Alcohol Related Road Accidents in Germany - Status Till 2005

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In 2005, 22,004 alcohol-related injury accidents and 603 killed were registered in the official German accident database. These figures represent 6.5% of all injury accidents and 11.2% of all road accident fatalities.

Although alcohol-related accidents still contribute to a considerable amount to the overall number of injury accidents they have been declining steadily during the last decade - by more than 40% - whereas the overall number of injury accidents has declined by 13% during the same time. Moreover, the number of casualties shows a respectable downward trend. Especially the reduction in fatalities by 65% between 1995 and 2005 is far above average.

As a result the proportion of accident-involved road users influenced by alcohol decreased from 4.9% to 3.4% between 1995 and 2005 whereas the share of alcohol related casualties was reduced from 9.8% to 6.5% during the same period of time.

The presentation will give an overview of the development of alcohol-related injury accidents between 1995 and 2005 as well as an insight into their structure - with special emphasis on the topics of driver’s age and BAC-levels.

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