

# Statistics of Distracted Driving

**20%** of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.

Of those killed in distracted-driving-related crashes, **995** involved reports of a cell phone as a distraction (**18%** of fatalities in distraction-related crashes).



Margay Schee  
Dead at 13

In 2009, **5,474** people were killed in U.S. roadways and an estimated additional **448,000** were injured in motor vehicle crashes that were reported to have involved distracted driving.

The age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the under - 20 age group – **16%** of all drivers younger than 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving.



Chelsea Murphy  
Dead at 19

Drivers who use hand-held devices are **four times** as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.



Casey Feldman  
Dead at 21

According to some sources, using a cell phone use while driving, whether it's hand-held or hands-free, can delay a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of **.08** percent.

Join FDOT and its partners and make the safety pledge. No message, no phone call, nothing is worth driving while distracted. Next time you're behind the wheel, just **PUT IT DOWN**. For more information please visit us online at

[www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov).



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