

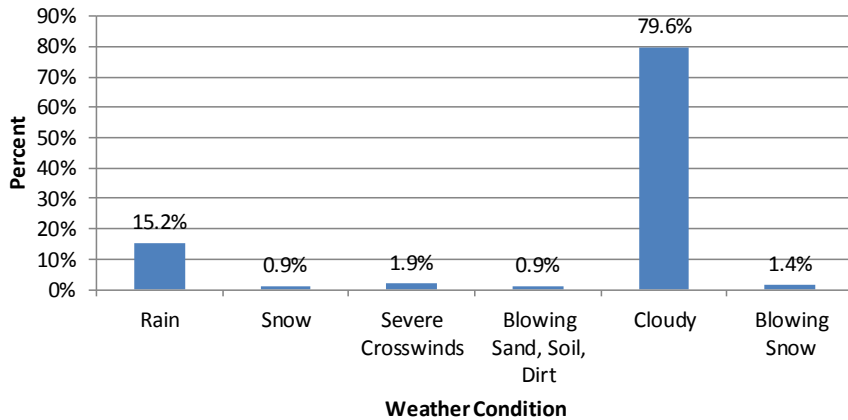


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## Weather Related Fatal Crashes

Figure 1: Fatalities during inclement weather conditions



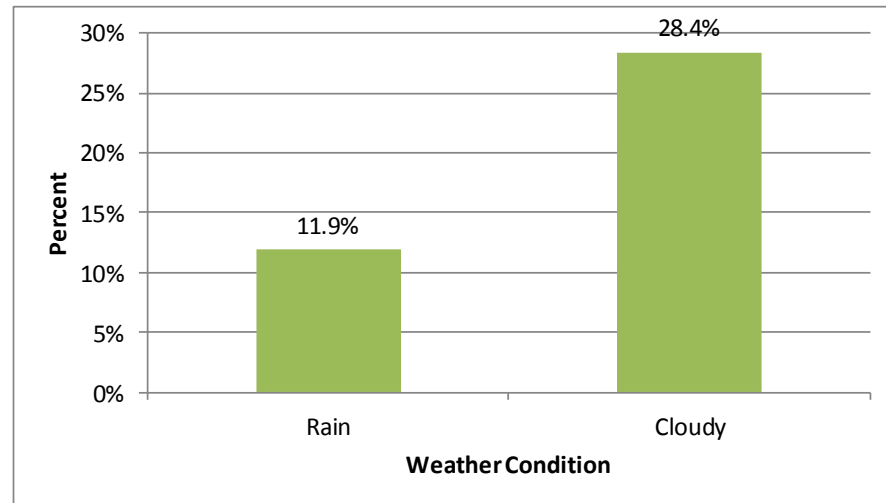
In 2012, there were 71 fatal crashes during times of inclement weather, killing a total of 211 people.

Of these fatalities, about 80% occurred during cloudy weather conditions, followed by 15% occurring during times of rain.

About 28% of fatalities during cloudy conditions and 12% during rainy conditions occurred when the driver was speeding.

ADOT and the Department of Public Safety offer these suggestions for driving during bad weather:

- **SLOW DOWN.** The posted speed limit may not be a safe speed to travel in bad weather.
- Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you and be aware of other vehicles.
- Do not enter a roadway that has been closed by barricades due to flooding, or where there is excess water in the roadway.
- Storm runoff can loosen boulders and rocks on slopes above highways. Stay alert in rockfall-prone areas.
- If traffic lights are out, treat an intersection just like a four-way stop.



### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Driver Services: <http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services>  
 Arizona Dept of Health Services: <http://www.azdhs.gov>  
 Motor Vehicle Crash Facts: <http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/Statistics>

Governor's Office of Highway Safety: <http://www.azgohs.gov>  
 Bureau of EMS & Trauma System <http://www.azdhs.gov/bems/index.htm>  
 NHTSA: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>



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