

## Youthful Drivers

Table 35 shows the crashes involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2009, nearly one out of every four crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2009, youthful drivers were involved in 2.6 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.9 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash.

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change 2008-2009</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2005-2008</b>
Total Crashes	7,309	6,216	6,734	5,909	5,393	-8.7%	-6.3%
Fatalities	38	38	42	39	43	10.3%	1.1%
Serious Injuries	377	403	426	348	283	-18.7%	-1.9%
Visible Injuries	1,156	1,233	1,127	881	791	-10.2%	-7.9%
Possible Injuries	2,471	2,342	2,234	1,919	1,769	-7.8%	-8.0%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	326	339	374	296	274	-7.4%	-2.2%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	13.5%	14.1%	14.9%	13.8%	12.8%	-7.4%	1.0%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	66,637	66,038	65,173	63,451	62,912	-0.8%	-1.6%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	6.6%	6.6%	6.3%	6.1%	6.0%	-2.4%	-2.6%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.04	2.15	2.37	2.26	2.15	-5.1%	3.7%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	35	35	36	36	37	2.8%	1.0%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	10	7	9	10	9	-10.0%	3.2%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	28.6%	20.0%	25.0%	27.8%	24.3%	-12.4%	2.0%

*\*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 43 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 43 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 16 were youthful drivers. Only 5 of the 16 youthful drivers killed (31%) were wearing seat belts.

Additionally there were 6 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (not necessarily crashes involving youthful drivers). Of the 22 teen passenger motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes, only 8 (36%) were wearing seat belts.

While 68% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 75% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2009, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was \$529.2 million dollars. This represents 21% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).