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## **There were nearly 1,000 crashes and spin-outs during snowstorm**

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New Jersey's first major snowstorm of the season dented a lot of cars.

Officers responded to 542 accidents from noon Sunday through Monday, according to Trooper Charles Marchan, a State Police spokesman. Troopers also fielded 430 "motorist aides" calls, which are often vehicles that spin out, but don't strike anything.

There were no fatalities, Marchan said. He added that the numbers may be updated.

The totals were substantially lower than what the state faced last year, when a November snowstorm led to nearly 1,000 crashes and almost 1,900 calls for aid. Two people also died.

This year's accidents included a tractor-trailer that ignored a ban not to be on the highway, and jackknifed on I-287 southbound in Morris County.

Parts of the state faced up to a foot of snow Monday, triggering school and office closures, speed restrictions, power outages and some flight cancellations.

Officials had implored residents to stay home Monday, and many appeared to heed that call.

"If you decided to stay home from work, first of all, thank you," Gov. Phil Murphy said during a news conference Monday.