

Distracted Drivers in Crashes (2016)

Electronic Device

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- Oklahoma crash reports are completed by law enforcement officers at the scene of a crash and show when a driver is distracted by an electronic device, largely based on self-reporting.
 - The two choices officers have for indicating distraction by electronic devices are:
 - Electronic communications device (cell phone, pager, etc.)
 - Other electronic device (navigation device, Palm Pilot, etc.)

- In 2016, 11 fatal crashes, 662 injury crashes*, and 1,047 non-injury crashes involved a driver distracted by an electronic device. The five-year trend data on crashes involving a driver distracted by an electronic device is located in the table below.



Distracted Drivers in Crashes by Electronic Device
By Age and Sex

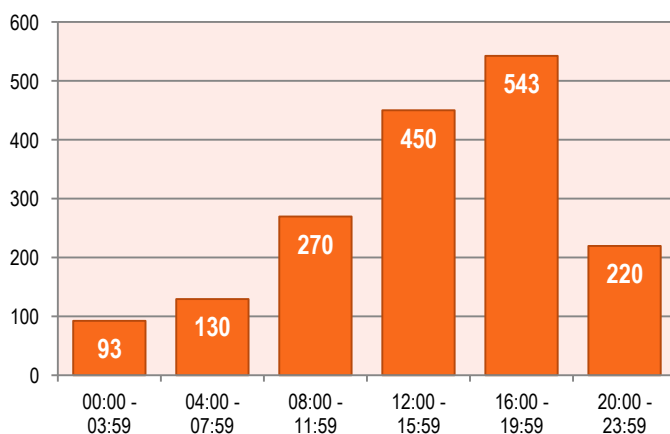
Driver Age	Person Sex			Total	% of Total
	Unknown	Female	Male		
Unknown	17	4	9	30	1.7%
Under 16	0	2	3	5	0.3%
16 – 25	0	367	422	789	45.0%
26 – 35	0	191	207	398	22.7%
36 – 45	0	101	124	225	12.8%
46 – 55	0	74	83	157	9.0%
56 – 65	0	36	56	92	5.2%
66 – 75	0	22	22	44	2.5%
76 +	0	7	7	14	0.8%
Total	17	804	933	1754	100.0%

Crashes Involved a Distracted Driver by an Electronic Device
Five-Year Trend (2012-2016)

Crash Severity	Year				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fatal crashes	10	14	14	11	11
Injury crashes	717	602	637	694	662
Non-injury crashes	996	1028	1043	1020	1047
Total crashes	1723	1644	1694	1725	1720

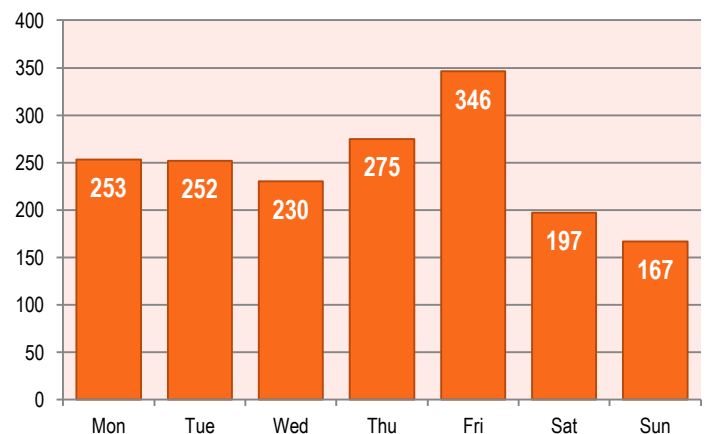
Crashes involving a driver distracted by an electronic device were highest among drivers in the 16-25 year-old age group (45.0%), followed by 26-35 year-old drivers, who make up 22.7% of distracted drivers in crashes. Crashes involving a driver distracted by an electronic device were highest between the hours of 4:00 p.m. (16:00) and 7:59 p.m. (19:59). They were also higher on Fridays than on any other day of the week.

Crashes Involving a Distracted Driver (Electronic)
Time of Day



Does not include crashes of unknown time.

Crashes Involving a Distracted Driver (Electronic)
Day of Week



* Injury crashes involve those with incapacitating, non-incapacitating, and possible injuries.