2024 Attleboro Motor Vehicle Accident & Crash Report



Executive Summary

A total of 1,853 motor vehicle accidents were reported in the city during 2024, which is an increase of 94 additional accidents (5.3% increase) over calendar year 2023. Please note that this number of accidents includes both accidents on a public way as well as accidents on private property such as commercial parking lots. With that being said, the increase in accidents for 2024 follows upon a smaller 0.7% increase in total accidents that was reported previously for 2023.

The number of accidents during 2024 is also 2% above the historic ten-year average, which is primarily due to the historic drop in accident numbers during the start of the pandemic in 2020. While 2024 was the fourth consecutive year for an increase in motor vehicle accidents, the number of reported accidents is yet to return to pre-pandemic levels five years later with calendar year 2024 also reporting a two percent decrease over calendar year 2019 reporting data.

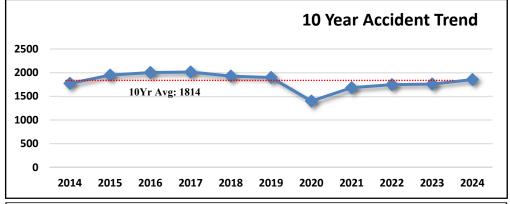
From the 1,853 vehicle accidents reported in 2024, approximately 77% occurred on a public way, which is an increase from the 75% of such reported in 2023. Several larger, historical roadway accident hotspots remained active during 2024 including: Lower Newport Avenue between the RI state line and the I-95 Interchange; the intersection of Highland Ave. & Washington St.; the South Avenue Interchange; County Square; and the area between Fiske Square and the Attleboro Common. Additionally, significantly increased reporting was noted for Robert Toner Blvd. between North Main St. and the I-95 Interchange.

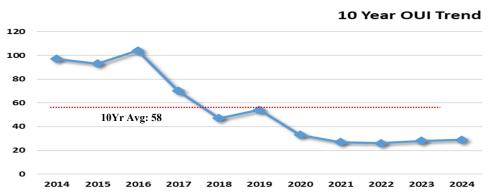
Trends for accidents on public ways only in 2024 include: the number of accidents fluctuated monthly and did not experience sustained increase and/or growth until the last four months of the year; July and November recorded some of the biggest increases that year; Wednesdays (17%) and Thursdays (26%) saw the largest increase in accidents; and the 7AM to 9AM and the 4PM to 5PM timeframes accounted for a higher-than-normal number of accidents.

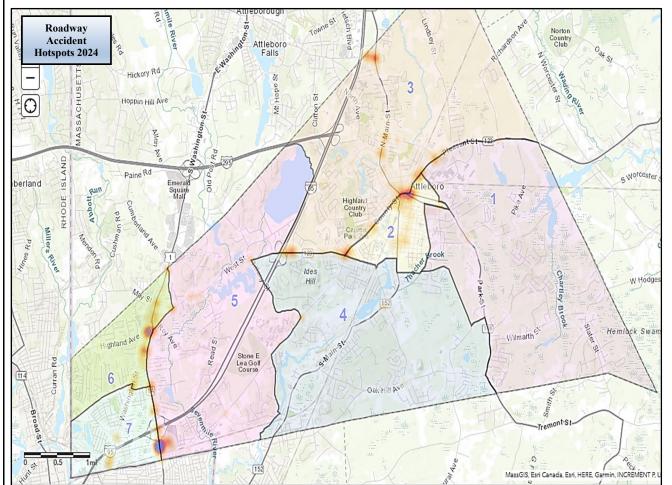
Accidents involving cyclists, pedestrians and deer all declined in 2024. However, take note that the city documented a single accident fatality in 2024, which involved a pedestrian. While the last accident-related fatality investigated by this agency occurred in 2022, there has not been another pedestrian-related accident resulting in a death since 2017.

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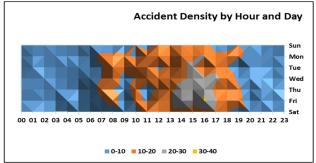


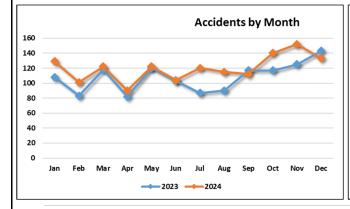
Public Way Accidents 2024

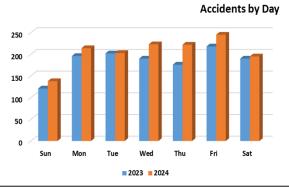
Seventy-seven percent of accidents reported in 2024 occurred on a public way, while the remaining 23% occurred on a private lot. This is an increase from the 75% reported in 2023. There was also an 11% increase in public way accidents when compared to 2023.

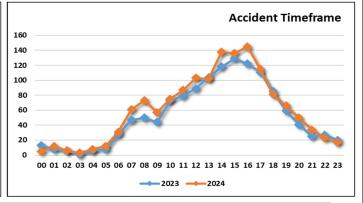
Accident reports fluctuated for the first half of the year before steadily rising in July. Only two months in 2024 had a decrease in accidents, while multiple months had substantial increases including February, July and November. These three months alone accounted for more than 53% of the increase in 2024.

Fifty-one percent of accidents occurred between the timeframe of 12PM and 7PM during 2024. It should also be noted that approximately one-third of the previously mentioned 11% increase for the year was due to an increase in vehicle accidents occurring between the hours of 7AM and 10AM.









Bicyclist Accidents 2024

Accidents involving cyclists decreased by three in 2024 when compared to the prior year. The number of accidents in 2024 was also comparable to the prior ten-year average for accidents involving cyclists, which is 12.

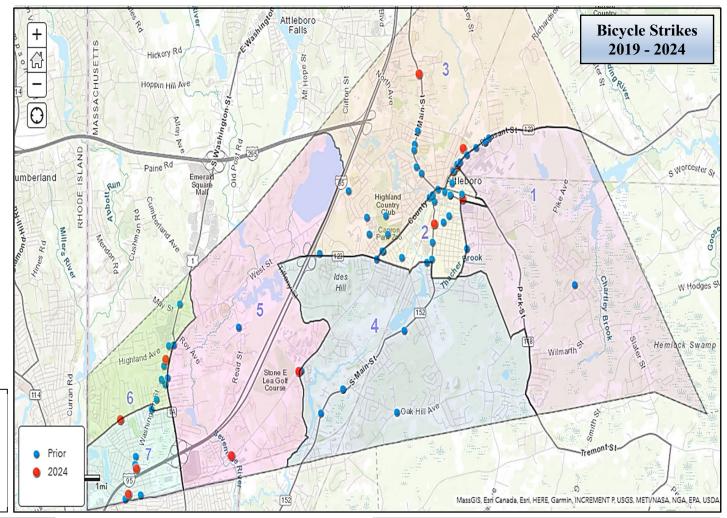
Eight of the twelve cyclists' accidents in 2024 occurred on one of three state roads in the city; three on Route 1; three on Route 152; and two on Route 123. Two additional accidents were located on Lower County Street.

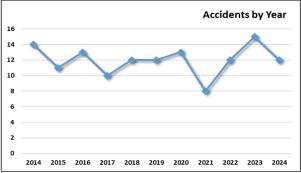
Approximately one-half of accidents occurred April through August, while another one-third were recorded during the month of October. Five accidents occurred between 3PM and 6PM, which is a similar finding as last year.

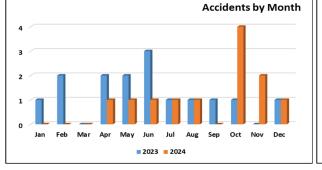
Note that half of these cyclist accidents in 2024 occurred in past accident locations.

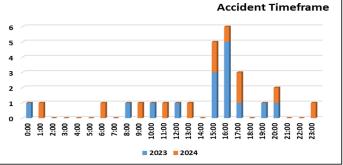
Top Historic Accident Locations

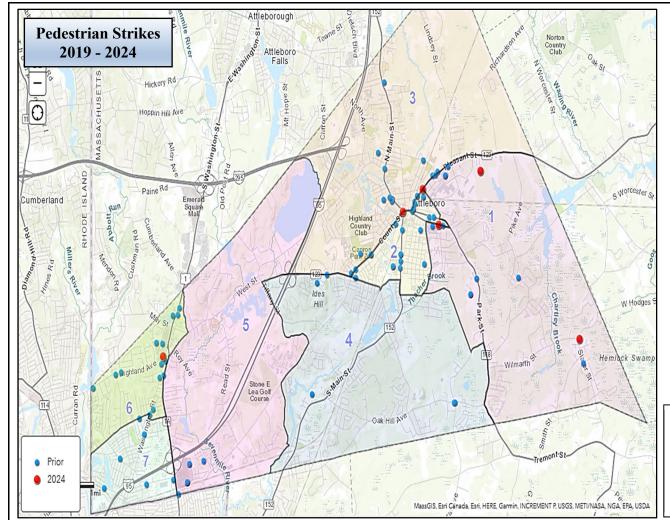
Pleasant Street Business Corridor
Upper Washington Street (Beat 6)
North Main & Hayward Sts.
Pleasant St. & Starkey Ave.
Highland Ave. & Washington St.











Pedestrian Strikes 2024

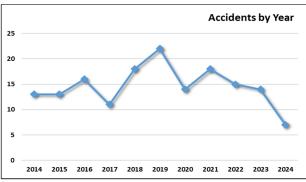
Vehicular accidents involving pedestrians declined to a decade low during 2024 after the department only received seven such reports that year. This equated to seven fewer accidents than 2023 and nine fewer accidents when compared to the 10-year average. Pedestrian-related accidents in the city have been in a general state of decline since 2020.

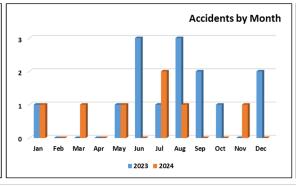
With that being said, the city documented its first fatal vehicle accident since 2022 after a pedestrian was struck and killed in March on Pleasant Street. This fatal accident in 2024 is the sixth such pedestrian-related accident in the city in the last twenty years. The last pedestrian accident the agency responded to occurred in 2017.

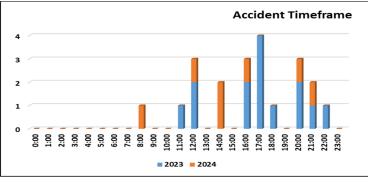
Four out of six pedestrian accidents in 2024 occurred during warmer months (May thru August); during the workweek; and primarily between the hours of 12PM and 5PM.

Top Historic Strike Locations

Lower Pleasant Street Business Corridor Washington St. & Highland Ave. Area South Main St. between Carpenter & Mulberry Sts. Bristol Place Plaza







Deer Strikes 2024

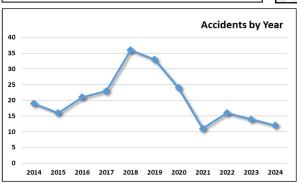
Deer-related accidents have declined for a second, consecutive year with two fewer accidents than what was reported in 2023. The number of accidents linked to deer have been in decline in recent years with the number of accidents being as high as thirty-six during 2018.

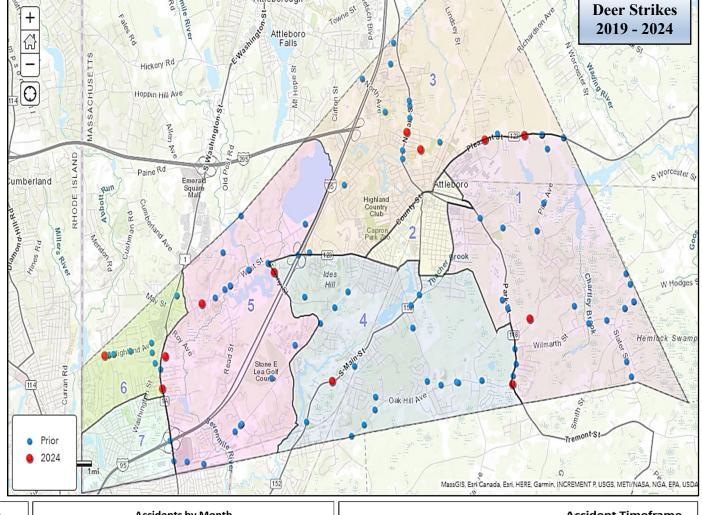
Eleven out of the twelve accidents were reported between June and December last year. The largest concentration (one-third) of such accidents was reported between 5AM and 7AM in 2024; while the other two-thirds were distributed evenly throughout the day.

While deer strikes continue to decline, chances of an accident continue to exist on several major roads including Pleasant St., North Main St. and Newport Ave.

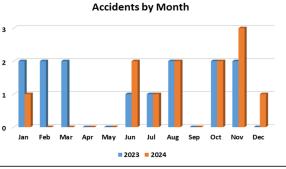
Top Historic Strike Locations

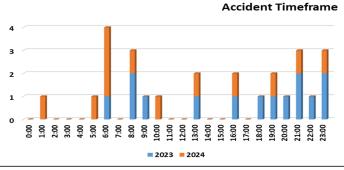
Highland Ave. between Brae & Curran Rds. West St. between Tiffany & Read Sts. Slater St. between Kasmira & Bolkum Ln. 500 – 900 Block of Oakhill Avenue 200 – 600 Block of North Main Street

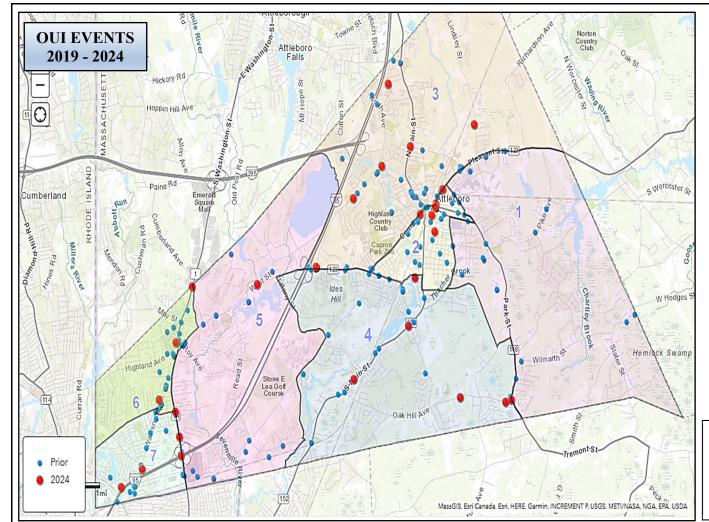




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OUI Incidents 2024

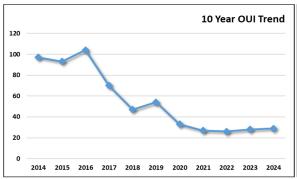
Incidents involving intoxicated drivers increased by just 1 incident in 2024 when compared to the prior year. The number of OUI incidents in 2024 closely mirrored previous reporting over the last four years. The number of incidents in 2024 is also congruous with the prior ten-year historical average, even though the city experienced between 90-to-100 OUI-related events during years between 2014 and 2016.

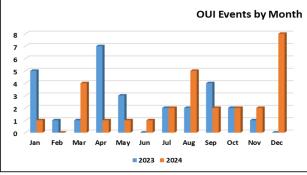
It should be noted that the largest number of OUI events in 2024 was reported in December (n=8), which is the month with the highest OUI count since early-2017. During 2024. Fridays and Sundays accounted for more than 52% of incidents. Also, two-thirds of incidents were reported between 4PM and midnight.

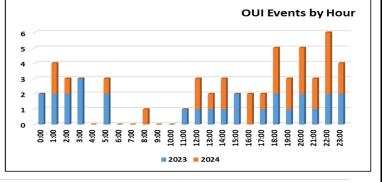
Sixty-nine percent of OUIs were associated with a vehicle accident, which is an increase from the 46% of such OUI accidents reported in 2023. The number of breath test refusals also grew with 64% of involved parties declining to do so.

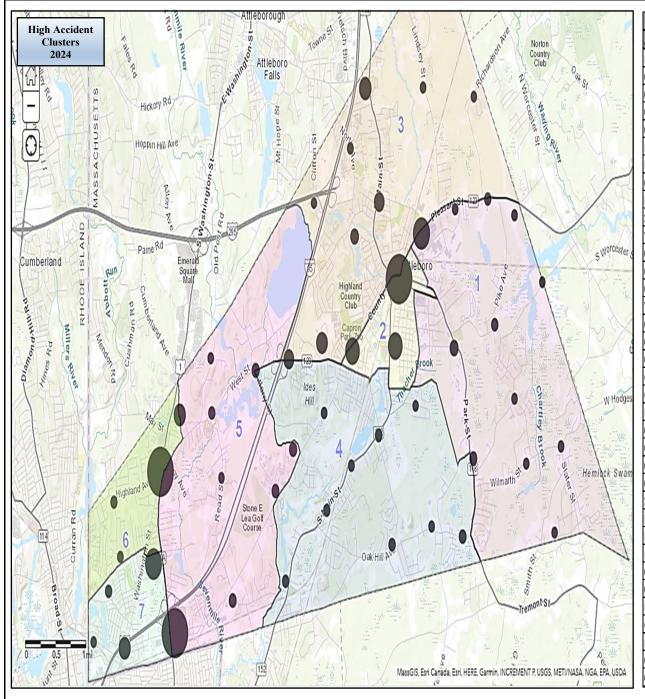
Historic OUI Locations

South Avenue I-95 Interchange Fiske Square to the Public Common Highland Ave. & Washington Street County & Thacher Sts.









Locations with 8+ Accidents during 2024					
Address	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
NEWPORT AVE INTERCHANGE	51	34	43	45	23
01200 NEWPORT AVE	39	54	30	30	29
01249 NEWPORT AVE	39	35	25	36	25
01270 NEWPORT AVE	31	39	21	22	13
00287 WASHINGTON ST	31	37	35	31	25
NEWPORT AVE/COLLINS ST	30	18	18	18	18
NORTH MAIN ST/ROBERT F TONER BLVD	25	15	17	9	6
00252 WASHINGTON ST	24	22	11	18	15
ROBERT F TONER BLVD INTERCHANGE	21	9	12	12	13
SOUTH AVE INTERCHANGE	20	13	24	16	5
WASHINGTON ST/HIGHLAND AVE	19	12	23	18	18
00228 WASHINGTON ST	17	15	21	7	8
00227 SOUTH AVE	17	18	25	24	18
00469 PLEASANT ST	16	7	9	9	9
WASHINGTON ST/MAY ST	15	23	15	20	14
00463 WASHINGTON ST	15	21	17	3	0
01110 NEWPORT AVE	14	8	1	0	0
00211 PARK ST	14	10	14	4	10
COUNTY ST/THACHER ST	13	18	11	17	10
COUNTY ST/OLIVE ST	12	7	6	3	4
PLEASANT ST/EMORY ST	11	6	6	4	3
00100 WASHINGTON ST	11	7	11	15	8
00001 BLUE PRIDE WAY	11	9	3	0	0
01100 NEWPORT AVE	10	15	18	15	17
00237 WASHINGTON ST	10	10	4	11	3
SOUTH AVE/TIFFANY ST	9	14	13	19	8
NEWPORT AVE/MAY ST	9	7	10	8	7
NORTH MAIN ST/HOLDEN ST	9	15	17	12	16
NORTH MAIN ST/WEST ST	9	7	8	3	7
00999 NEWPORT AVE	9	5	7	9	4
00285 COUNTY ST	9	4	8	6	5
NEWPORT AVE/PITAS AVE	8	3	3	1	4
COUNTY ST/TIFFANY ST	8	6	11	9	2
NEWPORT AVE/CARLETON ST	8	3	5	6	8
01240 NEWPORT AVE	8	5	4	0	0
01130 NEWPORT AVE	8	7	5	6	4

