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Teen Distracted Driver Data



Teens and Distracted Driving 2018

People killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2018	2,841
Teens (15 to 19 years old) killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2018	202
Percentage of all distracted driving fatalities in 2018 who were 15- to 19-year-olds	7%
Seven percent of the people who died in distraction-affected crashes in 2018 were teens 15 to 19 years old.	
Teens (15 to 19) killed in all crashes in 2018	2,318
Teens (15 to 19) killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2018	202
Percentage of teens (15 to 19) killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2018	9%
Nine percent of all teen motor vehicle crash fatalities in 2018 involved distracted driving.	
Number of distracted drivers (all ages) involved in fatal crashes in 2018	2,688
Teen (15 to 19) distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2018	237
Percentage of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes who were teens (15 to 19) in 2018	9%
In 2018, nine percent of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes were teens 15 to 19 years old.	
Teen (15 to 19) drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2018	3,070
Teen (15 to 19) distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2018	237
Percentage of teen (15 to 19) drivers who were distracted at the time of the fatal crashes in 2018	8%
In 2018, eight percent of teen drivers (15 to 19) who were involved in fatal crashes were distracted at the time of the crashes.	
People killed in crashes involving a teen (15 to 19) driver in 2018	3,370
People killed in crashes involving a distracted teen (15 to 19) driver in 2018	256
Percentage of people killed in crashes involving a teen (15 to 19), in which the teen was distracted, in 2018	8%
Eight percent of people killed in crashes involving teens (15 to 19) died when teen drivers were distracted.	
People killed in teen (15 to 19) distraction-affected crashes in 2018	256
Teens (15 to 19) killed in teen distraction-affected crashes in 2018	136
Percentage of all people killed in teen distraction-affected crashes who were teens (15 to 19) in 2018	53%
Fifty-three percent of those killed in teen (15 to 19) distraction-affected crashes were teens 15 to 19 years old.	
In 2018 there were 256 people killed in crashes that involved distracted teen (15 to 19) drivers.	
In 2018 there were 202 teens (15 to 19) killed in distraction-affected crashes.	

In 2018 there were 237 distracted teen (15 to 19) drivers involved in fatal crashes.

For additional information on distracted driving, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving. March 2020 DOT HS 812 931