

Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Crashes and Consequences in Arkansas

Drinking and driving has serious health and safety consequences...

Deaths and Injuries Due to Alcohol-Related Car Crashes

- Alcohol-related traffic crashes accounted for 37% of all Arkansas traffic crash deaths in 2007.^{1a}
- Over 9,000 Arkansans were arrested during 2007 for driving under the influence of alcohol.²
- In 2007, there were 3,478 injuries due to alcohol/drug-related crashes in Arkansas.^{1a}

Other Consequences of Drinking and Driving

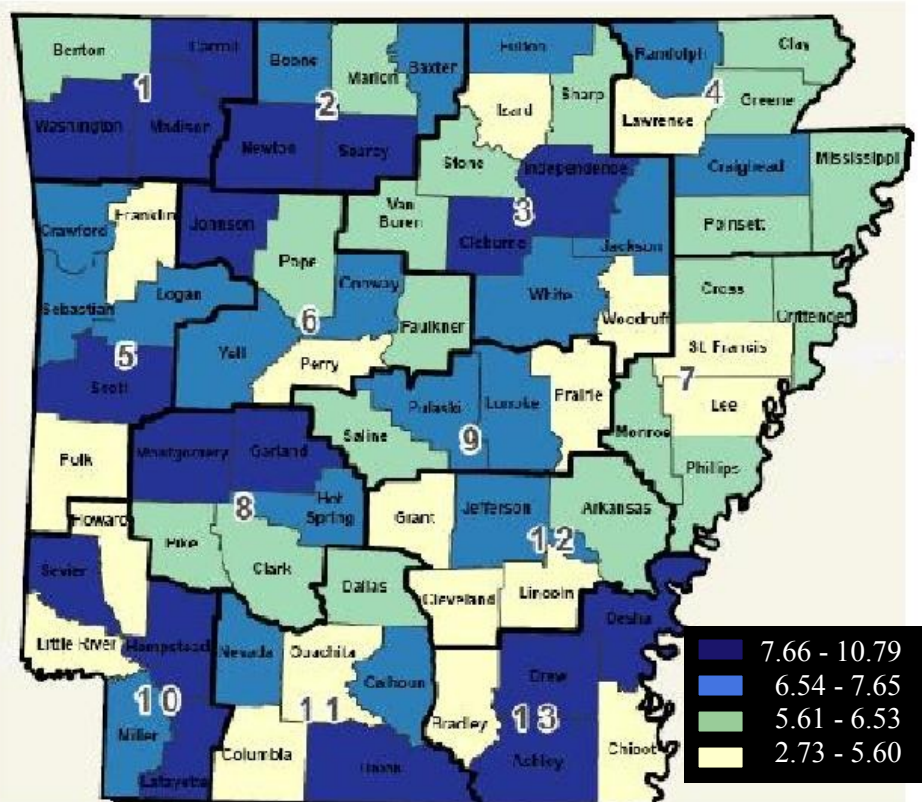
- Legal consequences:
 - suspension of driver's license
 - fees to get driver's license reinstated
 - mandatory classes and treatment
 - jail time, probation, and public service
 - court fees and fines
- Lost wages due to time spent in court or recovering from an injury

Arkansas Teens and Drinking & Driving

- 1 in 4 Arkansas teens report that they have recently ridden in a car with someone who had been drinking.³
- Nearly half of Arkansas' 12th graders report using alcohol in the past 30 days.³
- In 2007, 457 traffic crashes in Arkansas due to underage drinking and driving resulted in 519 injuries and deaths.²

About 3 out of 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives⁴

Rate of Alcohol-Related Traffic Crashes that Resulted in Injuries or Fatalities^{1b}



¹ Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office, 2007^{1a}, 2008^{1b}

² Risk Factors for Adolescent Drug Use, 2008 - a project of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the AR Department of Human Services

³ Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment (APNA), 2008 - a student survey conducted annually by the AR Department of Human Services

⁴ National Highway Transportation Safety Authority