

Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2019, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2019, youthful drivers were involved in 2.4 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.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change 2018-2019	Avg. Change 2015-2018
Total Crashes	5,374	5,622	5,464	5,244	5,826	11.1%	-0.7%
Fatalities	34	27	31	36	18	-50.0%	3.5%
Suspected Serious Injury	270	238	225	230	184	-20.0%	-5.0%
Suspected Minor Injury	997	1,011	886	976	880	-9.8%	-0.3%
Possible Injuries	1,903	1,986	1,795	1,991	2,079	4.4%	1.9%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	232	232	206	213	170	-20.2%	-2.6%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	12.0%	12.0%	10.7%	11.1%	8.8%	-20.2%	-2.5%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	65,264	65,940	71,523	69,727	71,063	1.9%	2.3%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.7%	5.7%	5.9%	5.6%	5.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.11	2.13	1.81	1.99	1.60	-20.0%	-1.3%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	32	25	27	29	18	-37.9%	-2.2%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	7	4	2	2	3	50.0%	-31.0%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	21.9%	16.0%	7.4%	6.9%	16.7%	141.7%	-29.2%

**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 18 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 18 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 7 were the youthful drivers. Of the 7 youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles, only 1 (14%) was wearing a seat belt.

Additionally, there were 4 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (3 of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 4 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, one of them (25%) was wearing a seat belt.

While 74% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 67% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2019, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was just over \$575 million dollars. This represents 14% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).