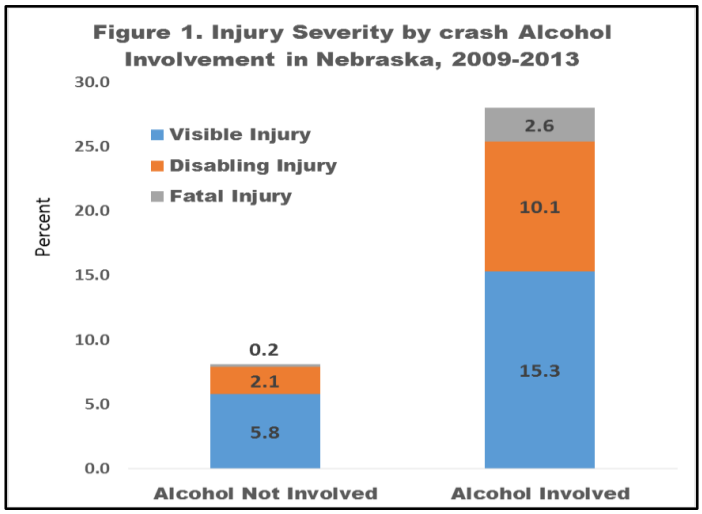
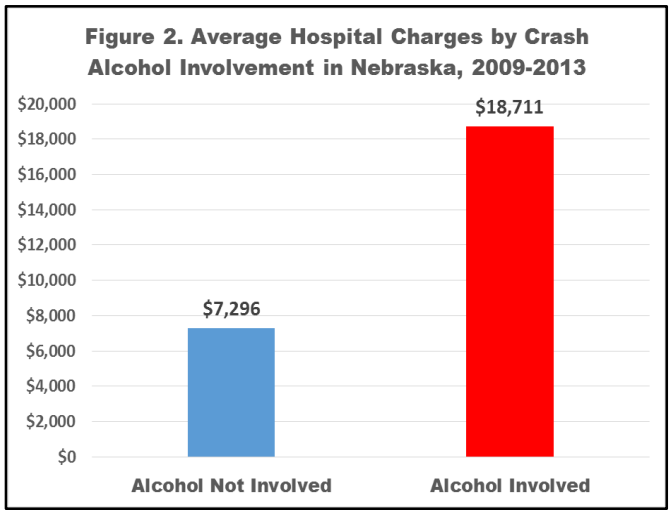
Nebraska CODES Traffic Safety Facts 2015

Alcohol and Crash Outcomes in Nebraska





From 2009 to 2013, 332 persons died from alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes, where at least one drunk driver was present. Persons in alcohol-involved crashes were much more likely to die (2.6% vs. 0.2%) or be severely injured (10.1% vs. 2.1%) than those in crashes where alcohol was not involved (Figure 1).

Average hospital charges per person for alcohol-involved crashes was $18,711. This number more doubled its counterpart (Figure 2). Recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicated that alcohol-related crashes cost society $50 billion in 2010 (the most recent year for which cost data is available). This conservative estimate did not include pain, suffering, or lost quality of life.

What you could do to save your own and others' lives?

- **Plan ahead.** Always designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.
- **Take the keys.** Do not let a friend drive if they are impaired.
- **Be a helpful host.** If you're hosting a party, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver; always offer alcohol-free beverages; and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

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