

**MOTOR VEHICLE STATISTICS IN VIRGINIA
CALENDAR YEARS 1978 - 2000**

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Calendar Year	ALCOHOL-RELATED						DUI ARRESTS & CONVICTIONS			BAC Average
	Total Crashes	% of Total	Fatalities	% of Total	Injuries	% of Total	Arrests	Conviction	Conviction Rate	
1978	22,376	16.5%	402	37.2%	14,831	24.1%	32,958	9,110	27.6%	0.1730
1979	23,008	17.9%	375	37.0%	15,562	26.2%	35,842	9,924	27.7%	0.1719
1980	22,131	19.0%	374	35.8%	15,540	26.8%	39,163	10,686	27.3%	0.1725
1981	23,072	19.6%	393	38.8%	16,457	27.5%	44,953	11,724	26.1%	0.1651
1982	21,157	18.8%	330	37.5%	15,836	26.5%	49,742	24,089	48.4%	0.1749
1983	19,694	17.3%	336	37.3%	15,131	23.9%	44,919	40,507	90.2%	0.1705
1984	19,371	15.7%	359	35.4%	15,125	21.8%	42,907	38,462	89.6%	0.1709
1985	19,381	14.5%	479	48.9%	14,880	20.0%	42,864	37,167	86.7%	0.1685
1986	19,944	14.2%	492	44.0%	15,838	20.0%	43,509	38,251	87.9%	0.1684
1987	18,878	13.0%	418	40.9%	15,014	18.7%	45,400	40,170	88.5%	0.1641
1988	18,084	12.5%	522	48.8%	14,172	18.2%	46,044	38,760	84.2%	0.1633
1989	17,051	11.9%	480	48.0%	13,341	16.8%	46,977	40,553	86.3%	0.1620
1990	17,337	12.9%	535	50.0%	14,070	18.4%	49,601	42,274	85.2%	0.1607
1991	14,894	12.2%	429	45.7%	12,187	17.2%	45,309	38,422	84.8%	0.1599
1992	13,830	11.3%	379	45.2%	11,493	15.0%	40,107	32,840	81.9%	0.1597
1993	12,854	10.7%	397	45.4%	10,812	13.9%	35,318	29,513	83.6%	0.1613
1994	11,997	9.5%	376	40.6%	10,258	12.5%	33,043	28,788	87.1%	0.1539
1995	11,400	9.0%	360	40.0%	9,381	11.4%	31,373	27,553	87.8%	0.1384
1996	11,220	8.6%	346	39.8%	9,083	11.0%	30,288	27,921	92.2%	0.1425
1997	11,340	8.7%	302	30.8%	9,124	11.1%	30,473	26,922	88.3%	0.1398
1998	11,027	8.1%	336	36.0%	8,555	10.5%	30,012	26,657	88.8%	0.1373
1999	10,942	7.8%	364	41.5%	8,359	10.3%	32,954	28,553	86.6%	0.1354
2000	11,085	7.8%	355	38.2%	8,251	10.3%	N/A	27,424	N/A	0.1369

Note: Before July 1, 1982, those people who were found guilty of drinking and driving, and completed the VASAP programs successfully, could have their DUI charge reduce to one of the following:

1. Reckless Driving 2. Improper Driving 3. Dismissed 4. Other type of charges

However, Legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly, effective July 1, 1982, changed the law concerning DUI charges. Those people found guilty and convicted of DUI could not have their charges reduced -- regardless of whether they were referred or not referred to VASAP, it remained on their records. Therefore, this is the reason for the increase in DUI convictions after July 1, 1982.

Source: Alcohol-Related Crashes - Virginia Traffic Crash Facts
 DUI arrests (1978-1999) - VSP Uniform Crime Report
 DUI arrests (2000) - VSP Incident Based Crime Report

DUI convictions (1978-1984) - VASAP Annual Report
 DUI convictions (1985-2000) - DMV Conviction File
 BAC - Virginia Division of Forensic Science