

Minnesota Inattentive Driving Facts

- In 2017–2021 in Minnesota, inattentive or distracted driving was a contributing factor in 135 fatal crashes resulting in 143 deaths.
- During the same period, fatalities resulting from inattentive-related crashes cost Minnesota over \$243 million.
- Driver inattention or distraction is a leading contributing factor in fatal crashes. In 2021, 27 people were killed in inattention-related crashes.
- In 2017–2021, inattention or distraction was cited in 5 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- Over the five-year period, 2017–2021, 55 percent of the inattention-related fatal crashes occurred in rural areas (less than 5,000 population).
- In 2017–2021, inattention or distraction accounted for 12 percent of the factors cited in fatal crashes for drivers under age 30, comparable to the 8 percent of the factors cited for drivers age 65 and older.

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