

Lives Saved by Restraint Use and 21-Year-Old Minimum Legal Drinking Age Laws, and Additional Lives That Would Have Been Saved at 100-Percent Seat Belt and Motorcycle Helment Use, 1975-2017

Year	Lives Saved, Age 4 and Younger	Lives Saved, Age 5 and Older	Lives Saved, Age 13 and Older	Lives Saved, All Ages	Lives Saved Minimum Drinking Age Law*	Additional Lives That Would Have Been Saved at 100 Percent Use	
	Child Restraints	Seat Belts	Frontal Air Bags	Motorcycle Helmets	Seat Belts	Motorcycle Helmets	
1975	36	978	0	823	412	13,301	1,164
1976	20	796	0	788	436	13,851	1,189
1977	35	682	0	970	474	14,460	1,472
1978	25	679	0	900	509	15,541	1,588
1979	49	594	0	885	575	15,726	1,676
1980	49	575	0	871	595	15,730	1,744
1981	69	548	0	843	633	15,222	1,667
1982	75	678	0	816	578	13,250	1,528
1983	105	809	0	735	609	12,913	1,450
1984	126	1,197	0	813	709	13,227	759
1985	153	2,435	0	788	701	12,508	764
1986	166	4,094	0	807	840	12,728	751
1987	213	5,141	2	667	1,071	12,678	697
1988	248	5,959	5	622	1,148	12,674	644
1989	238	6,333	8	561	1,093	12,256	553
1990	222	6,592	37	655	1,033	11,761	541
1991	253	6,838	71	595	941	10,812	467
1992	292	7,020	108	641	795	10,195	323
1993	313	7,773	190	671	816	10,212	336
1994	420	9,219	309	625	848	9,507	339
1995	408	9,882	536	624	851	9,781	326
1996	480	10,710	783	617	846	9,459	324
1997	444	11,259	973	627	846	9,096	315
1998	438	11,680	1,208	660	861	8,690	369
1999	447	11,941	1,491	745	901	8,809	396
2000	479	12,882	1,716	872	922	8,245	478
2001	388	13,295	1,978	947	927	8,016	558
2002	383	14,264	2,324	992	922	6,837	576
2003	447	15,095	2,519	1,173	918	6,151	651
2004	455	15,548	2,660	1,324	927	5,874	673
2005	424	15,688	2,752	1,554	882	5,667	731
2006	427	15,458	2,824	1,667	888	5,468	756
2007	388	15,223	2,800	1,788	831	5,048	805
2008	286	13,312	2,557	1,836	716	4,171	827
2009	307	12,757	2,481	1,486	636	3,690	733
2010	303	12,670	2,403	1,551	560	3,356	711
2011	262	12,071	2,341	1,622	543	3,396	707
2012	285	12,386	2,422	1,715	537	3,030	782
2013	263	12,644	2,398	1,640	507	2,771	717
2014	253	12,801	2,400	1,673	486	2,877	661
2015	273	14,062	2,597	1,800	542	2,715	742
2016	334	14,753	2,774	1,885	556	2,471	805
2017	325	14,955	2,790	1,872	538	2,549	749
Total	11,606	374,276	50,457	45,746	31,959	386,719	34,044

*Estimated reductions in deaths that resulted from the presence of laws establishing a minimum legal age of 21 years for the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The table above presents estimates of the lives saved in 2017 and previous years (2018 not available) by various protective devices or laws. The estimates were obtained by combining information from fatal traffic crashes with estimates of the effectiveness of each device or law in saving lives. For seat belts and motorcycle helmets, the table also estimates the numbers of additional lives that could have been saved if the devices had been used by more people.