What is an impaired driving crash?
An impaired driving crash is a crash where the driver has a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) result of greater than 0.00 g/dL, or had a positive alcohol test, or had a positive drug test, or had a contributing factor of had been drinking, under the influence — alcohol, under the influence — drugs, or taking medication flagged on a crash report.

What is a fatal impaired driving crash?
A crash involving an impaired driver where at least one person has been killed. The person killed may have been an impaired or unimpaired driver, or a passenger of any vehicle involved, or a road user such as a pedestrian or bicyclist.

**AVERAGE BAC OF AN IMPAIRED DRIVER IN A FATAL CRASH**

The average BAC of an impaired driver in a fatal crash in 2017 was 0.157 g/dL, which is nearly twice the legal limit of 0.08 g/dL.

In general, the average BAC of an impaired driver in a fatal crash appears to be decreasing from 2010 — 2017.

**TOP FIVE COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2017**

Of the 3,347 fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2017 38% were impaired driving crashes.

More than 1 in 3 fatal crashes in Texas was an impaired driving crash in 2017.
A SNAPSHOT OF FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS

HOW ARE FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES OCCURRING IN TEXAS? 2010-2017

- **61%** are single motor vehicle crashes
- More fatal impaired driving crashes occurred on **Saturday** than any day of the week
- More fatal impaired driving crashes occurred from **2:00-2:59 a.m.** than any other hour of the day

COMPARISON OF FATAL ALCOHOL-ONLY CRASHES AND FATAL DRUG-ONLY CRASHES

Drug-impaired driving crashes have been gaining a lot of attention in Texas and nationwide, but **alcohol-only crashes** continue to account for the majority of fatal impaired driving crashes in Texas.

CHARACTERISTICS OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS IN FATAL CRASHES IN 2017

- **37** average age
- **80%** male
- **38%** of fatal impaired drivers were unrestrained

UNLICENSED IMPAIRED DRIVERS IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN TEXAS, 2010 – 2017

- **19%** of fatal impaired crashes had an unlicensed impaired driver in 2017

DRUGS (OTHER THAN ALCOHOL) PRESENT IN IMPAIRED DRIVERS WITH BAC > 0.00 G/DL IN FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES, 2010 – 2017

**Unlicensed Impaired Driver Crashes**

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