

# Quick Facts

## Illinois Crash Information 2003

### Speeding

Excessive speed is known to increase the likelihood of crashes, injuries, and fatalities for all types of drivers and vehicles.

	<u>All Crashes</u>	<u>Speeding-Related Crashes</u>
<b>Crashes:</b>	437,289	47,624
<b>Fatal Crashes:</b>	1,308	394
<b>Injury Crashes:</b>	88,585	14,516
<b>Total People Involved:</b>	989,697 <sup>b</sup>	109,867 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Total Fatalities:</b>	1,454 <sup>b</sup>	444 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Total Non-Fatal Injuries:</b>	131,279 <sup>b</sup>	21,664 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>To tals include occupants and non-occupants; e.g. 989,697 total people = 980,219 occupants + 9,478 non-o occupants

Excessive speed\* was a factor in 47,624 (10.9%) of all 437,289 crashes that occurred in Illinois in 2003. It was a factor in 394 (30.1%) of all 1,308 fatal crashes. Overall, 444 (30.5%) of all 1,454 traffic fatalities in Illinois in 2003 were speeding-related.

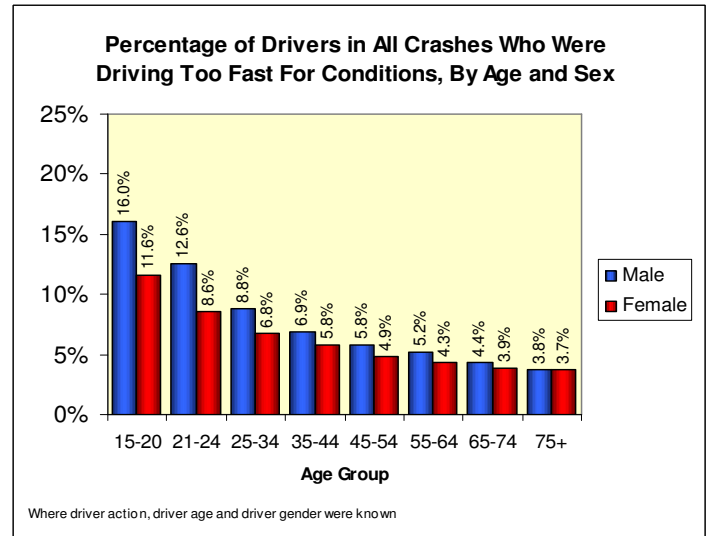
### Demographic Facts

Overall, 38,719 (7.7%) of all 461,658 drivers involved in crashes were driving too fast for conditions.<sup>†</sup> Among fatal crashes only, 348 (19.0%) of all 1,488 drivers were driving too fast for conditions.

- Younger drivers and male drivers were more likely to be driving too fast for conditions, as seen in the chart at right

Among all drivers who were driving too fast for conditions:

- 23,347 (64.5%) of all 36,199 drivers were male<sup>‡</sup>
- Among fatal crashes only, 278 (81.0%) of all 343 drivers were male<sup>‡</sup>
- 10,348 (28.7%) of all 36,086 drivers were aged 15-20 <sup>§</sup>
- Among fatal crashes only, 82 (23.9%) of all 343 drivers were aged 15-20 <sup>§</sup>



\* "Excessive speed" and "speeding-related" are defined as crashes in which at least one driver in the crash was driving too fast for conditions or in which exceeding the speed limit or excessive speed for conditions was listed by police as a cause of the crash

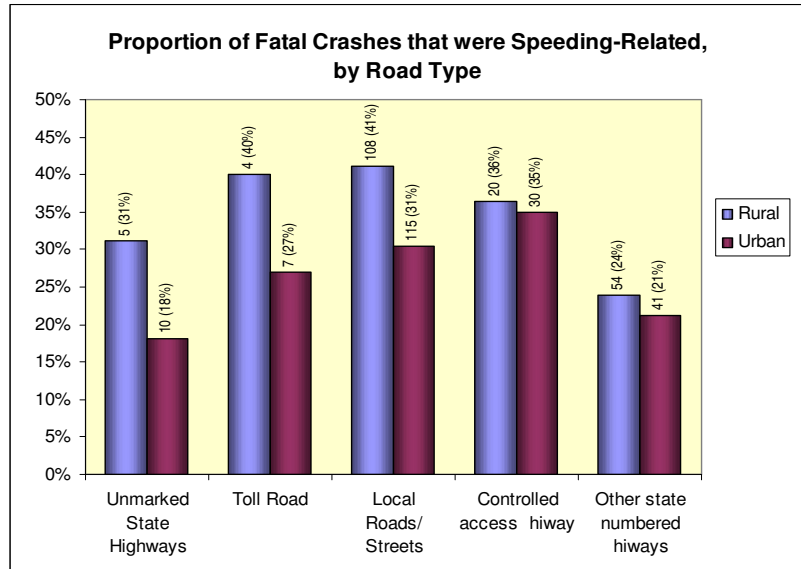
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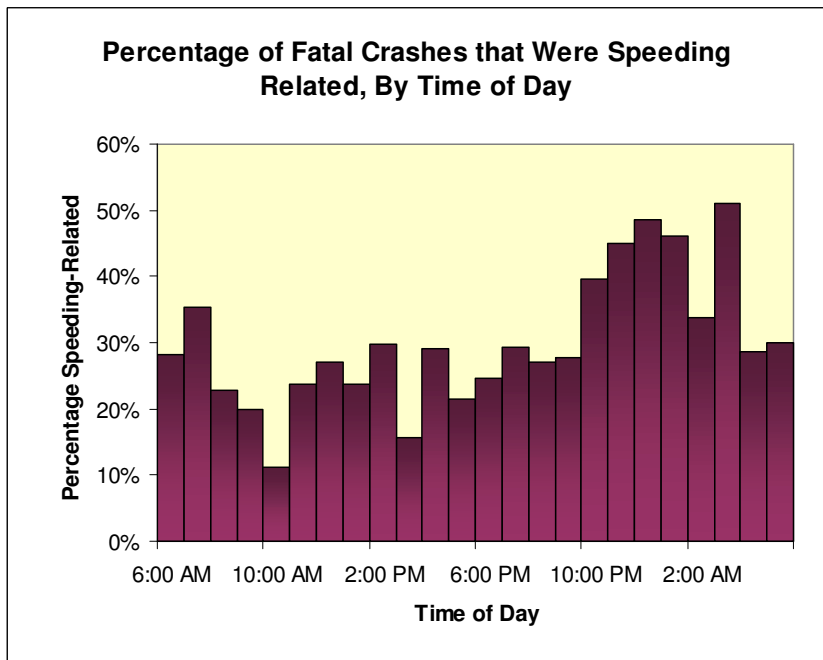
## Road Type

- 380,176 (86.9%) of all 437,289 crashes in Illinois in 2003 took place on roads or highways that were classified as "urban" use, but only 39,014 (81.9%) of all 47,624 speeding-related crashes took place on "urban" use roads
- Crashes on "rural" use roads were more likely to be speeding-related, particularly among fatal crashes
- 17,578 (36.9%) of all 47,624 speeding-related crashes took place in Cook County
  - In comparison, Cook County accounts for 32% of the average vehicle miles traveled in Illinois\*\*



## Fatalities by Time of Day

- Fatal crashes that occurred overnight were more likely to be speeding-related, especially between 10:00 pm and 3:59 am
- 155 (43.9%) of all 353 fatal crashes between 10:00 pm and 3:59 am were speeding-related, compared with 239 (25.0%) of all 955 fatal crashes during the rest of the day



## Pedestrians and Pedalcyclists Struck

- 238 (3.9%) of all 6,057 pedestrian crashes were speeding-related
- 20 (10.8%) of all 185 fatal pedestrian crashes were speeding-related
- 75 (2.3%) of all 3,208 pedalcyclist crashes were speeding-related
- 0 (0.0%) of all 17 fatal pedalcyclist crashes were speeding-related

\*\* Source: Illinois Travel Statistics 2003, Illinois Department of Transportation