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Michigan Traffic
Crash Facts

TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS

AGES 15-20

2019

Inexperience, risk-taking behavior, immaturity, and greater risk exposure are all factors that increase crash risk for young drivers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, crashes are the leading cause of death among people age 15-20.

INJURY SEVERITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES WITH A DRIVER AGE 15-20

KILLED: 129 (0.9%)

SUSPECTED MINOR INJURIES:
3,957 (26.5%)

SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURIES:
877 (5.9%)

POSSIBLE INJURIES:
9,990 (66.8%)



There were 509,380 licensed drivers ages 15-20* who represented 7.0 percent of Michigan's driving population. The drivers in this age group represented 10.1 percent (54,177) of drivers in all crashes and 8.6 percent (124) of drivers in fatal crashes.

The 15-20 age group accounted for 8.0 percent (79) of all traffic deaths, and 55.7 percent (44) of those deaths were drivers.

In addition, 9,302 teenagers and young adults were injured in motor vehicle crashes, representing 12.4 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 124 drivers age 15-20 who were involved in fatal crashes was speed too fast, with 16.9% (21) of the total.

Weekends accounted for 22.2 percent of crash involvements for drivers age 15-20, compared with only 20.5 percent of crash involvements for drivers 21 and older.

Teenagers and young adults accounted for 5.4 percent (8) of the pedestrians killed in Michigan, and 13.0 percent (248) of all pedestrian injuries.

Five (23.8%) of the 21 bicyclist deaths were in the 15-20 age group.

**Licensed drivers between the ages of 14 years and 9 months old and 15 years old are included in this total.*

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