

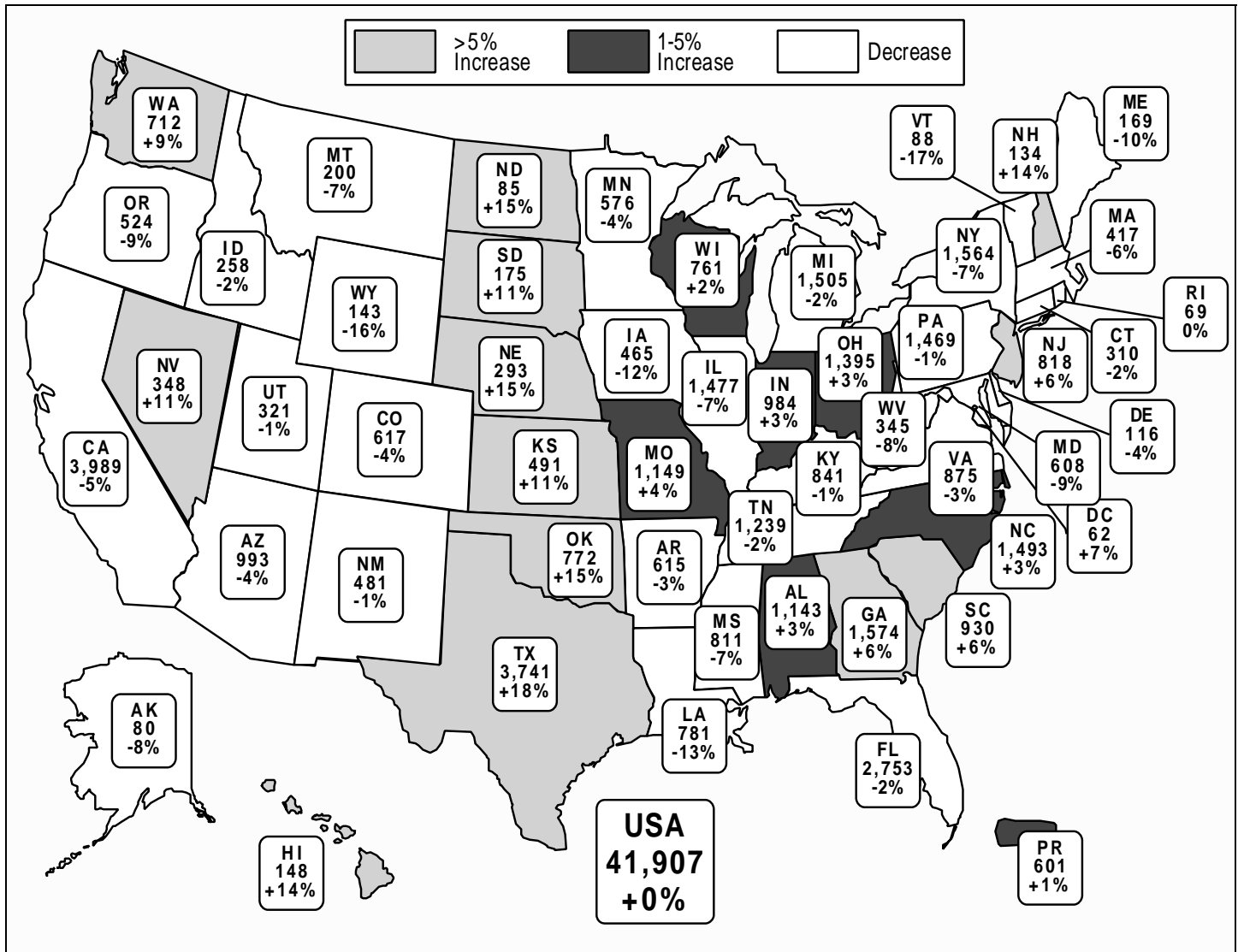
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State Traffic Data

1996 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change from 1995



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Table 1. Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1996

State	Traffic Fatalities	Population (thousands)	Licensed Drivers (thousands)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rates per			
						100,000 Population	100,000 Licensed Drivers	100,000 Registered Vehicles	100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled
AL	1,143	4,273	3,138	3,324	51,433	26.75	36.42	34.39	2.2
AK	80	607	440	531	4,115	13.18	18.18	15.07	1.9
AZ	993	4,428	2,727	2,983	42,123	22.43	36.41	33.29	2.4
AR	615	2,510	1,752	1,633	27,840	24.50	35.10	37.66	2.2
CA	3,989	31,878	20,249	25,214	278,043	12.51	19.70	15.82	1.4
CO	617	3,823	2,757	3,433	36,141	16.14	22.38	17.97	1.7
CT	310	3,274	2,344	2,609	28,135	9.47	13.23	11.88	1.1
DE	116	725	529	593	7,666	16.00	21.93	19.56	1.5
DC	62	543	333	237	3,316	11.42	18.62	26.16	1.9
FL	2,753	14,400	11,400	10,889	130,004	19.12	24.15	25.28	2.1
GA	1,574	7,353	4,966	6,283	89,132	21.41	31.70	25.05	1.8
HI	148	1,184	733	786	8,030	12.50	20.19	18.83	1.8
ID	258	1,189	820	1,061	12,961	21.70	31.46	24.32	2.0
IL	1,477	11,847	7,610	8,817	96,730	12.47	19.41	16.75	1.5
IN	984	5,841	3,704	5,216	66,220	16.85	26.57	18.87	1.5
IA	465	2,852	1,956	2,869	26,880	16.30	23.77	16.21	1.7
KS	491	2,572	1,788	2,110	25,942	19.09	27.46	23.27	1.9
KY	841	3,884	2,567	2,696	42,586	21.65	32.76	31.19	2.0
LA	781	4,351	2,624	3,318	38,095	17.95	29.76	23.54	2.1
ME	169	1,243	874	959	12,819	13.60	19.34	17.62	1.3
MD	608	5,072	3,377	3,635	46,187	11.99	18.00	16.73	1.3
MA	417	6,092	4,355	4,702	49,956	6.85	9.58	8.87	0.8
MI	1,505	9,594	6,717	8,010	90,215	15.69	22.41	18.79	1.7
MN	576	4,658	2,830	3,861	44,465	12.37	20.35	14.92	1.3
MS	811	2,716	1,700	2,182	30,562	29.86	47.71	37.17	2.7
MO	1,149	5,359	3,749	4,350	61,162	21.44	30.65	26.41	1.9
MT	200	879	574	973	9,446	22.75	34.84	20.55	2.1
NE	293	1,652	1,160	1,479	16,238	17.74	25.26	19.81	1.8
NV	348	1,603	1,117	1,096	14,158	21.71	31.15	31.75	2.5
NH	134	1,162	915	1,112	10,987	11.53	14.64	12.05	1.2
NJ	818	7,988	5,486	5,822	62,334	10.24	14.91	14.05	1.3
NM	481	1,713	1,179	1,545	21,510	28.08	40.80	31.13	2.2
NY	1,564	18,185	10,484	10,636	118,641	8.60	14.92	14.70	1.3
NC	1,493	7,323	5,187	5,759	78,395	20.39	28.78	25.92	1.9
ND	85	644	449	679	6,741	13.20	18.93	12.52	1.3
OH	1,395	11,173	7,853	9,770	103,090	12.49	17.76	14.28	1.4
OK	772	3,301	2,396	3,082	39,427	23.39	32.22	25.05	2.0
OR	524	3,204	2,613	2,851	30,319	16.35	20.05	18.38	1.7
PA	1,469	12,056	8,221	8,640	96,646	12.18	17.87	17.00	1.5
RI	69	990	669	696	7,120	6.97	10.31	9.91	1.0
SC	930	3,699	2,575	2,791	39,756	25.14	36.12	33.32	2.3
SD	175	732	519	751	7,817	23.91	33.72	23.30	2.2
TN	1,239	5,320	3,806	4,830	58,435	23.29	32.55	25.65	2.1
TX	3,741	19,128	12,568	13,487	185,386	19.56	29.77	27.74	2.0
UT	321	2,000	1,319	1,455	19,539	16.05	24.34	22.06	1.6
VT	88	589	469	503	6,377	14.94	18.76	17.50	1.4
VA	875	6,675	4,692	5,576	71,302	13.11	18.65	15.69	1.2
WA	712	5,533	3,808	4,603	49,405	12.87	18.70	15.47	1.4
WV	345	1,826	1,274	1,406	17,693	18.89	27.08	24.54	1.9
WI	761	5,160	3,724	3,972	52,782	14.75	20.44	19.16	1.4
WY	143	481	343	562	7,360	29.73	41.69	25.44	1.9
USA	41,907	265,284	179,539	201,626	2,482,202	15.80	23.34	20.78	1.7
PR	601	3,783	1,832	2,256	15,699	15.89	32.81	26.64	3.8

NA = not available.

Sources: Fatalities—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Licensed drivers, vehicle miles traveled, and registered vehicles—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Population—Bureau of the Census.

Table 2. Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975-1996

State	Fatalities						Percent Change				
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990	1975-1996	1995-1996
AL	902	940	882	1,121	1,114	1,143	+4	-6	+27	+27	+3
AK	112	88	127	98	87	80	-21	+44	-23	-29	-8
AZ	670	947	893	869	1,035	993	+41	-6	-3	+48	-4
AR	559	588	534	604	631	615	+5	-9	+13	+10	-3
CA	4,092	5,496	4,960	5,192	4,192	3,989	+34	-10	+5	-3	-5
CO	581	709	579	544	645	617	+22	-18	-6	+6	-4
CT	389	575	448	385	317	310	+48	-22	-14	-20	-2
DE	122	153	104	138	121	116	+25	-32	+33	-5	-4
DC	70	41	60	48	58	62	-41	+46	-20	-11	+7
FL	1,998	2,825	2,832	2,891	2,805	2,753	+41	0	+2	+38	-2
GA	1,360	1,508	1,361	1,562	1,488	1,574	+11	-10	+15	+16	+6
HI	144	186	126	177	130	148	+29	-32	+40	+3	+14
ID	281	331	255	244	262	258	+18	-23	-4	-8	-2
IL	2,041	1,975	1,534	1,589	1,586	1,477	-3	-22	+4	-28	-7
IN	1,128	1,166	974	1,049	960	984	+3	-16	+8	-13	+3
IA	670	626	474	465	527	465	-7	-24	-2	-31	-12
KS	509	595	486	444	442	491	+17	-18	-9	-4	+11
KY	863	820	712	849	849	841	-5	-13	+19	-3	-1
LA	934	1,219	931	959	894	781	+31	-24	+3	-16	-13
ME	223	265	206	213	187	169	+19	-22	+3	-24	-10
MD	670	756	729	707	671	608	+13	-4	-3	-9	-9
MA	864	881	742	605	444	417	+2	-16	-18	-52	-6
MI	1,779	1,750	1,545	1,571	1,530	1,505	-2	-12	+2	-15	-2
MN	754	848	608	566	597	576	+12	-28	-7	-24	-4
MS	546	695	662	750	868	811	+27	-5	+13	+49	-7
MO	1,045	1,175	931	1,097	1,109	1,149	+12	-21	+18	+10	+4
MT	291	325	223	212	215	200	+12	-31	-5	-31	-7
NE	369	396	237	262	254	293	+7	-40	+11	-21	+15
NV	218	346	259	343	313	348	+59	-25	+32	+60	+11
NH	151	194	191	158	118	134	+28	-2	-17	-11	+14
NJ	1,043	1,120	964	886	774	818	+7	-14	-8	-22	+6
NM	555	606	535	499	485	481	+9	-12	-7	-13	-1
NY	2,366	2,610	2,006	2,217	1,679	1,564	+10	-23	+11	-34	-7
NC	1,506	1,503	1,482	1,385	1,448	1,493	0	-1	-7	-1	+3
ND	167	151	90	112	74	85	-10	-40	+24	-49	+15
OH	1,766	2,033	1,646	1,638	1,360	1,395	+15	-19	0	-21	+3
OK	757	959	744	641	669	772	+27	-22	-14	+2	+15
OR	562	646	559	579	574	524	+15	-13	+4	-7	-9
PA	2,078	2,089	1,771	1,646	1,480	1,469	+1	-15	-7	-29	-1
RI	110	129	109	84	69	69	+17	-16	-23	-37	0
SC	820	852	951	979	881	930	+4	+12	+3	+13	+6
SD	195	228	130	153	158	175	+17	-43	+18	-10	+11
TN	1,126	1,153	1,101	1,177	1,259	1,239	+2	-5	+7	+10	-2
TX	3,372	4,366	3,678	3,250	3,183	3,741	+29	-16	-12	+11	+18
UT	272	334	303	272	325	321	+23	-9	-10	+18	-1
VT	143	137	115	90	106	88	-4	-16	-22	-38	-17
VA	993	1,045	976	1,079	900	875	+5	-7	+11	-12	-3
WA	758	971	744	825	653	712	+28	-23	+11	-6	+9
WV	461	523	420	481	376	345	+13	-20	+15	-25	-8
WI	930	972	744	769	745	761	+5	-23	+3	-18	+2
WY	210	245	152	125	170	143	+17	-38	-18	-32	-16
USA	44,525	51,091	43,825	44,599	41,817	41,907	+15	-14	+2	-6	0
PR	496	520	593	473	595	601	+5	+14	-20	+21	+1

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3. Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-1996

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled						Percent Change				
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990	1975-1996	1995-1996
AL	3.6	3.2	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	-11	-22	+4	-38	+1
AK	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.9	-25	-3	-22	-56	-8
AZ	4.2	5.3	4.1	2.5	2.6	2.4	+26	-23	-39	-44	-10
AR	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.2	-10	-14	-6	-45	-7
CA	3.1	3.5	2.4	2.0	1.5	1.4	+13	-31	-17	-54	-5
CO	3.5	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	-9	-31	-9	-51	-7
CT	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.1	+43	-33	-25	-48	-3
DE	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.5	+6	-47	+11	-55	-6
DC	2.3	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.9	-48	+58	-26	-19	+8
FL	3.2	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.2	2.1	+13	-11	-19	-34	-4
GA	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.8	0	-29	-12	-50	+1
HI	3.5	3.3	1.9	2.2	1.6	1.8	-6	-42	16	-47	+13
ID	4.8	4.8	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.0	0	-31	-24	-59	-7
IL	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.5	-17	-27	-14	-58	-9
IN	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.5	1.5	0	-20	-17	-50	0
IA	3.8	3.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.7	-13	-30	-13	-54	-15
KS	3.3	3.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.9	+3	-26	-24	-43	+8
KY	3.5	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.0	-9	-22	0	-44	-4
LA	4.6	5.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.1	+9	-44	-11	-55	-11
ME	3.1	3.5	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.3	+13	-31	-25	-57	-11
MD	2.7	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.3	-4	-15	-23	-51	-12
MA	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.9	0.8	-7	-24	-32	-69	-10
MI	3.1	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.7	-10	-18	-17	-46	-7
MN	2.9	3.0	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	+3	-37	-21	-55	-4
MS	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.7	+11	-17	-11	-30	-10
MO	3.4	3.4	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.9	0	-29	-8	-45	+1
MT	5.1	4.9	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.1	-4	-39	-17	-58	-7
NE	3.3	3.5	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.8	+6	-43	-5	-45	+12
NV	4.7	5.7	3.4	3.4	2.2	2.5	+21	-40	0	-48	+10
NH	2.9	3.0	2.5	1.6	1.1	1.2	+3	-17	-36	-58	+10
NJ	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3	0	-18	-17	-40	+3
NM	5.6	5.4	4.0	3.1	2.3	2.2	-4	-26	-23	-60	-2
NY	3.6	3.4	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.3	-6	-35	-5	-63	-10
NC	4.1	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	-12	-17	-27	-54	0
ND	3.7	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.1	1.3	-22	-45	+19	-66	+12
OH	2.8	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.3	1.4	0	-21	-18	-52	0
OK	3.3	3.5	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.0	+6	-31	-21	-41	+13
OR	3.5	3.4	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.7	-3	-24	-15	-51	-10
PA	3.3	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.5	-12	-21	-17	-54	-3
RI	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	+26	-21	-42	-49	-3
SC	4.0	3.8	3.6	2.8	2.3	2.3	-5	-5	-22	-42	+2
SD	3.8	3.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	-3	-43	+5	-41	+9
TN	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.1	0	-12	-17	-38	-5
TX	4.0	3.8	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	-5	-32	-19	-50	+15
UT	3.4	3.1	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.6	-9	-19	-24	-52	-5
VT	4.3	3.7	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	-14	-32	-40	-68	-19
VA	2.9	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.2	-7	-26	-10	-58	-5
WA	3.2	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.3	1.4	+6	-35	-18	-55	+9
WV	4.4	4.9	3.3	3.1	2.2	1.9	+11	-33	-6	-56	-10
WI	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.4	-6	-35	-15	-56	-1
WY	5.4	4.9	2.8	2.1	2.4	1.9	-9	-43	-25	-64	-19
USA	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.7	-3	-24	-16	-50	-2
PR	7.3	6.0	5.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	-18	-5	-35	-48	0

Sources: Fatalities—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Vehicle miles traveled—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Table 4. Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1986 and 1996

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC with Known Results as of December 1996	
	BAC ≥ 0.01 g/dl			BAC ≥ 0.10 g/dl			Killed	Survived
	1986	1996	Percent Change	1986	1996	Percent Change		
AL	54.3	42.6	-22	43.0	34.1	-21	35.8	10.5
AK	52.1	51.1	-2	44.2	44.4	0	51.1	72.2
AZ	55.8	43.9	-21	45.4	34.8	-23	47.2	8.6
AR	58.9	34.7	-41	47.0	26.9	-43	58.1	31.0
CA	51.5	40.2	-22	39.9	30.1	-25	85.4	22.8
CO	57.9	39.6	-32	47.0	33.0	-30	90.5	36.7
CT	58.8	49.2	-16	46.4	38.2	-18	80.6	22.0
DE	58.2	41.0	-30	47.1	28.5	-39	87.3	57.3
DC	32.8	49.2	+50	21.3	36.0	+69	0.0	27.1
FL	52.6	36.9	-30	42.0	29.1	-31	61.5	17.2
GA	50.2	36.0	-28	39.7	27.6	-30	81.8	71.5
HI	57.5	44.4	-23	45.3	31.5	-30	93.4	30.2
ID	53.0	33.8	-36	42.1	26.0	-38	67.3	28.2
IL	53.0	45.0	-15	42.0	36.1	-14	89.8	12.0
IN	50.2	34.1	-32	39.0	27.0	-31	65.3	46.0
IA	49.6	42.5	-14	40.4	33.0	-18	56.0	38.8
KS	50.3	40.9	-19	39.6	30.0	-24	59.6	36.7
KY	46.3	35.2	-24	38.1	28.1	-26	54.8	29.6
LA	49.4	51.4	+4	38.2	39.6	+4	58.4	58.4
ME	51.4	37.5	-27	38.5	29.0	-25	96.2	42.5
MD	49.1	33.0	-33	38.5	24.0	-38	75.7	2.5
MA	55.4	44.4	-20	40.8	32.0	-22	45.4	1.0
MI	50.8	40.7	-20	40.8	31.6	-23	71.2	29.8
MN	48.6	37.9	-22	39.9	30.0	-25	90.0	50.8
MS	16.7	41.6	+149	12.3	33.1	+169	86.3	46.9
MO	50.8	49.4	-3	39.7	38.7	-3	71.7	10.6
MT	53.7	37.1	-31	45.3	33.0	-27	48.6	53.3
NE	48.7	33.6	-31	36.3	26.0	-28	83.2	70.9
NV	55.5	50.1	-10	44.8	37.3	-17	78.3	37.3
NH	78.0	34.7	-56	35.8	26.4	-26	87.8	58.7
NJ	45.6	34.2	-25	32.1	25.4	-21	64.3	28.4
NM	63.1	50.1	-21	51.0	42.0	-18	86.8	7.4
NY	42.6	33.4	-22	31.3	24.0	-23	47.8	4.7
NC	47.0	35.1	-25	37.9	27.8	-27	79.2	0.2
ND	41.0	53.4	+30	37.8	44.9	+19	45.6	24.6
OH	54.5	33.0	-39	44.1	25.6	-42	47.7	15.1
OK	44.9	36.3	-19	33.9	28.2	-17	69.5	4.2
OR	48.6	42.2	-13	37.9	32.6	-14	92.7	37.4
PA	52.9	39.1	-26	43.6	32.3	-26	76.9	16.4
RI	63.0	48.4	-23	47.6	36.2	-24	93.9	13.5
SC	56.0	42.4	-24	45.0	33.6	-25	48.1	6.5
SD	54.6	39.9	-27	46.0	31.1	-32	77.6	59.6
TN	55.4	40.2	-27	45.0	32.8	-27	69.4	42.4
TX	65.1	53.2	-18	51.2	42.3	-17	49.2	27.4
UT	34.8	23.7	-32	28.6	18.7	-35	79.2	70.6
VT	69.5	43.9	-37	43.5	36.9	-15	73.5	48.3
VA	51.9	38.6	-26	40.0	30.2	-25	65.5	0.7
WA	58.2	50.0	-14	46.4	40.1	-14	88.4	22.6
WV	52.7	38.0	-28	43.1	31.6	-27	83.5	22.5
WI	56.7	42.4	-25	47.7	34.2	-28	85.1	37.8
WY	54.2	40.6	-25	45.8	26.2	-43	85.7	48.5
USA	52.2	40.9	-22	41.1	32.0	-22	68.2	25.0
PR	66.6	53.3	-20	51.6	41.5	-20	86.0	55.2

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities and Costs by Road Type and Speed Limit, 1996

State	Total Traffic Fatalities	Speeding-Related Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit									Estimated Costs of Speeding-Related Crashes by Road Type (Million 1994 Dollars)		
		Total	Interstate		Non-Interstate						Total	Interstate	Non-Interstate
			>55 mph	≤55 mph	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	<35 mph			
AL	1,143	432	37	11	157	16	109	29	39	26	483	58	425
AK	80	29	1	5	6	0	4	1	2	4	64	11	53
AZ	993	286	29	19	46	15	49	35	37	38	501	75	426
AR	615	227	11	9	126	0	21	11	15	17	300	35	265
CA	3,989	1,435	230	15	385	55	126	113	179	142	3,108	462	2,646
CO	617	266	39	8	98	15	27	23	25	30	433	67	366
CT	310	87	0	8	8	0	10	7	17	37	377	47	330
DE	116	24	0	1	4	11	0	3	2	3	66	7	59
DC	62	30	0	1	0	2	4	0	2	21	102	10	92
FL	2,753	722	51	36	128	29	119	66	84	92	1,638	221	1,416
GA	1,574	367	28	18	168	7	46	13	47	36	791	104	687
HI	148	52	0	3	5	1	6	0	18	19	130	14	116
ID	258	101	15	1	29	14	7	0	14	10	124	18	106
IL	1,477	484	33	48	215	5	18	30	7	128	1,229	179	1,048
IN	984	207	12	11	58	8	17	19	21	32	506	67	439
IA	465	64	9	0	24	5	7	0	10	8	212	29	183
KS	491	128	7	3	52	4	4	8	9	17	241	27	214
KY	841	253	13	6	165	0	19	0	38	8	416	46	370
LA	781	160	9	8	73	7	21	7	18	15	452	58	394
ME	169	76	2	1	11	16	27	3	9	6	140	14	126
MD	608	93	3	8	10	11	6	17	10	23	525	70	455
MA	417	111	19	6	5	2	8	16	23	30	681	101	580
MI	1,505	369	28	19	178	8	35	12	34	45	997	134	864
MN	576	159	2	8	102	7	8	1	4	21	359	39	320
MS	811	140	20	7	49	19	16	11	8	9	217	34	183
MO	1,149	470	52	15	216	4	21	27	49	43	706	99	607
MT	200	85	5	1	22	0	3	0	4	3	100	20	80
NE	293	81	16	0	11	29	2	2	3	6	169	27	143
NV	348	113	19	0	9	4	29	0	17	14	216	32	184
NH	134	30	0	2	3	3	2	6	7	7	79	9	70
NJ	818	83	0	14	12	20	5	6	2	23	1,017	140	877
NM	481	180	30	2	44	15	15	4	24	15	240	37	203
NY	1,564	409	10	15	163	16	17	26	18	53	2,242	277	1,965
NC	1,493	531	22	15	334	2	79	1	70	6	969	106	864
ND	85	45	1	0	35	1	1	0	1	3	55	4	51
OH	1,395	357	23	6	203	3	23	12	44	38	1,242	153	1,089
OK	772	347	47	8	66	15	46	21	14	12	425	63	362
OR	524	144	11	2	90	0	8	12	14	6	274	32	242
PA	1,469	533	28	20	160	12	114	66	87	41	1,108	130	979
RI	69	25	0	4	1	5	1	0	2	12	84	12	72
SC	930	434	40	14	177	12	89	19	45	38	511	66	445
SD	175	46	5	2	20	1	8	1	1	1	71	10	61
TN	1,239	332	23	14	124	10	56	38	26	41	571	71	500
TX	3,741	1,464	163	61	274	48	114	101	115	122	2,468	361	2,107
UT	321	88	28	2	17	7	3	14	4	10	163	33	130
VT	88	48	5	1	1	22	1	7	8	3	60	8	52
VA	875	236	22	10	129	1	35	4	17	15	598	81	517
WA	712	249	22	3	51	49	15	14	45	38	634	78	556
WV	345	98	12	1	51	2	7	3	15	7	182	24	157
WI	761	208	13	4	119	2	16	4	10	26	461	54	407
WY	143	60	15	0	5	3	5	2	2	11	71	15	56
USA*	41,907	12,998	1,210	476	4,439	543	1,429	815	1,316	1,411	28,805	3,868	24,937
PR	601	297	0	88	12	10	61	25	60	41	659	195	464

*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 1996, 5,636 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 547 occurred on roads with speed limits above 65 mph.

Notes: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. The total column for speeding-related fatalities includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the speed limit was unknown. The total column for costs of speeding-related crashes includes costs for crashes that occurred on unknown road types. Costs are based on preliminary estimates.

Table 6. Passenger Car Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 1996

State	Passenger Car Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent That Were:			Total	Percent That Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	683	27.1	66.8	6.1	31	93.5	3.2	3.2
AK	34	26.5	58.8	14.7	6	33.3	66.7	0.0
AZ	385	34.0	53.8	12.2	69	27.5	68.1	4.3
AR	316	24.1	58.5	17.4	25	72.0	28.0	0.0
CA	1,873	49.7	33.5	16.8	232	77.6	18.5	3.9
CO	287	36.6	63.1	0.3	50	24.0	76.0	0.0
CT	180	22.8	61.1	16.1	32	31.3	65.6	3.1
DE	61	52.5	42.6	4.9	10	60.0	30.0	10.0
DC	28	21.4	46.4	32.1	4	0.0	100.0	0.0
FL	1,411	39.5	57.3	3.1	160	85.0	14.4	0.6
GA	890	29.6	55.4	15.1	47	85.1	8.5	6.4
HI	63	47.6	42.9	9.5	20	10.0	90.0	0.0
ID	132	33.3	60.6	6.1	12	25.0	75.0	0.0
IL	873	30.0	51.2	18.8	109	7.3	79.8	12.8
IN	599	34.9	55.4	9.7	62	14.5	79.0	6.5
IA	284	42.3	42.6	15.1	17	11.8	88.2	0.0
KS	278	27.7	59.4	12.9	19	10.5	84.2	5.3
KY	488	31.4	66.0	2.7	28	67.9	32.1	0.0
LA	376	33.5	48.7	17.8	28	64.3	35.7	0.0
ME	86	36.0	53.5	10.5	15	13.3	86.7	0.0
MD	346	54.0	39.9	6.1	25	68.0	28.0	4.0
MA	240	19.6	55.4	25.0	34	73.5	11.8	14.7
MI	855	45.0	42.2	12.7	61	86.9	11.5	1.6
MN	327	39.4	52.0	8.6	42	21.4	73.8	4.8
MS	495	21.6	77.6	0.8	10	30.0	70.0	0.0
MO	648	27.2	59.7	13.1	35	77.1	20.0	2.9
MT	87	39.1	59.8	1.1	9	22.2	77.8	0.0
NE	159	27.7	54.1	18.2	6	83.3	0.0	16.7
NV	145	35.9	58.6	5.5	19	94.7	5.3	0.0
NH	70	35.7	50.0	14.3	22	4.5	86.4	9.1
NJ	454	37.9	57.3	4.8	52	76.9	11.5	11.5
NM	199	38.7	58.3	3.0	26	7.7	92.3	0.0
NY	827	41.7	48.6	9.7	95	53.7	43.2	3.2
NC	889	48.0	38.2	13.7	72	79.2	20.8	0.0
ND	34	17.6	76.5	5.9	5	0.0	100.0	0.0
OH	868	38.5	56.3	5.2	117	6.8	93.2	0.0
OK	400	27.5	71.8	0.8	25	28.0	72.0	0.0
OR	269	53.2	37.9	8.9	28	89.3	10.7	0.0
PA	833	33.5	50.7	15.8	98	74.5	18.4	7.1
RI	36	19.4	80.6	0.0	3	0.0	100.0	0.0
SC	526	43.0	56.7	0.4	54	27.8	72.2	0.0
SD	94	30.9	59.6	9.6	9	11.1	88.9	0.0
TN	711	30.9	66.0	3.1	50	86.0	14.0	0.0
TX	1,833	45.8	51.2	3.0	115	77.4	22.6	0.0
UT	137	33.6	59.9	6.6	21	4.8	95.2	0.0
VT	58	32.8	67.2	0.0	3	100.0	0.0	0.0
VA	493	31.2	59.4	9.3	36	25.0	61.1	13.9
WA	360	45.6	50.3	4.2	41	85.4	14.6	0.0
WV	172	41.3	55.2	3.5	10	90.0	10.0	0.0
WI	466	37.3	56.0	6.7	52	21.2	76.9	1.9
WY	59	28.8	71.2	0.0	9	44.4	55.6	0.0
USA	22,417	37.6	53.1	9.2	2,160	53.7	42.9	3.4
PR	291	24.7	75.3	0.0	26	7.7	92.3	0.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7. Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, 1996

State	Traffic Fatalities by Person Type					Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes by Vehicle Type					
	Total	Percent That Were:				Total	Percent That Were:				
		Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	Pedal-cyclists		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other
AL	1,143	67.3	24.7	7.5	0.5	1,554	55.7	31.6	9.0	2.2	1.4
AK	80	58.8	26.3	10.0	5.0	110	34.6	41.3	6.7	5.8	11.5
AZ	993	46.3	33.9	16.7	2.9	1,318	45.1	37.3	6.0	5.1	6.5
AR	615	68.0	26.5	4.7	0.8	796	44.5	38.8	12.4	2.8	1.5
CA	3,989	50.8	25.6	20.0	3.1	5,405	54.4	32.2	6.8	4.5	2.1
CO	617	57.9	28.7	12.0	1.5	811	45.3	39.4	6.8	6.1	2.4
CT	310	63.2	19.0	16.5	1.3	434	62.2	20.7	7.5	8.5	1.2
DE	116	54.3	25.9	17.2	2.6	196	54.0	25.4	8.5	6.9	5.3
DC	62	38.7	25.8	33.9	1.6	97	58.1	22.6	4.3	4.3	10.8
FL	2,753	51.9	24.3	19.7	3.9	3,961	58.2	27.1	7.1	4.2	3.5
GA	1,574	61.1	27.6	10.2	1.0	2,154	54.0	32.0	9.9	2.1	2.0
HI	148	51.4	25.7	19.6	3.4	213	48.8	34.0	5.4	10.3	1.5
ID	258	62.8	31.0	5.0	1.2	342	42.6	41.7	10.9	3.6	1.2
IL	1,477	57.3	26.8	13.9	1.9	2,040	61.3	24.0	7.2	5.2	2.3
IN	984	65.5	25.7	7.8	0.6	1,411	54.3	28.3	11.4	4.2	1.8
IA	465	66.5	26.5	4.7	2.4	680	52.1	30.1	12.6	2.7	2.5
KS	491	69.0	26.1	4.5	0.4	680	51.0	34.9	9.2	3.0	2.1
KY	841	63.6	28.7	6.4	0.8	1,127	52.4	34.6	8.2	2.3	2.5
LA	781	56.6	26.1	14.6	2.0	1,028	48.0	38.1	7.5	2.8	3.5
ME	169	62.1	27.2	10.1	0.6	225	53.7	31.2	6.0	7.3	1.8
MD	608	54.9	23.0	20.7	1.3	862	60.1	26.7	7.7	2.8	2.8
MA	417	57.2	22.1	17.8	1.7	553	63.1	22.5	6.2	6.0	2.2
MI	1,505	59.6	25.0	13.2	2.2	2,238	56.0	31.7	7.1	2.7	2.4
MN	576	62.5	28.3	8.2	1.0	834	54.4	29.1	7.8	4.9	3.7
MS	811	64.6	28.9	5.9	0.6	1,047	55.0	32.3	8.5	1.1	3.2
MO	1,149	65.7	25.2	8.4	0.3	1,538	51.9	33.9	9.8	2.3	2.1
MT	200	54.5	38.0	6.5	1.0	253	37.8	49.8	7.6	3.6	1.2
NE	293	63.1	28.7	6.1	1.4	363	47.4	35.5	13.3	2.2	1.7
NV	348	50.3	28.4	19.5	1.7	447	46.3	38.1	9.0	4.3	2.3
NH	134	61.2	23.1	13.4	2.2	203	52.9	26.7	6.3	11.5	2.6
NJ	818	54.5	21.3	21.9	2.2	1,160	64.0	23.0	7.0	4.4	1.6
NM	481	48.6	37.6	12.9	0.4	607	40.7	43.4	8.8	4.7	2.5
NY	1,564	49.3	23.7	24.1	2.9	2,119	59.3	23.4	7.1	4.8	5.4
NC	1,493	59.5	26.6	11.3	2.5	2,076	57.2	29.1	8.0	3.4	2.3
ND	85	67.1	28.2	4.7	0.0	122	34.7	44.1	8.5	4.2	8.5
OH	1,395	65.4	24.7	8.7	1.2	1,987	57.0	24.8	10.4	6.0	1.7
OK	772	64.5	26.9	7.9	0.6	1,011	47.7	39.6	8.8	2.5	1.4
OR	524	55.0	31.7	11.5	1.5	684	49.9	36.6	8.5	4.0	1.0
PA	1,469	60.2	22.9	14.8	1.7	2,091	57.9	27.5	8.8	4.7	1.1
RI	69	47.8	24.6	23.2	2.9	89	61.6	25.6	7.0	3.5	2.3
SC	930	61.0	25.7	11.2	1.9	1,222	55.5	28.3	8.0	4.4	3.8
SD	175	56.0	36.0	6.9	1.1	206	45.0	37.6	8.9	4.0	4.5
TN	1,239	64.2	27.5	7.6	0.4	1,710	53.5	32.3	9.7	2.9	1.6
TX	3,741	57.0	29.0	12.0	1.6	4,907	46.6	40.5	8.4	2.3	2.2
UT	321	52.3	34.6	10.3	2.8	418	41.6	41.6	7.7	5.3	3.6
VT	88	55.7	34.1	9.1	1.1	110	57.9	26.2	8.4	2.8	4.7
VA	875	59.9	25.8	13.0	1.1	1,222	57.4	28.3	9.6	2.9	1.8
WA	712	60.7	24.0	12.9	2.0	982	48.9	37.1	7.1	3.9	3.1
WV	345	64.9	26.7	7.2	1.2	467	45.2	37.6	12.5	2.2	2.6
WI	761	64.4	26.7	7.1	1.7	1,077	54.2	30.0	8.8	4.6	2.4
WY	143	63.6	27.3	7.0	2.1	165	35.8	49.7	6.9	5.7	1.9
USA	41,907	58.4	26.5	13.1	1.8	57,136	53.5	31.8	8.3	3.8	2.5
PR	601	40.4	23.0	33.8	2.8	780	64.0	20.2	5.8	3.6	6.3

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 8. Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws, and Belt Use Rates as of December 1996

State	Effective	Enforcement	Fine	Seats	Vehicle and Coverage by Law	Safety Belt Use Rate
AL	07/18/92	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, MY>'65.	52%
AK	09/12/90	Secondary	\$15	All	Motor vehicle. Over age 16.	69%
AZ	01/01/91	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, MY>'72.	60%
AR	07/15/91	Secondary	\$30	Front	Passenger car, truck, van.	51%
CA	01/01/86	Primary	\$20	All	Passenger car, van, small truck.	85%
CO	07/01/87	Secondary	\$15	Front	Passenger car, van, taxi, ambulance, RV, small truck.	56%
CT	01/01/86	Primary	\$37	Front	Passenger car, van, truck.	72%
DE	01/01/92	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car.	60%
DC	12/12/85	Secondary	\$15	Front	Vehicle seating 8 or less people.	63%
FL	07/01/86	Secondary	\$20	Front	Motor vehicle, pick up truck.	59%
GA	09/01/88	Primary	\$15	Front	Passenger vehicle, <10 people; pickup truck, <age 18.	53%
HI	12/16/85	Primary	\$20	Front	Vehicle registered in state.	80%
ID	07/01/86	Secondary	\$ 5	Front	Motor vehicle under 8,000 lbs.	59%
IL	07/01/85	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle to carry under 10 people, RV.	69%
IN	07/01/87	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, bus, school bus.	64%
IA	07/01/86	Primary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, truck 10,000 lbs. or less.	76%
KS	07/01/86	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van.	54%
KY	07/13/94	Secondary	\$25	All	Motor vehicles from model year 1965.	52%
LA	07/01/86	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van, truck under 6,000 lbs.	59%
ME	12/27/95	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger vehicles.	50%
MD	07/01/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger and multi-purpose vehicle, truck, tractor, bus.	70%
MA	02/01/94	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger car, van, truck.	53%
MI	07/01/85	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	67%
MN	08/01/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, pickup truck, van, RV.	65%
MS	03/20/90	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van.	46%
MO	09/28/85	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car to carry under 10 people.	71%
MT	10/01/87	Secondary	\$20	All	Motor vehicle.	70%
NE	01/01/93	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	64%
NV	07/01/87	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger car under 6,000 lbs.	71%
NH	--					57%
NJ	03/01/85	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car.	61%
NM	01/01/86	Primary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle under 10,000 lbs.	86%
NY	12/01/84	Primary	\$50	Front	Passenger car.	72%
NC	10/01/85	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger motor vehicle to carry under 10 people.	81%
ND	07/14/94	Secondary	\$20	Front	Motor vehicle.	42%
OH	05/06/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger and commercial car, van, tractor, truck.	63%
OK	02/01/87	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, pickup truck.	46%
OR	12/07/90	Primary	\$95	All	Motor vehicle.	80%
PA	11/23/87	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, truck, motor home.	71%
RI	06/18/91	Secondary	No	All	Passenger car. Over age 12.	58%
SC	07/01/89	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, truck, van, RV, taxi.	64%
SD	01/01/95	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car, truck, van, RV, taxi.	40%
TN	04/21/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Vehicle under 8,500 lbs.	64%
TX	09/01/85	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van, and certain trucks.	72%
UT	04/28/86	Secondary	\$10	Front	Motor vehicle.	56%
VT	01/01/94	Secondary	\$10	All	Passenger car.	67%
VA	01/01/88	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	70%
WA	06/11/86	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger and multi-purpose vehicle, bus, truck.	83%
WV	09/01/93	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car. Age 18 and under in rear seat.	58%
WI	12/01/87	Secondary	\$10	All	Motor vehicle.	64%
WY	06/08/89	Secondary	No	Front	Passenger car, van, pickup truck.	NA
USA					Population-weighted national average:	68%
PR	01/19/75	Primary	\$10	Front	Passenger car. Over age 4.	62%

Total states with safety belt use laws: 49 plus DC and Puerto Rico.

Notes: The safety belt use rates shown here may not correspond to the seats and vehicles covered by the individual state laws. NA = not available.

Table 9. Impaired Driving High-Priority Legislation as of December 1996

State	Administrative Per Se (BAC Level)	Illegal Per Se (BAC Level)	Lower BAC for Youthful DWI Offenders (BAC Level and Age)	License Sanction (Mandatory Minimum for a DWI Conviction)		
				First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
AL	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-90 days	R-1 yr	R-3 yrs
AK	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-10 yrs
AZ	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-90 days	R-1 yr	R-3 yrs
AR	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
CA	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.01 (<21)	--	S-30 days	R-3 yrs
CO	Y-0.10	0.10		--	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
CT	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
DE	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-6 mos	R-6 mos
DC	Y-0.05	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-6 mos	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
FL	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-12 mos	R-24 mos
GA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.04 (<18)	--	S-120 days	R-5 yrs
HI	Y-0.08	0.08		S-30 days	S-1 yr	R-1 yr
ID	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
IL	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	--	--
IN	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
IA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
KS	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
KY	Y-0.01	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	R-12 mos	R-24 mos
LA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.04 (<18)	--	--	--
ME	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-60 days	S-18 mos	S-4 yrs
MD	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
MA	N	No	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-45 days	R-6 mos	R-2 yrs
MI	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	S-5 yrs
MN	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-15 days	R-15 days	R-15 days
MS	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.08 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-3 yrs
MO	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
MT	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-3 mos	R-3 mos
NE	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-6 mos	R-1 yr
NV	Y-0.10	0.10		R-45 days	R-1 yr	R-1.5 yrs
NH	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-90 days	R-3 yrs	R-3 yrs

See footnotes on following page.

Table 9. Impaired Driving High-Priority Legislation as of December 1996 (Continued)

State	Administrative Per Se (BAC Level)	Illegal Per Se (BAC Level)	Lower BAC for Youthful DWI Offenders (BAC Level and Age)	License Sanction (Mandatory Minimum for a DWI Conviction)		
				First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
NJ	N	0.10	Y-0.01 (<21)	R-6 mos	R-2 yrs	R-10 yrs
NM	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	R-5 yrs
NY	A	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
NC	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
ND	Y-0.10	0.10		S-30 days	S-365 days	S-2 yrs
OH	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-15 days	S-30 days	S-180 days
OK	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	--	--
OR	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	S-90 days	S-1 yr
PA	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-1 mo	S-12 mos	S-12 mos
RI	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-3 mos	S-1 yr	S-2 yrs
SC	N	No		--	S-1 yr	S-2 yrs
SD	N	0.10		--	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
TN	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
TX	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.07 (<21)	--	--	--
UT	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-90 days	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
VT	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<18)	S-90 days	S-18 mos	R-2 yrs
VA	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
WA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
WV	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
WI	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<19)	--	R-60 days	R-90 days
WY	Y-0.10	0.10		--	S-1 yr	R-3 yrs
USA	Y - 41	0.08 - 13 0.10 - 36 No - 2	Y - 44	S - 17 R - 8	S - 18 R - 27	S - 14 R - 31
	Y = Yes N = No A = Alternative		Y = Yes		S = Suspension R = Revocation	
PR	N	No		--	--	--

Notes: An "administrative per se law" refers to a statute that allows a state's driver licensing agency to either suspend or revoke a driver's license based either on a specific alcohol (or drug) concentration or on some other criterion related to alcohol or drug use and driving. Such action is completely independent of any licensing action related to a DWI criminal offense. The term "illegal per se" refers to state laws that make it a criminal offense to operate a motor vehicle at or above a specified alcohol (or drug) concentration in the blood, breath, or urine. In those columns showing mandatory sanctions, a "blank" space does not mean that a state does not have a sanction. It only means that the state does not have a mandatory sanction for that offense or violation.

Source: "Digest of State Alcohol-Highway Safety Related Legislation," U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 808 204.

Table 10. Child Passenger Protection Laws as of December 1996

State	Effective Date	Restraint Requirement Age	Safety Seat Required	May Substitute Safety Belts	Penalty ⁽³⁾
AL	7/82	Under 6	Under 6	Either 4 or 5	\$10
AK	6/85	Under 16	Under 4	4 through 15	\$50, 2 points
AZ	8/83	Under 16	Through 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$50
AR	8/83	Under 14	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 14	\$30
CA	1/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$100
CO	1/84	Under 15 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$25
CT	5/82	Under 16	Under 4	Between 1 and 4 in rear seat	\$60
DE	6/82	Under 16	Under 4	No	\$25
DC	7/83	Up to 16	Under 3	Between 3 and 6	\$55, 2 points
FL	7/83	Under 16	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Over 4 up to 16	\$150, 3 points
GA	7/84	Under 16	Through 4	3 or 4	\$25-\$100
HI	7/83	Under 4	Under 3	Between 3 and 4	\$100 maximum
ID	1/85	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$100 maximum
IL	7/83	Under 6	Under 4	Between 4 and 6	\$25-\$50
IN	1/84	Under 5	Under 3	Between 3 and 5	\$50-\$500
IA	1/85	Under 6	Under 3	Between 3 and 6	\$10
KS	1/82	Under 14	Under 4	Between 4 and 13 in all positions	\$20
KY	7/82	40" and under	40" and under	No	\$50
LA	9/84	Under 5	Under 5	Between 3 and 5 in rear seat	\$25-\$50
ME	9/83	Under 19	Through 4	Between 1 & 4 if not in parent's vehicle	\$25-\$50
MD	1/84	Under 10	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 10	\$25-\$50
MA	1/82	Through 12	Under 5	Under 5	\$25
MI	4/82	Through 15	Through 4	1 through 4 in rear seat	\$10
MN	8/83	Under 11	Under 4	4 through 10 in rear seat	\$50
MS	7/83	Under 4	Under 4	No	\$25
MO	1/84	Under 4	Under 4	No	\$25
MT ⁽¹⁾	1/84	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 2	Between 2 and 4	\$10-\$25
NE	8/83	Under 5 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 5	\$25
NV	7/83	Under 5	Under 5	Under 5 in rear seat	\$35-\$100
NH	7/83	Under 12	Under 5	5 through 12 in all positions	\$500 maximum
NJ	4/83	Under 5	Under 5	Between 1½ and 5 in rear seat	\$10-\$25
NM	6/83	Under 11	Under 5	Between 1 and 5 in rear seat	\$25
NY	4/82	Under 10	Under 4	Over 4 up to age 10	\$100 maximum
NC	7/82	Under 12	Under 4	Between 4 and 12	\$25
ND	1/84	Through 10	Under 3	3 through 10	\$20
OH	3/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Over 4 and/or over 40 pounds	\$100 maximum
OK	11/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 5	Under 4 in rear, 4 to 5 in front or rear	\$25 maximum
OR	1/84	Under 16	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Over 4, over 40 pounds	\$95 maximum
PA	1/84	Under 4	Under 4	Over 4	\$25
RI	7/80	Through 12	Through 3	No	\$150 maximum
SC	7/83	Under 6	Under 4	Between 1 and 6 in rear seat	\$25
SD	7/84	Under 5	Under 2	Between 2 and 5	\$20
TN	1/78	Under 12	Under 4	No	\$25-\$50
TX	10/84	Under 4	Under 2	Between 2 and 4	\$25-\$50
UT	7/84	Under 8	Under 2	Between 2 and 8	\$20
VT	7/84	Through 12	Through 5	No	\$25
VA	1/83	Over 4	Under 4	Over 4 in front seat	\$50, 3 points
WA	1/84	Under 10	Under 3	Between 3 and 10	\$67
WV	7/81	Under 9	Under 3	Between 3 and 5	\$10-\$20
WI	11/82	Under 8	Under 4	Between 5 and 8	\$10-\$200
WY	4/85	Under 3 ⁽²⁾	Under 3 ⁽²⁾	No	\$25
PR	1/89	Under 4	Under 4	Over 40 pounds	\$10

⁽¹⁾Law applies only to parents and legal guardians.

⁽²⁾Or less than 40 pounds.

⁽³⁾Most states waive fines upon proof of safety seat acquisition.

Table 11. Status of State Motorcycle Helmet Use Requirements as of December 1996

State	Original Law	Subsequent Action, Date(s) and Current Status
AL	11/06/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
AK	01/01/71	Repealed effective 7-1-76 except for persons under 18 years of age, and all passengers.
AZ	01/01/69	Repealed effective 5-27-76 except for persons under 18 years of age.
AR	07/10/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
CA	01/01/85	Helmet use required by riders under 15 1/2 years of age. Effective 1-1-92 helmet use required for all riders.
CO	07/01/69	Repealed effective 5-20-77.
CT	10/01/67	Not enforced until 2-1-74. Repealed effective 6-1-76. Effective 1-1-90 adopted requirement for helmet use by persons under 18.
DE	10/01/68	Repealed effective 6-10-78 except for persons under 19 years of age. Also requires that a helmet be carried on the motorcycle for persons 19 and older.
DC	10/12/70	Helmet use required for all riders.
FL	09/05/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
GA	08/31/66	Helmet use required for all riders.
HI	05/01/68	Repealed effective 6-7-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
ID	01/01/68	Repealed effective 3-29-78 except for persons under 18 years of age.
IL	01/01/68	Repealed effective 6-17-69 after being declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court on 5-28-69.
IN	07/01/67	Repealed effective 9-1-77. Effective 6-1-85 adopted requirement for helmet use by persons under 18.
IA	09/01/75	Repealed effective 7-1-76.
KS	07/01/67	7-1-67 to 3-17-70 for all cyclists. 3-17-70 to 7-1-72 only for cyclists under 21 years of age. 7-1-72 to 7-1-76 for all cyclists. 7-1-76 to 7-1-82 applied only to persons under 16 years of age. After 7-1-82 applies only to persons under 18 years of age.
KY	07/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
LA	07/31/68	Repealed effective 10-1-76 except for persons under 18 years of age. Readopted for all cyclists effective 1-1-82.
ME	10/07/67	Repealed effective 10-24-77. Amended effective 7-3-80 to require use by cyclists under 15 years of age.
MD	09/01/68	Repealed effective 5-29-79 except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 10/01/92 helmet use required for all riders.
MA	02/27/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
MI	03/10/67	Repealed effective 6-12-68. New law adopted effective 9-1-69. Helmet use required for all riders.
MN	05/01/68	Repealed effective 4-6-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
MS	03/28/74	Helmet use required for all riders.
MO	10/13/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
MT	07/01/73	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NE	05/29/67	Never enforced. Declared unconstitutional by State Supreme Court and repealed effective 9-1-77. Effective 1/01/89 helmet use required for all riders.
NV	01/01/72	Helmet use required for all riders.
NH	09/03/67	Repealed effective 8-7-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NJ	01/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
NM	05/01/67	Initial law applied only to cyclists under 18 years of age and to all passengers. Law requiring helmet use by all cyclists adopted effective 7-1-73. Repealed effective 6-17-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NY	01/01/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
NC	01/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
ND	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
OH	04/02/68	Repealed effective 7-10-78 except for persons under 18 years, and first year novice.
OK	04/27/67	4-27-67 to 4-7-69 helmet use required for all motorcyclists. From 4-7-69 to 5-3-76 for cyclists under 21 years of age. 5-3-76 for cyclists under 18 years of age.
OR	01/01/68	Repealed effective 10-40-77, except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 6-16-88 helmet use required for all riders.
PA	09/13/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
RI	06/30/67	Repealed effective 5-21-76 except for passengers on motorcycles. Effective 7-01-92 helmet use required for persons under 21 years of age and first year operators.
SC	07/01/67	Repealed for ages 21 and over effective 6-16-80.
SD	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
TN	06/05/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
TX	01/01/68	Repealed effective 9-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 9-1-89 helmet use required for all riders.
UT	05/13/69	Helmets required only on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or higher. Effective 5-8-77 law changed to require helmet use only by persons under 18 years of age.
VT	07/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
VA	01/01/71	Helmet use required for all riders.
WA	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77. 7-1-87 helmet use required for riders under 18. Effective 6-8-90 helmet use required for all riders.
WV	05/21/71	Helmet use required for all riders.
WI	07/01/68	Repealed effective 3-19-78 except for persons under 18 years of age, and for all holders of learner's permits.
WY	05/25/73	Repealed effective 5-27-83 except for persons under 18 years of age.
PR	07/20/60	Helmet use required for all riders.

25 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require helmet use for all riders. 22 states require helmet use for certain riders. 3 states do not require helmet use for riders.