

Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2022, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2022, youthful drivers were involved in 2.4 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.6 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2021-2022	Avg. Change 2018-2021
Total Crashes	5,244	5,826	4,689	5,961	5,898	-1.1%	6.2%
Fatalities	36	18	32	34	25	-26.5%	11.3%
Suspected Serious Injury	230	184	195	229	244	6.6%	1.1%
Suspected Minor Injury	976	880	826	978	1,051	7.5%	0.8%
Possible Injuries	1,991	2,079	1,532	1,556	1,370	-12.0%	-6.8%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	213	170	180	220	207	-5.9%	2.6%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	11.1%	8.8%	10.7%	13.0%	12.3%	-5.9%	7.6%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	69,727	71,063	71,209	75,620	78,681	4.0%	2.8%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%	1.4%	0.0%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.99	1.60	1.97	2.35	2.18	-7.2%	7.6%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	29	18	25	31	20	-35.5%	8.3%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	2	3	8	5	5	0.0%	59.7%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	6.9%	16.7%	32.0%	16.1%	25.0%	55.0%	61.4%

**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 25 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 25 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 8 were the youthful drivers. Of the 7 youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles, only 3 (43%) were wearing a seat belt. The other youthful driver killed was on a motorcycle.

Additionally, there were 5 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (3 of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 5 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, only 2 of them (40%) were wearing a seat belt.

While 71% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 75% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2022, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was just over \$746 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).