## A SNAPSHOT OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS

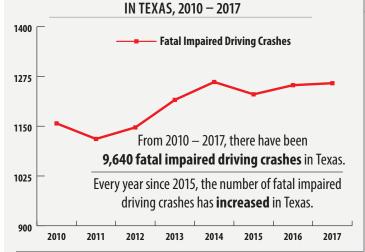


has a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) result of greater than 0.00 g/dL, or had a positive alcohol test, or had a positive drug test, or had a contributing factor of had been drinking, under the influence — alcohol, under the influence — drugs, or taking medication flagged on a crash report.

#### What is a fatal impaired driving crash?

A crash involving an impaired driver where at least one person has been killed. The person killed may have been an impaired or unimpaired driver, or a passenger of any vehicle involved, or a road user such as a pedestrian or bicyclist.

# NUMBER OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES



Of the 3,347 fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2017 were driving

were impaired driving crashes.

More than **1 in 3** fatal crashes in Texas was an impaired driving crash in 2017.

### **AVERAGE BAC**

OF AN IMPAIRED DRIVER IN A FATAL CRASH

The **average BAC** of an impaired driver in a fatal crash in 2017 was **0.157 g/dL**, which is **nearly twice the legal limit** of 0.08 g/dL.





In general, the **average BAC** of an impaired driver in a fatal crash appears to be **decreasing** from 2010 – 2017.

# **TOP FIVE COUNTIES** WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2017







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## HOW ARE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES

OCCURRING IN TEXAS? 2010-2107



61%

**ARE SINGLE MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES** 

MORE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRED ON

**SATURDAY** 

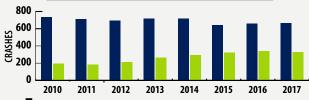
than any day of the week

MORE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRED FROM

2:00-2:59 a.m.

than any other hour of the day

COMPARISON OF FATAL ALCOHOL-ONLY CRASHES AND FATAL DRUG-ONLY CRASHES









Drug-impaired driving crashes have been gaining a lot of attention in Texas and nationwide, but **alcohol-only crashes** continue to account for the **majority of fatal impaired driving crashes** in Texas.

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS IN FATAL CRASHES IN 2017



37
AVERAGE AGE

80%

38%

OF FATAL IMPAIRED
DRIVERS WERE
UNRESTRAINED



#### **UNLICENSED IMPAIRED DRIVERS**

IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS, 2010 - 2017



■ Unlicensed Impaired Driver Crashes

**19%** 

of fatal impaired crashes had an unlicensed impaired driver in 2017

DRUGS (OTHER THAN ALCOHOL) PRESENT IN IMPAIRED DRIVERS WITH BAC > 0.00 G/DL IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2010 – 2017

