

Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2014, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2014, 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.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013-2014	Avg. Change 2010-2013
Total Crashes	5,177	4,648	4,796	4,825	4,668	-3.3%	-2.1%
Fatalities	31	34	14	26	20	-23.1%	12.2%
Serious Injuries	274	211	230	214	198	-7.5%	-7.0%
Visible Injuries	927	784	782	785	812	3.4%	-5.1%
Possible Injuries	1,719	1,541	1,541	1,524	1,547	1.5%	-3.8%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	225	201	211	197	182	-7.6%	-4.1%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	11.4%	10.7%	11.2%	10.5%	9.4%	-10.0%	-2.5%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	62,467	62,674	62,094	62,398	62,895	0.8%	0.0%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	-0.7%	-0.9%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.94	1.85	1.98	1.87	1.69	-9.4%	-1.2%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	27	28	12	22	19	-13.6%	10.0%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	6	8	3	5	4	-20.0%	12.5%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	22.2%	28.6%	25.0%	22.7%	21.1%	-7.4%	2.3%

**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 20 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 26 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 8 were the youthful drivers. Of the 8 youthful drivers killed, only 2 (25%) were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 2 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (1 of them was killed in a crash involving a youthful driver). Of the 2 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, neither of them were wearing seat belts.

While 72% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 74% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2014, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was nearly \$381 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).