

Data requests:

CDOT can provide additional summary crash data upon request that is otherwise unavailable on the website (e.g., older crash data). Summary data is in tabular format and is provided for a specific location or geographic area, filtered for a specific type of crash, weather condition, and/or date range.

CDOT does not release personal identifying information including names, driver's license numbers, addresses, birth dates, license plate numbers, VIN numbers, local and state identifiers such as case numbers, etc.

CDOT only provides summary data and does not provide the database in its entirety.

To improve timeliness and help ensure that the data provided meets the requestor's needs, it is recommended that the following information be included by the requestor:

Location. The location that data is being requested for. Provide mileposts, if possible, for highways or at a minimum, cross street information for the beginning and end points on a corridor. LAT/Long and GIS data is not available for most non-state highway crashes so if local roads are included in the request, CDOT will attempt to provide the crash data as close to what is requested as possible.

Date. Beginning and end dates for the request, such as January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019, or the most recent five years of data. For engineering analysis, we generally recommend three years of data for high volume roadways in urban areas and five years of data for more rural, low volume roadways. This typically provides sufficient information for safety analyses and is a general rule of thumb for engineering analysis.

CDOT does have older data, but the data formats have changed, and not all fields were collected historically, or the data may require research or manipulation to obtain. Contact the CDOT Safety Programs, Data and Analysis unit if you have larger requests going back more than 10 years to discuss your specific data needs and determine if CDOT has the data desired.

Desired information/fields. Include as much detail regarding the information that is being requested and when the data is needed. CDOT will make every attempt to provide data by the requested timeline, but requests for less than three working days or large requests requiring significant staff time may require additional time. CDOT will provide a standard set of fields if nothing is specified.

Standard fields may include:

- Highway
- Section
- Milepost
- Date/Time
- Crash severity
- Location
- Roadway description
- Number of vehicles
- Roadway Contour
- Road and weather conditions
- Lighting
- Ramp (y/n)
- Crash type
- Crash location for vehicles 1 and 2:
- Vehicle direction
- Vehicle type
- Driver impairment (suspected/preliminary only)
- Human contributing factor
- Speed
- Vehicle movement

Additional fields may be available upon request. For specific requests, contact the CDOT traffic data unit to discuss your data needs and identify if the data is readily available.

Format. Excel spreadsheet listings for each crash.

Data that is NOT available from CDOT:

- Personal identifying information
- Data requested in such a way as to make personal identifying information available
- Copies of individual crash reports (DR2447 or DR3447)
- Some geocoded data (i.e., latitude and longitude coordinates for non-state highways)
- Mapped crash data, except reports that are already published and publicly available

- Requests that require CDOT to develop new reports that do not already exist, require significant analysis to produce, require connectivity to other data not easily available to CDOT, other requests that require the development of a CDOT work product, etc.
- Crash data that has not been released
- Copies of the entire crash database
- Citation, charging, or adjudicated data

Data Requests:

For requests of crash records, requests should be sent to the Department of Revenue (DOR). CDOT is not the legal custodian of these records and will refer requests to DOR. Copies of original crash records may also be available directly from the responding law enforcement agency.

DOR's request form can be found here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/cora>

DOR has contracted with Colorado Interactive to meet large or bulk data requests. The contact information for this type of data is:
Colorado Interactive, LLC (303) 534-3468 x109

To request data from CDOT use the following link:
<https://www.codot.gov/topcontent/contact-cdot>

A general request form can be found here:
<https://www.codot.gov/library/forms/cdot1092.pdf> or requests may be emailed to Andrew.Hogle@state.co.us

Data requests go through the CDOT Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) process. Requests requiring more than one hour of staff time may require CDOT to charge the requestor. Additional information on CDOT's CORA process and procedures can be found here:
<https://www.codot.gov/topcontent/cora>

For internal partners and local government agencies, data requests may be sent directly to the CDOT Safety Programs, Data and Analysis unit manager, David Swenka at david.swenka@state.co.us.

Media inquiries may submit a CORA request or contact the CDOT Office of Communications directly at: sam.cole@state.co.us or andrew.hogle@state.co.us.

Fatal or FARS data requests

CDOT publishes fatal crash data on the FARS website. All official fatal data may be accessed here: <https://www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/Main/index.aspx>

For requests regarding summary toxicology data, current year fatal information, or other questions specific to fatal crashes, a CORA request may be made.