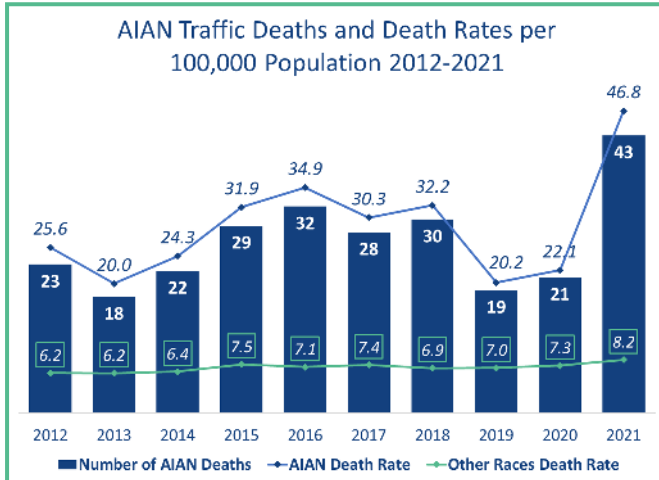




American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Traffic Deaths

Trends show the traffic death rate per 100,000 population consistently runs three to four times higher for AI/AN people, even if the actual number of traffic deaths varies from year to year. The AI/AN traffic death rate has trended slightly upward in the previous decade whereas for other races the rate remained unchanged.



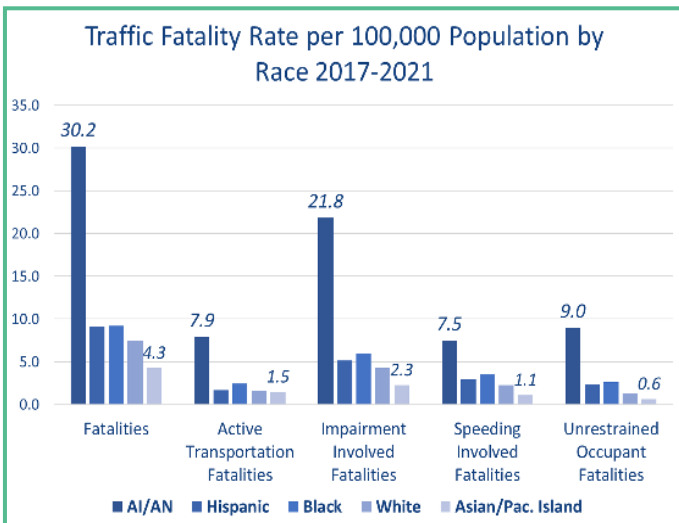
I care, because only one of every hundred Washingtonians are AI/AN yet one of every twenty traffic fatalities are AI/AN people. Further, one of every fourteen unrestrained vehicle occupant fatalities are AIAN people. In the previous ten years Washington lost 265 AI/AN people to traffic death.

Impairment and not wearing seat belts are the most common high-risk behaviors leading to traffic death among AI/AN people.

AI/AN traffic death rates per 100,000 population reveal substantial disparities in risk leading to traffic deaths. An AI/AN active transportation user (walker or rollers) is almost five times more likely to be a traffic death victim compared to all other races. AI/AN people are also involved in high-risk driving behaviors at a higher rate than all other races, particularly impaired driving and not wearing seat belts. In addition to high proportions of AI/AN traffic deaths being unrestrained, seat belt observation surveys consistently show much lower seat belt use rates on tribal lands versus statewide seat belt use estimates.

Did you know?

- ⇒ From 2017-2021 47% of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred on county roads or reservation lands, versus 26% of all other races.
- ⇒ More than one-third of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred in Yakima County, versus 5% of all other races.
- ⇒ Almost half of AI/AN traffic fatalities were people ages 26-45, versus 32% of all other races.
- ⇒ Six percent of AI/AN traffic deaths were youth under age 18, versus 4% of all other races.
- ⇒ Nearly three of every four (72%) AI/AN traffic deaths involved impairment, versus 57% of all other races.
- ⇒ One-third of AI/AN deaths were unrestrained vehicle occupants, versus less than 20% of all other races.



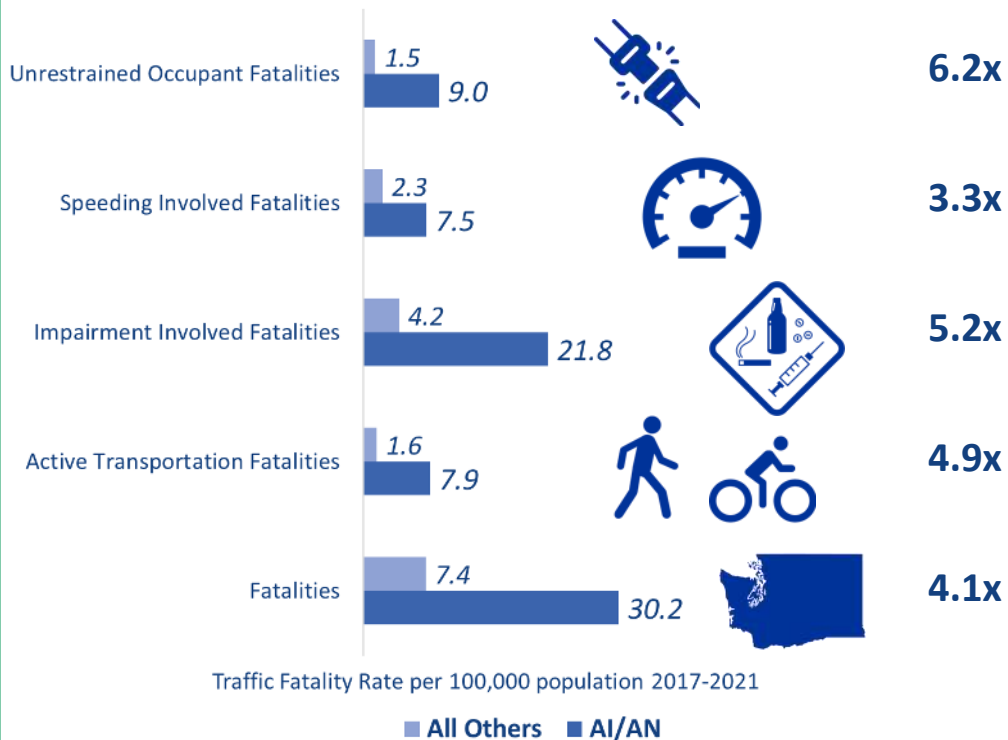
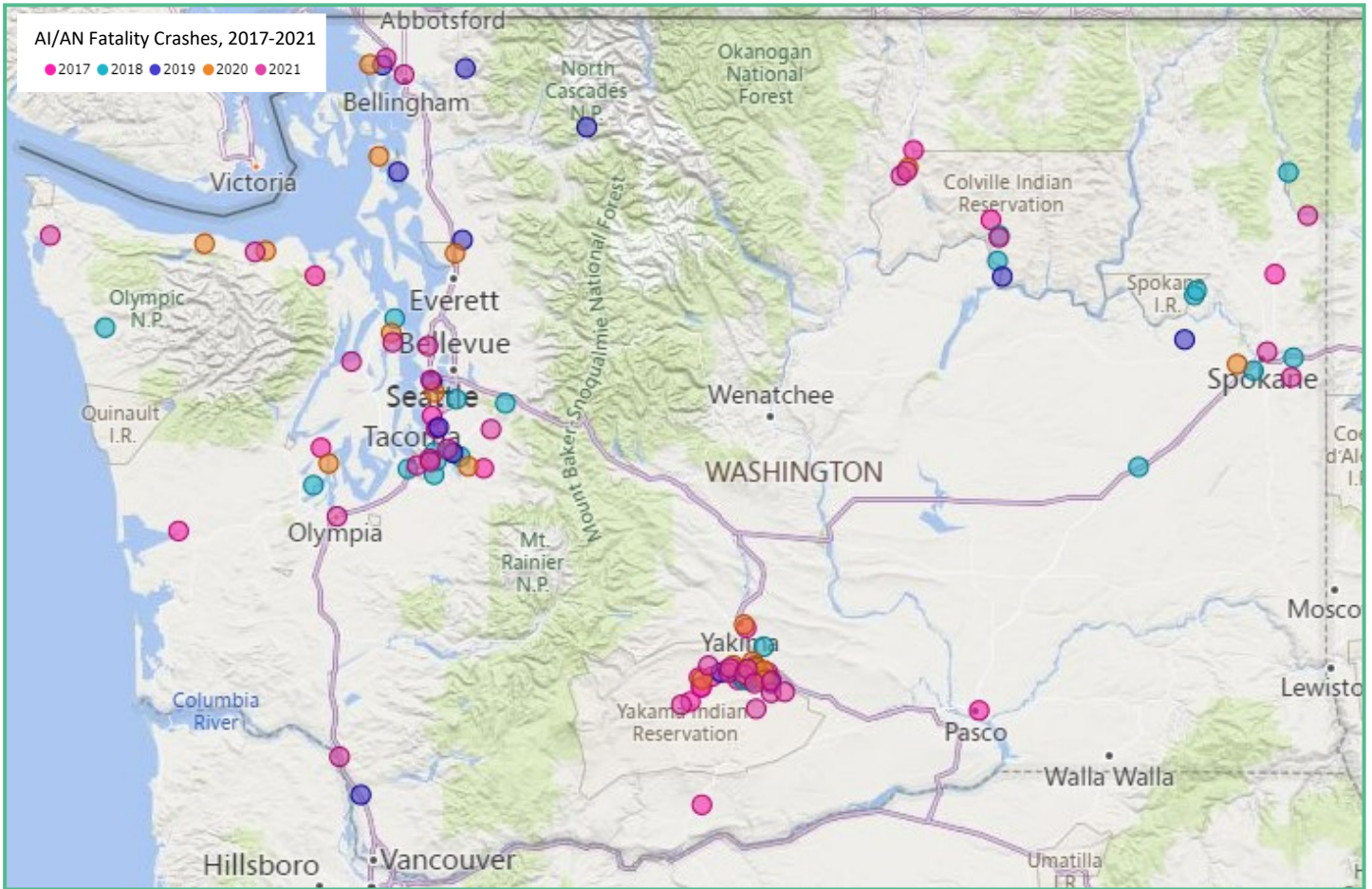
Data Sources

Washington Coded Fatal Crash (CFC) files, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Washington Population Estimates, The Office of Financial Management

For more information, please visit the American Indian/Alaska Native and Tribal Land data dashboard, <https://wtsc.wa.gov/research-data/ai-an-tribal-dashboard/> Or contact Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Research and Data Division (360) 725-9860.



American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Fatality Crashes 2017-2021



Did you know?

- ⇒ More than half (60%) of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred in just three counties; Yakima, King, and Okanogan. About one-quarter (27%) of other deaths occurred in these counties.
- ⇒ The AI/AN traffic death rate is more than four times higher than all other races.
- ⇒ AI/AN people are overrepresented among traffic death involving high-risk behaviors.