

A newsletter by **Taheri & Todoro, P.C.**, devoted to *Driving While Intoxicated law in New York State*  
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## Drinking by the Numbers: How Alcohol Builds Up in the Blood

As the holiday season approaches, alcohol-related arrests tend to increase. We thought it may be helpful for readers to see the effect of alcohol consumption on blood alcohol level. As of July of 2003, it is a crime to drive with a BAC of .08% or higher.

### Approximate blood alcohol percentage

#### Men

Drinks	Body weight in pounds							
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
1	.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02
2	<b>.08</b>	<b>.06</b>	<b>.05</b>	<b>.05</b>	.04	.04	.03	.03
3	.11	.09	.08	.07	<b>.06</b>	<b>.06</b>	<b>.05</b>	<b>.05</b>
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.08	.07	.06
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.11	.09	.09	.08
6	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11
8	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.13
9	.34	.28	.24	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14
10	.38	.31	.27	.23	.21	.19	.17	.16

#### Women

Drinks	Body weight in pounds								
	90	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
1	<b>.05</b>	<b>.05</b>	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02
2	.10	.09	<b>.08</b>	<b>.07</b>	<b>.06</b>	<b>.05</b>	<b>.05</b>	.04	.04
3	.15	.14	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	<b>.06</b>	<b>.06</b>
4	.20	.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08
5	.25	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
6	.30	.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11
7	.35	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13
8	.40	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15
9	.45	.41	.34	.29	.26	.23	.20	.19	.17
10	.51	.45	.38	.32	.28	.25	.23	.21	.19

Subtract .01 percent for each 40 minutes

One drink is 1.25 ounces of 80-proof liquor, 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of table wine

SOURCE : National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

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