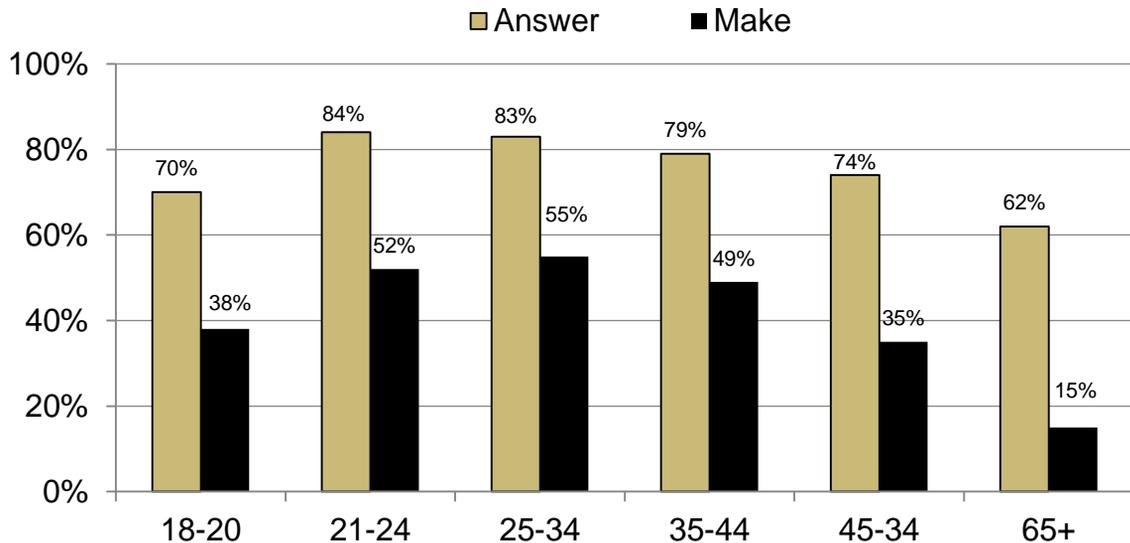


April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month



Percent Answering and Making phone calls while driving by age¹

Distracted Driving Facts

- A phone survey by NHTSA found that drivers aged 25-34 are more likely to make phone calls on “all”, “most” or “some” driving trips than other age groups. They are almost as likely as 21-24 year olds to answer incoming calls (see chart above). (Source: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#))
- Distracted driving is any non-driving activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. (Source: [Distraction.gov](#))
- Distractions can be visual (taking eyes off the road), manual (taking hands off the wheel), or cognitive (taking mind off what you’re doing). Texting involves all 3. (Source: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#))
- According to the same phone survey, the most potentially distracting behaviors commonly performed while driving are talking to other passengers (80%) and adjusting the car radio (65%). (Source: [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#))
- Sending or receiving text messages takes a driver’s eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent, at 55 mph, of driving the length of an entire football field. (Source: [Distraction.gov](#))
- In 2012, Ohio became one of 39 states that have banned all texting while driving. Another 5 states have partial bans while only 6 states have no ban at all. (Source: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#))
- Ohio’s law bans all cell phone usage, both handheld and hands free, for drivers under 18. Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers.