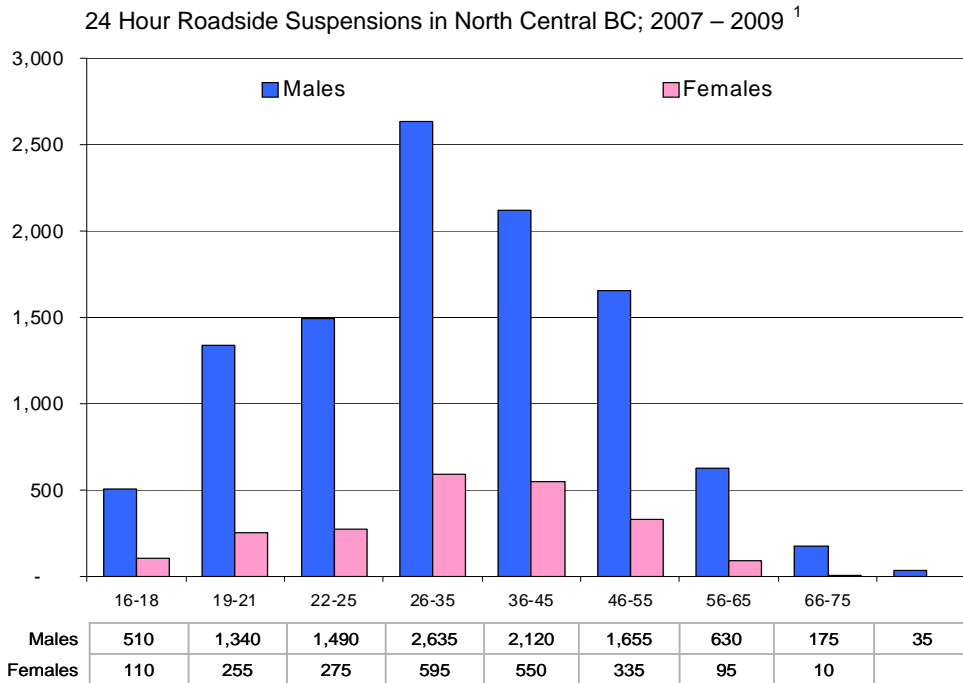


Driving while under the Influence

The Road-Health coalition was formed over five years ago in an effort to reduce the deaths and injuries that were occurring on our northern highways and resource roads.

The data below, provided by the Road-Health partners, indicates that driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs remains a problem in northern BC.



Source: ICBC, Business Information Warehouse. Special request for Northern Health. January 2010.

Substance use as a contributing factor to fatal MVIs in northern BC ²				
Year	Alcohol	Drugs	Alcohol & Drugs	Total
2004	18	3	1	22
2005	17	5	3	25
2006	17	1	3	21
2007	14	10	7	31
2008	6	6	5	17
Total	72	25	19	116

Substances detected by the BC Coroners Service included marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, and crystal meth, and a variety of prescription medications including narcotic analgesics and sedatives.

Source: BC Coroners Service; Special request for Northern Health. March 2010.



¹ 24 Hour Roadside suspensions in North Central BC: 2007 – 2009. ICBC, Business Information Warehouse. Special request for Northern Health: Project # 2010RDSO245-0. January 2010.

² BC Coroners Service: Northern Region Motor Vehicle Incident Fatalities: 1997 – 2009; Special update for Northern Health provided by Mr. Mike Green, BC Coroner North Region. March 2010.