

Youthful Drivers

Table 36 shows the crashes involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2010, nearly one out of every four crashes involved a youthful driver. In 2010, 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.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2009-2010	Avg. Change 2006-2009
Total Crashes	6,216	6,734	5,909	5,393	5,177	-4.0%	-4.2%
Fatalities	38	42	39	43	31	-27.9%	4.5%
Serious Injuries	403	426	348	283	274	-3.2%	-10.4%
Visible Injuries	1,233	1,127	881	791	927	17.2%	-13.5%
Possible Injuries	2,342	2,234	1,919	1,769	1,719	-2.8%	-8.8%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	339	374	296	274	225	-17.9%	-6.0%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes	14.1%	14.9%	13.8%	12.8%	11.4%	-11.3%	-3.0%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	66,038	65,173	63,451	62,912	62,467	-0.7%	-1.6%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	6.6%	6.3%	6.1%	6.0%	5.8%	-2.0%	-3.1%
Driver Involvement Rate*	2.15	2.37	2.26	2.15	1.94	-9.5%	0.1%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	35	36	36	37	27	-27.0%	1.9%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	7	9	10	9	6	-33.3%	9.9%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	20.0%	25.0%	27.8%	24.3%	22.2%	-8.6%	7.9%

**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 31 people killed in youthful driver crashes were of all ages, not just youthful drivers. Of the 43 people killed in youthful driver crashes, 14 were youthful drivers. Only 7 of the 14 youthful drivers killed (50%) were wearing seat belts.

Additionally there were 6 teen passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes (not necessarily crashes involving youthful drivers). Of the 20 teen passenger motor vehicle occupants killed in crashes, only 8 (40%) were wearing seat belts.

While 67% of all crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in urban areas, 74% of the fatal crashes involving youthful drivers occurred in rural areas.

In 2010, the economic cost of crashes involving youthful drivers was \$466.0 million dollars. This represents 19% of the total cost of crashes (as shown in Table 4).