

Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2015, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2015, youthful drivers were involved in 2.5 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.8 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Change 2014-2015 | Avg. Change 2011-2014 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Crashes | 4,648 | 4,796 | 4,825 | 4,668 | 5,374 | 15.1% | 0.2% |
| Fatalities | 34 | 14 | 26 | 20 | 34 | 70.0% | 1.3% |
| Serious Injuries | 211 | 230 | 214 | 198 | 270 | 36.4% | -1.8% |
| Visible Injuries | 784 | 782 | 785 | 812 | 997 | 22.8% | 1.2% |
| Possible Injuries | 1,541 | 1,541 | 1,524 | 1,547 | 1,903 | 23.0% | 0.1% |
| Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes | 201 | 211 | 197 | 182 | 232 | 27.5% | -3.1% |
| % of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes | 10.7% | 11.2% | 10.5% | 9.4% | 12.0% | 27.5% | -3.9% |
| Licensed Drivers 15-19 | 62,674 | 62,094 | 62,398 | 62,895 | 65,264 | 3.8% | 0.1% |
| % of Total Licensed Drivers | 5.7% | 5.7% | 5.6% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 2.3% | -0.9% |
| Driver Involvement Rate* | 1.85 | 1.98 | 1.87 | 1.69 | 2.11 | 24.6% | -2.7% |
| Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes | 28 | 12 | 22 | 19 | 32 | 68.4% | 4.2% |
| Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 75.0% | -5.3% |
| % of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired | 28.6% | 25.0% | 22.7% | 21.1% | 21.9% | 3.9% | -9.7% |

**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 34 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 34 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 14 were the youthful drivers. Of the 8 youthful drivers killed, 1 was on an ATV, 2 were on Motorcycles and 11 were driving passenger motor vehicles. Only 4 (36%) of the youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 6 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (1 of them was killed in a crash involving a youthful driver). Of the 6 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, only one of them was wearing a seat belt.

While 71% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 67% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2015, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was nearly \$728 million dollars. This represents 19% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).