

Table 1108. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type, Speed Limit, and State: 2009

[Speeding consists of exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for the road conditions or any speed-related violation charged (racing, driving above speed limit, speed greater than reasonable, exceeding special speed limit)]

State	Traffic fatalities, total	Speeding-related fatalities by road type and speed limit								
		Interstate			Noninterstate					
		Total ¹	Over 55 mph	At or under 55 mph	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	Under 35 mph
United States	33,808	10,591	964	287	2,701	465	1,508	724	1,279	1,277
Alabama	848	327	21	2	75	10	100	24	27	27
Alaska	64	26	5	5	8	1	6	—	1	—
Arizona	807	283	54	6	23	20	61	13	25	33
Arkansas	585	105	19	2	39	3	11	4	12	11
California	3,081	1,087	145	18	266	39	100	100	161	119
Colorado	465	171	17	8	21	14	11	15	21	23
Connecticut	223	103	10	6	6	4	13	21	7	40
Delaware	116	44	5	1	8	14	6	3	2	3
District of Columbia	29	10	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	8
Florida	2,558	535	56	17	78	19	127	36	73	85
Georgia	1,284	238	17	13	54	10	42	12	47	30
Hawaii	109	59	—	5	2	1	10	1	20	20
Idaho	226	81	8	—	15	8	8	—	4	7
Illinois	911	325	41	10	113	5	23	15	27	64
Indiana	693	174	20	3	53	8	27	16	19	25
Iowa	372	62	5	3	28	4	3	1	8	8
Kansas	386	103	9	—	43	3	6	5	5	15
Kentucky	791	154	7	3	85	4	18	—	24	11
Louisiana	821	288	30	1	115	8	49	5	35	19
Maine	159	61	2	2	10	7	18	4	7	5
Maryland	547	184	10	21	15	39	11	37	18	28
Massachusetts	334	76	13	4	4	3	4	4	9	30
Michigan	871	205	16	2	95	7	16	7	17	34
Minnesota	421	95	5	5	48	4	2	2	1	20
Mississippi	700	106	9	1	24	4	25	4	18	10
Missouri	878	379	26	12	124	23	29	19	54	38
Montana	221	86	15	1	5	1	5	—	6	8
Nebraska	223	30	7	—	1	7	1	2	1	2
Nevada	243	91	12	2	11	—	23	—	20	8
New Hampshire	110	39	3	1	2	6	1	1	14	11
New Jersey	583	95	2	3	5	24	8	4	13	29
New Mexico	361	69	5	5	9	1	4	5	6	11
New York	1,156	368	6	8	142	11	32	22	20	57
North Carolina	1,314	517	32	2	270	9	125	8	49	13
North Dakota	140	32	4	1	10	—	3	—	1	2
Ohio	1,021	287	22	4	129	11	21	12	55	25
Oklahoma	738	234	26	2	25	7	83	18	8	14
Oregon	377	125	7	1	55	3	16	6	8	8
Pennsylvania	1,256	634	19	37	152	12	131	94	116	54
Rhode Island	83	28	—	5	—	2	—	—	4	9
South Carolina	894	337	37	1	99	9	84	29	43	22
South Dakota	131	41	12	—	19	2	2	—	2	—
Tennessee	989	209	10	10	35	10	48	30	29	30
Texas	3,071	1,228	106	37	149	40	116	104	132	140
Utah	244	104	23	5	9	9	5	12	10	10
Vermont	74	22	1	—	2	8	—	2	5	3
Virginia	757	147	8	8	45	3	20	8	27	18
Washington	492	208	16	—	15	22	15	10	41	44
West Virginia	356	120	20	1	44	2	13	5	11	8
Wisconsin	561	203	8	2	105	—	21	3	14	36
Wyoming	134	56	13	—	11	4	4	1	2	2

— Represents zero. ¹ Includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the speed limit was unknown.

Source: U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts, Speeding*, annual. See also <<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx>>.

Table 1109. Distracted Drivers—Crashes/Road Fatalities and Injuries: 2005 to 2009

["Distraction" is defined as a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead. It is worth noting that "distraction" is a subset of "inattention" (which also includes fatigue, physical conditions of the driver, and emotional conditions of the driver). For more information, see the appendices of the report at <<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811379.pdf>>]

Description	2005	2008	2009	Description	2005	2008	2009
Fatal crashes ¹				Drivers	4,217	5,477	5,084
				Percentage	7	11	11
Overall:				Fatalities	4,472	5,838	5,474
Crashes	39,252	34,172	30,797	Percentage	10	16	16
Drivers	59,220	50,416	45,230	People injured in crashes: ³			
Fatalities	43,510	37,423	33,808	Overall	2,699,000	2,346,000	2,217,000
Involving driver distraction: ²				Involving distraction:			
Crashes	4,026	5,307	4,898	Estimate	604,000	466,000	448,000
Percentage	10	16	16	Percentage of total	22	20	20

¹ Source: NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). ² For multi-vehicle crashes, the crash was reported as a distracted-driving crash if at least one driver was reported as distracted. In some of these multi-vehicle crashes, multiple drivers were reported as distracted. ³ Source: National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) General Estimates System (GES).

Source: U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts, Research Note, "An Examination of Driver Distraction as Recorded in the NHTSA Databases."* See also <<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx>>.