

# WHY A DUI GOT MORE EXPENSIVE

PREVIOUS Average Cost  
of a First DUI in Colorado:  
**\$10,270**



NEW Average Cost  
of a First DUI in Colorado:  
**\$13,530**



**INCREASE:**  
**\$3,260**  
**(+32%)**

**IMPAIRED  
DRIVING CASES**  
in Colorado (FY16):

*DUI & DWAI cases*

**22,219**



## WHAT'S DRIVING THE INCREASE?

**THE AVERAGE IMPAIRED DRIVER IN  
COLORADO NOW QUALIFIES AS  
A PERSISTENT DRUNK DRIVER:**

**0.164** Statewide Average BAC (blood alcohol content) in DUI Cases (FY16)  
— more than twice the legal limit of .08

**0.15\*** BAC Threshold to be considered a Persistent Drunk Driver (PDD)  
— even if it's your first DUI.

**55%** Amount of cost increase due to average DUI now being PDD.

*\*Drivers who refuse chemical testing or have two or more impaired driving offenses are also considered PDD*

**TIME & DRINKS NEEDED  
FOR A 0.164 BAC:**



**Male**  
185 lbs.

**9 drinks in  
2 hours**



**Female**  
120 lbs.

**5 drinks in  
2 hours**



## COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A FIRST DUI

|                                      |         |                                   |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Detox/Jail                           | \$303   | Victim Assistance Fund            | \$163    |
| Towing Fee                           | \$175   | Victim Compensation Fund          | \$29     |
| Court Cost                           | \$26    | Ignition Interlock Rental/Service | \$2,172  |
| Car Storage Fee (per day)            | \$49.20 | Law Enforcement Assistance Fund   | \$90     |
| Defense Attorney (average)           | \$3,650 | License Reinstatement             | \$95     |
| Probation Alcohol/Drug Evaluation    | \$200   | Community Service Supervision Fee | \$60     |
| Rural Alcohol & Substance Abuse Fund | \$5     | Instruction permit                | \$16.80  |
| Alcohol/Drug Education/Treatment     | \$1,000 | Restricted License                | \$26     |
| Victim Impact Panel Program          | \$50    | PDD Surcharge Fee                 | \$300    |
| First Conviction Fine                | \$600   | Brain Injury Fund Fee             | \$20     |
| Probation Supervision Fee            | \$900   | Auto Insurance Increase           | \$3,600* |

**TOTAL \$13,530**

*\*Estimated for a driver age 21-24 over a 5-year period*



**THE COST OF THE AVERAGE FIRST TIME DUI IN COLORADO** was compiled by NoDUIColorado.org — an effort of the state's Persistent Drunk Driver Committee.

The PDD Committee conducts statewide public awareness about impaired driving and is comprised of the following agencies:

Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health | Colorado Department of Transportation | Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles | Colorado Judicial Branch