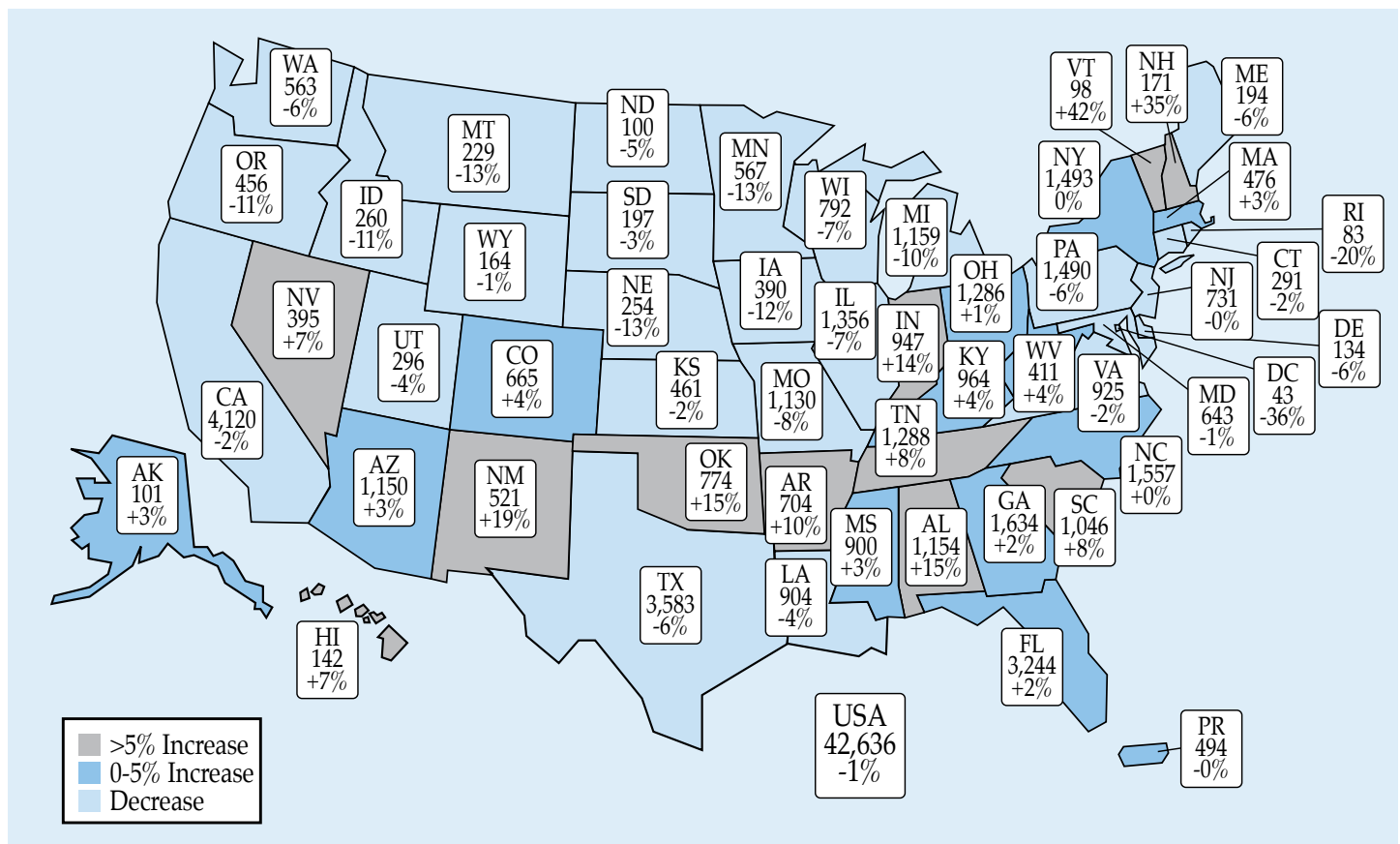


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Table 1
Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 2004

State	Traffic Fatalies	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	1,154	4,530	3,613	4,589	59,035	25.47	31.94	25.15	1.95
AK	101	655	483	681	4,990	15.41	20.93	14.83	2.02
AZ	1,150	5,744	3,784	3,985	57,336	20.02	30.39	28.86	2.01
AR	704	2,753	1,862	1,961	31,648	25.58	37.8	35.9	2.22
CA	4,120	35,894	22,761	32,026	328,917	11.48	18.1	12.86	1.25
CO	665	4,601	3,205	2,032	45,891	14.45	20.75	32.73	1.45
CT	291	3,504	2,695	3,106	31,608	8.31	10.8	9.37	0.92
DE	134	830	534	729	9,301	16.14	25.1	18.39	1.44
DC	43	554	349	240	3,742	7.77	12.32	17.89	1.15
FL	3,244	17,397	13,146	15,519	196,444	18.65	24.68	20.9	1.65
GA	1,634	8,829	5,793	8,012	112,620	18.51	28.21	20.39	1.45
HI	142	1,263	844	971	9,725	11.24	16.83	14.63	1.46
ID	260	1,393	943	1,394	14,729	18.66	27.57	18.66	1.77
IL	1,356	12,714	8,058	9,508	109,135	10.67	16.83	14.26	1.24
IN	947	6,238	4,521	5,678	72,713	15.18	20.95	16.68	1.3
IA	390	2,954	2,004	3,509	31,538	13.2	19.46	11.11	1.24
KS	461	2,736	1,980	2,408	29,172	16.85	23.29	19.14	1.58
KY	964	4,146	2,823	3,373	47,322	23.25	34.14	28.58	2.04
LA	904	4,516	3,170	3,823	44,607	20.02	28.52	23.65	2.03
ME	194	1,317	985	1,107	14,948	14.73	19.7	17.53	1.3
MD	643	5,558	3,594	4,193	55,284	11.57	17.89	15.34	1.16
MA	476	6,417	4,646	5,593	54,771	7.42	10.25	8.51	0.87
MI	1,159	10,113	7,103	8,627	103,326	11.46	16.32	13.43	1.12
MN	567	5,101	3,083	4,782	56,570	11.12	18.39	11.86	1
MS	900	2,903	1,896	1,992	39,431	31	47.47	45.19	2.28
MO	1,130	5,755	4,048	4,890	68,994	19.64	27.92	23.11	1.64
MT	229	927	713	1,057	11,207	24.71	32.12	21.67	2.04
NE	254	1,747	1,316	1,718	19,171	14.54	19.3	14.79	1.32
NV	395	2,335	1,548	1,326	19,354	16.92	25.52	29.78	2.04
NH	171	1,300	986	1,245	13,216	13.16	17.35	13.74	1.29
NJ	731	8,699	5,800	6,374	72,844	8.4	12.6	11.47	1
NM	521	1,903	1,271	1,579	23,942	27.37	40.98	32.99	2.18
NY	1,493	19,227	11,247	11,269	137,898	7.77	13.28	13.25	1.08
NC	1,557	8,541	6,122	6,299	95,903	18.23	25.43	24.72	1.62
ND	100	634	462	722	7,594	15.76	21.66	13.85	1.32
OH	1,286	11,459	7,675	10,935	111,654	11.22	16.76	11.76	1.15
OK	774	3,524	2,370	3,236	46,443	21.97	32.66	23.92	1.67
OR	456	3,595	2,626	3,079	35,598	12.69	17.37	14.81	1.28
PA	1,490	12,406	8,430	10,113	108,070	12.01	17.67	14.73	1.38
RI	83	1,081	742	835	8,473	7.68	11.19	9.95	0.98
SC	1,046	4,198	2,972	3,317	49,551	24.92	35.19	31.53	2.11
SD	197	771	563	883	8,784	25.56	34.97	22.32	2.24
TN	1,288	5,901	4,248	5,143	70,943	21.83	30.32	25.04	1.82
TX	3,583	22,490	14,544	17,194	231,008	15.93	24.64	20.84	1.55
UT	296	2,389	1,583	2,129	24,696	12.39	18.7	13.9	1.2
VT	98	621	550	552	7,855	15.77	17.8	17.77	1.25
VA	925	7,460	5,113	6,573	78,877	12.4	18.09	14.07	1.17
WA	563	6,204	4,505	5,695	55,673	9.08	12.5	9.89	1.01
WV	411	1,815	1,292	1,416	20,302	22.64	31.81	29.03	2.02
WI	792	5,509	3,910	4,938	60,399	14.38	20.25	16.04	1.31
WY	164	507	380	672	9,261	32.38	43.14	24.42	1.77
USA	42,636	293,655	198,889	237,961	2,962,513	14.52	21.44	17.92	1.44
PR	494	3,895	-	2,282	19,504	12.68	-	21.65	2.53

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, 1975-2004

State	Fatalities						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2003	2004	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2004	2003-2004
AL	902	882	1,121	1,114	1,004	1,154	-2	27	-1	28	15
AK	112	127	98	87	98	101	13	-23	-11	-10	3
AZ	670	893	869	1,035	1,118	1,150	33	-3	19	72	3
AR	559	534	604	631	640	704	-4	13	4	26	10
CA	4,092	4,960	5,192	4,192	4,224	4,120	21	5	-19	1	-2
CO	581	579	544	645	642	665	-0	-6	19	14	4
CT	389	448	385	317	298	291	15	-14	-18	-25	-2
DE	122	104	138	121	142	134	-15	33	-12	10	-6
DC	70	60	48	58	67	43	-14	-20	21	-39	-36
FL	1,998	2,832	2,891	2,805	3,169	3,244	42	2	-3	62	2
GA	1,360	1,361	1,562	1,488	1,603	1,634	+0	15	-5	20	2
HI	144	126	177	130	133	142	-13	40	-27	-1	7
ID	281	255	244	262	293	260	-9	-4	7	-7	-11
IL	2,041	1,534	1,589	1,586	1,454	1,356	-25	4	-0	-34	-7
IN	1,128	974	1,049	960	833	947	-14	8	-8	-16	14
IA	670	474	465	527	443	390	-29	-2	13	-42	-12
KS	509	486	444	442	469	461	-5	-9	-0	-9	-2
KY	863	712	849	849	928	964	-17	19	0	12	4
LA	934	931	959	894	940	904	-0	3	-7	-3	-4
ME	223	206	213	187	207	194	-8	3	-12	-13	-6
MD	670	729	707	671	650	643	9	-3	-5	-4	-1
MA	864	742	605	444	462	476	-14	-18	-27	-45	3
MI	1,779	1,545	1,571	1,530	1,283	1,159	-13	2	-3	-35	-10
MN	754	608	566	597	655	567	-19	-7	5	-25	-13
MS	546	662	750	868	872	900	21	13	16	65	3
MO	1,045	931	1,097	1,109	1,232	1,130	-11	18	1	8	-8
MT	291	223	212	215	262	229	-23	-5	1	-21	-13
NE	369	237	262	254	293	254	-36	11	-3	-31	-13
NV	218	259	343	313	368	395	19	32	-9	81	7
NH	151	191	158	118	127	171	26	-17	-25	13	35
NJ	1,043	964	886	774	733	731	-8	-8	-13	-30	-0
NM	555	535	499	485	439	521	-4	-7	-3	-6	19
NY	2,366	2,006	2,217	1,679	1,493	1,493	-15	11	-24	-37	0
NC	1,506	1,482	1,385	1,448	1,553	1,557	-2	-7	5	3	+0
ND	167	90	112	74	105	100	-46	24	-34	-40	-5
OH	1,766	1,646	1,638	1,360	1,274	1,286	-7	-0	-17	-27	1
OK	757	744	641	669	671	774	-2	-14	4	2	15
OR	562	559	579	574	512	456	-1	4	-1	-19	-11
PA	2,078	1,771	1,646	1,480	1,577	1,490	-15	-7	-10	-28	-6
RI	110	109	84	69	104	83	-1	-23	-18	-25	-20
SC	820	951	979	881	969	1,046	16	3	-10	28	8
SD	195	130	153	158	203	197	-33	18	3	1	-3
TN	1,126	1,101	1,177	1,259	1,193	1,288	-2	7	7	14	8
TX	3,372	3,678	3,250	3,183	3,821	3,583	9	-12	-2	6	-6
UT	272	303	272	325	309	296	11	-10	19	9	-4
VT	143	115	90	106	69	98	-20	-22	18	-31	42
VA	993	976	1,079	900	943	925	-2	11	-17	-7	-2
WA	758	744	825	653	600	563	-2	11	-21	-26	-6
WV	461	420	481	376	394	411	-9	15	-22	-11	4
WI	930	744	769	745	848	792	-20	3	-3	-15	-7
WY	210	152	125	170	165	164	-28	-18	36	-22	-1
USA	44,525	43,825	44,599	41,817	42,884	42,636	-2	2	-6	-4	-1
PR	496	600	473	595	495	494	21	-21	26	-0	-0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3

Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-2004

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2003	2004	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2004	2003-2004
AL	3.63	2.51	2.65	2.2	1.71	1.95	-31	6	-17	-46	14
AK	4.38	3.17	2.51	2.11	1.98	2.02	-28	-21	-16	-54	2
AZ	4.19	4.14	2.45	2.61	2.07	2.01	-1	-41	7	-52	-3
AR	4.01	3.12	2.87	2.37	2.09	2.22	-22	-8	-17	-45	6
CA	3.09	2.39	2.01	1.52	1.31	1.25	-23	-16	-24	-60	-5
CO	3.5	2.21	2	1.84	1.48	1.45	-37	-10	-8	-59	-2
CT	2.13	2	1.46	1.13	0.95	0.92	-6	-27	-23	-57	-3
DE	3.37	1.94	2.11	1.61	1.57	1.44	-42	9	-24	-57	-8
DC	2.27	1.86	1.41	1.67	1.87	1.15	-18	-24	18	-49	-39
FL	3.24	3.22	2.63	2.19	1.71	1.65	-1	-18	-17	-49	-4
GA	3.46	2.53	2.22	1.74	1.47	1.45	-27	-12	-22	-58	-1
HI	3.47	1.86	2.19	1.64	1.43	1.46	-46	18	-25	-58	2
ID	4.78	3.31	2.48	2.13	2.05	1.77	-31	-25	-14	-63	-14
IL	3.56	2.17	1.91	1.68	1.36	1.24	-39	-12	-12	-65	-9
IN	3.02	2.39	1.95	1.49	1.15	1.3	-21	-18	-24	-57	13
IA	3.75	2.35	2.02	2.03	1.42	1.24	-37	-14	+0	-67	-13
KS	3.29	2.52	1.94	1.76	1.64	1.58	-23	-23	-9	-52	-4
KY	3.5	2.5	2.52	2.07	1.99	2.04	-29	1	-18	-42	3
LA	4.6	2.79	2.53	2.31	2.13	2.03	-39	-9	-9	-56	-5
ME	3.14	2.22	1.79	1.49	1.39	1.3	-29	-19	-17	-59	-6
MD	2.66	2.19	1.74	1.5	1.19	1.16	-18	-21	-14	-56	-3
MA	2.75	1.87	1.31	0.92	0.86	0.87	-32	-30	-30	-68	1
MI	3.06	2.29	1.94	1.79	1.27	1.12	-25	-15	-8	-63	-12
MN	2.94	1.86	1.45	1.35	1.18	1	-37	-22	-7	-66	-15
MS	3.8	3.45	3.07	2.94	2.33	2.28	-9	-11	-4	-40	-2
MO	3.41	2.37	2.16	1.87	1.81	1.64	-30	-9	-13	-52	-9
MT	5.08	3.03	2.54	2.28	2.41	2.04	-40	-16	-10	-60	-15
NE	3.29	1.97	1.88	1.61	1.54	1.32	-40	-5	-14	-60	-14
NV	4.74	3.42	3.36	2.24	1.91	2.04	-28	-2	-33	-57	7
NH	2.85	2.53	1.61	1.11	0.96	1.29	-11	-36	-31	-55	34
NJ	2.15	1.83	1.5	1.27	1.05	1	-15	-18	-15	-53	-5
NM	5.59	4.03	3.09	2.29	1.92	2.18	-28	-23	-26	-61	14
NY	3.63	2.22	2.07	1.46	1.11	1.08	-39	-7	-29	-70	-3
NC	4.14	2.97	2.21	1.9	1.66	1.62	-28	-26	-14	-61	-2
ND	3.71	1.61	1.9	1.13	1.41	1.32	-57	18	-41	-64	-6
OH	2.75	2.18	1.79	1.35	1.17	1.15	-21	-18	-25	-58	-2
OK	3.33	2.39	1.93	1.74	1.47	1.67	-28	-19	-10	-50	14
OR	3.53	2.61	2.17	1.91	1.46	1.28	-26	-17	-12	-64	-12
PA	3.26	2.35	1.92	1.57	1.48	1.38	-28	-18	-18	-58	-7
RI	1.94	1.87	1.14	1	1.24	0.98	-4	-39	-12	-49	-21
SC	3.98	3.56	2.85	2.28	2.01	2.11	-11	-20	-20	-47	5
SD	3.76	2.07	2.19	2.06	2.38	2.24	-45	6	-6	-40	-6
TN	3.42	3.03	2.52	2.24	1.73	1.82	-11	-17	-11	-47	5
TX	3.99	2.57	2.08	1.76	1.71	1.55	-36	-19	-15	-61	-9
UT	3.42	2.52	1.86	1.73	1.29	1.2	-26	-26	-7	-65	-7
VT	4.32	2.45	1.54	1.71	0.83	1.25	-43	-37	11	-71	51
VA	2.87	2.04	1.79	1.29	1.23	1.17	-29	-12	-28	-59	-5
WA	3.16	2.16	1.85	1.33	1.09	1.01	-32	-14	-28	-68	-7
WV	4.36	3.32	3.12	2.16	1.96	2.02	-24	-6	-31	-54	3
WI	3.25	2.03	1.74	1.45	1.42	1.31	-38	-14	-17	-60	-8
WY	5.36	2.81	2.14	2.41	1.79	1.77	-48	-24	13	-67	-1
USA	3.35	2.47	2.08	1.73	1.48	1.44	-26	-16	-17	-57	-3
PR	7.27	5.74	3.68	3.83	2.65	2.53	-21	-36	4	-65	-5

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

Table 4

Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1994 and 2004

State	BAC .01+ g/dl			BAC .08+ g/dl			Percentage Of Drivers Involved In Fatal Crashes Tested For Bac With Known Results In 2004	
	1994	2004	Percent Change	1994	2004	Percent Change	Killed	Survived
AL	44	38	-14	39	34	-13	6	9
AK	60	31	-48	51	30	-41	33	51
AZ	45	38	-16	40	33	-18	49	6
AR	37	39	5	30	33	10	56	39
CA	41	40	-2	35	33	-6	90	21
CO	48	39	-19	40	34	-15	45	9
CT	48	44	-8	41	38	-7	59	20
DE	56	38	-32	47	36	-23	66	32
DC	48	41	-15	43	28	-35	84	32
FL	42	38	-10	37	32	-14	58	18
GA	38	32	-16	31	28	-10	47	24
HI	49	46	-6	42	37	-12	93	45
ID	37	36	-3	34	31	-9	77	34
IL	44	45	2	39	38	-3	88	22
IN	36	32	-11	31	27	-13	73	71
IA	44	28	-36	36	23	-36	34	33
KS	38	32	-16	33	26	-21	45	40
KY	40	32	-20	32	28	-13	57	29
LA	51	46	-10	45	38	-16	40	50
ME	35	36	3	29	30	3	87	72
MD	36	45	25	30	36	20	79	13
MA	48	43	-10	42	38	-10	24	1
MI	43	37	-14	37	32	-14	68	35
MN	39	32	-18	34	30	-12	60	40
MS	45	38	-16	39	35	-10	43	21
MO	51	40	-22	45	34	-24	82	24
MT	52	46	-12	46	43	-7	84	55
NE	43	36	-16	33	31	-6	88	77
NV	49	39	-20	42	34	-19	78	34
NH	42	35	-17	38	30	-21	97	24
NJ	38	37	-3	33	31	-6	67	25
NM	54	40	-26	47	36	-23	88	23
NY	33	39	18	28	33	18	50	5
NC	37	35	-5	33	32	-3	74	1
ND	53	39	-26	49	35	-29	83	13
OH	33	38	15	29	32	10	88	44
OK	41	36	-12	35	32	-9	85	13
OR	41	44	7	35	35	0	84	35
PA	42	41	-2	38	36	-5	81	16
RI	49	50	2	37	49	32	85	0
SC	32	44	38	29	39	34	80	80
SD	49	44	-10	44	39	-11	79	72
TN	41	40	-2	36	35	-3	31	23
TX	54	46	-15	49	40	-18	43	19
UT	28	24	-14	23	24	4	66	57
VT	48	32	-33	42	20	-52	95	47
VA	41	39	-5	37	33	-11	49	1
WA	49	44	-10	43	40	-7	86	21
WV	46	33	-28	41	28	-32	88	11
WI	44	45	2	38	40	5	90	39
WY	50	36	-28	46	33	-28	75	30
USA	43	39	-9	37	34	-8	64	25
PR	52	50	-4	42	45	7	81	54

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5

Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit, 2004

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	1,154	508	49	4	113	15	164	50	46	36
AK	101	38	5	10	6	4	5	1	3	1
AZ	1,150	406	75	9	52	29	58	42	40	31
AR	704	104	9	0	51	2	9	2	15	6
CA	4,120	1,333	186	29	330	56	127	94	158	134
CO	665	255	30	8	32	14	35	27	28	37
CT	291	98	5	7	6	2	12	16	8	36
DE	134	42	0	4	6	15	4	4	2	6
DC	43	20	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	14
FL	3,244	550	54	16	81	10	131	45	74	84
GA	1,634	335	28	6	125	10	64	21	55	17
HI	142	67	0	10	15	1	4	0	17	19
ID	260	73	17	2	5	3	6	2	9	5
IL	1,356	589	62	38	229	4	51	44	74	62
IN	947	267	15	21	83	17	30	23	26	48
IA	390	32	2	1	10	1	1	0	4	10
KS	461	123	14	0	43	1	9	4	7	14
KY	964	196	14	5	124	1	15	1	23	7
LA	904	217	18	3	81	11	48	8	26	16
ME	194	90	8	1	5	14	35	5	13	9
MD	643	243	14	16	34	26	15	51	42	37
MA	476	158	16	5	8	11	10	27	21	50
MI	1,159	249	20	10	147	2	18	5	10	16
MN	567	144	14	3	87	4	4	1	4	15
MS	900	173	21	1	66	8	32	9	17	10
MO	1,130	494	54	11	180	4	37	27	48	45
MT	229	101	13	0	9	0	2	3	15	10
NE	254	42	14	1	5	8	1	0	1	8
NV	395	135	20	8	4	7	4	0	5	1
NH	171	41	1	3	4	10	1	6	5	6
NJ	731	64	3	5	7	10	4	10	4	16
NM	521	195	41	2	23	7	16	7	13	15
NY	1,493	465	21	11	173	15	35	29	28	81
NC	1,557	561	42	7	307	13	106	2	60	8
ND	100	23	3	0	7	0	1	2	1	3
OH	1,286	272	21	5	141	7	15	9	39	27
OK	774	315	33	4	50	18	74	19	25	19
OR	456	145	11	4	70	3	18	6	8	12
PA	1,490	661	40	24	189	13	105	79	113	67
RI	83	45	1	6	2	1	5	6	6	18
SC	1,046	463	53	4	156	15	96	18	47	30
SD	197	71	11	0	34	2	1	1	1	8
TN	1,288	269	21	10	50	12	63	33	27	39
TX	3,583	1,425	187	32	188	40	128	101	123	152
UT	296	92	34	0	5	8	9	11	3	1
VT	98	46	5	0	1	23	0	5	9	3
VA	925	253	18	19	99	6	44	16	29	14
WA	563	226	27	0	14	40	15	18	55	32
WV	411	119	18	1	48	0	13	8	14	14
WI	792	295	17	4	155	0	31	5	19	40
WY	164	64	22	0	2	2	4	2	2	2
USA	42,636	13,192	1,407	371	3,662	525	1,717	905	1,425	1,391
PR	494	236	41	1	11	6	26	24	98	29

*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 2004, 5,769 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 938 occurred on roads with speed limits above 65 mph.

Notes: 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, 2004

State	Passenger Vehicle Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent That Were:			Total	Percent That Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	951	42.4	54.4	3.3	74	90.5	9.5	0.0
AK	69	39.1	47.8	13.0	8	37.5	62.5	0.0
AZ	797	34.6	52.9	12.4	119	28.6	63.9	7.6
AR	565	28.8	61.8	9.4	57	38.6	61.4	0.0
CA	2,786	52.7	36.2	11.1	432	83.3	13.7	3.0
CO	492	42.5	55.9	1.6	80	23.8	76.3	0.0
CT	193	40.9	48.7	10.4	57	31.6	66.7	1.8
DE	104	52.9	45.2	1.9	8	50.0	50.0	0.0
DC	21	33.3	28.6	38.1	8	50.0	50.0	0.0
FL	2,080	38.2	60.0	1.8	432	41.9	57.9	0.2
GA	1,279	40.0	48.6	11.5	111	91.9	7.2	0.9
HI	82	39.0	47.6	13.4	21	38.1	61.9	0.0
ID	205	45.4	51.7	2.9	24	37.5	62.5	0.0
IL	985	42.9	47.7	9.3	157	18.5	75.8	5.7
IN	712	40.7	45.5	13.8	108	24.1	69.4	6.5
IA	305	42.0	45.2	12.8	37	27.0	70.3	2.7
KS	390	35.1	58.2	6.7	30	26.7	66.7	6.7
KY	793	33.4	66.5	0.1	68	36.8	63.2	0.0
LA	705	34.2	57.7	8.1	72	41.7	50.0	8.3
ME	152	36.8	48.7	14.5	22	50.0	50.0	0.0
MD	450	52.2	42.7	5.1	69	82.6	17.4	0.0
MA	309	28.8	53.4	17.8	58	81.0	13.8	5.2
MI	875	51.4	34.3	14.3	81	87.7	7.4	4.9
MN	452	41.8	51.1	7.1	52	28.8	71.2	0.0
MS	778	22.5	77.5	0.0	40	42.5	57.5	0.0
MO	948	28.5	63.6	7.9	56	75.0	21.4	3.6
MT	186	26.9	68.8	4.3	21	42.9	57.1	0.0
NE	214	33.6	55.1	11.2	21	71.4	19.0	9.5
NV	262	48.1	46.9	5.0	52	73.1	23.1	3.8
NH	123	30.1	69.1	0.8	28	5.0	46.4	3.6
NJ	451	48.6	48.1	3.3	73	83.6	9.6	6.8
NM	396	40.4	56.8	2.8	39	30.8	69.2	0.0
NY	948	52.2	36.3	11.5	150	81.3	13.3	5.3
NC	1,185	47.8	43.1	9.0	134	88.8	9.7	1.5
ND	82	28.0	67.1	4.9	9	44.4	55.6	0.0
OH	981	39.6	60.0	0.4	134	26.9	73.1	0.0
OK	602	40.4	59.3	0.3	78	21.8	78.2	0.0
OR	343	63.6	29.7	6.7	37	91.9	8.1	0.0
PA	1,110	34.1	51.0	14.9	158	47.5	48.1	4.4
RI	65	27.7	72.3	0.0	10	30.0	70.0	0.0
SC	826	26.2	70.1	3.8	88	18.2	81.8	0.0
SD	155	27.1	64.5	8.4	26	30.8	65.4	3.8
TN	1,067	33.2	59.9	6.9	93	86.0	14.0	0.0
TX	2,707	53.3	44.1	2.5	285	40.4	58.6	1.1
UT	218	39.0	58.3	2.8	31	25.8	74.2	0.0
VT	76	50.0	47.4	2.6	11	100.0	0.0	0.0
VA	730	39.0	56.8	4.1	57	59.6	33.3	7.0
WA	414	54.3	39.1	6.5	72	90.3	8.3	1.4
WV	324	37.7	58.3	4.0	27	92.6	7.4	0.0
WI	620	36.5	56.5	7.1	80	23.8	76.3	0.0
WY	130	37.7	60.0	2.3	13	23.1	76.9	0.0
USA	31,693	41.5	51.6	6.9	4,008	53.9	43.7	2.4
PR	249	40.2	59.8	0.0	63	33.3	66.7	0.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7

Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes by Type, 2004

State	Total	Percent That Were: by Person Type					Total	Percent That Were: by Vehicle Type				
		Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	Pedalcyclists	Other/Unknown		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
AL	1,154	69.2	23.2	7.0	0.5	0.1	1,547	44.9	38.7	8.7	4.8	2.9
AK	101	71.3	16.8	9.9	2.0	0.0	141	22.0	54.6	9.2	5.7	8.5
AZ	1,150	53.0	31.5	11.2	2.3	2.0	1,529	38.7	41.3	6.7	7.7	5.7
AR	704	67.0	27.6	4.5	0.4	0.4	926	39.4	42.0	10.0	6.2	2.4
CA	4,120	55.7	24.3	16.6	2.7	0.7	5,695	44.8	37.3	6.7	8.1	3.0
CO	665	60.0	28.0	10.4	1.7	0.0	954	40.4	42.6	6.7	8.4	2.0
CT	291	69.1	19.9	9.3	1.7	0.0	415	47.0	29.2	6.5	14.5	2.9
DE	134	61.9	23.9	11.9	2.2	0.0	193	52.8	29.5	9.3	4.1	4.1
DC	43	58.1	14.0	20.9	7.0	0.0	70	54.3	20.0	7.1	12.9	5.7
FL	3,244	58.9	21.8	15.2	3.8	0.4	4,583	42.0	37.9	7.8	9.5	2.8
GA	1,634	65.1	23.9	9.4	1.2	0.4	2,363	43.4	39.7	9.9	4.8	2.2
HI	142	52.1	21.1	21.1	4.9	0.7	187	36.4	49.2	2.1	11.2	1.1
ID	260	63.5	28.5	6.5	1.2	0.4	339	34.2	47.2	8.6	7.7	2.4
IL	1,356	62.2	24.4	11.5	1.8	0.0	1,897	47.6	32.8	8.0	8.5	3.2
IN	947	67.8	22.6	7.7	1.4	0.5	1,355	42.2	35.7	12.3	7.7	2.1
IA	390	65.6	26.2	6.2	1.8	0.3	548	44.7	33.8	10.9	6.9	3.6
KS	461	67.7	27.1	4.6	0.7	0.0	625	38.7	41.1	13.6	5.1	1.4
KY	964	69.9	24.3	5.0	0.7	0.1	1,316	44.1	39.1	9.3	5.1	2.4
LA	904	63.5	24.3	10.6	1.3	0.2	1,267	41.8	42.6	7.8	6.0	1.7
ME	194	71.1	23.2	5.2	0.5	0.0	256	40.6	39.8	7.0	9.0	3.5
MD	643	60.5	22.2	15.1	1.9	0.3	872	49.4	31.7	8.7	7.8	2.4
MA	476	61.1	18.7	17.2	2.3	0.6	619	51.4	30.4	6.3	9.4	2.6
MI	1,159	61.4	24.3	11.8	1.8	0.6	1,682	47.0	38.2	6.8	4.9	3.0
MN	567	68.6	22.8	6.5	1.8	0.4	811	41.6	40.9	8.1	6.8	2.6
MS	900	72.4	22.2	4.9	0.4	0.0	1,136	50.4	37.1	7.4	3.5	1.5
MO	1,130	66.7	25.2	7.2	0.3	0.6	1,498	43.0	41.5	9.7	3.8	2.0
MT	229	69.9	24.5	3.1	0.9	1.7	275	35.3	49.8	5.5	7.3	2.2
NE	254	67.3	27.6	3.5	0.4	1.2	352	38.4	41.8	11.6	6.0	2.3
NV	395	58.2	21.8	15.2	3.5	1.3	535	43.7	37.0	5.2	11.2	2.8
NH	171	69.0	21.6	8.8	0.6	0.0	238	42.9	36.6	5.5	13.4	1.7
NJ	731	59.1	17.4	21.2	2.2	0.1	1,094	46.7	30.8	8.0	6.7	7.9
NM	521	53.2	35.3	10.7	0.8	0.0	628	36.1	45.4	9.2	6.1	3.2
NY	1,493	55.5	19.9	21.2	2.7	0.7	2,007	50.5	31.1	6.4	7.6	4.4
NC	1,557	64.5	23.4	10.2	1.6	0.3	2,161	46.0	37.2	8.4	6.4	1.9
ND	100	75.0	18.0	5.0	2.0	0.0	136	36.8	44.1	9.6	6.6	2.9
OH	1,286	66.9	23.4	7.3	1.5	0.9	1,820	49.3	31.3	9.8	7.4	2.1
OK	774	62.7	30.0	6.5	0.8	0.1	1,009	38.1	43.0	9.6	7.1	2.2
OR	456	62.1	25.7	9.4	2.0	0.9	585	40.0	42.9	8.0	6.2	2.9
PA	1,490	67.1	21.5	10.1	0.9	0.4	2,103	49.0	31.1	9.9	7.8	2.3
RI	83	66.3	25.3	8.4	0.0	0.0	115	56.5	27.8	4.3	8.7	2.6
SC	1,046	67.0	22.5	8.2	2.1	0.2	1,357	42.8	41.1	7.5	7.1	1.5
SD	197	65.5	29.4	4.6	0.5	0.0	235	36.2	41.7	7.2	11.9	3.0
TN	1,288	69.0	23.5	6.2	0.5	0.7	1,727	45.5	39.0	8.2	5.6	1.8
TX	3,583	59.4	26.8	11.8	1.4	0.5	4,887	38.5	44.3	8.7	5.9	2.6
UT	296	58.4	30.7	8.4	2.0	0.3	373	37.3	45.8	7.0	8.0	1.9
VT	98	67.3	24.5	7.1	1.0	0.0	127	44.9	36.2	9.4	8.7	0.8
VA	925	65.6	22.9	9.2	1.1	1.2	1,218	46.6	37.8	7.8	4.8	3.0
WA	563	62.5	25.8	10.3	1.2	0.2	752	41.5	40.4	6.9	9.6	1.6
WV	411	68.1	24.1	6.6	1.0	0.2	567	39.7	40.2	10.8	4.9	4.4
WI	792	70.2	19.9	6.8	1.8	1.3	1,081	45.0	36.2	8.7	7.7	2.5
WY	164	61.6	36.6	1.8	0.0	0.0	208	27.4	41.8	22.6	6.7	1.4
USA	42,636	62.8	24.2	10.9	1.7	0.5	58,414	43.7	38.2	8.3	7.0	2.8
PR	494	44.7	19.4	32.8	3.0	0.0	625	50.2	25.9	4.2	10.9	8.8

Table 8
Fatalities in the Beds of Pickup Trucks by Age, 2004

State	Age							Total
	<5	5-9	10-14	15-20	21-24	>24	Unknown	
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	8
AR	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
CA	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
CO	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
CT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL	0	2	2	3	1	7	0	15
GA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ID	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
IL	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
IN	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
IA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KS	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
KY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MO	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
NY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OK	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TN	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
TX	0	0	1	6	2	14	0	23
UT	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
VT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
VA	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
WA	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	5
WV	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA	1	2	10	26	11	45	4	99
PR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Includes fatalities in both enclosed and unenclosed beds.

Table 9

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2004 Belt Use Rates

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required	Safety Belt or Booster Seat Required	Safety Belt Required ⁽¹⁾		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁽³⁾	2004 Safety Belt Use Rate
					Seats	Ages ⁽²⁾		
AL	Primary	\$25	3 years and under	4-5 years	Front	6+	Designed for >10 passengers, model year <1965, rural mail carriers, trailers, newspaper delivery.	80.8%
AK	Secondary	\$15	3 years and under	4-15 years	All	All	School bus.	76.7%
AZ	Secondary	\$10	4 years and under	—	Front	5-15, all seats; 16 and over, front only	Designed for >10 passengers, model year <1972, postal service vehicles.	95.3%
AR	Secondary ⁽⁴⁾	\$25	5 years and under and <60 lb	6-14 years or 60+ lb	Front	All	School, church, or public bus; model year <1968.	64.2%
CA	Primary	\$22	5 years and under or <60 lb	6-15 years or >60 lb	All	All	Emergency vehicles, postal service vehicles, newspaper delivery; <60 lb must be in rear seat if available.	90.4%
CO	Secondary ⁽⁵⁾	\$17	5 years and under	6-15 years and 55+ inches tall	Front	All	Passenger bus, school bus, ambulance, postal service vehicles, delivery and pickup services; <1 year and <20 lb must be in rear-facing infant seat.	79.3%
CT	Primary	\$37	1-6 years and <60 lb in child restraint system	7-15 years and 60+ lb	Front	4-15, all seats	Truck or bus >15,000 lb; public, emergency, delivery, and postal service vehicles; newspaper delivery; booster seats allowed only in seating position with lap and shoulder belt; <1 year or <20 lb must be in rear-facing restraint system.	82.9%
DE	Primary	\$25	6 years and under and <60 lb	7-15 years or 60+ lb	All	All	Postal service vehicles, tractors, off-highway vehicles.	82.3%
DC	Primary	\$50 ⁽⁶⁾	7 years and under	8-15 years	All	All	Seating for >8 people; manufactured before 7/1/66.	87.1%
FL	Secondary	\$30	3 years and under	4-5 years	Front	6-17, rear 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).	76.3%
GA	Primary	\$15-\$25	5 years and under and 57 inches tall or less	>57 inches tall	Front	6-17, ⁽⁷⁾ all seats	Designed for >10 passengers, pickup trucks (exemption only for passengers 18+ years), off-road vehicles, vehicles used for frequent stops; 5 years and younger must be in rear seat if available.	86.7%
HI	Primary	\$55	3 years and under	—	Front	4-17, all seats	Bus or school bus >10,000 lb, emergency vehicles, taxicabs; exempts persons unable to use seat belt when all seat belt assemblies are in use (in this case, unsecured children must sit in back seat).	95.1%
ID	Secondary	\$10	6 years and under	—	All	All	>8,000 lb.	74.0%
IL	Primary	\$25	7 years and under	8-15 years	Front	8-15, all seats	Emergency vehicles, vehicles used for frequent stops; if driver <18 years, all passengers <18 years must be restrained.	83.0%
IN	Primary	\$25	7 years and under	—	Front	4-11, all seats	Truck, tractor, RV, pickup truck, SUV if registered as pickup truck, postal service vehicles, delivery vehicles.	83.4%

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

(2) The word "All" used in this category means that everyone in the vehicle occupancy compartment must be restrained. For children, that may be in a child restraint.

(3) Emergency vehicle and bus exemptions generally do not apply to the driver.

(4) If a motorist is wearing a safety belt when stopped for a different violation, the fine for that violation is reduced by \$10.

(5) Primary enforcement for drivers under 17 years of age.

(6) Plus 2 points on driver's license record.

(7) Driver may be fined up to \$100 and seat passengers \$50 for each passenger under 16 years of age not wearing a safety belt.

Source: NHTSA, Regional Office. Updated as of September 2005.

Table 9

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2004 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required	Safety Belt or Booster Seat Required	Safety Belt Required ⁽¹⁾		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁽⁹⁾	2004 Safety Belt Use Rate
					Seats	Ages ⁽²⁾		
IA	Primary	\$25	5 years and under	6-10 years	Front	10 and under, all seats	Delivery vehicles that do not exceed 25 mph between stops, emergency vehicles, postal service vehicles.	86.4%
KS	Secondary	\$10	3 years and under	—	Front	4-13, all seats	Designed for >10 people, truck >12,000 lb, off-road vehicles, postal service vehicles, newspaper delivery vehicles.	68.3%
KY	Secondary	\$25	<40 inches tall	—	All	All	Designed for >10 people, truck >12,000 lb, farm truck 2,000+ lb, postal service vehicles.	66.0%
LA	Primary	\$25	5 years and under	6-12 years or >60 lb	Front	6-12	Designed for >10 people, model year <1981, postal service vehicles, farm vehicles within 5 miles of farm.	75.0%
ME	Secondary	\$50- \$250	7 years and under and <80 lb	—	All	All	Manufactured without safety belts, postal service vehicles; all passengers in school bus equipped with safety belts must use them.	72.3%
MD	Primary	\$25	5 years and under or 40 lb or less	6-15 years and >40 lb	Outboard front	15 and under	"Historical" vehicles, for-hire vehicles, farm vehicles within 10 miles of farm, vanpool vehicles, ambulances, funeral limousines, modified vehicles 25+ years old.	89.0%
MA	Secondary	\$25	<5 years and 40 lb or less	5-11 years	All	All	Truck >18,000 lb, buses and taxis, emergency vehicles, postal service vehicles.	63.3%
MI	Primary	\$25	3 years and under	—	Front	4-15, all seats ⁽⁸⁾	Taxi, bus, school bus, postal service vehicles, commercial vehicles making frequent stops.	90.5%
MN	Secondary	25	3 years and under	—	Front	4-10, all seats ⁽⁹⁾	Farm pickup truck, postal service vehicles, commercial vehicles making frequent stops if speed does not exceed 25 mph between stops.	82.1%
MS	Secondary	\$25	3 years and under	—	Front	4-7, all seats	Farm vehicle, bus, postal service vehicles, utility meter readers' vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, vehicles designed to carry >15 people.	63.2%
MO	Secondary ⁽¹⁰⁾	10	3 years and under	—	Front	4-15, all seats	Designed for >10 people, truck >12,000 lb, postal service vehicles, vehicles being used for agriculture.	75.9%
MT	Secondary ⁽¹¹⁾	\$20	5 years and under and <60 lb	—	All	All	Vehicles making frequent stops if exemption obtained from state; construction vehicles.	80.9%
NE	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under	6-15 years	Front	4-15, all seats	Model year <1973, farm tractors and other agricultural equipment, buses, postal service vehicles, ambulance or rescue service vehicles.	79.2%
NV	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under and 60 lb or less	—	All	All	Taxi (exemption for child restraints only; safety belts required for passengers over 18 years), bus, school bus, postal service vehicles, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles not exceeding 15 mph, any vehicle or seating position if state determines compliance is impractical.	86.6%
NH	No adult law	\$25	5 years and under if <55 inches tall	6-17 years	All	<18 only (primary law)	School bus, vehicle for hire, model year <1968, antique cars, vehicles in parade traveling at 10 mph or less.	NA
NC	Primary	\$25	7 years and under and <80 lb ⁽¹²⁾	8-15 years and children 40-80 lb in seats without shoulder belts	Front	<15, all seats	Designed for >11 people, farm vehicles, postal service vehicles, designated commercial vehicles, emergency vehicles.	86.1%

(8) A driver does not have to comply with this requirement if the number of children to be secured exceeds the number of safety belts available. Unsecured children must be seated in other than the front seat, and all front seat passengers must be secured. For pickups with all safety belts being used and without an extended cab or jump seats, unsecured children may be transported in the front seat.

(9) Safety belt requirement does not apply to persons riding in a vehicle with all available safety belt positions occupied.

(10) Primary for children <6 years of age.

(11) Exemptions for persons who cannot use safety belts because all available safety belts are in use.

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

Table 9

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2004 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required	Safety Belt or Booster Seat Required	Safety Belt Required ⁽¹⁾		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁽³⁾	2004 Safety Belt Use Rate
					Seats	Ages ⁽²⁾		
ND	Secondary ⁽¹³⁾	\$20	6 years and under and <57 inches tall or <80 lb ⁽¹⁴⁾	7-17 years	Front	7-17, all seats	Designed for >10 people, farm vehicles, rural mail carriers.	67.4%
NJ	Primary	\$22	7 years and under and <80 lb ⁽¹⁵⁾	—	Front	8-17, all seats	Manufactured before 1966, rural letter carriers.	82.0%
NM	Primary	\$25 ⁽¹⁶⁾	6 years and under and <60 lb ⁽¹⁷⁾	7-17 years	All	All	Vehicles >10,000 lb, rural letter carriers.	89.7%
NY	Primary	\$50-\$100 ⁽¹⁸⁾	6 years and under	7-15 years	Front	<16, all seats	Bus, school bus ⁽¹⁹⁾ , taxi, emergency or delivery vehicle, rural letter carriers.	85.0%
OH	Secondary	\$30 driver, \$20 passenger	3 years and under or <40 lb	—	Front	—	Postal service vehicles, vehicles delivering newspapers.	74.1%
OK	Primary	\$20	5 years and under and 60 lb or less ⁽²⁰⁾	6-12 years	Front	6-12, all seats	Farm vehicles, truck, truck tractor, RV, postal service vehicles.	80.3%
OR	Primary	\$75	—	—	All	All	Newspaper, mail delivery, meter reader, and transit vehicles, for-hire vehicles, trash trucks, emergency vehicles.	92.6%
PA	Secondary	\$10 ⁽²¹⁾	7 years and under ⁽²²⁾	—	Front	8-17, all seats	Truck >7,000 lb, rural letter carriers, delivery vehicles traveling 15 mph or less.	81.8%
RI	Secondary ⁽²³⁾	75	<7 years, <54 inches tall, and <80 lb	—	All	All	Postal service vehicles.	76.2%

- (1) Virtually every State exempts persons who for medical reasons cannot use a safety belt and vehicles not originally required to be equipped with safety belts.
- (2) The word "All" used in this category means that everyone in the vehicle occupancy compartment must be restrained. For children, that may be in a child restraint.
- (3) Emergency vehicle and bus exemptions generally do not apply to the driver.
- (13) Primary enforcement for all positions if occupant is <18 years of age.
- (14) Requirement to use either a child restraint system or a safety belt does not apply to either (1) a child if all available safety belts are in use by other family members or (2) a child being transported in an emergency situation.
- (15) Seated in rear seat if available.
- (16) Plus 2 points on driver's license record.
- (17) Under 1 year 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.
- (18) Plus 3 points on driver's license record. Front seat passengers 16 years and older can be fined up to \$50 and drivers can be fined up to \$100 for each passenger under 16 not wearing a safety belt.
- (19) School buses sold in the State must be equipped with safety belts; Board of Education, via regulations, may provide that on school buses under its jurisdiction safety belts must be used when such vehicles are in operation.
- (20) Children >40 lb may be belted in the rear seat by a lap belt if the vehicle is not equipped with lap and shoulder belts, or when all lap and shoulder belts are being used by other children.
- (21) Pennsylvania's fine is \$10, but with court, EMS, judicial, and computer costs, the ticket total is \$51.50.
- (22) Secondary enforcement of booster seat requirement for ages 4-7 years.
- (23) Primary enforcement for drivers and occupants under 18 years old.

Table 9

Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2004 Belt Use Rates (Continued)

State	Enforcement	Belt Fine	Child Restraint Required	Safety Belt or Booster Seat Required	Safety Belt Required ⁽¹⁾		Vehicles Exempted and Other Information ⁽⁹⁾	2004 Safety Belt Use Rate
					Seats	Ages ⁽²⁾		
SC	Primary ^(24, 25)	\$10	1 to 6 years, 40-80 lb ⁽²⁶⁾	—	All	All	Buses; emergency, postal service, and delivery vehicles; vehicles carrying >10 passengers; parade vehicles; vehicles in which all seating positions with safety belts are occupied; persons in rear seat if vehicle is not equipped with shoulder harnesses.	65.7%
SD	Secondary ⁽²⁷⁾	\$20	4 years and under and <40 lb	5-17 years or 40 lb or more	Front	17 and under, all seats	Passenger bus, school bus, rural mail carriers, newspaper or periodical delivery.	69.4%
TN	Primary	\$10 ⁽²⁸⁾	8 years and under and <60 inches tall	9-15 years	Front	<16, all seats	>8,500 lb, rural letter carriers, utility workers, newspaper delivery.	72.0%
TX	Primary	\$25- \$200	4 years and under and <36 inches tall	—	Front	16 and under, all seats ⁽²⁹⁾	Designed for >10 people, truck >15,000 lb, farm vehicles, postal service vehicles, meter readers.	83.2%
UT	Secondary ⁽³⁰⁾	\$45 ⁽³¹⁾	4 years and under	5-15 years	All	All	Passengers exempted if all seats are occupied or if riding in seating positions not required to be equipped with safety belts.	85.7%
VT	Secondary	\$25- \$100	<7 years in child seat ⁽³²⁾	5-15 years or 60 inches or taller	All	All	Bus, taxi, rural mail carriers, delivery vehicles traveling at 15 mph or less, emergency vehicles, farm tractor.	79.9%
VA	Secondary	\$25	5 years and under ⁽³³⁾	6-15 years	Front	<16	Designed for >10 people, taxi, police vehicles, rural mail carriers, newspaper delivery, utility meter readers, commercial vehicles making frequent stops.	79.9%
WA	Primary	\$86	<8 years and <57 inches tall ⁽³⁴⁾	8-15 years or 57 inches or taller ⁽³⁴⁾	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).	94.2%
WV	Secondary	\$25 ⁽³⁵⁾	7 years and under and <57 inches tall	7 years and under and <57 inches tall	Front	<17, all seats	Designed for >10 people, rural mail carriers.	75.8%
WI	Secondary	\$10	3 years and under	4-7 years	Front	4-15, all seats	Taxi, farm trucks engaged in farming, emergency vehicles, vehicles required to make more than 10 stops per mile, rural mail carriers, land surveyors.	72.4%
WY	Secondary ⁽³⁶⁾	\$25 ⁽³⁷⁾	8 years and under and 80 lb or less ⁽³⁸⁾	—	All	All	Postal service vehicles, emergency vehicles, buses; passengers exempted if all seats are occupied.	70.1%
USA								80.0%
PR								90.1%

(24) Safety belt law may not be enforced by checkpoints designed for that purpose.

(25) Safety belt law does not apply to an occupant if all belts in the vehicle are used by other occupants.

(26) Less than 1 year old or <20 lb in a rear-facing infant seat; 5 years and under in rear seat if seating is available.

(27) Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is <18 years old.

(28) Drivers 18 years and older pay \$10 if they do not contest the citation; 16-17 years old pay \$20; \$50 if unsuccessfully contested in court.

(29) Safety belt requirement does not apply to passengers occupying seating positions without safety belts.

(30) Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is 18 years old or younger.

(31) Reduced to \$15 upon completion of class.

(32) Exemption from this requirement is granted if all safety belts available are in use, provided children <5 years old are secured in a child passenger restraint system.

(33) Children at least 4 years old may be belted if their weight or size makes the use of child restraints impractical.

(34) Effective June 1, 2007.

(35) Fine for drivers is \$25; fine for passengers over 12 years old is \$10.

(36) If a motorist is wearing a safety belt when stopped for a different violation, the fine for that violation is reduced by \$10.

(37) Passengers violating the safety belt requirements are subject to a fine of \$10.

(38) In rear seat if available. Children are exempted from the booster seat requirement if lap and shoulder belts fit properly across the collarbone, chest, and hips and do not pose a danger to the neck, face, or abdominal area in the event of a crash or sudden stop.

Table 10

History of State Motorcycle Helmet Laws

State	Effective Date of Original Law*	Effective Date of Repeal/Amendment	
AL	11/06/67		
AK	01/01/71	06/23/76	Repealed for operators age 18 and over.
AZ	01/01/69	05/27/76	Repealed for age 18 and over.
AR	06/29/67	07/31/97	Repealed for age 21 and over.
CA	01/01/85**	01/01/92	Reinstated for all.
CO	07/01/69	05/23/77	Repealed.
CT	10/01/67	06/01/76 01/01/90	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18.
DE	06/21/68	06/10/78 07/17/84	Repealed for age 19 and over. All riders must have helmet in their possession. Helmet required for instruction permit holders.
DC	02/11/70		
FL	09/13/67	07/01/00	Repealed for age 21 and over if covered by insurance of at least \$10,000 in medical benefits.
GA	07/01/69		
HI	06/04/67	06/07/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
ID	01/01/68	03/29/78	Repealed for age 18 and over.
IL	07/01/67	05/28/69	Helmet law ruled unconstitutional by State Supreme Court.
IN	07/26/67	09/01/77 01/01/84	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18.
IA	09/01/75	07/01/76	Repealed.
KS	07/01/67	07/01/70 07/01/72 07/01/76 07/01/79	Repealed for age 21 and over. Reinstated for all. Repealed for age 16 and over. Reinstated for ages 16 and 17.
KY	06/13/68	07/15/98 07/04/00	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	07/13/68	10/01/76 01/01/82 08/15/99 08/15/04	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	10/07/67	10/24/77 07/03/80 09/23/83	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 15. Required for holders of learners' permits and for licensees holding license for 1 year or less.
MD	07/01/68	07/01/79 10/01/92	Repealed for age 18 and over. Reinstated for all.
MA	05/22/67		
MI	03/10/67	06/12/68 07/29/69	All riders required to have helmet in their possession. Reinstated for all.
MN	05/01/68	04/06/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
MS	03/28/74		
MO	09/28/67		
MT	07/01/73	07/01/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
NE	05/29/67	09/01/77 01/01/89	Repealed (law was never enforced). Reinstated for all.
NV	01/01/72		
NH	09/05/67	08/07/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.

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

**Applied only to riders under age 15½.

Source: Motorcycle Industry Council.

Table 10

History of State Motorcycle Helmet Laws (Continued)

State	Effective Date of Original Law*	Effective Date of Repeal/Amendment	
NJ	01/01/68		
NM	06/16/67	06/17/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
NY	01/01/67		
NC	01/01/68		
ND	07/01/67	07/01/77	Repealed except for operators under age 18 and passengers, regardless of age, if required for operator.
OH	01/01/68	07/10/78	Repealed except for riders under age 18; operators having motorcycle license less than 1 year; and passengers if required for operator.
OK	04/07/67	05/03/76	Repealed for age 18 and over.
OR	01/01/68	10/04/77 06/16/89	Repealed for age 18 and over. Reinstated for all (by voter referendum).
PA	07/01/68	09/04/03	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	04/04/67	05/21/76 07/01/92	Repealed for all operators. Required for all passengers. Required for operators under 21, operators licensed for 1 year or less, and all passengers.
SC	07/01/67	06/16/80	Repealed for age 21 and over.
SD	07/01/67	07/01/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
TN	06/01/67		
TX	08/28/67	05/20/77 09/01/89 09/01/97	Repealed for age 18 and over. Reinstated for all. Repealed for age 21 and over who have completed rider education or are covered by at least \$10,000 in medical insurance.
UT	05/13/69	05/08/77	Repealed for age 18 and over.
VT	03/06/68		
VA	06/05/70		
WA	06/08/67	07/01/77 07/26/87 06/07/90	Repealed. Reinstated for under age 18. Reinstated for all.
WV	05/25/71		
WI	07/01/68	03/19/78	Repealed except for under age 18 and instruction permit holders.
WY	05/24/73	05/27/83	Repealed for age 18 and over.
PR	07/20/60		

Table 11

States With .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration Illegal 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	June 11, 1905	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

Source: NHTSA, Injury Control Operations and Resources.

In 2004, 49 States plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico had .08 blood alcohol concentration illegal per se laws.

In 2004, 1 State did not have .08 blood alcohol concentration illegal per se law.

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.



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