

**DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES:
CANADA, 2008-2014
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INTRODUCTION

The following Charts provide national, provincial and territorial charge data for the drug-impaired driving offences. The figures include both adult and youth charges, and charges relating to motor vehicles, vessels and aircraft. The Charts are based on *CANSIM Table 252-0051: Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations* (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, 2015). The table contains a substantial amount of additional information, such as charge rates per 100,000, which have not been included in the Charts.

The Charts only include drug-impaired driving charges from 2008 onwards. Statistics Canada did not provide any specific information on charges for drug-impaired driving prior to 2008, despite the fact that it has been prohibited since 1925. Rather, drug-related driving charges were included in the “total impaired driving” charges until July 1, 2008.

Statistics Canada currently provides no specific data on the outcome of the drug-impaired driving charges. Consequently, there is no means of determining the number of drug-impaired driving charges that resulted in convictions or the sentences that were imposed in these cases. Unfortunately, these data are simply included in the impaired driving totals. See *CANSIM Table 252-0053, Adult criminal courts, number of cases and charges by type of decision* (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, 2013); and *CANSIM Table 252-0056, Adult criminal courts, guilty cases by type of sentence* (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, 2013).

**Chart 1: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Canada, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	65,822	68,338	65,188	60,164	60,261	54,107	51,637
Drug-impaired driving charges as a percentage of total impaired driving charges	0.29%	1.16%	1.43%	1.56%	1.89%	2.21%	2.62%
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	188	796	929	941	1,140	1,194	1,355
Impaired operation causing death	0	2	2	2	3	6	4
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	3	11	11	19	11	8	15
Impaired operation	180	752	890	892	1,100	1,159	1,311
Failure to comply or refusal	4	22	23	23	21	15	20
Failure to provide blood sample	1	9	3	5	5	6	5

**Chart 2: Persons Charged for a Drug-Impaired Driving Offence,
by Jurisdiction: 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Canada	188	796	929	941	1,140	1,194	1,355
Alberta	29	86	136	133	126	103	154
British Columbia	23	128	111	118	211	164	133
Manitoba	7	21	29	41	36	36	59
New Brunswick	13	67	37	43	24	26	26
Newfoundland and Labrador	19	36	53	34	34	49	48
Northwest Territories	0	1	3	3	4	0	3
Nova Scotia	18	39	71	63	63	70	120
Nunavut	1	0	1	0	2	1	3
Ontario	66	317	323	284	277	312	328
Prince Edward Island	1	5	5	5	4	6	18
Québec	3	51	102	169	305	376	389
Saskatchewan	8	45	58	47	52	49	72
Yukon	0	0	0	1	2	2	2

**Chart 3: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Alberta, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	11,148	10,827	11,038	10,864	10,313	9,273	8,990
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	29	86	136	133	126	103	154
Impaired operation causing death	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	1	1	1	3	0	1	3
Impaired operation	28	78	131	121	123	99	148
Failure to comply or refusal	0	4	4	6	3	0	2
Failure to provide blood sample	0	2	0	3	0	0	1

**Chart 4: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
British Columbia, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	9,795	11,928	9,905	5,134	5,846	3,681	3,482
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	23	128	111	118	211	164	133
Impaired operation causing death	0	1	1	1	2	1	1
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	1	2	3	1	5	1
Impaired operation	23	125	105	113	204	151	127
Failure to comply or refusal	0	1	3	1	4	7	3
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

**Chart 5: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Manitoba, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	2,563	2,611	2,773	2,661	2,454	2,394	2,187
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	7	21	29	41	36	36	59
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Impaired operation	6	18	28	35	35	36	57
Failure to comply or refusal	1	0	0	5	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 6: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
New Brunswick, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	2,011	1,840	1,743	1,634	1,436	1,364	1,271
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	13	67	37	43	24	26	26
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Impaired operation	12	63	31	40	23	25	26
Failure to comply or refusal	0	3	6	1	1	1	0
Failure to provide blood sample	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 7: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Newfoundland and Labrador, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	921	918	936	847	956	869	797
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	19	36	53	34	34	49	48
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	2	0	1	0	0	2
Impaired operation	19	26	52	30	33	47	46
Failure to comply or refusal	0	8	1	3	1	2	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 8: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Northwest Territories, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	312	352	298	254	216	247	278
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	0	1	3	3	4	0	0
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation	0	1	3	3	4	0	3
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 9: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Nova Scotia, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	2,200	2,158	2,185	2,061	1,827	1,768	1,822
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	18	39	71	63	63	67	120
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	1	2	0	2	0	0
Impaired operation	17	38	69	59	60	70	116
Failure to comply or refusal	1	0	0	4	1	0	4
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 10: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Nunavut, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	141	151	109	84	109	98	109
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	1	0	1	0	2	1	3
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation	1	0	1	0	2	1	3
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 11: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Ontario, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	17,543	17,126	16,223	16,096	16,066	14,622	14,166
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	66	317	323	284	277	312	328
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	1	3	2	1	3	0	3
Impaired operation	63	306	313	278	260	301	314
Failure to comply or refusal	2	6	5	3	8	4	7
Failure to provide blood sample	0	2	2	2	5	5	3

**Chart 12: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Prince Edward Island, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	417	442	436	420	352	333	276
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	1	5	5	5	4	6	18
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Impaired operation	1	5	5	5	4	6	17
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 13: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Québec, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	13,773	15,150	14,557	15,122	15,531	14,403	13,586
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	3	51	102	169	305	376	389
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	1	0	3	6	2	2	3
Impaired operation	2	50	95	162	301	372	383
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	3	0	2	1	2
Failure to provide blood sample	0	1	1	0	0	1	0

**Chart 14: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Saskatchewan, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	4,758	4,604	4,728	4,751	5,005	4,897	4,493
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	8	45	58	47	52	49	72
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	2	0	2	2	0	0
Impaired operation	8	42	57	45	49	49	69
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Failure to provide blood sample	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

**Chart 15: Persons Charged for Drug-Impaired Driving, by Offence:
Yukon, 2008-2014**

Offence	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total impaired driving charges (drugs & alcohol)	240	231	257	236	150	158	180
Total drug-impaired driving charges:	0	0	0	1	2	2	2
Impaired operation causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation causing bodily harm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired operation	0	0	0	1	2	2	2
Failure to comply or refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample	0	0	0	0	0	0	0