

# Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Youth: Drinking & Driving

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### Crash Involvement

Of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition in crashes in 2001, 15.1% were age 16-20. Only one other age group had a higher involvement rate: age 21-25 with 18.2%.

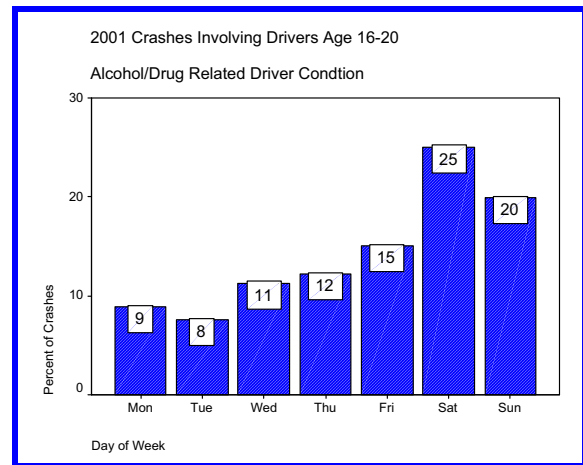
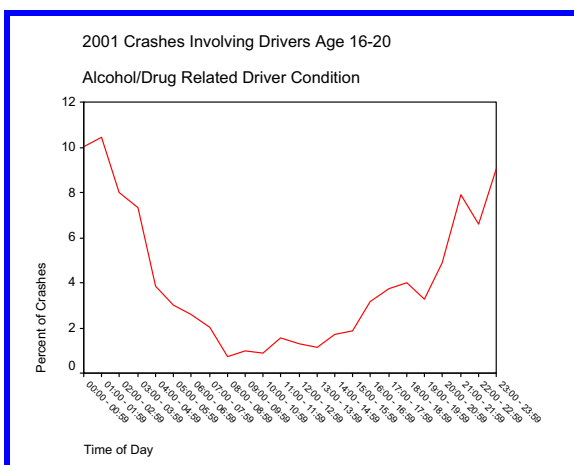
Of the 16-20 year old drivers with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition, 3.4% were involved in fatal crashes and 35.7% were involved in known injury crashes.

### Cause of Alcohol/Drug Crashes

The primary causes of Alcohol/Drug Related crashes is DUI-Alcohol (49.1%), Unsafe Speed (18.5%), and Inattention (6.7%).

The primary causes of fatal crashes is DUI-Alcohol (50.0%), Unsafe Speed (20.8%), Left of Center (8.3%), and DUI-Drug (8.3%).

### Time and Day of Week



As with other Alcohol/Drug Related crashes, the peak hours of occurrence were in the late evening and early morning hours.

Weekends had the most frequent occurrence of Alcohol/Drug Related crashes with Saturday the peak day.

### Rural vs. Urban

The majority of Alcohol/Drug Related crashes occurred in urban areas (56.2%). However, 95.8% of the fatal crashes occurred in rural areas.

### Counties

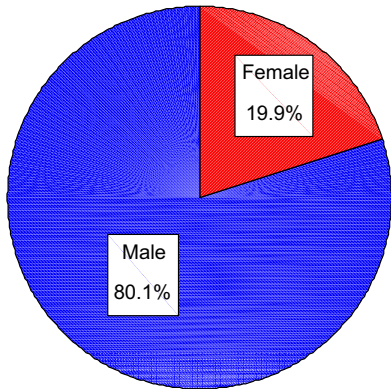
The following counties had the most frequent occurrence of Alcohol/Drug Related crashes involving drivers age 16-20: Tulsa (138), Oklahoma (101), Cleveland (40), Cherokee (21), and Kay (18).

### Safety Equipment

Of the eight drivers with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition age 16-20 killed in 2001, 87.5% (7 of 8) were not using safety equipment. Of those with incapacitating injuries, 65.3% (32 of 49) were not using safety equipment.

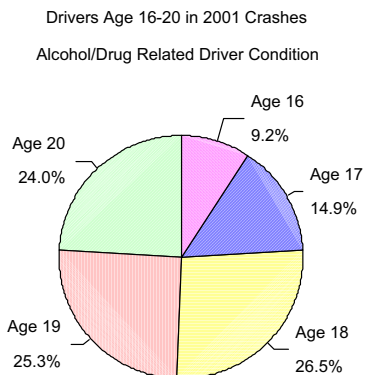
### Gender

Of the 703 drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition in 2001 crashes, 80.1% were male.



### Age

There were fewer drivers age 16 and 17 with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition than there were ages 18 through 20.



### Drivers Ejected

There were 15 drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition ejected in 2001 crashes. Of these 15 drivers, 100.0% were not using safety equipment. Five of the drivers were killed, eight had known injuries, and two were possibly injured.

### Vehicle Type

Of the 703 drivers age 16-20 with an Alcohol/Drug Related Driver Condition, 67.3% were in passenger vehicles and 30.5% were in pickup trucks. Of the passenger vehicle drivers, 29.4% were not properly restrained and of the pickup truck drivers, 40.9% were not properly restrained.

### In Addition

- H 60.9% of the crashes involved one vehicle and 34.2% involved two vehicles.
- H 53.0% of the crashes occurred in clear weather and 39.8% occurred in cloudy weather.
- H 64.0% of the crashes occurred in darkness and 23.1% occurred in daylight.
- H 60.0% of the crashes occurred on a straight level road.
- H 60.2% of the crashes occurred at a non-intersection.
- H 46.7% of the crashes occurred on city streets and 24.5% occurred on county roads.

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