

Reckless Driving California Stat

Reckless driving in California, primarily driven by speeding and impaired driving, causes **over 1,000 fatalities annually**. Speeding contributes to roughly 30% of all motor vehicle fatalities, with over 1,300 deaths occurring annually. California ranks 1st in the U.S. for reckless driving, with over 1,200 fatal crashes involving speeding and thousands more linked to alcohol. [Omega Law Group +2](#)

Key California Reckless Driving Fatality Stats

- **Total Impact:** Between 2010 and 2020, 11,514 people died in speeding-related crashes.
- **Speeding Prevalence:** Over 1,000 traffic fatalities annually are linked to speeding, often representing over 30% of total motor vehicle deaths.
- **Drunk Driving:** Alcohol-impaired driving (BAC 0.08% or higher) accounts for roughly 1,000 to over 1,300 annual fatalities in California.
- **Distracted Driving:** In 2024, distracted drivers were involved in 6.2% of all collisions.
- **High-Risk Demographic:** Drivers aged 25 to 34 are among the most likely to engage in high-risk behaviors, including speed and impairment.
- **Location Trends:** Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties consistently see the highest number of fatal accidents. [Omega Law Group +3](#)

Fatal Reckless Behaviors

- **Speeding:** Peaked in 2020 with a fatality rate of 3.26 per 100,000.
- **Impairment:** Nearly 30,000 crashes in 2024 were linked to impaired drivers.
- **Fatal Trends:** Despite the overall dangers, fatal car accidents average over 3,700 per year, leading to over 4,000 total deaths. [CDPH \(.gov\) +2](#)