

## Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2021, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2021, 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>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change 2020-2021</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2017-2020</b>
Total Crashes	5,464	5,244	5,826	4,689	5,961	27.1%	-4.1%
Fatalities	31	36	18	32	34	6.3%	14.6%
Suspected Serious Injury	225	230	184	195	229	17.4%	-3.9%
Suspected Minor Injury	886	976	880	826	978	18.4%	-1.9%
Possible Injuries	1,795	1,991	2,079	1,532	1,556	1.6%	-3.7%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	206	213	170	180	220	22.2%	-3.6%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	10.7%	11.1%	8.8%	10.7%	13.0%	22.2%	1.3%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	71,523	69,727	71,063	71,209	75,620	6.2%	-0.1%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.9%	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	2.6%	-2.9%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.81	1.99	1.60	1.97	2.35	19.1%	4.6%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	27	29	18	25	31	24.0%	2.8%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	2	2	3	8	5	-37.5%	72.2%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	7.4%	6.9%	16.7%	32.0%	16.1%	-49.6%	75.6%

*\*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, 16 were the youthful drivers. Of the 14 youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles, only 7 (50%) were wearing a seat belt. The other two youthful drivers killed were on motorcycles.

Additionally, there were 9 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (6 of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 9 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, only 3 of them (33%) were wearing a seat belt.

While 72% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 73% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2021, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was just over \$857 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).