

Table 1107. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type, Speed Limit, and State: 2008

[Speeding consists of exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for the road conditions or any speed-related violation charged (racing, driving above speed limit, speed greater than reasonable, exceeding special speed limit)]

State	Traffic fatalities, total	Speeding-related fatalities by road type and speed limit								
		Interstate			Noninterstate					
		Total ¹	Over 55 mph	At or under 55 mph	55 mph	50 mph	45 mph	40 mph	35 mph	Under 35 mph
United States	37,261	11,674	1,118	330	2,951	424	1,671	800	1,438	1,322
Alabama	966	447	25	1	106	12	137	48	41	36
Alaska	62	33	9	5	6	1	4	1	2	3
Arizona	937	373	64	9	23	13	81	46	24	44
Arkansas	600	63	3	—	21	2	15	6	12	2
California	3,434	1,141	161	23	237	44	108	97	175	118
Colorado	548	210	18	9	29	8	22	23	40	30
Connecticut	264	83	11	10	5	3	3	6	11	34
Delaware	121	36	1	3	10	14	3	3	—	2
District of Columbia	34	12	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	10
Florida	2,978	553	55	18	83	16	106	52	79	90
Georgia	1,493	309	19	16	91	4	71	11	50	23
Hawaii	107	50	—	5	4	3	5	—	18	14
Idaho	232	74	12	2	6	8	9	2	13	4
Illinois	1,043	385	47	9	154	9	43	17	32	62
Indiana	814	250	24	10	64	10	32	30	35	39
Iowa	412	41	2	—	19	3	2	3	5	4
Kansas	385	96	6	2	34	2	8	5	4	13
Kentucky	826	154	10	5	80	2	20	—	26	9
Louisiana	912	250	18	5	90	12	45	14	31	19
Maine	155	53	3	—	4	8	17	2	10	3
Maryland	591	191	10	12	32	24	7	27	30	43
Massachusetts	363	97	7	7	2	1	7	15	19	30
Michigan	980	232	28	2	122	3	16	1	15	31
Minnesota	456	134	23	6	57	1	7	4	2	23
Mississippi	783	327	30	2	125	11	55	10	38	19
Missouri	960	441	46	16	121	14	27	22	65	52
Montana	229	72	10	—	3	1	5	1	9	6
Nebraska	208	32	6	—	3	2	1	—	3	4
Nevada	324	93	11	—	8	3	22	1	15	13
New Hampshire	139	40	4	—	2	9	4	4	4	12
New Jersey	590	65	2	3	3	15	12	6	6	15
New Mexico	366	70	8	—	10	5	9	2	4	11
New York	1,231	410	9	12	144	8	34	28	18	58
North Carolina	1,433	475	28	1	240	3	126	4	45	11
North Dakota	104	27	5	—	13	1	—	—	2	3
Ohio	1,190	269	26	7	121	7	23	7	43	26
Oklahoma	749	221	27	4	26	2	61	7	15	15
Oregon	416	128	9	4	57	4	12	7	6	8
Pennsylvania	1,468	718	51	35	171	9	127	97	158	63
Rhode Island	65	20	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	9
South Carolina	920	351	35	3	96	11	86	19	52	32
South Dakota	119	37	6	1	15	1	5	—	3	—
Tennessee	1,035	243	20	9	47	14	59	20	28	40
Texas	3,382	1,422	138	54	184	49	143	108	122	136
Utah	275	98	24	—	7	6	4	12	10	8
Vermont	73	25	5	—	—	12	—	1	7	—
Virginia	824	246	20	14	105	4	39	11	23	21
Washington	521	216	13	1	21	27	14	10	58	28
West Virginia	380	97	5	1	36	—	14	2	11	12
Wisconsin	605	198	11	2	103	—	16	3	14	30
Wyoming	159	66	13	—	11	2	3	4	2	4

— Represents zero. ¹ Includes fatalities that occurred on roads for which the speed limit was unknown.

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

Table 1108. Distracted Drivers—Crashes/Road Fatalities and Injuries: 2005 to 2009

["Distraction" is defined as a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead. It is worth noting that "distraction" is a subset of "inattention" (which also includes fatigue, physical conditions of the driver, and emotional conditions of the driver). For more information, see the appendices of the report at <<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811379.pdf>>]

Description	2005	2008	2009	Description	2005	2008	2009
Fatal crashes ¹				Drivers	4,217	5,477	5,084
				Percentage	7	11	11
Overall:				Fatalities	4,472	5,838	5,474
Crashes	39,252	34,172	30,797	Percentage	10	16	16
Drivers	59,220	50,416	45,230	People injured in crashes: ³			
Fatalities	43,510	37,423	33,808	Overall	2,699,000	2,346,000	2,217,000
Involving driver distraction: ²				Involving distraction:			
Crashes	4,026	5,307	4,898	Estimate	604,000	466,000	448,000
Percentage	10	16	16	Percentage of total	22	20	20

¹ Source: NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). ² For multi-vehicle crashes, the crash was reported as a distracted-driving crash if at least one driver was reported as distracted. In some of these multi-vehicle crashes, multiple drivers were reported as distracted. ³ Source: National Automotive Sampling System (NASS) General Estimates System (GES).

Source: U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts, Research Note, "An Examination of Driver Distraction as Recorded in the NHTSA Databases."* See also <<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx>>.