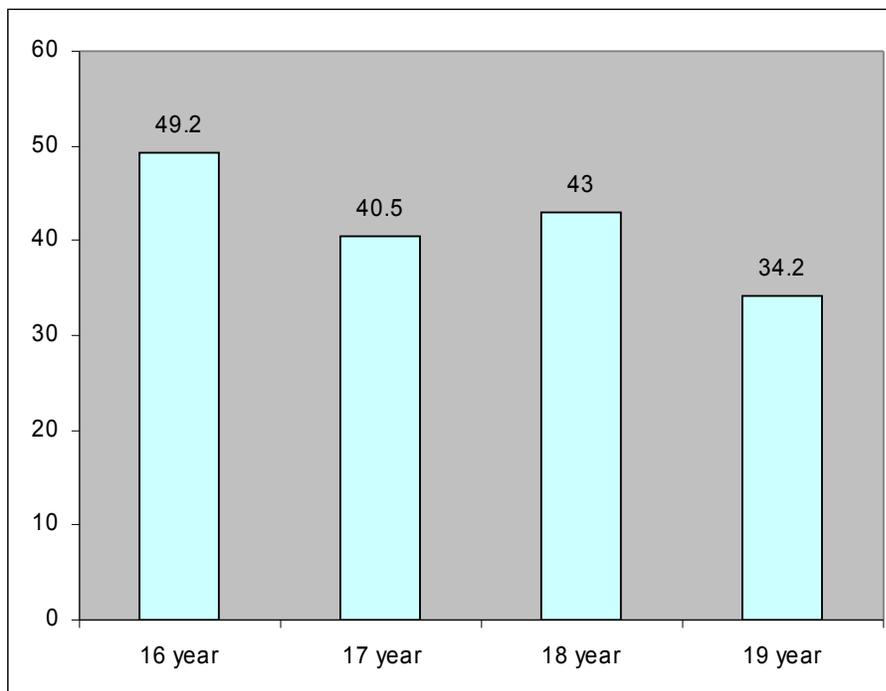


Teen Fatal Crash Data Update: 1997-2006

Summary:

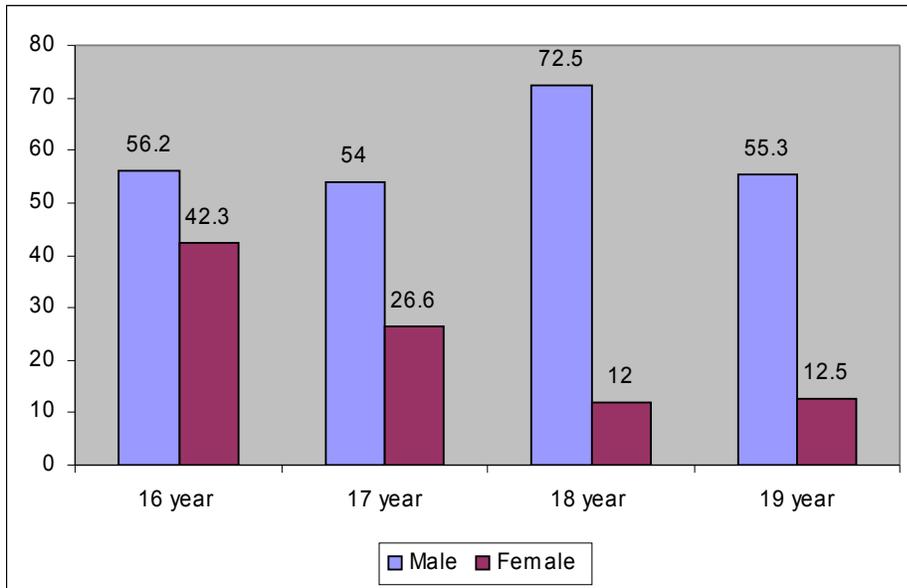
- **16-year olds have the highest rate for crashes involving a fatality.** From 1997-2006, crash rates were 49.2 per 10,000 in 16 year old drivers, which was followed by 43 per 10,000 in 18 year, 40.5 per 10,000 in 17 year, and 34.2 per 10,000 in 19 year old drivers.
- **Male drivers represent an overwhelming majority of drivers involved in fatal crashes.** Seventy six percent of the teen drivers were male and 24% were female.
- **About forty percent (40%) of the fatal car crashes occurred between 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.**
- **Less than a quarter (22.3%) of the participants were drinking drivers**
- **Forty eight percent (48%) used a known restraint system (shoulder belt, lap belt, and lap and shoulder belt).**
- **Crash rates decreased significantly for female drivers from ages 16 to 19, with a starting rate of 42.3 declining to 12.5 (per 10,000), respectively.**
- **Percentage of fatal crashes involving one or more passengers were 71.5% in 16 year, 57.5% in 17 year, 46.8% in 18 year, and 44.5% in 19 year old drivers.**

Fig. 1: Crash rate involving teen drivers by age from 1997-2006*



* 1997 data excluded

Fig. 2: Crash rate involving teen drivers by age and gender from 1997-2006*



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Fig. 3: Sixteen- to 19-year-old drivers in all crashes, every three hours

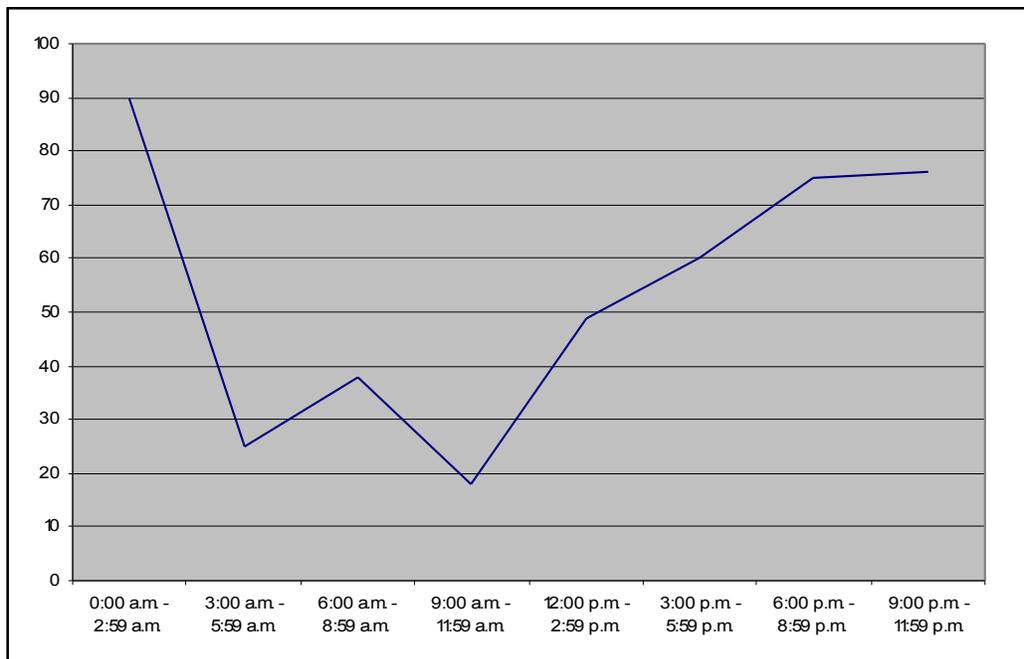


Fig. 4: Sixteen- to 19-year-old drivers in all crashes, hour by hour

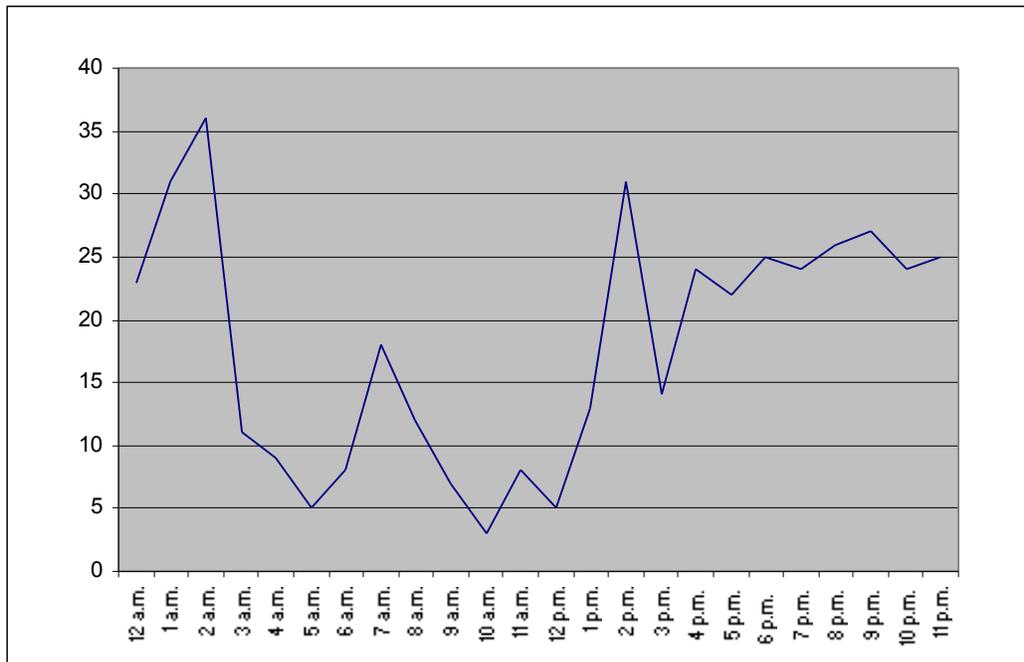


Fig. 5: Percentage of fatal car crashes involving one or more passengers

