

NEW YORK STATE FACT SHEET ON YOUNG DRIVERS AGED 18-24

TABLE 1
SEVERITY OF CRASH, FATALITIES & PERSONS INJURED, AND DRIVERS IN CRASHES
INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 18-24

	2022		2023		2024	
	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total	Count	% of NYS Total
Crashes	81,406	20.8%	78,326	20.5%	77,379	20.3%
Fatal	226	20.7%	211	20.6%	193	18.8%
Personal Injury	24,001	21.8%	23,887	21.0%	23,723	20.6%
Property Damage Only	57,179	20.5%	54,228	20.3%	53,463	20.2%
Fatalities	244	21.0%	229	20.7%	215	19.7%
Persons Injured	35,388	23.5%	35,591	22.7%	34,878	22.0%
Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	87,175	14.2%	83,759	13.9%	82,632	13.8%
Male Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	52,474	15.0%	51,157	14.8%	51,617	14.8%
Female Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	34,693	15.9%	32,578	15.2%	30,978	14.7%
Licensed Drivers Aged 18-24	1,033,041	8.4%	1,027,914	8.3%	1,021,735	8.2%

- Over the 2022-2024 period, 20.3% - 20.8% of all motor vehicle crashes and 19.7% - 21.0% of all fatalities involved drivers aged 18-24.
- During 2024, drivers aged 18-24 were overrepresented in crashes; drivers of this age group constituted 13.8% of all drivers involved in crashes but only 8.2% of all licensed drivers.

TABLE 2
VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS ASSOCIATED WITH F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 18-24

	2022	2023	2024	NYS Total 2024
Fatal and Personal Injury Crashes	24,227	24,098	23,916	116,262
Crashes Involving Single Vehicle	17.9%	17.4%	17.7%	30.3%
Crashes Involving Multiple Vehicles	82.1%	82.6%	82.3%	69.7%
Drivers Aged 18-24 in F&PI Crashes	26,123	25,871	25,648	196,548
With No Passengers*	70.8%	71.1%	72.0%	74.6%
With Passengers	29.2%	28.9%	28.0%	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 18-24 were more likely to involve multiple vehicles than all F&PI crashes (82.3% versus 69.7% in 2024).
- Drivers aged 18-24 involved in F&PI crashes were more likely to be driving with passengers than drivers in all F&PI crashes (28% versus 25.4% in 2024).

TABLE 3
TIME OF DAY OF F&PI CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS AGED 18-24: 2024

	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total Crashes	
	Involving Drivers Aged 18-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 18-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 18-24	Involving All Drivers	Involving Drivers Aged 18-24	Involving All Drivers
Crashes	193	1,026	23,723	115,236	53,463	264,563	77,379	380,825
Time of Day								
9pm-12am	19.2%	15.1%	11.0%	9.4%	9.4%	8.3%	9.9%	8.6%
12am-5am	21.2%	13.9%	7.6%	6.5%	6.6%	6.7%	7.0%	6.6%
5am-9am	10.4%	13.7%	11.9%	13.3%	13.2%	15.7%	12.8%	14.9%
9am-12pm	2.6%	9.9%	11.8%	13.6%	12.3%	13.8%	12.1%	13.7%
12pm-3pm	10.9%	14.0%	17.2%	18.0%	17.7%	17.5%	17.5%	17.7%
3pm-6pm	20.2%	16.9%	23.4%	22.6%	24.9%	22.2%	24.4%	22.3%
6pm-9pm	15.5%	16.3%	16.1%	15.4%	15.3%	14.5%	15.6%	14.8%
Unknown	0.0%	< 0.1%	1.0%	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 18-24 were most likely to occur between 3pm-6pm (24.4%) 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 18-24 occurred 12am-5am (21.2%). 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 18-24:
2024

	Drivers Aged 18-24	All Drivers in NYS
Total Drivers	23,486	170,791
Select Factors		
Driver Inattention/Distracted	13.6%	13.9%
Following Too Closely	13.5%	10.1%
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	12.7%	12.0%
Unsafe Speed	11.8%	6.7%
Traffic Control Device Disregarded	4.6%	4.0%
Driver Inexperience	4.1%	2.0%
Cell Phone (hand held and free)	0.4%	0.2%
Texting	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Alcohol Involvement	1.7%	1.7%

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

- In 2024, the top three contributing factors for drivers aged 18-24 in F&PI crashes were Driver Inattention/Distracted (13.6%), Following Too Closely (13.5%), and Failure to Yield Right-of-Way (12.7%).
- In 2024, drivers aged 18-24 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 (11.8% versus 6.7% and 13.5% versus 10.1%, respectively).

TABLE 5
TRAFFIC TICKETS (SELECT VIOLATIONS) ISSUED TO DRIVERS AGED 18-24: 2024

	Drivers Aged 18-24	All Drivers in NYS
Total Tickets Issued	561,211	2,893,404
Speeding	23.2%	18.3%
Traffic Device / Stop Sign	9.7%	11.8%
License	8.8%	8.0%
Seat Belts	3.5%	3.9%
Texting	2.0%	2.6%
Cell Phone	0.8%	1.3%
Total TSLED Tickets Issued	443,976	2,167,337
Impaired Driving	1.6%	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 18-24. 23.2% of the tickets issued to drivers aged 18-24 were for speeding violations, compared to 18.3% of the tickets issued to all drivers.
- In 2024, 1.6% of the TSLED tickets issued to drivers aged 18-24 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 18-24 BY REGION OF THE STATE: 2024

	Upstate		New York City		Long Island		NYS F&PI Involving Drivers Aged 18- 24
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	
F&PI Crashes	10,123	42.3%	7,974	33.3%	5,819	24.3%	23,916
Fatal	110	57.0%	40	20.7%	43	22.3%	193
Personal Injury	10,013	42.2%	7,934	33.4%	5,776	24.3%	23,723
Fatalities	118	54.9%	48	22.3%	49	22.8%	215
Persons Injured	14,053	40.3%	12,196	35.0%	8,629	24.7%	34,878
Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	10,873	42.4%	8,441	32.9%	6,334	24.7%	25,648
Male Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	6,394	38.0%	6,569	39.0%	3,860	22.9%	16,823
Female Drivers Involved Aged 18-24	4,472	50.7%	1,872	21.2%	2,471	28.0%	8,815
Licensed Drivers Aged 18-24	521,887	51.1%	272,299	26.7%	226,425	22.2%	1,021,735

- In 2024, 42.3% of the F&PI crashes involving drivers aged 18-24 occurred in the Upstate region, 24.3% were on Long Island and 33.3% in New York City.
- In 2024, 54.9% of the fatalities in crashes involving drivers aged 18-24 occurred in the Upstate region, while 22.8% occurred on Long Island and 22.3% were in the five boroughs of New York City.
- During 2024, drivers aged 18-24 were underrepresented in F&PI crashes in the Upstate region (42.4% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 51.1% of the licensed drivers), overrepresented in crashes in the Long Island region (24.7% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 22.2% of the licensed drivers), and overrepresented in NYC (32.9% of the drivers involved in crashes vs. 26.7% 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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