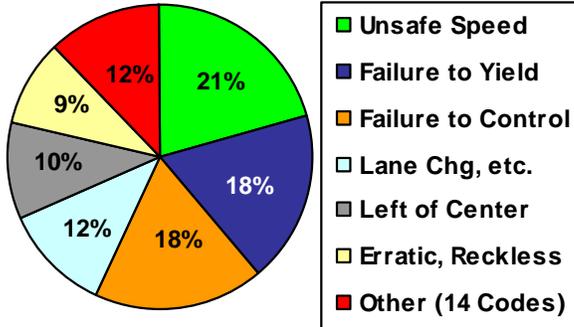


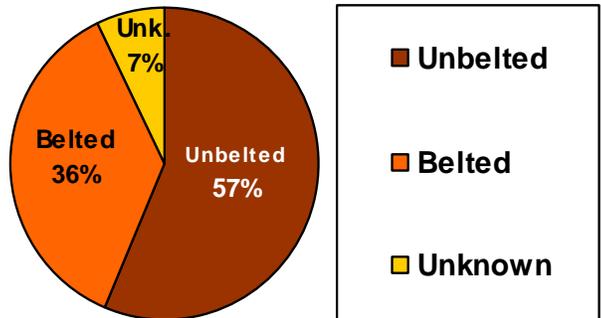


FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING 15- to 20-YEAR-OLD DRIVERS (2002-2005)

Cause of Crash



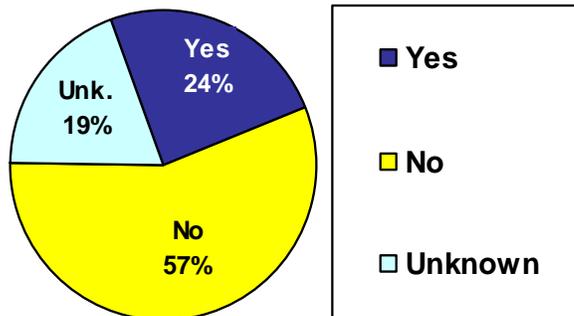
Driver Safety Belt Use



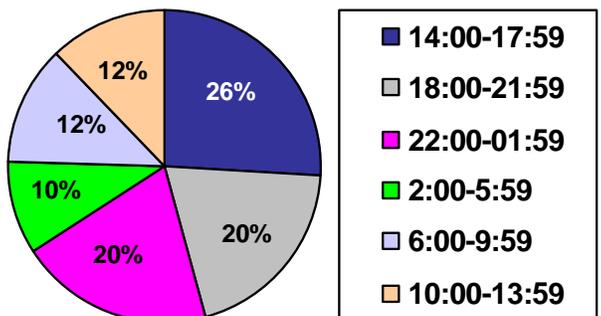
Of fatal crashes between 2002-2005 in which 15- to 20-year-old drivers were at fault, unsafe speed was the most frequent contributing factor (21%), followed by failure to yield (18%); failure to control (18%); improper lane change, passing, or driving off road (12%); driving left of center (10%); and driving in an erratic or reckless manner (9%). Twelve other contributing factors, added together, comprise the remaining 12% of crashes.

Of all 15- to 20-year-old drivers killed in crashes between 2002 and 2005, only 36% were wearing safety belts, while 57% were unbelted and 7% are unknown.

Alcohol / Drugs



Time of Day



Use of alcohol and/or drugs was suspected in 24% of fatal crashes in which 15- to 20-year-olds were at fault between 2002 and 2005. There was no suspicion of alcohol or drugs in 57% of those fatal crashes, and in 19% of the fatal crashes alcohol and/or drug use was reported as "unknown."

The highest frequency of fatal crashes (26%) involving 15- to 20-year-olds between 2002 and 2005 occurred between 2:00 p.m. and 5:59 p.m. Twenty percent occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 9:59 p.m., and another 20% occurred between 10:00 p.m. and 1:59 a.m.

WEEKLY FOCUS: YOUNG DRIVERS



- There have been 969 fatal crashes involving 15- to 20-year-old drivers between January 2002 and November 2005.
- These crashes resulted in 1,104 fatalities, 850 of which were drivers.
- In fatal crashes involving 15- to 20-year-olds between 2002 and 2005, the young drivers were at fault 80% of the time.
- Seventy-one percent of 15- to 20-year-old drivers involved in fatal crashes between 2002 and 2005 were males, and 29% were females.