
| 19            | 349                                     | 247                         | 0                                    | 102                                   |
| 20 TO 25      | 1,660                                   | 1239                        | 6                                    | 415                                   |
| 26 TO 30      | 949                                     | 717                         | 9                                    | 223                                   |
| 31 TO 40      | 1,573                                   | 1213                        | 5                                    | 355                                   |
| 41 TO 50      | 1,507                                   | 1178                        | 8                                    | 321                                   |
| 51 TO 60      | 1,068                                   | 805                         | 5                                    | 258                                   |
| 61 TO 70      | 616                                     | 437                         | 5                                    | 174                                   |
| 71 TO 80      | 327                                     | 249                         | 6                                    | 72                                    |
| 81 TO 90      | 88                                      | 62                          | 0                                    | 26                                    |
|               |   |                             |                                      |                                       |



Male drivers were involved in more crashes than female drivers and accounted for twice the amount of fatalities.

#### **Driver's Gender at Time of Collision**

| LOCATION: ALL |        |                     |                           |                            | TOTAL              |                  |                   |
|---------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|               |        | TOTAL<br>COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>FATAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL INJURY<br>COLLISIONS | PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED | NUMBER<br>INJURED |
| Male          |        | 6,772               | 46                        | 1,650                      | 5,076              | 51               | 2,544             |
| Female        |        | 5,370               | 25                        | 1,331                      | 4,014              | 25               | 2,148             |
|               |        |                     |                           |                            |                    |                  |                   |
|               | Total: | 12,142              | 71                        | 2,981                      | 9,090              | 76               | 4,692             |



**November** and **December** had the highest number of collisions. This happens to be the period when daylight savings time ends. We cannot tell from this data, however, whether the reduction in daylight is the contributing factor why the number of collisions went up during this period.

#### **Collisions by Month**

|           | TOTAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>FATAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>INJURY COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED | NUMBER<br>INJURED |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| JANUARY   | 773              | 2                         | 174                        | 597                         | 2                | 247               |
| FEBRUARY  | 685              | 6                         | 144                        | 536                         | 5                | 216               |
| MARCH     | 796              | 3                         | 202                        | 591                         | 3                | 296               |
| APRIL     | 657              | 13                        | 152                        | 494                         | 11               | 251               |
| MAY       | 751              | 4                         | 169                        | 578                         | 4                | 262               |
| JUNE      | 716              | 7                         | 192                        | 517                         | 7                | 297               |
| JULY      | 729              | 3                         | 184                        | 542                         | 3                | 255               |
| AUGUST    | 769              | 4                         | 200                        | 565                         | 4                | 302               |
| SEPTEMBER | 731              | 5                         | 175                        | 551                         | 5                | 261               |
| OCTOBER   | 827              | 9                         | 205                        | 614                         | 8                | 310               |
| NOVEMBER  | 1,113            | 5                         | 246                        | 863                         | 4                | 399               |
| DECEMBER  | 1,084            | 3                         | 242                        | 839                         | 3                | 377               |
|           |                  |                           |                            |                             |                  |                   |
|           | Total: 9,631     | 59                        | 2,285                      | 7,287                       | 64               | 3,473             |



While most of the traffic volumes were on higher classes of roads such as freeways and arterials, most of the collisions occurred on **local roads** and **collectors**. This could be because there are more local roads and collector streets than freeways and arterials. In addition, the lower classes of roads contain traffic lights, intersections, and stop signs—points where collisions are likely to occur.

### **Collisions by Road Classification**

|             |        | TOTAL<br>COLLISIONS | TOTAL FATAL COLLISIONS | TOTAL INJURY COLLISIONS | TOTAL<br>PROPERTY<br>DAMAGE | NUMBER<br>KILLED | NUMBE<br>INJURE |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Interstate  |        | 1,365               | 11                     | 265                     | 1,089                       | 12               | 442             |
| Other       |        | 6,090               | 26                     | 1,160                   | 4,904                       | 29               | 1,630           |
| State Route |        | 2,009               | 21                     | 822                     | 1,166                       | 22               | 1,348           |
| US Route    |        | 167                 | 1                      | 38                      | 128                         | 1                | 53              |
|             | Total: | 9,631               | 59                     | 2,285                   | 7,287                       | 64               | 3,473           |

