

Gubernatorial primary will test Dems' coalition

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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 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.

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From the governor all the way to probate judge, CT Insider's primary guide has the details on all 17 primary races that will be decided Aug. 11. The guide also includes key dates, election resources and a lookup of the races in your area. Early voting begins Monday.



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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



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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.

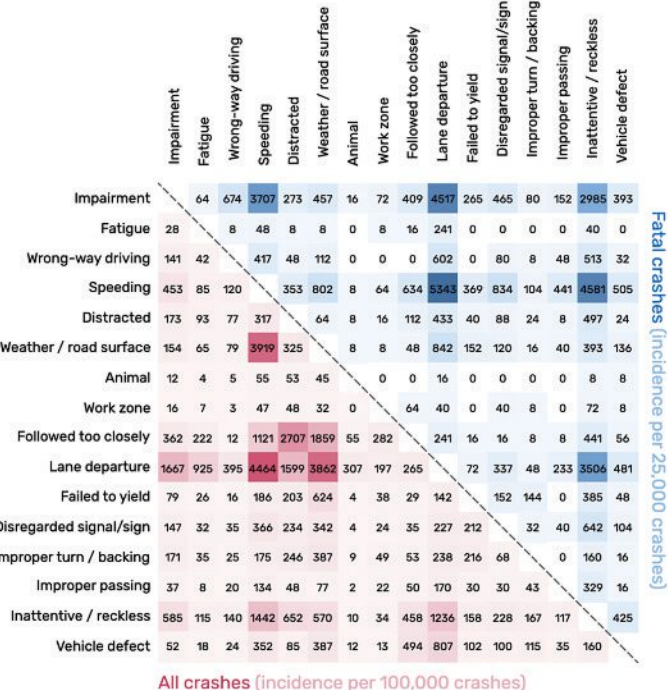


Chart: Philip Bump / CT Insider - Source: Connecticut Crash Data Repository
Data for 2015 through June 2026.

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

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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



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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

why crashes occur.

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

Lindsay Clancy jurors visit family home, restaurant and CVS tied to murder case

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Jurors in the murder trial of Lindsay Clancy on Friday visited the Connecticut native's former home in Duxbury, Mass. where she is accused of killing her three children in 2023.

Jurors also visited a restaurant and CVS Lindsay Clancy's former husband, Patrick Clancy, went to on the

day of the killings.

Earlier in the week, Patrick Clancy testified about how he left the home on Jan. 24, 2023 to pick up dinner and medication. He returned to find Lindsay Clancy injured beneath the second-story window, having jumped in a suicide attempt. The couple's children — 3-year-old Dawson, 5-year-old Cora, and 8-month-old Callan — were in the basement.

Prosecutors said Lindsay Clancy strangled her children — 3-year-old Dawson, 5-year-old Cora, and 8-month-old Callan — on Jan. 24, 2023. She then slit her wrists and neck and jumped from the second floor window of the home. She survived, but was left paralyzed and now uses a wheelchair.

Members of the news media were

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Lindsay Clancy

Panel finds probable cause attorney engaged in self-dealing, lied under oath in home sales

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A judicial panel released findings this week saying state-contracted attorney Kristan Exner engaged in self-dealing and provided false information to a probate court while under oath.

Exner, who serves as a conservator for hundreds of people across the state, will face a hearing on the panel's findings. The hearing was scheduled for Aug. 6, but an attorney for Exner has requested it be pushed back.

CT Insider first reported in October that



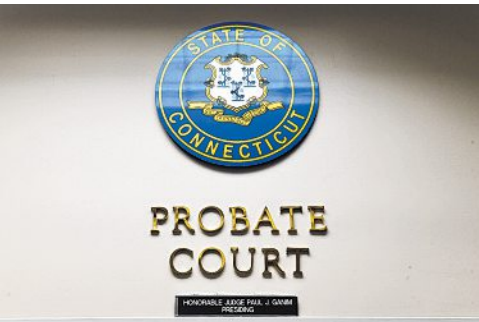
Exner

Exner sold two homes of residents she was appointed to represent to her own business partner, Joseph Garin. Both homes were resold by Garin within months at prices above what he purchased them for — in one case for more than two times what he purchased it for, property records show.

She also did not bring the home sales to the court for approval, according to probate records.

The Bridgeport Judicial District Grievance

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State of Connecticut Probate Court in Bridgeport.

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