Impaired Driver - Fatal and Injury Crashes

- From 2002-2012, an average of 40% of fatal crashes involved impaired drivers with a high of 53% in 2010 and a low of 26% in 2004. The 10-year average for injury crashes was 13% with annual rates ranging from 10%-15%.

- Seat belt use is considerably higher in other crashes (73%) than in impaired crashes where use is less than 40% at its highest level in 2011.

Impaired Crashes by Road Type 2010-2012

- The percentages of impaired drivers in lane departure and rollover crashes are significantly higher than in other crashes. A greater share of local rural road crashes involve impaired drivers compared to other road types.

- Impaired drivers were involved in 12% of crashes in the 21 to 24-year age group, followed by 11% in both the 25 to 34-year and 35 to 44-year age cohorts. Males are drivers in 72% of impaired crashes compared to 28% of female drivers.

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