

NEW YORK STATE FACT SHEET ON YOUNG DRIVERS AGED 16-24

TABLE 1
SEVERITY OF CRASH, FATALITIES & PERSONS INJURED, AND DRIVERS IN CRASHES
INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-24

	2022		2023		2024	
	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total
Crashes	90,901	23.2%	87,864	23.0%	86,961	22.8%
Fatal	248	22.7%	239	23.4%	217	21.2%
Personal Injury	26,397	23.9%	26,385	23.2%	26,259	22.8%
Property Damage Only	64,256	23.0%	61,240	23.0%	60,485	22.9%
Fatalities	275	23.7%	268	24.3%	242	22.2%
Persons Injured	38,919	25.8%	39,267	25.0%	38,662	24.4%
Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	98,138	16.0%	94,863	15.7%	93,720	15.6%
Male Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	58,576	16.7%	57,480	16.6%	58,182	16.7%
Female Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	39,554	18.1%	37,353	17.5%	35,494	16.8%
Licensed Drivers Aged 16-24	1,115,342	9.1%	1,111,429	9.0%	1,104,177	8.8%

- Over the 2022-2024 period, 22.8% - 23.2% of all motor vehicle crashes and 22.2% - 24.3% of all fatalities involved drivers aged 16-24.
- During 2024, drivers aged 16-24 were overrepresented in crashes; drivers of this age group constituted 15.6% of all drivers involved in crashes but only 8.8% of all licensed drivers.

TABLE 2
VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS ASSOCIATED WITH F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-24

	2022	2023	2024	NYS Total 2024
Fatal and Personal Injury Crashes	26,645	26,624	26,476	116,262
Crashes Involving Single Vehicle	18.3%	17.9%	18.3%	30.3%
Crashes Involving Multiple Vehicles	81.7%	82.1%	81.7%	69.7%
Drivers Aged 16-24 in F&PI Crashes	28,929	28,816	28,609	196,548
With No Passengers*	70.0%	70.0%	70.9%	74.6%
With Passengers	30.0%	30.0%	29.1%	25.4%

*Note: As mandated by NYS DMV regulations, drivers holding junior learner permits must have a “qualifying” adult in the vehicle. Depending on the region, a junior driver license holder may drive unsupervised in certain situations.

- F&PI crashes involving drivers aged 16-24 were more likely to involve multiple vehicles than all F&PI crashes (81.7% versus 69.7% in 2024).
- Drivers aged 16-24 involved in F&PI crashes were more likely to be driving with passengers than drivers in all F&PI crashes (29.1% versus 25.4% in 2024).

TABLE 3
TIME OF DAY OF F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-24: 2024

	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total Crashes	
	Involving Drivers Aged 16-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-24	Involving All Drivers
Crashes	217	1,026	26,259	115,236	60,485	264,563	86,961	380,825
Time of Day								
9pm-12am	18.9%	15.1%	10.8%	9.4%	9.2%	8.3%	9.8%	8.6%
12am-5am	20.7%	13.9%	7.2%	6.5%	6.2%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%
5am-9am	10.6%	13.7%	11.9%	13.3%	13.1%	15.7%	12.8%	14.9%
9am-12pm	3.2%	9.9%	11.6%	13.6%	12.2%	13.8%	12.0%	13.7%
12pm-3pm	11.5%	14.0%	17.5%	18.0%	18.0%	17.5%	17.9%	17.7%
3pm-6pm	18.9%	16.9%	23.7%	22.6%	25.1%	22.2%	24.6%	22.3%
6pm-9pm	16.1%	16.3%	16.3%	15.4%	15.5%	14.5%	15.7%	14.8%
Unknown	0.0%	< 0.1%	0.9%	1.4%	0.6%	1.3%	0.7%	1.3%

Note: In New York City and Long Island, junior learner permit holders can drive between 5 AM and 9 PM only. In Upstate NY, a junior learner permit holder can drive 5 AM to 9 PM under specific conditions.

- In 2024, crashes involving drivers aged 16-24 were most likely to occur between 3pm-6pm (24.6%) which is the same as the time period for the most crashes involving all drivers.
- In 2024, the largest proportion of fatal crashes involving drivers aged 16-24 occurred 12am-5am (20.7%). Personal injury and property damage crashes involving this age group were most likely during the 3pm-6pm period.

TABLE 4
SELECT F&PI CRASH CONTRIBUTING FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH DRIVERS AGED 16-24:
2024

	Drivers Aged 16-24	All Drivers in NYS
Total Drivers	26,362	170,791
Select Factors		
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	13.6%	12.0%
Driver Inattention/Distraction	13.5%	13.9%
Following Too Closely	13.3%	10.1%
Unsafe Speed	12.2%	6.7%
Driver Inexperience	5.1%	2.0%
Traffic Control Device Disregarded	4.8%	4.0%
Cell Phone (hand held and free)	0.4%	0.2%
Texting	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Alcohol Involvement	1.6%	1.7%

Note: Police-reported crashes only; multiple factors may be reported.

- In 2024, the top three contributing factors for drivers aged 16-24 in F&PI crashes were Failure to Yield Right-of-Way (13.6%), Driver Inattention/Distraction (13.5%), and Following Too Closely (13.3%).
- In 2024, drivers aged 16-24 in F&PI crashes were more likely than all drivers in F&PI crashes to have Unsafe Speed and Following Too Closely reported as contributing factors (12.2% versus 6.7% and 13.3% versus 10.1%, respectively).

TABLE 5
TRAFFIC TICKETS (SELECT VIOLATIONS) ISSUED TO DRIVERS AGED 16-24: 2024

	Drivers Aged 16-24	All Drivers in NYS
Total Tickets Issued	597,495	2,893,404
Speeding	23.2%	18.3%
Traffic Device / Stop Sign	9.7%	11.8%
License	9.1%	8.0%
Seat Belts	3.5%	3.9%
Texting	2.0%	2.6%
Cell Phone	0.8%	1.3%
Total TSLED Tickets Issued	475,876	2,167,337
Impaired Driving	1.5%	2.2%

Note: Total tickets issued include data from the TSLED and Administrative Adjudication (AA) systems. TSLED covers all areas of the state, except New York City. AA includes all traffic tickets issued in New York City except impairment tickets.

- In 2024, speeding violations were the most common ticket category issued to drivers aged 16-24. 23.2% of the tickets issued to drivers aged 16-24 were for speeding violations, compared to 18.3% of the tickets issued to all drivers.
- In 2024, 1.5% of the TSLED tickets issued to drivers aged 16-24 were for impaired driving versus 2.2% of the TSLED tickets issued to all drivers.

TABLE 6

CRASH SEVERITY, FATALITIES & PERSONS INJURED, AND DRIVERS ASSOCIATED WITH F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-24 BY REGION OF THE STATE: 2024

	Upstate		New York City		Long Island		NYS F&PI Involving Drivers Aged 16-24
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	
F&PI Crashes	11,633	43.9%	8,321	31.4%	6,522	24.6%	26,476
Fatal	126	58.1%	42	19.4%	49	22.6%	217
Personal Injury	11,507	43.8%	8,279	31.5%	6,473	24.7%	26,259
Fatalities	136	56.2%	50	20.7%	56	23.1%	242
Persons Injured	16,186	41.9%	12,755	33.0%	9,721	25.1%	38,662
Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	12,610	44.1%	8,844	30.9%	7,155	25.0%	28,609
Male Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	7,405	39.6%	6,902	36.9%	4,379	23.4%	18,686
Female Drivers Involved Aged 16-24	5,197	52.4%	1,942	19.6%	2,772	28.0%	9,911
Licensed Drivers Aged 16-24	578,525	52.4%	279,477	25.3%	245,033	22.2%	1,104,177

- In 2024, 43.9% of the F&PI crashes involving drivers aged 16-24 occurred in the Upstate region, 24.6% were on Long Island and 31.4% in New York City.
- In 2024, 56.2% of the fatalities in crashes involving drivers aged 16-24 occurred in the Upstate region, while 23.1% occurred on Long Island and 20.7% were in the five boroughs of New York City.
- During 2024, drivers aged 16-24 were underrepresented in F&PI crashes in the Upstate region (44.1% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 52.4% of the licensed drivers), overrepresented in crashes in the Long Island region (25.0% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 22.2% of the licensed drivers), and overrepresented in NYC (30.9% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 25.3% of the licensed drivers).

Data Sources

- NYS DMV's Traffic Safety Law Enforcement & Disposition (TSLED) and Administrative Adjudication (AA) Ticket Systems
- NYS DMV's Accident Information System (AIS)



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