

# Sobering Facts: Drunk Driving in SOUTH DAKOTA



# **Keep South Dakota safe.** Keep drunk drivers off the road.

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of alcohol-involved deaths and drunk driving and an overview of proven strategies to reduce or prevent drunk driving. The information can help local public health decisionmakers and community partners see gaps and identify relevant strategies to address the problem of drunk driving.

#### **Fast Facts**

- Drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08% or higher (i.e., drunk drivers) are considered alcohol-impaired by law.
- About one in three traffic deaths in the United States involve a drunk driver.
- Thanks to dedicated efforts, rates of drunk driving and alcohol-involved fatal crashes have gone down in recent years.
- Still, drunk drivers got behind the wheel millions of times in 2010.
- These data show what's happening in your state.

#### ALCOHOL-INVOLVED DEATHS

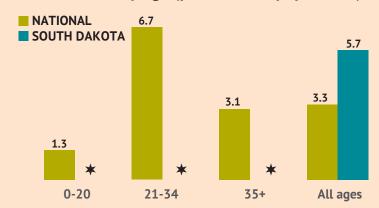
Persons Killed in Crashes Involving a Drunk Driver<sup>†</sup>

### Number of Deaths, 2003-2012

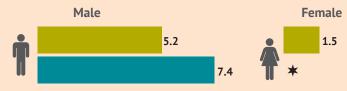


people were killed in crashes involving a drunk driver in South Dakota

## Rate of Deaths by Age (per 100,000 population), 2012



# Rate of Deaths by Gender (per 100,000 population), 2012



†Deaths in crashes involving a driver with BAC ≥ 0.08%. Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

**★** Fatality rates based on fewer than 20 deaths are suppressed.

#### DRUNK DRIVING

Percentage of Adults Who Report Driving After Drinking Too Much (in the past 30 days)

#### **NATIONAL**

report driving after drinking too much

### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

2.5%

report driving after drinking too much

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2012.

