



Iowa Wholesale Beer Distributors Association



The beer industry actively promotes responsible consumption of our products and is making a difference.

Signs of Progress

2005 Alcohol-Related Fatalities

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports alcohol-related fatalities declined 0.2% from 16,919 to 16,885 in 2005. The 16,885 alcohol-related fatalities in 2005 (39% of total traffic fatalities for the year) represent a 5-percent reduction from the 17,732 alcohol-related fatalities reported in 1995 (42% of the total).

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA Press Release, NHTSA Report, NHTSA Power Point Report

Drunk-Driving Fatalities 1982-2005

The number of fatalities in drunk-driving crashes has declined 3 percent since 2000 and 39 percent since 1982, going from 21,113 fatalities in 1982 to 12,945 fatalities in 2005.

There were 8,100 fewer drunk-driving fatalities in 2005 than in 1982.

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Drunk-Driving Fatalities, Miles Traveled, Vehicles, Drivers and Population 1982-2005

While the total number of drunk-driving fatalities has declined 39 percent since 1982, the numbers for vehicle miles traveled, registered motor vehicles, licensed drivers, and the total U.S. population has increased.

In fact, the number of vehicle miles traveled has increased 86 percent, the number of drivers has increased 32 percent, and the total U.S. population has increased 28 percent since 1982.

Source: Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA August 2006 Report

Teen Drunk-Driving Fatalities 1982-2005

The number of fatalities in teen drunk-driving crashes is at a record-low-level – down 20 percent since 2000 and 67 percent since 1982, going from 4,214 fatalities in 1982 to 1,383 fatalities in 2005.

There were 2,800 fewer teen drunk-driving fatalities in 2005 than in 1982.

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Alcohol-Related Fatalities Involving Teen Drivers

Most crash fatalities involving a teen (16-20 year-old) driver are not alcohol-related. In 2005, the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities involving teen drivers was 22%, and the percentage of non-alcohol related fatalities involving teen drivers was 78%.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration