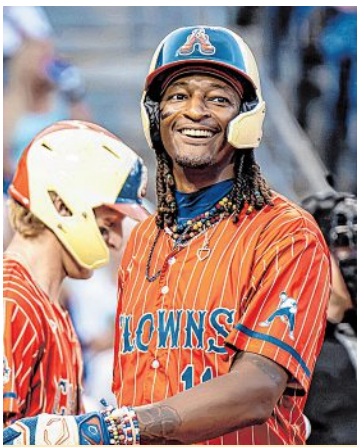


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BACK HOME

Former Yard Goat Correlle Prime returned to Hartford as a Banana Ball slugger recently.
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ALL BUSINESS ON THE FIELD

Giants' Cam Skattebo is ready to play and take a break from his signature backflips.
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WORK ZONE CAMERAS COMING

Speed cameras in work zones will soon be active at the Interstate 91, I-691 and Route 15 interchange project in Meriden as well as at a reconstruction project on Interstate 84 in Newtown, the state says.
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AUDIT: AGENCY FAILED TO REPORT \$1.4M IN LOSSES

The Department of Economic and Community Development failed to immediately report more than \$1.4 million in losses, an audit found.
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PROJECT REVISITS FLOOD OF 1955

The American Mural Project is looking back at the Flood of 1955 in a new exhibit, featuring photographs and artifacts from Winsted, New Hartford, Torrington and other towns.
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JOBLESS NUMBERS GROW

Connecticut's unemployment rate rose to 5.2% in June, a new high after six months of steady increases.
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EVERSOURCE REQUEST DENIED

Utility regulators have approved Eversource Energy's request to recover \$861 million in deferred storm damage repair costs but rejected the company's bid to charge customers hundreds of millions of dollars in interest on those expenses.
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Gubernatorial primary will test Dems' coalition

By Ken Dixon and Paul Hughes
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The Aug. 11 primary campaign between Gov. Ned Lamont and Hamden state Rep. Josh Elliott poses a test for Connecticut Democrats.

It's a barometer of the party's relative strength. It's a measurement of the number of Connecticut's tax-the-rich supporters at a time when the



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5th District Republican primary roiled by defamation suit. **A3**

more-moderate Lamont remains popular and seems on track for a third four-year term,

according to national political observers, including the Cook Political Report.

"I think it is a test of which faction is in control of that party and what the ideological orientation of the current Democratic Party is," said Gary Rose, a longtime professor and scholar-in-residence at Sacred Heart University who has studied and written about state and national politics for **Election continues on A9**

ONLINE CONN. PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

From governor to probate judge, CT Insider's primary guide has the details on all 17



resources and a voter lookup of local races. Early voting begins Monday. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera or go to CTInsider.com/voterguide.

primary races to be decided Aug. 11. It includes key dates,

How often different factors were identified in Connecticut crashes

Crashes might have multiple identified factors.

Factor	All crashes	Injury crashes	Fatal crashes
Followed too closely	328,056	84,693	140
Lane departure	297,852	73,853	1,434
Failed to yield	127,870	41,082	229
Weather / road surface	112,322	26,927	238
Improper turn / backing	108,806	14,032	63
Speeding	98,150	33,040	1,101
Distracted	68,573	20,879	115
Disregarded signal/sign	61,351	23,926	201
Inattentive / reckless	53,775	19,290	835
Impairment	34,188	14,797	951
Improper passing	30,248	4,675	81
Vehicle defect	29,025	7,916	132
Animal	19,075	2,235	12
Fatigue	16,343	6,101	34
Wrong-way driving	10,533	4,775	175
Work zone	8,374	1,635	21

From 2015 through June 2026.

Table: Philip Bump / CT Insider • Source: Connecticut Crash Data Repository

Data reveals factors, causes of nearly 379,000 vehicle crashes in Conn.

There are two types of doctor in the world: those who research how to prolong our lives and those who try to save us when we ignore that advice.

From our very first moments behind the wheel of a car, we're presented with the outputs of that first group. Stay within the speed limit. Pay attention to the road. Leave space between you and the vehicle in front of you. It's advice that enough drivers apparently ignored in Connecticut over the past decade to result in nearly 379,000 crashes — more than 1,000 of which included a fatality.

Over the next few weeks, CT Insider will be exploring the landscape of vehicular crashes in the state, from the often-tragic circumstances of individual incidents to big-picture looks at where and

why crashes occur.

This article, which falls into the latter category, kicks off the series. Using data compiled from the Connecticut Department

of Public Safety and Department of Transportation, the University of Connecticut's Connecticut Crash Data Repository contains detailed information on crashes that occur across the state. The database allows us to understand how and where crashes occur, including common factors that have been recorded at incidents around Connecticut.

For example, the most commonly identified factor in Connecticut crashes is not



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Shelton firefighters respond to a mock crash as part of the Choices Matter program at Shelton High School on May 9, 2025.

How often factors overlap in fatal and total crashes

The darker a point of intersection between two factors, the more common those factors were both present in recorded crashes.

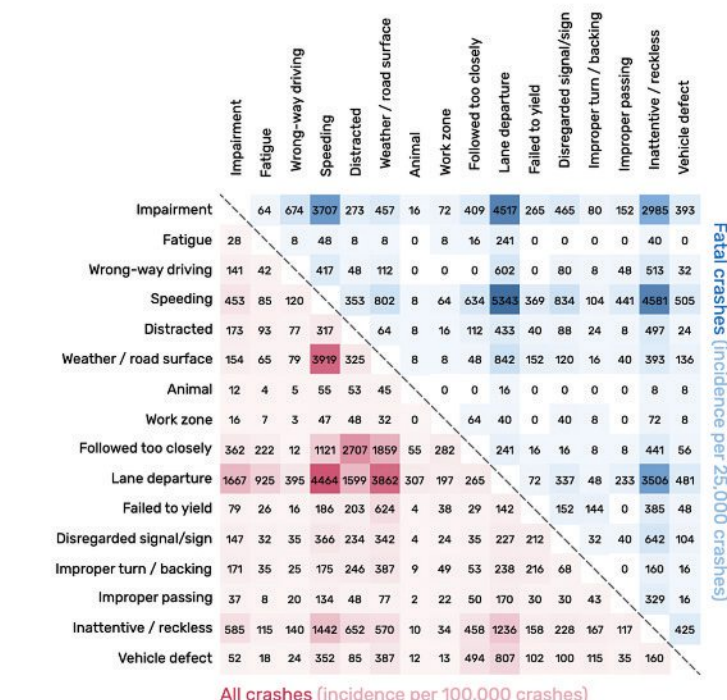


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Data for 2015 through June 2026.

speeding, as you might assume. Instead, it's drivers following too closely — tailgating, if you will — which was a factor in more than 328,000 crashes from 2015 through June of this year. That was followed by drivers swerving out of their lanes

(nearly 300,000 times) or failing to yield (128,000 times). By comparison, bad weather or road conditions were cited as factors in only 112,000 crashes.

Of course, different factors introduce different risks. Only **Bump continues on A8**

City completes repairs to 2nd water main break

Waterbury begins restoring service, officials say

By Sandra Diamond Fox and Cassandra Day
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WATERBURY — City staff and Dayton Construction successfully completed repairs to the second transmission water main break on Tompkins Street in Waterbury at about 1 a.m. Saturday, according to the mayor's office.

"Our water department crews and Dayton Construction worked around the clock under extremely challenging **Break continues on A8**



Dave Zajac/Hearst Connecticut Media

Crews work to repair a water main break on Tompkins Street near W.F. Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury on Friday. A boil water notice was still in effect Saturday morning after more than 15,000 residents and businesses lost service in the city's second water main break last week, according to the mayor's office.

New Milford approves bakery

Former Wall Street executive also plans commercial kitchen

By Rob Ryser
STAFF WRITER

NEW MILFORD — A former Wall Streeter with a mission to save Litchfield County agriculture has been allowed to convert a downtown site into a commercial kitchen and public-facing bakery by land use leaders who decided the business fit the spirit of the historic district.

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