

Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2016, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2016, 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.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change 2015-2016	Avg. Change 2012-2015
Total Crashes	4,796	4,825	4,668	5,374	5,622	4.6%	4.2%
Fatalities	14	26	20	34	27	-20.6%	44.2%
Serious Injuries	230	214	198	270	238	-11.9%	7.3%
Visible Injuries	782	785	812	997	1,011	1.4%	8.9%
Possible Injuries	1,541	1,524	1,547	1,903	1,986	4.4%	7.8%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	211	197	182	232	232	0.0%	4.4%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	11.2%	10.5%	9.4%	12.0%	12.0%	0.0%	3.6%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	62,094	62,398	62,895	65,264	65,940	1.0%	1.7%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	5.7%	-0.8%	0.1%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.98	1.87	1.69	2.11	2.13	0.8%	3.2%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	12	22	19	32	25	-21.9%	46.0%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	3	5	4	7	4	-42.9%	40.6%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	25.0%	22.7%	21.1%	21.9%	16.0%	-26.9%	-4.2%

**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 27 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 27 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 9 were the youthful drivers. Of the 9 youthful drivers killed, 1 was on an ATV, 1 was on a motorcycle and 7 were driving passenger motor vehicles. Only 3 (43%) of the youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 9 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (5 of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 9 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, only two (22%) of them was wearing a seat belt.

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

In 2016, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was more than \$664 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).