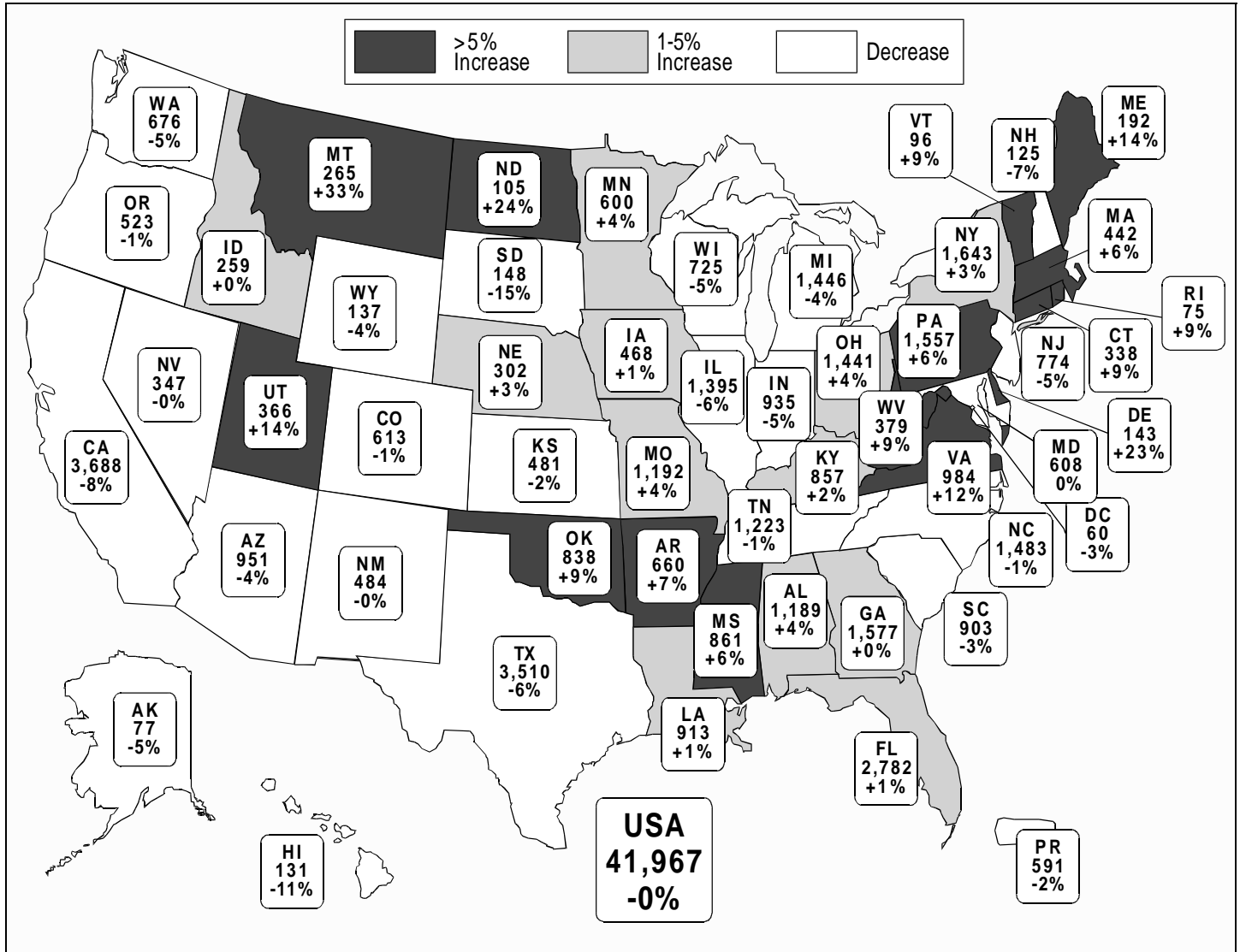




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1997 Traffic Fatalities by State and Percent Change from 1996



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Table 1. Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates, 1997

State	Traffic Fatalities	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	1,189	4,319	3,387	3,708	53,458	27.53	35.10	32.07	2.2
AK	77	609	446	556	4,387	12.64	17.26	13.85	1.8
AZ	951	4,555	3,120	3,218	43,491	20.88	30.48	29.55	2.2
AR	660	2,523	1,879	1,648	28,144	26.16	35.13	40.05	2.3
CA	3,688	32,268	20,385	25,399	285,612	11.43	18.09	14.52	1.3
CO	613	3,893	2,836	3,618	37,746	15.75	21.61	16.94	1.6
CT	338	3,270	2,270	2,708	28,552	10.34	14.89	12.48	1.2
DE	143	732	536	624	8,007	19.54	26.68	22.92	1.8
DC	60	529	356	235	3,326	11.34	16.85	25.53	1.8
FL	2,782	14,654	11,749	11,084	134,007	18.98	23.68	25.10	2.1
GA	1,577	7,486	5,063	6,318	93,317	21.07	31.15	24.96	1.7
HI	131	1,187	739	714	7,947	11.04	17.73	18.35	1.6
ID	259	1,210	844	1,116	12,880	21.40	30.69	23.21	2.0
IL	1,395	11,896	7,692	8,625	99,319	11.73	18.14	16.17	1.4
IN	935	5,864	3,924	5,444	68,620	15.94	23.83	17.17	1.4
IA	468	2,852	1,953	2,983	27,984	16.41	23.96	15.69	1.7
KS	481	2,595	1,825	2,200	26,524	18.54	26.36	21.86	1.8
KY	857	3,908	2,575	2,819	44,762	21.93	33.28	30.40	1.9
LA	913	4,352	2,678	3,449	38,840	20.98	34.09	26.47	2.4
ME	192	1,242	901	1,087	13,245	15.46	21.31	17.66	1.4
MD	608	5,094	3,347	3,825	46,609	11.94	18.17	15.90	1.3
MA	442	6,118	4,393	5,159	50,468	7.22	10.06	8.57	0.9
MI	1,446	9,774	6,751	8,179	91,755	14.79	21.42	17.68	1.6
MN	600	4,686	2,839	4,051	48,350	12.80	21.13	14.81	1.2
MS	861	2,731	1,723	2,265	31,519	31.53	49.97	38.01	2.7
MO	1,192	5,402	3,744	4,406	62,980	22.07	31.84	27.05	1.9
MT	265	879	662	1,001	9,392	30.15	40.03	26.47	2.8
NE	302	1,657	1,179	1,525	17,077	18.23	25.61	19.80	1.8
NV	347	1,677	1,186	1,169	16,309	20.69	29.26	29.68	2.1
NH	125	1,173	883	1,175	11,202	10.66	14.16	10.64	1.1
NJ	774	8,053	5,576	5,911	63,308	9.61	13.88	13.09	1.2
NM	484	1,730	1,194	1,546	21,937	27.98	40.54	31.31	2.2
NY	1,643	18,137	10,530	11,009	120,778	9.06	15.60	14.92	1.4
NC	1,483	7,425	5,399	5,856	81,893	19.97	27.47	25.32	1.8
ND	105	641	452	711	7,123	16.38	23.23	14.77	1.5
OH	1,441	11,186	8,186	10,328	103,675	12.88	17.60	13.95	1.4
OK	838	3,317	2,279	2,936	41,400	25.26	36.77	28.54	2.0
OR	523	3,243	2,277	2,954	32,268	16.13	22.97	17.70	1.6
PA	1,557	12,020	8,318	9,008	98,015	12.95	18.72	17.28	1.6
RI	75	987	680	727	7,071	7.60	11.03	10.32	1.1
SC	903	3,760	2,613	2,890	41,333	24.02	34.56	31.25	2.2
SD	148	738	524	743	7,938	20.05	28.24	19.92	1.9
TN	1,223	5,368	3,929	4,591	60,526	22.78	31.13	26.64	2.0
TX	3,510	19,439	12,834	13,057	198,700	18.06	27.35	26.88	1.8
UT	366	2,059	1,357	1,553	20,444	17.78	26.97	23.57	1.8
VT	96	589	475	515	6,466	16.30	20.21	18.64	1.5
VA	984	6,734	4,901	5,765	70,320	14.61	20.08	17.07	1.4
WA	676	5,610	4,010	4,807	51,044	12.05	16.86	14.06	1.3
WV	379	1,816	1,285	1,373	18,324	20.87	29.49	27.60	2.1
WI	725	5,170	3,672	4,423	54,404	14.02	19.74	16.39	1.3
WY	137	480	353	569	7,576	28.54	38.81	24.08	1.8
USA	41,967	267,636	182,709	211,580	2,560,372	15.68	22.97	19.84	1.6
PR	591	3,818	1,615	2,243	16,171	15.48	36.59	26.35	3.7

Sources: Fatalities—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Licensed drivers, vehicle miles traveled, and registered vehicles—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Population—Bureau of the Census.

Table 2. Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975-1997

State	Fatalities						Percent Change				
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990	1975-1997	1996-1997
AL	902	940	882	1,121	1,146	1,189	+4	-6	+27	+32	+4
AK	112	88	127	98	81	77	-21	+44	-23	-31	-5
AZ	670	947	893	869	994	951	+41	-6	-3	+42	-4
AR	559	588	534	604	615	660	+5	-9	+13	+18	+7
CA	4,092	5,496	4,960	5,192	3,989	3,688	+34	-10	+5	-10	-8
CO	581	709	579	544	617	613	+22	-18	-6	+6	-1
CT	389	575	448	385	310	338	+48	-22	-14	-13	+9
DE	122	153	104	138	116	143	+25	-32	+33	+17	+23
DC	70	41	60	48	62	60	-41	+46	-20	-14	-3
FL	1,998	2,825	2,832	2,891	2,753	2,782	+41	0	+2	+39	+1
GA	1,360	1,508	1,361	1,562	1,573	1,577	+11	-10	+15	+16	0
HI	144	186	126	177	148	131	+29	-32	+40	-9	-11
ID	281	331	255	244	258	259	+18	-23	-4	-8	0
IL	2,041	1,975	1,534	1,589	1,477	1,395	-3	-22	+4	-32	-6
IN	1,128	1,166	974	1,049	984	935	+3	-16	+8	-17	-5
IA	670	626	474	465	465	468	-7	-24	-2	-30	+1
KS	509	595	486	444	490	481	+17	-18	-9	-6	-2
KY	863	820	712	849	842	857	-5	-13	+19	-1	+2
LA	934	1,219	931	959	902	913	+31	-24	+3	-2	+1
ME	223	265	206	213	169	192	+19	-22	+3	-14	+14
MD	670	756	729	707	608	608	+13	-4	-3	-9	0
MA	864	881	742	605	417	442	+2	-16	-18	-49	+6
MI	1,779	1,750	1,545	1,571	1,505	1,446	-2	-12	+2	-19	-4
MN	754	848	608	566	576	600	+12	-28	-7	-20	+4
MS	546	695	662	750	811	861	+27	-5	+13	+58	+6
MO	1,045	1,175	931	1,097	1,148	1,192	+12	-21	+18	+14	+4
MT	291	325	223	212	200	265	+12	-31	-5	-9	+33
NE	369	396	237	262	293	302	+7	-40	+11	-18	+3
NV	218	346	259	343	348	347	+59	-25	+32	+59	0
NH	151	194	191	158	134	125	+28	-2	-17	-17	-7
NJ	1,043	1,120	964	886	814	774	+7	-14	-8	-26	-5
NM	555	606	535	499	485	484	+9	-12	-7	-13	0
NY	2,366	2,610	2,006	2,217	1,593	1,643	+10	-23	+11	-31	+3
NC	1,506	1,503	1,482	1,385	1,494	1,483	0	-1	-7	-2	-1
ND	167	151	90	112	85	105	-10	-40	+24	-37	+24
OH	1,766	2,033	1,646	1,638	1,391	1,441	+15	-19	0	-18	+4
OK	757	959	744	641	772	838	+27	-22	-14	+11	+9
OR	562	646	559	579	526	523	+15	-13	+4	-7	-1
PA	2,078	2,089	1,771	1,646	1,469	1,557	+1	-15	-7	-25	+6
RI	110	129	109	84	69	75	+17	-16	-23	-32	+9
SC	820	852	951	979	930	903	+4	+12	+3	+10	-3
SD	195	228	130	153	175	148	+17	-43	+18	-24	-15
TN	1,126	1,153	1,101	1,177	1,239	1,223	+2	-5	+7	+9	-1
TX	3,372	4,366	3,678	3,250	3,742	3,510	+29	-16	-12	+4	-6
UT	272	334	303	272	321	366	+23	-9	-10	+35	+14
VT	143	137	115	90	88	96	-4	-16	-22	-33	+9
VA	993	1,045	976	1,079	877	984	+5	-7	+11	-1	+12
WA	758	971	744	825	712	676	+28	-23	+11	-11	-5
WV	461	523	420	481	348	379	+13	-20	+15	-18	+9
WI	930	972	744	769	761	725	+5	-23	+3	-22	-5
WY	210	245	152	125	143	137	+17	-38	-18	-35	-4
USA	44,525	51,091	43,825	44,599	42,065	41,967	+15	-14	+2	-6	0
PR	496	520	600	473	601	591	+5	+15	-21	+19	-2

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 3. Traffic Fatality Rates and Percent Change, 1975-1997

State	Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled						Percent Change				
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990	1975-1997	1996-1997
AL	3.6	3.2	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	-11	-22	+4	-39	0
AK	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.8	-25	-3	-22	-59	-10
AZ	4.2	5.3	4.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	+26	-23	-39	-48	-8
AR	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.3	-10	-14	-6	-43	+5
CA	3.1	3.5	2.4	2.0	1.4	1.3	+13	-31	-17	-58	-7
CO	3.5	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.6	-9	-31	-9	-54	-6
CT	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.2	+43	-33	-25	-43	+9
DE	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.8	+6	-47	+11	-47	+20
DC	2.3	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.8	-48	+58	-26	-22	+13
FL	3.2	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.1	2.1	+13	-11	-19	-34	0
GA	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.7	0	-29	-12	-51	-6
HI	3.5	3.3	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.6	-6	-42	+16	-54	-11
ID	4.8	4.8	3.3	2.5	2.0	2.0	0	-31	-24	-58	0
IL	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.4	-17	-27	-14	-61	-7
IN	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.5	1.4	0	-20	-17	-53	-7
IA	3.8	3.3	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.7	-13	-30	-13	-55	0
KS	3.3	3.4	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	+3	-26	-24	-45	-5
KY	3.5	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.9	-9	-22	0	-46	-5
LA	4.6	5.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.4	+9	-44	-11	-48	0
ME	3.1	3.5	2.2	1.8	1.3	1.4	+13	-37	-18	-55	+8
MD	2.7	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.3	1.3	-4	-15	-23	-52	0
MA	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.9	-7	-24	-32	-67	+13
MI	3.1	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.6	-10	-18	-17	-48	-6
MN	2.9	3.0	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.2	+3	-37	-21	-59	-8
MS	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.7	+11	-17	-11	-29	0
MO	3.4	3.4	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.9	0	-29	-8	-44	0
MT	5.1	4.9	3.0	2.5	2.1	2.8	-4	-39	-17	-45	+33
NE	3.3	3.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	+6	-43	-5	-45	0
NV	4.7	5.7	3.4	3.4	2.2	2.1	+21	-40	0	-55	-5
NH	2.9	3.0	2.5	1.6	1.2	1.1	+3	-17	-36	-62	-8
NJ	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.2	0	-18	-17	-45	-8
NM	5.6	5.4	4.0	3.1	2.3	2.2	-4	-26	-23	-61	-4
NY	3.6	3.4	2.2	2.1	1.3	1.4	-6	-35	-5	-61	+8
NC	4.1	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.8	-12	-17	-27	-56	-5
ND	3.7	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.5	-22	-45	+19	-59	+15
OH	2.8	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.3	1.4	0	-21	-18	-50	+8
OK	3.3	3.5	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	+6	-31	-21	-39	0
OR	3.5	3.4	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.6	-3	-24	-15	-54	-6
PA	3.3	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.6	-12	-21	-17	-52	+7
RI	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	+26	-21	-42	-42	+10
SC	4.0	3.8	3.6	2.8	2.3	2.2	-5	-5	-22	-45	-4
SD	3.8	3.7	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	-3	-43	+5	-50	-14
TN	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.5	2.1	2.0	0	-12	-17	-41	-5
TX	4.0	3.8	2.6	2.1	2.0	1.8	-5	-32	-19	-55	-10
UT	3.4	3.1	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.8	-9	-19	-24	-47	+13
VT	4.3	3.7	2.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	-14	-32	-40	-65	+7
VA	2.9	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.4	-7	-26	-10	-52	+17
WA	3.2	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.3	+6	-35	-18	-59	-7
WV	4.4	4.9	3.3	3.1	2.0	2.1	+11	-33	-6	-52	+5
WI	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	-6	-35	-15	-61	-7
WY	5.4	4.9	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	-9	-43	-25	-67	-5
USA	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.6	-3	-24	-16	-53	-6
PR	7.3	6.0	5.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	-18	-5	-35	-49	-3

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

Table 4. Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 1987 and 1997

State	Percentage of Fatalities by Highest BAC in the Crash						Percentage of Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes Tested for BAC with Known Results as of December 1997	
	BAC ≥ 0.01 g/dl			BAC ≥ 0.10 g/dl			Killed	Survived
	1987	1997	Percent Change	1987	1997	Percent Change		
AL	52.6	39.8	-24	42.5	31.7	-25	45.3	12.4
AK	56.0	52.8	-6	44.8	37.7	-16	63.8	76.1
AZ	55.8	45.5	-18	45.3	36.5	-19	30.3	6.3
AR	59.6	29.2	-51	46.9	21.6	-54	66.0	37.6
CA	52.9	35.6	-33	40.2	26.6	-34	89.3	22.5
CO	48.1	35.6	-26	37.3	28.3	-24	84.5	33.0
CT	59.6	45.0	-24	46.9	34.3	-27	86.9	28.7
DE	55.0	42.7	-22	43.7	28.6	-35	88.1	57.3
DC	48.6	58.5	+20	29.6	48.4	+64	9.5	24.2
FL	52.0	33.6	-35	41.4	27.1	-35	56.2	16.0
GA	48.3	36.6	-24	37.7	27.9	-26	82.9	72.6
HI	60.8	44.7	-26	48.3	35.8	-26	95.2	35.1
ID	53.7	39.6	-26	44.8	33.4	-25	65.4	27.8
IL	50.1	42.1	-16	40.3	33.3	-17	88.6	16.6
IN	42.5	32.9	-23	33.8	27.4	-19	59.5	45.2
IA	50.4	37.2	-26	39.8	27.0	-32	56.1	35.6
KS	47.0	29.5	-37	34.8	22.4	-36	58.7	40.1
KY	46.5	32.6	-30	38.6	26.5	-31	59.9	37.1
LA	54.8	46.1	-16	41.1	35.7	-13	39.8	55.4
ME	50.1	33.4	-33	38.1	28.6	-25	90.7	68.9
MD	46.1	36.3	-21	35.2	27.0	-23	85.2	4.1
MA	54.3	47.4	-13	43.0	33.7	-22	86.4	0.6
MI	50.7	38.6	-24	40.8	29.9	-27	75.4	32.3
MN	45.4	32.2	-29	37.6	26.8	-29	90.2	50.3
MS	14.4	40.0	+178	10.4	33.3	+220	78.2	73.3
MO	52.8	42.7	-19	42.5	32.3	-24	72.4	7.9
MT	59.7	45.3	-24	49.6	37.6	-24	73.4	64.8
NE	44.5	34.6	-22	31.6	27.3	-14	78.5	71.9
NV	57.4	46.2	-20	45.9	33.8	-26	85.6	37.9
NH	49.6	47.7	-4	29.6	37.4	26	82.9	46.4
NJ	41.6	36.4	-13	31.2	26.1	-16	79.0	37.1
NM	65.3	45.5	-30	53.6	35.7	-33	85.7	17.7
NY	44.5	27.4	-38	32.5	20.3	-38	43.4	2.6
NC	47.6	35.6	-25	37.9	28.8	-24	79.0	0.1
ND	57.5	47.8	-17	50.6	44.3	-12	47.9	15.0
OH	57.3	33.0	-42	44.1	26.6	-40	46.4	17.0
OK	40.4	36.0	-11	33.6	28.6	-15	43.4	3.1
OR	45.0	43.5	-3	34.9	33.0	-5	93.8	43.4
PA	51.0	40.5	-21	43.2	33.0	-24	60.2	11.5
RI	46.6	54.6	+17	37.8	44.3	+17	97.7	14.8
SC	49.9	35.2	-29	38.6	30.2	-22	41.9	4.2
SD	49.8	41.3	-17	41.8	31.4	-25	74.5	57.1
TN	49.2	40.6	-17	38.8	33.2	-14	75.2	46.3
TX	62.5	49.8	-20	47.8	39.0	-18	44.0	24.6
UT	30.2	20.6	-32	23.7	13.7	-42	74.2	62.6
VT	61.1	35.8	-41	42.5	27.1	-36	62.3	23.1
VA	51.0	38.9	-24	40.2	30.3	-25	74.4	0.8
WA	54.1	44.4	-18	44.7	34.3	-23	85.9	20.0
WV	48.8	38.6	-21	38.6	34.2	-11	82.0	18.8
WI	57.5	45.3	-21	45.4	36.6	-19	89.3	39.4
WY	55.4	31.5	-43	41.1	24.9	-39	78.9	36.6
USA	51.0	38.6	-24	39.9	30.3	-24	67.0	25.6
PR	62.2	49.5	-20	47.7	38.6	-19	77.6	56.5

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 5. Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities and Costs by Road Type and Speed Limit, 1997

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	1,189	417	48	1	118	9	133	24	40	25	476	60	416
AK	77	27	1	5	5	5	3	4	1	3	62	11	52
AZ	951	353	42	13	80	24	51	47	26	38	551	81	469
AR	660	198	15	2	114	1	19	4	16	18	283	33	251
CA	3,688	1,294	211	32	328	47	127	83	167	127	2,996	467	2,529
CO	613	259	29	26	58	8	23	25	29	38	429	75	354
CT	338	141	0	25	4	3	18	16	16	58	436	66	370
DE	143	48	0	3	5	25	1	4	4	6	86	9	77
DC	60	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	104	9	95
FL	2,782	768	73	24	97	28	113	55	85	91	1,677	245	1,432
GA	1,577	356	27	12	158	4	58	20	48	24	784	100	684
HI	131	42	0	8	4	4	8	1	9	8	121	19	103
ID	259	96	17	0	18	11	4	6	11	12	121	19	102
IL	1,395	452	41	33	206	1	28	12	56	75	1,201	175	1,025
IN	935	243	18	9	69	18	28	31	28	31	533	69	464
IA	468	61	4	1	29	2	4	0	6	15	210	26	183
KS	481	115	18	0	36	3	4	4	10	14	232	34	198
KY	857	247	14	7	170	0	10	0	31	11	413	48	364
LA	913	155	7	7	79	2	27	3	18	7	448	57	391
ME	192	69	6	0	3	10	24	6	11	5	135	16	119
MD	608	162	14	7	13	21	9	27	15	21	588	86	502
MA	442	156	12	4	7	10	16	29	17	61	723	94	628
MI	1,446	367	25	16	166	8	35	19	33	38	997	133	863
MN	600	136	3	8	83	4	7	1	2	15	341	40	300
MS	861	234	35	2	74	28	34	5	18	15	273	40	233
MO	1,192	460	59	17	184	1	23	23	35	35	701	107	594
MT	265	131	6	1	42	1	4	0	10	4	131	24	107
NE	302	70	7	0	8	24	4	2	4	6	161	20	141
NV	347	127	20	4	13	4	21	1	23	16	230	37	192
NH	125	37	3	1	3	3	1	3	13	10	85	11	75
NJ	774	74	0	3	4	11	9	14	10	22	1,004	131	874
NM	484	165	32	2	27	4	17	5	17	21	231	39	192
NY	1,643	452	4	13	157	12	36	37	15	111	2,280	273	2,008
NC	1,483	515	15	12	303	5	104	0	66	5	960	100	860
ND	105	58	5	0	40	0	0	2	1	6	64	7	57
OH	1,441	330	30	4	186	2	20	14	35	31	1,220	159	1,061
OK	838	358	53	3	85	8	64	17	22	10	434	64	370
OR	523	151	7	5	94	5	12	4	11	13	280	32	248
PA	1,557	449	27	16	136	11	82	64	63	43	1,042	128	914
RI	75	31	1	2	3	1	1	3	7	13	89	11	77
SC	903	446	32	12	159	12	95	17	64	24	521	62	459
SD	148	65	9	0	26	0	4	4	1	3	85	12	73
TN	1,223	323	18	9	80	16	58	38	50	51	566	65	501
TX	3,510	1,315	172	44	208	39	100	62	104	114	2,365	355	2,010
UT	366	113	35	0	14	7	7	11	5	5	179	37	142
VT	96	35	7	0	0	14	3	3	7	1	50	9	42
VA	984	277	32	14	132	0	40	8	33	18	633	94	539
WA	676	242	31	1	25	42	15	11	52	35	629	86	543
WV	379	99	10	2	44	5	11	11	9	5	183	24	159
WI	725	208	7	3	134	2	14	6	12	23	462	49	413
WY	137	77	22	0	9	0	2	1	1	3	85	20	64
USA*	41,967	13,036	1,304	413	4,040	505	1,532	787	1,367	1,415	28,889	3,970	24,919
PR	591	297	0	77	11	9	70	36	63	31	652	166	485

*Of the total number of speeding-related fatalities in 1997, 6,054 occurred on roads with posted speed limits between 55 and 65 mph, and 844 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. 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.

Table 6. Passenger Car Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 1997

State	Passenger Car Occupants Killed				Motorcyclists Killed			
	Total	Percent That Were:			Total	Percent That Were:		
		Restrained	Unrestrained	Unknown		Helmeted	Not Helmeted	Unknown
AL	694	31.7	61.4	6.9	29	89.7	10.3	0.0
AK	26	34.6	65.4	0.0	6	33.3	66.7	0.0
AZ	387	39.5	47.3	13.2	57	24.6	64.9	10.5
AR	332	22.0	59.0	19.0	19	63.2	36.8	0.0
CA	1,634	52.9	33.0	14.1	235	83.0	15.3	1.7
CO	274	38.7	60.2	1.1	38	21.1	76.3	2.6
CT	184	33.7	54.3	12.0	38	23.7	76.3	0.0
DE	90	33.3	64.4	2.2	8	12.5	75.0	12.5
DC	22	27.3	54.5	18.2	4	0.0	75.0	25.0
FL	1,361	44.0	52.8	3.2	184	84.8	15.2	0.0
GA	845	31.4	52.7	16.0	56	78.6	21.4	0.0
HI	67	49.3	41.8	9.0	14	35.7	64.3	0.0
ID	102	24.5	64.7	10.8	18	22.2	77.8	0.0
IL	775	30.3	49.0	20.6	82	13.4	65.9	20.7
IN	548	31.8	60.0	8.2	48	18.8	72.9	8.3
IA	283	39.6	44.9	15.5	28	3.6	92.9	3.6
KS	259	32.0	57.9	10.0	17	17.6	82.4	0.0
KY	469	32.8	64.6	2.6	26	50.0	50.0	0.0
LA	435	33.8	52.2	14.0	20	70.0	30.0	0.0
ME	123	41.5	52.0	6.5	10	10.0	90.0	0.0
MD	339	48.4	45.4	6.2	26	84.6	15.4	0.0
MA	254	27.6	49.2	23.2	30	76.7	13.3	10.0
MI	832	41.8	45.7	12.5	63	58.7	14.3	27.0
MN	341	47.5	41.6	10.9	25	12.0	84.0	4.0
MS	503	26.8	70.4	2.8	13	76.9	23.1	0.0
MO	677	30.4	57.8	11.8	37	91.9	8.1	0.0
MT	111	34.2	61.3	4.5	20	25.0	75.0	0.0
NE	173	34.1	49.1	16.8	5	100.0	0.0	0.0
NV	142	45.8	50.7	3.5	24	91.7	8.3	0.0
NH	73	28.8	63.0	8.2	14	21.4	71.4	7.1
NJ	458	37.1	58.3	4.6	43	76.7	18.6	4.7
NM	177	43.5	54.8	1.7	26	7.7	88.5	3.8
NY	853	41.0	43.4	15.6	114	63.2	29.8	7.0
NC	863	45.3	39.9	14.8	62	77.4	21.0	1.6
ND	59	18.6	79.7	1.7	3	0.0	100.0	0.0
OH	892	36.2	56.1	7.7	106	3.8	96.2	0.0
OK	416	31.3	68.3	0.5	33	15.2	84.8	0.0
OR	250	60.4	30.4	9.2	24	87.5	12.5	0.0
PA	812	26.2	56.0	17.7	84	78.6	9.5	11.9
RI	49	16.3	83.7	0.0	5	20.0	80.0	0.0
SC	523	41.3	57.4	1.3	60	16.7	83.3	0.0
SD	76	25.0	61.8	13.2	8	12.5	87.5	0.0
TN	688	30.2	67.0	2.8	56	83.9	16.1	0.0
TX	1,698	50.4	47.9	1.7	117	63.2	33.3	3.4
UT	154	42.9	55.8	1.3	22	18.2	81.8	0.0
VT	50	38.0	54.0	8.0	7	100.0	0.0	0.0
VA	561	38.0	54.7	7.3	38	23.7	60.5	15.8
WA	361	43.5	52.1	4.4	28	89.3	7.1	3.6
WV	223	28.3	63.7	8.1	8	75.0	25.0	0.0
WI	421	31.8	61.5	6.7	63	17.5	79.4	3.2
WY	50	26.0	74.0	0.0	5	0.0	100.0	0.0
USA	21,989	38.5	52.3	9.3	2,106	54.0	41.6	4.4
PR	285	24.2	75.8	0.0	27	11.1	88.9	0.0

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 7. Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes, 1997

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		Passenger Cars	Light Trucks	Large Trucks	Motorcycles	Other
AL	1,189	65.3	26.2	7.1	0.8	1,633	53.8	33.6	10.2	1.7	0.7
AK	77	61.0	23.4	13.0	1.3	94	35.1	41.5	7.4	5.3	10.6
AZ	951	48.2	29.7	15.7	3.3	1,263	45.1	38.1	5.7	4.7	6.4
AR	660	64.7	26.1	7.4	0.8	859	41.6	40.0	13.2	2.7	2.6
CA	3,688	49.3	26.2	20.5	3.0	4,909	52.6	32.4	7.5	5.1	2.3
CO	613	61.2	27.9	9.1	1.3	813	44.4	39.9	9.2	4.7	1.8
CT	338	58.9	23.4	15.7	1.5	450	59.3	25.1	5.1	9.1	1.3
DE	143	58.7	27.3	9.8	2.1	189	57.1	27.0	7.9	4.2	3.7
DC	60	35.0	23.3	40.0	0.0	96	65.6	18.8	3.1	4.2	8.3
FL	2,782	53.1	23.0	19.0	4.4	3,968	55.6	28.8	7.2	5.0	3.5
GA	1,577	61.7	25.0	11.5	1.2	2,178	52.2	33.2	10.0	2.7	1.9
HI	131	63.4	19.1	16.0	0.8	181	51.9	37.6	1.7	7.7	1.1
ID	259	59.1	33.2	7.3	0.4	305	35.7	45.6	9.8	5.6	3.3
IL	1,395	59.1	23.7	14.1	2.5	1,915	56.0	28.0	8.7	4.2	3.2
IN	935	65.8	24.7	7.7	1.4	1,353	52.8	30.2	11.8	3.5	1.8
IA	468	66.7	26.1	5.8	1.3	652	52.9	28.4	11.5	4.3	2.9
KS	481	66.9	25.4	5.6	1.9	652	47.5	36.0	12.3	2.8	1.4
KY	857	64.1	26.8	7.5	1.2	1,165	50.2	35.7	9.3	2.3	2.5
LA	913	56.1	25.1	14.7	3.3	1,189	48.4	36.9	10.3	1.8	2.7
ME	192	61.5	28.1	9.9	0.5	267	55.8	32.2	7.9	3.7	0.4
MD	608	56.7	23.5	17.6	2.1	920	55.9	28.7	9.6	2.8	3.0
MA	442	59.7	19.5	17.9	2.3	589	62.3	24.8	6.5	4.9	1.5
MI	1,446	58.5	27.5	11.4	2.1	2,065	55.9	32.4	6.2	3.2	2.3
MN	600	64.3	24.7	9.3	1.2	848	50.7	32.8	10.4	2.8	3.3
MS	861	62.3	30.8	6.3	0.7	1,110	52.8	33.0	8.9	1.1	4.2
MO	1,192	65.0	25.4	8.4	0.5	1,612	51.3	36.1	8.6	2.3	1.7
MT	265	65.3	30.9	3.4	0.4	298	38.3	46.3	8.1	6.0	1.3
NE	302	63.2	27.8	5.6	2.3	404	48.3	36.9	11.4	1.2	2.2
NV	347	56.2	23.9	17.0	2.3	486	48.1	38.9	5.6	4.9	2.5
NH	125	60.8	28.0	8.8	2.4	173	57.2	26.0	6.9	9.2	0.6
NJ	774	52.2	26.1	18.5	2.7	1,072	63.8	23.8	7.2	4.0	1.2
NM	484	49.0	36.0	13.6	1.0	571	37.0	46.2	8.9	4.0	3.9
NY	1,643	50.0	22.9	23.3	3.0	2,219	58.9	25.4	6.4	5.3	4.0
NC	1,483	58.7	27.2	11.9	2.1	2,017	56.6	28.9	9.7	3.1	1.8
ND	105	67.6	26.7	4.8	1.0	131	53.4	34.4	9.2	2.3	0.8
OH	1,441	65.5	23.7	8.7	1.5	1,999	57.8	25.5	10.2	5.2	1.4
OK	838	64.6	25.7	8.2	0.6	1,105	46.1	40.8	8.7	3.0	1.4
OR	523	58.5	27.2	10.9	3.4	673	43.7	39.8	11.3	3.1	2.1
PA	1,557	62.6	24.9	10.9	1.1	2,203	48.0	24.6	7.5	3.9	16.0
RI	75	58.7	30.7	9.3	1.3	100	65.0	28.0	2.0	5.0	0.0
SC	903	62.7	23.9	11.4	1.8	1,186	57.4	27.5	7.5	5.2	2.4
SD	148	63.5	29.1	4.1	0.7	180	50.6	33.9	8.3	4.4	2.8
TN	1,223	64.5	25.3	8.7	0.7	1,673	55.9	31.7	7.7	3.2	1.4
TX	3,510	57.3	27.8	12.6	1.6	4,732	47.1	39.7	8.7	2.5	2.1
UT	366	51.9	36.6	10.7	0.8	460	44.1	39.8	10.0	5.0	1.1
VT	96	63.5	24.0	12.5	0.0	141	48.9	32.6	10.6	7.1	0.7
VA	984	64.0	24.5	9.0	2.0	1,350	54.8	31.8	8.7	3.0	1.8
WA	676	55.6	30.3	10.7	2.4	882	50.8	36.1	8.7	3.1	1.4
WV	379	64.4	28.5	5.5	1.3	528	50.8	35.6	9.8	1.5	2.3
WI	725	64.3	25.9	8.7	0.7	967	52.4	30.1	8.3	6.2	3.0
WY	137	51.8	40.9	6.6	0.7	153	32.7	45.8	15.7	3.3	2.6
USA	41,967	58.7	26.0	12.6	1.9	56,978	52.2	32.5	8.5	3.8	2.9
PR	591	38.6	22.2	35.2	3.9	739	67.8	18.0	4.2	3.9	6.1

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Table 8. Key Provisions of Safety Belt Use Laws, and Belt Use Rates as of December 1997

State	Effective	Enforcement	Fine	Seats	Vehicle and Coverage by Law	Safety Belt Use Rate
AL	07/18/92	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, MY>'65.	52%
AK	09/12/90	Secondary	\$15	All	Motor vehicle. Age 16 and over.	69%
AZ	01/01/91	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, MY>'72.	63%
AR	07/15/91	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, truck, van.	48%
CA	01/01/86	Primary	\$20	All	Passenger car, van, small truck.	88%
CO	07/01/87	Secondary	\$15	Front	Passenger car, van, taxi, ambulance, RV, small truck.	59%
CT	01/01/86	Primary	\$15	Front	Passenger car, van, truck.	64%
DE	01/01/92	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car.	60%
DC	12/12/85	Primary	\$50**	All	Vehicle seating 8 or less people.	66%
FL	07/01/86	Secondary	\$30	Front	Motor vehicle, pickup truck.	60%
GA	09/01/88	Primary	\$15	Front	Passenger vehicle, <10 people; pickup truck, <age 18.	68%
HI	12/16/85	Primary	\$20	Front	Vehicle manufactured with seat belt.	80%
ID	07/01/86	Secondary	\$ 5	Front	Motor vehicle under 8,000 lbs.	54%
IL	07/01/85	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle to carry under 10 people, RV.	64%
IN	07/01/87	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, bus, school bus.	63%
IA	07/01/86	Primary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, truck 10,000 lbs. or less.	75%
KS	07/01/86	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van.	56%
KY	07/13/94	Secondary	\$25	All	Motor vehicles from model year 1965.	54%
LA	07/01/86	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van, truck under 6,000 lbs.	67%
ME	12/27/95	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger vehicles.	61%
MD	07/01/86	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger and multi-purpose vehicle, truck, tractor, bus.	71%
MA	02/01/94	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger car, van, truck.	53%
MI	07/01/85	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	70%
MN	08/01/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, pickup truck, van, RV.	65%
MS	03/20/90	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van.	48%
MO	09/28/85	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car to carry under 10 people.	62%
MT	10/01/87	Secondary	\$20	All	Motor vehicle.	73%
NE	01/01/93	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	63%
NV	07/01/87	Secondary	\$25	All	Passenger car under 6,000 lbs.	70%
NH	--					58%
NJ	03/01/85	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car.	62%
NM	01/01/86	Primary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle under 10,000 lbs.	87%
NY	12/01/84	Primary	\$50	Front	Passenger car.	74%
NC	10/01/85	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger motor vehicle to carry under 10 people.	83%
ND	07/14/94	Secondary	\$20	Front	Motor vehicle.	49%
OH	05/06/86	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger and commercial car, van, tractor, truck.	65%
OK	02/01/87	Primary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, van, pickup truck.	60%
OR	12/07/90	Primary	\$75	All	Motor vehicle.	85%
PA	11/23/87	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, truck, motor home.	65%
RI	06/18/91	Secondary	No	All	Passenger car. Over age 12.	58%
SC	07/01/89	Secondary	\$10	Front	Passenger car, truck, van, RV, taxi.	61%
SD	01/01/95	Secondary	\$20	Front	Passenger car, truck, van, RV, taxi.	59%
TN	04/21/86	Secondary	\$10	Front	Vehicle under 8,500 lbs.	61%
TX	09/01/85	Primary	\$25	Front	Passenger car, van, and certain trucks.	75%
UT	04/28/86	Secondary	\$10	Front	Motor vehicle.	63%
VT	01/01/94	Secondary	\$10	All	Passenger car.	71%
VA	01/01/88	Secondary	\$25	Front	Motor vehicle.	67%
WA	06/11/86	Secondary	\$35	All	Passenger and multi-purpose vehicle, bus, truck.	82%
WV	09/01/93	Secondary	\$25	Front	Passenger car. Age 18 and under in rear seat.	58%
WI	12/01/87	Secondary	\$10	All	Motor vehicle.	62%
WY	06/08/89	Secondary	No	Front	Passenger car, van, pickup truck.	75%
USA					Population-weighted national average:	69%
PR	01/19/75	Primary	\$10	Front	Passenger car. Over age 4.	66%

Total states with safety belt use laws: 49 plus DC and Puerto Rico.

Notes: The safety belt use rates shown here may not correspond to the seats and vehicles covered by the individual state laws. NA = not available.

Table 9. Impaired Driving High-Priority Legislation as of December 1997

State	Administrative Per Se (BAC Level)	Illegal Per Se (BAC Level)	Lower BAC for Youthful DWI Offenders (BAC Level and Age)	License Sanction (Mandatory Minimum for a DWI Conviction)		
				First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
AL	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-90 days	R-1 yr	R-3 yrs
AK	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-10 yrs
AZ	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-90 days	R-1 yr	R-3 yrs
AR	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
CA	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.01 (<21)	--	S-30 days	R-3 yrs
CO	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
CT	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
DE	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-6 mos	R-6 mos
DC	Y-0.05	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-6 mos	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
FL	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-12 mos	R-24 mos
GA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	S-120 days	R-5 yrs
HI	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	R-1 yr
ID	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
IL	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
IN	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
IA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
KS	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-1 yr
KY	A	0.10	Y-0.02	S-30 days	R-12 mos	R-24 mos
LA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
ME	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-60 days	S-18 mos	S-4 yrs
MD	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	--	--
MA	Y-0.08	No	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-45 days	R-6 mos	R-2 yrs
MI	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	S-5 yrs
MN	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-15 days	R-15 days	R-15 days
MS	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.08 (<21)	S-30 days	S-1 yr	S-3 yrs
MO	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
MT	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-3 mos	R-3 mos
NE	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-6 mos	R-1 yr
NV	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	R-45 days	R-1 yr	R-1.5 yrs
NH	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-90 days	R-3 yrs	R-3 yrs

See footnotes on following page.

Table 9. Impaired Driving High-Priority Legislation as of December 1997 (Continued)

State	Administrative Per Se (BAC Level)	Illegal Per Se (BAC Level)	Lower BAC for Youthful DWI Offenders (BAC Level and Age)	License Sanction (Mandatory Minimum for a DWI Conviction)		
				First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
NJ	N	0.10	Y-0.01 (<21)	R-6 mos	R-2 yrs	R-10 yrs
NM	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	R-5 yrs
NY	A	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
NC	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
ND	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	S-365 days	S-2 yrs
OH	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-15 days	S-30 days	S-180 days
OK	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	--	--
OR	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	S-90 days	S-1 yr
PA	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-1 mo	S-12 mos	S-12 mos
RI	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-3 mos	S-1 yr	S-2 yrs
SC	N	No	--	--	S-1 yr	S-4 yrs
SD	N	0.10	--	--	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
TN	N	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
TX	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.00 (<21)	--	--	--
UT	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.00 (<21)	S-180 days	R-2 yrs	R-2 yrs
VT	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-90 days	S-18 mos	R-2 yrs
VA	Y-0.08	0.08	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-2 yrs	R-3 yrs
WA	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	S-30 days	R-1 yr	R-2 yrs
WV	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	R-30 days	R-1 yr	R-1 yr
WI	Y-0.10	0.10	Y-0.02 (<21)	--	R-60 days	R-90 days
WY	Y-0.10	0.10	--	--	S-1 yr	R-3 yrs
USA	Y - 41	0.08 - 15 0.10 - 34 No - 2	Y - 44	S - 18 R - 9	S - 16 R - 28	S - 12 R - 32
	Y = Yes N = No A = Alternative		Y = Yes		S = Suspension R = Revocation	
PR	N	No		--	--	--

Notes: An "administrative per se law" refers to a statute that allows a state's driver licensing agency to either suspend or revoke a driver's license based either on a specific alcohol (or drug) concentration or on some other criterion related to alcohol or drug use and driving. Such action is completely independent of any licensing action related to a DWI criminal offense. 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. In those columns showing mandatory sanctions, a "blank" space does not mean that a state does not have a sanction. It only means that the state does not have a mandatory sanction for that offense or violation.

Source: "Digest of State Alcohol-Highway Safety Related Legislation," U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 808 204.

Table 10. Child Passenger Protection Laws as of December 1997

State	Effective Date	Restraint Requirement Age	Safety Seat Required	May Substitute Safety Belts	Penalty ⁽³⁾
AL	7/82	Under 6	Under 6	Either 4 or 5	\$10
AK	6/85	Under 16	Under 4	4 through 15	\$50, 2 points
AZ	8/83	Under 16	Through 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$50
AR	8/83	Under 14	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 14	\$25-\$100
CA	1/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$100
CO	1/84	Under 15 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$50 + \$6 surcharge
CT	5/82	Under 16	Under 4	Between 1 and 4 in rear seat	\$35-\$2,000
DE	6/82	Under 16	Under 4	No	\$28.75
DC	7/83	Up to 16	Under 3	Between 3 and 6	\$55, 2 points
FL	7/83	Under 16	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Rear seat under 16	\$60 + \$10 court cost
GA	7/84	Under 16	Through 4	3 or 4	\$25-\$100
HI	7/83	Under 4	Under 3	When 3	\$200 maximum
ID	1/85	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$100 maximum
IL	7/83	Under 6	Under 4	Between 4 and 6	\$25-\$50
IN	1/84	Under 5	Under 3	Between 3 and 5	\$500 maximum, 4 points
IA	1/85	Under 6	Under 3	Between 3 and 6	\$10
KS	1/82	Under 14	Under 4	Between 4 and 13 in all positions	\$20
KY	7/82	40" and under	40" and under	No	\$50
LA	9/84	Under 13	Under 13	Between 3 and 12 in rear seat	\$25-\$50
ME	9/83	Under 19	Through 4	Between 4 and 18	\$25-\$500
MD	1/84	Under 16	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 16	\$25
MA	1/82	Through 12	Under 6	5 and under	\$25
MI	4/82	Through 16	Through 3	1 through 3 in rear seat	\$10
MN	8/83	Under 11	Under 4	4 through 10 in rear seat	\$50
MS	7/83	Under 4	Under 4	No	\$25
MO	1/84	Under 4	Under 4	No	\$25
MT ⁽¹⁾	1/84	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 2	Between 2 and 4	\$100 maximum
NE	8/83	Under 5 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Between 4 and 5	\$25
NV	7/83	Under 5 ⁽²⁾	Under 5 ⁽²⁾	No	\$35-\$100
NH	7/83	Under 18	Under 4	4 through 18 in all positions	\$1,000
NJ	4/83	Under 5	Under 5	Between 1½ and 5 in rear seat	\$10-\$25
NM	6/83	Under 11	Under 5	Between 1 and 5 in rear seat	\$25
NY	4/82	Under 10	Under 4	Over 4 up to age 10	\$100 maximum
NC	7/82	Under 12	Under 4	Between 4 and 12	\$25
ND	1/84	Through 10	Under 3	3 through 10	\$20
OH	3/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	No	\$250
OK	11/83	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Under 5	Under 4 in rear, 4 to 5 in front or rear	\$25 maximum
OR	1/84	Under 16	Under 4 ⁽²⁾	Over 4, over 40 pounds	\$75
PA	1/84	Under 4	Under 4	Over 4	\$25
RI	7/80	Through 12	5 or under	Over 3 through 12	\$150 maximum
SC	7/83	Under 6	Under 4	Between 1 and 6 in rear seat	\$25
SD	7/84	Under 5	Under 2	Between 2 and 5	\$20
TN	1/78	Under 12	Under 4	No	\$50 maximum
TX	10/84	Under 4	Under 2	Between 2 and 4	\$25-\$50
UT	7/84	Under 10	Under 2	Between 2 and 10	\$75
VT	7/84	Through 12	Under 5	Between 5 and 12	\$25
VA	1/83	Under 16	Under 4	Between 4 and 16	\$50, 3 points
WA	1/84	Under 10	Under 3	Between 3 and 10	\$35
WV	7/81	Under 9	Under 3	Between 3 and 5	\$10-\$20
WI	11/82	Under 8	Under 4	Between 4 and 8	\$200 maximum
WY	4/85	Through 4	Through 4	No	\$50
PR	1/89	Under 4	Under 4	Over 40 pounds	\$10

⁽¹⁾Law applies only to parents and legal guardians.

⁽²⁾Or less than 40 pounds.

⁽³⁾Most states waive fines upon proof of safety seat acquisition.

Table 11. Status of State Motorcycle Helmet Use Requirements as of December 1997

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 certain riders.
CA	01/01/85	Helmet use required by riders under 15 1/2 years of age. Effective 1-1-92 helmet use required for all riders.
CO	07/01/69	Repealed effective 5-20-77.
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	Helmet use required for all riders.
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.
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.
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	Helmet use required for all riders.
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. Helmet use required for all riders.
ME	10/07/67	Repealed effective 10-24-77. Amended effective 7-3-80 to require use by cyclists under 15 years of age.
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.
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.

23 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require helmet use for all riders. 24 states require helmet use for certain riders. 3 states do not require helmet use for riders.