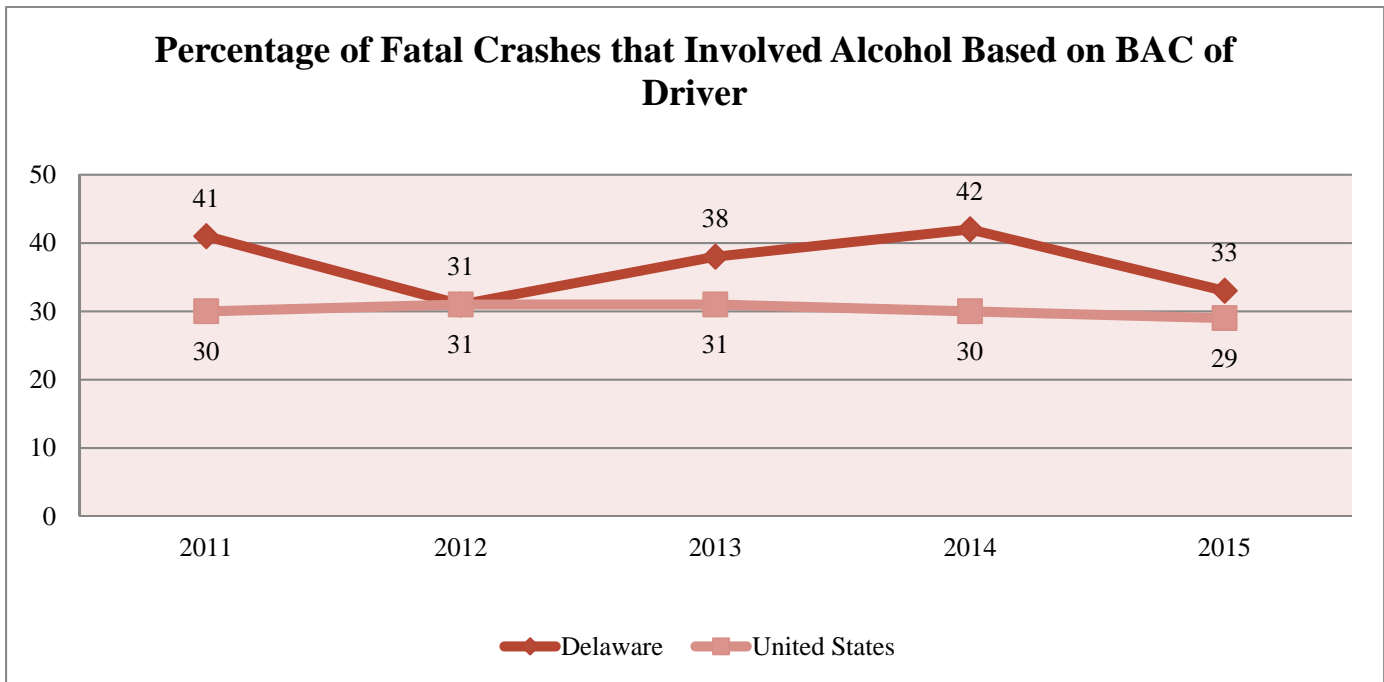


## Delaware Fatal Crashes Involving Alcohol Hover Above the National Norm

Since 2011, the percentage of fatal crashes that involve alcohol in Delaware has ranged between 30% and 45% which is consistently higher, albeit slightly, than the national average. In 2015, one in three of all fatal crashes statewide involved alcohol use by the driver (41 alcohol-related traffic fatalities out of 126 total crash related fatalities).<sup>1</sup> This is a striking statistic, especially given that these deaths are entirely preventable.

In Delaware, during the year 2013, 20% of young adults aged 18-25 reported that they drove under the influence of alcohol in the past year.<sup>2</sup> However, national statistics indicate that only a fraction of those who report driving under the influence of alcohol have been arrested.<sup>3</sup> Driving after consuming alcohol can cause a myriad of consequences and unfortunately, the end result could be fatal.



<sup>1</sup> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2011-2015. <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest>

<sup>2</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2012/2013 <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Behavioral-Health-Barometer-2014/SMA15-4895>

<sup>3</sup> Jewett A, Shults RA, Banerjee T, Bergen G Alcohol-impaired driving among adults— United States, 2012. MMWR Morbi Mortal Wkly Rep. 2015;64(30):814-17.