

Youthful Drivers

Table 36 shows the crashes involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2013, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2013, youthful drivers were involved in 2.5 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.7 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Change 2012-2013	Avg. Change 2009-2012
Total Crashes	5,393	5,177	4,648	4,796	4,825	0.6%	-3.7%
Fatalities	43	31	34	14	26	85.7%	-25.7%
Serious Injuries	283	274	211	230	214	-7.0%	-5.7%
Visible Injuries	791	927	784	782	785	0.4%	0.5%
Possible Injuries	1,769	1,719	1,541	1,541	1,524	-1.1%	-4.4%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	274	225	201	211	197	-6.6%	-7.9%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	12.8%	11.4%	10.7%	11.2%	10.5%	-6.6%	-4.0%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	62,912	62,467	62,674	62,094	62,398	0.5%	-0.4%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	-1.2%	-1.1%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.15	1.94	1.85	1.98	1.87	-5.5%	-2.5%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	37	27	28	12	22	83.3%	-26.8%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	9	6	8	3	5	66.7%	-20.8%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	24.3%	22.2%	28.6%	25.0%	22.7%	-9.1%	2.5%

**The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury Crashes divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.*

The 26 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 26 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 10 were the youthful drivers. Of the 10 youthful drivers killed, only 3 (30%) were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 8 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (5 of the 8 were killed in crashes involving youthful drivers). Of the 8 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, 2 (25%) were wearing seat belts.

While 70% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 77% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2013, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was nearly \$416 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).