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Michigan Traffic
Crash Facts

TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS

AGES 16-20

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Inexperience, risk-taking behavior, immaturity, and greater risk exposure are all factors that increase crash risk for young drivers. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, crashes are the leading cause of death and account for almost one third of all deaths among people age 16-19.

INJURY SEVERITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES WITH A DRIVER AGE 16-20

KILLED: 147 (0.8%)

SUSPECTED MINOR INJURIES:
4,220 (24.3%)

SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURIES:
1,052 (6.1%)

POSSIBLE INJURIES:
11,919 (68.7%)



There were 471,135 licensed drivers ages 16-20 who represented 6.6 percent of Michigan's driving population. The drivers in this age group represented 11.1 percent (59,865) of drivers in all crashes and 8.9 percent (139) of drivers in fatal crashes.

The 16-20 age group accounted for 9.7 percent (103) of all traffic deaths, and 56.3 percent (58) of those deaths were drivers.

In addition, 10,119 teenagers and young adults were injured in motor vehicle crashes, representing 13.7 percent of all people injured in crashes.

Generally, younger drivers were involved in more shoulder/outside curb crashes and had a higher incidence of speeding, overturn, inability to stop in assured clear distance, collision with a ditch, and hitting a tree. They were less likely to be alone in their car at the time of the crash.

The most common hazardous action coded for the 139 drivers age 16-20 who were involved in fatal crashes was speed too fast, with 23.0% (32) of the total.

Weekends accounted for 22.3 percent of crash involvements for drivers age 16-20, compared with only 20.5 percent of crash involvements for drivers 21 and older.

Teenagers and young adults accounted for 5.5 percent (9) of the pedestrians killed in Michigan, and 11.0 percent (203) of all pedestrian injuries.

Four (10.5%) of the 38 bicyclist deaths were in the 16-20 age group.

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