

DUI Statistics

Alcohol-Related Fatalities			
Year	Total Number of Fatalities	Number Alcohol Related	% of Fatalities
1995	123	46	37%
1996	122	43	35%
1997	129	51	40%
1998*	77	25	32%
*1998 figures are from 01/01/98 to 08/26/98.			

Total DUI Arrests**	
Year	Total Number of Arrests
1995	2,831
1996	2,827
1997	3,467
** These are DUI arrests made by Delaware State Police only. This does not include all DUI arrests in Delaware.	

Number of DUI Actions from January 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998 (Pleas Bargains & Convictions)			
Age	Number	Age	Number
15	0	21	46
16	0	22	50
17	3	23	51
18	20	24	52
19	20	25..29	307
20	46	30..34	343
		Over 34	1,044
Total		1,982	

Special DUI Laws in Delaware

1. **Zero Tolerance** - If you are under 21 and you are arrested for DUI with a blood alcohol count of .02 or higher, you will lose your license automatically: for the first offense its for 2 months, second offense is 6 months, and third offense is 1 year. If you don't have a license you can be fined \$200 for the first offense and between \$400 and \$1,000 for any subsequent offenses.
2. **Underage Consumption** - If you are caught with alcohol (anywhere, not just in a car) and you are under 21, you will automatically lose your license for 1 to 6 months. If you do not have a license, you will be fined between \$100 and \$500.
3. **DUI - Driving Under the Influence** - If you drive with a blood alcohol level of more than .1%, you could face up to 1 year in prison and a fine of \$230 for the first offense. For the third and all subsequent offenses, DUI is a felony. That means anywhere from 2 to 5 years in prison and a fine of not less than \$2,000.

In addition to the above penalties and costs, DUI s costs you \$143.75 to get your license back and \$490.00 to take an alcohol program. The bottom line is, it's not worth it.