

Teenage Drivers

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens according to the Centers for Disease Control's [Teen Driver Fact Sheet](#) [1]. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1,678 drivers age 16 to 20 died in motor vehicle crashes in 2014, compared with 1,651 drivers in this age group in 2013.

Drivers age 16 to 20 accounted for 5.5 percent of all licensed drivers, 8.5 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes and 12.0 percent of drivers in all crashes in 2014. Seventeen percent of drivers age 16 to 20 who were involved in fatal crashes in 2014 were alcohol-impaired, which is defined by a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams per deciliter or higher. The DOT found that more teenagers are involved in motor vehicle crashes late in the day and at night than at other times of the day. Teens also have a greater chance of getting involved in an accident if other teens are present in the vehicle, according to research from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm.

Drivers In Motor Vehicle Crashes By Age, 2015

Age group	Number of licensed drivers	Percent of total	Drivers in fatal crashes	Involvement rate (1)
16 to 20	11,814,959	5.4%	4,214	3
21 to 24	14,406,138	6.6	4,942	3
25 to 34	38,385,563	17.6	9,860	2
35 to 44	36,194,823	16.6	7,675	2
45 to 54	39,475,801	18.1	7,852	1
55 to 64	37,715,222	17.3	6,453	1
65 to 74	25,020,638	11.5	3,767	1
Over 74	15,071,321	6.9	2,723	1
Total	218,084,465	100.0%	48,613 (2)	2

(1) Per 100,000 licensed drivers.

(2) Includes drivers under the age of 16 and of unknown age.

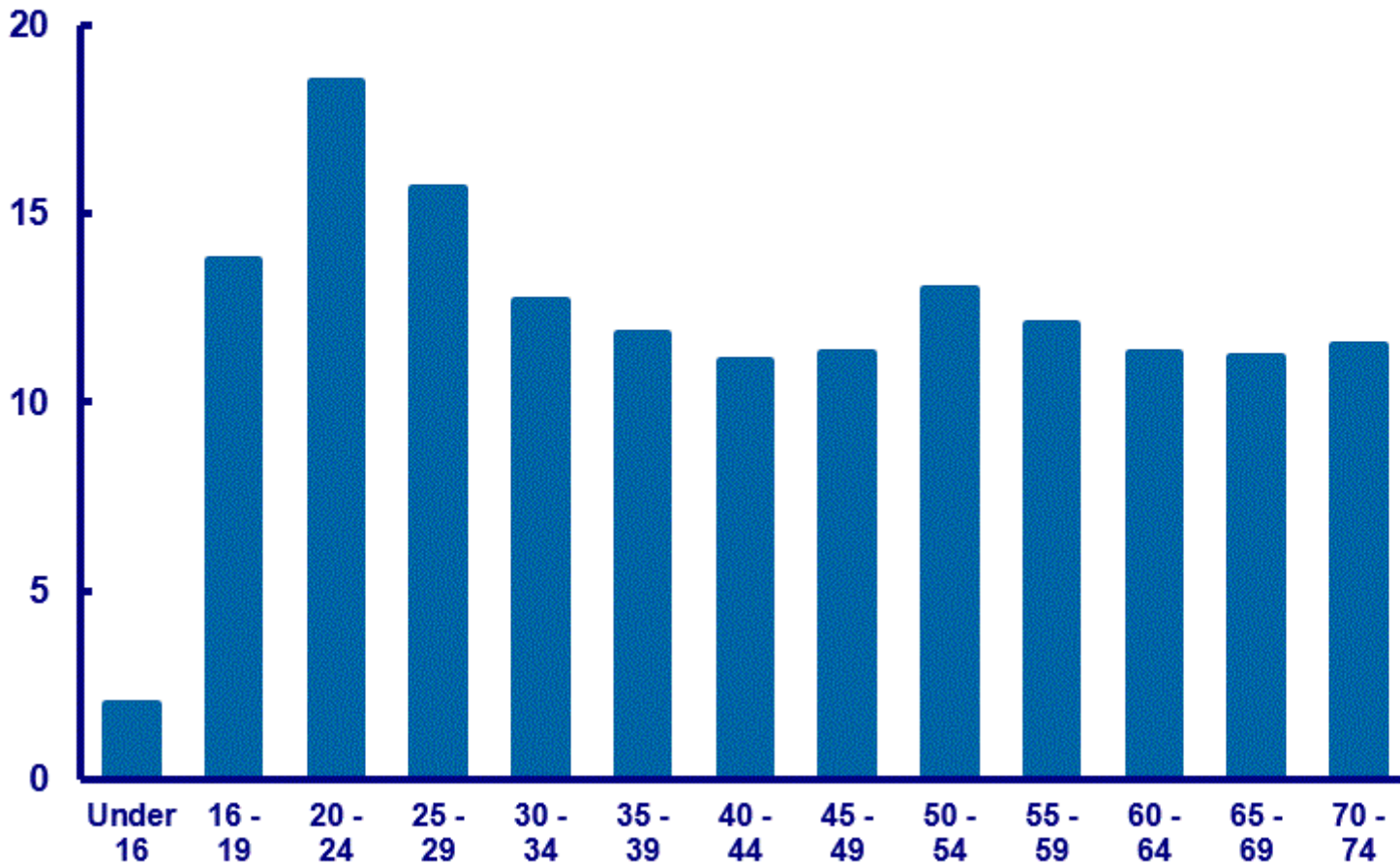
Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Federal Highway Administration.

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Percent Of Alcohol-Impaired Drivers Involved In Fatal Crashes

By Age, 2006 And 2015 (1)

Age	2006	2015	Point change
16 to 20	19%	16%	-3 pts.
21 to 24	33	28	-5
25 to 34	29	27	-2
35 to 44	25	23	-2
45 to 54	19	19	0
55 to 64	13	14	1
65 to 74	8	9	1
Over 74	5	6	1

(1) Alcohol-impaired driving crashes are crashes that involve at least one driver or a motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or above, the legal definition of drunk driving.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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