

2008 Operation NightCAP 15 Deadliest Impaired Driving Counties

2004–2006 Impaired Driving Fatalities, Serious Injuries, Costs and DWI Arrests

Source: Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety

COUNTY	Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities	Alcohol-Related Severe Traffic Injuries	Estimated Cost of Alcohol-Related Traffic Crashes	DWI Arrests
Anoka	29	75	\$37,293,500	6,174
Beltrami	8	24	\$10,464,000	1,238
Blue Earth	8	25	\$10,518,500	1,866
Cass	7	25	\$9,343,500	943
Crow Wing	18	24	\$21,815,000	1,908
Dakota	20	58	\$26,032,000	10,006
Hennepin	48	202	\$66,036,000	23,512
Olmsted	10	22	\$12,590,000	2,489
Ramsey	32	94	\$41,735,000	8,268
Rice	8	30	\$10,868,000	1,091
Sherburne	15	25	\$18,499,500	1,847
St. Louis	23	52	\$29,107,000	4,813
Stearns	17	44	\$21,831,000	3,486
Washington	12	29	\$15,191,500	4,620
Wright	17	33	\$21,259,500	2,224
15 County Total	272	762	\$352,584,000	74,485
State Total	540	1,369	\$691,222,500	113,361

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- Operation NightCAP (nighttime concentrated alcohol patrol) is a federally funded program that combines local, county and state law enforcement agencies to target specific roadways when impaired driving is likely.
- Beltrami, Cass, Olmsted and Rice counties are new to the list in 2008.
- Itasca and Scott counties made the list in 2007, but are removed for 2008.
- NightCAP efforts and results in recent years:
 - In 2007 — more than 250 NightCAP efforts resulted in 2,541 impaired driving arrests; 15,966 traffic citations; and 38,444 traffic stops — one DWI arrest for every 15 traffic stops.
 - In 2006 — nearly 290 NightCAP efforts resulted in 2,796 impaired driving arrests; 17,179 traffic citations; and 33,923 traffic stops — one DWI arrest for every 12 traffic stops.
 - In 2005 — more than 260 NightCAP efforts resulted in 1,610 impaired driving arrests; 11,934 traffic citations; and 25,541 traffic stops.
 - In 2004 — about 230 NightCAP efforts resulted in 1,356 impaired driving arrests; 11,515 traffic citations; and 21,776 traffic stops.