On average, two people died each day in red-light running crashes in the United States in 2011.

From 2007-2011 an average of...
751 people died each year in red-light running crashes.

63 people died each month in red-light running crashes.

$378 million was lost each month in costs due to red-light running fatalities.

Total red-light running crash fatalities decreased 22% from 2007 to 2011, as the number of communities with red-light safety cameras increased 135%.

201 fewer people died in red-light running crashes in 2011 than in 2007, saving $1.2 billion in costs.

Year-to-year changes in red-light running fatalities reveal an average annual decrease of 5.6% from 2007 to 2011.

In 2011, about half of the red-light running deaths were people other than the red-light runner.
Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

In 2011, red-light running crashes injured 118,000 people.
Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.
The Value of Red-Light Safety Cameras

Cameras save lives

Within a few months after red-light cameras stopped operating in Virginia Beach, red-light running rates tripled at intersections where cameras were shut down. Within a year, the rate was four times higher, eliminating all traffic safety risk reductions. Two years later, the Virginia Legislature reinstated the law permitting the use of red-light cameras.


A 2012 study by Texas Transportation Institute found right-angle red-light running crashes decreased by 24% at intersections with red-light safety cameras.


A 2011 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found red-light safety cameras lowered red-light running fatalities by 24% and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 17% in a study of 14 large U.S. cities.


Red-light safety cameras have strong public support

A 2011 survey of 14 large cities with long-standing red-light camera programs found that two-thirds of drivers support their use.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety website, Q&A Red Light Cameras “Does the American public support red light cameras?” Why do we need red light cameras?” Downloaded July 18, 2013.

Red-light running fines fund community needs

In Florida, more than $4.4 million from red-light running fines has gone to spinal cord injury research to cure paralysis.

Source: Florida Department of Revenue.

Cameras save money for taxpayers, communities

A single fatal crash costs society $6.43 million* in 2013 dollars, and includes costs to victims, families, government, insurers and taxpayers.


*Figure is 2009 cost of $6 million adjusted for inflation using http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/