Overview Younger Drivers: Fatal and Severe Injury Crashes

On Minnesota's roadways, there were 3,088 severe crashes (fatal and serious injury) involving younger drivers ages 15-29 over a five year period from 2009-2013, averaging 618 severe crashes per year. The crash data provided in this fact sheet is for younger drivers ages 15-29, unless otherwise noted. If there was a significant difference in data for the two age groups of 15-20 and 21-29, the data is shown separately. **46% of crashes each year involve younger drivers.**

Severe Crashes Summary (2009-2013)



Source: Minnesota severe crash (K+A) data from 2009-2013, MN DPS

Crashes by Year

Younger driver severe crashes for ages **21-29 have remained consistent** over the past five years, while crashes for ages **15-20 have decreased**.







66% of younger drivers in severe crashes are **male**.



Crash Type



Run off road and right angle crashes are the most prevalent severe crash types for younger drivers, 27% and 23% respectively.



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Time of Day and Month



21% of severe crashes involving younger drivers occurred between the hours of **3:00 - 5:59PM.**

There was a slight increase in severe crashes involving younger drivers in the **summer months**, but overall, the crashes occur relatively evenly throughout the year.



11:59AM

8:59AM





3:00 to 5:59PM

15% 12% 6:00 to 9:00 to

2%

12:00 to



8:59PM 11:59PM 2:59AM

3:00 to 5:59AM



Road Type



40% of severe crashes involving younger drivers occur on **rural 2-lane** roadways.



Traffic Control at Intersections



44% of younger driver severe crashes at intersections for ages 15-20 occurred at **sidestreet stop-controlled intersections**.



Younger driver severe crashes at intersections for ages 21-29 occurred at **signalized and stop-controlled intersections**, 34% and 36% respectively.





Additional Contributing Factors



The majority of severe crashes involving younger drivers were **intersection** related or **lane departure** crashes.