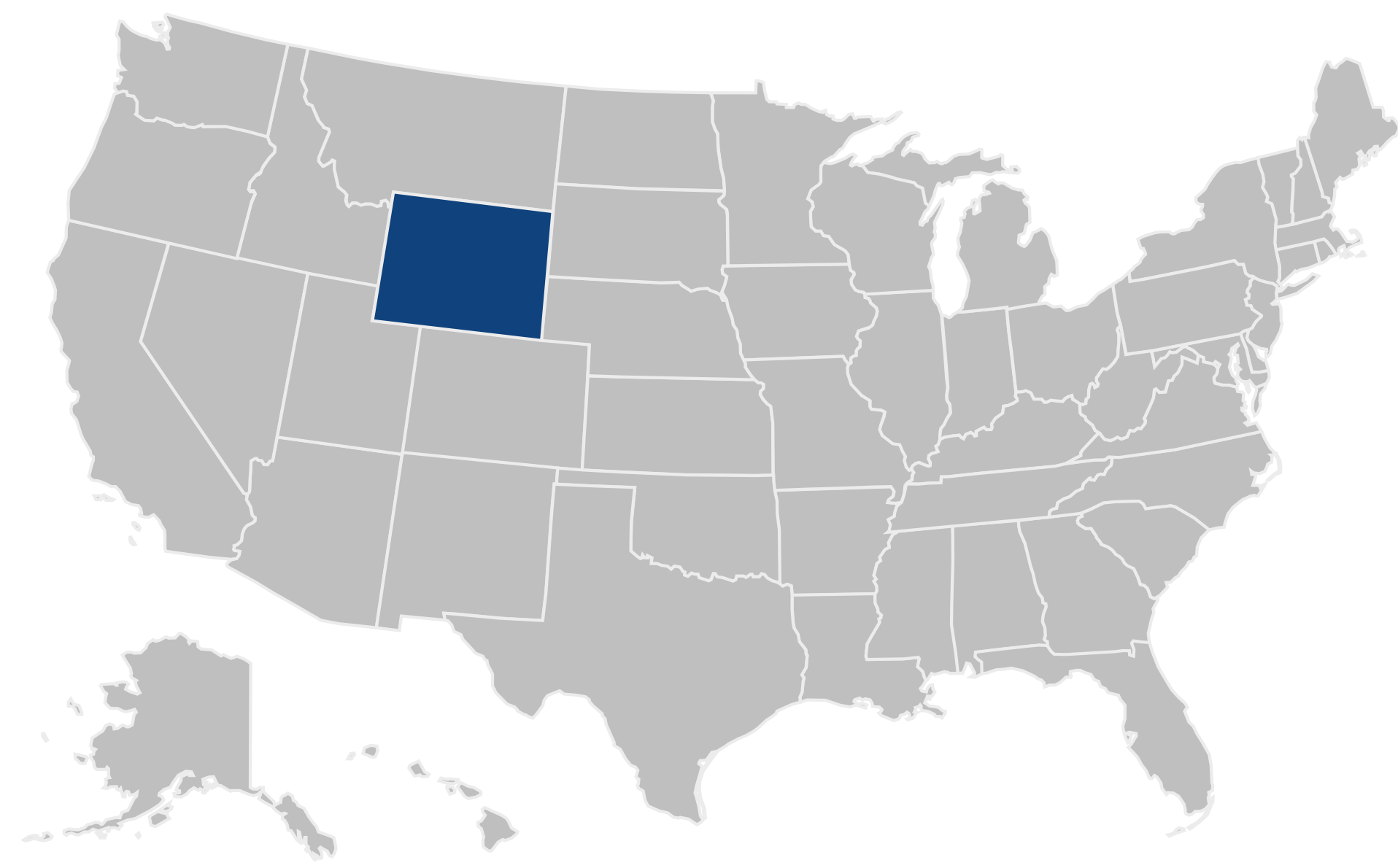


# MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH INJURIES IN WYOMING

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Wyoming consistently ranks among the top 10 states with the highest rates of motor vehicle crash fatalities.



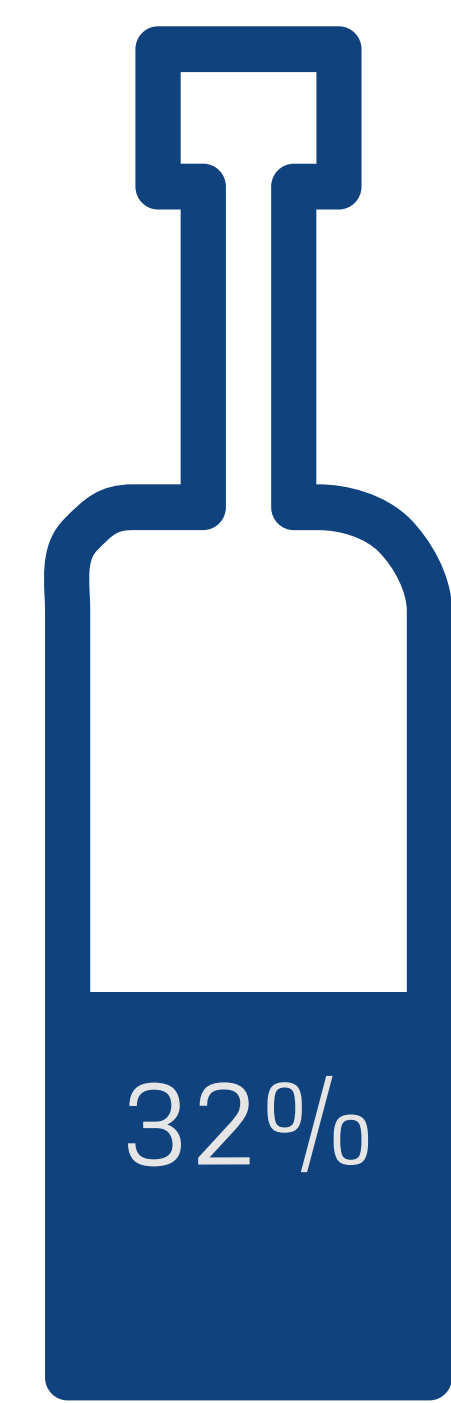
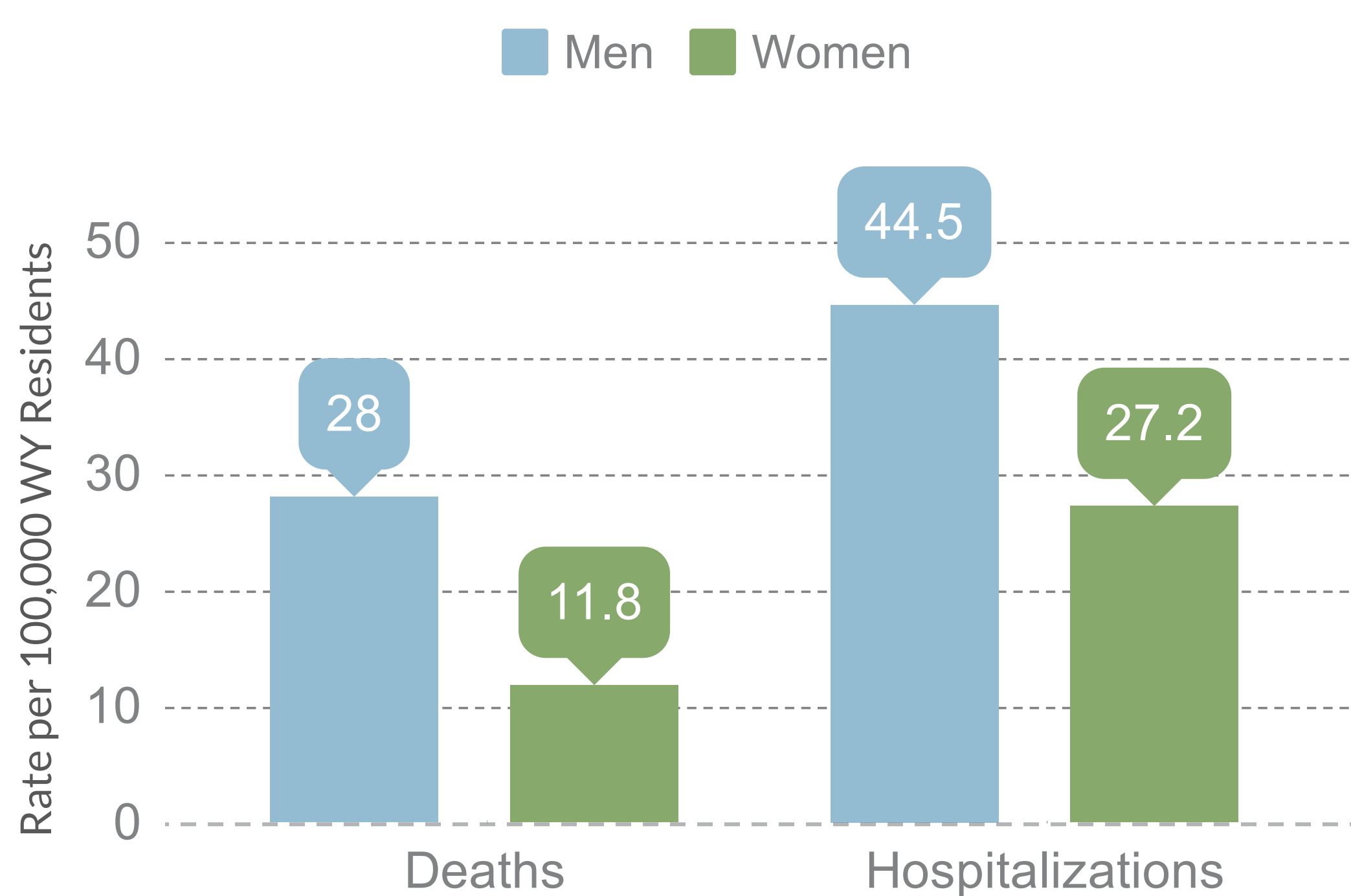
## Motor vehicle crash fatality rates are decreasing.

Motor vehicle crash fatality rates among Wyoming residents have significantly decreased from 22.2 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2004, to 16.6 deaths per 100,000 in 2017.

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The estimated combined lifetime work loss and medical cost per motor vehicle crash death among Wyoming residents in 2015.

Males have higher rates than females of motor vehicle crash deaths and hospitalizations.



In 2017, one third of fatal motor vehicle crashes in Wyoming involved alcohol.

32%

Most Wyoming adults 18+ years reported they wear a seat belt always or nearly always when they drive or ride in a car.



Always or Nearly Always (88%) All other (12%)

## Motor Vehicle Crashes Among Older Adults



Motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of injury-related death and hospitalization among Wyoming older adults, 65+ years.



Driving helps older adults stay mobile and independent. Programs such as the AARP Driver Safety Course as well as programs that promote increased strength and flexibility such as Tai Chi, may help older adults stay safer on the road.

# Contributing Factors

There are many factors that can increase your risk of a motor vehicle crash injury or death. Here are some things you can do that may reduce your risk of a crash:



Always wear a seat belt, as a driver or a passenger.



Choose not to drive while impaired by drugs, medications, or alcohol. Help others do the same.



Drive without distractions such as using a cell phone or texting.



Obey all traffic laws including speed limits.



If you have any question about injury prevention in Wyoming, please contact the Wyoming Injury and Violence Prevention Program at (307) 777-8034 or at [wah-wipp@wyo.gov](mailto:wah-wipp@wyo.gov).  
<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/prevention/wivpp/>



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