The Effect of Alcohol on Traffic in Delaware

The impact of drinking alcohol on traffic in Delaware is significant. While only 5% of crashes were alcohol-related in 2013, 43% of fatalities were alcohol-related. Similarly, 42% of pedestrians killed were under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. A disproportionate number of alcohol-related fatalities occur in Sussex County, compared to the other two counties—in 2013 there were 20 fatal crashes in New Castle County, 6 in Kent County and 15 in Sussex County. The percentage of all traffic fatalities that are alcohol-related has remained fairly stable over the past five years. The Delaware State Police Annual Statistical Report also says there were 2865 DUI arrests in 2013, or an average of 8 per day on the road with the rest of us.

![Delaware Alcohol-related Traffic Fatalities graph](image)

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