

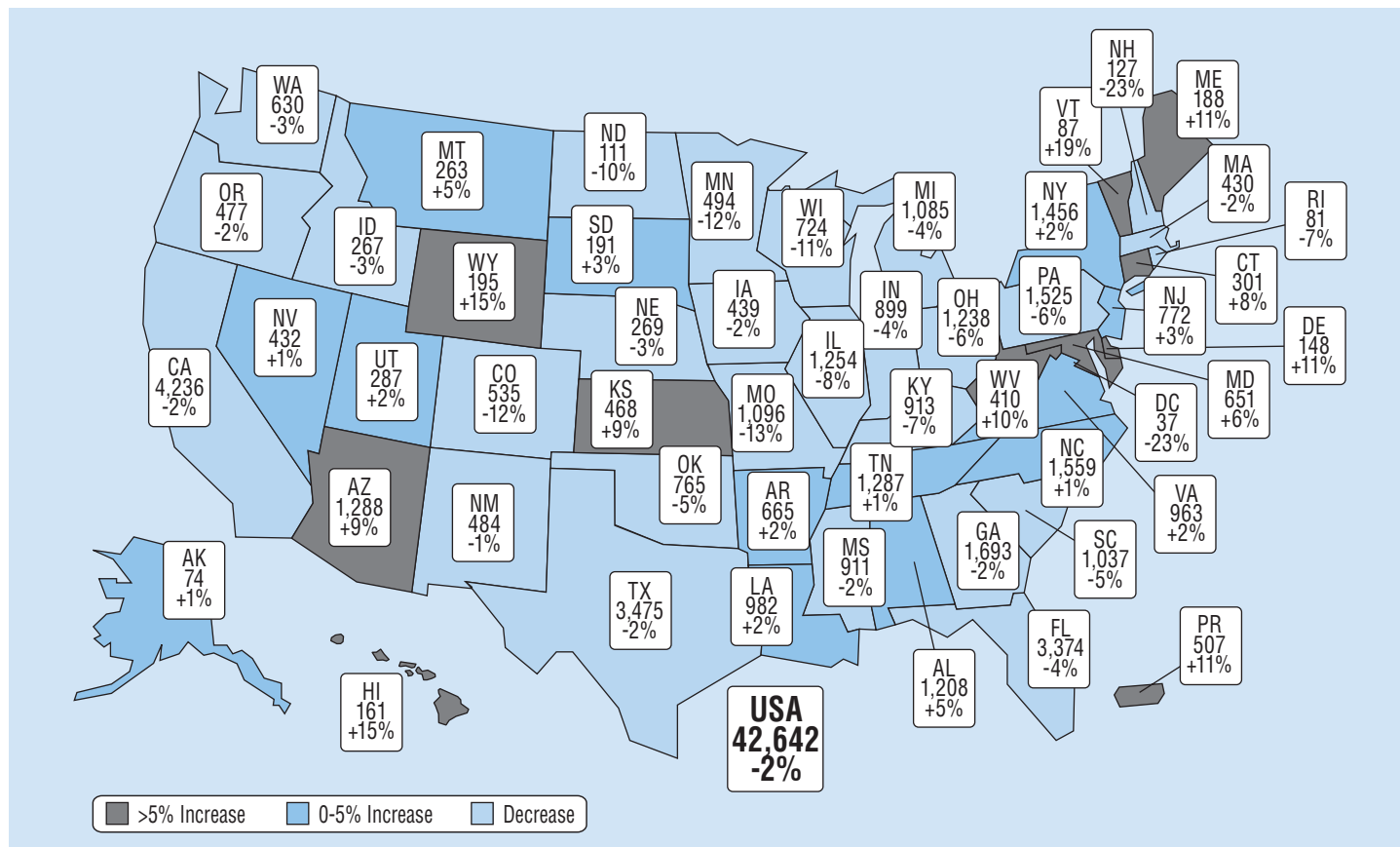
Traffic Safety Facts

2006 Data

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State Traffic Data

Figure 1
2006 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change From 2005



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Information on traffic fatalities is available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, NVS-421, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. NCSA can be contacted on 800-934-8517. Fax messages should be sent to 202-366-7078. General information on highway traffic safety can be accessed by Internet users at www.nhtsa.gov/portal/site/nhtsa/nhsa. To report a safety-related problem or to inquire about motor vehicle safety information, contact the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.

Other fact sheets available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis are *Overview*, *Alcohol*, *African American*, *Children*, *Hispanic*, *Large Trucks*, *Motorcycles*, *Occupant Protection*, *Older Population*, *Pedestrians*, *Race and Ethnicity*, *Rural/Urban Comparisons*, *School Transportation-Related Crashes*, *Speeding*, *State Alcohol Estimates*, and *Young Drivers*. 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*. The fact sheets and annual Traffic Safety Facts report can be accessed online at www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CMSWeb/index.aspx.

Table 1.
Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 2006

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	1,208	4,599	3,665	4,734	60,414	26.27	32.96	25.52	2.00
AK	74	670	489	699	4,967	11.04	15.13	10.58	1.49
AZ	1,288	6,166	4,033	4,297	62,468	20.89	31.94	29.98	2.06
AR	665	2,811	2,035	2,053	33,007	23.66	32.68	32.39	2.01
CA	4,236	36,458	23,021	33,908	327,478	11.62	18.40	12.49	1.29
CO	535	4,753	3,341	1,925	48,641	11.26	16.01	27.79	1.10
CT	301	3,505	2,805	3,117	31,743	8.59	10.73	9.66	0.95
DE	148	853	620	836	9,442	17.34	23.88	17.70	1.57
DC	37	582	358	220	3,623	6.36	10.35	16.78	1.02
FL	3,374	18,090	13,989	16,962	203,741	18.65	24.12	19.89	1.66
GA	1,693	9,364	5,907	8,429	113,532	18.08	28.66	20.09	1.49
HI	161	1,285	867	1,040	10,182	12.52	18.56	15.48	1.58
ID	267	1,466	1,008	1,326	15,198	18.21	26.49	20.14	1.76
IL	1,254	12,832	8,071	10,169	106,869	9.77	15.54	12.33	1.17
IN	899	6,314	4,246	5,103	71,215	14.24	21.17	17.62	1.26
IA	439	2,982	2,041	3,507	31,355	14.72	21.51	12.52	1.40
KS	468	2,764	2,003	2,461	30,215	16.93	23.36	19.01	1.55
KY	913	4,206	2,896	3,617	47,742	21.71	31.52	25.24	1.91
LA	982	4,288	3,014	3,934	45,417	22.90	32.58	24.96	2.16
ME	188	1,322	1,005	1,117	15,044	14.23	18.70	16.83	1.25
MD	651	5,616	3,694	4,561	56,302	11.59	17.62	14.27	1.16
MA	430	6,437	4,712	5,529	55,136	6.68	9.13	7.78	0.78
MI	1,085	10,096	7,113	8,402	104,184	10.75	15.25	12.91	1.04
MN	494	5,167	3,087	4,921	56,518	9.56	16.00	10.04	0.87
MS	911	2,911	1,930	2,025	41,498	31.30	47.21	44.98	2.20
MO	1,096	5,843	4,140	5,043	68,834	18.76	26.48	21.73	1.59
MT	263	945	724	1,152	11,265	27.84	36.33	22.82	2.33
NE	269	1,768	1,328	1,770	19,415	15.21	20.26	15.20	1.39
NV	432	2,496	1,626	1,424	21,824	17.31	26.57	30.35	1.98
NH	127	1,315	1,028	1,131	13,614	9.66	12.36	11.23	0.93
NJ	772	8,725	5,834	6,122	75,371	8.85	13.23	12.61	1.02
NM	484	1,955	1,338	1,624	25,787	24.76	36.17	29.80	1.88
NY	1,456	19,306	11,146	11,487	141,348	7.54	13.06	12.68	1.03
NC	1,559	8,857	6,316	6,412	101,515	17.60	24.68	24.31	1.54
ND	111	636	469	738	7,890	17.46	23.68	15.05	1.41
OH	1,238	11,478	7,739	11,161	111,247	10.79	16.00	11.09	1.11
OK	765	3,579	2,264	3,296	48,689	21.37	33.79	23.21	1.57
OR	477	3,701	2,767	3,065	35,483	12.89	17.24	15.56	1.34
PA	1,525	12,441	8,526	10,225	108,278	12.26	17.89	14.91	1.41
RI	81	1,068	742	837	8,300	7.59	10.92	9.68	0.98
SC	1,037	4,321	3,068	3,542	50,199	24.00	33.80	29.28	2.07
SD	191	782	583	897	9,168	24.43	32.79	21.28	2.08
TN	1,287	6,039	4,388	5,225	70,596	21.31	29.33	24.63	1.82
TX	3,475	23,508	14,907	17,894	238,256	14.78	23.31	19.42	1.46
UT	287	2,550	1,619	2,287	25,964	11.25	17.73	12.55	1.11
VT	87	624	532	620	7,832	13.94	16.35	14.03	1.11
VA	963	7,643	5,211	6,717	81,095	12.60	18.48	14.34	1.19
WA	630	6,396	4,791	5,884	56,517	9.85	13.15	10.71	1.11
WV	410	1,818	1,335	1,482	20,885	22.55	30.70	27.67	1.96
WI	724	5,557	4,049	5,243	59,398	13.03	17.88	13.81	1.22
WY	195	515	391	681	9,415	37.86	49.93	28.64	2.07
USA	42,642	299,398	202,810	251,423	3,014,116	14.24	21.03	16.96	1.41
PR	507	3,928	-	2,537	19,637	12.91	-	19.98	2.58

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: Licensed driver data not available for Puerto Rico

Table 2.

Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975-2006

State	Fatalities							Percent Change					
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1995-2000	1975-2006	2005-2006
AL	902	882	1,121	1,114	996	1,148	1,208	-2%	+27%	-1%	-11%	+34%	+5%
AK	112	127	98	87	106	73	74	+13%	-23%	-11%	+22%	-34%	+1%
AZ	670	893	869	1,035	1,036	1,179	1,288	+33%	-3%	+19%	+0%	+92%	+9%
AR	559	534	604	631	652	654	665	-4%	+13%	+4%	+3%	+19%	+2%
CA	4,092	4,960	5,192	4,192	3,753	4,333	4,236	+21%	+5%	-19%	-10%	+4%	-2%
CO	581	579	544	645	681	606	535	-0%	-6%	+19%	+6%	-8%	-12%
CT	389	448	385	317	341	278	301	+15%	-14%	-18%	+8%	-23%	+8%
DE	122	104	138	121	123	133	148	-15%	+33%	-12%	+2%	+21%	+11%
DC	70	60	48	58	48	48	37	-14%	-20%	+21%	-17%	-47%	-23%
FL	1,998	2,832	2,891	2,805	2,999	3,518	3,374	+42%	+2%	-3%	+7%	+69%	-4%
GA	1,360	1,361	1,562	1,488	1,541	1,729	1,693	+0%	+15%	-5%	+4%	+24%	-2%
HI	144	126	177	130	132	140	161	-13%	+40%	-27%	+2%	+12%	+15%
ID	281	255	244	262	276	275	267	-9%	-4%	+7%	+5%	-5%	-3%
IL	2,041	1,534	1,589	1,586	1,418	1,363	1,254	-25%	+4%	-0%	-11%	-39%	-8%
IN	1,128	974	1,049	960	886	938	899	-14%	+8%	-8%	-8%	-20%	-4%
IA	670	474	465	527	445	450	439	-29%	-2%	+13%	-16%	-34%	-2%
KS	509	486	444	442	461	428	468	-5%	-9%	-0%	+4%	-8%	+9%
KY	863	712	849	849	820	985	913	-17%	+19%	0%	-3%	+6%	-7%
LA	934	931	959	894	938	963	982	-0%	+3%	-7%	+5%	+5%	+2%
ME	223	206	213	187	169	169	188	-8%	+3%	-12%	-10%	-16%	+11%
MD	670	729	707	671	588	614	651	+9%	-3%	-5%	-12%	-3%	+6%
MA	864	742	605	444	433	441	430	-14%	-18%	-27%	-2%	-50%	-2%
MI	1,779	1,545	1,571	1,530	1,382	1,129	1,085	-13%	+2%	-3%	-10%	-39%	-4%
MN	754	608	566	597	625	559	494	-19%	-7%	+5%	+5%	-34%	-12%
MS	546	662	750	868	949	931	911	+21%	+13%	+16%	+9%	+67%	-2%
MO	1,045	931	1,097	1,109	1,157	1,257	1,096	-11%	+18%	+1%	+4%	+5%	-13%
MT	291	223	212	215	237	251	263	-23%	-5%	+1%	+10%	-10%	+5%
NE	369	237	262	254	276	276	269	-36%	+11%	-3%	+9%	-27%	-3%
NV	218	259	343	313	323	427	432	+19%	+32%	-9%	+3%	+98%	+1%
NH	151	191	158	118	126	166	127	+26%	-17%	-25%	+7%	-16%	-23%
NJ	1,043	964	886	774	731	747	772	-8%	-8%	-13%	-6%	-26%	+3%
NM	555	535	499	485	432	488	484	-4%	-7%	-3%	-11%	-13%	-1%
NY	2,366	2,006	2,217	1,679	1,460	1,434	1,456	-15%	+11%	-24%	-13%	-38%	+2%
NC	1,506	1,482	1,385	1,448	1,557	1,547	1,559	-2%	-7%	+5%	+8%	+4%	+1%
ND	167	90	112	74	86	123	111	-46%	+24%	-34%	+16%	-34%	-10%
OH	1,766	1,646	1,638	1,360	1,366	1,321	1,238	-7%	-0%	-17%	+0%	-30%	-6%
OK	757	744	641	669	650	803	765	-2%	-14%	+4%	-3%	+1%	-5%
OR	562	559	579	574	451	487	477	-1%	+4%	-1%	-21%	-15%	-2%
PA	2,078	1,771	1,646	1,480	1,520	1,616	1,525	-15%	-7%	-10%	+3%	-27%	-6%
RI	110	109	84	69	80	87	81	-1%	-23%	-18%	+16%	-26%	-7%
SC	820	951	979	881	1,065	1,094	1,037	+16%	+3%	-10%	+21%	+26%	-5%
SD	195	130	153	158	173	186	191	-33%	+18%	+3%	+9%	-2%	+3%
TN	1,126	1,101	1,177	1,259	1,307	1,270	1,287	-2%	+7%	+7%	+4%	+14%	+1%
TX	3,372	3,678	3,250	3,183	3,779	3,536	3,475	+9%	-12%	-2%	+19%	+3%	-2%
UT	272	303	272	325	373	282	287	+11%	-10%	+19%	+15%	+6%	+2%
VT	143	115	90	106	76	73	87	-20%	-22%	+18%	-28%	-39%	+19%
VA	993	976	1,079	900	929	947	963	-2%	+11%	-17%	+3%	-3%	+2%
WA	758	744	825	653	631	649	630	-2%	+11%	-21%	-3%	-17%	-3%
WV	461	420	481	376	411	374	410	-9%	+15%	-22%	+9%	-11%	+10%
WI	930	744	769	745	799	815	724	-20%	+3%	-3%	+7%	-22%	-11%
WY	210	152	125	170	152	170	195	-28%	-18%	+36%	-11%	-7%	+15%
USA	44,525	43,825	44,599	41,817	41,945	43,510	42,642	-2%	+2%	-6%	+0%	-4%	-2%
PR	496	600	473	595	568	457	507	+21%	-21%	+26%	-5%	+2%	+11%

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3.
Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-2006

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT							Percent Change					
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1995-2000	1975-2006	2005-2006
AL	3.63	2.51	2.65	2.20	1.76	1.92	2.00	-31%	+6%	-17%	-20%	-45%	+4%
AK	4.38	3.17	2.51	2.11	2.30	1.45	1.49	-28%	-21%	-16%	+9%	-66%	+3%
AZ	4.19	4.14	2.45	2.61	2.11	1.97	2.06	-1%	-41%	+7%	-19%	-51%	+5%
AR	4.01	3.12	2.87	2.37	2.24	2.05	2.01	-22%	-8%	-17%	-5%	-50%	-2%
CA	3.09	2.39	2.01	1.52	1.22	1.32	1.29	-23%	-16%	-24%	-20%	-58%	-2%
CO	3.50	2.21	2.00	1.84	1.63	1.26	1.10	-37%	-10%	-8%	-11%	-69%	-13%
CT	2.13	2.00	1.46	1.13	1.11	0.88	0.95	-6%	-27%	-23%	-2%	-55%	+8%
DE	3.37	1.94	2.11	1.61	1.49	1.40	1.57	-42%	+9%	-24%	-7%	-53%	+12%
DC	2.27	1.86	1.41	1.67	1.37	1.29	1.02	-18%	-24%	+18%	-18%	-55%	-21%
FL	3.24	3.22	2.63	2.19	1.99	1.75	1.66	-1%	-18%	-17%	-9%	-49%	-5%
GA	3.46	2.53	2.22	1.74	1.47	1.52	1.49	-27%	-12%	-22%	-16%	-57%	-2%
HI	3.47	1.86	2.19	1.64	1.55	1.39	1.58	-46%	+18%	-25%	-5%	-54%	+14%
ID	4.78	3.31	2.48	2.13	2.04	1.85	1.76	-31%	-25%	-14%	-4%	-63%	-5%
IL	3.56	2.17	1.91	1.68	1.38	1.27	1.17	-39%	-12%	-12%	-18%	-67%	-8%
IN	3.02	2.39	1.95	1.49	1.25	1.31	1.26	-21%	-18%	-24%	-16%	-58%	-4%
IA	3.75	2.35	2.02	2.03	1.51	1.45	1.40	-37%	-14%	+0%	-26%	-63%	-3%
KS	3.29	2.52	1.94	1.76	1.64	1.44	1.55	-23%	-23%	-9%	-7%	-53%	+8%
KY	3.50	2.50	2.52	2.07	1.75	2.08	1.91	-29%	+1%	-18%	-15%	-45%	-8%
LA	4.60	2.79	2.53	2.31	2.30	2.14	2.16	-39%	-9%	-9%	-0%	-53%	+1%
ME	3.14	2.22	1.79	1.49	1.19	1.13	1.25	-29%	-19%	-17%	-20%	-60%	+11%
MD	2.66	2.19	1.74	1.50	1.17	1.09	1.16	-18%	-21%	-14%	-22%	-56%	+6%
MA	2.75	1.87	1.31	0.92	0.82	0.80	0.78	-32%	-30%	-30%	-11%	-72%	-3%
MI	3.06	2.29	1.94	1.79	1.41	1.09	1.04	-25%	-15%	-8%	-21%	-66%	-5%
MN	2.94	1.86	1.45	1.35	1.19	0.98	0.87	-37%	-22%	-7%	-12%	-70%	-11%
MS	3.80	3.45	3.07	2.94	2.67	2.32	2.20	-9%	-11%	-4%	-9%	-42%	-5%
MO	3.41	2.37	2.16	1.87	1.72	1.83	1.59	-30%	-9%	-13%	-8%	-53%	-13%
MT	5.08	3.03	2.54	2.28	2.40	2.26	2.33	-40%	-16%	-10%	+5%	-54%	+3%
NE	3.29	1.97	1.88	1.61	1.53	1.43	1.39	-40%	-5%	-14%	-5%	-58%	-3%
NV	4.74	3.42	3.36	2.24	1.83	2.06	1.98	-28%	-2%	-33%	-18%	-58%	-4%
NH	2.85	2.53	1.61	1.11	1.05	1.24	0.93	-11%	-36%	-31%	-5%	-67%	-25%
NJ	2.15	1.83	1.50	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.02	-15%	-18%	-15%	-15%	-53%	+1%
NM	5.59	4.03	3.09	2.29	1.90	2.04	1.88	-28%	-23%	-26%	-17%	-66%	-8%
NY	3.63	2.22	2.07	1.46	1.13	1.03	1.03	-39%	-7%	-29%	-23%	-72%	0%
NC	4.14	2.97	2.21	1.90	1.74	1.53	1.54	-28%	-26%	-14%	-8%	-63%	+1%
ND	3.71	1.61	1.90	1.13	1.19	1.62	1.41	-57%	+18%	-41%	+5%	-62%	-13%
OH	2.75	2.18	1.79	1.35	1.29	1.20	1.11	-21%	-18%	-25%	-4%	-60%	-8%
OK	3.33	2.39	1.93	1.74	1.50	1.71	1.57	-28%	-19%	-10%	-14%	-53%	-8%
OR	3.53	2.61	2.17	1.91	1.33	1.38	1.34	-26%	-17%	-12%	-30%	-62%	-3%
PA	3.26	2.35	1.92	1.57	1.49	1.50	1.41	-28%	-18%	-18%	-5%	-57%	-6%
RI	1.94	1.87	1.14	1.00	0.96	1.05	0.98	-4%	-39%	-12%	-4%	-49%	-7%
SC	3.98	3.56	2.85	2.28	2.34	2.21	2.07	-11%	-20%	-20%	+3%	-48%	-6%
SD	3.76	2.07	2.19	2.06	2.05	2.22	2.08	-45%	+6%	-6%	-0%	-45%	-6%
TN	3.42	3.03	2.52	2.24	1.99	1.79	1.82	-11%	-17%	-11%	-11%	-47%	+2%
TX	3.99	2.57	2.08	1.76	1.72	1.50	1.46	-36%	-19%	-15%	-2%	-63%	-3%
UT	3.42	2.52	1.86	1.73	1.65	1.12	1.11	-26%	-26%	-7%	-5%	-68%	-1%
VT	4.32	2.45	1.54	1.71	1.12	0.95	1.11	-43%	-37%	+11%	-35%	-74%	+17%
VA	2.87	2.04	1.79	1.29	1.24	1.18	1.19	-29%	-12%	-28%	-4%	-59%	+1%
WA	3.16	2.16	1.85	1.33	1.18	1.17	1.11	-32%	-14%	-28%	-11%	-65%	-5%
WV	4.36	3.32	3.12	2.16	2.14	1.82	1.96	-24%	-6%	-31%	-1%	-55%	+8%
WI	3.25	2.03	1.74	1.45	1.40	1.36	1.22	-38%	-14%	-17%	-3%	-62%	-10%
WY	5.36	2.81	2.14	2.41	1.88	1.88	2.07	-48%	-24%	+13%	-22%	-61%	+10%
USA	3.35	2.47	2.08	1.73	1.53	1.46	1.41	-26%	-16%	-17%	-12%	-58%	-3%
PR	7.27	5.74	3.68	3.83	3.23	2.35	2.58	-21%	-36%	+4%	-16%	-65%	+10%

Sources: Fatalities—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Vehicle miles traveled—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Indiana—excludes 788 miles of Federal agency owned roads.

Table 4.

Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1996 and 2006

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest Driver BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC with Known Results in 2006	
	BAC .01+ g/dL			BAC .08+ g/dL			Killed	Survived
	1996	2006	Percent Change	1996	2006	Percent Change		
AL	42%	37%	-12%	37%	32%	-14%	37%	15%
AK	51%	31%	-39%	46%	27%	-41%	36%	48%
AZ	39%	39%	0%	33%	32%	-3%	58%	12%
AR	37%	37%	0%	31%	30%	-3%	77%	48%
CA	35%	36%	+3%	28%	30%	+7%	90%	17%
CO	37%	39%	+5%	32%	33%	+3%	68%	4%
CT	45%	40%	-11%	39%	36%	-8%	86%	25%
DE	36%	34%	-6%	27%	29%	+7%	49%	7%
DC	38%	36%	-5%	33%	32%	-3%	75%	43%
FL	32%	33%	+3%	27%	29%	+7%	53%	13%
GA	33%	32%	-3%	27%	27%	0%	40%	19%
HI	42%	48%	+14%	31%	40%	+29%	86%	43%
ID	36%	38%	+6%	31%	31%	0%	63%	34%
IL	42%	43%	+2%	36%	35%	-3%	86%	15%
IN	33%	32%	-3%	27%	28%	+4%	58%	58%
IA	41%	32%	-22%	37%	28%	-24%	34%	29%
KS	40%	35%	-13%	32%	29%	-9%	41%	35%
KY	36%	28%	-22%	31%	24%	-23%	67%	36%
LA	44%	43%	-2%	36%	37%	+3%	45%	55%
ME	37%	37%	0%	29%	27%	-7%	85%	80%
MD	29%	36%	+24%	23%	30%	+30%	83%	11%
MA	41%	38%	-7%	33%	32%	-3%	4%	2%
MI	38%	36%	-5%	32%	31%	-3%	70%	38%
MN	36%	36%	0%	30%	31%	+3%	83%	49%
MS	41%	39%	-5%	37%	35%	-5%	40%	18%
MO	48%	43%	-10%	42%	35%	-17%	83%	41%
MT	37%	45%	+22%	35%	40%	+14%	82%	60%
NE	33%	32%	-3%	27%	26%	-4%	88%	81%
NV	43%	39%	-9%	35%	33%	-6%	81%	34%
NH	31%	40%	+29%	27%	37%	+37%	90%	38%
NJ	29%	37%	+28%	23%	29%	+26%	63%	28%
NM	43%	32%	-26%	38%	28%	-26%	93%	38%
NY	29%	33%	+14%	24%	27%	+13%	63%	3%
NC	31%	31%	0%	27%	27%	0%	63%	1%
ND	56%	42%	-25%	52%	37%	-29%	81%	20%
OH	34%	37%	+9%	29%	31%	+7%	90%	34%
OK	35%	32%	-9%	30%	26%	-13%	87%	22%
OR	39%	37%	-5%	31%	31%	0%	89%	45%
PA	37%	37%	0%	33%	32%	-3%	76%	17%
RI	36%	46%	+28%	29%	36%	+24%	92%	6%
SC	40%	46%	+15%	35%	40%	+14%	70%	5%
SD	39%	41%	+5%	31%	36%	+16%	83%	74%
TN	39%	37%	-5%	34%	32%	-6%	26%	23%
TX	48%	45%	-6%	42%	39%	-7%	29%	15%
UT	25%	22%	-12%	20%	19%	-5%	40%	34%
VT	42%	33%	-21%	37%	30%	-19%	99%	32%
VA	36%	36%	0%	31%	31%	0%	76%	1%
WA	47%	43%	-9%	40%	36%	-10%	91%	20%
WV	36%	38%	+6%	31%	32%	+3%	76%	12%
WI	42%	49%	+17%	36%	42%	+17%	89%	48%
WY	39%	40%	+3%	28%	35%	+25%	72%	24%
USA	38%	37%	-3%	32%	32%	0%	64%	22%
PR	43%	35%	-19%	36%	28%	-22%	84%	68%

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5.

Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit, 2006

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	35mph	<35mph	
AL	1,208	567	65	8	122	13	196	29	67	37	
AK	74	30	3	1	8	1	2	3	3	5	
AZ	1,288	578	104	14	41	38	92	80	51	38	
AR	665	96	11	0	29	5	12	6	17	10	
CA	4,236	1,403	241	20	304	63	147	111	169	151	
CO	535	182	14	11	24	11	25	16	28	29	
CT	301	92	4	7	8	0	12	5	13	38	
DE	148	34	1	4	4	13	2	1	8	1	
DC	37	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
FL	3,374	714	65	20	96	27	180	47	91	82	
GA	1,693	407	30	13	107	10	79	16	67	27	
HI	161	77	1	7	8	0	9	0	25	25	
ID	267	83	6	3	8	8	14	1	12	5	
IL	1,254	555	43	34	212	10	40	39	73	95	
IN	899	194	7	18	59	7	25	17	19	34	
IA	439	31	0	0	12	3	1	0	5	9	
KS	468	128	12	2	41	1	10	9	14	21	
KY	913	160	9	3	100	0	15	0	25	4	
LA	982	257	31	2	84	12	47	7	36	24	
ME	188	72	5	2	6	14	18	4	11	6	
MD	651	237	10	15	25	36	10	37	37	56	
MA	430	148	23	11	3	1	9	25	23	45	
MI	1,085	219	27	7	117	8	7	1	23	17	
MN	494	128	9	5	66	4	7	4	2	26	
MS	911	365	41	4	134	13	74	13	34	24	
MO	1,096	470	46	9	169	11	33	18	64	39	
MT	263	112	9	0	4	3	9	0	13	5	
NE	269	64	13	0	9	10	5	0	4	9	
NV	432	159	23	7	7	3	34	2	31	13	
NH	127	42	3	0	3	3	0	4	15	13	
NJ	772	56	4	2	2	8	6	5	9	13	
NM	484	173	24	5	27	9	17	5	13	17	
NY	1,456	448	16	16	146	9	20	35	20	63	
NC	1,559	539	29	3	286	5	142	6	43	11	
ND	111	40	2	0	20	0	0	2	0	1	
OH	1,238	253	20	5	116	3	22	14	32	31	
OK	765	269	24	13	32	6	57	18	9	17	
OR	477	145	7	2	80	0	11	2	14	5	
PA	1,525	675	28	22	157	12	142	97	130	59	
RI	81	42	1	3	3	2	2	1	8	22	
SC	1,037	412	54	4	110	8	74	31	41	22	
SD	191	48	6	2	16	2	3	3	2	6	
TN	1,287	296	9	8	64	7	41	29	33	34	
TX	3,475	1,474	174	41	208	56	127	92	116	148	
UT	287	61	14	1	8	4	5	2	10	8	
VT	87	33	7	0	0	16	0	3	5	2	
VA	963	296	37	10	128	1	39	13	29	24	
WA	630	253	23	4	25	31	18	18	67	53	
WV	410	75	8	1	24	3	7	6	7	7	
WI	724	283	7	2	145	0	22	5	24	53	
WY	195	65	23	0	3	0	4	2	1	5	
USA	42,642	13,543	1,373	371	3,410	510	1,873	884	1,593	1,492	
PR	507	220	42	0	4	6	36	20	86	26	

*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 2006, 5,587 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 915 occurred on roads with speed limits above 65 mph.

Table 6.

Passenger Vehicle Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 2006

State	Passenger Vehicle Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent Who Were:			Total	Percent Who Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	974	38.0%	58.3%	3.7%	105	90.5%	9.5%	0.0%
AK	46	60.9%	37.0%	2.2%	9	77.8%	22.2%	0.0%
AZ	858	31.8%	54.2%	14.0%	142	31.7%	62.0%	6.3%
AR	510	26.3%	59.4%	14.3%	76	23.7%	73.7%	2.6%
CA	2,760	56.4%	33.2%	10.4%	506	85.0%	13.2%	1.8%
CO	368	37.8%	61.4%	0.8%	74	17.6%	82.4%	0.0%
CT	203	44.3%	35.0%	20.7%	53	34.0%	64.2%	1.9%
DE	104	49.0%	49.0%	1.9%	12	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
DC	18	55.6%	33.3%	11.1%	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FL	2,032	38.3%	56.9%	4.8%	562	49.5%	43.4%	7.1%
GA	1,305	38.9%	49.7%	11.5%	154	81.2%	13.6%	5.2%
HI	94	40.4%	41.5%	18.1%	27	22.2%	77.8%	0.0%
ID	211	40.3%	55.0%	4.7%	38	39.5%	57.9%	2.6%
IL	914	41.4%	47.7%	10.9%	132	20.5%	75.0%	4.5%
IN	661	39.5%	46.7%	13.8%	110	18.2%	73.6%	8.2%
IA	329	48.9%	39.2%	11.9%	57	14.0%	86.0%	0.0%
KS	350	39.4%	57.1%	3.4%	64	29.7%	67.2%	3.1%
KY	703	32.6%	67.4%	-	98	30.6%	69.4%	-
LA	747	35.2%	58.5%	6.3%	95	85.3%	12.6%	2.1%
ME	141	34.0%	46.1%	19.9%	23	26.1%	69.6%	4.3%
MD	454	55.9%	38.8%	5.3%	84	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%
MA	299	26.4%	52.8%	20.7%	50	86.0%	10.0%	4.0%
MI	769	55.1%	32.6%	12.2%	114	83.3%	11.4%	5.3%
MN	360	40.6%	51.1%	8.3%	67	22.4%	77.6%	0.0%
MS	766	27.9%	72.1%	-	55	80.0%	20.0%	-
MO	877	27.1%	64.2%	8.7%	93	78.5%	18.3%	3.2%
MT	213	30.5%	67.1%	2.3%	26	46.2%	53.8%	0.0%
NE	230	33.5%	59.1%	7.4%	18	72.2%	22.2%	5.6%
NV	312	42.6%	47.1%	10.3%	50	82.0%	18.0%	0.0%
NH	98	22.4%	72.4%	5.1%	21	28.6%	71.4%	0.0%
NJ	374	39.6%	54.8%	5.6%	87	83.9%	12.6%	3.4%
NM	343	44.9%	49.9%	5.2%	43	20.9%	74.4%	4.7%
NY	848	49.2%	43.8%	7.1%	192	84.4%	13.0%	2.6%
NC	1,185	48.9%	45.1%	6.1%	150	89.3%	9.3%	1.3%
ND	91	33.0%	65.9%	1.1%	4	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
OH	913	42.2%	55.0%	2.8%	158	25.3%	73.4%	1.3%
OK	599	40.4%	58.6%	1.0%	64	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
OR	350	58.3%	30.3%	11.4%	44	97.7%	2.3%	0.0%
PA	1,092	31.6%	54.9%	13.6%	188	51.6%	46.3%	2.1%
RI	47	25.5%	74.5%	-	16	31.3%	68.8%	-
SC	767	33.8%	59.3%	6.9%	109	25.7%	74.3%	0.0%
SD	149	17.4%	75.2%	7.4%	22	22.7%	77.3%	0.0%
TN	985	37.7%	55.9%	6.4%	140	84.3%	15.0%	0.7%
TX	2,562	48.9%	44.3%	6.7%	346	35.8%	62.7%	1.4%
UT	217	46.5%	39.6%	13.8%	24	33.3%	62.5%	4.2%
VT	73	46.6%	47.9%	5.5%	10	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
VA	762	36.0%	59.3%	4.7%	69	91.3%	2.9%	5.8%
WA	454	53.3%	43.4%	3.3%	80	92.5%	7.5%	0.0%
WV	305	30.5%	52.1%	17.4%	38	71.1%	23.7%	5.3%
WI	543	37.6%	54.5%	7.9%	93	25.8%	74.2%	0.0%
WY	156	34.0%	61.5%	4.5%	17	23.5%	76.5%	0.0%
USA	30,521	41.3%	50.9%	7.8%	4,810	56.5%	40.7%	2.8%
PR	227	45.4%	54.6%	-	115	43.5%	56.5%	-

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7.
Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes by Type, 2006

State	Total	Percent Who Were: (by Person Type)						Total	Percent That Were: (by Vehicle Type)				
		Drivers	Passengers	Motorcycle Riders	Pedestrians	Pedal-cyclists	Other/Unknown		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
AL	1,208	61.6%	22.0%	8.7%	6.5%	0.8%	0.4%	1,585	41.9%	41.0%	7.9%	6.9%	2.3%
AK	74	51.4%	21.6%	12.2%	12.2%	1.4%	1.4%	111	27.0%	54.1%	3.6%	8.1%	7.2%
AZ	1,288	44.3%	28.1%	11.0%	13.0%	2.3%	1.4%	1,719	35.5%	41.7%	7.4%	8.4%	6.9%
AR	665	62.0%	20.6%	11.4%	4.7%	0.5%	0.9%	886	32.7%	45.5%	10.9%	8.4%	2.5%
CA	4,236	43.8%	23.2%	11.9%	16.9%	3.3%	0.8%	5,822	44.3%	36.5%	6.6%	9.0%	3.6%
CO	535	50.5%	21.9%	13.8%	11.0%	1.9%	0.9%	724	34.5%	43.6%	10.1%	9.8%	1.9%
CT	301	54.2%	14.6%	17.6%	12.0%	1.7%	0.0%	435	48.7%	30.6%	6.7%	12.6%	1.4%
DE	148	47.3%	23.6%	8.1%	18.2%	2.7%	0.0%	206	45.6%	37.4%	8.3%	6.3%	2.4%
DC	37	29.7%	21.6%	2.7%	45.9%	0.0%	0.0%	49	49.0%	30.6%	4.1%	2.0%	14.3%
FL	3,374	43.7%	18.4%	16.7%	16.2%	3.9%	1.1%	4,847	41.4%	36.0%	6.9%	12.1%	3.6%
GA	1,693	59.4%	20.6%	9.1%	8.7%	1.1%	1.1%	2,430	40.1%	41.7%	9.4%	6.7%	2.1%
HI	161	35.4%	25.5%	16.8%	19.3%	2.5%	0.6%	204	38.7%	38.2%	3.4%	13.2%	6.4%
ID	267	56.9%	24.7%	14.2%	3.0%	0.7%	0.4%	332	35.5%	44.9%	7.2%	10.2%	2.1%
IL	1,254	54.3%	21.6%	10.5%	11.0%	2.0%	0.6%	1,730	45.7%	33.7%	9.1%	7.7%	3.8%
IN	899	57.0%	19.7%	12.2%	8.1%	2.3%	0.7%	1,250	41.5%	37.0%	10.9%	9.1%	1.4%
IA	439	59.9%	19.8%	13.0%	5.7%	1.1%	0.5%	582	42.3%	33.0%	12.4%	9.5%	2.9%
KS	468	62.0%	17.9%	13.7%	4.9%	1.3%	0.2%	628	36.9%	40.6%	10.2%	9.4%	2.9%
KY	913	62.5%	20.2%	10.7%	5.7%	0.5%	0.3%	1,263	42.9%	38.1%	8.2%	7.8%	2.9%
LA	982	58.2%	19.8%	9.7%	9.8%	2.4%	0.1%	1,332	37.8%	45.2%	7.3%	7.1%	2.7%
ME	188	61.7%	18.1%	12.2%	5.3%	2.1%	0.5%	246	41.9%	38.6%	7.3%	9.3%	2.8%
MD	651	53.9%	17.5%	12.9%	14.4%	1.1%	0.2%	936	49.6%	32.5%	6.3%	9.3%	2.4%
MA	430	54.9%	16.3%	11.6%	14.2%	1.4%	1.6%	572	53.0%	29.9%	5.8%	8.9%	2.4%
MI	1,085	53.9%	20.1%	10.5%	12.5%	2.6%	0.4%	1,525	44.1%	37.7%	7.4%	8.1%	2.6%
MN	494	56.7%	19.8%	13.6%	7.7%	1.6%	0.6%	688	44.0%	34.7%	8.9%	10.0%	2.3%
MS	911	65.9%	21.5%	6.0%	6.1%	0.3%	0.1%	1,156	42.6%	43.9%	7.0%	4.8%	1.7%
MO	1,096	59.6%	23.5%	8.5%	6.9%	0.6%	0.8%	1,470	45.3%	37.4%	8.8%	6.3%	2.1%
MT	263	56.7%	24.3%	9.9%	4.6%	0.8%	3.8%	298	36.2%	44.3%	8.7%	8.4%	2.3%
NE	269	58.0%	30.5%	6.7%	3.3%	0.7%	0.7%	333	41.7%	42.3%	8.4%	5.4%	2.1%
NV	432	47.7%	25.9%	11.6%	12.0%	2.3%	0.5%	619	41.8%	39.7%	6.9%	8.2%	3.2%
NH	127	59.1%	18.1%	16.5%	4.7%	1.6%	0.0%	179	42.5%	38.0%	3.9%	15.6%	0.0%
NJ	772	45.3%	20.1%	11.3%	21.4%	1.6%	0.4%	1,063	39.6%	25.7%	5.6%	8.4%	20.7%
NM	484	46.5%	29.1%	8.9%	14.3%	1.2%	0.0%	572	31.8%	44.4%	11.7%	8.2%	3.8%
NY	1,456	44.2%	17.9%	13.2%	21.4%	3.1%	0.2%	1,970	44.8%	31.8%	8.3%	10.4%	4.8%
NC	1,559	55.8%	21.7%	9.6%	11.1%	1.3%	0.4%	2,121	43.3%	41.0%	7.0%	7.3%	1.4%
ND	111	66.7%	26.1%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	134	32.8%	47.0%	12.7%	3.0%	4.5%
OH	1,238	58.6%	19.0%	12.8%	7.8%	1.4%	0.6%	1,741	45.8%	33.2%	8.7%	9.5%	2.7%
OK	765	61.3%	23.1%	8.4%	6.0%	0.8%	0.4%	1,025	35.2%	43.6%	13.1%	6.3%	1.8%
OR	477	52.2%	25.6%	9.2%	9.9%	2.9%	0.2%	597	38.9%	42.7%	8.4%	7.4%	2.7%
PA	1,525	56.7%	18.3%	12.3%	10.9%	0.9%	1.0%	2,087	45.4%	34.0%	8.8%	9.0%	2.8%
RI	81	40.7%	19.8%	19.8%	18.5%	1.2%	0.0%	100	57.0%	17.0%	9.0%	15.0%	2.0%
SC	1,037	56.8%	18.9%	10.5%	12.1%	1.5%	0.2%	1,389	43.6%	39.4%	6.3%	8.4%	2.3%
SD	191	58.6%	25.7%	11.5%	3.7%	0.5%	0.0%	237	38.8%	39.7%	7.2%	11.0%	3.4%
TN	1,287	58.4%	22.5%	10.9%	7.1%	0.5%	0.6%	1,729	41.1%	39.7%	8.1%	8.0%	3.1%
TX	3,475	53.1%	23.6%	10.0%	10.9%	1.5%	0.9%	4,674	35.6%	44.9%	9.5%	7.6%	2.4%
UT	287	50.9%	26.1%	8.4%	10.1%	3.5%	1.0%	365	37.3%	45.8%	8.5%	6.3%	2.2%
VT	87	66.7%	20.7%	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	106	44.3%	34.9%	9.4%	9.4%	1.9%
VA	963	60.3%	22.1%	7.2%	8.5%	1.2%	0.6%	1,246	46.9%	37.5%	8.2%	5.9%	1.6%
WA	630	51.6%	23.3%	12.7%	10.5%	1.1%	0.8%	858	42.8%	38.3%	7.7%	9.4%	1.7%
WV	410	62.0%	22.7%	9.3%	4.9%	0.2%	1.0%	552	36.6%	39.5%	8.2%	6.7%	9.1%
WI	724	59.3%	18.8%	12.8%	7.6%	1.1%	0.4%	965	44.6%	35.5%	7.5%	9.4%	3.0%
WY	195	58.5%	29.7%	8.7%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	255	22.0%	50.6%	18.8%	7.1%	1.6%
USA	42,642	53.5%	21.5%	11.3%	11.2%	1.8%	0.7%	57,943	41.6%	38.5%	8.2%	8.5%	3.3%
PR	507	31.4%	14.2%	22.7%	27.4%	3.9%	0.4%	660	46.2%	26.5%	4.5%	17.6%	5.2%

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 8.

Fatalities in the Beds of Pickup Trucks, by State and Age, 2006

State	Age							Total
	<5	5-9	10-14	15-20	21-24	>24	Unknown	
AL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	6
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CA	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	6
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL	0	0	0	3	1	6	0	10
GA	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
HI	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
ID	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
IL	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
IN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KS	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
KY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
MA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MI	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MO	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NV	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
NH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
OK	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
OR	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
TX	0	2	0	5	4	10	1	22
UT	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WV	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA	0	4	4	27	19	46	1	101
PR	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2

Note: Includes fatalities in both enclosed and unenclosed beds.

Table 9.

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2006 Belt Use Rates

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required ¹	Seat belt Required ²		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁴	2006 Seat Belt Use Rate
				Seats	Ages ³		
AL	Primary	\$25	4 years and under and <40 lb ⁵	Front	Under 15, all seats	Designed for >10 passengers, model year <1965, rural mail carriers, newspaper delivery, vehicles normally operating in reverse.	82.9%
AK	Primary ⁶	\$15	3 years and under	All	All	School bus, emergency vehicles, mail or newspaper delivery, non-highway vehicles generally.	83.2%
AZ	Secondary	\$10	4 years and under	Front	15 and under, all seats	Designed for >10 passengers, model year <1972, rural mail carriers.	78.9%
AR	Secondary ⁷	\$25	5 years and under and <60 lb ⁸	Front	14 and under, all seats	School, church, or public bus; model year <1968.	69.3%
CA	Primary	\$20	5 years and under or <60 lb; <60 lb in rear seat if available	All	All	Emergency vehicles, postal service vehicles, newspaper delivery vehicles.	93.4%
CO	Secondary ⁹	\$17	5 years and under and <55 inches tall ¹⁰	Front	All	Passenger bus, school bus, ambulance, postal service vehicles, delivery and pickup services.	80.3%
CT	Primary	\$15	1-6 years and <60 lb in child restraint system ¹¹	Front	Under 16, all seats	Truck or bus >15,000 lb; public, emergency, and delivery vehicles; postal service vehicles; newspaper delivery vehicles.	83.5%
DE	Primary	\$25	6 years and under and <60 lb	All	All	Postal service vehicles, tractors, off-highway vehicles.	86.1%
DC	Primary	\$50 ¹²	7 years and under	All	All	Seating for >8 people.	85.4%
FL	Secondary	\$30	3 years and under	Front	Under 17, all seats	School bus purchased before 1/1/2001; farm tractors, trash trucks, newspaper delivery, living space of RVs, public bus, truck >5,000 lb. Number of passengers in pickup truck required to wear seat belt shall not exceed number of installed front seat belts (extra passengers exempted).	80.7%
GA	Primary	\$15-\$25	5 years and under and 57 inches tall or less ¹³	Front	17 and under, all seats ¹⁴	Designed for >10 passengers, pickups, off-road vehicles, vehicles used for frequent stops. Exemption for pickups applies to passengers 18 years and over.	90.0%
HI	Primary	\$55 ¹⁵	7 years and under and <57 inches tall ¹⁶	Front	17 and under, all seats	Bus or school bus >10,000 lb, emergency vehicles, taxicabs. Exempts persons unable to use seat belt when all available seat belt assemblies are in use (in this case, unsecured children must sit in the back seat).	92.5%
ID	Secondary	\$10	6 years and under	All	All	>8,000 lb, mail carriers, implements of husbandry.	79.8%

¹ May include rear-facing child restraint seats, forward-facing child restraint seats, and booster seats.

² Virtually every State exempts persons who for medical reasons cannot use a seat belt and vehicles not originally required to be equipped with seat belts.

³ The word "all" used in this category means that everyone in the vehicle must be restrained. For children, that may be in a child restraint.

⁴ Exemptions for emergency vehicles and buses generally do not apply to the driver.

⁵ Children 1 year of age and under or <20 lb must be in rear-facing child restraint; under 5 years or <40 lb in forward-facing child restraint; booster seat until age 6.

⁶ To enforce the seat belt law, the officer must personally observe the violation or have another reason to stop the vehicle.

⁷ If a motorist is wearing a seat belt when stopped for another violation, the fine for that violation is reduced by \$10.

⁸ Children 6 years of age or at least 60 lb may be in a seat belt.

⁹ Primary enforcement if the driver is under 17 years of age.

¹⁰ Children under 1 year of age and <20 lb must be in rear-facing infant seat; 1-3 years and 20-40 lb in forward-facing child seat; 4-5 years and <55 inches in booster seat. Secondary enforcement for children 4-5 years required to be in booster seats.

¹¹ Children under 1 year of age or <20 lb must be in rear-facing restraint system; 4 years and older in "student transportation" (not a school bus) in child seat or seat belt. Booster seats may be used only in seating positions with lap and shoulder belts.

¹² Plus 2 points on license record.

¹³ Child restraint requirement is satisfied for children 3 or 4 years old if restrained in a seat belt; 5 years and under must be in rear seat if available.

¹⁴ Drivers may be fined up to \$100 and seat passengers \$50 for each passenger under 16 years old not wearing a seat belt.

¹⁵ Includes \$45 fine and \$10 surcharge for neuro-trauma special fund.

¹⁶ Effective January 1, 2007.

Table 9.

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2006 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required ¹	Seat belt Required ²		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁴	2006 Seat Belt Use Rate
				Seats	Ages ³		
IL	Primary	\$25	7 years and under	Front	15 and under, all seats	Emergency vehicles, vehicles making frequent stops. If driver is under 18, all passengers under 19 must be restrained. Children >40 lb may use lap belt in rear seat if no combination belt is available.	87.8%
IN	Primary	\$25	7 years and under ¹⁷	Front	15 and under, all seats ¹⁸	Truck, tractor, RV, postal vehicles, delivery vehicles, taxi, bus, emergency vehicles, antique cars.	84.3%
IA	Primary	\$25	5 years and under ¹⁹	Front	10 and under, all seats	Delivery vehicles that do not exceed 25 mph between stops, emergency vehicles, postal vehicles.	89.6%
KS	Secondary	\$10	7 years and under, <80 lb, and <67 inches tall ²⁰	Front	Under 14, all seats	Designed for >10 people, truck >12,000 lb, off-road vehicles, postal vehicles, newspaper delivery vehicles.	73.5%
KY	Primary ²¹	\$25	<40 inches tall	All	All	Designed for >10 people, trucks >12,000 lb, farm trucks 2,000 lb or more, postal vehicles. Seat belt roadblocks prohibited. No points on driving record for belt violations.	67.2%
LA	Primary	\$25	5 years and under ²²	Front	12 and under, all seats	Designed for >10 people, utility vehicles traveling <20 mph, model year <1981, postal vehicles, farm vehicles, persons delivering newspapers.	74.8%
ME	Primary	\$50	<40 lb in child restraint; 7 years and under and <80 lb in booster seat	All	All	Manufactured without seat belts, postal vehicles. Everyone in school bus equipped with seat belts must use them.	77.2%
MD	Primary	\$25	5 years and under or 40 lb or less	Outboard front	15 and under, all seats	"Historical" vehicles, for-hire vehicles, farm vehicles within 10 miles of farm, vanpool vehicles, ambulances, funeral limousines, modified vehicles 25+ years old.	91.1%
MA	Secondary	\$25	4 years and under and 40 lb or less	All	All	Trucks >18,000 lb, buses and taxis, emergency vehicles, postal vehicles.	66.9%
MI	Primary	\$25	3 years and under	Front	15 and under, all seats ²³	Taxi, bus, school bus, postal service vehicles, commercial vehicles making frequent stops.	94.3%
MN	Secondary	\$25	3 years and under	Front	10 and under, all seats ²⁴	Farm pickup trucks, postal vehicles, commercial vehicles making frequent stops if not exceeding 25 mph between stops.	83.3%
MS	Primary	\$25	3 years and under	Front	Under 16, all seats	Farm vehicles, buses, postal vehicles, utility meter readers' vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, vehicles designed for >15 people.	73.6%
MO	Secondary ²⁵	\$10	Under 4 years and <40 lb in child restraint; 4-7 years, <80 lb, and <57 inches tall in booster seat	Front	Under 16, all seats	Designed for >10 people, truck >12,000 lb, postal service vehicles, vehicles being used for agriculture.	75.2%
MT	Secondary ²⁶	\$20	5 years and under and <60 lb	All	All	Vehicles making frequent stops if exemption obtained from state; construction vehicles.	79.0%

¹⁷ Children >40 pounds may be restrained by a lap seat belt if: (1) the vehicle is not equipped with lap and shoulder seat belts; or (2) all lap and shoulder seat belts are being used to properly restrain other children <16 years of age (not including the operator's seat and the front passenger seat).

¹⁸ The requirement for drivers to assure that children 15 years and under in all seats are belted does not apply to holders of an Indiana driver's license.

¹⁹ Children <1 year of age and <20 lb must be in rear-facing child seat; 3 years or older but <6 years may be secured in child restraint, seat belt, or safety harness.

²⁰ If the number of children subject to these requirements exceeds the number of passenger securing locations available for use by children, and all securing locations are in use by children, the requirement is waived for the additional children.

²¹ Primary enforcement begins 1/1/07; until then, "courtesy notices" will be given as part of educational phase.

²² Children <1 year of age or <20 lb must be in rear-facing child seat; 1 to 4 years and 20 to 40 lb in forward-facing child seat; 4 to 6 years and 40 to 60 lb in booster seat.

²³ A driver does not have to comply with this requirement if the number of children to be secured exceeds the number of seat belts available. Unsecured children must be seated in other than the front seat, and all front seat passengers must be secured. For pickup trucks, if all seat belts are being used and the vehicle does not have an extended cab or jump seats, unsecured children may be in front seat without a seat belt.

²⁴ The seat belt requirement does not apply to persons riding in a vehicle with all available seat belt positions occupied.

²⁵ Primary for children <16 years of age.

²⁶ Exemption for persons who cannot use a seat belt because all available seat belts are in use.

Table 9.

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2006 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required ¹	Seat belt Required ²		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁴	2006 Seat Belt Use Rate
				Seats	Ages ³		
NE	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under	Front	15 and under, all seats	Model year <1973, farm tractors and other agricultural equipment, buses, postal vehicles, ambulance or rescue service vehicles.	76.0%
NV	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under and 60 lb or less	All	All	Taxi, bus, school bus, postal service vehicles, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles not exceeding 15 mph, any vehicle or seating position if the state determines compliance is impractical.	91.2%
NH	No adult law	\$25	5 years and under if <55 inches tall	All	Under 18 only (primary law)	School bus, vehicle for hire, model year <1968, antique cars, vehicles in parade traveling at 10 mph or less.	63.5%
NC	Primary	\$25 ²⁷	7 years and under and < 80 lb ²⁸	Front; all seats as of 7/1/07	15 and under, all seats; all ages as of 7/1/07	Designed for >11 people, farm vehicles, postal vehicles, designated commercial vehicles, emergency vehicles. If no lap and shoulder belt, children 40-80 lb may be in lap belt.	88.5%
ND	Secondary ²⁹	\$20	6 years and under and <57 inches tall or <80 lb ³⁰	Front	17 and under	Designed for >10 people, farm vehicles, rural mail carriers. When all seats or all front seat seat belts are used by other occupants.	79.0%
NJ	Primary	\$20	7 years and under and <80 lb ³¹	Front	17 and under, all seats	Manufactured before 1966, rural letter carriers.	90.0%
NM	Primary	\$25 ³²	6 years and under or <60 lb ³³	All	All	Vehicles >10,000 lb, rural letter carriers.	89.6%
NY	Primary	\$50- \$100 ³⁴	6 years and under	Front	Under 16, all seats	Bus, school bus, ³⁵ taxi, emergency or delivery vehicle, rural letter carriers.	83.0%
OH	Secondary	\$30 ³⁶	3 years and under or <40 lb	Front	—	Postal service vehicles, vehicles delivering newspapers.	81.7%
OK	Primary	\$20	5 years and under ³⁷	Front	12 and under, all seats	Farm vehicles, truck, truck tractor, RV, postal service vehicles, school buses, taxicabs, emergency vehicles.	83.7%
OR	Primary	\$75 or less	5 years and under and 60 lb or less ³⁸	All	All	Newspaper, mail, meter, and transit vehicles; for-hire vehicles; trash trucks, emergency vehicles, taxicab operators.	94.1%
PA	Secondary	\$10 ³⁹	7 years and under ⁴⁰	Front	17 and under, all seats	Truck >7,000 lb, rural letter carriers, delivery vehicles traveling at 15 mph or less.	86.3%
RI	Secondary ⁴¹	\$75	6 years and under, ⁴² <54 inches tall, and <80 lb	All	All	Postal service vehicles.	74.0%

²⁷ On July 1, 2007, the fine for a rear seat passenger will be \$10 and no court costs, with secondary enforcement of violations occurring in the rear seat.

²⁸ In vehicles with front side passenger air bags, a child <5 years of age and <40 lb shall be properly secured in the rear seat unless the child restraint system is designed for use with air bags.

²⁹ Primary enforcement for all positions if occupant is <18 years of age.

³⁰ The requirement to use either a child restraint system or a seat belt does not apply either (1) to a child if all available seat belts in the vehicle are in use by other family members or (2) to a child being transported in an emergency situation.

³¹ Seated in rear seat if available.

³² Plus 2 points on driving record.

³³ Children <1 year in a of age in rear-facing infant seat, in rear seat if available; 1-4 years or <40 lb in child safety seat; 5-6 years or <60 lb in booster seat.

³⁴ Plus 3 points on license record if the violation involves a child under 16 years of age. Front seat passengers 16 years and older can be fined up to \$50 and drivers can be fined up to \$100 for each passenger <16 years not wearing a seat belt.

³⁵ School buses sold in the State must be equipped with seat belts. Board of Education, via regulations, may provide that on school buses under its jurisdiction, seat belts be used when vehicle is in operation.

³⁶ \$30 driver, \$20 passenger.

³⁷ Children >40 lb may be belted in rear seat by a lap belt if vehicle is not equipped with lap and shoulder belts or when the lap and shoulder belts are being used by other children.

³⁸ Children 3 years of age or younger and <40 lb in child restraint seat; 4-5 years or 40-60 lb in booster seat.

³⁹ Fine is \$10, but with court, EMS, judicial, and computer costs the ticket total is \$51.50.

⁴⁰ Secondary enforcement for children 4-7 years of age, who must be in booster seats.

⁴¹ Primary enforcement for drivers and occupants <18 years of age.

⁴² Children 6 years of age and under must be in rear seat if available.

Table 9.

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2006 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required ¹	Seat belt Required ²		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁴	2006 Seat Belt Use Rate
				Seats	Ages ³		
SC	Primary ⁴³	\$25	1-6 years and 40-80 lb ⁴⁴	All	All	Emergency vehicles, buses, postal service vehicles, delivery vehicles, vehicles carrying >10 passengers, parade vehicles; vehicles in which all seating positions with seat belts are already occupied; persons occupying rear seat, unless the vehicle is equipped with a shoulder harness.	72.5%
SD	Secondary ⁴⁵	\$20	4 years and under and <40 lb	Front	17 and under, all seats	Passenger bus, school bus, rural mail carriers, newspaper or periodical deliveries.	71.3%
TN	Primary	\$10 ⁴⁶	8 years and under and <57 inches tall ⁴⁷	Front	Under 16, all seats ⁴⁸	>8,500 lb, rural letter carriers, utility workers, newspaper delivery; vehicles in parades, hayrides, or crossing a highway from one field to another if operated at <15 mph.	78.6%
TX	Primary	\$25-\$50	4 years and under and <36 inches tall	Front	16 and under, all seats ⁴⁹	Designed for >10 people, truck >15,000 lb, farm vehicles, postal service vehicles, meter readers.	90.4%
UT	Secondary ⁵⁰	\$45 or less ⁵¹	4 years and under	All	All	Passengers exempted if all seats occupied or if riding in seating positions not equipped with seat belts.	88.6%
VT	Secondary	\$25	6 years and under in child seat ⁵²	All	All	Bus, taxi, rural mail carriers, delivery vehicles traveling at 15 mph or less, emergency vehicles, farm tractors.	82.4%
VA	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under ⁵³	Front	Under 16, all seats	Designed for >10 people, taxi, police vehicles, rural mail carriers, newspaper delivery, utility meter readers, commercial vehicles making frequent stops.	78.7%
WA	Primary	\$35	7 years and under and <57 inches	All	All	Designed for >10 people; when all designated seating positions are occupied; vehicles exempted by state regulation, including farm, construction, or commercial vehicles making frequent stops.	96.3%
WV	Secondary	\$25 ⁵⁴	7 years and under and <57 inches ⁵⁵	Front	Under 17, all seats	Designed for >10 people, rural mail carriers.	88.5%
WI	Secondary	\$10	7 years and under, 80 lb or less, <57 inches ⁵⁶	Front	All ⁵⁷	Taxis, farm trucks engaged in farming, emergency vehicles required to make more than 10 stops per mile, rural mail carriers, land surveyors.	75.4%
WY	Secondary ⁵⁸	\$25 ⁵⁹	8 years and under in rear seat, 80 lb or less in rear seat if available ⁶⁰	All	All	Postal vehicles, emergency vehicles, buses. Excess passengers exempted if all seats are occupied.	63.5%
USA							81%
PR							92.7%

⁴³ Seat belt law may not be enforced by checkpoints designed for that purpose. Law does not apply to an occupant if all belts in the vehicle are used by other occupants.

⁴⁴ Children <1 year of age or <20 lb must be in rear-facing infant seat; 5 years and under in rear seat if available; 1-5 years and up to 80 lb in child safety seat unless the knees bend over the seat edge when sitting up straight against the seat back (in this case, use of seat belt is permitted); up to \$150 fine, which may be waived with acquisition of child restraint.

⁴⁵ Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is <18 years of age.

⁴⁶ Drivers 18 years of age and older pay \$10 if they do not contest the citation; drivers 16-17 years pay \$20; \$50 if unsuccessfully contested in court.

⁴⁷ Under 1 year of age and <20 lb in rear-facing child seat; 1-3 years and 20 lb or more in forward-facing child seat.

⁴⁸ Drivers 16 or 17 years of age must wear a seat belt. Driver cannot be fined for failure of a passenger >16 years to wear a seat belt.

⁴⁹ Seat belt requirement does not apply to passengers occupying seating positions without seat belts.

⁵⁰ Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is 18 years of age or under.

⁵¹ Reduced to \$15 upon completion of class; standard enforcement for children 18 years of age and under.

⁵² Less than 1 year of age or <20 lb in rear-facing child seat; 2-7 years in child passenger restraint system unless all available seat belts are in use and children <5 years are secured in child passenger restraints.

⁵³ Children at least 4 years of age may be belted if the weight or size of the child makes use of a child restraint device impractical.

⁵⁴ The fine for drivers is \$25; the fine for passengers >12 years of age is \$10.

⁵⁵ If all seat belts in a vehicle are being used at the time of examination by a law officer and the vehicle contains more passengers than the total number of seat belts or other safety devices as installed in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards, the driver may not be considered in violation.

⁵⁶ Less than 1 year of age or <20 lb in rear-facing child seat; 1-3 years and 20 to 40 lb in forward-facing child seat; 4-7 years, <80 lb, and <57 inches tall in booster seat.

⁵⁷ Rear seat occupants must wear seat belt at any position where a shoulder harness is installed.

⁵⁸ If motorist is wearing seat belt when stopped for another violation, the fine for that violation is reduced by \$10.

⁵⁹ Passengers violating the seat belt requirements are subject to a fine of \$10.

⁶⁰ Children exempted from booster seat requirement if lap and shoulder belt fits properly across collarbone, chest, and hips and does not pose a danger to neck, face, or abdominal area in the event of a crash or sudden stop.

Sources: Laws: NHTSA, Regional Office. Updated as of July 1, 2007. Seat Belt Use Rate: Seat Belt Use in 2006 - Use Rates in States and Territories (DOT HS 810 690).

Table 10.

History of Motorcycle Helmet Laws

State	Effective Date of Original Law*	Effective Date of Repeal/Amendment	
AL	11/6/1967		
AK	1/1/1971	6/23/1976	Repealed for operators age 18 and over.
AZ	1/1/1969	5/27/1976	Repealed for age 18 and over.
AR	6/29/1967	7/31/1997	Repealed for age 21 and over.
CA	01/01/85**	1/1/1992	Reinstated for all.
CO	7/1/1969	5/23/1977	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18.
CT	10/1/1967	6/1/1976 1/1/1990	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18.
DE	6/21/1968	6/10/1978 7/17/1984	Repealed for age 19 and over. All riders must have helmet in their possession. Helmet required for instruction permit holders.
DC	2/11/1970		
FL	9/13/1967	7/1/2000	Repealed for age 21 and over if covered by insurance of at least \$10,000 in medical benefits.
GA	7/1/1969		
HI	6/4/1967	6/7/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
ID	1/1/1968	3/29/1978	Repealed for age 18 and over.
IL	7/1/1967	5/28/1969	Helmet law ruled unconstitutional by State Supreme Court.
IN	7/26/1967	9/1/1977 1/1/1984	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18.
IA	9/1/1975	7/1/1976	Repealed.
KS	7/1/1967	7/1/1970 7/1/1972 7/1/1976 7/1/1979	Repealed for age 21 and over. Reinstated for all. Repealed for age 16 and over. Reinstated for ages 16 and 17.
KY	6/13/1968	7/15/1998 7/4/2000	Repealed for age 21 and over provided operator has held motorcycle license for 1 year and has provided proof of health insurance when registering motorcycle. Health insurance requirement repealed.
LA	7/13/1968	10/1/1976 1/1/1982 8/15/1999 8/15/2004	Repealed for age 18 and over. Reinstated for all. Repealed for age 18 and over with health insurance with \$10,000 in medical benefits for bodily injuries. Reinstated for all.
ME	10/7/1967	10/24/1977 7/3/1980 9/23/1983	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 15. Required for holders of learners' permits and for licensees holding license for 1 year or less.
MD	7/1/1968	7/1/1979 10/1/1992	Repealed for age 18 and over. Reinstated for all.
MA	5/22/1967		
MI	3/10/1967	6/12/1968 7/29/1969	All riders required to have helmet in their possession. Reinstated for all.
MN	5/1/1968	4/6/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.

Table 10.

History of Motorcycle Helmet Laws (Continued)

State	Effective Date of Original Law*	Effective Date of Repeal/Amendment	
MS	3/28/1974		
MO	9/28/1967		
MT	7/1/1973	7/1/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
NE	5/29/1967	9/1/1977	Repealed (law was never enforced).
		1/1/1989	Reinstated for all.
NV	1/1/1972		
NH	9/5/1967	8/7/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
NJ	1/1/1968		
NM	6/16/1967	6/17/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
NY	1/1/1967		
NC	1/1/1968		
ND	7/1/1967	7/1/1977	Repealed except for operators under age 18 and passengers, regardless of age, if required for operator.
OH	1/1/1968	7/10/1978	Repealed except for riders under age 18; operators having motorcycle license less than 1 year; and passengers if required for operator.
OK	4/7/1967	5/3/1976	Repealed for age 18 and over.
OR	1/1/1968	10/4/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
		6/16/1989	Reinstated for all (by voter referendum).
PA	7/1/1968	9/4/2003	Repealed for operator age 21 and over if operator has held motorcycle license for at least 2 years or has completed rider education. Repealed for passenger age 21 and over if operator is exempt.
RI	4/4/1967	5/21/1976	Repealed for all operators. Required for all passengers.
		7/1/1992	Required for operators under 21, operators licensed for 1 year or less, and all passengers.
SC	7/1/1967	6/16/1980	Repealed for age 21 and over.
SD	7/1/1967	7/1/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
TN	6/1/1967		
TX	8/28/1967	5/20/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
		9/1/1989	Reinstated for all.
		9/1/1997	Repealed for age 21 and over who have completed rider education or are covered by at least \$10,000 in medical insurance.
UT	5/13/1969	5/8/1977	Repealed for age 18 and over.
VT	3/6/1968		
VA	6/5/1970		
WA	6/8/1967	7/1/1977	Repealed.
		7/26/1987	Reinstated for under age 18.
		6/7/1990	Reinstated for all.
WV	5/25/1971		
WI	7/1/1968	3/19/1978	Repealed except for under age 18 and instruction permit holders.
WY	5/24/1973	5/27/1983	Repealed for age 18 and over.
PR	7/20/1960		

*Original law applied to all motorcyclists, unless otherwise noted.

**Applied only to riders under age 15½.

Source: Motorcycle Industry Council.

Table 11.

States With .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration Per Se Laws

State	Enactment Date	Effective Date	State	Enactment Date	Effective Date
AL	July 31, 1995	October 1, 1995	MT	April 15, 2003	April 15, 2003
AK	July 3, 2001	September 1, 2001	NE	March 1, 2001	September 1, 2001
AZ	April 11, 2001	August 31, 2001	NV	June 10, 2003	September 23, 2003
AR	March 6, 2001	August 13, 2001	NH	April 15, 1993	January 1, 1994
CA	1989	January 1, 1990	NJ	January 12, 2004	January 20, 2004
CO	May 21, 2004	July 1, 2004	NM	March 19, 1993	January 1, 1994
CT	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2002	NY	December 30, 2002	July 1, 2003
DE	July 12, 2004	July 12, 2004	NC	July 5, 1993	October 1, 1993
DC	December 1, 1998	April 13, 1999	ND	April 7, 2003	August 27, 2003
FL	April 27, 1993	January 1, 1994	OH	March 31, 2003	July 1, 2003
GA	April 16, 2001	July 1, 2001	OK	June 8, 2001	July 1, 2001
HI	June 30, 1995	June 30, 1995	OR	August 4, 1983	October 15, 1983
ID	March 17, 1997	July 1, 1997	PA	September 30, 2003	September 30, 2003
IL	July 2, 1997	July 2, 1997	RI	July 2, 2003	July 2, 2003
IN	May 9, 2001	July 1, 2001	SC	June 19, 2003	August 19, 2003
IA	April 24, 2003	July 1, 2003	SD	February 27, 2002	July 1, 2002
KS	April 22, 1993	July 1, 1993	TN	June 27, 2002	July 1, 2003
KY	April 21, 2000	October 1, 2000	TX	May 28, 1999	September 1, 1999
LA	June 26, 2001	September 30, 2003	UT	March 19, 1983	August 1, 1983
ME	April 28, 1988	August 4, 1988	VT	June 6, 1991	July 1, 1991
MD	April 10, 2001	September 30, 2001	VA	April 6, 1994	July 1, 1994
MA	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2003	WA	March 30, 1998	January 1, 1999
MI	July 15, 2003	September 30, 2003	WV	February 16, 2004	May 4, 2004
MN	May 27, 2004	August 1, 2005	WI	July 3, 2003	September 30, 2003
MS	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002	WY	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002
MO	June 12, 2001	September 29, 2001	PR	January 10, 2000	January 10, 2001

In 2006, all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico had .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.



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