

# Illinois Crashes During Holidays

2008-2014

Memorial Day Weekend  
Fourth of July Holiday  
Labor Day Weekend  
Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend  
Christmas Holiday  
New Year's Holiday

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## Illinois Crashes During Memorial Day Weekend\*

Year	Number of Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	3.25	10	524	2,159	12	706	3.69
2013	3.25	3	404	1,894	3	599	0.92
2012	3.25	6	491	2,062	6	703	1.85
2011	3.25	10	477	2,164	13	714	4.00
2010	3.25	14	538	2,202	16	799	4.92
2009	3.25	17	514	2,139	30	757	9.23
2008	3.25	7	511	2,653	8	730	2.46

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm on Friday before Memorial Day to 11:59 pm of Memorial Day.

### Fatal Crashes During Memorial Day Weekend — Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
<b>Memorial Day 2014</b> 6:00 pm on 05/23/2014 – 11:59 pm on 05/26/2014	3.25	3	of	10	3	of	12
				30.0%			25.0%
<b>Memorial Day 2013</b> 6:00 pm on 05/24/2013 – 11:59 pm on 05/27/2013	3.25	2	of	3	2	of	3
				66.7%			66.7%
<b>Memorial Day 2012</b> 6:00 pm on 05/25/2012 – 11:59 pm on 05/28/2012	3.25	3	of	6	3	of	6
				50.0%			50.0%
<b>Memorial Day 2011</b> 6:00 pm on 05/27/2011 – 11:59 pm on 05/30/2011	3.25	5	of	10	6	of	13
				50.0%			46.2%
<b>Memorial Day 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 05/28/2010 – 11:59 pm on 05/31/2010	3.25	7	of	14	7	of	16
				50.0%			43.8%
<b>Memorial Day 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 05/22/2009 – 11:59 pm on 05/25/2009	3.25	9	of	17	18	of	30
				52.9%			60.0%
<b>Memorial Day 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 05/23/2008 – 11:59 pm on 05/26/2008	3.25	4	of	7	4	of	8
				57.1%			50.0%

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.

## Illinois Crashes During Fourth of July Holiday\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	3.25	12	460	1,987	18	675	5.54
2013	4.25	17	658	2,660	18	945	4.24
2012	1.25	3	187	758	4	280	3.20
2011	3.25	12	571	2,106	13	875	4.00
2010	3.25	10	538	2,101	10	793	3.08
2009	3.25	11	535	2,243	13	813	4.00
2008	3.25	13	539	2,696	15	805	4.62

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm on the day before the first full day of the holiday period to 11:59 pm on the last day of the holiday period.

### Fatal Crashes During Fourth of July Holiday – Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
<b>4th of July 2014</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/03/2014 – 11:59 pm on 07/06/2014</b>	3.25	<b>3</b>	of	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	of	<b>18</b>
				25.0%			16.7%
<b>4th of July 2013</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/03/2013 – 11:59 pm on 07/07/2013</b>	4.25	<b>6</b>	of	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	of	<b>18</b>
				35.3%			33.3%
<b>4th of July 2012</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/03/2012 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2012</b>	1.25	<b>1</b>	of	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	of	<b>4</b>
				33.3%			50.0%
<b>4th of July 2011</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/01/2011 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2011</b>	3.25	<b>8</b>	of	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	of	<b>13</b>
				66.7%			69.2%
<b>4th of July 2010</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/02/2010 – 11:59 pm on 07/05/2010</b>	3.25	<b>7</b>	of	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	of	<b>10</b>
				70.0%			70.0%
<b>4th of July 2009</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/02/2009 – 11:59 pm on 07/05/2009</b>	3.25	<b>4</b>	of	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	of	<b>13</b>
				36.4%			38.5%
<b>4th of July 2008</b> <b>6:00 pm on 07/03/2008 – 11:59 pm on 07/06/2008</b>	3.25	<b>9</b>	of	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	of	<b>15</b>
				69.2%			73.3%

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.

## Illinois Crashes During Labor Day Weekend\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	3.25	15	484	2,032	16	711	4.92
2013	3.25	10	518	2,107	10	775	3.08
2012	3.25	14	441	1,848	15	673	4.62
2011	3.25	9	497	1,968	9	710	2.77
2010	3.25	11	509	1,908	12	763	3.69
2009	3.25	5	470	1,879	6	701	1.85
2008	3.25	12	553	2,564	15	808	4.62

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm Friday before Labor Day to 11:59 pm of Labor Day.

## Fatal Crashes During Labor Day Weekend – Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
Labor Day 2014 6:00 pm on 08/29/2014 – 11:59 on 09/01/2014	3.25	3	of	15	3	of	16
				20.0%			18.8%
Labor Day 2013 6:00 pm on 08/30/2013 – 11:59 on 09/02/2013	3.25	6	of	10	6	of	10
				60.0%			60.0%
Labor Day 2012 6:00 pm on 08/31/2012 – 11:59 on 09/03/2012	3.25	6	of	14	6	of	15
				42.9%			40.0%
Labor Day 2011 6:00 pm on 09/02/2011 – 11:59 on 09/05/2011	3.25	3	of	9	3	of	9
				33.3%			33.3%
Labor Day 2010 6:00 pm on 09/03/2010 – 11:59 on 09/06/2010	3.25	1	of	11	1	of	12
				9.1%			8.3%
Labor Day 2009 6:00 pm on 09/04/2009 – 11:59 on 09/07/2009	3.25	2	of	5	2	of	6
				40.0%			33.3%
Labor Day 2008 6:00 pm on 08/29/2008 – 11:59 pm on 09/01/2008	3.25	7	of	12	10	of	15
				58.3%			66.7%

\* Fatal crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.

## Illinois Crashes During Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	4.25	13	559	2,878	15	840	3.53
2013	4.25	7	482	2,572	7	722	1.65
2012	4.25	8	501	2,615	9	737	2.12
2011	4.25	7	572	2,986	8	839	1.88
2010	4.25	13	501	2,791	15	746	3.53
2009	4.25	12	559	2,906	12	808	2.82
2008	4.25	9	644	3,846	10	965	2.35

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm on Wednesday before Thanksgiving to 11:59 pm on Sunday following Thanksgiving.

### Fatal Crashes During Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend – Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
Thanksgiving 2014 6:00 pm on 11/26/2014 – 11:59 pm on 11/30/2014	4.25	4	of	13	5	of	15
				30.8%			33.3%
Thanksgiving 2013 6:00 pm on 11/27/2013 – 11:59 pm on 12/01/2013	4.25	3	of	7	3	of	7
				42.9%			42.9%
Thanksgiving 2012 6:00 pm on 11/21/2012 – 11:59 pm on 11/25/2012	4.25	3	of	8	3	of	9
				37.5%			33.3%
Thanksgiving 2011 6:00 pm on 11/23/2011 – 11:59 pm on 11/27/2011	4.25	4	of	7	4	of	8
				57.1%			50.0%
Thanksgiving 2010 6:00 pm on 11/24/2010 – 11:59 pm on 11/28/2010	4.25	8	of	13	9	of	15
				61.5%			60.0%
Thanksgiving 2009 6:00 pm on 11/25/2009 – 11:59 pm on 11/29/2009	4.25	5	of	12	5	of	12
				41.7%			41.7%
Thanksgiving 2008 6:00 pm on 11/26/2008 – 11:59 pm on 11/30/2008	4.25	4	of	9	5	of	10
				44.4%			50.0%

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.

## Illinois Crashes During Christmas Holiday\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	4.25	6	421	2,166	7	594	1.65
2013	1.25	2	97	660	2	153	1.60
2012	4.25	10	530	2,861	10	815	2.35
2011	3.25	9	322	1,647	13	502	4.00
2010	3.25	8	516	3,047	9	803	2.77
2009	3.25	3	496	3,071	4	775	1.23
2008	4.25	7	589	4,878	8	844	1.88

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm on the day before the first full day of the holiday period to 11:59 pm on the last day of the holiday period.

### Fatal Crashes During Christmas Holiday – Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
<b>Christmas 2014</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2014 – 11:59 pm on 12/28/2014	4.25	2	of 33.3%	6	2	of 28.6%	7
<b>Christmas 2013</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2013 – 11:59 pm on 12/25/2013	1.25	2	of 100.0%	2	2	of 100.0%	2
<b>Christmas 2012</b> 6:00 pm on 12/21/2012 – 11:59 pm on 12/25/2012	4.25	2	of 20.0%	10	2	of 20.0%	10
<b>Christmas 2011</b> 6:00 pm on 12/23/2011 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2011	3.25	3	of 33.3%	9	5	of 38.5%	13
<b>Christmas 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 12/23/2010 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2010	3.25	1	of 12.5%	8	1	of 11.1%	9
<b>Christmas 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2009 – 11:59 pm on 12/27/2009	3.25	1	of 33.3%	3	1	of 25.0%	4
<b>Christmas 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2008 – 11:59 pm on 12/28/2008	4.25	2	of 28.6%	7	2	of 25.0%	8

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.

## Illinois Crashes During New Year's Holiday\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2014	4.25	10			10		2.35
2013	1.25	5	183	1,373	7	263	5.60
2012	4.25	6	478	2,635	7	668	1.65
2011	3.25	6	344	1,981	9	507	2.77
2010	3.25	6	340	1,782	6	551	1.85
2009	3.25	6	336	1,918	6	488	1.85
2008	4.25	10	460	2,305	10	658	2.35

\* Crashes that occurred from 6:00 pm on the day before the first full day of the holiday period to 11:59 pm on the last day of the holiday period.

### Fatal Crashes During New Year's Holiday – Total and Alcohol Related\*

Dates of Holiday Period	Number of Days	Fatal Crashes			Fatalities		
		Alcohol Related		Total	Alcohol Related		Total
<b>New Year's 2014</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2014 – 11:59 pm on 01/04/2015	4.25	5	of 50.0%	10	5	of 50.0%	10
<b>New Year's 2013</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2013 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2014	1.25	1	of 20.0%	5	3	of 42.9%	7
<b>New Year's 2012</b> 6:00 pm on 12/28/2012 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2013	4.25	2	of 33.3%	6	3	of 42.9%	7
<b>New Year's 2011</b> 6:00 pm on 12/30/2011 – 11:59 pm on 01/02/2012	3.25	3	of 50.0%	6	3	of 33.3%	9
<b>New Year's 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 12/30/2010 – 11:59 pm on 01/02/2011	3.25	3	of 50.0%	6	3	of 50.0%	6
<b>New Year's 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2009 – 11:59 pm on 01/03/2010	3.25	3	of 50.0%	6	3	of 50.0%	6
<b>New Year's 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2008 – 11:59 pm on 01/04/2009	4.25	3	of 30.0%	10	3	of 30.0%	10

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which at least one driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater.