

New York State Fact Sheet on Impaired Driving

Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Crashes

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change 2017-18
Total Fatalities	1,116	1,029	1,000	936	-6.4%
Total Fatalities in Impaired Driving Crashes	468	413	390	476	22.1%
% of Total Fatalities	41.9%	40.1%	39.0%	50.9%	
Alcohol	313	272	252	295	17.1%
% of Total Fatalities	28.1%	26.4%	25.2%	31.5%	
Drugs	264	267	235	314	33.6%
% of Total Fatalities	23.7%	25.9%	23.5%	33.6%	
Alcohol & Drugs	109	126	97	133	37.1%
% of Total Fatalities	9.8%	12.2%	9.7%	14.2%	

- Total fatalities and fatalities in impaired driving-related crashes were on downward trends between 2015 and 2017. In 2018, total fatalities continued to decline, dropping 6% from 2017, while impaired driving-related fatalities increased 22%.
- The proportions of fatalities in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes increased in 2018 compared to the previous years of 2015 - 2017. In 2018:
 - ✓ 51% of the fatalities occurred in impaired driving crashes, up from 39% - 42%
 - ✓ 32% occurred in alcohol crashes, up from 25% - 28%
 - ✓ 34% occurred in drug crashes, up from 24% - 26%
 - ✓ 14% occurred in crashes involving both alcohol and drugs, up from 10% - 12%

DRE Evaluations

	2017 (N=2,403)		2018 (N=2,427)	
Toxicology Results Available	1,373	56%	1,375	57%
Toxicology Results Pending	568	25%	627	26%
Sample Not Collected/Not Tested	462	19%	425	17%

Toxicology Results

	2017 (N=1,373)		2018 (N=1,375)	
Cannabis	784	57%	808	59%
Narcotic Analgesic	481	35%	379	28%
Depressant	497	36%	434	32%
Stimulant	469	34%	441	32%
Dissociative Anesthetic	30	2%	34	2%
Hallucinogen	5	0.4%	6	0.4%
Inhalant	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%

- Cannabis is the most commonly reported drug found in the specimens submitted by DREs to the state's toxicology labs; 59% of the subjects had cannabis reported in 2018, up from 57% in 2017.