
2005–2007 Minnesota Teen Driving Fact Sheet

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- Number of licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 — 342,309
- 16- and 17-year-old drivers were involved in 116 fatal crashes, resulting in 133 traffic deaths and 525 serious injuries.
 - In 64 percent of the 116 fatal crashes, passengers were present in the 16- and 17-year-old drivers' vehicles.
 - Of the 133 traffic deaths, 50 of the victims were the 16- and 17-year-old drivers. At least 23 (46 percent) of those drivers were not wearing seat belts.
 - Of the 525 motorists seriously injured, 179 victims were the 16- and 17-year-old drivers. At least 56 (31 percent) of those drivers were not wearing seat belts.
- There were 66 teen passengers ages 13–19 killed in crashes on Minnesota roads. Of those killed, 27 (41 percent) were passengers in vehicles driven by 16 or 17 year olds. At least 15 (55 percent) of these victims were not wearing seat belts.
- There were 118 teens (13–19) seriously injured in crashes as passengers in vehicles driven by teens ages 16 and 17. Of those seriously injured, at least 48 (41 percent) were not buckled up.
- Of the 66 teen passengers killed on Minnesota roads, 73 percent (48 deaths) of the victims were passengers in vehicles driven by teen drivers, ages 16–19.