

Teen Drivers Age 16-19 in Crashes (2015)

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- In 2015, 13,683 drivers age 16-19 were involved in motor vehicle crashes – an 8.5% increase from the 12,611 drivers in 2014.
- In 2015, 75 drivers age 16-19 were involved in fatal motor vehicle crashes – a 21.0% increase from the 62 drivers in 2014.
- In 2015, 1,909 drivers age 16-19 were involved in serious injury motor vehicle crashes – a less than one percent increase from the 1,907 drivers in 2014.
- In 2015, 35 drivers age 16-19 were killed in motor vehicle crashes – a 20.7% increase over the 29 drivers in 2014.
- From 2011-2014, 43.5% of drivers age 16-19 involved in fatal crashes were killed. The year 2015 was above this percentage with 46.7% of drivers in this age group killed.
- In 2015, 1,002 drivers age 16-19 were seriously injured in motor vehicle crashes – a 3.9% decrease from the 1,034 drivers in 2014.
- In 2015, there were almost twice as many male as female drivers involved in fatal injury crashes.
- In 2015, from age 16-19, as driver age increased, involvement in crashes also increased.

**Drivers Age 16-19 in Crashes
Five Year Trend**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Drivers Age 16-19 in Crashes	14,095	13,614	12,849	12,611	13,683
Drivers Age 16-19 in Fatal Crashes	73	61	68	62	75
Driver Fatalities Age 16-19	30	31	25	29	35
Percentage of Drivers Age 16-19 Killed in Fatal Crashes	41.1%	50.1%	36.8%	46.8%	46.7%
Total Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver Age 16-19	87	63	71	69	84

- In 2015, 88.6% (31 of 35) of driver fatalities age 16-19 were occupants of passenger vehicles/pickups.
 - 54.8% (17 of 31) of drivers were unrestrained.
 - 77.4% (24 of 31) of drivers were male.
 - Seven drivers were age 16, six drivers were age 17, nine were age 18 and nine were age 19.

- In 2015, 3.2% (63 of 1,984) of drivers age 16-19 involved in fatal or serious injury motor vehicle crashes had an alcohol-related driver condition.

- In 2015, 17.1% (6 of 35) of drivers age 16-19 killed in motor vehicle crashes had an alcohol-related driver condition.

- In 2015, 20.4% of drivers age 16-19 involved in fatal and serious injury motor vehicle crashes were driving at an unsafe speed, 14.4% failed to yield and 11.3% were inattentive.

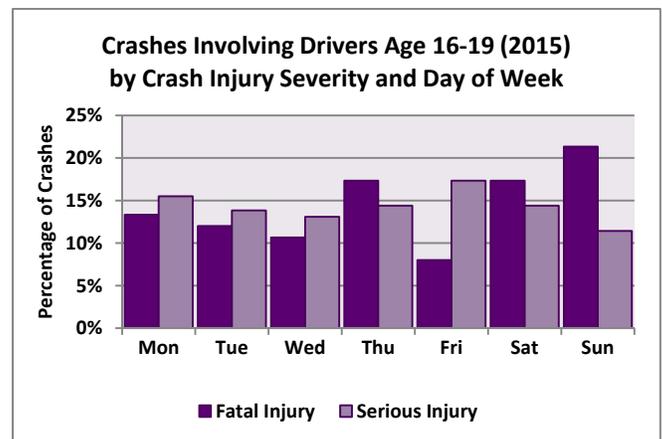
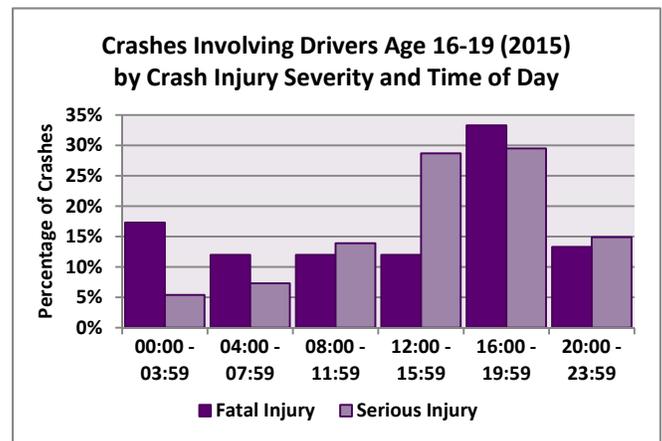
- In 2015, 59.4% of drivers age 16-19 involved in fatal and serious injury motor vehicle crashes were the only occupant in the vehicle, 26.3% had one additional occupant and 14.1% had two or more additional occupants.

Time & Day of Week

Drivers age 16-19 were involved in fatal crashes more often between 4:00 p.m. (16:00) and 7:59 p.m. (19:59).

Drivers age 16-19 were involved in serious injury crashes more often between 12:00 Noon (12:00) and 7:59 p.m. (19:59).

Fatal injury crashes involving a driver age 16-19 occurred more often on Sunday than any other day of the week, while serious injury crashes occurred more often on Friday.



Driver Age & Sex

All Crashes

In 2015, a total of 13,683 drivers age 16-19 were involved in crashes. As shown in the table to the right, as driver age increased, involvement in crashes increased.

In 2015, 52.6% of drivers age 16-19 involved in crashes were male and 50.5% of the licensed drivers in this same age group were male.

Serious Injury Crashes

In 2015, a total of 1,909 drivers age 16-19 were involved in serious injury crashes. As shown in the table to the right, as driver age increased from age 16 to age 18, involvement in crashes increased. At age 19, there was a decline in the number of drivers involved.

In 2015, 53.2% of drivers age 16-19 involved in serious injury crashes were male and 50.5% of licensed drivers in this same age group were male.

Fatal Injury Crashes

In 2015, a total of 75 drivers age 16-19 were involved in fatal injury crashes. As shown in the table to the right, male drivers were involved in fatal injury crashes more often than female drivers.

In 2015, 65.3% of drivers age 16-19 involved in crashes were male and 50.5% of licensed drivers in this same age group were male.

Drivers Age 16-19 in Crashes (2015) By Driver Age & Driver Sex					
Driver Age	Driver Sex				Total Drivers
	Female		Male		
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
16	1238	19.1%	1196	16.6%	2434
17	1539	23.8%	1753	24.3%	3292
18	1865	28.8%	2114	29.3%	3979
19	1836	28.3%	2140	29.7%	3976
Total	6478	100.0%	7203	100.0%	13681

Excludes two drivers with unknown sex

Drivers Age 16-19 in Serious Injury Crashes (2015) By Driver Age & Driver Sex					
Driver Age	Driver Sex				Total Drivers
	Female		Male		
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
16	170	19.0%	178	17.5%	348
17	223	25.0%	249	24.5%	472
18	259	29.0%	298	29.3%	557
19	241	27.0%	291	28.6%	532
Total	893	100.0%	1016	100.0%	1909

Drivers Age 16-19 in Fatal Injury Crashes (2015) By Driver Age & Driver Sex					
Driver Age	Driver Sex				Total Drivers
	Female		Male		
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
16	5	19.2%	12	24.5%	17
17	7	26.9%	9	18.4%	16
18	5	19.2%	13	26.5%	18
19	9	34.6%	15	30.6%	24
Total	26	100.0%	49	100.0%	75