

# A SNAPSHOT OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS



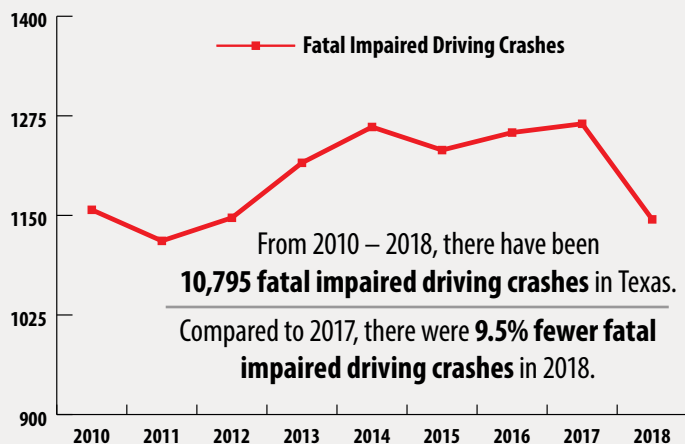
## What is an impaired driving crash?

An impaired driving crash is a crash where the driver has a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) result of greater than 0.08 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 IN TEXAS, 2010 – 2018

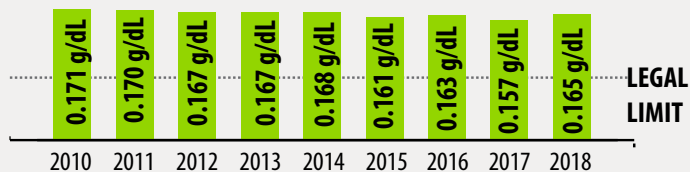


Of the 3,308 fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2018 **35%** were impaired driving crashes.

More than **1 in 3** fatal crashes in Texas was an impaired driving crash in 2018.

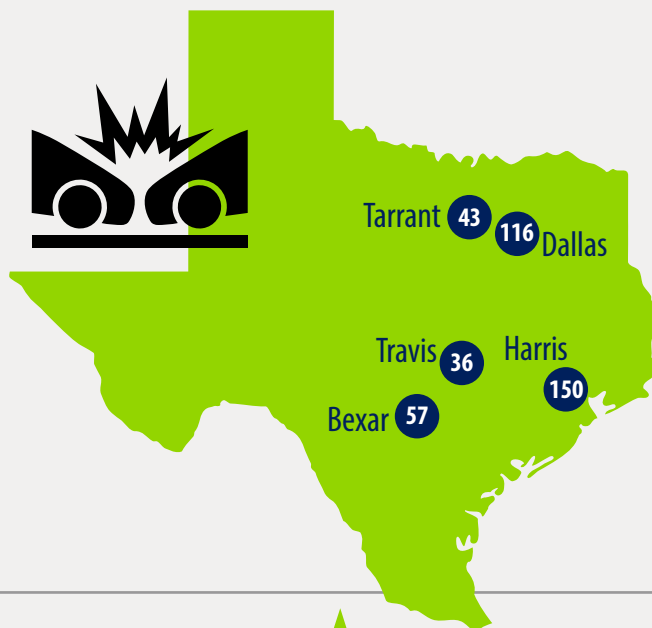
## AVERAGE BAC OF AN IMPAIRED DRIVER IN A FATAL CRASH

The **average BAC** of an impaired driver in a fatal crash in 2018 was **0.165 g/dL**, which is **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 – 2018.

## TOP FIVE COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2018



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## HOW ARE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRING IN TEXAS? 2018

**57%** ARE SINGLE MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES



MORE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRED ON

**SUNDAY** than any day of the week

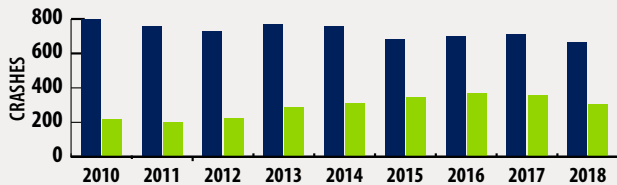


MORE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRED FROM

**2:00-2:59 a.m.** than any other hour of the day



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



— Alcohol-Only Fatal Crashes  
— Drug-Only Fatal 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 2018



**37**

AVERAGE AGE

**81%**

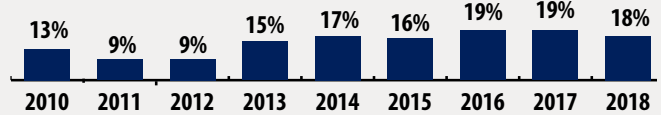
MALE

**44%**

OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVERS WERE UNRESTRAINED



## UNLICENSED IMPAIRED DRIVERS IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS, 2010 – 2018



■ Unlicensed Impaired Drivers

**18%**

of fatal impaired crashes had an unlicensed impaired driver in 2018

## DRUGS (OTHER THAN ALCOHOL) PRESENT IN IMPAIRED DRIVERS WITH BAC > 0.00 G/DL IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2010 – 2018

