Teen Driver Crash Fact Sheet

- Less than 3% of teen crashes resulted in serious injury in the past five years. However, teen crashes of this type represent a much larger share of all serious injury crashes, although that share has fallen by more than half since 2006.

- Teen crashes of drivers 18-years and older within the oil region have risen in comparison to the same driver group in non-oil counties.

- Of the young driver group, 16- and 17-year old drivers experienced the most teen crashes, but also registered the largest reductions from 2002 to 2012—32% and 37% respectively.

- 63% to 74% of teen crashes involve no passengers. When passengers are present, there are considerably fewer crashes with adult passengers than teen passengers.

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### Teen Crash Frequency, 2002-2012

- **14 yrs**
- **15 yrs**
- **16 yrs**
- **17 yrs**

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### Teen Crashes with Passengers

- **With Teen Passengers**
- **With Adult Passengers**
- **With Teen & Adult Passengers**

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### Serious Injury Teen Crashes

- **% of All Crashes**

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### Teen Crashes by Region

- **18 and Older Non-Oil Region**
- **18 and Older Oil Region**
- **14-17 Yr Non-Oil Region**
- **14-17 Yr Oil Region**
• Seat belt use in crashes by the youngest teen drivers (14 years) has shown the most fluctuation over time, as well as the lowest use rates.

• The older teen drivers experienced a greater share of crashes occurring between 9 pm and 5 am. One in four of the 17-year-old drivers were involved in nighttime crashes in 2012.

• North Dakota’s graduated driver licensing law went into effect on January 1, 2012. The law changed the age of full driving privileges to 16 years. In addition, holding periods and supervised driving were extended, and nighttime driving restrictions implemented.

![Driver Seat Belt Use Rate in Crashes, by Age](image)

![Share of Teen Drivers in Crashes between 9 pm and 5 am, by Age](image)