



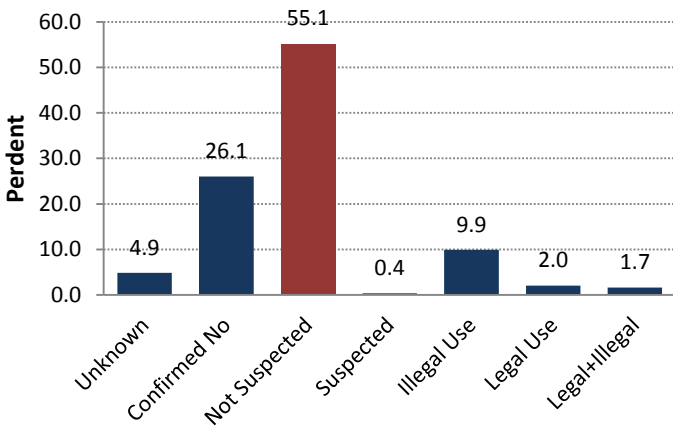
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DRUG USE AMONGST **ADULTS** IN MOTOR VEHICLE TRAUMA (MVT)

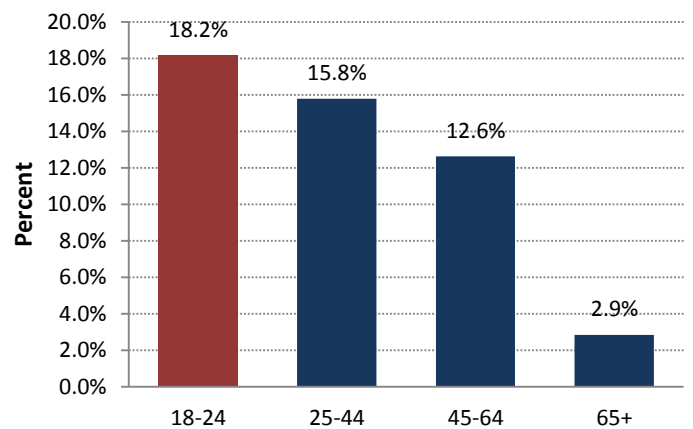
This Factsheet summarizes traffic-related motor vehicle (MVT) trauma among adult occupants (18 years of age and older). Drug use is defined as being suspected or confirmed by the health care provider*. The Arizona State Trauma Registry received the presented data in the factsheet from designated trauma hospitals in 2011. This analysis likely underestimates the extent of drug use as data are derived from only trauma centers.

Graph 1: Drug Use* Indicators



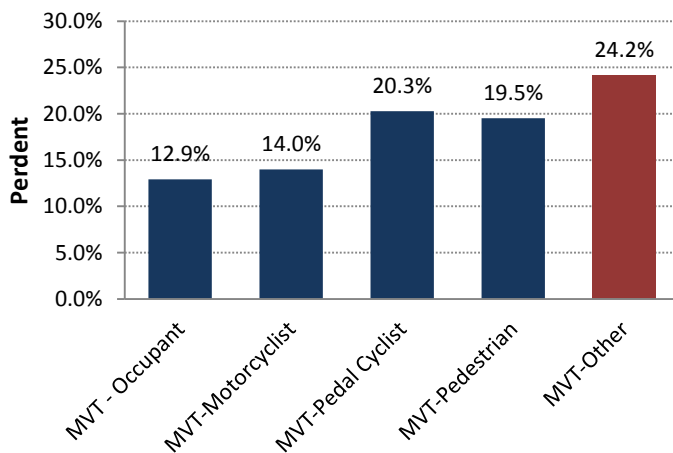
Graph 1 shows the drug use* in adult MVT trauma patients. A significant number of trauma patients (14%) used drugs.

Graph 2: Drug Use* by Age



Graph 2 shows that the highest rate drug use* in adult MVT trauma patients was seen in 18-24 year olds (18.2%).

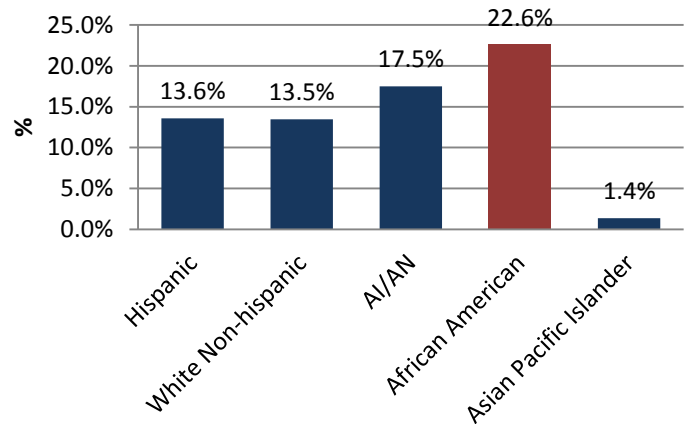
Graph 3: Drugs Use* by MVT



Graph 3 shows that MVT-Other has the highest drug use followed by MVT-pedal cyclist.

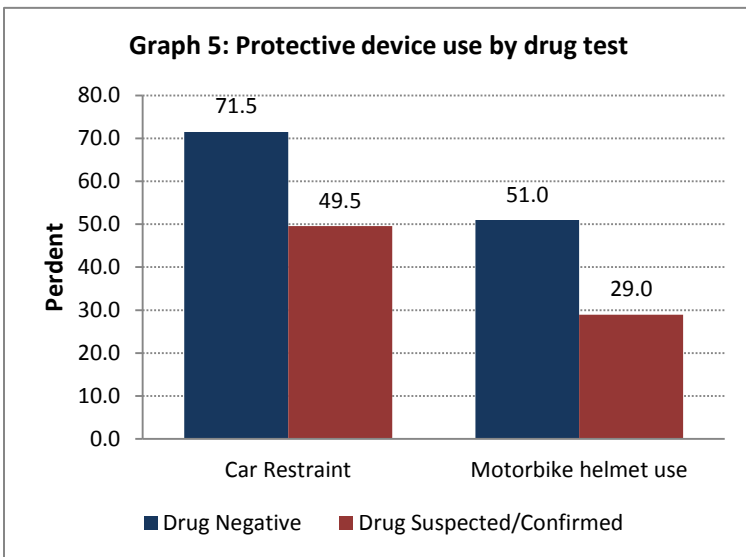
MVT-Other consists of injuries on all other vehicles that are not listed in the categories (e.g. ATV, off-road bikes).

Graph 4: Drug Use Suspected/Confirmed by Ethnicity

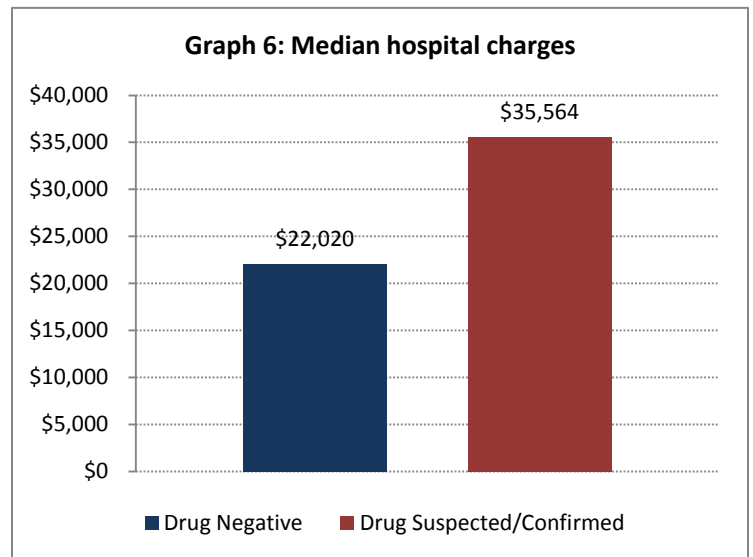


Graph 4 shows that African Americans and American Indian/Alaska Natives had the highest percentage of drug use* when involved in MVT trauma. The lowest rate was observed in Asian Pacific Islander.

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Graph 5 shows that people using drugs* are less likely to use protective devices such as car restraints or motorcycle helmets.



Graph 6 shows the drug use* in adult MVT trauma patients significantly raises the cost of medical treatment. The median difference in drug use* is \$13,544 per case.

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GOHS is determined to provide the leadership and funding to help reduce the threat of DUI drivers on Arizona's roadway. In 2011, there were 265 alcohol-related fatalities in Arizona (32.12% of all traffic fatalities). The Penalties for impaired driving in Arizona are severe and include: mandatory jail time, thousands of dollars in fines and court fees, driver license suspension, vehicle impoundment, and other costs. [Check out AZ DUI Laws.](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Governor's Office of Highway Safety: <http://www.azgohs.gov/>
- Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts: <http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/statistics/crash/index.asp>
- Arizona Department of Health Services: <http://www.azdhs.gov/>
- Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System: <http://www.azdhs.gov/bems/index.htm>



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