

# **Illinois Crashes During Holidays**

**2004-2010**

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	
2010	3.25	14	538	2,201	16	799	4.92
2009	3.25	17	514	2,136	30	757	9.23
2008	3.25	7	511	2,653	8	730	2.46
2007	3.25	11	537	3,040	11	839	3.38
2006	3.25	20	659	3,159	20	1,004	6.15
2005	3.25	14	635	2,930	15	1,004	4.62
2004	3.25	17	704	3,429	22	1,098	6.77

\* 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 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%
<b>Memorial Day 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 05/25/2007 – 11:59 pm on 05/28/2007	3.25	2	of	11	2	of	11
				18.2%			18.2%
<b>Memorial Day 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 05/26/2006 – 11:59 pm on 05/29/2006	3.25	10	of	20	10	of	20
				50.0%			50.0%
<b>Memorial Day 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 05/27/2005 – 11:59 pm on 05/30/2005	3.25	6	of	14	6	of	15
				42.9%			40.0%
<b>Memorial Day 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 05/28/2004 – 11:59 pm on 05/31/2004	3.25	6	of	17	7	of	22
				35.3%			31.8%

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which a 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	
2010	3.25	10	539	2,101	10	794	3.08
2009	3.25	11	535	2,239	13	813	4.00
2008	3.25	13	539	2,696	15	805	4.62
2007	1.25	4	224	1,262	4	308	3.20
2006	4.25	21	852	4,021	21	1,298	4.94
2005	3.25	9	671	3,146	11	1,009	3.38
2004	3.25	6	748	3,632	6	1,148	1.85

\* 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 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 07/02/2010 – 11:59 pm on 07/05/2010	3.25	7	of	10	7	of	10
				70.0%			70.0%
<b>4th of July 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 07/02/2009 – 11:59 pm on 07/05/2009	3.25	4	of	11	5	of	13
				36.4%			38.5%
<b>4th of July 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 07/03/2008 – 11:59 pm on 07/06/2008	3.25	9	of	13	11	of	15
				69.2%			73.3%
<b>4th of July 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 07/03/2007 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2007	1.25	2	of	4	2	of	4
				50.0%			50.0%
<b>4th of July 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 06/30/2006 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2006	4.25	9	of	21	9	of	21
				42.9%			42.9%
<b>4th of July 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 07/01/2005 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2005	3.25	5	of	9	7	of	11
				55.6%			63.6%
<b>4th of July 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 07/02/2004 – 11:59 pm on 07/05/2004	3.25	4	of	6	4	of	6
				66.7%			66.7%

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which a 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	
2010	3.25	11	509	1,906	12	763	3.69
2009	3.25	5	470	1,874	6	701	1.85
2008	3.25	12	553	2,564	15	808	4.62
2007	3.25	17	646	2,974	20	993	6.15
2006	3.25	17	652	2,980	17	994	5.23
2005	3.25	17	641	2,770	17	950	5.23
2004	3.25	11	687	2,842	12	1,060	3.69

\* 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
<b>Labor Day 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 09/03/2010 – 11:59 pm on 09/06/2010	3.25	1	of 9.1%	11	1	of 8.3%	12
<b>Labor Day 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 09/04/2009 – 11:59 pm on 09/07/2009	3.25	2	of 40.0%	5	2	of 33.3%	6
<b>Labor Day 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 08/29/2008 – 11:59 pm on 09/01/2008	3.25	7	of 58.3%	12	10	of 66.7%	15
<b>Labor Day 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 08/31/2007 – 11:59 pm on 09/03/2007	3.25	7	of 41.2%	17	7	of 35.0%	20
<b>Labor Day 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 09/01/2006 – 11:59 pm on 09/04/2006	3.25	5	of 29.4%	17	5	of 29.4%	17
<b>Labor Day 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 09/02/2005 – 11:59 pm on 09/05/2005	3.25	9	of 52.9%	17	9	of 52.9%	17
<b>Labor Day 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 09/03/2004 – 11:59 pm on 09/06/2004	3.25	4	of 36.4%	11	5	of 41.7%	12

\* Fatal crashes or fatalities resulting from crashes in which a 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	
2010	4.25	13	501	2,780	15	743	3.53
2009	4.25	12	558	2,893	12	806	2.82
2008	4.25	9	644	3,846	10	965	2.35
2007	4.25	12	665	4,306	18	1,004	4.24
2006	4.25	17	648	3,977	20	964	4.71
2005	4.25	12	748	4,519	12	1,131	2.82
2004	4.25	13	726	4,842	19	1,115	4.47

\* 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
<b>Thanksgiving 2010</b> 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%
<b>Thanksgiving 2009</b> 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%
<b>Thanksgiving 2008</b> 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%
<b>Thanksgiving 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 11/21/2007 – 11:59 pm on 11/25/2007	4.25	7	of	12	11		18
				58.3%			61.1%
<b>Thanksgiving 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 11/22/2006 – 11:59 pm on 11/26/2006	4.25	7	of	17	7	of	20
				41.2%			35.0%
<b>Thanksgiving 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 11/23/2005 – 11:59 pm on 11/27/2005	4.25	8	of	12	8	of	12
				66.7%			66.7%
<b>Thanksgiving 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 11/24/2004 – 11:59 pm on 11/28/2004	4.25	1	of	13	3	of	19
				7.7%			15.8%

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## Illinois Crashes During Christmas Holiday\*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2010	3.25	8	515	3,034	9	802	2.77
2009	3.25	3	496	3,060	4	775	1.23
2008	4.25	7	589	4,876	8	844	1.88
2007	4.25	13	663	4,390	13	969	3.06
2006	3.25	9	394	2,641	10	584	3.08
2005	3.25	7	440	2,722	8	643	2.46
2004	3.25	19	599	3,681	22	927	6.77

\* 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 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 12/23/2010 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2010	3.25	1	of	8	1	of	9
				12.5%			11.1%
<b>Christmas 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2009 – 11:59 pm on 12/27/2009	3.25	1	of	3	1	of	4
				33.3%			25.0%
<b>Christmas 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 12/24/2008 – 11:59 pm on 12/28/2008	4.25	2	of	7	2	of	8
				28.6%			25.0%
<b>Christmas 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 12/21/2007 – 11:59 pm on 12/25/2007	4.25	4	of	13	4	of	13
				30.8%			30.8%
<b>Christmas 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 12/22/2006 – 11:59 pm on 12/25/2006	3.25	7	of	9	8	of	10
				77.8%			80.0%
<b>Christmas 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 12/23/2005 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2005	3.25	2	of	7	3	of	8
				28.6%			37.5%
<b>Christmas 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 12/23/2004 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2004	3.25	9	of	19	10	of	22
				47.4%			45.5%

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

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2010	3.25	6	331	1,748	6	535	1.85
2009	3.25	6	336	1,918	6	488	1.85
2008	4.25	10	460	2,297	10	659	2.35
2007	4.25	11	622	4,796	11	914	2.59
2006	3.25	13	504	2,837	13	739	4.00
2005	3.25	8	460	2,475	8	667	2.46
2004	3.25	6	590	3,112	7	875	2.15

\* 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 2010</b> 6:00 pm on 12/30/2010 – 11:59 pm on 01/02/2011	3.25	2	of	6	2	of	6
				33.3%			33.3%
<b>New Year's 2009</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2009 – 11:59 pm on 01/03/2010	3.25	3	of	6	3	of	6
				50.0%			50.0%
<b>New Year's 2008</b> 6:00 pm on 12/31/2008 – 11:59 pm on 01/04/2009	4.25	3	of	10	3	of	10
				30.0%			30.0%
<b>New Year's 2007</b> 6:00 pm on 12/28/2007 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2008	4.25	5	of	11	5	of	11
				45.5%			45.5%
<b>New Year's 2006</b> 6:00 pm on 12/29/2006 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2007	3.25	6	of	13	6	of	13
				46.2%			46.2%
<b>New Year's 2005</b> 6:00 pm on 12/30/2005 – 11:59 pm on 01/02/2006	3.25	4	of	8	4	of	8
				50.0%			50.0%
<b>New Year's 2004</b> 6:00 pm on 12/30/2004 – 11:59 pm on 01/02/2005	3.25	2	of	6	3	of	7
				33.3%			42.9%

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