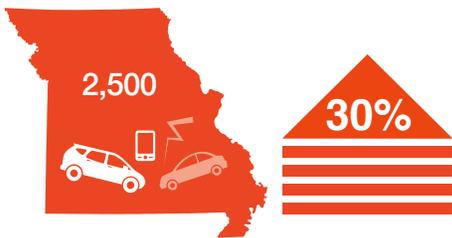


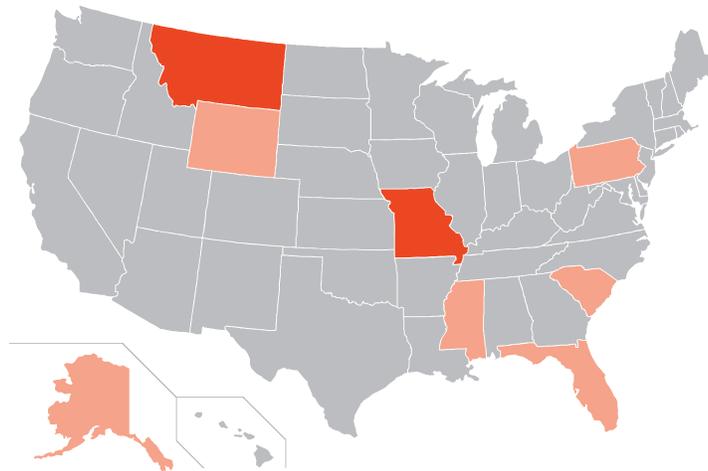
# The Dangers of Using CELL PHONES While Driving

**NEARLY  
9 in 10  
PEOPLE  
ENGAGE IN  
SMARTPHONE  
ACTIVITIES  
WHILE DRIVING.**  
(AT&T)

In 2020, more than 975 people lost their lives in Missouri traffic crashes, an increase of more than 10% from 2019.

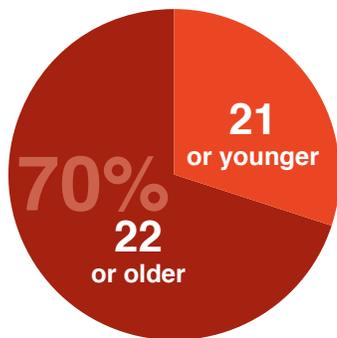


Over the past 5 years, cell phone related crashes in Missouri have increased by 30%, with nearly 2,500 crashes in 2019.



Missouri is ONE of TWO states without a no texting law for all drivers...

...and ONE of EIGHT states without a hands-free law for either all drivers or novice drivers.



Distracted driving is not just a younger driver problem. Approximately 70% of drivers using cell phones in Missouri traffic crashes were 22 years of age or older.

**12 OUT OF 15  
STATES**

and the District of Columbia experienced a decrease in fatality rates within 2 years of passing a hands-free law.



These 15 states experienced an average decrease in the fatality rate of 15.3%.



Six states and the District of Columbia experienced a decrease of more than 20%.



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Sources: Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Transportation, AT&T, Governor's Highway Safety Association, and CTIA