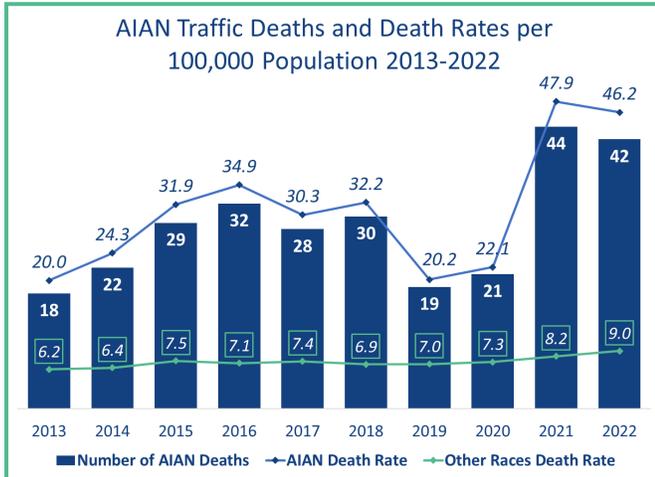




American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Traffic Deaths

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.



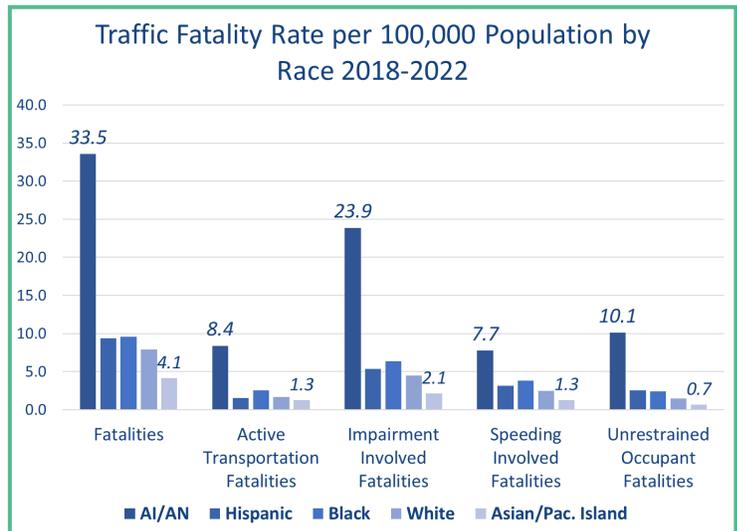
I care, because only one of every hundred Washingtonians are AI/AN yet one of every twenty traffic fatalities are AI/AN people. Further, one of every fourteen unrestrained vehicle occupant fatalities are AIAN people. In the previous ten years Washington lost 285 AI/AN people to traffic death.

Impairment and not wearing seat belts are the most common high-risk behaviors leading to traffic deaths 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 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 2018-2022 32% of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred on county roads or reservation lands, versus 25% of all other races.
- ⇒ Nearly one-third of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred in Yakima County, versus 6% of all other races.
- ⇒ More than half (53%) of AI/AN traffic fatalities were people ages 16-35, versus 37% of all other races.
- ⇒ Five 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.
- ⇒ Nearly one-third (30%) of AI/AN deaths were unrestrained vehicle occupants, versus 20% of all other races.



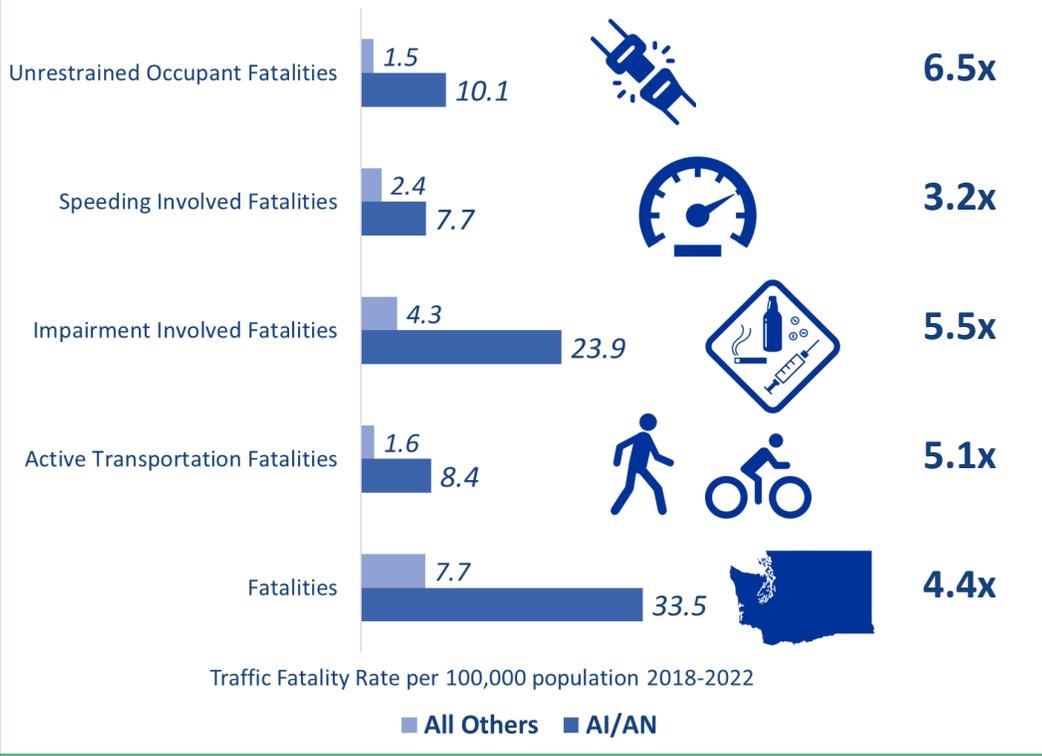
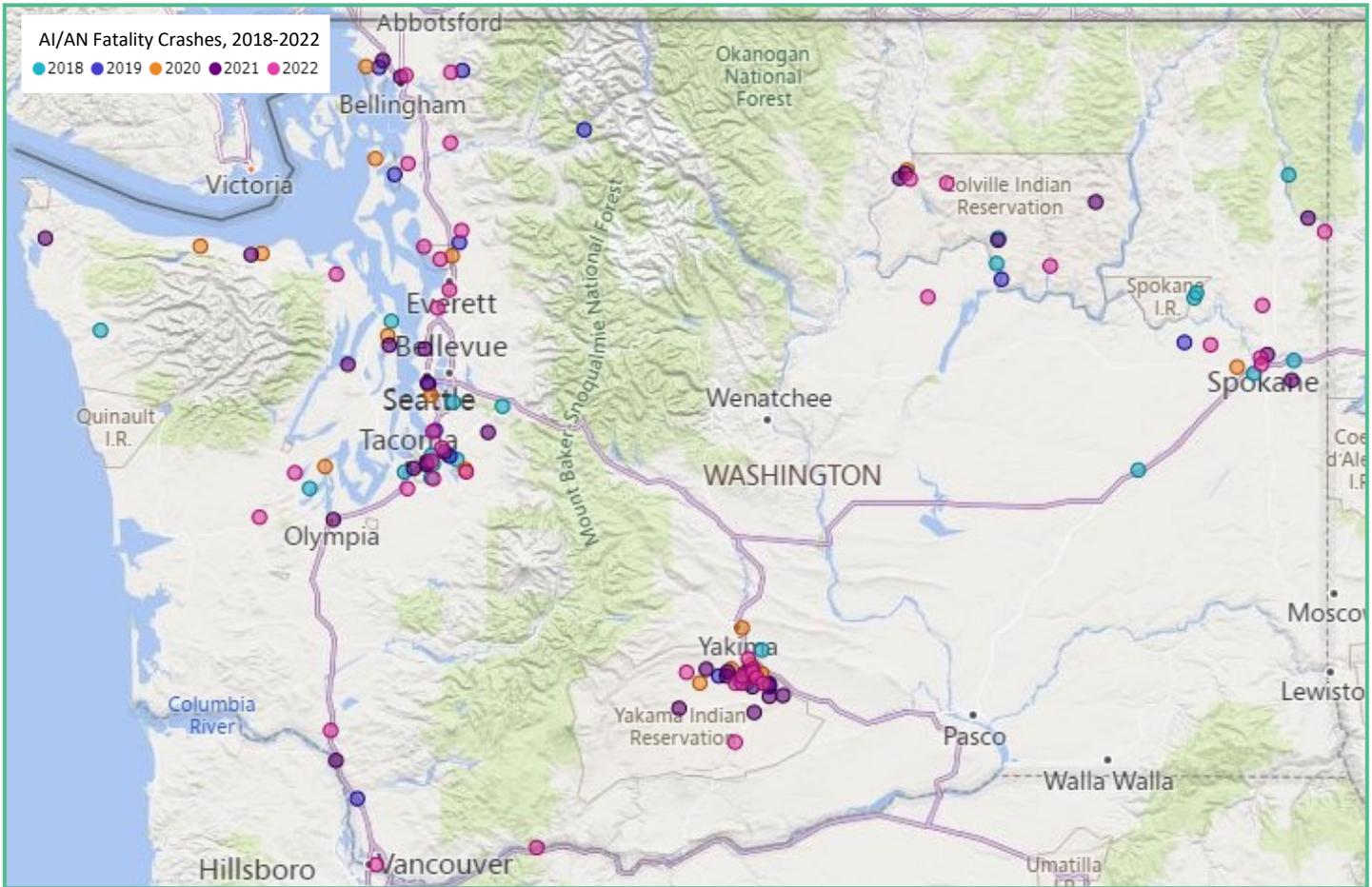
Data Sources

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/aian-tribal-dashboard/> Or contact Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Research and Data Division (360) 725-9860.



American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Fatality Crashes 2018-2022



Did you know?

- ⇒ More than half (58%) of AI/AN traffic deaths occurred in just four counties; Yakima, King, Spokane, and Okanogan. About 35% of all 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.