



Figure 1: Fatality Victims in 2005 Multi-Unit Fatal Crashes.*

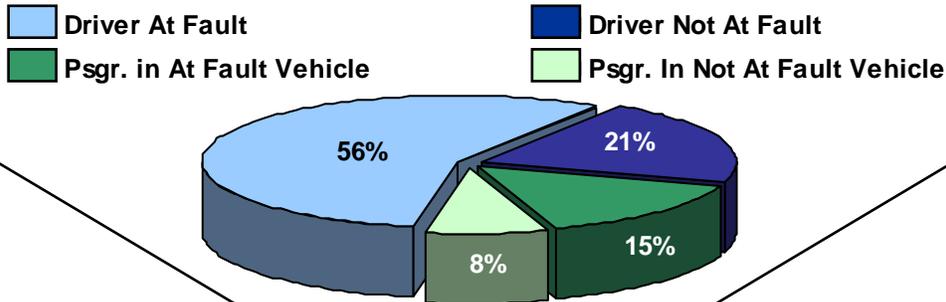


Figure 2: Sex of At-Fault Drivers (in 2005 Multi-Unit Fatal Crashes) Suspected of Alcohol or Drug Use.*

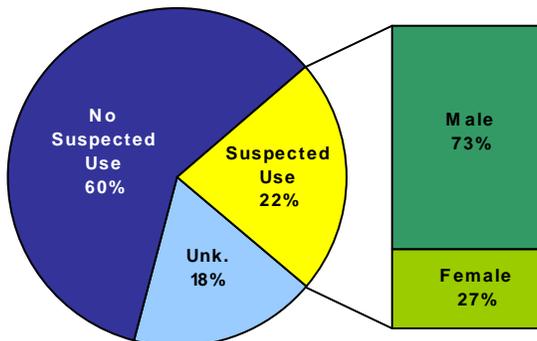
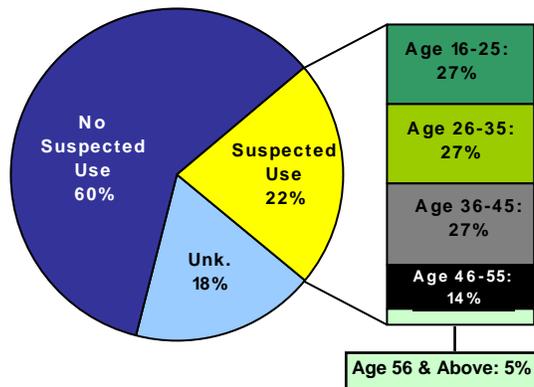


Figure 3: Age of At-Fault Drivers (in 2005 Multi-Unit Fatal Crashes) Suspected of Alcohol or Drug Use.*



WEEKLY FOCUS: AT-FAULT DRIVERS IN MULTI-UNIT FATAL CRASHES*

*(All data is from 2005, and is complete through approximately 12/20/2005)

- Sixty percent of all 2005 traffic fatalities occurred as a result of crashes involving 2 or more units (the remaining 40% were single-vehicle crashes).
- At-fault drivers were the most frequent victims in 2005 multi-unit crashes, comprising 56% of fatalities (see Figure 1).
- Sixty percent of at-fault drivers in 2005 multi-unit fatal crashes were not suspected of alcohol or drug use, while 22% were suspected of using alcohol/drugs, and 18% were reported as unknown (see Figure 2).
- Among impaired male drivers, those aged 26 to 45 were most frequently to blame in multi-unit fatal crashes; among impaired female drivers, 16 to 25 year-olds were most frequently at fault.
- Although failure to yield¹ and speeding² were the most common overall causes identified for multi-unit fatal crashes, impaired drivers were more likely than unimpaired drivers to veer left of center, commit improper lane changes or passing, or operate their vehicles in an erratic or reckless manner.



¹Includes "Failure to Yield" and "Ran Red Light or Stop Sign." ²Includes "Exceeded Speed Limit," "Unsafe Speed," "Followed Too Closely," and "Failure to Control."