

# NEW YORK STATE FACT SHEET ON YOUNG DRIVERS AGED 16-20

**TABLE 1**  
SEVERITY OF CRASH, FATALITIES & PERSONS INJURED, AND DRIVERS IN CRASHES  
INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-20

	2022		2023		2024	
	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total
<b>Crashes</b>	<b>43,450</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>42,512</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>42,010</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
Fatal	106	9.7%	124	12.1%	100	9.7%
Personal Injury	12,001	10.9%	12,069	10.6%	12,103	10.5%
Property Damage Only	31,343	11.2%	30,319	11.4%	29,807	11.3%
<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Persons Injured</b>	<b>17,996</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>18,159</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>17,915</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Drivers Involved Aged 16-20</b>	<b>45,420</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>44,372</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>43,778</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Male Drivers Involved Aged 16-20	26,758	7.6%	26,632	7.7%	27,080	7.8%
Female Drivers Involved Aged 16-20	18,656	8.5%	17,731	8.3%	16,683	7.9%
<b>Licensed Drivers Aged 16-20</b>	<b>454,513</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>452,432</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>443,236</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

- Over the 2022-2024 period, 11.0% - 11.1% of all motor vehicle crashes and 10.4% - 12.9% of all fatalities involved drivers aged 16-20.
- During 2024, drivers aged 16-20 were overrepresented in crashes; drivers of this age group constituted 7.3% of all drivers involved in crashes but only 3.6% of all licensed drivers.

**TABLE 2**  
**VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS ASSOCIATED WITH F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-20**

	2022	2023	2024	NYS Total 2024
<b>Fatal and Personal Injury Crashes</b>	<b>12,107</b>	<b>12,193</b>	<b>12,203</b>	<b>116,262</b>
Crashes Involving Single Vehicle	18.6%	18.7%	19.2%	30.3%
Crashes Involving Multiple Vehicles	81.4%	81.3%	80.8%	69.7%
<b>Drivers Aged 16-20 in F&amp;PI Crashes</b>	<b>12,650</b>	<b>12,698</b>	<b>12,652</b>	<b>196,548</b>
With No Passengers*	66.8%	66.9%	68.0%	74.6%
With Passengers	33.2%	33.1%	32.0%	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 16-20 were more likely to involve multiple vehicles than all F&PI crashes (80.8% versus 69.7% in 2024).
- Drivers aged 16-20 involved in F&PI crashes were more likely to be driving with passengers than drivers in all F&PI crashes (32% versus 25.4% in 2024).

**TABLE 3**  
TIME OF DAY OF F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 16-20: 2024

	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total Crashes	
	Involving Drivers Aged 16-20	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-20	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-20	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 16-20	Involving All Drivers
<b>Crashes</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>12,103</b>	<b>115,236</b>	<b>29,807</b>	<b>264,563</b>	<b>42,010</b>	<b>380,825</b>
<b>Time of Day</b>								
9pm-12am	15.0%	15.1%	11.3%	9.4%	9.6%	8.3%	10.1%	8.6%
12am-5am	20.0%	13.9%	5.9%	6.5%	5.2%	6.7%	5.4%	6.6%
5am-9am	11.0%	13.7%	10.4%	13.3%	11.2%	15.7%	11.0%	14.9%
9am-12pm	5.0%	9.9%	11.2%	13.6%	12.0%	13.8%	11.7%	13.7%
12pm-3pm	13.0%	14.0%	18.9%	18.0%	19.3%	17.5%	19.2%	17.7%
3pm-6pm	17.0%	16.9%	24.8%	22.6%	26.3%	22.2%	25.8%	22.3%
6pm-9pm	19.0%	16.3%	16.8%	15.4%	16.0%	14.5%	16.2%	14.8%
Unknown	0.0%	< 0.1%	0.7%	1.4%	0.4%	1.3%	0.5%	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 16-20 were most likely to occur between 3pm-6pm (25.8%) 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 16-20 occurred 12am-5am (20.0%). 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 16-20:**  
**2024**

	Drivers Aged 16-20	All Drivers in NYS
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>170,791</b>
<b>Select Factors</b>		
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	16.0%	12.0%
Unsafe Speed	14.0%	6.7%
Following Too Closely	13.8%	10.1%
Driver Inattention/Distraction	13.6%	13.9%
Driver Inexperience	7.5%	2.0%
Traffic Control Device Disregarded	5.2%	4.0%
Cell Phone (hand held and free)	0.3%	0.2%
Texting	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Alcohol Involvement	1.1%	1.7%

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

- In 2024, the top three contributing factors for drivers aged 16-20 in F&PI crashes were Failure to Yield Right-of-Way (16.0%), Unsafe Speed (14.0%), and Following Too Closely (13.8%).
- In 2024, drivers aged 16-20 in F&PI crashes were more likely than all drivers in F&PI crashes to have Unsafe Speed and Driver Inexperience reported as contributing factors (14.0% versus 6.7% and 7.5% versus 2.0%, respectively).

**TABLE 5**  
TRAFFIC TICKETS (SELECT VIOLATIONS) ISSUED TO DRIVERS AGED 16-20: 2024

	Drivers Aged 16-20	All Drivers in NYS
<b>Total Tickets Issued</b>	<b>233,832</b>	<b>2,893,404</b>
Speeding	26.3%	18.3%
Traffic Device / Stop Sign	9.7%	11.8%
License	9.0%	8.0%
Seat Belts	3.4%	3.9%
Texting	1.6%	2.6%
Cell Phone	0.7%	1.3%
<b>Total TSLED Tickets Issued</b>	<b>196,185</b>	<b>2,167,337</b>
Impaired Driving	0.9%	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 16-20. 26.3% of the tickets issued to drivers aged 16-20 were for speeding violations, compared to 18.3% of the tickets issued to all drivers.
- In 2024, 0.9% of the TSLED tickets issued to drivers aged 16-20 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 16-20 BY REGION OF THE STATE: 2024

	Upstate		New York City		Long Island		NYS F&PI Involving Drivers Aged 16- 20
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	
<b>F&amp;PI Crashes</b>	<b>6,062</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>12,203</b>
Fatal	69	69.0%	10	10.0%	21	21.0%	100
Personal Injury	5,993	49.5%	2,840	23.5%	3,270	27.0%	12,103
<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Persons Injured</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>47.3%</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>17,915</b>
<b>Drivers Involved Aged 16-20</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	<b>12,652</b>
Male Drivers Involved Aged 16-20	3,726	45.1%	2,366	28.7%	2,166	26.2%	8,258
Female Drivers Involved Aged 16-20	2,562	58.3%	560	12.8%	1,269	28.9%	4,391
<b>Licensed Drivers Aged 16-20</b>	<b>255,045</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>82,100</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>105,808</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>443,236</b>

- In 2024, 49.7% of the F&PI crashes involving drivers aged 16-20 occurred in the Upstate region, 27.0% were on Long Island and 23.4% in New York City.
- In 2024, 67.3% of the fatalities in crashes involving drivers aged 16-20 occurred in the Upstate region, while 23.0% occurred on Long Island and 9.7% were in the five boroughs of New York City.
- During 2024, drivers aged 16-20 were underrepresented in F&PI crashes in the Upstate region (49.7% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 57.5% of the licensed drivers), overrepresented in crashes in the Long Island region (27.2% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 23.9% of the licensed drivers), and overrepresented in NYC (23.1% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 18.5% 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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