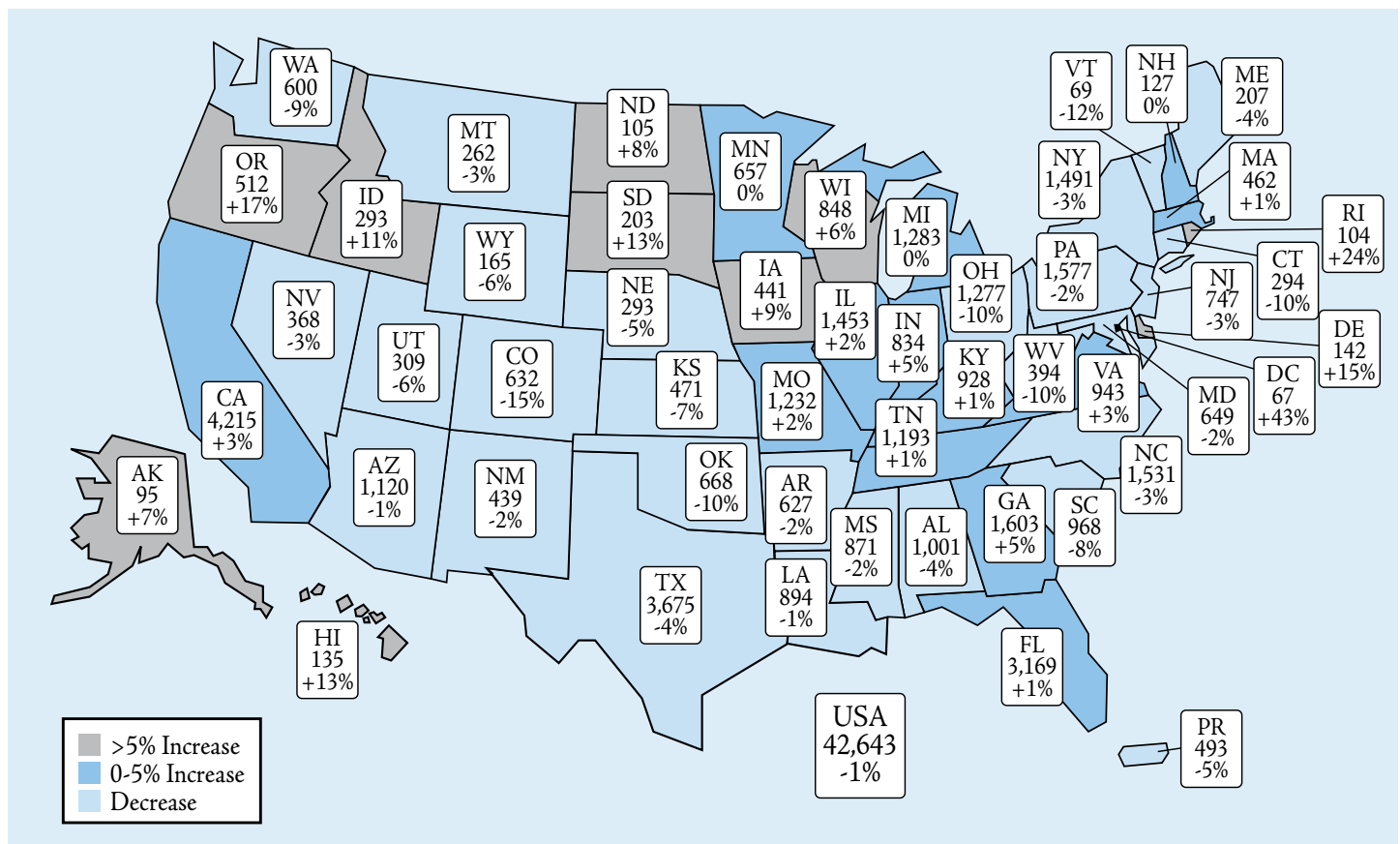


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## 2003 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change from 2002



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Table 1  
**Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 2003**

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	1,001	4,501	3,598	4,400	58,637	22.24	27.82	22.75	1.71
AK	95	649	481	656	4,942	14.64	19.73	14.47	1.92
AZ	1,120	5,581	3,819	3,783	53,896	20.07	29.32	29.60	2.08
AR	627	2,726	1,998	1,927	30,639	23.00	31.38	32.54	2.05
CA	4,215	35,484	22,657	30,810	323,592	11.88	18.60	13.68	1.30
CO	632	4,551	2,975	2,035	43,379	13.89	21.24	31.05	1.46
CT	294	3,483	2,660	3,027	31,432	8.44	11.05	9.71	0.94
DE	142	817	585	702	9,044	17.37	24.27	20.23	1.57
DC	67	563	313	230	4,150	11.89	21.40	29.15	1.61
FL	3,169	17,019	12,906	14,919	185,511	18.62	24.55	21.24	1.71
GA	1,603	8,685	5,758	7,849	109,246	18.46	27.84	20.42	1.47
HI	135	1,258	834	925	9,312	10.73	16.18	14.59	1.45
ID	293	1,366	921	1,345	14,290	21.44	31.80	21.78	2.05
IL	1,453	12,654	8,054	9,511	106,536	11.48	18.04	15.28	1.36
IN	834	6,196	4,536	5,884	72,511	13.46	18.39	14.17	1.15
IA	441	2,944	1,978	3,509	31,108	14.98	22.30	12.57	1.42
KS	471	2,724	1,987	2,371	28,672	17.29	23.70	19.87	1.64
KY	928	4,118	2,800	3,440	46,748	22.54	33.15	26.98	1.99
LA	894	4,496	3,120	3,771	44,156	19.88	28.65	23.71	2.02
ME	207	1,306	932	1,087	14,912	15.85	22.20	19.05	1.39
MD	649	5,509	3,552	3,941	54,701	11.78	18.27	16.47	1.19
MA	462	6,433	4,646	5,610	53,709	7.18	9.94	8.24	0.86
MI	1,283	10,080	7,065	8,756	100,756	12.73	18.16	14.65	1.27
MN	657	5,059	3,036	4,700	55,296	12.99	21.64	13.98	1.19
MS	871	2,881	1,886	1,978	37,467	30.23	46.18	44.03	2.32
MO	1,232	5,704	3,966	4,534	68,163	21.60	31.07	27.17	1.81
MT	262	918	705	1,077	10,874	28.55	37.19	24.34	2.41
NE	293	1,739	1,311	1,704	19,016	16.85	22.34	17.19	1.54
NV	368	2,241	1,488	1,259	19,301	16.42	24.73	29.23	1.91
NH	127	1,288	968	1,205	13,180	9.86	13.12	10.54	0.96
NJ	747	8,638	5,729	6,852	69,778	8.65	13.04	10.90	1.07
NM	439	1,875	1,236	1,542	22,844	23.42	35.50	28.47	1.92
NY	1,491	19,190	11,357	10,952	135,047	7.77	13.13	13.61	1.10
NC	1,531	8,407	6,015	6,214	93,759	18.21	25.45	24.64	1.63
ND	105	634	460	713	7,468	16.57	22.84	14.72	1.41
OH	1,277	11,436	7,656	10,823	108,938	11.17	16.68	11.80	1.17
OK	668	3,512	2,348	3,146	45,725	19.02	28.44	21.23	1.46
OR	512	3,560	2,590	3,136	35,098	14.38	19.77	16.33	1.46
PA	1,577	12,365	8,370	9,993	106,347	12.75	18.84	15.78	1.48
RI	104	1,076	731	830	8,365	9.66	14.22	12.53	1.24
SC	968	4,147	2,919	3,219	48,120	23.34	33.16	30.07	2.01
SD	203	764	555	864	8,527	26.56	36.61	23.48	2.38
TN	1,193	5,842	4,204	4,889	69,154	20.42	28.38	24.40	1.73
TX	3,675	22,119	13,498	15,150	223,418	16.62	27.23	24.26	1.64
UT	309	2,351	1,548	2,045	24,029	13.14	19.96	15.11	1.29
VT	69	619	543	542	8,309	11.15	12.70	12.72	0.83
VA	943	7,386	5,046	6,420	76,868	12.77	18.69	14.69	1.23
WA	600	6,131	4,407	5,521	55,015	9.79	13.61	10.87	1.09
WV	394	1,810	1,272	1,428	20,082	21.76	30.97	27.59	1.96
WI	848	5,472	3,766	4,888	59,615	15.50	22.52	17.35	1.42
WY	165	501	378	648	9,211	32.92	43.65	25.48	1.79
<b>USA</b>	<b>42,643</b>	<b>290,810</b>	<b>196,166</b>	<b>230,788</b>	<b>2,890,893</b>	<b>14.66</b>	<b>21.74</b>	<b>18.48</b>	<b>1.48</b>
PR	493	3,879	—	2,134	18,674	12.71	—	23.10	2.64

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: 2003 licensed driver data not available for Puerto Rico.

Table 2

**Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975-2003**

State	Fatalities						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2002	2003	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2003	2002-2003
AL	902	882	1,121	1,114	1,038	1,001	-2	+27	-1	+11	-4
AK	112	127	98	87	89	95	+13	-23	-11	-15	+7
AZ	670	893	869	1,035	1,132	1,120	+33	-3	+19	+67	-1
AR	559	534	604	631	640	627	-4	+13	+4	+12	-2
CA	4,092	4,960	5,192	4,192	4,088	4,215	+21	+5	-19	+3	+3
CO	581	579	544	645	743	632	0	-6	+19	+9	-15
CT	389	448	385	317	325	294	+15	-14	-18	-24	-10
DE	122	104	138	121	124	142	-15	+33	-12	+16	+15
DC	70	60	48	58	47	67	-14	-20	+21	-4	+43
FL	1,998	2,832	2,891	2,805	3,136	3,169	+42	+2	-3	+59	+1
GA	1,360	1,361	1,562	1,488	1,524	1,603	0	+15	-5	+18	+5
HI	144	126	177	130	119	135	-13	+40	-27	-6	+13
ID	281	255	244	262	264	293	-9	-4	+7	+4	+11
IL	2,041	1,534	1,589	1,586	1,420	1,453	-25	+4	0	-29	+2
IN	1,128	974	1,049	960	792	834	-14	+8	-8	-26	+5
IA	670	474	465	527	405	441	-29	-2	+13	-34	+9
KS	509	486	444	442	507	471	-5	-9	0	-7	-7
KY	863	712	849	849	915	928	-17	+19	0	+8	+1
LA	934	931	959	894	907	894	0	+3	-7	-4	-1
ME	223	206	213	187	216	207	-8	+3	-12	-7	-4
MD	670	729	707	671	661	649	+9	-3	-5	-3	-2
MA	864	742	605	444	459	462	-14	-18	-27	-47	+1
MI	1,779	1,545	1,571	1,530	1,277	1,283	-13	+2	-3	-28	0
MN	754	608	566	597	657	657	-19	-7	+5	-13	0
MS	546	662	750	868	885	871	+21	+13	+16	+60	-2
MO	1,045	931	1,097	1,109	1,208	1,232	-11	+18	+1	+18	+2
MT	291	223	212	215	269	262	-23	-5	+1	-10	-3
NE	369	237	262	254	307	293	-36	+11	-3	-21	-5
NV	218	259	343	313	381	368	+19	+32	-9	+69	-3
NH	151	191	158	118	127	127	+26	-17	-25	-16	0
NJ	1,043	964	886	774	771	747	-8	-8	-13	-28	-3
NM	555	535	499	485	449	439	-4	-7	-3	-21	-2
NY	2,366	2,006	2,217	1,679	1,530	1,491	-15	+11	-24	-37	-3
NC	1,506	1,482	1,385	1,448	1,576	1,531	-2	-7	+5	+2	-3
ND	167	90	112	74	97	105	-46	+24	-34	-37	+8
OH	1,766	1,646	1,638	1,360	1,418	1,277	-7	0	-17	-28	-10
OK	757	744	641	669	739	668	-2	-14	+4	-12	-10
OR	562	559	579	574	436	512	-1	+4	-1	-9	+17
PA	2,078	1,771	1,646	1,480	1,614	1,577	-15	-7	-10	-24	-2
RI	110	109	84	69	84	104	-1	-23	-18	-5	+24
SC	820	951	979	881	1,053	968	+16	+3	-10	+18	-8
SD	195	130	153	158	180	203	-33	+18	+3	+4	+13
TN	1,126	1,101	1,177	1,259	1,177	1,193	-2	+7	+7	+6	+1
TX	3,372	3,678	3,250	3,183	3,823	3,675	+9	-12	-2	+9	-4
UT	272	303	272	325	328	309	11	-10	+19	+14	-6
VT	143	115	90	106	78	69	-20	-22	+18	-52	-12
VA	993	976	1,079	900	914	943	-2	+11	-17	-5	+3
WA	758	744	825	653	658	600	-2	+11	-21	-21	-9
WV	461	420	481	376	439	394	-9	15	-22	-15	-10
WI	930	744	769	745	803	848	-20	+3	-3	-9	+6
WY	210	152	125	170	176	165	-28	-18	36	-21	-6
<b>USA</b>	<b>44,525</b>	<b>43,825</b>	<b>44,599</b>	<b>41,817</b>	<b>43,005</b>	<b>42,643</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1</b>
PR	496	600	473	595	518	493	+21	-21	26	-1	-5

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3

**Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-2003**

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled						Percent Change				
	1975	1985	1990	1995	2002	2003	1975-1985	1985-1990	1990-1995	1975-2003	2002-2003
AL	3.63	2.51	2.65	2.20	1.80	1.71	-31	+6	-17	-53	-5
AK	4.38	3.17	2.51	2.11	1.82	1.92	-28	-21	-16	-56	+5
AZ	4.19	4.14	2.45	2.61	2.18	2.08	-1	-41	+7	-50	-5
AR	4.01	3.12	2.87	2.37	2.13	2.05	-22	-8	-17	-49	-4
CA	3.09	2.39	2.01	1.52	1.27	1.30	-23	-16	-24	-58	+2
CO	3.50	2.21	2.00	1.84	1.71	1.46	-37	-10	-8	-58	-15
CT	2.13	2.00	1.46	1.13	1.04	0.94	-6	-27	-23	-56	-10
DE	3.37	1.94	2.11	1.61	1.40	1.57	-42	+9	-24	-53	+12
DC	2.27	1.86	1.41	1.74	1.33	1.61	-18	-24	+23	-29	+21
FL	3.24	3.22	2.63	2.19	1.76	1.71	-1	-18	-17	-47	-3
GA	3.46	2.53	2.22	1.74	1.41	1.47	-27	-12	-22	-58	+4
HI	3.47	1.86	2.19	1.64	1.34	1.45	-46	+18	-25	-58	+8
ID	4.78	3.31	2.48	2.13	1.86	2.05	-31	-25	-14	-57	+10
IL	3.56	2.17	1.91	1.68	1.35	1.36	-39	-12	-12	-62	+1
IN	3.02	2.39	1.95	1.49	1.09	1.15	-21	-18	-24	-62	+6
IA	3.75	2.35	2.02	2.03	1.31	1.42	-37	-14	0	-62	+8
KS	3.29	2.52	1.94	1.76	1.78	1.64	-23	-23	-9	-50	-8
KY	3.50	2.50	2.52	2.07	1.95	1.99	-29	+1	-18	-43	+2
LA	4.60	2.79	2.53	2.31	2.09	2.02	-39	-9	-9	-56	-3
ME	3.14	2.22	1.79	1.49	1.47	1.39	-29	-19	-17	-56	-5
MD	2.66	2.19	1.74	1.50	1.23	1.19	-18	-21	-14	-55	-3
MA	2.75	1.87	1.31	0.92	0.86	0.86	-32	-30	-30	-69	0
MI	3.06	2.29	1.94	1.79	1.28	1.27	-25	-15	-8	-58	-1
MN	2.94	1.86	1.45	1.35	1.20	1.19	-37	-22	-7	-60	-1
MS	3.80	3.45	3.07	2.94	2.43	2.32	-9	-11	-4	-39	-5
MO	3.41	2.37	2.16	1.87	1.77	1.81	-30	-9	-13	-47	+2
MT	5.08	3.03	2.54	2.28	2.59	2.41	-40	-16	-10	-53	-7
NE	3.29	1.97	1.88	1.61	1.64	1.54	-40	-5	-14	-53	-6
NV	4.74	3.42	3.36	2.24	2.12	1.91	-28	-2	-33	-60	-10
NH	2.85	2.53	1.61	1.11	1.01	0.96	-11	-36	-31	-66	-5
NJ	2.15	1.83	1.50	1.27	1.10	1.07	-15	-18	-15	-50	-3
NM	5.59	4.03	3.09	2.29	1.97	1.92	-28	-23	-26	-66	-3
NY	3.63	2.22	2.07	1.46	1.15	1.10	-39	-7	-29	-70	-4
NC	4.14	2.97	2.21	1.90	1.70	1.63	-28	-26	-14	-61	-4
ND	3.71	1.61	1.90	1.13	1.32	1.41	-57	+18	-41	-62	+7
OH	2.75	2.18	1.79	1.35	1.31	1.17	-21	-18	-25	-57	-11
OK	3.33	2.39	1.93	1.74	1.62	1.46	-28	-19	-10	-56	-10
OR	3.53	2.61	2.17	1.91	1.26	1.46	-26	-17	-12	-59	+16
PA	3.26	2.35	1.92	1.57	1.54	1.48	-28	-18	-18	-55	-4
RI	1.94	1.87	1.14	1.00	1.03	1.24	-4	-39	-12	-36	+20
SC	3.98	3.56	2.85	2.28	2.23	2.01	-11	-20	-20	-49	-10
SD	3.76	2.07	2.19	2.06	2.12	2.38	-45	+6	-6	-37	+12
TN	3.42	3.03	2.52	2.24	1.73	1.73	-11	-17	-11	-49	0
TX	3.99	2.57	2.08	1.76	1.73	1.64	-36	-19	-15	-59	-5
UT	3.42	2.52	1.86	1.73	1.34	1.29	-26	-26	-7	-62	-4
VT	4.32	2.45	1.54	1.71	0.98	0.83	-43	-37	+11	-81	-15
VA	2.87	2.04	1.79	1.29	1.18	1.23	-29	-12	-28	-57	+4
WA	3.16	2.16	1.85	1.33	1.20	1.09	-32	-14	-28	-66	-9
WV	4.36	3.32	3.12	2.16	2.19	1.96	-24	-6	-31	-55	-11
WI	3.25	2.03	1.74	1.45	1.37	1.42	-38	-14	-17	-56	+4
WY	5.36	2.81	2.14	2.41	1.95	1.79	-48	-24	+13	-67	-8
<b>USA</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-2</b>
PR	7.27	5.74	3.68	3.83	2.86	2.64	-21	-36	+4	-64	-8

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

Table 4

**Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1993 and 2003**

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC with Known Results in 2003	
	BAC $\geq$ 0.01 g/dl			BAC $\geq$ 0.08 g/dl			Killed	Survived
	1993	2003	Percent Change	1993	2003	Percent Change		
AL	46	41	-11	41	38	-7	7	6
AK	46	37	-20	44	33	-25	50	44
AZ	50	42	-16	44	36	-18	52	7
AR	41	41	0	34	32	-6	74	52
CA	44	39	-11	37	33	-11	90	21
CO	42	39	-7	38	35	-8	84	23
CT	44	45	+2	41	39	-5	86	30
DE	51	42	-18	44	36	-18	78	34
DC	41	50	+22	35	44	+26	3	16
FL	46	40	-13	41	34	-17	63	23
GA	40	30	-25	34	26	-24	68	62
HI	57	53	-7	45	40	-11	80	36
ID	48	37	-23	44	31	-30	70	39
IL	46	44	-4	40	37	-8	89	19
IN	39	31	-21	32	27	-16	64	63
IA	45	33	-27	38	27	-29	41	34
KS	37	44	+19	31	39	+26	24	18
KY	39	30	-23	33	26	-21	51	32
LA	55	45	-18	48	41	-15	30	50
ME	42	36	-14	35	33	-6	85	72
MD	37	43	+16	30	32	+7	85	15
MA	44	45	+2	37	37	0	56	1
MI	45	37	-18	39	31	-21	67	32
MN	40	41	+3	35	35	0	74	55
MS	48	37	-23	41	33	-20	55	25
MO	50	41	-18	44	34	-23	76	19
MT	59	49	-17	51	41	-20	79	57
NE	42	41	-2	31	34	+10	84	76
NV	46	50	+9	38	43	+13	82	33
NH	43	41	-5	39	34	-13	90	45
NJ	37	37	0	29	32	+10	43	16
NM	59	45	-24	52	39	-25	89	19
NY	36	35	-3	30	31	+3	37	4
NC	38	36	-5	33	31	-6	76	1
ND	49	50	+2	46	44	-4	88	33
OH	39	37	-5	34	31	-9	93	35
OK	42	38	-10	37	33	-11	84	15
OR	42	40	-5	34	34	0	80	50
PA	46	39	-15	41	34	-17	77	13
RI	54	55	+2	48	50	+4	94	4
SC	36	50	+39	32	44	+38	67	4
SD	43	48	+12	41	44	+7	88	76
TN	46	37	-20	39	34	-13	31	23
TX	57	47	-18	52	41	-21	46	18
UT	30	15	-50	24	12	-50	62	52
VT	46	41	-11	38	30	-21	98	31
VA	45	39	-13	39	33	-15	69	1
WA	51	43	-16	47	38	-19	88	18
WV	44	37	-16	41	32	-22	89	21
WI	46	46	0	41	40	-2	90	41
WY	42	38	-10	39	30	-23	73	27
<b>USA</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24</b>
PR	56	47	-16	47	37	-21	76	60

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5  
**Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit, 2003**

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	35 mph	<35 mph
AL	1,001	469	46	6	124	16	148	31	45	24
AK	95	39	9	3	6	0	6	5	0	4
AZ	1,120	432	76	16	52	18	71	38	39	31
AR	627	118	7	0	69	0	10	3	14	11
CA	4,215	1,507	242	26	397	58	142	107	173	156
CO	632	239	23	17	38	5	29	22	23	37
CT	294	111	9	15	6	1	16	8	8	43
DE	142	37	0	4	4	13	2	5	4	4
DC	67	22	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	16
FL	3,169	539	35	11	80	13	150	49	80	75
GA	1,603	328	25	14	101	8	61	11	68	20
HI	135	66	0	7	6	1	11	0	22	10
ID	293	82	17	0	8	13	4	0	11	5
IL	1,453	566	46	50	226	3	22	47	69	88
IN	834	217	16	14	68	12	20	19	22	34
IA	441	68	3	2	24	4	6	1	8	14
KS	471	144	17	0	51	2	6	8	7	25
KY	928	122	11	2	75	0	11	0	19	1
LA	894	223	16	3	103	8	26	9	24	20
ME	207	79	3	2	12	16	18	2	14	10
MD	649	198	11	6	24	40	10	35	28	43
MA	462	156	17	5	3	5	14	13	26	52
MI	1,283	293	27	7	132	6	19	5	26	47
MN	657	194	13	7	94	10	9	4	3	28
MS	871	170	18	0	59	15	35	12	12	11
MO	1,232	519	66	12	187	4	32	24	49	58
MT	262	113	18	0	3	2	6	1	14	7
NE	293	38	2	0	3	13	5	1	0	2
NV	368	125	14	1	5	3	28	1	26	11
NH	127	31	2	0	1	2	3	8	5	6
NJ	747	48	4	0	6	6	4	6	4	11
NM	439	172	29	2	28	4	6	13	19	16
NY	1,491	481	9	24	177	10	23	30	23	80
NC	1,531	566	31	10	298	8	119	2	71	9
ND	105	32	0	0	13	0	0	2	1	3
OH	1,277	264	25	6	123	2	23	7	38	25
OK	668	273	43	1	34	14	55	15	15	13
OR	512	167	9	11	82	1	13	12	14	9
PA	1,577	652	42	30	177	12	124	66	115	47
RI	104	54	1	5	1	1	7	7	7	25
SC	968	410	35	1	146	11	91	13	28	28
SD	203	87	18	1	31	1	1	2	3	6
TN	1,193	272	16	13	72	14	42	26	16	45
TX	3,675	1,509	207	43	225	43	113	94	119	143
UT	309	93	34	1	10	3	1	9	7	5
VT	69	33	4	0	1	13	3	5	3	3
VA	943	286	25	11	127	6	43	7	38	23
WA	600	234	20	2	16	38	15	18	53	43
WV	394	112	14	1	50	2	12	14	5	9
WI	848	306	22	3	161	0	29	0	25	48
WY	165	84	26	1	4	2	8	2	0	4
<b>USA</b>	<b>42,643</b>	<b>13,380</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,488</b>
PR	493	233	48	0	2	7	22	22	105	25

\*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 2003, 6,015 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 896 occurred on roads with speed limits above 65 mph.

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.

Table 6

**Passenger Vehicle Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 2003**

State	Passenger Vehicle Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent That Were:			Total	Percent That Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	834	40.0	55.0	4.9	51	86.3	13.7	0.0
AK	64	37.5	43.8	18.8	12	50.0	50.0	0.0
AZ	802	35.5	51.6	12.8	109	27.5	61.5	11.0
AR	501	27.1	62.3	10.6	56	35.7	62.5	1.8
CA	2,932	49.3	35.2	15.5	383	84.1	14.1	1.8
CO	488	40.8	58.8	0.4	69	17.4	82.6	0.0
CT	220	37.7	45.5	16.8	28	25.0	75.0	0.0
DE	110	46.4	51.8	1.8	11	54.5	45.5	0.0
DC	41	31.7	41.5	26.8	7	71.4	28.6	0.0
FL	2,105	39.9	59.1	1.0	365	38.9	61.1	0.0
GA	1,247	39.5	47.5	13.0	103	88.3	11.7	0.0
HI	85	48.2	45.9	5.9	19	31.6	68.4	0.0
ID	244	38.5	58.2	3.3	19	15.8	84.2	0.0
IL	1,062	35.1	47.9	16.9	143	12.6	77.6	9.8
IN	644	44.4	46.0	9.6	81	24.7	71.6	3.7
IA	347	39.8	42.4	17.9	51	2.0	92.2	5.9
KS	393	30.0	63.9	6.1	31	35.5	61.3	3.2
KY	760	31.6	67.8	0.7	58	37.9	60.3	1.7
LA	683	30.0	60.0	10.0	77	26.0	71.4	2.6
ME	168	36.9	51.8	11.3	20	40.0	60.0	0.0
MD	455	49.9	46.6	3.5	56	94.6	3.6	1.8
MA	323	28.5	54.5	17.0	35	85.7	11.4	2.9
MI	960	49.9	36.3	13.9	81	77.8	12.3	9.9
MN	522	41.2	54.6	4.2	64	25.0	75.0	0.0
MS	755	32.2	67.2	0.7	42	45.2	54.8	0.0
MO	994	28.4	62.5	9.2	90	83.3	14.4	2.2
MT	228	30.3	66.7	3.1	12	25.0	75.0	0.0
NE	250	28.4	60.4	11.2	13	69.2	23.1	7.7
NV	255	38.8	56.9	4.3	26	88.5	11.5	0.0
NH	91	28.6	69.2	2.2	9	55.6	44.4	0.0
NJ	343	46.6	46.9	6.4	34	61.8	17.6	20.6
NM	325	30.2	67.1	2.8	36	25.0	75.0	0.0
NY	921	49.2	39.3	11.5	154	81.8	15.6	2.6
NC	1,214	49.5	43.3	7.2	106	90.6	8.5	0.9
ND	82	19.5	74.4	6.1	4	0.0	100.0	0.0
OH	989	37.6	59.5	2.9	136	24.3	75.0	0.7
OK	547	35.3	64.0	0.7	43	23.3	76.7	0.0
OR	399	58.4	33.1	8.5	44	88.6	9.1	2.3
PA	1,169	32.9	52.5	14.5	156	75.0	21.2	3.8
RI	74	31.1	63.5	5.4	13	53.8	46.2	0.0
SC	762	31.2	65.1	3.7	89	20.2	77.5	2.2
SD	169	20.1	71.0	8.9	19	10.5	89.5	0.0
TN	966	32.7	61.8	5.5	90	83.3	16.7	0.0
TX	2,790	49.0	48.3	2.7	323	34.4	64.1	1.5
UT	241	42.3	56.8	0.8	22	22.7	77.3	0.0
VT	55	50.9	38.2	10.9	3	66.7	33.3	0.0
VA	755	33.9	56.8	9.3	56	37.5	14.3	48.2
WA	445	55.1	39.8	5.2	59	86.4	11.9	1.7
WV	313	37.1	56.9	6.1	30	80.0	20.0	0.0
WI	653	36.3	54.4	9.3	103	24.3	74.8	1.0
WY	129	38.0	60.5	1.6	20	15.0	80.0	5.0
<b>USA</b>	<b>31,904</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>
PR	264	39.0	61.0	0.0	56	39.3	60.7	0.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7  
**Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, 2003**

State	Traffic Fatalities by Person Type						Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes by Vehicle Type					
	Total	Percent That Were:					Total	Percent That Were:				
		Drivers	Passengers	Pedestrians	Pedal-cyclists	Other/Unknown		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other/Unknown
AL	1,001	68.6	23.7	6.2	1.2	0.3	1,387	46.4	36.8	10.7	3.7	2.5
AK	95	67.4	20.0	8.4	4.2	0.0	122	33.6	44.3	3.3	10.7	8.2
AZ	1,120	55.1	29.0	10.8	1.4	3.7	1,512	38.7	41.9	6.7	7.5	5.2
AR	627	70.0	22.6	6.4	0.2	0.8	810	36.9	42.8	12.2	6.4	1.6
CA	4,215	53.7	26.4	16.6	2.5	0.8	5,725	48.0	36.8	5.8	7.0	2.4
CO	632	62.3	27.1	8.9	0.5	1.3	869	39.2	43.4	7.0	8.1	2.3
CT	294	63.6	23.5	11.6	0.7	0.7	399	59.1	26.6	6.0	7.0	1.3
DE	142	63.4	22.5	13.4	0.7	0.0	234	53.4	32.1	6.4	5.1	3.0
DC	67	52.2	20.9	26.9	0.0	0.0	98	64.3	20.4	0.0	7.1	8.2
FL	3,169	58.0	22.6	15.8	3.2	0.4	4,432	45.6	35.9	7.7	8.6	2.2
GA	1,603	64.2	24.5	9.7	1.1	0.4	2,277	44.1	39.1	9.1	4.7	2.9
HI	135	51.9	25.9	17.8	4.4	0.0	169	50.9	32.5	2.4	12.4	1.8
ID	293	65.5	28.7	4.4	0.7	0.7	357	39.5	41.2	10.6	5.3	3.4
IL	1,453	61.0	24.5	12.9	1.2	0.3	2,012	48.6	32.6	8.8	7.0	3.1
IN	834	66.4	25.2	7.4	0.8	0.1	1,247	42.1	35.3	13.3	6.6	2.7
IA	441	68.5	26.1	4.1	0.7	0.7	564	40.8	37.9	10.8	8.2	2.3
KS	471	66.0	27.6	5.3	1.1	0.0	655	38.6	42.4	11.1	5.2	2.6
KY	928	69.0	23.6	6.6	0.5	0.3	1,290	42.6	41.3	9.1	4.5	2.6
LA	894	65.3	23.8	9.7	1.1	0.0	1,186	39.5	41.8	9.4	6.7	2.5
ME	207	72.0	21.3	6.3	0.5	0.0	285	51.9	33.7	4.9	7.7	1.8
MD	649	58.9	21.9	17.6	1.1	0.6	1,000	51.5	32.5	6.3	6.1	3.6
MA	462	58.9	19.5	18.6	2.4	0.6	619	56.2	29.4	5.5	6.0	2.9
MI	1,283	62.5	21.7	12.9	2.5	0.4	1,887	49.7	37.9	5.8	4.5	2.1
MN	657	67.0	23.4	8.1	0.9	0.6	880	44.0	39.7	7.0	7.2	2.2
MS	871	71.0	23.4	4.6	0.9	0.1	1,121	51.9	36.9	5.9	3.8	1.4
MO	1,232	68.3	24.0	6.3	0.7	0.6	1,663	45.3	37.8	9.2	5.4	2.3
MT	262	68.7	24.8	3.8	0.8	1.9	322	35.4	52.8	6.5	3.7	1.6
NE	293	65.2	29.7	4.1	0.7	0.3	398	41.2	40.2	13.1	3.3	2.3
NV	368	54.9	24.2	17.7	2.7	0.5	498	42.6	42.2	7.2	5.6	2.4
NH	127	64.6	18.1	15.0	1.6	0.8	168	42.9	38.7	7.7	6.0	4.8
NJ	747	56.5	22.4	19.7	1.5	0.0	1,057	36.2	19.8	5.4	3.1	35.5
NM	439	52.8	33.9	11.6	0.7	0.9	502	33.1	49.2	7.8	6.8	3.2
NY	1,491	54.4	20.3	22.4	2.5	0.5	1,989	51.4	29.1	7.4	8.1	4.1
NC	1,531	63.7	24.8	9.8	1.2	0.5	2,138	46.8	38.7	7.4	5.0	2.2
ND	105	69.5	23.8	6.7	0.0	0.0	138	38.4	39.1	10.1	2.9	9.4
OH	1,277	68.4	22.7	7.8	0.6	0.5	1,875	49.3	31.8	7.8	7.6	3.4
OK	668	65.7	28.0	5.4	0.4	0.4	930	37.7	44.9	11.2	4.7	1.4
OR	512	58.2	30.5	9.0	1.6	0.8	626	41.7	41.1	8.3	6.7	2.2
PA	1,577	66.6	20.7	10.8	1.3	0.6	2,233	48.9	31.2	9.5	7.1	3.3
RI	104	64.4	21.2	12.5	1.0	1.0	143	58.0	28.7	4.2	9.1	0.0
SC	968	68.1	22.4	8.3	1.2	0.0	1,344	43.8	40.5	7.1	7.0	1.6
SD	203	61.6	29.6	4.9	0.5	3.4	227	38.8	43.2	6.2	9.7	2.2
TN	1,193	68.0	23.1	8.0	0.3	0.5	1,623	47.0	38.7	7.0	5.7	1.7
TX	3,675	62.0	25.7	10.4	1.3	0.5	5,040	37.0	45.6	8.7	6.5	2.2
UT	309	55.0	35.3	9.1	0.6	0.0	377	36.6	50.4	4.8	6.1	2.1
VT	69	68.1	20.3	10.1	1.4	0.0	98	46.9	32.7	12.2	4.1	4.1
VA	943	67.1	22.7	9.1	1.1	0.0	1,311	47.6	36.0	9.2	4.3	2.8
WA	600	61.3	24.0	12.5	1.7	0.5	798	45.5	40.1	4.9	7.5	2.0
WV	394	70.8	22.8	5.6	0.3	0.5	544	43.6	36.4	10.1	5.7	4.2
WI	848	68.8	22.8	6.4	1.4	0.7	1,136	43.9	37.1	7.8	9.1	2.0
WY	165	61.8	33.3	4.2	0.6	0.0	197	24.9	49.7	14.2	10.2	1.0
<b>USA</b>	<b>42,643</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>58,512</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>
PR	493	45.2	20.9	30.4	2.8	0.6	643	55.5	25.0	4.0	9.0	6.4

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).



Table 8

**Fatalities in the Beds of Pickup Trucks by Age, 2003**

State	Age (Years)							Total
	<5	5-9	10-14	15-20	21-24	>24	Unknown	
AL	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	5
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	11
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	2	3	0	6	0	11
GA	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
HI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
IN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IA	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
KS	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
KY	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
LA	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
ME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	0	2	0	3
MT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NV	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
NH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NY	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
NC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
OK	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OR	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
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	0	1	0	4	0	5
TX	0	2	2	2	0	7	0	13
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WA	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>USA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>
PR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2

Note: Includes fatalities in both enclosed and unenclosed beds.

Table 9

**Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws Through December 2003, and 2003 Belt Use Rates**

State	Enforcement	Fine	Coverage		Vehicles Exempted	Safety Belt Use Rate
			Seats	Ages		
AL	Primary	Primary	Front	6+	Designed for >10 passengers; model year <1965. Exemptions for medical reasons, rural mail carriers, and paper delivery.	77%
AK	Secondary	\$15	All	16+	School bus.	79%
AZ	Secondary	\$10	All <sup>(1)</sup>	5+; under 5 = child seat	Designed for >10 passengers; model year <1972.	86%
AR	Secondary	\$25	Front	All	School, church, or public bus; model year <1968.	63%
CA	Primary	\$20	All	16+	None.	91%
CO	Secondary <sup>(2)</sup>	\$17	Front	16+	Passenger bus, school bus.	78%
CT	Primary	\$37	Front	4+; <16 all	Truck or bus >15,000 lbs.	78%
DE	Primary	\$25	All	16+	Postal service vehicles.	75%
DC	Primary	\$50 <sup>(3)</sup>	All	16+	Seating >8 people.	85%
FL	Secondary	\$30	Front	6+; 6-17 in rear	School bus, public bus, truck >5,000 lbs.	73%
GA	Primary	\$15	Front	5-17 <sup>(4)</sup> must be restrained in all seats	Designed for >10 passengers; pickup; offroad; rural letter carriers; emergency vehicles.	85%
HI	Primary	\$45	Front (18+); all (4-17); under 4 = child seat		Bus or school bus >10,000 lbs.	92%
ID	Secondary	\$10 + costs	All	4+	>8,000 lbs.	72%
IL	Primary	\$25	Front	4+	Emergency vehicles, frequent stops, medical or physical reasons.	80%
IN	Primary	\$25	Front; all (4 but <12)	4+; 4-11 in rear	Truck, tractor, RV.	82%
IA	Primary	\$25	Front	6+	None.	87%
KS	Secondary	\$10	Front	14+	Designed for >10 people; truck >12,000 lbs.	64%
KY	Secondary	\$25	All	Over 40 inches tall	Designed for >10 people; truck >12,000 lbs.	66%
LA	Primary	\$25 <sup>(5)</sup>	Front	13+	Designed for >10 people; model year <1981.	74%
ME	Secondary	\$25-\$50	All seats (18+); all 4 and <18; <4 = child seat; <8 and <80 lb = booster seat; <100 lb = back seat if possible		Manufactured without safety belts.	—
MD	Primary	\$25	Front seat outboard passengers, drivers	16+	Historic vehicle, taxi, written medical excuse.	88%
MA	Secondary	\$25	All seats; <5 and 40 lbs or less = child seat; 5+ but <12 = safety belt		Truck >18,000 lbs; bus and taxi operators.	62%
MI	Primary	\$25	Front	4+; 4-15 in rear; <4 = child seat	Taxi, bus, school bus.	85%
MN	Secondary	\$25	Front; all (>3 but <11)	4+; 4-10 in rear	Farm pickup truck.	79%
MS	Secondary	\$25	Front	4-7 in all seats; 8+ in front seat	Farm vehicle, bus; exemptions for medical reasons and letter carriers.	62%
MO	Secondary <sup>(6)</sup>	\$10	Front (adults); all (children)	4+; 4-15 in rear	Designed for >10 people; truck >12,000 lbs; postal workers; vehicle being used for agriculture.	73%
MT	Secondary	\$20	All	4+	None.	80%
NE	Secondary	\$25	Front	6-15 in rear; <6 = child seat	Model year <1973.	76%
NV	Secondary	\$25	All	5+	Taxi, bus, school bus.	79%
NH	No adult law	\$25	All	<18 only, primary law <sup>(7)</sup>	School bus, vehicle for hire; model year <1968.	50%
NJ	Primary	\$42 <sup>(8)</sup>	Front; all (8-17 and >80 lbs); all drivers and front seat passengers; <8 and <80 lbs = child seat in rear seat		Manufactured before 1966; medical exemption; rural letter carriers; vehicles not required to be equipped with safety belts under Federal law.	81%
NM	Primary	\$25 <sup>9</sup>	All	All	>10,000 lbs.	87%

Table 9

**Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws Through December 2003, and 2003 Belt Use Rates (Continued)**

State	Enforcement	Fine	Coverage		Vehicles Exempted	Safety Belt Use Rate
			Seats	Ages		
NY	Primary	\$50-\$100 <sup>(10)</sup>	Front (16+); all (<16); <4 = child seat		Bus, school bus, taxi, emergency vehicle, rural letter carriers.	85%
NC	Primary	\$25	Front	16+ in front	Designed for >11 people; farm vehicle drivers; rural mail carriers on official business; medical reasons; all safety belts already in use.	86%
ND	Secondary <sup>(11)</sup>	\$20	Front	18+	Designed for >10 people.	64%
OH	Secondary	\$25	Front	4+	None.	75%
OK	Primary	\$20	Front	All	Farm vehicle, truck, truck tractor, RV.	77%
OR	Primary	\$75	All	16+	Newspaper, mail, meter, transit vehicle. <sup>(12)</sup>	90%
PA	Secondary <sup>(13)</sup>	\$10	Front	4+	Truck >7,000 lbs.	79%
RI	Secondary	\$50	All	>12 <sup>(14)</sup>	None.	74%
SC	Secondary	\$10	All	6+	School bus, public bus; vehicle with no belts in rear seating areas.	73%
SD	Secondary <sup>(15)</sup>	\$20	Front	5+	Passenger bus, school bus; medical reasons; rural mail carriers on official business; newspaper or periodical deliveries.	70%
TN	Secondary	\$10	Front	4+	>8,500 lbs.	69%
TX	Primary	\$25-\$200	Front	All	Designed for >10 people; truck >15,000 lbs; farm vehicle.	84%
UT	Secondary <sup>(16)</sup>	\$45 <sup>(17)</sup>	All	19+	Medical reasons; all seats occupied.	85%
VT	Secondary	\$10	All	<6 = child seat; <18 = primary enforcement	Bus, taxi.	82%
VA	Secondary	\$25	Front	16+	Designed for >10 people; taxi.	75%
WA	Primary	\$86	All	All	Designed for >10 people.	95%
WV	Secondary	\$25	Front	9+; 9-17 in rear	Designed for >10 people.	74%
WI	Secondary	\$10	All	4+; 4-15 in rear; <4 = child seat	Taxi, farm truck.	70%
WY	Secondary	\$25 <sup>(18)</sup>	All	5+	Persons with physical/medical exemption documented by physician's signature; vehicles legally manufactured (under Federal law) without safety belts; postal vehicles; all seats occupied.	—
<b>USA</b>						<b>79%</b>
PR	Primary	\$50	All	All	None.	87%

(1) Ages 5-15, effective August 22, 2002.

(2) Primary enforcement for all positions if driver is under 17 years of age.

(3) Plus 2 points on license.

(4) Front seat 16 and older can be fined up to \$50 and drivers \$100 for each passenger <16 years old not wearing a safety belt.

(5) \$25 for first offense, \$50 for second offense, \$50 plus court costs for third offense.

(6) Primary for children under 16 years of age.

(7) Under age 4 must be in an approved child restraint system; under age 6 and under 55 inches tall must be in a booster seat.

(8) \$42 for safety belt violation; \$10-\$25 for child seat violation.

(9) Plus 2 points on license.

(10) Plus 3 points on license. Front seat passengers 16 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.

(11) Primary enforcement for all positions if occupant is under 18 years of age.

(12) Police/emergency vehicles exempted in some situations.

(13) Pennsylvania's fine is \$10, but with court, EMS, judicial, and computer costs the ticket total is \$51.50.

(14) Under age 7, 54 inches tall, and 80 pounds must be properly restrained in an approved child restraint system in the back seat.

(15) Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is under 18 years (South Dakota law effective July 1, 2001; currently safety belt use is required for passengers over 5 years).

(16) Primary enforcement for all seating positions if occupant is under 19 years.

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

(18) Fine for driver is \$25; fine for passengers over 12 years of age is \$10.

Source: NHTSA, Regional Offices.

Table 10  
**Child Passenger Protection Laws Through December 2003**

State	Rear Seat Belts Required <sup>(1,2)</sup>	Safety Seat Required	May Use Child Seat or Seat Belt	Penalty <sup>(3)</sup>	Booster Seat Required
AL	Under 6	Under 4	Age 4 or 5	\$10	—
AK	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$50, 2 points	—
AZ	Under 16	Under 5	Age 5 through 15	\$10	—
AR	Under 15	Under 6 and under 60 pounds	Age 6 or over 60 pounds	\$100	Under 6/under 60 pounds
CA	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100, 1 point	Under 6/under 60 pounds
CO	Under 16	Under 4 and under 40 pounds	Age 6 through 15 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$50 + \$6 surcharge	Under 4/under 40 pounds <sup>(5)</sup>
CT	Under 16	Under 4 and under 60 pounds	40 pounds and over	\$60, 2 points	—
DE	Under 16 <sup>(6)</sup>	Under 6	60 pounds and over	\$28.27, 2 points	Under 6/under 60 pounds
DC	Under 16	Under 8	Age 8 through 16	\$150, 3 points	Under 8
FL	Under 16	Under 6	Age 4	\$70	—
GA	Under 16	Under 5	—	\$50, 1 point	—
HI	Under 18	Under 3	Age 4	\$100	—
ID	Under 4	Under 4 and under 60 pounds	—	\$60	—
IL	Under 16	Under 8	Age 4 through 15 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$50	—
IN	Under 12	Under 4	—	\$25, 4 points	—
IA	Under 6	Under 3	Age 3 through 5	\$25	—
KS	Under 14	Under 4	—	\$20	—
KY	Under 16	40 inches and under	—	\$50	—
LA	Under 13	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 3 through 13	\$100	—
ME	Under 18	Under 4	Age 4 through 17 <sup>(8)</sup>	\$60	Under 8/40-80 pounds
MD	Under 16	6 or under	Over 40 pounds	\$25	Under 6/under 40 pounds
MA	Under 16	Under 5 and 40 pounds or less	Over age 5	\$25	—
MI	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$15	—
MN	Under 11	Under 4	—	\$50	—
MS	Under 8	Under 4	—	\$25	—
MO	Under 16	Under 4	Age 4 through 15	\$25	—
MT	Under 16	Under 2	Age 2 through 4 <sup>(9)</sup>	\$25+	Under 6/under 60 pounds
NE	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 6 through 15	\$25	Under 6
NV	Under 16	Under 5 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100	—
NH	Under 18	Under 4	—	\$25	—
NJ	Under 18	Under 8 or under 80 pounds	—	\$25	Under 8/under 80 pounds
NM	16 or under	Under 5 <sup>(10)</sup>	Age 5 through 12	\$25	Age 1-4/under 40 pounds
NY	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$100, 3 points	—
NC	Under 16	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	—	—	—
ND	Under 18	Under 4	Age 4 through 17	No fine, 1 point	—
OH	Under 4 <sup>(11)</sup>	Under 4 or under 60 pounds	—	\$100	—
OK	13 or under	Under 4 and 60 pounds or under	Age 4 or over through 12	\$25	—
OR	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 6 and under 60 pounds	\$77	Under 6/under 60 pounds
PA	Under 16	Under 4	—	\$25	Under 8
RI	Under 12	Under 7 <sup>(12)</sup>	Age 5 or above	\$50	Under 7/54 inches/80 pounds
SC	Under 17	5 or under and under 80 pounds	Age 1 through 5	\$25	Under 6/40-80 pounds
SD	Under 18	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	Age 5 through 17 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$20	—
TN	Under 18	Under 4	—	\$50 or 30 days in jail	Age 4-7/under 40 pounds
TX	17 or under	Under 4 or under 36 inches	Age 4 through 16	\$200	—
UT	Under 19	Under 5	Age 5 through 18	\$45	—
VT	Under 13	Under 5	—	\$25	—
VA	Under 16	5 or under	Age 6 through 15	\$50, 3 points	Under 6
WA	Under 16	Under 6 or under 60 pounds	Age 6 through 16	\$101	Under 6/under 60 pounds
WV	Under 18	Under 3	Age 3 through 8	\$20	—
WI	Under 8	Under 4	Age 4 through 8	\$75	—
WY	Under 12	Under 5 and under 40 pounds	Age 5 through 11	\$50	Under 9/under 80 pounds
PR	— <sup>(13)</sup>	Under 5	— <sup>(14)</sup>	\$100	—

(1) Table covers laws applicable to children under 16 years old. (2) All States have laws requiring front seat occupants under 16 years of age to be restrained by safety belts or child safety seats. (3) Maximum fine for first offense. Fines may be different for older children. (4) And over 40 pounds and 55 inches. (5) Also required for children >4 and <6 years old <55 inches tall. Secondary enforcement and 1-year warning period, effective 8/1/2003. (6) Children under 12 years old and under 66 inches tall may not occupy front seat if equipped with passenger-side airbag. (7) In all seating positions. (8) And under 12 years and 100 pounds. (9) And over 40 pounds. (10) Children under age 1 must be secured in the rear with a rear-facing child passenger restraint. (11) Or under 60 pounds. (12) And under 54 inches and 80 pounds in back seat. (13) All persons, all ages, must wear a safety belt unless in a safety seat. (14) Children under age 12 must ride in back seat.

Source: NHTSA, Regional Offices.

Table 11

**States With .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration Illegal Per Se Laws Through December 2003**

State	Enactment Date	Effective Date
AL	July 31, 1995	October 1, 1995
AK	July 3, 2001	September 1, 2001
AZ	April 11, 2001	August 31, 2001
AR	March 6, 2001	August 13, 2001
CA	1989	January 1, 1990
CO	—	—
CT	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2002
DE	—	—
DC	December 1, 1998	April 13, 1999
FL	April 27, 1993	January 1, 1994
GA	April 16, 2001	July 1, 2001
HI	June 30, 1995	June 30, 1995
ID	March 17, 1997	July 1, 1997
IL	July 2, 1997	July 2, 1997
IN	May 9, 2001	July 1, 2001
IA	April 24, 2003	July 1, 2003
KS	April 22, 1993	July 1, 1993
KY	April 21, 2000	October 1, 2000
LA	June 26, 2001	September 30, 2003
ME	April 28, 1988	August 4, 1988
MD	April 10, 2001	September 30, 2001
MA	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2003
MI	July 15, 2003	September 30, 2003
MN	—	—
MS	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002
MO	June 12, 2001	September 29, 2001
MT	April 15, 2003	April 15, 2003
NE	March 1, 2001	September 1, 2001
NV	June 10, 2003	September 23, 2003
NH	April 15, 1993	January 1, 1994
NJ	January 12, 2004	January 20, 2004
NM	March 19, 1993	January 1, 1994
NY	December 30, 2002	July 1, 2003
NC	July 5, 1996	October 1, 1993
ND	April 7, 2003	August 1, 2003
OH	March 31, 2003	July 1, 2003
OK	June 8, 2001	July 1, 2001
OR	August 4, 1983	October 15, 1983
PA	September 30, 2003	September 30, 2003
RI	July 2, 2003	July 2, 2003
SC	June 19, 2003	August 19, 2003
SD	February 27, 2002	July 1, 2002
TN	June 27, 2002	July 1, 2003
TX	May 28, 1999	September 1, 1999
UT	March 19, 1983	August 1, 1983
VT	June 6, 1991	July 1, 1991
VA	April 6, 1994	July 1, 1994
WA	March 30, 1998	January 1, 1999
WV	—	—
WI	July 3, 2003	September 30, 2003
WY	March 11, 2002	July 1, 2002
PR	January 10, 2000	January 10, 2001

· 45 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have .08 blood alcohol concentration illegal per se laws.

· 4 states do not have .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.

Table 12

**Status of State Motorcycle Helmet Use Requirements Through December 2003**

State	Original Law	Subsequent Action, Date(s) and Current Status
AL	11/06/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
AK	01/01/71	Repealed effective 7-1-76 except for persons under 18 years of age, and all passengers.
AZ	01/01/69	Repealed effective 5-27-76 except for persons under 18 years of age.
AR	07/10/67	Helmet use required for all riders. Repealed effective 8-1-97 except for riders under 21 years of age.
CA	01/01/85	Helmet use required by riders under 15_ years of age. Effective 1-1-92 helmet use required for all riders.
CO	07/01/69	Repealed effective 5-20-77. No helmet use requirement.
CT	10/01/67	Not enforced until 2-1-74. Repealed effective 6-1-76. Effective 1-1-90 adopted requirement for helmet use by persons under 18.
DE	10/01/68	Repealed effective 6-10-78 except for persons under 19 years of age. Also requires that a helmet be carried on the motorcycle for persons 19 and older.
DC	10/12/70	Helmet use required for all riders.
FL	09/05/67	Repealed effective 7-1-2000 except for riders under 21 years old and those without \$10,000 medical insurance covering injuries resulting from a motorcycle crash.
GA	08/31/66	Helmet use required for all riders.
HI	05/01/68	Repealed effective 6-7-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
ID	01/01/68	Repealed effective 3-29-78 except for persons under 18 years of age.
IL	01/01/68	Repealed effective 6-17-69 after being declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court on 5-28-69. No helmet use requirement.
IN	07/01/67	Repealed effective 9-1-77. Effective 6-1-85 adopted requirement for helmet use by persons under 18.
IA	09/01/75	Repealed effective 7-1-76. No helmet use requirement.
KS	07/01/67	7-1-67 to 3-17-70 for all cyclists. 3-17-70 to 7-1-72 only for cyclists under 21 years of age. 7-1-72 to 7-1-76 for all cyclists. 7-1-76 to 7-1-82 applied only to persons under 16 years of age. After 7-1-82 applies only to persons under 18 years of age.
KY	07/01/68	Repealed effective 7-15-98 except for riders under 21 years old, riders operating with instruction permit, riders with less than 1 year experience and/or riders not providing proof of health insurance. Insurance provision repealed effective 7-15-2000.
LA	07/31/68	Repealed effective 10-1-76 except for persons under 18 years of age. Readopted for all cyclists effective 1-1-82. Repealed effective 8-15-99 except for riders under age 18 and those without \$10,000 medical insurance; proof of insurance policy must be shown to law enforcement officer upon request.
ME	10/07/67	Repealed effective 10-24-77. Amended effective 7-3-80 to require use by riders under 15 years old, novices, and holders of learner's permits.
MD	09/01/68	Repealed effective 5-29-79 except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 10-1-92 helmet use required for all riders.
MA	02/27/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
MI	03/10/67	Repealed effective 6-12-68. New law adopted effective 9-1-69. Helmet use required for all riders.
MN	05/01/68	Repealed effective 4-6-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
MS	03/28/74	Helmet use required for all riders.
MO	10/13/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
MT	07/01/73	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NE	05/29/67	Never enforced. Declared unconstitutional by State Supreme Court and repealed effective 9-1-77. Effective 1-1-89 helmet use required for all riders.
NV	01/01/72	Helmet use required for all riders.
NH	09/03/67	Repealed effective 8-7-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NJ	01/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
NM	05/01/67	Initial law applied only to cyclists under 18 years of age and to all passengers. Law requiring helmet use by all cyclists adopted effective 7-1-73. Repealed effective 6-17-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
NY	01/01/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
NC	01/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
ND	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
OH	04/02/68	Repealed effective 7-1-78 except for persons under 18 years and first year novices.
OK	04/27/67	4-27-67 to 4-7-69 helmet use required for all motorcyclists. From 4-7-69 to 5-3-76 for cyclists under 21 years of age. 5-3-76 for cyclists under 18 years of age.
OR	01/01/68	Repealed effective 10-4-77, except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 6-16-89 helmet use required for all riders.
PA	09/13/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
RI	06/30/67	Repealed effective 5-21-76 except for passengers on motorcycles. Effective 7-01-92 helmet use required for operators under 21 years of age, all passengers, and first year novices.
SC	07/01/67	Repealed for ages 21 and over effective 6-16-80. Required for riders under 18 years old.
SD	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age.
TN	06/05/67	Helmet use required for all riders.
TX	01/01/68	Repealed effective 9-1-77 except for persons under 18 years of age. Effective 9-1-89 helmet use required for all riders. Effective 9-1-97 helmets required for riders under 21, those who have not completed a rider training course, and those without \$10,000 medical insurance.
UT	05/13/69	Helmets required only on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or higher. Effective 5-8-77 law changed to require helmet use only by persons under 18 years of age.
VT	07/01/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
VA	01/01/71	Helmet use required for all riders.
WA	07/01/67	Repealed effective 7-1-77. 7-1-87 helmet use required for riders under 18. Effective 6-8-90 helmet use required for all riders.
WV	05/21/68	Helmet use required for all riders.
WI	07/01/68	Repealed effective 3-19-78 except for persons under 18 years of age, and for all holders of learner's permits.
WY	05/25/73	Repealed effective 5-27-83 except for persons under 18 years of age.
PR	07/20/60	Helmet use required for all riders.

· 20 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require helmet use for all riders. · 27 states require helmet use for certain riders.

· 3 states do not require helmet use for riders.

Source: NHTSA, Office of Safety Programs.





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