

DRUNK DRIVING FATALITIES

(Source: NHTSA; <https://cdan.dot.gov/query>)



Fatal Drunk Driving Accidents per 100,000 People



The study examines the rate of **drunk driving fatalities per 100,000 residents** across the 300 largest U.S. cities during the 2019-2023 period. Rates are calculated based on fatal crashes involving alcohol impaired drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or higher, the legal threshold for impairment in the U.S (except for Utah, which is 0.05). In addition, drivers with BAC levels of 0.15 or higher are separately analyzed to underscore the prevalence and severity of aggravated drunk driving in fatal crashes.

Rank	City/State	Population (2023)	Fatalities where a Driver had a BAC of 0.08+ (2019-2023)	Fatalities where a Driver had a BAC of 0.15+ (2019-2023)	Drunk Driving Fatalities per 100,000 People
1	Odessa, TX	116,402	70	52	66.14
2	Memphis, TN	614,587	341	206	55.48
3	Saint Louis, MO	282,772	140	98	49.31
4	Beaumont, TX	112,616	45	32	39.96
5	Cleveland, OH	364,276	143	95	39.26
6	Jackson, MS	143,485	56	40	39.03
7	Lubbock, TX	268,053	103	74	38.43
8	Dayton, OH	135,936	50	31	36.78
9	Baton Rouge, LA	220,773	81	60	36.69
10	Dallas, TX	1,317,163	476	314	36.14
11	Victorville, CA	139,111	49	30	35.23
12	San Bernardino, CA	223,676	78	53	34.87
13	Macon, GA	156,676	54	34	34.47
14	Midland, TX	139,488	48	38	34.41
15	Birmingham, AL	196,818	67	40	34.04
16	Knoxville, TN	197,463	67	45	33.93
17	Detroit, MI	638,914	216	147	33.81
18	Tucson, AZ	549,932	184	117	33.46
19	Kansas City, MO	511,300	163	100	31.88
20	Glendale, AZ	255,001	80	49	31.37
21	Little Rock, AR	204,235	64	44	31.34
22	North Charleston, SC	121,740	38	23	31.21
23	Akron, OH	189,142	58	43	30.65
24	Hartford, CT	121,332	36	21	29.67
25	Charleston, SC	156,263	46	33	29.44
26	Toledo, OH	265,798	77	48	28.97
27	Chattanooga, TN	188,080	54	40	28.71
28	Albuquerque, NM	561,094	158	104	28.16
29	Louisville, KY	632,162	177	120	28.00
30	Shreveport, LA	178,017	49	36	27.53
31	Cincinnati, OH	312,703	86	61	27.30
32	Atlanta, GA	513,184	138	92	26.89
33	Houston, TX	2,346,908	630	427	26.84
34	Corpus Christi, TX	316,978	85	59	26.82
35	Columbia, SC	142,173	38	29	26.73
36	Fort Lauderdale, FL	187,872	50	32	26.61
37	Phoenix, AZ	1,656,231	437	287	26.39
38	San Antonio, TX	1,502,711	393	279	26.15
39	Amarillo, TX	202,734	53	32	26.14
40	Fort Worth, TX	984,664	255	172	25.90
41	Jacksonville, FL	993,468	253	170	25.47
42	El Paso, TX	681,573	173	116	25.38
43	Spokane, WA	107,665	27	14	25.08
44	Davie, FL	110,056	27	19	24.53
45	Montgomery, AL	196,107	47	38	23.97
46	Kansas City, KS	154,468	37	27	23.95
47	Lancaster, CA	167,293	40	28	23.91
48	Tyler, TX	110,731	26	16	23.48
49	Indianapolis, IN	885,839	207	139	23.37
50	Pomona, CA	146,971	34	23	23.13
51	Independence, MO	121,060	28	20	23.13
52	Mobile, AL	201,920	46	30	22.78
53	Palmdale, CA	162,605	37	19	22.75
54	Austin, TX	989,583	224	153	22.64
55	Pueblo, CO	111,295	25	15	22.46
56	Nashville, TN	694,294	155	105	22.32
57	New Haven, CT	136,144	30	17	22.04
58	Augusta, GA	201,108	44	29	21.88
59	Miami Gardens, FL	114,525	25	16	21.83
60	Tacoma, WA	224,886	49	32	21.79
61	Tulsa, OK	414,035	90	65	21.74
62	Corona, CA	160,491	34	23	21.18
63	Riverside, CA	321,560	68	45	21.15
64	Charlotte, NC	920,053	194	127	21.09
65	Richardson, TX	118,626	25	16	21.07
66	Waterbury, CT	115,288	24	17	20.82
67	Edinburg, TX	105,956	22	16	20.76
68	Arlington, TX	401,203	83	57	20.69
69	Lexington, KY	324,624	67	51	20.64
70	Everett, WA	112,233	23	12	20.49
71	Savannah, GA	148,333	30	20	20.22
72	Abilene, TX	129,443	26	17	20.09
73	Springfield, MO	170,446	34	22	19.95
74	Las Cruces, NM	115,489	23	11	19.92
75	Portland, OR	634,314	126	76	19.86
76	Irving, TX	257,509	51	35	19.81
77	New Orleans, LA	365,167	72	42	19.72
78	Mesquite, TX	149,026	29	20	19.46
79	Lansing, MI	113,224	22	15	19.43
80	Aurora, CO	397,573	77	59	19.37
81	Waco, TX	144,943	28	17	19.32
82	Conroe, TX	108,905	21	14	19.28
83	Tampa, FL	409,742	79	49	19.26
84	Buckeye, AZ	109,374	21	16	19.20
85	Rockford, IL	146,799	28	20	19.07
86	Cedar Rapids, IA	136,637	26	19	19.03
87	Pompano Beach, FL	115,903	22	11	18.98
88	Peoria, IL	111,195	21	18	18.89
89	Tempe, AZ	190,651	36	22	18.88
90	Sacramento, CA	529,792	100	67	18.88
91	Greensboro, NC	303,889	57	36	18.76
92	Columbus, OH	920,569	172	124	18.68
93	Norfolk, VA	231,378	43	30	18.58
94	Lakewood, CO	156,358	29	21	18.55
95	Des Moines, IA	211,088	39	24	18.48
96	Rochester, NY	207,235	38	21	18.34
97	West Palm Beach, FL	126,017	23	14	18.25
98	Killeen, TX	159,953	29	17	18.13
99	Ontario, CA	182,782	33	26	18.09
100	Fontana, CA	216,100	39	27	18.05