

Illinois Crashes During Holidays

2006-2012

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	
2012	3.25	6	492	2,061	6	704	1.85
2011	3.25	10	477	2,162	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
2007	3.25	11	536	3,040	11	838	3.38
2006	3.25	20	658	3,160	20	1,003	6.15

* 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
Memorial Day 2012 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%
Memorial Day 2011 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%
Memorial Day 2010 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%
Memorial Day 2009 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%
Memorial Day 2008 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%
Memorial Day 2007 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%
Memorial Day 2006 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%

* 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	
2012	1.25	3	187	759	4	280	3.20
2011	3.25	12	572	2,106	13	875	4.00
2010	3.25	10	539	2,101	10	794	3.08
2009	3.25	11	535	2,243	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	853	4,023	21	1,299	4.94

* 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
4th of July 2012 6:00 pm on 07/03/2012 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2012	1.25	1	of	3	2	of	4
				33.3%			50.0%
4th of July 2011 6:00 pm on 07/01/2011 – 11:59 pm on 07/04/2011	3.25	8	of	12	9	of	13
				66.7%			69.2%
4th of July 2010 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%
4th of July 2009 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%
4th of July 2008 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%
4th of July 2007 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%
4th of July 2006 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%

* 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	
2012	3.25	14	441	1,845	15	673	4.62
2011	3.25	9	497	1,967	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
2007	3.25	17	646	2,974	20	993	6.15
2006	3.25	17	652	2,985	17	994	5.23

* 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 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%
Labor Day 2007 6:00 pm on 08/31/2007 – 11:59 pm on 09/03/2007	3.25	7	of	17	7	of	20
				41.2%			35.0%
Labor Day 2006 6:00 pm on 09/01/2006 – 11:59 pm on 09/04/2006	3.25	5	of	17	5	of	17
				29.4%			29.4%

* 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	
2012	4.25	8	501	2,610	9	737	2.12
2011	4.25	7	572	2,987	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
2007	4.25	12	665	4,306	18	1,004	4.24
2006	4.25	17	648	3,976	20	964	4.71

* 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 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%
Thanksgiving 2007 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%
Thanksgiving 2006 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%

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Illinois Crashes During Christmas Holiday*

Year	Total Days	Crash Severity			Persons		Average Killed per Day
		Fatal	Injury	Total	Killed	Injured	
2012	4.25	10	529	2,852	10	815	2.35
2011	3.25	9	322	1,646	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	4,876	8	844	1.88
2007	4.25	13	663	4,390	13	969	3.06
2006	3.25	9	394	2,640	10	584	3.08

* 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
Christmas 2012 6:00 pm on 12/21/2012 – 11:59 pm on 12/25/2012	4.25	2	of	10	2	of	10
				20.0%			20.0%
Christmas 2011 6:00 pm on 12/23/2011 – 11:59 pm on 12/26/2011	3.25	3	of	9	5	of	13
				33.3%			38.5%
Christmas 2010 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%
Christmas 2009 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%
Christmas 2008 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%
Christmas 2007 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%
Christmas 2006 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%

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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	
2012	4.25	6	475	2,623	7	664	1.65
2011	3.25	6	344	1,978	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
2007	4.25	11	623	4,795	11	915	2.59
2006	3.25	13	504	2,837	13	739	4.00

* 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
New Year's 2012 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
New Year's 2011 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
New Year's 2010 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
New Year's 2009 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
New Year's 2008 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
New Year's 2007 6:00 pm on 12/28/2007 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2008	4.25	5	of 45.5%	11	5	of 45.5%	11
New Year's 2006 6:00 pm on 12/29/2006 – 11:59 pm on 01/01/2007	3.25	6	of 46.2%	13	6	of 46.2%	13

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