



Teen Distracted Driver Data



Teens and Distracted Driving 2021

People killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2021	3,522
Teens 15 to 19 years old killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2021	225
Percentage of all distraction-affected fatalities in 2021 who were 15- to 19-year-olds	6%

Six percent of the people who died in distraction-affected crashes in 2021 were teens 15 to 19 years old.

Teens 15 to 19 killed in all crashes in 2021	2,796
Teens 15 to 19 killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2021	225
Percentage of teens 15 to 19 killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2021	8%

Eight percent of all teen motor vehicle crash fatalities in 2021 involved distracted driving.

Number of distracted drivers (all ages) involved in fatal crashes in 2021	3,346
Teen (15 to 19) distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2021	271
Percentage of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes who were teens (15 to 19) in 2021	8%

Eight percent of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2021 were teens 15 to 19 years old.

Teen drivers 15 to 19 involved in fatal crashes in 2021	3,814
Distracted teen drivers 15 to 19 involved in fatal crashes in 2021	271
Percentage of teen drivers 15 to 19 who were distracted at the time of the fatal crashes in 2021	7%

Seven percent of teen drivers 15 to 19 who were involved in fatal crashes in 2021 were distracted at the time of the crashes.

People killed in crashes involving a teen driver 15 to 19 in 2021	4,212
People killed in crashes involving a distracted teen driver 15 to 19 in 2021	296
Percentage of people killed in crashes involving a teen 15 to 19, in which the teen was distracted, in 2021	7%

Seven percent of people killed in crashes involving a teen driver 15 to 19 in 2021 died when teen drivers were distracted.

People killed in teen (15 to 19) distraction-affected crashes in 2021	296
Teens 15 to 19 killed in teen-distraction-affected crashes in 2021	138
Percentage of all people killed in teen-distraction-affected crashes who were teens 15 to 19 in 2021	47%

Forty-seven percent of those killed in teen (15 to 19) distraction-affected crashes in 2021 were 15 to 19 years old.

There were 296 people who died in crashes in 2021 that involved distracted teen drivers 15 to 19.
There were 225 teens 15 to 19 who were killed in distraction-affected crashes in 2021.
There were 271 teen drivers 15 to 19 involved in fatal crashes in 2021 who were distracted.

Definitions, limitations, and other information on distracted driving can be found in:

National Center for Statistics and Analysis. (2022, May). *Distracted driving 2020* (Research Note. Report No. DOT HS 813 309). National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Available at <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813309>

For additional information on distracted driving, visit www.distracted.gov.