

Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Oklahoma Drivers Age 16-20

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Crash Involvement

Did you know that in Oklahoma in 2001, 8.6% of the total number of licensed drivers were age 16-20, while:

19.1% (26,820 of 140,647) of the drivers in all crashes were age 16-20?

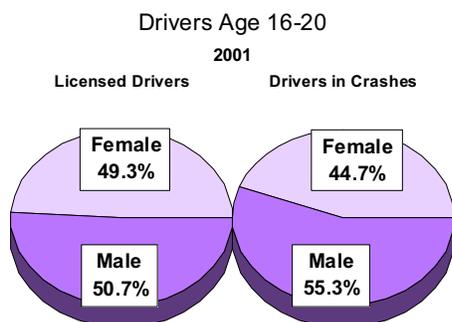
13.3% (58 of 436) of the drivers killed were age 16-20?

15.1% (703 of 4,671) of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug Related driver condition were age 16-20?

22.7% (3,635 of 15,993) of the drivers in crashes caused by unsafe speed were age 16-20?

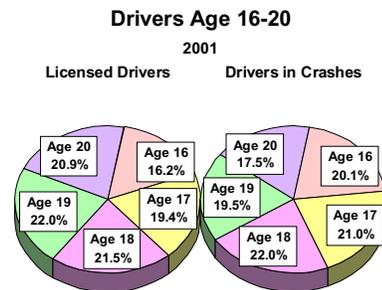
Gender Differences

In 2001, 50.7% of the licensed drivers age 16-20 were male and 49.3% were female. However, 55.3% of the drivers age 16-20 involved in crashes were male and 44.7% were female.



Driver Age

Some 19.1% (26,820 of 140,647) of the drivers in 2001 crashes, were age 16-20. The percentage of drivers age 16-18 involved in crashes was higher than the percentage of licensed drivers. Drivers age 19 and 20, however, had a higher percentage of licensed drivers than drivers involved in crashes.



Speed Related Crashes

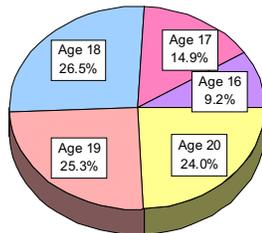
Some 22.7% (3,635 of 15,993) of the drivers in speed related crashes were age 16-20, more than any other age group. The next highest age group, age 21-25, had an involvement rate of 14.0% (2,238 of 15,993). Some 61.7% (2,242 of 3,635) of the drivers age 16-20 in unsafe speed crashes were male.

Of the drivers age 16-20 in unsafe speed crashes, 47.6% (1,731 of 3,635) were single vehicle crashes. Some 28.4% (492 of 1,731) of these crashes were caused by exceeding the legal limit, 17.3% (299 of 1,731) were unsafe speed on rain or wet roadway, and 15.8% (273 of 1,731) were unsafe speed on curve/turn.

Alcohol/Drug Related Condition

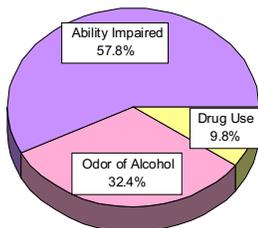
Some 2.6% (703 of 26,820) of the drivers age 16-20 involved in crashes in 2001, had an Alcohol/Drug related driver condition. Of the drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug related driver condition, 18-year olds made up the largest group.

Drivers Age 16-20 in 2001 Crashes
Alcohol/Drug Related Condition & Age



Of the drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug related driver condition in 2001 crashes, 57.8% (406 of 703) were considered to be impaired.

Drivers Age 16-20 in 2001 Crashes
Alcohol/Drug Related Condition

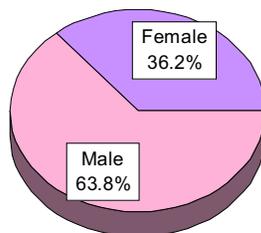


Drivers in Fatal Crashes

In 2001 there was a total of 917 drivers in fatal crashes. Some 14.2% (130 of 917) of these were drivers age 16-20. Of the 130 drivers age 16-20, 46.6% (58 of 130) were killed.

There were almost twice as many male as female drivers age 16-20 killed in fatal crashes.

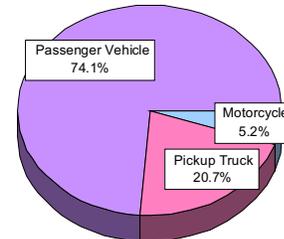
Drivers Age 16-20 Killed
in 2001 Fatal Crashes



Type of Vehicle

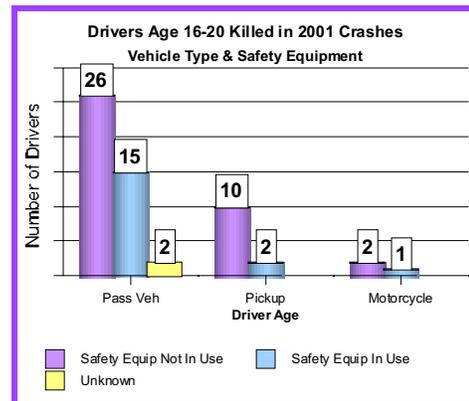
Of the 58 drivers age 16-20 killed in 2001 crashes, 74.1% (43 of 58) were in passenger vehicles, 20.7% (12 of 58) were in pickup trucks, and 5.2% (3 of 58) were on motorcycles.

Drivers Age 16-20 Killed in 2001 Crashes
Vehicle Type



Safety Equipment

Of the 58 drivers age 16-20 killed in 2001 crashes, 60.5% (26 of 43) in passenger vehicles, 83.3% (10 of 12) in pickup trucks, and 66.7% (2 of 3) on motorcycles were not using safety equipment.



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