

The Effects of Impaired Driving on the Community Self Assessment

The Problem of Impaired Driving

1. According to self reports, approximately how many episodes of alcohol-impaired driving occur each year:

- a. More than 100,000
- b. More than 1,000,000
- c. More than 10,000,000
- d. More than 100,000,000**

Actually, this number is more than 159,000,000.

2. The incidence of intoxication is *lowest* for the drivers of which type of vehicle:

- a. Motorcycles
- b. Large trucks**
- c. SUV's
- d. Passenger cars

3. At what time of day do most alcohol-related crashes occur?

- a. 3 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- b. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- c. 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- d. 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.**

4. In 2000, the estimated cost of alcohol-related crashes reached:

- a. More than \$50 billion dollars
- b. More than \$100 billion dollars**
- c. More than \$150 billion dollars
- d. More than \$200 billion dollars

Actually, the cost is closer to 114 billion dollars.

Alcohol Related Fatalities

5. Approximately what percentage of traffic fatalities are alcohol-related:

- a. About 10%
- b. About 20%
- c. About 30%
- d. About 40%**
- e. About 50%

Actually, this number is about 39%.

6. Approximately what percentage of traffic fatalities involve drivers who are legally drunk (blood alcohol content at or above the .08 level):
- a. About 10%
 - b. About 20%
 - c. **About 30%**
 - d. About 40%
 - e. About 50%

Actually, this number is about 31%.

7. The majority of alcohol-related fatalities are caused by the consumption of:
- a. **Beer**
 - b. Wine
 - c. Mixed drinks
 - d. Liquor
8. In 2000, the estimated average cost of an alcohol/drug-related fatality in the U.S. was:
- a. \$1.5 million
 - b. \$2.5 million
 - c. **\$3.5 million**
 - d. \$4.5 million

Arrests

9. How many drivers in the United States are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics?
- a. More than 100,000
 - b. More than 500,000
 - c. **More than 1,000,000**
 - d. More than 3,000,000

Actually, this number was nearly 1.4 million in 2005.

10. What is the likelihood that drivers who are legally drunk when involved in a fatal crash have a prior DWI conviction?
- a. Unlikely
 - b. No different than any driver involved in a fatal crash
 - c. Twice as likely
 - d. **Nine times more likely**