

Table 1109. Fatalities by Highest Driver Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the Crash: 1990 to 2008

[g/dl means grams per deciliter. A motor vehicle crash is considered to be alcohol-impaired if at least one driver involved in the crash is determined to have had a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher. Thus, any fatality that occurs in an alcohol-impaired crash is considered an alcohol-impaired-driving fatality. The term "alcohol-impaired" does not indicate that a crash or fatality was caused by the presence of alcohol. A person is considered to be legally impaired with a BAC of .08 g/dl or more]

Item	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Fatalities ¹	44,599	41,817	41,945	42,836	43,510	42,708	41,259	37,261
BAC=.00								
Number	23,823	25,768	26,082	27,413	27,423	26,633	25,611	23,317
Percent	53.4	61.6	62.2	64.0	63.0	62.4	62.1	62.6
BAC=.01-.07								
Number	2,901	2,416	2,422	2,212	2,404	2,479	2,494	2,072
Percent	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1	5.6
Alcohol-Impaired-Driving Fatalities BAC=.08+								
Number	17,705	13,478	13,324	13,099.0	13,582.0	13,491	13,041	11,773
Percent	39.7	32.2	31.8	30.6	31.2	31.6	31.6	31.6

¹ Total fatalities include those in which there was no driver or motorcycle rider present.

Source: U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts*, annual; and unpublished data.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

Table 1110. Traffic Fatalities by State and Highest Driver Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the Crash: 2008

[See headnote, Table 1109]

State	Traffic fatalities, total	(BAC=.00)		(BAC=.01-.07)		Alcohol impaired driving fatalities (BAC=.08 or more)		(BAC=.01 or more)	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
United States	37,261	23,317	63	2,072	6	11,773	32	13,846	37
Alabama	966	596	62	53	5	315	33	367	38
Alaska	62	39	62	3	5	21	33	24	38
Arizona	937	594	63	63	7	266	28	329	35
Arkansas	600	392	65	34	6	171	28	205	34
California	3,434	2,227	65	170	5	1,029	30	1,198	35
Colorado	548	346	63	29	5	173	32	202	37
Connecticut	264	156	59	19	7	86	32	104	40
Delaware	121	72	60	3	3	45	37	49	40
District of Columbia	34	21	61	4	13	9	26	13	39
Florida	2,978	1,930	65	165	6	875	29	1,041	35
Georgia	1,493	997	67	73	5	416	28	489	33
Hawaii	107	56	53	8	7	42	39	50	46
Idaho	232	138	60	14	6	78	34	93	40
Illinois	1,043	608	58	72	7	362	35	434	42
Indiana	814	564	69	42	5	208	26	250	31
Iowa	412	299	73	24	6	89	22	113	27
Kansas	385	225	59	12	3	145	38	157	41
Kentucky	826	599	73	26	3	200	24	226	27
Louisiana	912	508	56	66	7	338	37	404	44
Maine	155	108	70	4	3	43	28	47	30
Maryland	591	405	69	34	6	152	26	186	31
Massachusetts	363	210	58	27	8	124	34	151	42
Michigan	980	647	66	49	5	282	29	331	34
Minnesota	456	294	64	26	6	135	30	161	35
Mississippi	783	486	62	32	4	266	34	297	38
Missouri	960	595	62	53	6	310	32	364	38
Montana	229	124	54	12	5	91	40	103	45
Nebraska	208	132	63	20	10	55	27	75	36
Nevada	324	203	63	14	4	107	33	121	37
New Hampshire	139	87	62	8	6	45	32	53	38
New Jersey	590	392	66	43	7	154	26	197	33
New Mexico	366	248	68	13	4	105	29	118	32
New York	1,231	821	67	68	5	341	28	409	33
North Carolina	1,433	932	65	77	5	423	30	500	35
North Dakota	104	52	50	5	4	47	46	52	50
Ohio	1,190	774	65	60	5	356	30	415	35
Oklahoma	749	475	63	29	4	244	33	274	37
Oregon	416	256	61	23	6	136	33	159	38
Pennsylvania	1,468	886	60	81	6	496	34	578	39
Rhode Island	65	36	55	5	7	25	38	29	45
South Carolina	920	454	49	60	6	403	44	463	50
South Dakota	119	74	62	7	6	34	29	41	34
Tennessee	1,035	648	63	59	6	327	32	386	37
Texas	3,382	1,909	56	195	6	1,269	38	1,463	43
Utah	275	220	80	9	3	46	17	55	20
Vermont	73	58	79	3	5	12	16	15	21
Virginia	824	457	55	71	9	294	36	365	44
Washington	521	295	57	43	8	182	35	225	43
West Virginia	380	236	62	15	4	128	34	142	37
Wisconsin	605	355	59	42	7	208	34	250	41
Wyoming	159	84	53	8	5	67	42	75	47

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