

# Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Oklahoma Drivers Age 16-20

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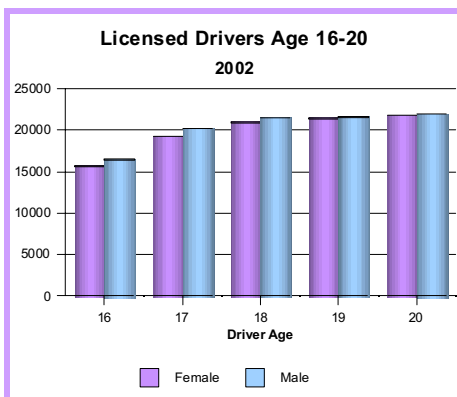
### Crash Involvement

Did you know that in Oklahoma in 2002, 8.6% of the total number of licensed drivers were age 16-20, while:

- 19.5% (27,697 of 142,122) of the drivers in all crashes were age 16-20?
- 14.2% (68 of 478) of the drivers killed were age 16-20?
- 15.8% (820 of 5,182) of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug Related driver condition were age 16-20?
- 24.4% (3,725 of 15,261) of the drivers in crashes caused by unsafe speed were age 16-20?

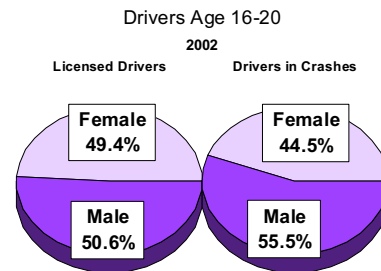
### Licensed Drivers

There were 99,434 licensed female drivers and 101,844 licensed male drivers for a total of 201,278 licensed drivers age 16-20 in 2002. In each age group there were slightly more male than female licensed drivers.



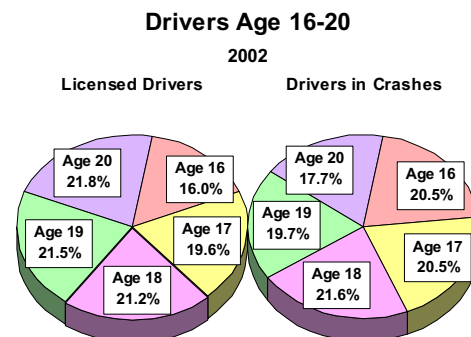
### Gender Differences

In 2002, 50.6% of the licensed drivers age 16-20 were male and 49.4% were female. However, 55.5% of the drivers age 16-20 involved in crashes were male and 44.5% were female.



### Driver Age

Some 19.5% (27,697 of 142,122) of the drivers in 2002 crashes, were age 16-20. The percentage of drivers age 16-18 involved in crashes was higher than the percentage of licensed drivers age 16-18. Drivers age 19 and 20, however, had a higher percentage of licensed drivers than drivers age 19 and 20 involved in crashes.

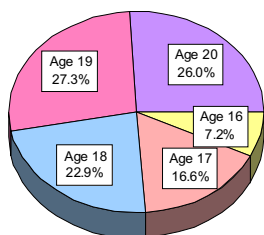


## Alcohol/Drug Related Condition

Some 3.0% (820 of 27,697) of the drivers age 16-20 involved in crashes in 2002, had an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition.

Of the drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition, 19-year olds made up the largest group.

Drivers Age 16-20 in 2002 Crashes  
Alcohol/Drug Related Condition & Age



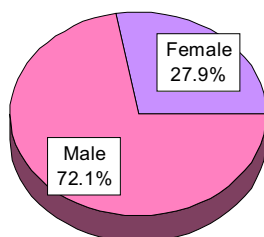
Of the drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition in 2002 crashes, 59.8% (490 of 820) were considered to be impaired.

## Drivers in Fatal Crashes

In 2002, there was a total of 1,005 drivers in fatal crashes. Some 15.0% (151 of 1,005) of these were drivers age 16-20. Of the 151 drivers age 16-20, 45.0% (68 of 151) were killed.

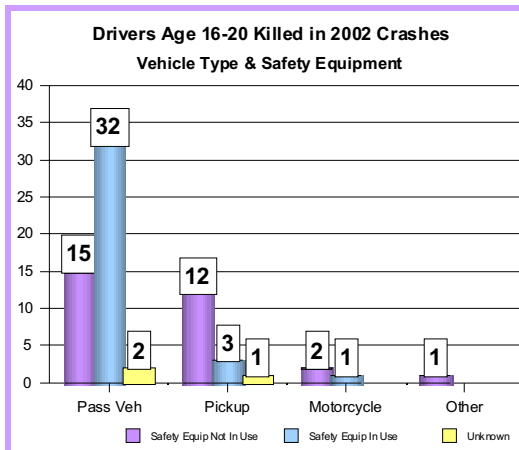
There were almost twice as many male as female drivers age 16-20 killed in fatal crashes.

Drivers Age 16-20 Killed in 2002 Fatal Crashes



## Safety Equipment

Of the 68 drivers age 16-20 killed in 2002 crashes, 31.3% (15 of 48) in passenger vehicles, 75.0% (12 of 16) in pickup trucks, and 66.7% (2 of 3) on motorcycles, were not using safety equipment. One fatality was in an unspecified vehicle type and safety equipment was not in use.



## Speed Related Crashes

Some 24.4% (3,725 of 15,261) of the drivers in speed related crashes were age 16-20, more than any other age group. The next highest age group, age 21-25, had an involvement rate of 14.4% (2,203 of 15,261). Some 62.0% (2,308 of 3,725) of the drivers age 16-20 in unsafe speed crashes were male.

## Single Vehicle Crashes & Speed

Some 53.3% (1,854 of 3,478) of crashes involving drivers age 16-20 were single vehicle crashes. Some 29.4% (546 of 1,854) of these single vehicle crashes were caused by exceeding the legal limit, 24.1% (446 of 1,854) were unsafe speed on rain or wet roadway, and 15.4% (286 of 1,854) were unsafe speed on curve/turn.

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