

Impaired Driving: Percent of fatalities from traffic crashes that involve alcohol

Oregon's strategy

ODOT will continue to monitor all aspects of fatalities due to impaired driving and channel efforts through two primary areas of influence: driver behavior and enforcement. ODOT coordinates strategic efforts and targeted funding across the Impaired Driving continuum, including law enforcement, training prevention treatment, public education, courts, prosecutors, and other entities to keep impaired drivers off the roadways.

About the target

The lower the percentage, the better the

result, therefore we continue to strive for reductions.

The goal of 35 percent is below the national average for 2015 according to statistics published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

How Oregon is doing and how Oregon compares

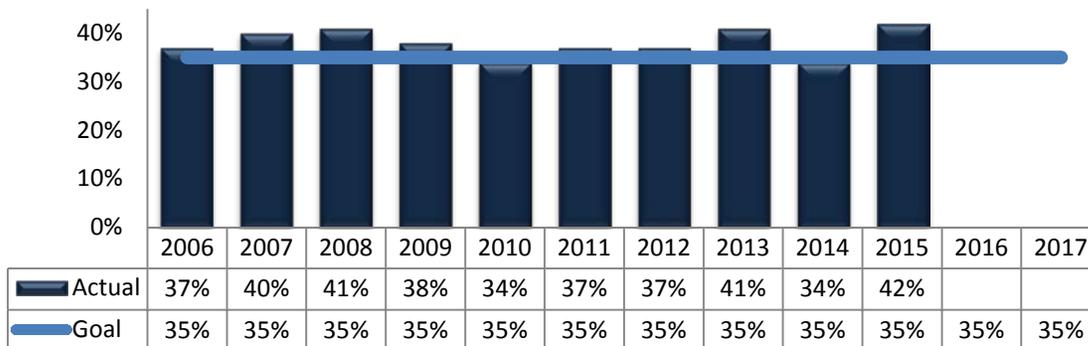
Nationwide, states saw a disturbing increase of 3.2 percent in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, and Oregon was no exception. Oregon has moved from a NHTSA-designated "low rate" state to a "mid-rate"

state, meaning that alcohol-impaired fatalities are on the rise based on a three-year average. Oregon needs a back-to-basics approach in addressing this increase, knowing that 80% of Oregon's impaired driving fatalities involve alcohol.

Factors affecting results and what needs to be done

These numbers are a measure of a variety of influences that contribute to the result. Our efforts are focused to make gains in driver behavior and choices through education and enforcement, however social and economic influences also remain significant factors,

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Fact

A recent national Traffic Injury Research Foundation study showed an increase of individuals who acknowledge driving impaired often or very often; from 4% in 2015 to 5.5% in 2016.

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such as the recent legalization of recreational marijuana in Oregon, following Washington and Colorado. ODOT will continue to monitor all aspects of fatalities due to impairment. Transportation Safety Division is charged with the coordination and staffing for the Governor's DUII Advisory Committee, which is focused on reducing the occurrences of DUII in Oregon. Input from this committee and ODOT staff contribute to strategies developed to continue the reduction of alcohol-involved traffic fatalities and broader coordination and efficiencies between all partners involved in this effort. These strategies are listed in the Oregon Transportation Safety Performance Plan. They are typically enforcement- or education-based, such as training for police, prosecutors and judges; specialty treatment courts; grants to pay for DUII overtime enforcement; community-based campaigns and public information campaigns.

About the data

The data is reported on a calendar year basis from traffic fatality case investigations. This fatality data is from alcohol-involved crashes.



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Data source

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