Youthful Drivers

Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2017, more than one out of every five crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2017, youthful drivers were involved in 2.3 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.5 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

![Table 36](image)

The 31 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 31 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 11 were the youthful drivers. Only 5 (45%) of the youthful drivers of passenger motor vehicles were wearing seat belts.

Additionally, there were 10 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (6 of them were killed in crashes involving a youthful driver). Of the 10 teen passenger motor vehicle passengers killed in crashes, only 3 (30%) of them were wearing a seat belt.

While 73% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 70% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2017, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was more than $680 million dollars. This represents 16% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).