

## Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2018, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2018, 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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Change 2017-2018</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2014-2018</b>
Total Crashes	4,668	5,374	5,622	5,464	5,244	-4.0%	5.6%
Fatalities	20	34	27	31	36	16.1%	21.4%
Suspected Serious Injury	198	270	238	225	230	2.2%	6.3%
Suspected Minor Injury	812	997	1,011	886	976	10.2%	3.9%
Possible Injuries	1,547	1,903	1,986	1,795	1,991	10.9%	5.9%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	182	232	232	206	213	3.4%	5.4%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	9.4%	12.0%	12.0%	10.7%	11.1%	3.4%	5.5%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	62,895	65,264	65,940	71,523	69,727	-2.5%	4.4%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.6%	5.7%	5.7%	5.9%	5.6%	-6.1%	2.0%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.69	2.11	2.13	1.81	1.99	10.2%	3.5%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	19	32	25	27	29	7.4%	18.2%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	4	7	4	2	2	0.0%	-6.0%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	21.1%	21.9%	16.0%	7.4%	6.9%	-6.9%	-25.6%
<i>*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.</i>							

The 36 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 36 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 14 were the youthful drivers (2 were on motorcycles). Of the 12 youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles, 8 (67%) were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 4 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (all of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 4 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, none of them were wearing a seat belt.

While 74% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 62% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2018, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was nearly \$771 million dollars. This represents 19% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).