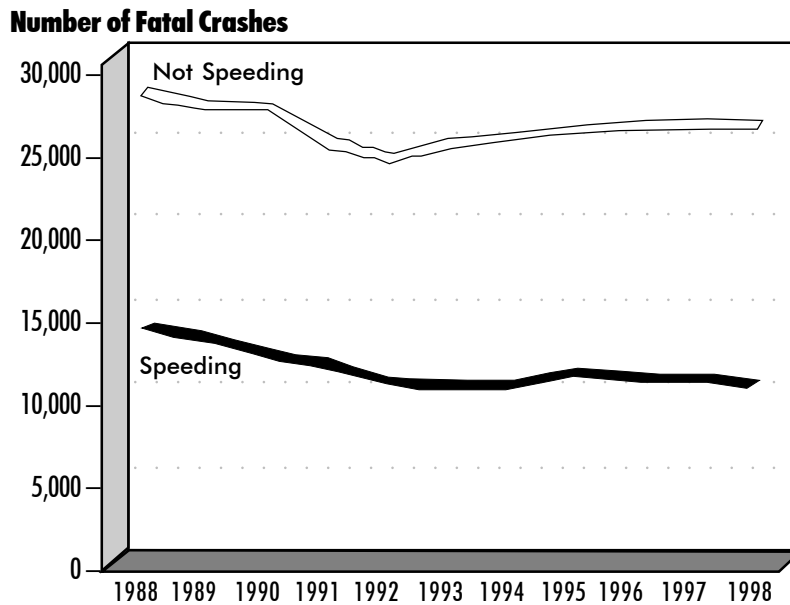


# Speeding Facts

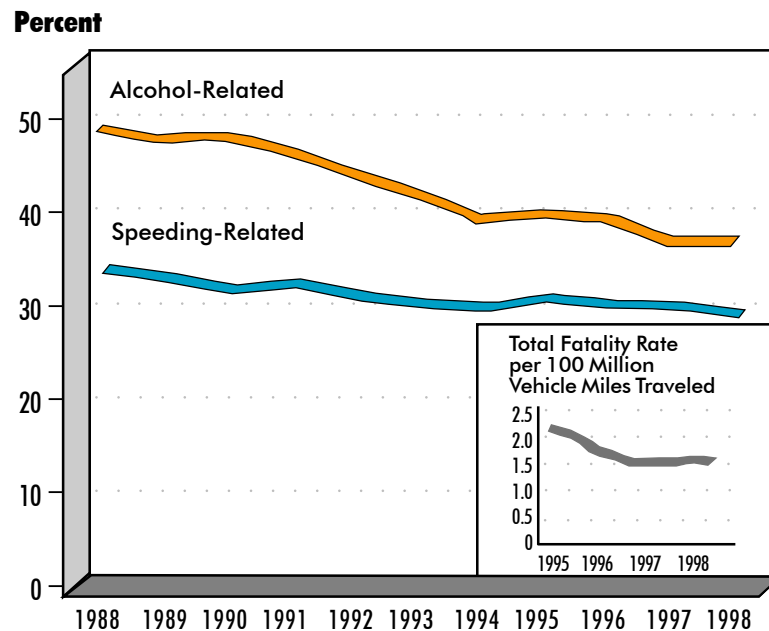
**S**peeding — exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions — is one of the most prevalent factors related to traffic crashes.

The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated to be \$27.7 billion annually. In 1998, speeding was a factor in about one-third of all fatal crashes.

## Fatal Crashes by Speeding Status, 1988-1998



## Percentages of Fatalities Related to Speeding and to Alcohol, 1988-1998



## Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities and Costs by Road Type and Speed Limit, 1998

State	Total Traffic Fatalities	Speeding-Related Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit									Estimated Costs of Speeding-Related Crashes by Road Type (Million 1994 Dollars)		
		Total	Interstate		Non-Interstate						Total	Interstate	Non-Interstate
			>55 mph	≤55 mph	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	<35 mph			
AL	1,071	387	42	3	96	10	108	32	49	30	447	59	389
AK	71	23	0	6	6	0	3	2	1	4	57	11	46
AZ	980	400	74	15	83	21	52	37	34	32	571	108	463
AR	625	149	14	4	83	0	15	10	6	8	246	34	212
CA	3,494	1,145	170	17	315	49	85	86	123	126	2,790	425	2,364
CO	628	258	19	22	41	13	31	21	25	38	420	64	355
CT	329	92	1	17	10	3	10	9	8	34	371	59	312
DE	115	22	0	1	1	5	1	8	2	2	62	7	55
DC	54	25	0	3	0	0	5	0	2	15	93	13	80
FL	2,824	612	70	15	102	19	113	35	60	69	1,507	229	1,278
GA	1,569	332	22	13	115	8	67	16	43	21	744	101	643
HI	120	45	0	4	8	0	5	0	8	19	120	15	105
ID	265	59	13	0	7	10	5	1	5	2	93	17	76
IL	1,393	453	52	40	191	1	44	15	65	45	1,167	194	974
IN	978	200	8	10	63	11	15	19	15	30	486	65	421
IA	449	60	2	0	37	2	3	1	2	9	202	25	178
KS	493	133	13	1	50	2	4	6	9	14	240	31	209
KY	858	204	10	6	148	1	9	2	19	5	373	46	328
LA	922	158	9	4	70	4	32	5	15	11	435	57	378
ME	192	80	4	1	5	16	25	13	7	7	139	15	124
MD	606	211	5	8	31	20	12	40	23	36	614	76	538
MA	406	150	12	3	10	3	9	22	21	68	692	95	598
MI	1,367	349	27	5	182	7	21	15	28	42	952	131	821
MN	650	152	8	10	78	8	10	6	1	23	344	47	297
MS	948	219	26	0	75	34	39	1	17	12	259	35	224
MO	1,169	425	62	15	151	4	28	10	38	37	659	108	551
MT	237	113	6	1	29	0	6	0	4	9	117	17	100
NE	315	60	5	1	9	20	0	0	9	3	149	20	129
NV	361	138	38	2	8	7	19	4	16	13	235	52	182
NH	128	39	0	0	1	4	3	7	5	14	85	7	77
NJ	743	75	1	9	5	9	12	6	6	23	966	141	825
NM	424	142	27	7	27	10	9	5	12	10	211	39	172
NY	1,498	402	7	17	135	2	41	40	21	77	2,153	288	1,866
NC	1,596	554	41	21	302	6	106	6	56	10	963	127	836
ND	92	47	3	1	30	0	1	3	2	3	56	6	49
OH	1,422	385	49	2	200	8	22	12	43	32	1,222	175	1,047
OK	755	310	40	1	71	6	51	16	8	18	394	55	339
OR	538	182	8	4	114	1	17	8	16	13	296	32	264
PA	1,481	504	30	29	127	14	100	69	88	36	1,059	143	915
RI	74	33	5	3	0	4	2	2	1	16	88	16	72
SC	1,002	474	58	16	155	9	83	27	48	17	530	89	441
SD	165	66	4	1	22	3	2	3	6	5	84	9	75
TN	1,216	307	19	10	93	20	59	37	29	35	540	68	473
TX	3,577	1,378	202	51	222	36	85	65	105	114	2,353	390	1,963
UT	350	87	33	0	12	6	1	7	6	6	158	37	121
VT	104	51	10	1	0	20	2	6	11	1	61	12	50
VA	935	200	24	17	90	1	31	4	22	9	552	92	460
WA	660	246	33	0	26	34	20	12	63	30	614	87	526
WV	354	75	3	0	26	0	7	12	13	9	162	19	144
WI	714	194	13	1	110	0	8	5	16	27	438	54	384
WY	154	72	9	0	5	1	13	2	3	6	80	11	69
<b>USA*</b>	<b>41,471</b>	<b>12,477</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>27,650</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>23,596</b>
PR	558	266	0	61	3	10	64	28	78	22	652	166	485

\*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 1998, 5,911 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mi/h, and 827 occurred on roads with speed limits above 65 mi/h.

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

Source: Tables in this handout are from NHTSA's Fact Sheet: Traffic Safety Facts, 1998: Speeding, DOT HS 808 950. NHTSA totals for Interstates with speed limits of less than or equal to 55 mi/h include work zones. The FHWA and FMCSA definition of speeding-related differs slightly from the NHTSA definition, so totals may differ. FARS files are also updated continuously.