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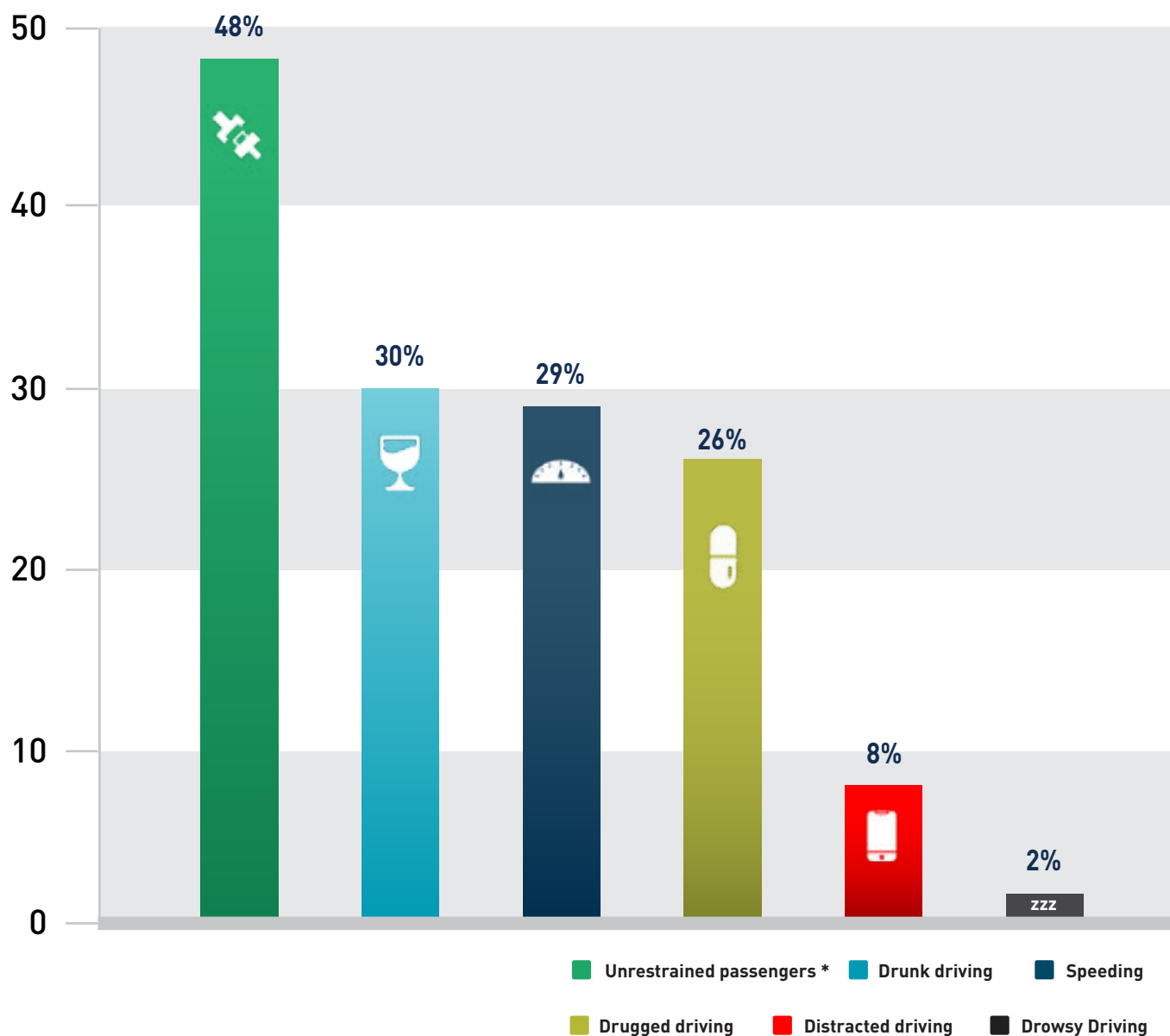
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Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2024 Involved a Variety of Human Factors

4%

DID YOU KNOW

In 2024, nearly 4% of passenger vehicle drivers involved in a fatal traffic crash were exhibiting alcohol-impaired driving, speeding, and unrestrained.



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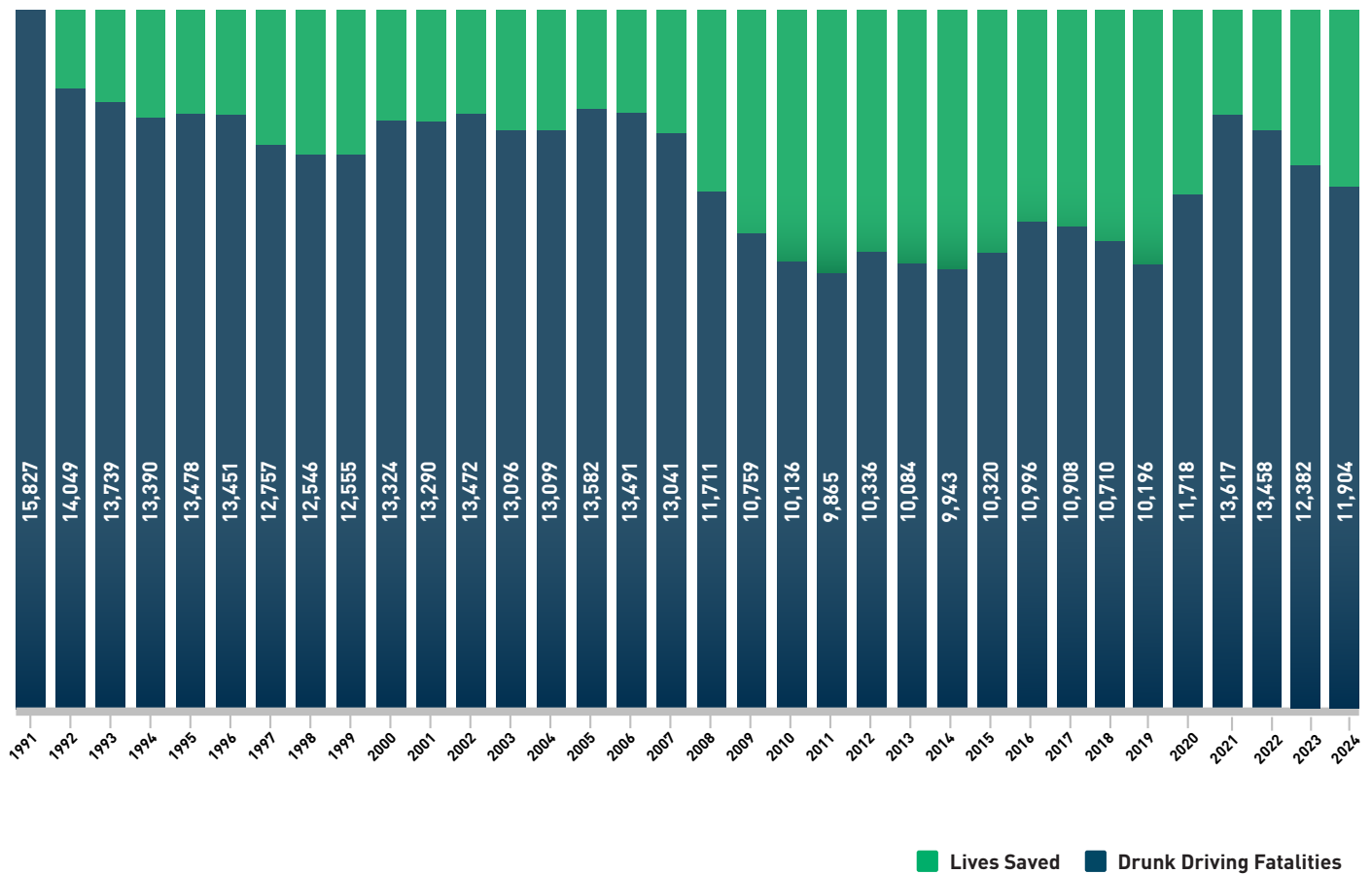
Source: NHTSA, FARS 4/26
*Not a driver-specific behavior but passenger behavior

Saving Lives for Over Three Decades

120,000

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Since the inception of Responsibility.org in 1991, more than 120,000 lives have been saved.



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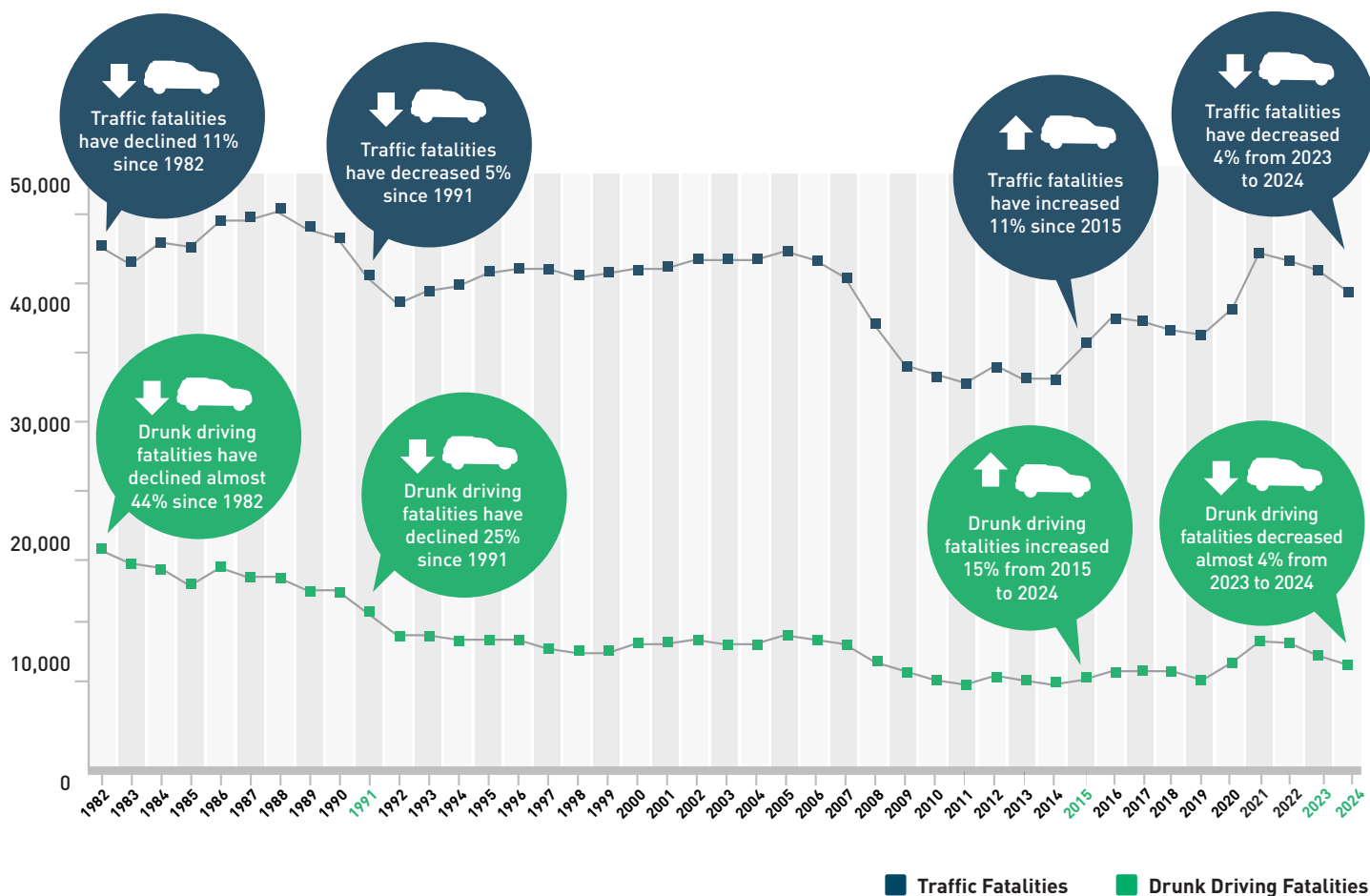
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Motor Vehicle Fatalities: 1982-2024

4%

DID YOU KNOW

Drunk driving fatalities and total traffic fatalities declined 4% from 2023 to 2024.



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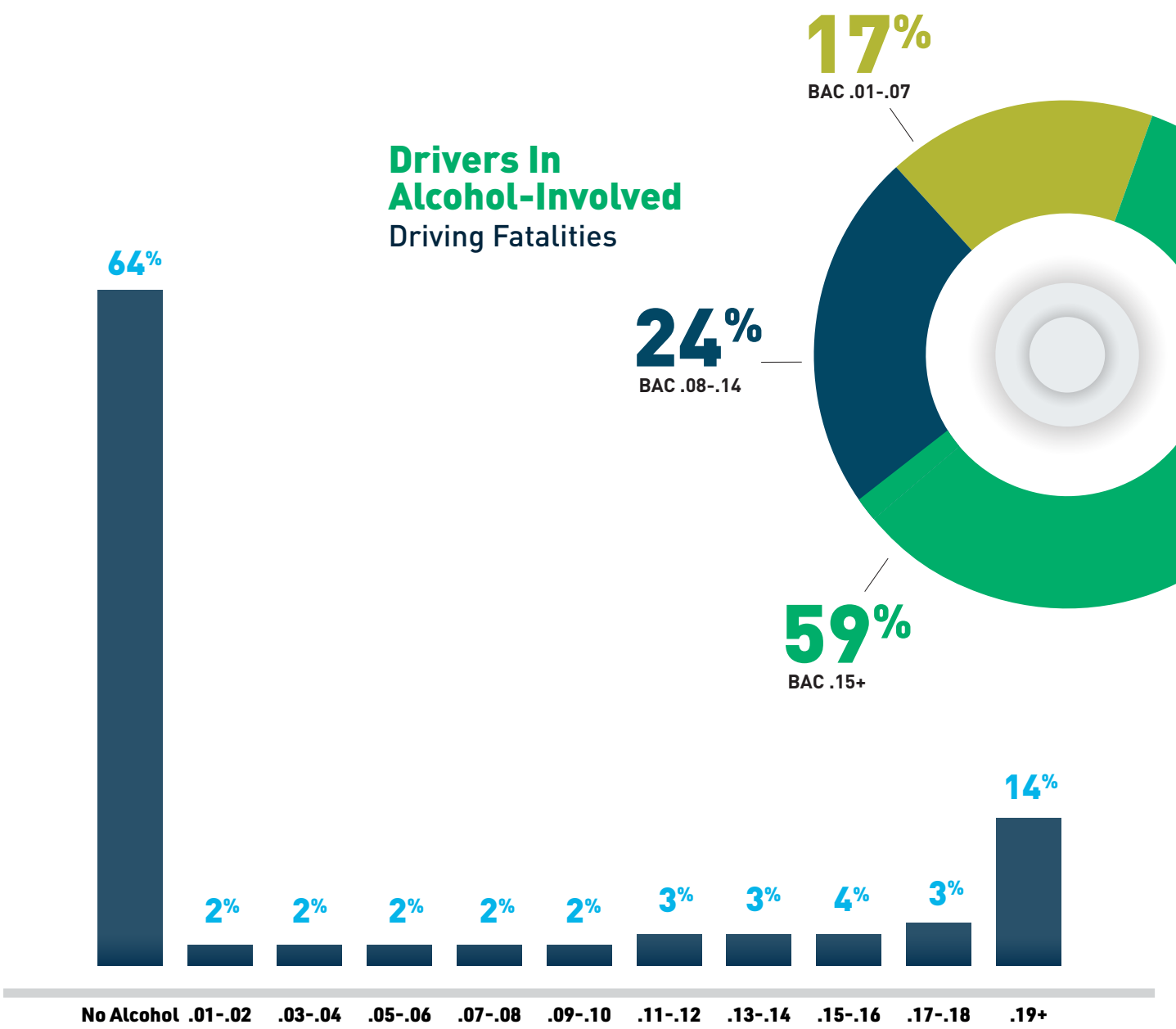
Percent of 2024 Driver Fatalities by BAC Test Result

30%

DID YOU KNOW

In 2024, drunk drivers accounted for 30% of all traffic fatalities. Nearly sixty percent of alcohol-involved fatal crashes involved high BAC drivers.

Drivers In Alcohol-Involved Driving Fatalities

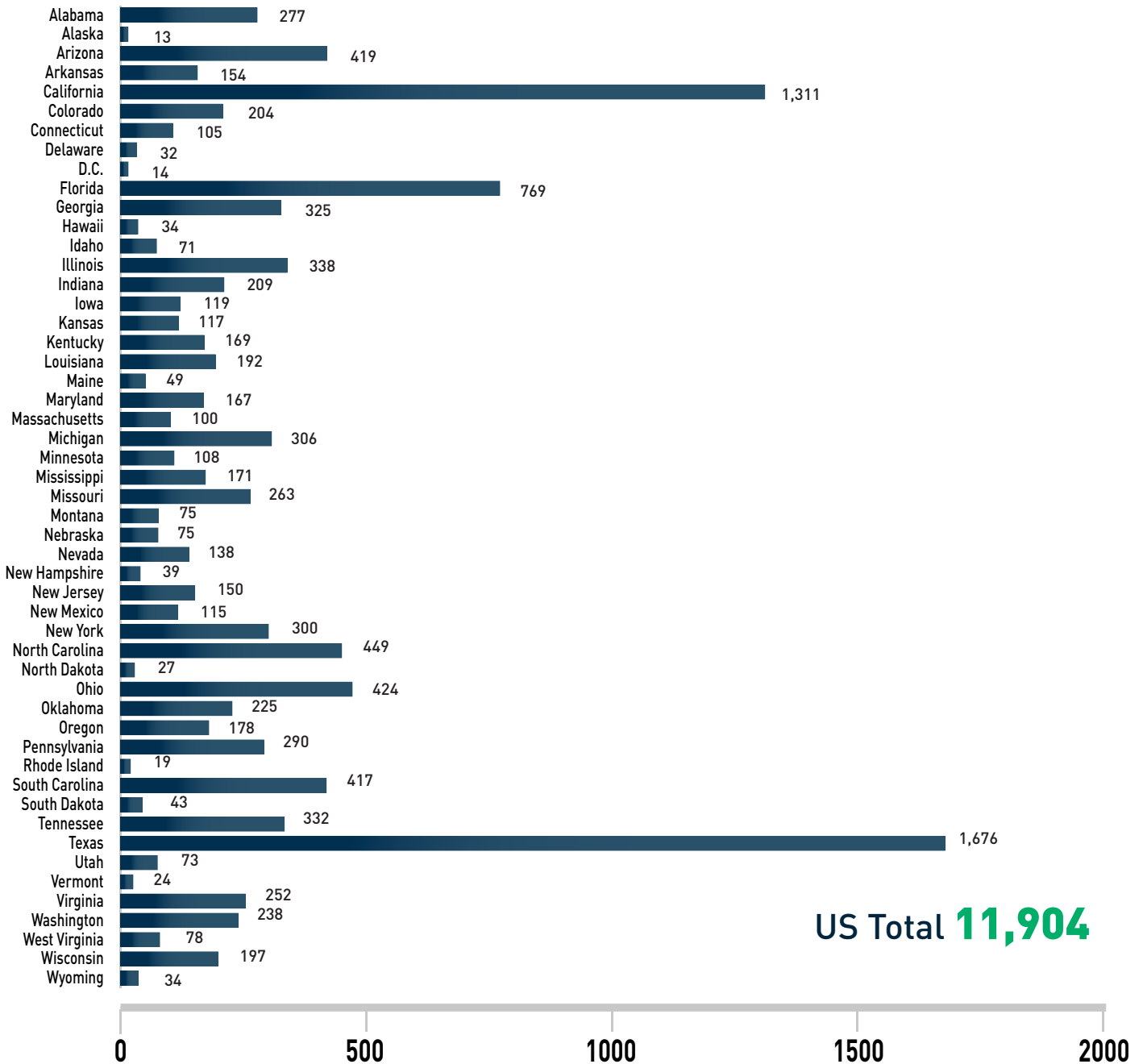


Known Alcohol Test Results of Drivers Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes

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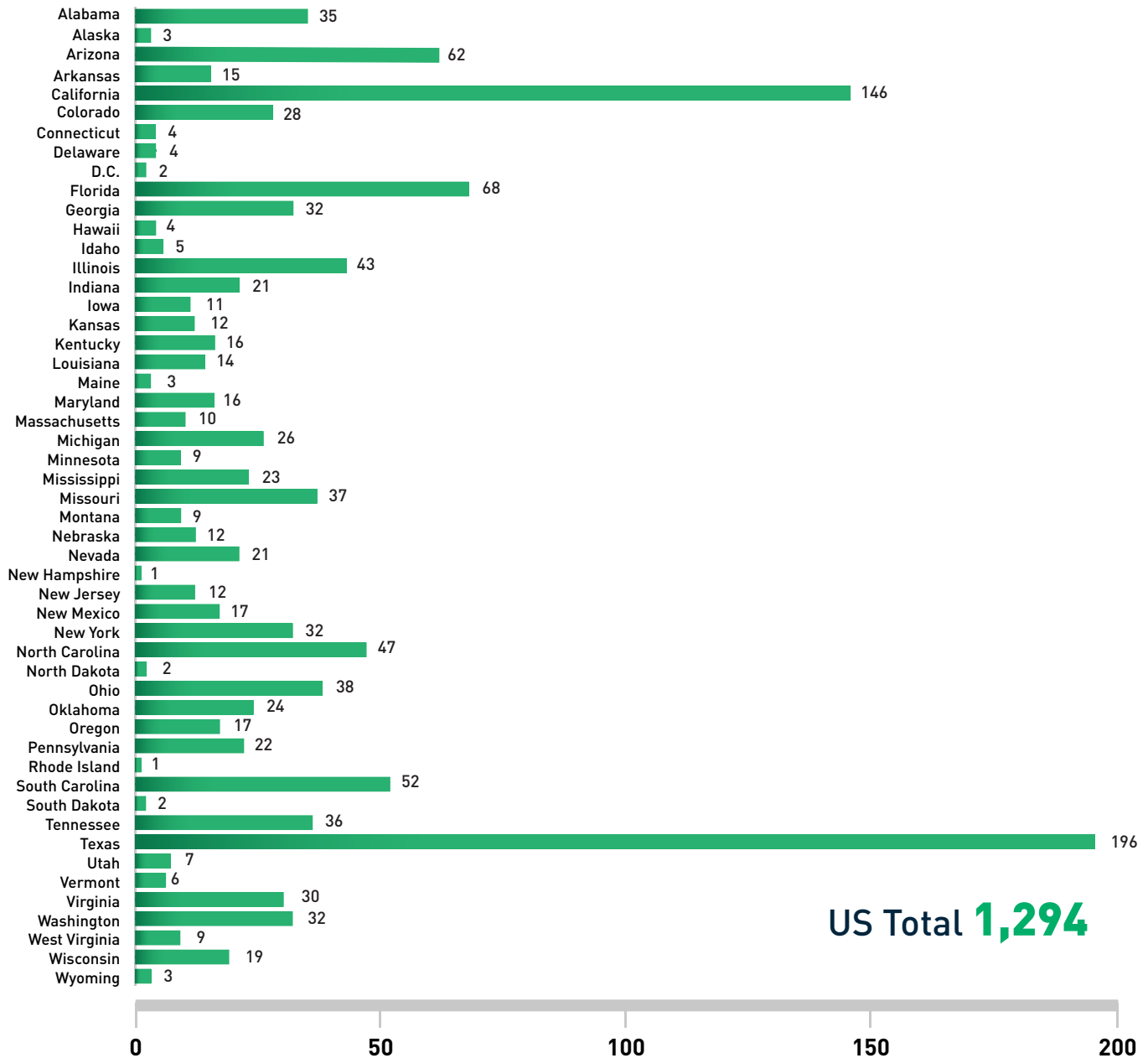
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatality Data 2024



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Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatality Data 2024



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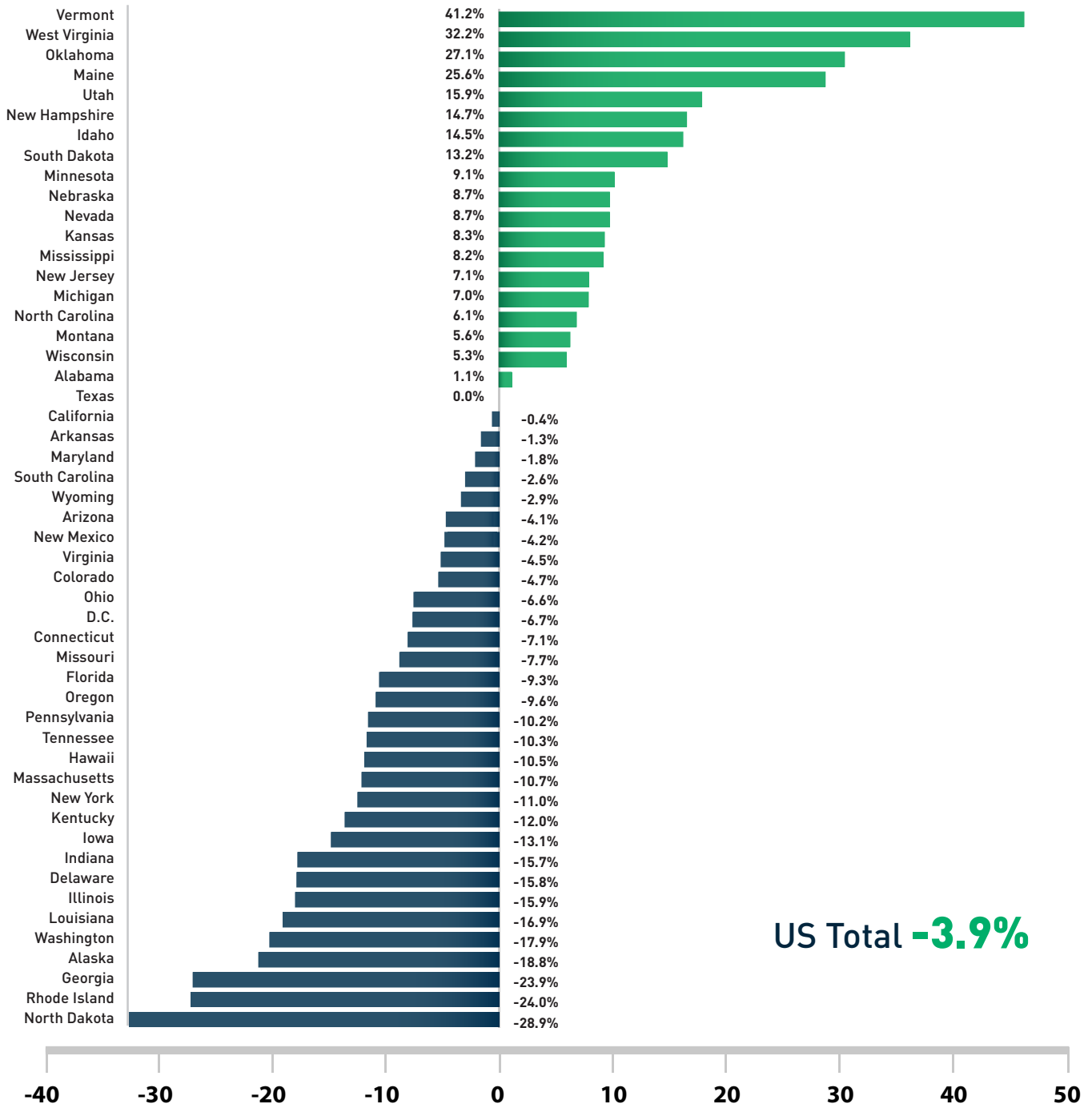
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Percent Change in Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatality Data 2023-2024

30 States

DID YOU KNOW

Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities decreased at the national level and in 30 states and D.C. between 2023 and 2024.



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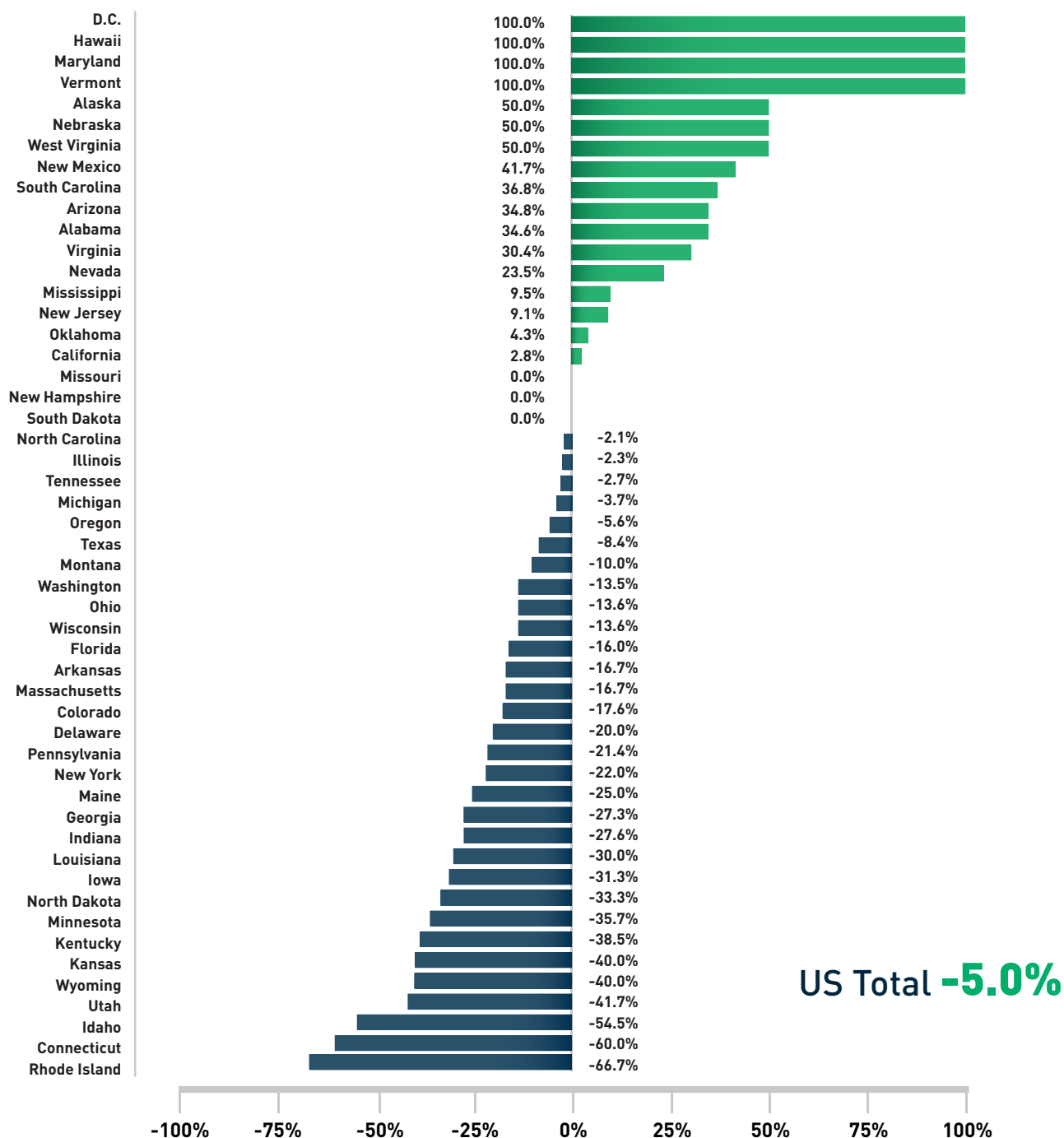
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Under 21 Percent Change in Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatality Data 2023-2024

31 States

DID YOU KNOW

From 2023 to 2024 alcohol impaired driving fatalities among those under 21 decreased overall and in 31 states.

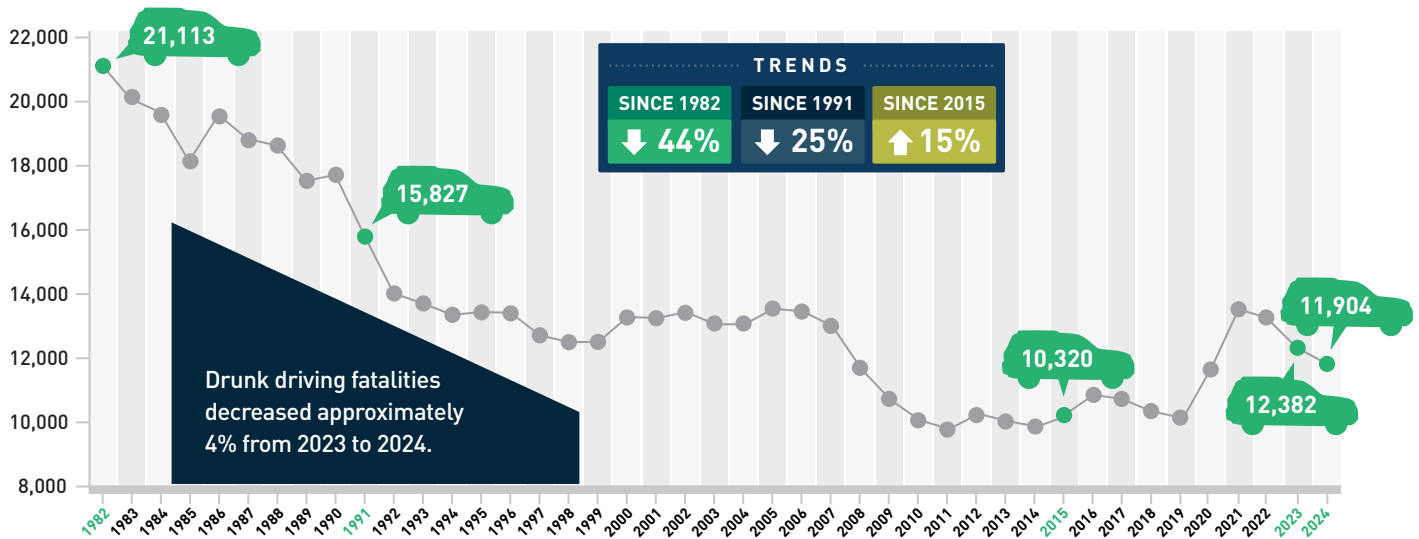


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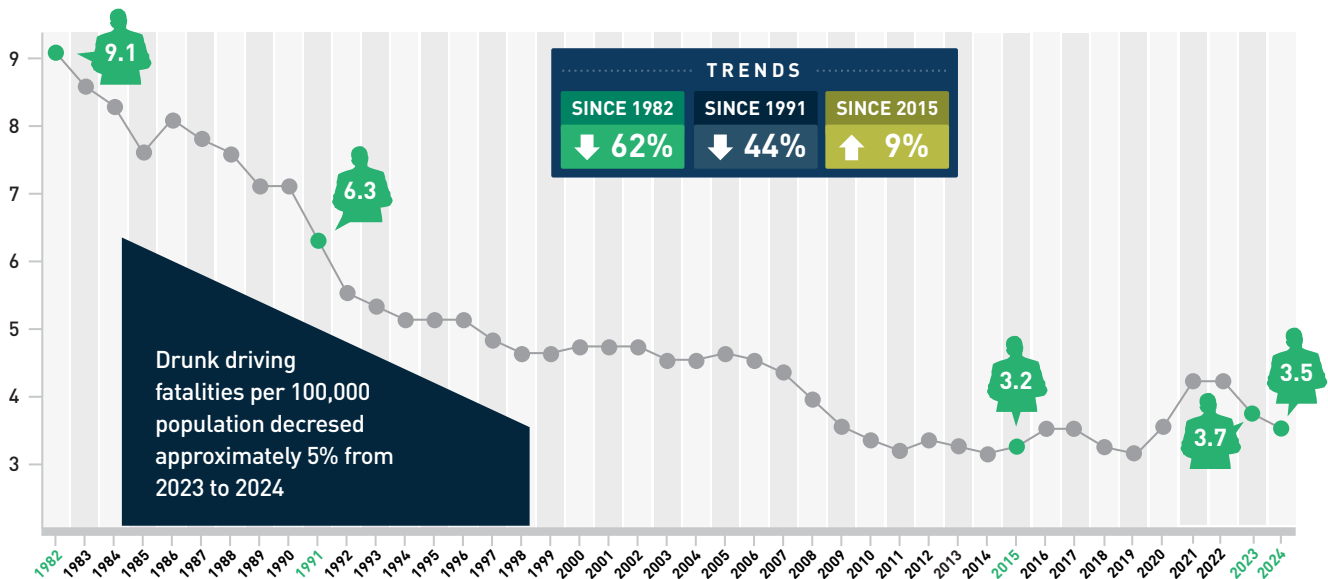
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Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities 1982-2024

Total Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities



Rate of Total Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population

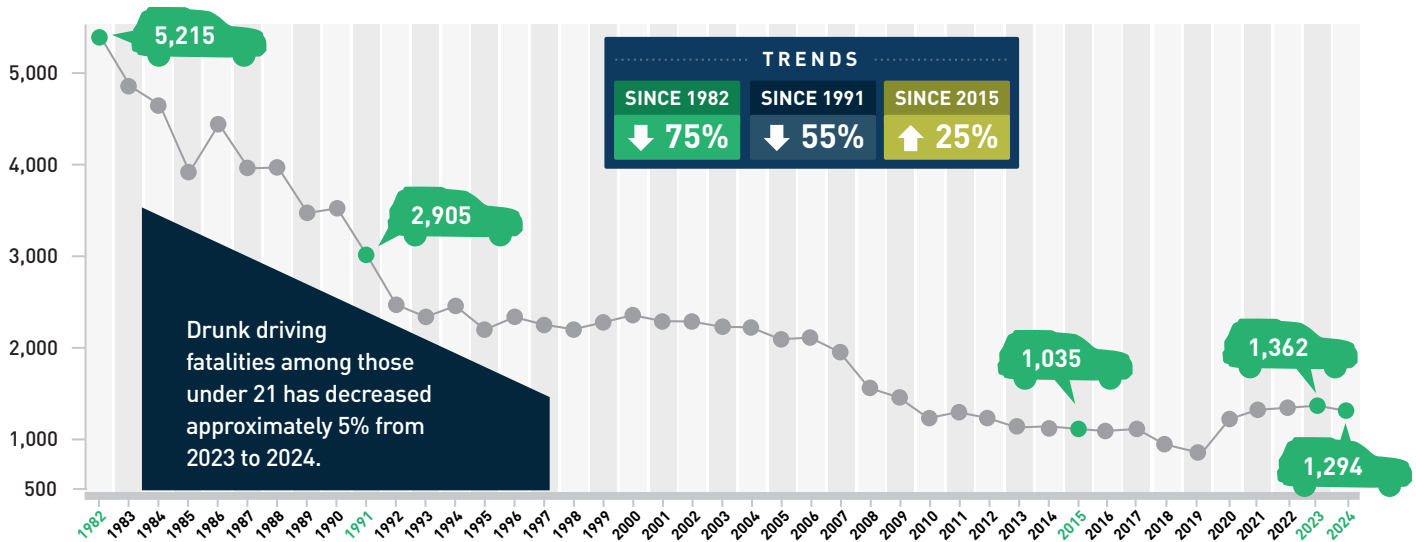


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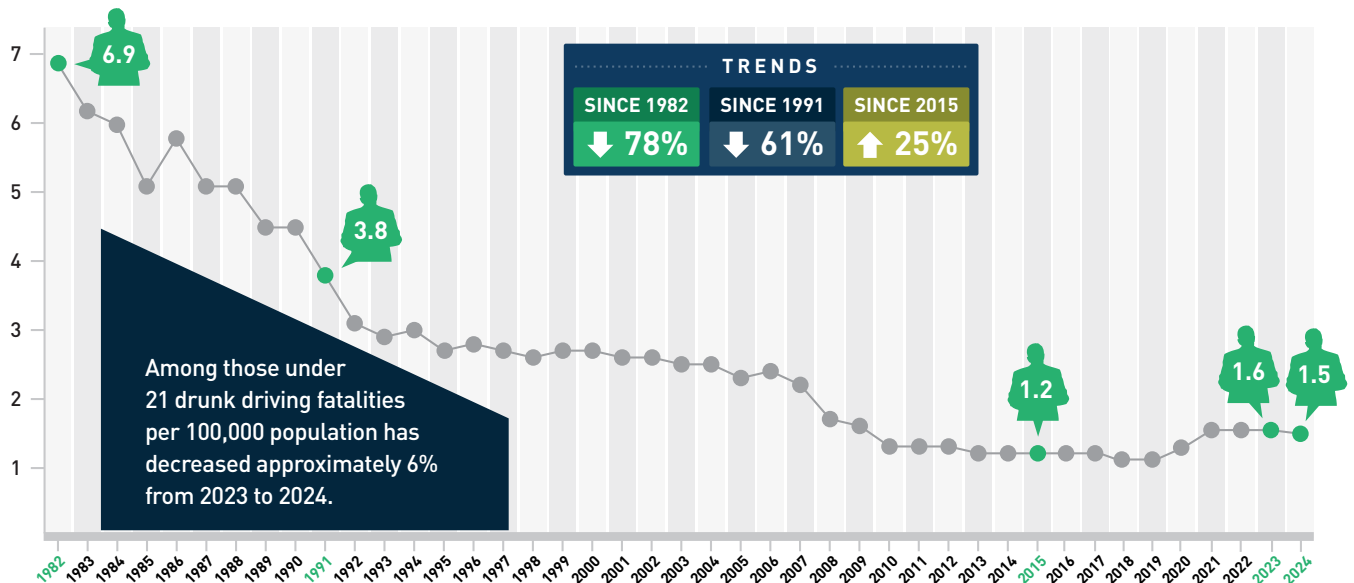
Top Chart - Source: NHTSA/FARS, 4/26
Bottom Chart - Source: NHTSA, FARS, and U.S. Census Bureau, 5/26

Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities 1982-2024

Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities



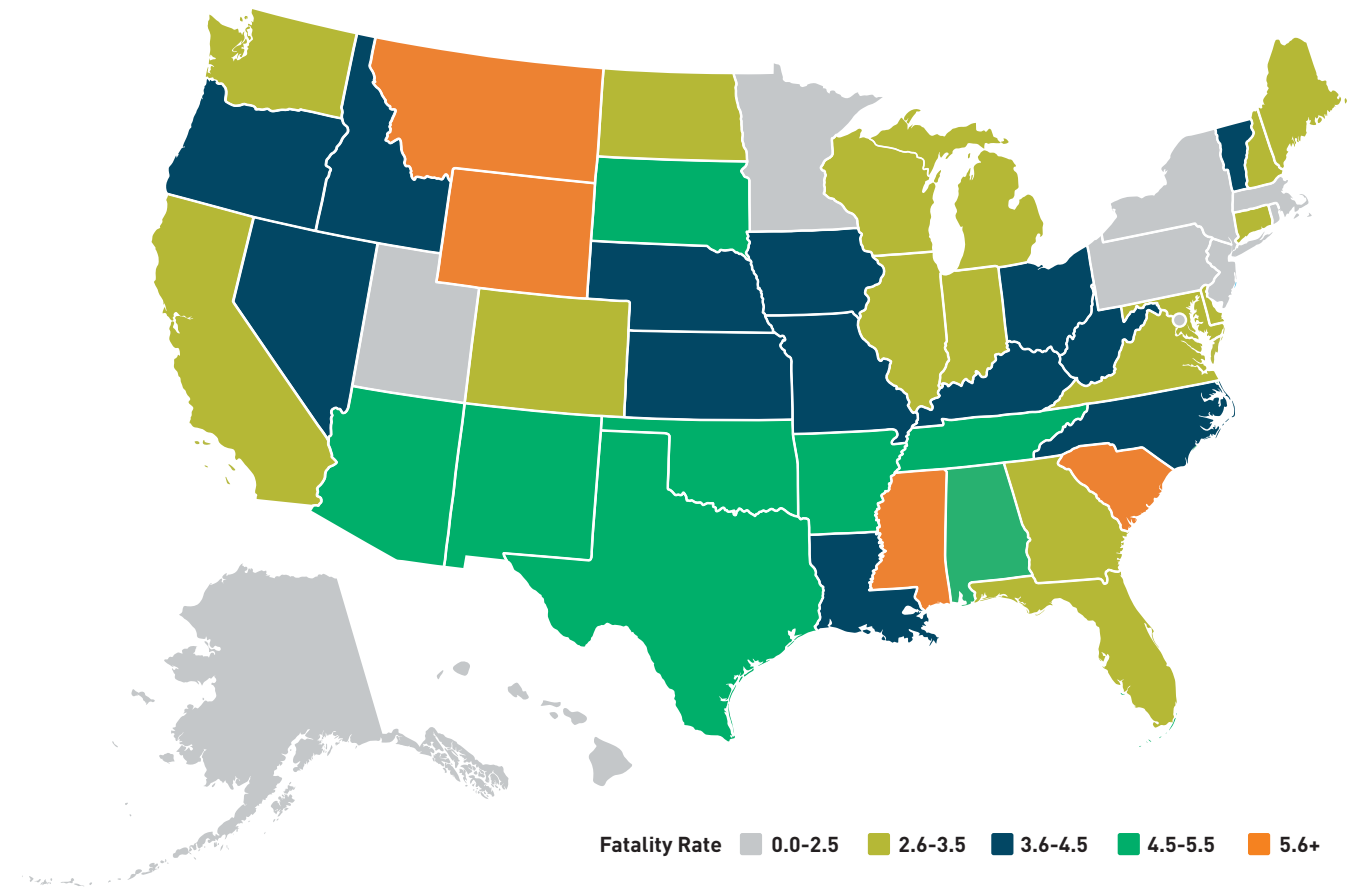
Rate of Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population



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2024 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population



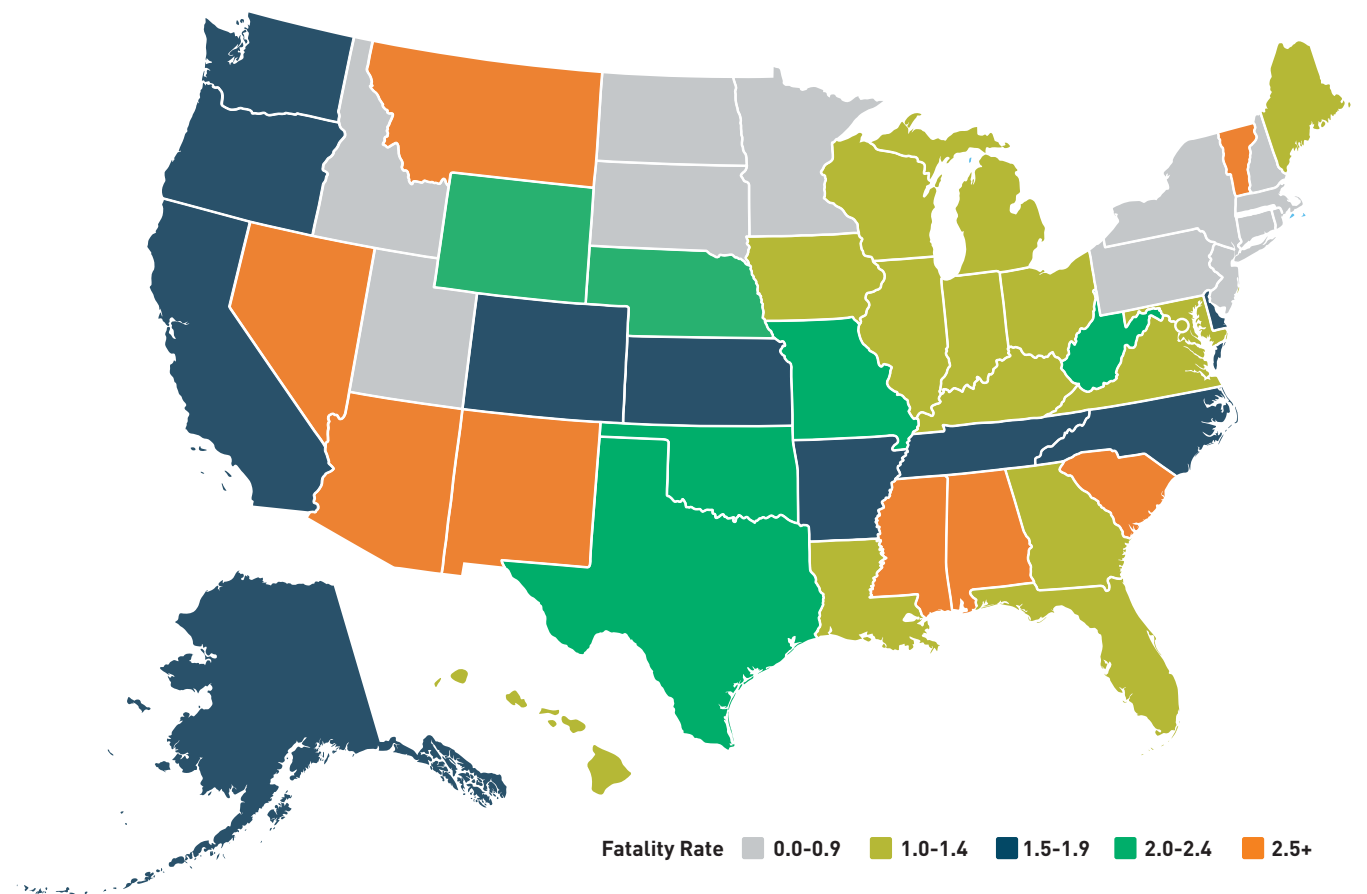
In 25 states and D.C., alcohol-impaired driving fatalities per 100,000 population were at or below the national average of 3.5 deaths per 100,000 population.

Alabama	5.4	Kentucky	3.7	Ohio	3.6
Alaska	1.8	Louisiana	4.2	Oklahoma	5.5
Arizona	5.5	Maine	3.5	Oregon	4.2
Arkansas	5.0	Maryland	2.7	Pennsylvania	2.2
California	3.3	Massachusetts	1.4	Rhode Island	1.7
Colorado	3.4	Michigan	3.0	South Carolina	7.7
Connecticut	2.9	Minnesota	1.9	South Dakota	4.7
Delaware	3.1	Mississippi	5.8	Tennessee	4.6
District of Columbia	2.0	Missouri	4.2	Texas	5.4
Florida	3.3	Montana	6.6	Utah	2.1
Georgia	2.9	Nebraska	3.8	Vermont	3.7
Hawaii	2.4	Nevada	4.2	Virginia	2.9
Idaho	3.6	New Hampshire	2.8	Washington	3.0
Illinois	2.7	New Jersey	1.6	West Virginia	4.4
Indiana	3.0	New Mexico	5.4	Wisconsin	3.3
Iowa	3.7	New York	1.5	Wyoming	5.8
Kansas	4.0	North Carolina	4.1	U.S. Total	3.5
		North Dakota	3.4		

Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26 and U.S. Census Bureau, 5/26

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2024 Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population



In 29 states and D.C., under 21 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities per 100,000 population were at or below the national average of 1.5 deaths per 100,000 population.

Alabama	2.6	Kentucky	1.3	Ohio	1.3
Alaska	1.5	Louisiana	1.1	Oklahoma	2.1
Arizona	3.3	Maine	1.0	Oregon	1.7
Arkansas	1.8	Maryland	1.0	Pennsylvania	0.7
California	1.5	Massachusetts	0.6	Rhode Island	0.4
Colorado	1.9	Michigan	1.0	South Carolina	3.8
Connecticut	0.5	Minnesota	0.6	South Dakota	0.8
Delaware	1.6	Mississippi	2.9	Tennessee	1.9
D.C.	1.2	Missouri	2.3	Texas	2.2
Florida	1.3	Montana	3.3	Utah	0.6
Georgia	1.1	Nebraska	2.1	Vermont	4.2
Hawaii	1.2	Nevada	2.6	Virginia	1.3
Idaho	0.9	New Hampshire	0.3	Washington	1.7
Illinois	1.3	New Jersey	0.5	West Virginia	2.2
Indiana	1.1	New Mexico	3.2	Wisconsin	1.3
Iowa	1.3	New York	0.7	Wyoming	2.0
Kansas	1.5	North Carolina	1.7	U.S. Total	1.5
		North Dakota	0.9		

Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26 and U.S. Census Bureau, 5/26

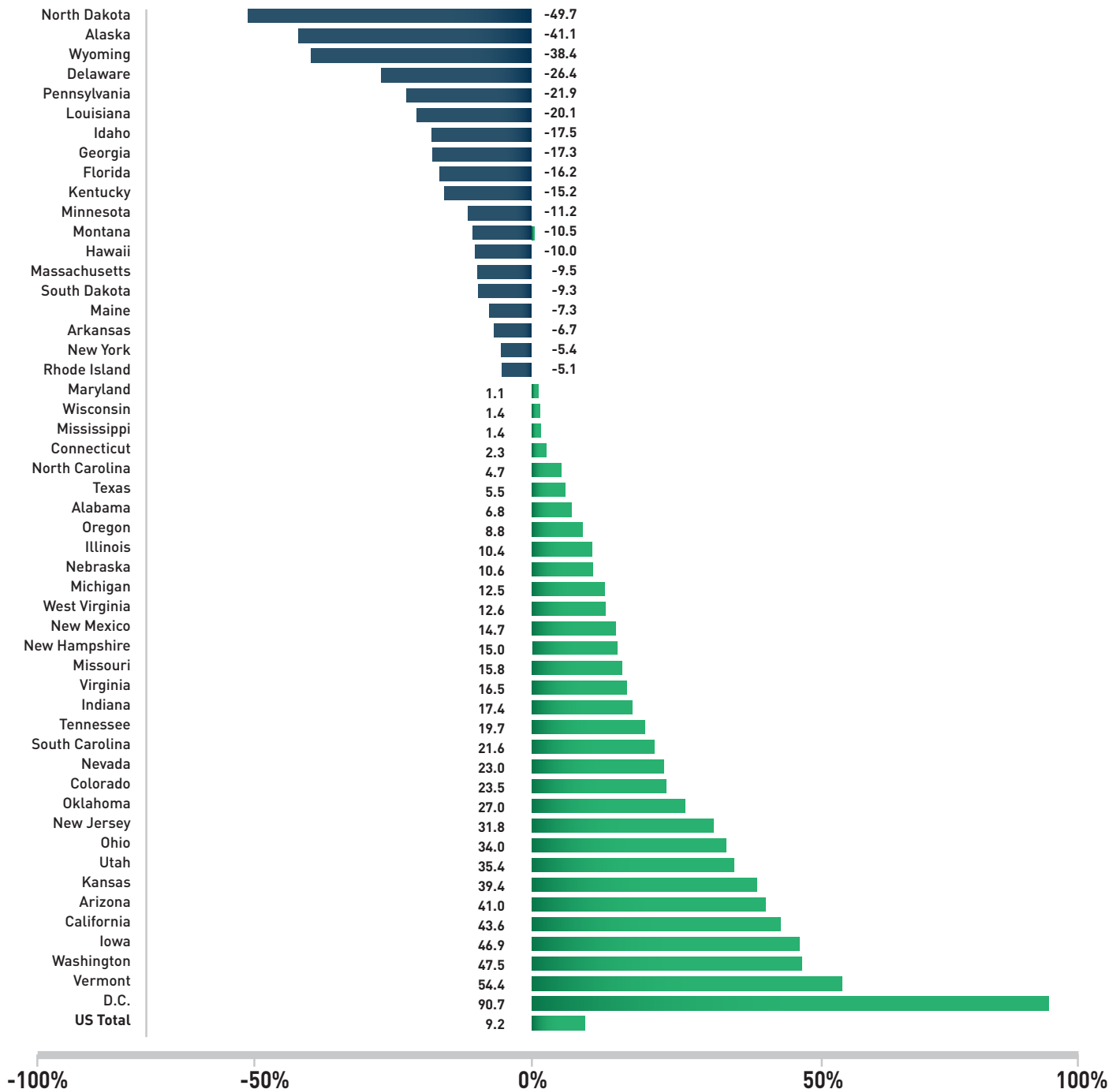
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Percent Change in Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population 2015-2024 by State Rank

19 States

DID YOU KNOW

The rate of drunk driving fatalities per 100,000 population increased nationally but declined in 19 states from 2015 to 2024.



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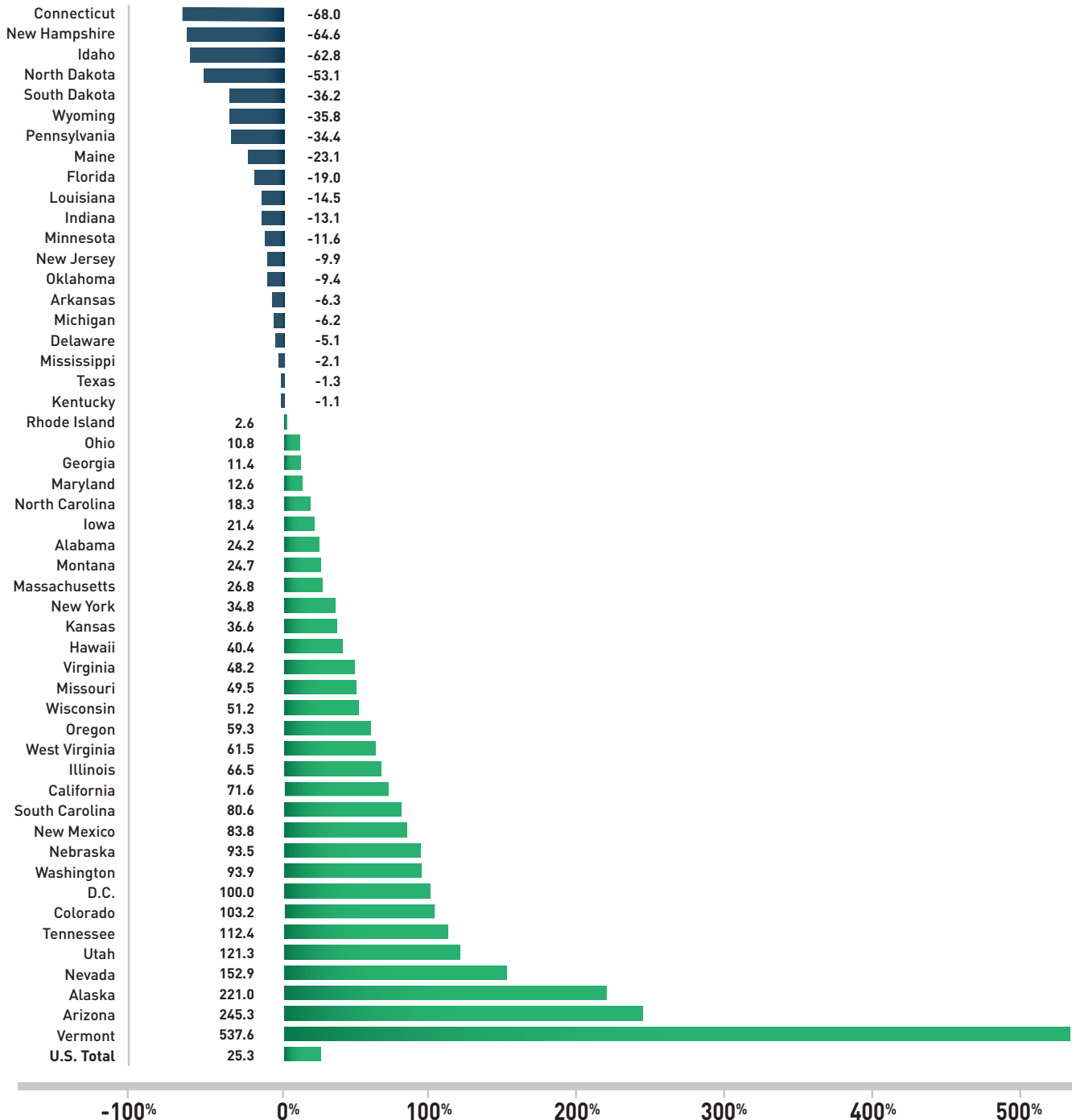
Source: NHTSA, FARS 4/26, and U.S. Census Bureau, 5/26

Percent Change in Under 21 Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population 2015-2024 by State Rank

20 States

DID YOU KNOW

Over the past decade, the rate of drunk driving fatalities among under 21 year olds per 100,000 population increased nationally while 20 states experienced a decline.



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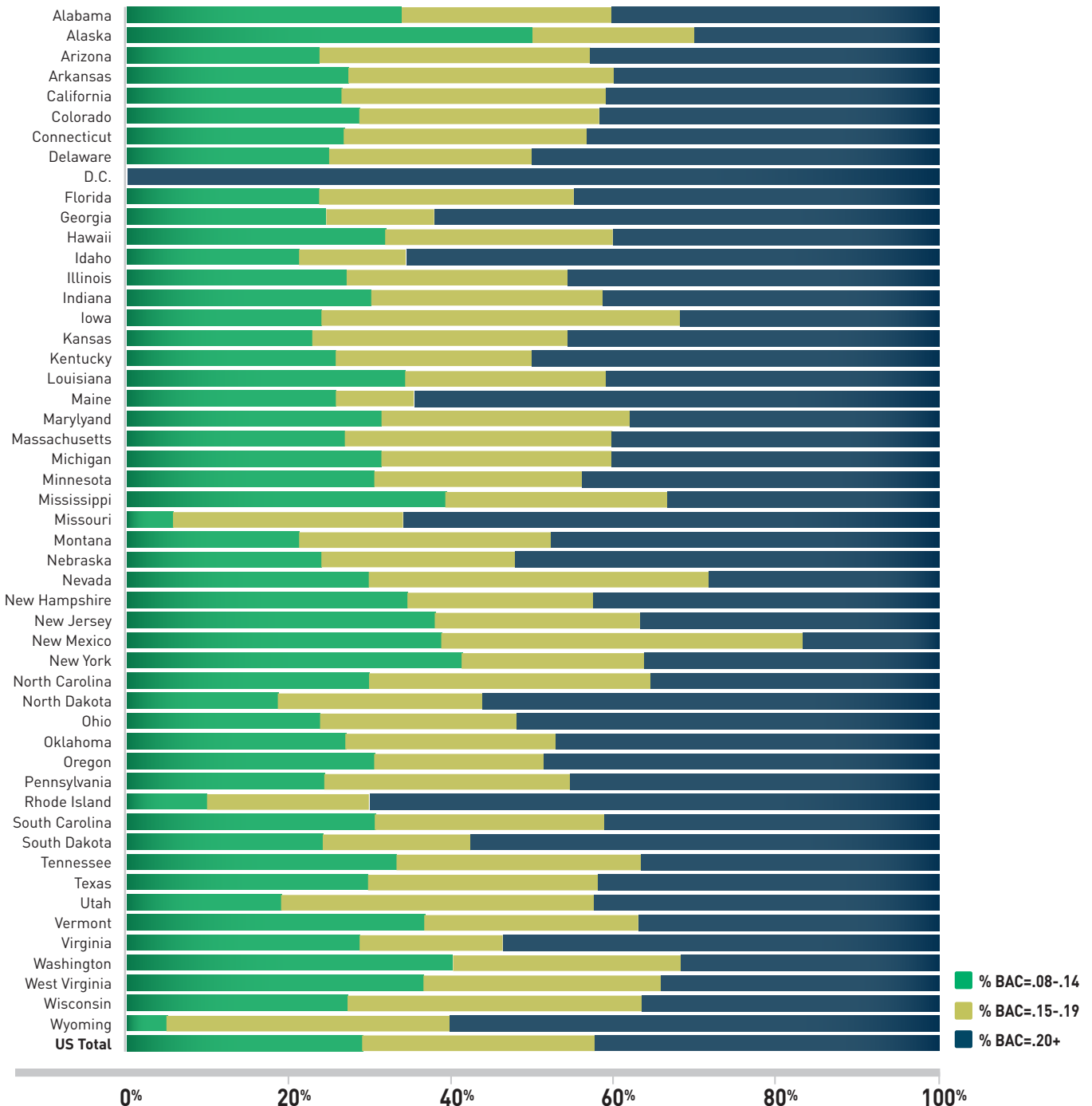
Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26 and U.S. Census Bureau, 5/26

2024 Fatal Drunk Driving Crashes by Drivers BAC

7/10

DID YOU KNOW

Seven out of 10 drivers involved in fatal drunk driving crashes are high risk drivers with BAC levels of .15 or higher.



Percent of Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities by BAC

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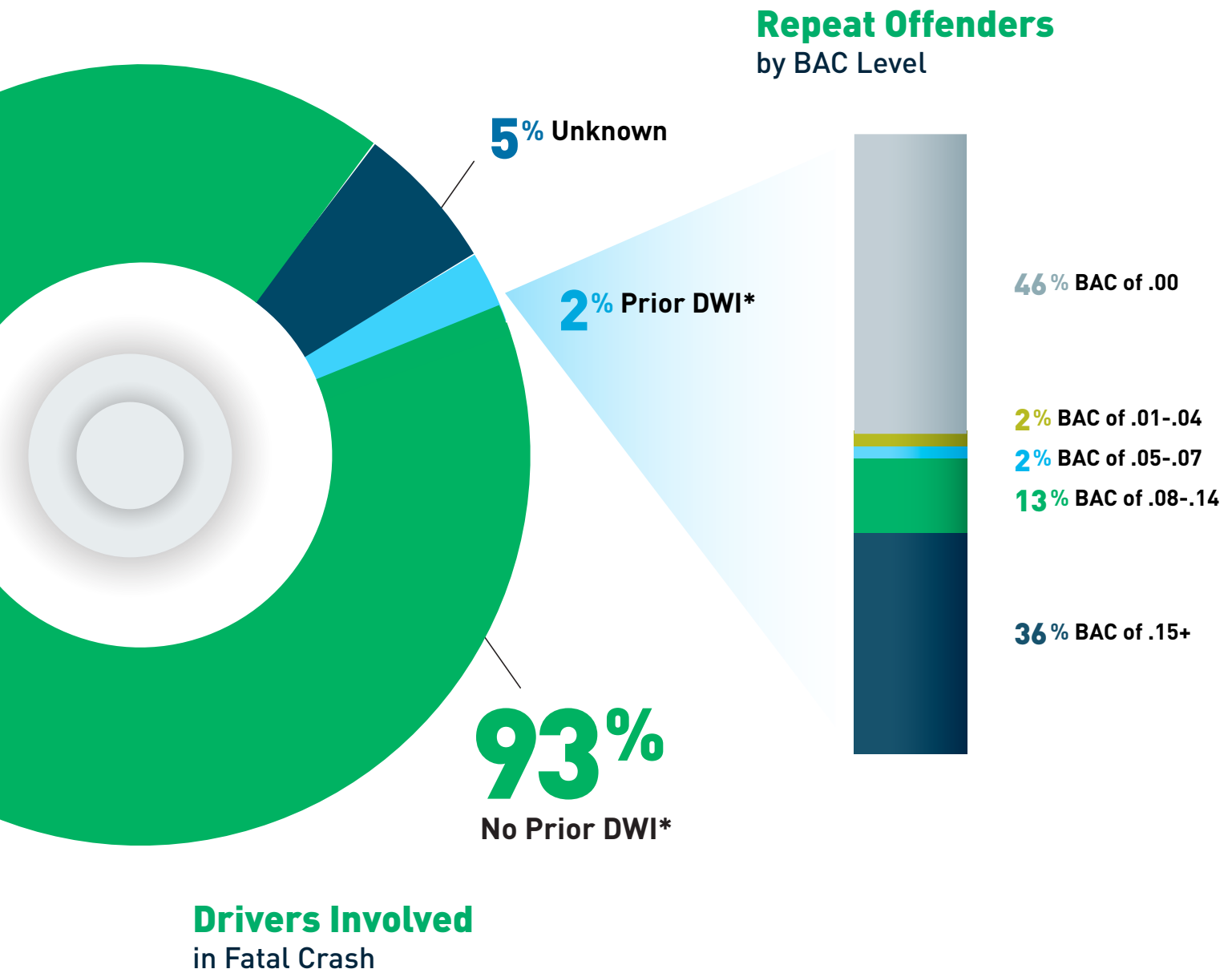
Source: NHTSA, FARS ARF of Drivers with Known BAC, 4/24

Repeat Offenders Involvement in Fatal Crashes

1/3

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More than one in three drivers involved in a fatal crash who had a prior DWI* had a high BAC at the time of the crash in 2024.



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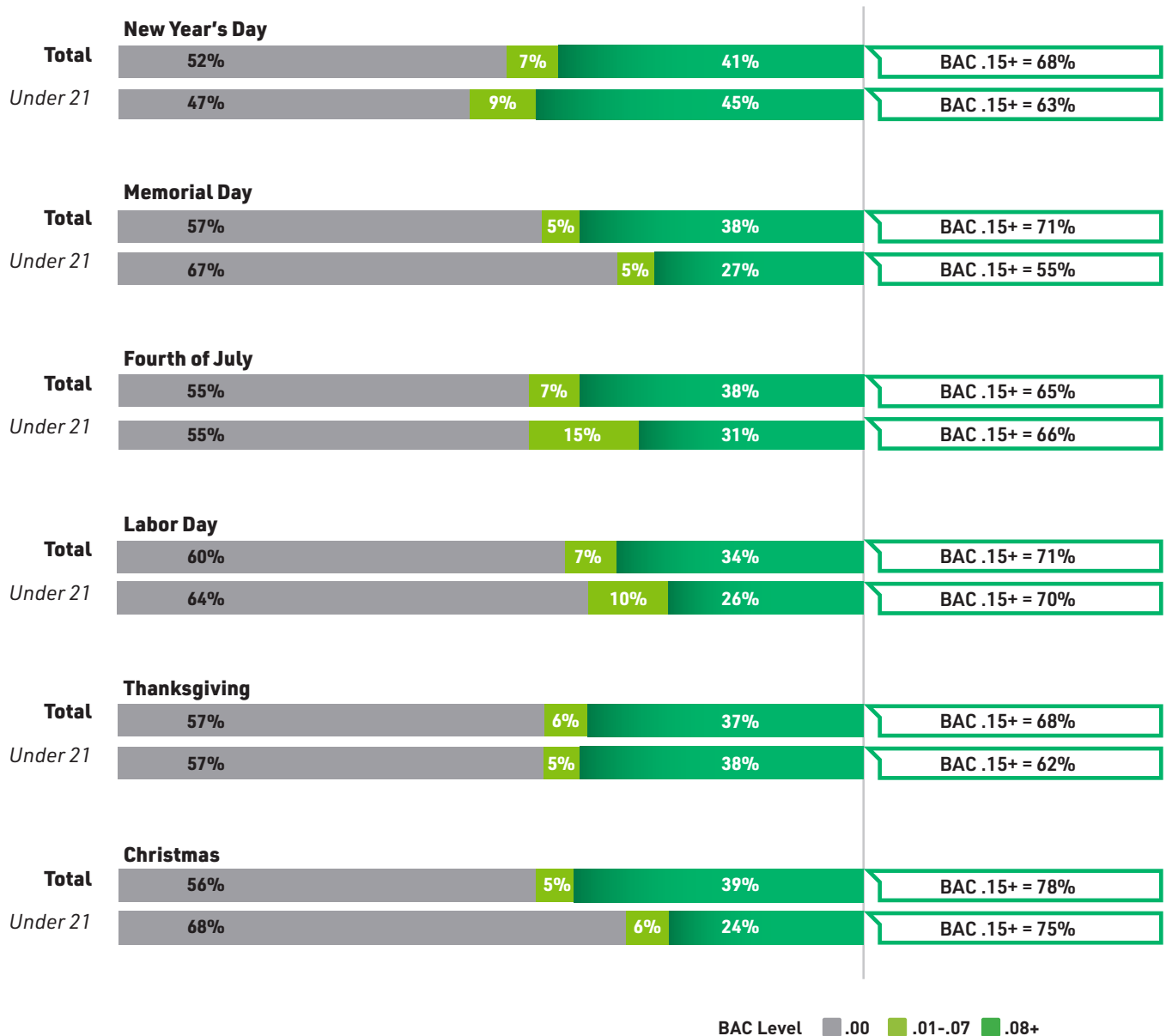
Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26
* Prior convictions only for events occurring within 5 years from date of crash.
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2024 Holiday Traffic Fatalities by BAC Level

BAC .15+

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The majority of drunk driving fatal crashes during holidays involve drivers with a BAC of .15 or higher.



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Source: NHTSA, FARS, 4/26
The number of whole days in the holiday period depends on the day on which the legal holiday falls. Typically, the period is 6 p.m. the night before until 5:59 a.m. the day after the holiday.
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Terminology

Alcohol-Impaired Fatality

Drivers in all 50 states and D.C. are considered to be alcohol-impaired if their blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher. Any fatality occurring in a crash involving at least one driver, or motorcycle operator, with a BAC of .08 or higher is considered to be an alcohol-impaired driving, or drunk driving, fatality. The term alcohol-impaired does not indicate that a crash or a fatality was the result of alcohol impairment. In producing national and state alcohol-impaired statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates the extent of alcohol involvement when alcohol test results are unknown.

Alcohol-Involved Fatality

Alcohol-involved fatalities are those where at least one driver, or motorcycle operator, has a positive BAC of .01 or higher. In producing national and state alcohol-involved statistics, NHTSA estimates the extent of alcohol involvement when alcohol test results are unknown.

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)

BAC is measured in grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. A BAC of .01 indicates .01 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. As of July 2004, all 50 states and D.C. have passed legislation establishing a driver with a BAC of .08 to be legally intoxicated; Utah passed a law lowering the state's BAC limit from .08 to .05 for impaired driving that became effective December 30, 2018. As of 2025, 46 states and D.C. have laws that increase penalties for those convicted of driving with elevated or "high" BAC levels.

Rates per 100,000 Population

The rate of alcohol-impaired fatalities per 100,000 population is the number of alcohol-impaired fatalities for every 100,000 persons in the population being measured. For example, an alcohol-impaired fatality rate of 3.5 per 100,000 population nationally means that for every 100,000 people in the nation, there were approximately three alcohol-impaired fatalities.

Repeat Offenders

The NHTSA/FARS data records prior driving records (convictions only, not violations) for driving while intoxicated events occurring within five years of the date of the crash. The same driver can have one or more of these convictions during this five-year period. Drivers who have a prior conviction in this five-year period are reported as repeat offenders.

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The information presented in this report is drawn from several databases maintained by government agencies, including the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) of NHTSA, which compiles crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), and the U.S. Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce. This report reflects data from 1982 to the present utilizing NHTSA's multiple imputation method for estimating missing information about BAC levels for persons involved in fatal crashes, thus allowing for improved reporting of alcohol involvement statistics at any BAC level. The U.S. Census Bureau publishes state resident and civilian population estimates which were used in this report

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