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## Persons Killed & Injured In Traffic Crashes

	Year		
	2001	2002	% Change
Killed	42,116	42,850	+1.7%
Injured	3,033,000	2,914,000	-3.9%

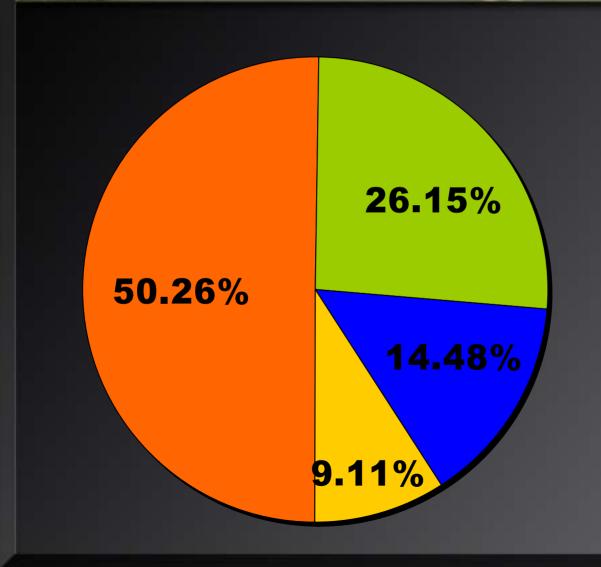
Source: FARS, NASS GES

#### **Cost of Motor Vehicle Crashes — 2000**



- Total annual cost -\$230.6 billion
- Highlights
  - Non use of belts -\$20 billion
  - Impaired driving \$51billion
  - Speeding \$40 billion

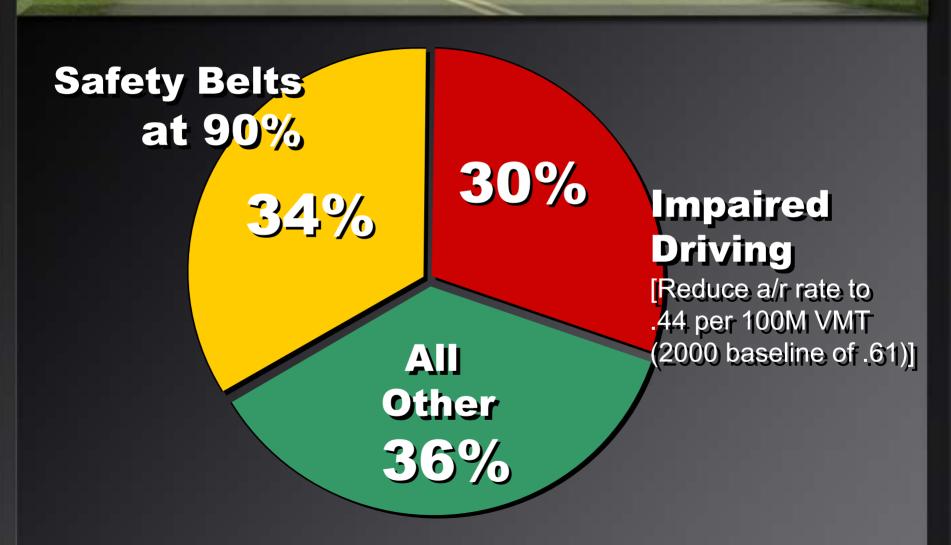
## Motor Vehicle Crash Costs by Category - 2000



#### Total Costs \$230.6 Billion

- Insurance
- Crash Victims
- Other
- **□** Federal/State Governments

## Predicted Lives Saved by Countermeasure



## **Safety Belt Benefits**

- For each 1% increase in belt use
  - 2.8 million more people buckling up
  - 250 lives saved
  - \$800 million in economic savings
  - Reduce severity of 4,400 moderate-to-critical injuries

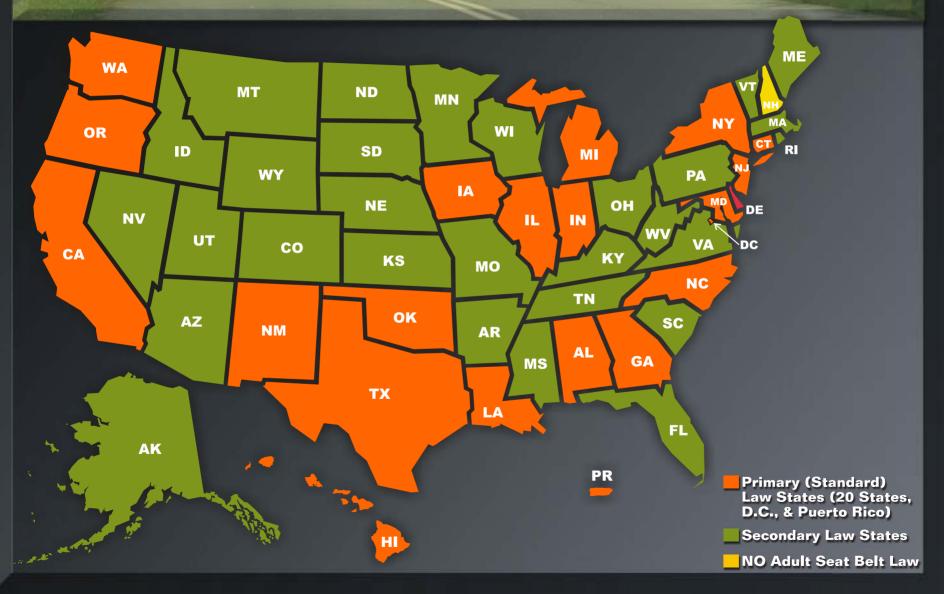


## Safety Belt Use Rates, 1983-2003



1983-1990 from 19 city survey, 1991-1997 from State surveys, 1998-2002 from NOPUS/mini NOPUS surveys

## State Safety Belt Laws (As of July 2003)



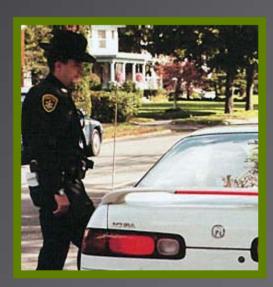
### **Lessons Learned: Primary Belt Laws**

#### Problem

- Concerns about racial profiling (Illinois example)
- Key stakeholders omitted (Indiana example)

#### Solution

- Enact anti-profiling law
- Convenes broad consensus group

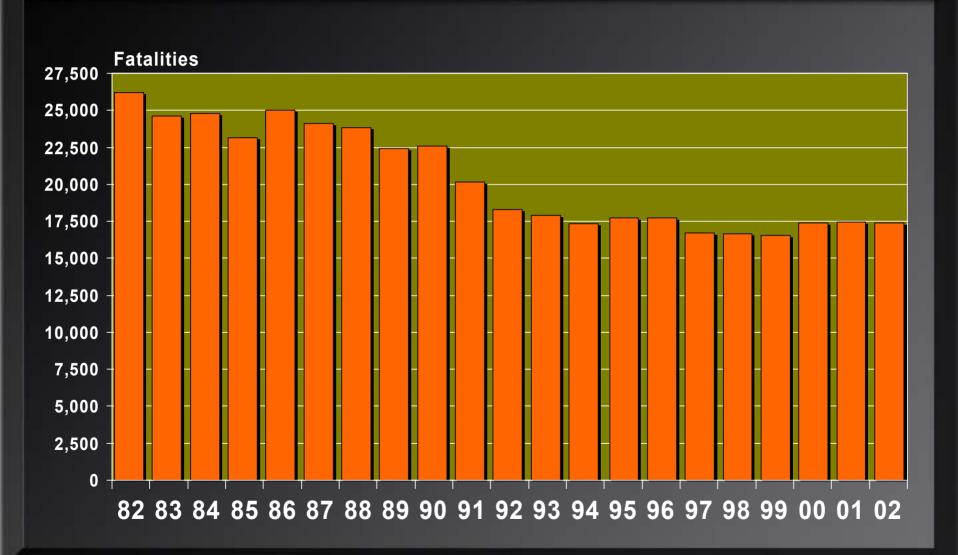


## BUYING A SAFER CAR 2003

Valuable Information on: Crash Tests, Safety Features and Buying Tips

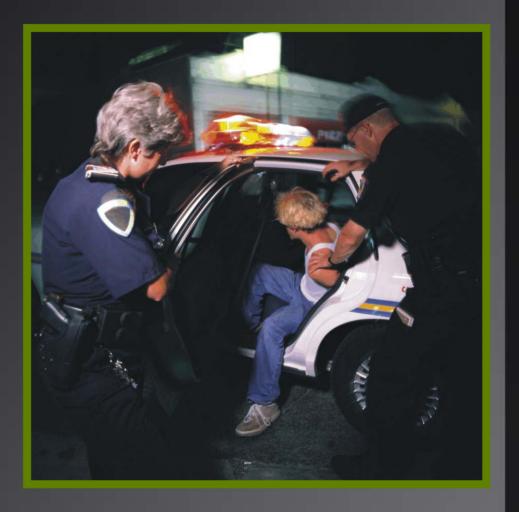


### **Alcohol-Related Fatalities Trend**



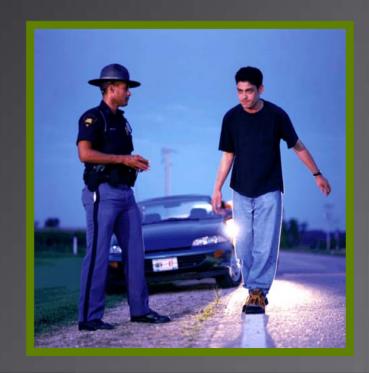
## State Legislative Remedies for Impaired Driving

- Administrative license revocation (ALR)
- .08 BAC



## Administrative License Revocation (ALR) Laws

- Law in 40 States, plus DC, & Puerto Rico
- Reduce alcohol-related crashes from 6 to 13%
- Need to be strengthened & enforced



#### **.08 BAC Per Se Laws**

Law in 43 States, plus DC, & Puerto Rico

Average 7% reduction in alcohol-related fatalities



### Reauthorization: SAFETEA

Safe

**Accountable** 

Flexible and

fficient

**Transportation** 

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**Act of 2003** 

## **How You Can Help**

- Enact primary safety belt laws in all 50 States
- Support dealer initiatives with booster seats
- Distribute "Buying A Safer Car"
- Provide safety training to sales staff
- Learn about alcohol legislation







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