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1997 HOLIDAY STATISTICS*



New Year's Eve and Day
192 total traffic fatalities
67.1% were alcohol-related

St. Patrick's Day
72 total traffic fatalities
29.2% were alcohol-related

Memorial Day
513 total traffic fatalities
46.6% were alcohol-related

Fourth of July
508 total traffic fatalities
49.7% were alcohol-related

Labor Day
507 total traffic fatalities
50.1% were alcohol-related

Halloween
138 total traffic fatalities
39% were alcohol-related

Thanksgiving
570 total traffic fatalities
40.5% were alcohol-related

Thanksgiving through New Years
4,058 total traffic fatalities
36.9% were alcohol-related

* MADD, 1997

NATIONAL STATISTICS

(From the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1997)

- In 1997, 16,189 people were killed in crashes involving alcohol – an average of 1 every 32 minutes.
- In 1997, there were 2 alcohol-related traffic deaths per hour, 45 per day and 315 per week. That is the equivalent of 2 jetliners crashing every week.
- Within a single year, 28% of all drivers in the United States have used either drugs, alcohol or both within 2 hours before getting behind the wheel.



VIRGINIA STATISTICS

(From the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, 1997)

- The BAC limit in Virginia is .08 percent. For a first offense, the administrative license suspension period is 7 days.
- In 1997, there were 302 alcohol-related fatalities and 9,124 alcohol-related injuries.
- In 1997, 29,535 persons tested with a BAC .08 percent or greater. The average BAC of tested drinking drivers was 0.1398 percent.
- Of the 30,473 persons arrested for DUI, 88.35% were convicted.