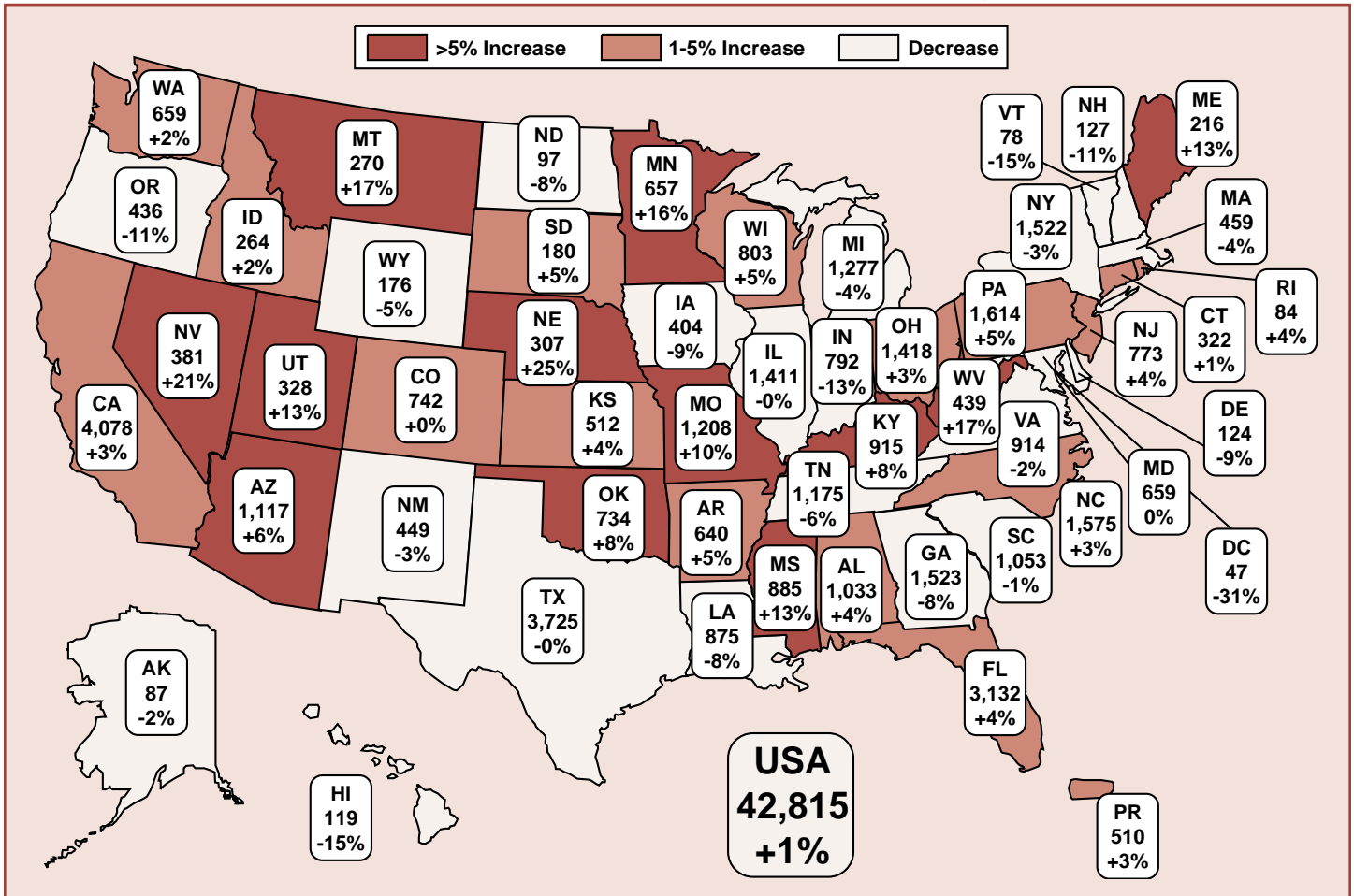




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2002 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change from 2001



For more information:

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Other fact sheets available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis are *Overview, Alcohol, Occupant Protection, Older Population, Speeding, Young Drivers, Pedestrians, Pedalcyclists, Children, Large Trucks, School Transportation-Related Crashes, Motorcycles, and State Alcohol Estimates*. Detailed data on motor vehicle traffic crashes are published annually in *Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System*.



Table 1. Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 2002

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	1,033	4,487	3,578	4,490	57,515	23.02	28.87	23.01	1.80
AK	87	644	480	639	4,896	13.51	18.11	13.62	1.78
AZ	1,117	5,456	3,668	4,159	51,334	20.47	30.45	26.86	2.18
AR	640	2,710	1,965	1,907	30,080	23.62	32.57	33.56	2.13
CA	4,078	35,116	22,395	30,154	320,942	11.61	18.21	13.52	1.27
CO	742	4,507	3,166	2,152	43,545	16.46	23.44	34.48	1.70
CT	322	3,461	2,672	2,977	31,205	9.31	12.05	10.82	1.03
DE	124	807	573	688	8,875	15.36	21.64	18.02	1.40
DC	47	571	309	239	3,547	8.23	15.19	19.66	1.33
FL	3,132	16,713	12,744	14,309	178,367	18.74	24.58	21.89	1.76
GA	1,523	8,560	6,013	7,757	108,321	17.79	25.33	19.64	1.41
HI	119	1,245	815	913	8,886	9.56	14.61	13.03	1.34
ID	264	1,341	907	1,429	14,167	19.68	29.11	18.48	1.86
IL	1,411	12,601	8,033	9,809	105,401	11.20	17.56	14.38	1.34
IN	792	6,159	4,221	5,800	72,523	12.86	18.76	13.65	1.09
IA	404	2,937	1,993	3,451	30,847	13.76	20.27	11.71	1.31
KS	512	2,716	1,935	2,390	28,443	18.85	26.46	21.42	1.80
KY	915	4,093	2,773	3,649	46,841	22.36	33.00	25.07	1.95
LA	875	4,483	3,168	3,714	43,295	19.52	27.62	23.56	2.02
ME	216	1,294	949	999	14,727	16.69	22.77	21.63	1.47
MD	659	5,458	3,523	3,941	53,702	12.07	18.70	16.72	1.23
MA	459	6,428	4,686	5,537	53,266	7.14	9.79	8.29	0.86
MI	1,277	10,050	7,025	8,738	100,144	12.71	18.18	14.61	1.28
MN	657	5,020	2,997	4,679	54,562	13.09	21.92	14.04	1.20
MS	885	2,872	1,861	1,982	36,429	30.82	47.54	44.66	2.43
MO	1,208	5,673	3,931	4,299	68,163	21.30	30.73	28.10	1.77
MT	270	909	695	1,086	10,395	29.69	38.86	24.86	2.60
NE	307	1,729	1,275	1,681	18,719	17.75	24.07	18.26	1.64
NV	381	2,173	1,461	1,289	17,966	17.53	26.08	29.56	2.12
NH	127	1,275	955	1,201	12,578	9.96	13.30	10.58	1.01
NJ	773	8,590	5,712	6,822	69,942	9.00	13.53	11.33	1.11
NM	449	1,855	1,244	1,573	22,789	24.20	36.10	28.55	1.97
NY	1,522	19,158	10,914	10,598	133,057	7.94	13.95	14.36	1.14
NC	1,575	8,320	5,943	6,241	92,894	18.93	26.50	25.24	1.70
ND	97	634	461	716	7,336	15.30	21.04	13.54	1.32
OH	1,418	11,421	7,708	10,741	107,861	12.42	18.40	13.20	1.31
OK	734	3,494	2,324	3,138	45,731	21.01	31.58	23.39	1.61
OR	436	3,522	2,564	3,144	34,578	12.38	17.01	13.87	1.26
PA	1,614	12,335	8,324	9,775	104,476	13.08	19.39	16.51	1.54
RI	84	1,070	721	799	8,142	7.85	11.66	10.52	1.03
SC	1,053	4,107	2,919	3,265	47,290	25.64	36.07	32.25	2.23
SD	180	761	546	848	8,499	23.65	32.94	21.23	2.12
TN	1,175	5,797	4,206	4,861	68,229	20.27	27.94	24.17	1.72
TX	3,725	21,780	13,185	14,899	221,026	17.10	28.25	25.00	1.69
UT	328	2,316	1,530	1,889	24,564	14.16	21.44	17.37	1.34
VT	78	617	529	564	9,677	12.65	14.73	13.84	0.81
VA	914	7,294	5,158	6,343	77,450	12.53	17.72	14.41	1.18
WA	659	6,069	4,381	5,471	54,776	10.86	15.04	12.05	1.20
WV	439	1,802	1,325	1,494	20,005	24.36	33.13	29.39	2.19
WI	803	5,441	3,530	4,762	58,746	14.76	22.75	16.86	1.37
WY	176	499	303	628	9,007	35.29	58.02	28.04	1.95
USA	42,815	288,369	194,296	225,685	2,855,756	14.85	22.04	18.97	1.50
PR	510	3,859	—	2,134	18,110	13.22	—	23.89	2.82

Sources: Fatalities—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS); Licensed Drivers (estimated)—Federal Highway Administration; Registered Vehicles by State (estimated)—Federal Highway Administration; Registered Vehicles for USA—R.L. Polk & Co. and Federal Highway Administration; Population—Bureau of the Census. Note: 2002 licensed driver data not available for Puerto Rico.

Table 2. Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975-2002

State	Fatalities						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2001	2002	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2002	2001-2002
AL	902	882	1,121	1,114	991	1,033	-2	+27	-1	+15	+4
AK	112	127	98	87	89	87	+13	-23	-11	-22	-2
AZ	670	893	869	1,035	1,051	1,117	+33	-3	+19	+67	+6
AR	559	534	604	631	611	640	-4	+13	+4	+14	+5
CA	4,092	4,960	5,192	4,192	3,956	4,078	+21	+5	-19	-0	+3
CO	581	579	544	645	741	742	-0	-6	+19	+28	+0
CT	389	448	385	317	318	322	+15	-14	-18	-17	+1
DE	122	104	138	121	136	124	-15	+33	-12	+2	-9
DC	70	60	48	58	68	47	-14	-20	+21	-33	-31
FL	1,998	2,832	2,891	2,805	3,012	3,132	+42	+2	-3	+57	+4
GA	1,360	1,361	1,562	1,488	1,647	1,523	+0	+15	-5	+12	-8
HI	144	126	177	130	140	119	-13	+40	-27	-17	-15
ID	281	255	244	262	259	264	-9	-4	+7	-6	+2
IL	2,041	1,534	1,589	1,586	1,414	1,411	-25	+4	-0	-31	-0
IN	1,128	974	1,049	960	909	792	-14	+8	-8	-30	-13
IA	670	474	465	527	446	404	-29	-2	+13	-40	-9
KS	509	486	444	442	494	512	-5	-9	-0	+1	+4
KY	863	712	849	849	845	915	-17	+19	0	+6	+8
LA	934	931	959	894	952	875	-0	+3	-7	-6	-8
ME	223	206	213	187	192	216	-8	+3	-12	-3	+13
MD	670	729	707	671	659	659	+9	-3	-5	-2	0
MA	864	742	605	444	477	459	-14	-18	-27	-47	-4
MI	1,779	1,545	1,571	1,530	1,328	1,277	-13	+2	-3	-28	-4
MN	754	608	566	597	568	657	-19	-7	+5	-13	+16
MS	546	662	750	868	784	885	+21	+13	+16	+62	+13
MO	1,045	931	1,097	1,109	1,098	1,208	-11	+18	+1	+16	+10
MT	291	223	212	215	230	270	-23	-5	+1	-7	+17
NE	369	237	262	254	246	307	-36	+11	-3	-17	+25
NV	218	259	343	313	314	381	+19	+32	-9	+75	+21
NH	151	191	158	118	142	127	+26	-17	-25	-16	-11
NJ	1,043	964	886	774	745	773	-8	-8	-13	-26	+4
NM	555	535	499	485	464	449	-4	-7	-3	-19	-3
NY	2,366	2,006	2,217	1,679	1,564	1,522	-15	+11	-24	-36	-3
NC	1,506	1,482	1,385	1,448	1,530	1,575	-2	-7	+5	+5	+3
ND	167	90	112	74	105	97	-46	+24	-34	-42	-8
OH	1,766	1,646	1,638	1,360	1,378	1,418	-7	-0	-17	-20	+3
OK	757	744	641	669	682	734	-2	-14	+4	-3	+8
OR	562	559	579	574	488	436	-1	+4	-1	-22	-11
PA	2,078	1,771	1,646	1,480	1,532	1,614	-15	-7	-10	-22	+5
RI	110	109	84	69	81	84	-1	-23	-18	-24	+4
SC	820	951	979	881	1,060	1,053	+16	+3	-10	+28	-1
SD	195	130	153	158	171	180	-33	+18	+3	-8	+5
TN	1,126	1,101	1,177	1,259	1,251	1,175	-2	+7	+7	+4	-6
TX	3,372	3,678	3,250	3,183	3,736	3,725	+9	-12	-2	+10	-0
UT	272	303	272	325	291	328	+11	-10	+19	+21	+13
VT	143	115	90	106	92	78	-20	-22	+18	-45	-15
VA	993	976	1,079	900	935	914	-2	+11	-17	-8	-2
WA	758	744	825	653	649	659	-2	+11	-21	-13	+2
WV	461	420	481	376	376	439	-9	+15	-22	-5	+17
WI	930	744	769	745	763	803	-20	+3	-3	-14	+5
WY	210	152	125	170	186	176	-28	-18	+36	-16	-5
USA	44,525	43,825	44,599	41,817	42,196	42,815	-2	+2	-6	-4	+1
PR	496	600	473	595	495	510	+21	-21	+26	+3	+3

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3. Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-2002

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2001	2002	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2002	2001-2002
AL	3.63	2.51	2.65	2.20	1.75	1.80	-31	+6	-17	-50	+3
AK	4.38	3.17	2.51	2.11	1.89	1.78	-28	-21	-16	-59	-6
AZ	4.19	4.14	2.45	2.61	2.12	2.18	-1	-41	+7	-48	+3
AR	4.01	3.12	2.87	2.37	2.08	2.13	-22	-8	-17	-47	+2
CA	3.09	2.39	2.01	1.52	1.27	1.27	-23	-16	-24	-59	0
CO	3.50	2.21	2.00	1.84	1.73	1.70	-37	-10	-8	-51	-2
CT	2.13	2.00	1.46	1.13	1.03	1.03	-6	-27	-23	-52	0
DE	3.37	1.94	2.11	1.61	1.58	1.40	-42	+9	-24	-58	-11
DC	2.27	1.86	1.41	1.74	1.81	1.33	-18	-24	+23	-41	-27
FL	3.24	3.22	2.63	2.19	1.77	1.76	-1	-18	-17	-46	-1
GA	3.46	2.53	2.22	1.74	1.53	1.41	-27	-12	-22	-59	-8
HI	3.47	1.86	2.19	1.64	1.61	1.34	-46	+18	-25	-61	-17
ID	4.78	3.31	2.48	2.13	1.84	1.86	-31	-25	-14	-61	+1
IL	3.56	2.17	1.91	1.68	1.37	1.34	-39	-12	-12	-62	-2
IN	3.02	2.39	1.95	1.49	1.27	1.09	-21	-18	-24	-64	-14
IA	3.75	2.35	2.02	2.03	1.49	1.31	-37	-14	+0	-65	-12
KS	3.29	2.52	1.94	1.76	1.75	1.80	-23	-23	-9	-45	+3
KY	3.50	2.50	2.52	2.07	1.83	1.95	-29	+1	-18	-44	+7
LA	4.60	2.79	2.53	2.31	2.20	2.02	-39	-9	-9	-56	-8
ME	3.14	2.22	1.79	1.49	1.33	1.47	-29	-19	-17	-53	+11
MD	2.66	2.19	1.74	1.50	1.27	1.23	-18	-21	-14	-54	-3
MA	2.75	1.87	1.31	0.92	0.90	0.86	-32	-30	-30	-69	-4
MI	3.06	2.29	1.94	1.79	1.34	1.28	-25	-15	-8	-58	-4
MN	2.94	1.86	1.45	1.35	1.06	1.20	-37	-22	-7	-59	+13
MS	3.80	3.45	3.07	2.94	2.18	2.43	-9	-11	-4	-36	+11
MO	3.41	2.37	2.16	1.87	1.62	1.77	-30	-9	-13	-48	+9
MT	5.08	3.03	2.54	2.28	2.30	2.60	-40	-16	-10	-49	+13
NE	3.29	1.97	1.88	1.61	1.36	1.64	-40	-5	-14	-50	+21
NV	4.74	3.42	3.36	2.24	1.72	2.12	-28	-2	-33	-55	+23
NH	2.85	2.53	1.61	1.11	1.15	1.01	-11	-36	-31	-65	-12
NJ	2.15	1.83	1.50	1.27	1.08	1.11	-15	-18	-15	-48	+3
NM	5.59	4.03	3.09	2.29	2.00	1.97	-28	-23	-26	-65	-2
NY	3.63	2.22	2.07	1.46	1.20	1.14	-39	-7	-29	-69	-5
NC	4.14	2.97	2.21	1.90	1.67	1.70	-28	-26	-14	-59	+2
ND	3.71	1.61	1.90	1.13	1.45	1.32	-57	18	-41	-64	-9
OH	2.75	2.18	1.79	1.35	1.29	1.31	-21	-18	-25	-52	+2
OK	3.33	2.39	1.93	1.74	1.57	1.61	-28	-19	-10	-52	+3
OR	3.53	2.61	2.17	1.91	1.42	1.26	-26	-17	-12	-64	-11
PA	3.26	2.35	1.92	1.57	1.49	1.54	-28	-18	-18	-53	+3
RI	1.94	1.87	1.14	1.00	1.01	1.03	-4	-39	-12	-47	+2
SC	3.98	3.56	2.85	2.28	2.27	2.23	-11	-20	-20	-44	-2
SD	3.76	2.07	2.19	2.06	2.00	2.12	-45	+6	-6	-44	+6
TN	3.42	3.03	2.52	2.24	1.85	1.72	-11	-17	-11	-50	-7
TX	3.99	2.57	2.08	1.76	1.73	1.69	-36	-19	-15	-58	-2
UT	3.42	2.52	1.86	1.73	1.24	1.34	-26	-26	-7	-61	+8
VT	4.32	2.45	1.54	1.71	0.96	0.81	-43	-37	11	-81	-16
VA	2.87	2.04	1.79	1.29	1.27	1.18	-29	-12	-28	-59	-7
WA	3.16	2.16	1.85	1.33	1.21	1.20	-32	-14	-28	-62	-1
WV	4.36	3.32	3.12	2.16	1.91	2.19	-24	-6	-31	-50	+15
WI	3.25	2.03	1.74	1.45	1.33	1.37	-38	-14	-17	-58	+3
WY	5.36	2.81	2.14	2.41	2.16	1.95	-48	-24	+13	-64	-10
USA	3.35	2.47	2.08	1.73	1.51	1.50	-26	-16	-17	-55	-1
PR	7.27	5.74	3.68	3.83	2.78	2.82	-21	-36	+4	-61	+1

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

Table 4. Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1992 and 2002

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC with Known Results in 2002	
	BAC ≥ 0.01 g/dl			BAC ≥ 0.08 g/dl			Killed	Survived
	1992	2002	Percent Change	1992	2002	Percent Change		
AL	48	40	-17	43	36	-16	5	11
AK	62	41	-34	50	39	-22	32	45
AZ	50	43	-14	44	38	-14	54	6
AR	49	38	-22	41	32	-22	73	51
CA	48	40	-17	40	32	-20	86	21
CO	50	41	-18	43	36	-16	81	25
CT	49	43	-12	43	38	-12	86	25
DE	43	41	-5	38	34	-11	82	53
DC	46	52	+13	39	47	+21	0	16
FL	47	41	-13	41	35	-15	65	24
GA	41	35	-15	36	29	-19	70	69
HI	53	42	-21	48	34	-29	61	38
ID	43	34	-21	38	28	-26	72	35
IL	49	46	-6	42	39	-7	90	22
IN	42	34	-19	34	28	-18	67	67
IA	40	32	-20	31	27	-13	44	34
KS	41	45	+10	34	40	+18	16	11
KY	41	33	-20	36	29	-19	57	36
LA	56	47	-16	48	40	-17	48	56
ME	42	24	-43	36	22	-39	92	90
MD	37	40	+8	32	33	+3	82	11
MA	54	48	-11	46	42	-9	42	3
MI	43	38	-12	37	33	-11	71	34
MN	41	39	-5	38	32	-16	85	61
MS	50	38	-24	43	33	-23	68	51
MO	48	43	-10	42	38	-10	78	11
MT	54	47	-13	50	39	-22	81	63
NE	34	38	+12	26	31	+19	85	83
NV	49	45	-8	45	39	-13	80	35
NH	32	40	+25	30	36	+20	90	75
NJ	37	39	+5	29	33	+14	56	20
NM	62	48	-23	57	42	-26	81	6
NY	37	31	-16	31	26	-16	43	4
NC	45	38	-16	40	34	-15	75	1
ND	44	50	+14	42	41	-2	81	14
OH	37	40	+8	32	35	+9	82	37
OK	45	34	-24	39	29	-26	76	2
OR	45	41	-9	37	35	-5	86	39
PA	47	41	-13	42	35	-17	68	12
RI	54	55	+2	50	45	-10	86	5
SC	44	52	+18	38	46	+21	69	2
SD	48	51	+6	42	44	+5	83	72
TN	49	40	-18	44	35	-20	44	32
TX	59	47	-20	53	42	-21	33	14
UT	32	22	-31	27	20	-26	56	44
VT	43	35	-19	39	28	-28	98	25
VA	44	41	-7	39	35	-10	43	1
WA	52	45	-13	46	40	-13	91	19
WV	48	41	-15	43	36	-16	89	27
WI	46	45	-2	40	40	0	80	38
WY	57	39	-32	49	35	-29	76	32
USA	47	41	-13	40	35	-13	65	25
PR	58	47	-19	49	39	-20	90	57

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit, 2002

State	Total Traffic Fatalities	Speeding-Related Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit								
		Total	Interstate		Non-Interstate					
			>55 mph	55 mph	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	<35 mph
AL	1,033	411	40	2	104	8	138	24	51	27
AK	87	33	10	4	4	0	9	1	2	2
AZ	1,117	436	55	7	71	19	74	44	44	40
AR	640	125	9	1	64	1	16	12	11	9
CA	4,078	1,468	228	15	389	46	123	113	168	155
CO	742	319	30	24	43	17	39	31	40	46
CT	322	154	9	19	5	6	7	16	21	68
DE	124	40	1	0	4	17	2	1	0	8
DC	47	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
FL	3,132	558	55	20	92	16	137	26	69	81
GA	1,523	313	13	5	96	5	58	16	78	20
HI	119	41	1	5	2	0	6	2	10	13
ID	264	88	10	0	17	9	8	0	14	3
IL	1,411	530	29	58	205	6	42	47	82	61
IN	792	185	12	8	69	5	21	21	22	24
IA	404	49	2	2	27	2	2	1	4	8
KS	512	300	24	0	93	8	10	13	9	36
KY	915	179	26	3	98	3	16	1	19	8
LA	875	107	5	2	47	3	13	6	16	4
ME	216	83	4	3	1	7	23	4	16	6
MD	659	213	11	17	19	30	12	30	35	52
MA	459	176	16	2	4	10	11	21	32	71
MI	1,277	287	27	3	161	7	20	9	20	18
MN	657	179	18	13	92	7	3	10	2	21
MS	885	232	31	1	82	8	40	15	20	13
MO	1,208	509	57	8	171	5	49	17	66	31
MT	270	102	16	1	2	2	4	1	8	5
NE	307	44	10	4	7	14	0	0	4	3
NV	381	148	26	4	29	3	25	2	18	19
NH	127	38	1	2	3	6	1	5	11	8
NJ	773	49	3	2	2	5	1	9	3	19
NM	449	177	33	10	25	12	11	8	15	19
NY	1,522	486	13	32	185	15	26	39	14	85
NC	1,575	601	38	7	351	4	115	2	65	7
ND	97	33	4	0	17	0	1	0	0	5
OH	1,418	245	14	9	112	3	20	4	38	37
OK	734	306	48	3	41	8	73	9	13	12
OR	436	135	5	3	67	0	12	10	10	13
PA	1,614	729	40	19	151	17	150	109	132	66
RI	84	46	4	10	1	4	1	3	7	16
SC	1,053	495	51	0	142	11	121	19	46	37
SD	180	78	9	0	27	2	5	3	8	6
TN	1,175	293	16	12	61	9	69	32	25	54
TX	3,725	1,546	153	69	278	56	132	98	120	153
UT	328	100	28	0	13	5	3	9	7	13
VT	78	36	2	0	0	27	0	2	3	0
VA	914	251	36	14	101	6	43	4	27	14
WA	659	260	25	0	25	65	15	11	53	39
WV	439	136	7	0	58	3	25	16	10	12
WI	803	276	20	1	167	0	20	7	21	30
WY	176	71	25	0	7	2	3	0	0	1
USA	42,815	13,713	1,350	424	3,832	524	1,755	883	1,512	1,512
PR	510	253	19	37	2	7	31	29	90	37

*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 2002, 6,129 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 907 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.

Table 6. Passenger Vehicle Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 2002

State	Passenger Vehicle Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent That Were:			Total	Percent That Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	887	38.7	57.2	4.2	43	86.0	14.0	0.0
AK	54	50.0	44.4	5.6	12	41.7	58.3	0.0
AZ	781	32.3	54.4	13.3	94	22.3	64.9	12.8
AR	527	27.9	64.7	7.4	38	36.8	60.5	2.6
CA	2,839	47.0	37.7	15.4	323	84.8	13.9	1.2
CO	576	33.5	66.1	0.3	73	35.6	64.4	0.0
CT	217	35.9	49.3	14.7	47	14.9	78.7	6.4
DE	95	33.7	63.2	3.2	7	28.6	71.4	0.0
DC	31	41.9	29.0	29.0	7	71.4	28.6	0.0
FL	2,143	36.4	62.3	1.2	319	33.5	66.5	0.0
GA	1,200	38.9	49.7	11.4	85	84.7	12.9	2.4
HI	55	40.0	50.9	9.1	24	37.5	62.5	0.0
ID	219	36.5	59.8	3.7	12	41.7	58.3	0.0
IL	1,067	30.5	52.6	17.0	100	24.0	60.0	16.0
IN	623	40.8	48.5	10.8	88	11.4	86.4	2.3
IA	320	37.2	48.8	14.1	41	12.2	85.4	2.4
KS	433	26.6	60.7	12.7	32	21.9	65.6	12.5
KY	761	36.0	63.6	0.4	45	35.6	64.4	0.0
LA	672	30.1	59.1	10.9	66	28.8	66.7	4.5
ME	182	39.6	39.6	20.9	13	38.5	61.5	0.0
MD	490	55.9	38.4	5.7	50	92.0	8.0	0.0
MA	331	24.2	57.1	18.7	58	91.4	8.6	0.0
MI	961	51.9	36.1	12.0	87	81.6	12.6	5.7
MN	537	39.5	55.9	4.7	47	12.8	83.0	4.3
MS	780	26.2	70.1	3.7	26	42.3	57.7	0.0
MO	995	26.6	65.2	8.1	60	78.3	18.3	3.3
MT	224	25.4	71.0	3.6	24	37.5	62.5	0.0
NE	256	25.0	63.3	11.7	15	80.0	20.0	0.0
NV	277	37.9	58.8	3.2	35	74.3	25.7	0.0
NH	105	36.2	60.0	3.8	12	41.7	58.3	0.0
NJ	402	43.8	50.0	6.2	41	82.9	17.1	0.0
NM	323	35.9	59.4	4.6	32	15.6	84.4	0.0
NY	963	44.7	45.7	9.7	141	73.8	22.0	4.3
NC	1,213	43.4	49.1	7.5	123	87.0	11.4	1.6
ND	87	24.1	73.6	2.3	1	0.0	100.0	0.0
OH	1,140	38.0	59.8	2.2	133	22.6	75.9	1.5
OK	600	39.8	59.7	0.5	38	26.3	73.7	0.0
OR	342	54.1	38.6	7.3	26	96.2	3.8	0.0
PA	1,251	28.4	56.6	15.0	134	73.1	22.4	4.5
RI	64	25.0	73.4	1.6	9	22.2	77.8	0.0
SC	835	32.3	63.2	4.4	89	15.7	83.1	1.1
SD	145	24.1	67.6	8.3	19	21.1	78.9	0.0
TN	984	31.9	62.2	5.9	74	79.7	17.6	2.7
TX	2,926	48.4	48.5	3.1	247	30.0	69.2	0.8
UT	258	40.3	57.4	2.3	18	22.2	72.2	5.6
VT	66	39.4	54.5	6.1	5	80.0	20.0	0.0
VA	721	32.3	60.9	6.8	54	37.0	37.0	25.9
WA	503	46.3	47.9	5.8	54	90.7	9.3	0.0
WV	355	32.4	63.1	4.5	29	79.3	17.2	3.4
WI	639	33.5	58.7	7.8	82	19.5	75.6	4.9
WY	143	32.9	65.7	1.4	12	33.3	58.3	8.3
USA	32,598	38.1	54.1	7.7	3,244	50.6	46.3	3.1
PR	252	36.1	63.9	0.0	60	30.0	70.0	0.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7. Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, 2002

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	Pedalcyclists	Other/Unknown		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
AL	1,033	67.4	25.8	5.8	0.5	0.6	1,358	48.2	37.6	9.0	3.3	1.9
AK	87	60.9	21.8	16.1	0.0	1.1	111	31.5	46.8	3.6	10.8	7.2
AZ	1,117	50.7	30.3	13.8	1.4	3.8	1,475	43.5	39.1	6.0	6.5	4.9
AR	640	67.3	25.9	5.2	1.3	0.3	815	39.6	43.4	9.6	4.8	2.6
CA	4,078	54.0	25.4	17.3	2.8	0.4	5,544	48.6	36.3	6.2	6.0	2.9
CO	742	63.6	25.5	9.3	1.2	0.4	975	39.8	45.6	5.1	7.8	1.6
CT	322	59.6	23.6	15.5	1.2	0.0	416	58.9	23.8	4.1	12.0	1.2
DE	124	58.1	25.8	12.9	3.2	0.0	177	53.7	32.2	9.6	4.5	0.0
DC	47	59.6	23.4	14.9	2.1	0.0	73	63.0	23.3	0.0	9.6	4.1
FL	3,132	57.2	23.4	15.5	3.5	0.3	4,431	47.2	35.7	7.9	7.6	1.6
GA	1,523	62.8	25.4	10.6	0.9	0.4	2,188	44.8	38.7	9.2	3.9	3.4
HI	119	45.4	23.5	27.7	3.4	0.0	168	41.1	37.5	2.4	13.7	5.4
ID	264	65.2	27.7	5.7	0.8	0.8	353	35.4	48.2	8.5	3.4	4.5
IL	1,411	61.0	24.0	13.2	1.6	0.3	1,926	51.8	31.2	8.3	5.3	3.4
IN	792	68.9	23.0	6.7	1.1	0.3	1,157	46.8	33.9	10.4	7.7	1.2
IA	404	70.0	24.3	4.7	1.0	0.0	596	44.5	35.2	11.2	7.0	2.0
KS	512	68.9	24.6	4.5	1.0	1.0	685	43.4	38.1	11.4	4.5	2.6
KY	915	68.9	24.2	6.0	1.0	0.0	1,224	44.6	39.6	9.3	3.7	2.8
LA	875	62.2	24.5	10.6	2.3	0.5	1,173	42.1	41.4	8.7	6.0	1.8
ME	216	67.6	25.9	6.5	0.0	0.0	272	52.2	33.1	7.7	4.8	2.2
MD	659	61.8	21.7	15.8	0.8	0.0	963	54.8	30.4	6.3	5.9	2.5
MA	459	63.8	21.8	12.9	1.3	0.2	626	55.4	29.7	3.5	9.9	1.4
MI	1,277	62.3	21.8	13.7	1.7	0.4	1,856	48.7	38.1	6.6	4.7	1.8
MN	657	65.4	25.6	7.6	1.1	0.3	892	45.3	39.1	8.7	5.3	1.6
MS	885	66.7	26.6	6.2	0.6	0.0	1,106	54.1	36.4	6.5	2.3	0.7
MO	1,208	65.5	25.7	7.2	1.3	0.3	1,650	44.2	40.7	9.2	3.6	2.4
MT	270	67.0	26.7	5.2	0.4	0.7	309	29.1	53.4	7.1	8.1	2.3
NE	307	69.7	25.4	3.9	0.7	0.3	413	40.2	38.7	14.3	3.9	2.9
NV	381	53.8	29.9	13.6	1.6	1.0	515	42.3	42.1	6.4	6.6	2.5
NH	127	78.7	16.5	4.7	0.0	0.0	184	47.8	34.2	8.2	7.6	2.2
NJ	773	54.2	20.3	23.0	1.9	0.5	1,025	46.0	21.9	4.7	4.0	23.5
NM	449	55.0	31.0	13.4	0.7	0.0	571	37.1	42.2	10.0	6.0	4.7
NY	1,522	53.1	21.3	22.1	2.4	1.1	2,066	52.0	29.9	6.3	7.2	4.6
NC	1,575	64.6	22.7	11.2	1.1	0.4	2,147	49.2	35.5	7.7	5.8	1.7
ND	97	70.1	26.8	2.1	1.0	0.0	125	36.0	46.4	14.4	0.8	2.4
OH	1,418	69.2	23.2	6.1	1.1	0.4	2,000	50.4	31.2	9.3	7.0	2.3
OK	734	64.4	27.4	7.2	0.8	0.1	975	40.9	42.2	11.0	3.8	2.2
OR	436	60.3	27.1	11.0	1.4	0.2	557	40.4	43.8	8.1	4.7	3.1
PA	1,614	66.8	21.5	9.5	1.4	0.8	2,198	53.1	30.5	7.9	6.2	2.3
RI	84	70.2	17.9	10.7	1.2	0.0	118	69.5	15.3	4.2	8.5	2.5
SC	1,053	66.0	23.2	9.3	1.1	0.4	1,379	47.9	37.3	6.6	6.5	1.7
SD	180	66.1	26.7	4.4	0.6	2.2	218	39.4	40.8	7.3	11.5	0.9
TN	1,175	67.5	25.7	6.1	0.3	0.4	1,559	49.2	35.5	8.3	4.9	2.1
TX	3,725	61.0	26.4	10.7	1.3	0.5	5,039	40.4	44.2	8.0	5.1	2.3
UT	328	55.2	35.7	7.6	1.5	0.0	394	37.3	45.9	9.6	4.6	2.5
VT	78	66.7	26.9	5.1	1.3	0.0	109	42.2	42.2	9.2	4.6	1.8
VA	914	62.9	25.9	9.6	1.3	0.2	1,220	50.4	34.1	6.9	4.4	4.2
WA	659	63.6	23.5	10.5	1.7	0.8	866	46.1	40.2	6.1	6.1	1.5
WV	439	68.3	24.6	6.4	0.2	0.5	578	47.2	34.1	9.9	5.0	3.8
WI	803	69.5	22.5	6.2	1.1	0.6	1,135	46.3	36.4	8.2	7.2	1.9
WY	176	64.8	27.8	2.3	1.1	4.0	203	31.5	48.3	13.3	5.4	1.5
USA	42,815	62.0	24.7	11.2	1.5	0.5	58,113	46.6	37.0	7.8	5.7	2.8
PR	510	45.9	16.9	33.7	2.9	0.6	657	52.8	25.1	5.5	9.6	7.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 8. Fatalities in the Beds of Pickup Trucks by Age, 2002

State	Age (Years)							Total
	<5	5-9	10-14	15-20	21-24	>24	Unknown	
AL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CA	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	5
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	9
GA	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	5
HI	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
ID	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IN	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
IA	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4
KS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MI	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
MN	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
MS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
MO	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
NV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NY	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
NC	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	5
ND	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OH	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
OK	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
OR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
TX	0	0	1	5	0	4	0	10
UT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
WA	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
WV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
USA	3	2	13	21	8	44	0	91
PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Includes fatalities in both enclosed and unenclosed beds.

Table 9. Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws Through August 2002, and 2002 Belt Use Rates

State	Enforcement	Fine	Coverage		Vehicles Exempted	Safety Belt Use Rate
			Seats	Ages		
AL	Primary	\$25	Front	6+	Designed for >10 passengers; model year <1965. Exemptions for medical reasons, rural mail carriers, and paper delivery.	79%
AK	Secondary	\$15	All	16+	School bus.	66%
AZ	Secondary	\$10	All ⁽¹⁾	5+; under 5 = child seat	Designed for >10 passengers; model year <1972.	74%
AR	Secondary	\$25	Front	15+	School, church, or public bus; model year <1968.	64%
CA	Primary	\$20	All	16+	None.	91%
CO	Secondary ⁽²⁾	\$17	Front	17+	Passenger bus, school bus, farm tractor, implements of husbandry.	73%
CT	Primary	\$37	Front	4+; <16 all	Truck or bus >15,000 lbs.	78%
DE	Secondary	\$20	Front	All	Postal service vehicles.	71%
DC	Primary	\$50 ⁽³⁾	All	16+	Seating >8 people.	85%
FL	Secondary	\$30	Front	6+; 6-17 in rear	School bus, public bus, truck >5,000 lbs.	75%
GA	Primary	\$15	Front	5+ must be restrained if in front; 5-17 if in rear	Designed for >10 passengers; pickup.	77%
HI	Primary	\$45	Front (18+); all (4-17); under 4 = child seat		Bus or school bus >10,000 lbs.	90%
ID	Secondary	\$ 5	Front	4+	>8,000 lbs.	63%
IL	Secondary	\$25	Front (18+); all if driver and passengers <18	6+; <6 = child seat or seat belt; <4 = child seat; 6+ but <16 = seat belt or child seat	None.	74%
IN	Primary	\$25	Front; all (4 but <12)	4+; 4-11 in rear	Truck, tractor, RV.	72%
IA	Primary	\$25	Front	6+	None.	82%
KS	Secondary	\$10	Front	14+	Designed for >10 people; truck >12,000 lbs.	61%
KY	Secondary	\$25	All	Over 40 inches tall	Designed for >10 people.	62%
LA	Primary	\$25	Front	13+	Designed for >10 people; model year <1981.	69%
ME	Secondary	\$25-\$50	All seats (18+); all 4-18; <4 = child seat		Manufactured without seat belts.	—
MD	Primary	\$25	Front	16+	Historic vehicle.	86%
MA	Secondary	\$25	All seats; <5 and 40 lbs or less = child seat; 5+ but <12 = seat belt		Truck >18,000 lbs; bus and taxi operators.	51%
MI	Primary	\$25	Front	4+; 4-15 in rear; <4 = child seat	Taxi, bus, school bus.	83%
MN	Secondary	\$25	Front; all (>3 but <11)	4+; 4-10 in rear	Farm pickup truck.	80%
MS	Secondary	\$25	Front	4+; 4-7 in rear	Farm vehicle, bus; exemptions for medical reasons and letter carriers.	62%
MO	Secondary	\$10	Front	4+; 4-15 in rear	Designed for >10 people; truck >12,000 lbs.	69%
MT	Secondary	\$20	All	4+	Specially licensed motor vehicles and vehicles that make frequent stops.	78%
NE	Secondary	\$25	Front ⁽⁴⁾	6-15 in rear; <6 = child seat	Model year <1973.	70%
NV	Secondary	\$25	All	5+	Taxi, bus, school bus.	75%
NH	No adult law	\$25	All	<18 only, primary law	School bus, vehicle for hire; model year <1968.	—

⁽¹⁾ Ages 5-15, effective August 22, 2002.⁽²⁾ Primary enforcement for all positions if driver is under 17 years.⁽³⁾ Plus 2 points on license.⁽⁴⁾ All seats if driver holds provisional operators permit or school permit.

Table 9. Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws Through August 2002, and 2002 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Fine	Coverage		Vehicles Exempted	Safety Belt Use Rate
			Seats	Ages		
NJ	Primary	\$20 ⁽⁵⁾	Front; all (8-18 and >80 lbs); <8 and <80 lbs = child seat		None.	81%
NM	Primary	\$25 ⁽⁶⁾	All	<18 (child seat or seat belt)	>10,000 lbs.	88%
NY	Primary	\$50-\$100 ⁽⁷⁾	Front (16+); all (<16); <4 = child seat		Bus, school bus, taxi, emergency vehicle.	83%
NC	Primary	\$25	Front	16+	Designed for >10 people.	84%
ND	Secondary ⁽⁸⁾	\$20	Front	18+	Designed for >10 people.	63%
OH	Secondary	\$25	Front	4+	None.	70%
OK	Primary	\$20	Front	All	Farm vehicle, truck, truck tractor, RV.	70%
OR	Primary	\$75	All	16+	Newspaper, mail, meter, transit vehicle. ⁽⁹⁾	88%
PA	Secondary ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$10	Front	4+	Truck >7,000 lbs.	76%
RI	Secondary	\$50	All	>12; <6 must ride in rear	Manufactured before July 1, 1966; vehicles legally manufactured (under Federal law) without seat belts; letter carriers; persons with physical/medical reasons, with a note from a licensed physician.	71%
SC	Secondary	\$10	All	6+	School bus, public bus; vehicle with no belts in rear seating areas.	66%
SD	Secondary ⁽¹¹⁾	\$20	Front	5+	Passenger bus, school bus.	64%
TN	Secondary	\$10	Front	4+	>8,500 lbs.	67%
TX	Primary	\$25-\$50	Front	<16 in rear	Designed for >10 people, truck >15,000 lbs, farm vehicle.	81%
UT	Secondary ⁽¹²⁾	\$45	All	19+	None.	80%
VT	Secondary	\$10	All	13+	Bus, taxi.	85%
VA	Secondary	\$25	Front	16+	Designed for >10 people, taxi.	70%
WA	Primary ⁽¹³⁾	\$86	All	All	Designed for >10 people.	93%
WV	Secondary	\$25	Front	9+; 9-17 in rear	Designed for >10 people.	72%
WI	Secondary	\$10	All	4+; 4-15 in rear; <4 = child seat	Taxi, farm truck.	66%
WY	Secondary	\$25 ⁽¹⁴⁾	All	5+	Persons with physical/medical exemption documented by physician's signature; vehicles legally manufactured (under Federal law) without seat belts; postal vehicles; children riding in child seats as required by law.	67%
USA						75%
PR	Primary	\$50	All	All	None.	91%

⁽⁵⁾ \$20 for seat belt violation; \$10-\$25 for child seat violation.

⁽⁶⁾ Plus 2 points on license.

⁽⁷⁾ Plus 3 points on license. Front seat passengers 16 and older can be fined up to \$50 and drivers can be fined up to \$100 for each passenger under 16 not wearing a seat belt.

⁽⁸⁾ Primary enforcement for all positions if driver is under 18 years.

⁽⁹⁾ Police/emergency vehicles exempted in some situations.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Pennsylvania's fine is \$10, but with court, EMS, judicial, and computer costs the ticket total is \$51.50.

⁽¹¹⁾ Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is under 18 years (South Dakota law effective July 1, 2001; currently seat belt use is required for passengers over 5 years).

⁽¹²⁾ Primary enforcement for all positions if occupant is under 19 years.

⁽¹³⁾ Effective June 2002.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Fine for driver is \$25; fine for passengers over 12 years is \$10.

Source: NHTSA, Regional Offices.

Table 10. Child Passenger Protection Laws Through December 2002

State	Rear Seat Belts Required ^(1,2)	Safety Seat Required	May Use Child Seat or Seat Belt	Penalty ⁽³⁾	Booster Seat Required
AL	Under 6	Under 4	Age 4 or 5	\$10	—
AK	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$50, 2 points	—
AZ	Under 16	Under 5	Age 5 through 15	\$10	—
AR	Under 15	Under 6 and under 60 pounds	Age 6 or over 60 pounds	\$100	Under 6/under 60 pounds
CA	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100, 1 point	Under 6/under 60 pounds
CO	Under 16	Under 4 and under 40 pounds	Age 6 through 16 ⁽⁴⁾	\$50 + \$6 surcharge	Age 4-6/under 55 inches
CT	Under 16	Under 4 and under 60 pounds	40 pounds and over	\$60, 2 points	—
DE	Under 16 ⁽⁵⁾	Under 6	60 pounds and over	\$28.27, 2 points	Under 6/under 60 pounds
DC	Under 16	Under 8	Age 8 through 16	\$150, 3 points	Under 8
FL	Under 16	Under 6	Age 4	\$70	—
GA	Under 16	Under 5	Age 3 through 4	\$50, 1 point	—
HI	Under 18	Under 3	Age 4	\$100	—
ID	Under 4	Under 4 and under 60 pounds	—	\$100	—
IL	Under 16	Under 4	Age 4 through 15 ⁽⁶⁾	\$50	—
IN	Under 12	Under 4	Age 4 through 11	\$25, 4 points	—
IA	Under 6	Under 3	Age 3 through 5	\$25	—
KS	Under 14	Under 4	—	\$20	—
KY	Under 16	40 inches and under	—	\$50	—
LA	Under 13	Under 3	Age 3 through 13	\$50	—
ME	Under 18	Under 4	Age 4 through 17 ⁽⁷⁾	\$60	Under 8/40-80 pounds
MD	Under 16	6 or under	Over 40 pounds	\$25	Under 6/under 40 pounds
MA	Under 16	Under 5 and 40 pounds or less	Over age 5	\$25	—
MI	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$15	—
MN	Under 11	Under 4	—	\$50	—
MS	Under 8	Under 4	—	\$25	—
MO	Under 16	Under 2	—	\$25	—
MT	Under 16	Under 2	Age 2 through 4 ⁽⁸⁾	Not more than \$100	—
NE	Under 16	Under 6	Age 6 through 15	\$25, 1 point	6 or under
NV	Under 16	Under 5 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100	—
NH	Under 18	Under 4	—	\$25	—
NJ	Under 18	Under 8	—	\$25	Under 8/under 80 pounds
NM	16 or under	Under 5 ⁽⁹⁾	Age 5 through 12	\$25	Age 1-4/under 40 pounds
NY	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$100, 3 points	—
NC	Under 16	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	—	—	—
ND	Under 18	Under 4	Age 4 through 17	No fine, 1 point	—
OH	Under 4 ⁽¹⁰⁾	Under 4 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100	—
OK	13 or under	Under 4 and 60 pounds or under	Age 4 or over through 12	\$25	—
OR	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 6 and under 60 pounds	\$77	Age 4-5/40-60 pounds
PA	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$25	Age 4-7
RI	Under 12	Under 7 ⁽¹¹⁾	Age 7 through 12	\$75	Under 7/54 inches/80 pounds
SC	Under 17	5 or under and under 80 pounds	Age 1 through 5	\$25	Age 1-5/40-80 pounds
SD	Under 18	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	Age 5 through 17 ⁽⁴⁾	\$20	—
TN	Under 18	Under 4	—	\$50 or 30 days in jail	Age 4-7/under 40 pounds
TX	17 or under	Under 4 or under 36 inches	Age 4 through 16	\$100+	—
UT	Under 19	Under 5	Age 5 through 18	\$45	—
VT	Under 13	Under 5	—	\$25	—
VA	Under 16	5 or under	Age 6 through 15	\$50, 3 points	Age 4-5/40-59 pounds
WA	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 6 through 16	\$86	—
WV	Under 16	Under 3	Age 3 through 8	\$20	—
WI	Under 8	Under 4	Age 4 through 8	\$75	—
WY	Under 12	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	Age 5 through 11	\$50	—
PR	— ⁽¹²⁾	Under 5	— ⁽¹³⁾	\$100	—

⁽¹⁾ Table covers laws applicable to children under 16 years old. ⁽²⁾ All States have laws requiring front seat occupants under 16 years of age to be restrained by seat belts or child safety seats. ⁽³⁾ Maximum fine for first offense. Fines may be different for older children. ⁽⁴⁾ And over 40 pounds and 55 inches. ⁽⁵⁾ Children under 12 years old and under 66 inches tall may not occupy front seat if equipped with passenger-side airbag. ⁽⁶⁾ In all seating positions. ⁽⁷⁾ And under 12 years and 100 pounds. ⁽⁸⁾ And over 40 pounds. ⁽⁹⁾ Children under age 1 must be secured in the rear with a rear-facing child passenger restraint. ⁽¹⁰⁾ Or under 60 pounds. ⁽¹¹⁾ And under 54 inches and 80 pounds in back seat. ⁽¹²⁾ All persons, all ages, must wear a safety belt unless in a safety seat. ⁽¹³⁾ Children under age 12 must ride in back seat.

Source: NHTSA, Regional Offices.

Table 11. States With .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration Illegal Per Se Laws Through December 2002

State	Enactment Date	Effective Date
AL	July 31, 1995	October 1, 1995
AK	July 3, 2001	September 1, 2001
AZ	April 11, 2001	August 31, 2001
AR	March 6, 2001	August 13, 2001
CA	1989	January 1, 1990
CO	—	—
CT	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2002
DE	—	—
DC	December 1, 1998	April 13, 1999
FL	April 27, 1993	January 1, 1994
GA	April 16, 2001	July 1, 2001
HI	June 30, 1995	June 30, 1995
ID	March 17, 1997	July 1, 1997
IL	July 2, 1997	July 2, 1997
IN	May 9, 2001	July 1, 2001
IA	—	—
KS	April 22, 1993	July 1, 1993
KY	April 21, 2000	October 1, 2000
LA	June 26, 2001	September 30, 2003
ME	April 28, 1988	August 4, 1988
MD	April 10, 2001	September 30, 2001
MA	—	—
MI	—	—
MN	—	—
MS	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002
MO	June 12, 2001	September 29, 2001
MT	—	—
NE	March 1, 2001	September 1, 2001
NV	—	—
NH	April 15, 1993	January 1, 1994
NJ	—	—
NM	March 19, 1993	January 1, 1994
NY	December 30, 2002	Pending
NC	July 5, 1993	October 1, 1993
ND	—	—
OH	—	—
OK	June 8, 2001	July 1, 2001
OR	August 4, 1983	October 15, 1983
PA	—	—
RI	July 13, 2000	July 13, 2000
SC	—	—
SD	February 27, 2002	July 1, 2002
TN	June 27, 2002	July 1, 2003
TX	May 28, 1999	September 1, 1999
UT	March 19, 1983	August 1, 1983
VT	June 6, 1991	July 1, 1991
VA	April 6, 1994	July 1, 1994
WA	March 30, 1998	January 1, 1999
WV	—	—
WI	—	—
WY	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002
PR	January 10, 2000	January 10, 2001

• 35 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have .08 blood alcohol concentration illegal per se laws.

• 15 states do not have .08 blood alcohol concentration illegal per se laws.

Note: 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.

Source: NHTSA, Injury Control Operations and Resources.

Table 12. Status of State Motorcycle Helmet Use Requirements Through December 2002

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. Repealed effective 8-1-97 except for riders under 21 years of age.
CA	01/01/85	Helmet use required by riders under 15½ years of age. Effective 1-1-92 helmet use required for all riders.
CO	07/01/69	Repealed effective 5-20-77. No helmet use requirement.
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	Repealed effective 7-1-2000 except for riders under 21 years old and those without \$10,000 medical insurance covering injuries resulting from a motorcycle crash.
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. No helmet use requirement.
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. No helmet use requirement.
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	Repealed effective 7-15-98 except for riders under 21 years old, riders operating with instruction permit, riders with less than 1 year experience and/or riders not providing proof of health insurance. Insurance provision repealed effective 7-15-2000.
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. Repealed effective 8-15-99 except for riders under age 18 and those without \$10,000 medical insurance; proof of insurance policy must be shown to law enforcement officer upon request.
ME	10/07/67	Repealed effective 10-24-77. Amended effective 7-3-80 to require use by riders under 15 years old, novices, and holders of learner's permits.
MD	09/01/68	Repealed effective 5-29-79 except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 10-1-92 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 1-1-89 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 7-1-78 except for persons under 18 years and first year novices.
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 10-4-77, except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 6-16-89 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 operators under 21 years of age, all passengers, and first year novices.
SC	07/01/67	Repealed for ages 21 and over effective 6-16-80. Required for riders under 18 years old.
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. Effective 9-1-97 helmets required for riders under 21, those who have not completed a rider training course, and those without \$10,000 medical insurance.
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	05/21/68	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.

- 20 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require helmet use for all riders. • 27 states require helmet use for certain riders.
- 3 states do not require helmet use for riders.

Source: NHTSA, Office of Safety Programs.