

Driving Under the Influence

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(DUI) includes impairment due to alcohol, drugs, or both. However, most research concerns driving under the influence of alcohol. For alcohol-related DUIs, the level of alcohol is measured using the Blood Alcohol Concentration, or BAC. In 2013, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico had a law that defined impaired driving as a BAC of 0.08 grams/deciliter or higher. The number of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities has declined over the past decade.^D

NOTE: *Percentage breakdowns are for incidents where data is known. Data for 2013 unless otherwise indicated. Hover for data hyperlinks to source material.

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from the NASS, a random sample of police car-crash reports

31% of all traffic fatalities involve **alcohol-impaired drivers**, a rate of 0.34/100 million vehicle miles traveled^D



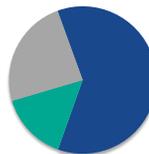
DUI Fatalities:^D

- Drivers with a BAC ≥ 0.08 (65%)
- Passengers of impaired drivers (16%)
- Occupants of other vehicles (11%)
- Non-occupants (8%)

Fatalities from alcohol-impaired driving **declined:**^D

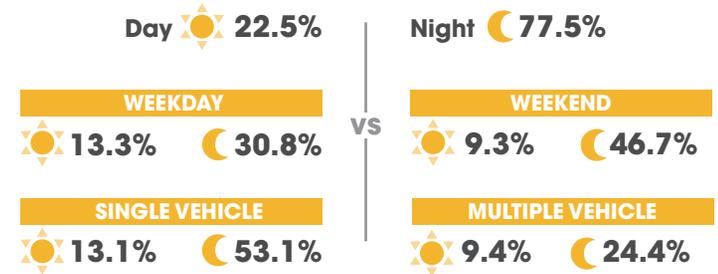


17% of the 1,149 **child traffic fatalities** (age 0-14) involve drivers with a BAC ≥ 0.08^D

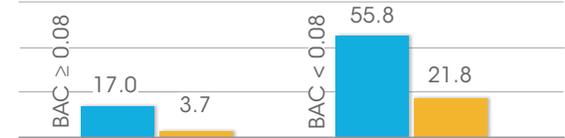


- > Of these, **61%** of children killed are **passengers** of impaired drivers
- > And **15%** are **pedestrians** or **cyclists**

9,461 drivers involved in fatal crashes have a BAC ≥ 0.08*^D

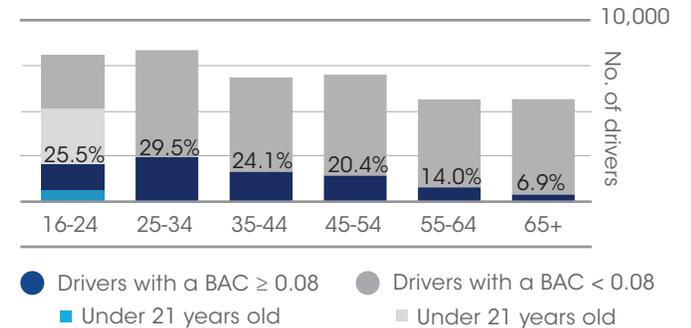


- Men
- Women



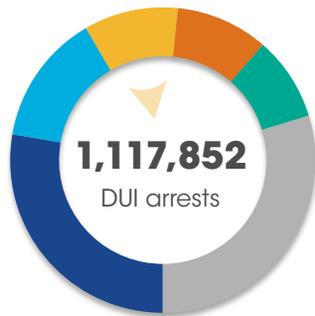
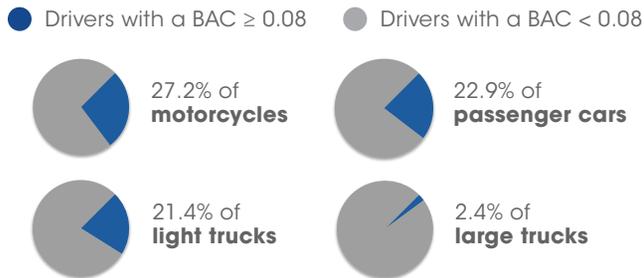
Percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes, by **driver sex** and **BAC**, where known^D

Percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes by **BAC** and **age**^D



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Fatal crashes by vehicle type:^D



- Property crimes (27.7%)
- Drug abuse violations (13.9%)
- DUIs (10.0%)**
- Other assaults (9.8%)
- Violent crimes (8.9%)
- Other arrests (29.7%)

Of DUI arrestees:^B

- Men (74.9%)
- Women (25.1%)



The number of arrests for driving under the influence **declined 18.5%** from 2010–2014^B

348.6/100,000 people are **charged** with driving under the influence^B



- > Self-reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs **declined 4.7%** from 2002–2013^C
- > **3.8%**, or 9.9 million people, report driving under the influence of illicit **drugs** during the past year^C
- > **10.9%**, or 28.7 million people, report driving under the influence of **alcohol** during the past year^C

- > **Sobriety checkpoints** may reduce alcohol-related crashes by **9%**^{*A}
- > **Ignition interlocks** decrease arrests for impaired driving by an estimated **70%**^{**A}
- > Only **1%** of the **121 million** self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving in 2012 resulted in **arrest**^A
- > **18%** of motor-vehicle driver deaths involved drivers under the influence of **drugs other than alcohol**^A

NOTES

^A**Sobriety checkpoints** are traffic stops where law enforcement officers assess the level of alcohol impairment of drivers.

^{**}Often court-ordered for drivers previously convicted of a DUI, **ignition interlocks** are devices that prevent a car's ignition from starting if the driver registers a BAC greater than 0.02 or 0.04 (by breathing into the device).

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