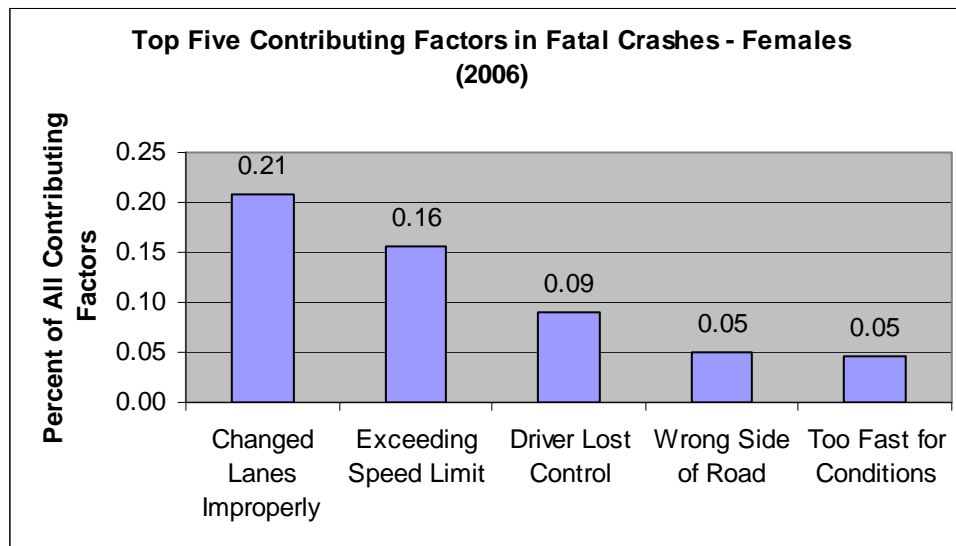


## Gender

In 2006, male drivers were involved in 57 percent of the total crashes and 72 percent of the fatal crashes, although they constituted only 48 percent of licensed drivers.

<b>Overall Crashes by Sex of Driver</b>								
Number and Rate per 10,000 Licensed Drivers								
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All Crashes</b>								
Females	Number	245,125	254,148	262,675	265,970	274,015	278,628	275,913
	Rate	870.2	834.9	837.2	913.0	918.0	907.3	867.1
Males	Number	341,779	350,017	359,681	361,897	375,103	378,864	371,793
	Rate	1,250.4	1,254.7	1,251.0	1,272.1	1,335.7	1,320.7	1,259.3
<b>Injury Crashes</b>								
Females	Number	71,315	73,293	74,032	74,848	77,195	78,241	75,408
	Rate	253.2	240.8	236.0	256.9	258.6	254.8	237.0
Males	Number	90,666	93,484	93,192	93,062	96,717	97,744	93,689
	Rate	331.7	335.1	324.1	327.1	344.4	340.7	317.3
<b>Fatal Crashes</b>								
Females	Number	658	682	635	679	719	726	704
	Rate	2.34	2.24	2.02	2.33	2.41	2.36	2.21
Males	Number	1601	1777	1637	1714	1734	1903	1828
	Rate	5.86	6.37	5.69	6.02	6.17	6.63	6.19

In 2006, ‘changing lanes improperly’ was the top contributing factor in fatal crashes for both males and females. However, ‘exceeding the speed limit’ was the second most prevalent contributing factor for females versus ‘driver lost control’ for males. ‘Following too close’ made the top five list for males but not for females, while ‘wrong side of the road’ made the female top five but not the male top five.



**Top Five Contributing Factors in Fatal Crashes - Males  
(2006)**

