

Survey Questions and Results

If you had to guess, what would you say is the number-one cause of death for American teenagers?

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| Smoking | 1.4 |
| Drugs or alcohol | 28.3 |
| Diseases like cancer or diabetes | 1.2 |
| Motor vehicle crashes | 51.3 |
| Suicide | 12.6 |
| Gang violence | 5.2 |

How serious would you say each of the following issues is for people your age?

| | Not at All Serious | Slightly Serious | Somewhat Serious | Very Serious | Extremely Serious |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Using hard drugs (such as crystal meth or cocaine) | 2.2 | 8.2 | 15.5 | 20 | 54.1 |
| Smoking marijuana | 4.7 | 10.3 | 20.1 | 31.5 | 33.5 |
| Getting drunk | 3.2 | 7.1 | 19.4 | 32.5 | 37.9 |
| Driving drunk | 1.5 | 5 | 12 | 25.8 | 55.7 |
| Driving unsafely | 2.4 | 6 | 17.5 | 37.5 | 36.7 |
| Smoking cigarettes | 3.5 | 9.1 | 25.5 | 32.4 | 29.6 |
| Eating fast-food | 25.8 | 23.5 | 26.1 | 10.5 | 14.2 |

Do you have your driver's license (or permit)?

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| Yes, driver's license | 60 |
| Yes, drivers permit | 20 |
| No | 20 |

How long do you think it will be before you get your driver's license?

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| Less than 6 months | 37.2 |
| 6-12 months | 44.8 |
| More than a year | 17.2 |
| I don't expect to get a driver's license | 0.8 |

How long have you been driving?

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| Less than 1 month | 2.8 |
| 1-3 months | 9.5 |
| 4-6 months | 15.6 |
| 6-12 months | 36.9 |
| More than a year | 33.9 |
| I have my license but have never driven | 1.2 |

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

To better understand young teen drivers and teens expecting to get their driver's license in the next year, The Allstate Foundation commissioned Teen Research Unlimited (TRU) in 2005 to conduct national quantitative and qualitative studies of 15- to 17-year-old respondents. Targets were set to ensure a geographically and ethnically diverse research sample and an approximate balance by gender.

QUESTIONNAIRE

How often would you say you drive...

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|------------|
| On weekdays | 0.5 | 6.6 | 19.5 | 24.2 | 49.2 |
| On weekends | 0.3 | 2.7 | 17.0 | 29.6 | 50.3 |
| Alone | 3.5 | 6.9 | 20.5 | 29.0 | 40.1 |
| With friends | 6.1 | 13.6 | 35.9 | 25.6 | 18.9 |
| With parents | 4.5 | 30.5 | 31.0 | 22.2 | 11.8 |
| On long trips (more than 20 miles/minutes) | 9.9 | 32.0 | 31.3 | 15.7 | 11.1 |
| Late at night | 14.8 | 28.6 | 31.6 | 16.0 | 8.9 |

Overall, how would you describe the driving behavior of young teen drivers?

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| Very aggressive | 14.5 |
| Somewhat aggressive | 47.6 |
| In the middle | 31.8 |
| Somewhat defensive | 2.8 |
| Very defensive | 0.9 |
| Don't know | 2.5 |

How would you describe your driving in general?

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| Very aggressive | 2.4 |
| Somewhat aggressive | 12.5 |
| In the middle | 40.1 |
| Somewhat defensive | 30.1 |
| Very defensive | 13.0 |
| Don't know | 2.0 |

Which of the following describes the mileage on the vehicle that you drive most often?

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| It has low miles (less than 30,000) | 14 |
| It has moderate miles (30,000-75,000) | 34.3 |
| It has high miles (more than 75,000) | 49 |
| Don't know | 2.7 |

What year is the vehicle you drive most often?

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|---------------|-----|
| 2004-2005 | 8% |
| 2000-2003 | 27% |
| 1995-1999 | 38% |
| 1994 or older | 26% |

Of the following, which three have the most influence on how you drive?

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| Friends | 47.4 |
| Girlfriend or boyfriend | 15.3 |
| Parents | 89.4 |
| Brother or sister | 21.3 |
| Driver's-education teacher | 40.6 |
| Police | 61.1 |
| Media (such as news stories, scenes from movies, advertising, etc.) | 21.1 |
| Video games | 3.8 |

QUESTIONNAIRE

How distracting is each of the following to you when you're driving?

| | Not at All Distracting | Slightly Distracting | Somewhat Distracting | Very Distracting | Extremely Distracting | Never Happened |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Seeing crashes and other incidents on the side of the road | 8.0 | 19.5 | 28.1 | 24.5 | 13.8 | 6.2 |
| Being tired | 3.5 | 20.0 | 28.8 | 28.0 | 13.1 | 6.70 |
| Having friends in the car | 14 | 31.1 | 35.3 | 11.5 | 4.8 | 3.3 |
| Music (adjusting volume, changing CDs, using iPod etc.) | 29.8 | 35.1 | 25.1 | 6.7 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| Bad weather | 6.7 | 19.1 | 29.3 | 28.0 | 15.3 | 1.7 |
| Your emotional state (being excited, upset, or nervous) | 12.6 | 24.0 | 31.4 | 20.6 | 7.8 | 3.5 |
| Talking on a cell phone | 9.5 | 18.8 | 25.3 | 21.3 | 11.1 | 14.0 |
| Instant or text messaging | 9.7 | 9.7 | 13.5 | 16.5 | 14.8 | 35.9 |
| Eating or drinking | 11.3 | 30.1 | 29.3 | 18.1 | 2.5 | 8.7 |
| A bug entering or hitting the car | 33.1 | 27.3 | 18.1 | 11.5 | 3.7 | 6.3 |

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

| | Strongly Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neither Agree or Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Strongly Agree | Don't Know |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| I worry about getting into a car accident | 6.6 | 11.3 | 18.5 | 37.1 | 25.6 | 1.0 |
| Most teens with their licenses are good drivers | 12.7 | 34.0 | 28.6 | 19.7 | 3.4 | 1.7 |
| Most accidents involving teens result from them driving drunk | 4.6 | 18.1 | 21.1 | 31.9 | 19.5 | 4.9 |
| People can be skilled drivers, but still might not be safe drivers | 2.1 | 3.8 | 9.9 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 1.7 |
| It's easy to be distracted while driving | 3.3 | 6.3 | 11.7 | 42.8 | 34.4 | 1.6 |
| If I'm in a car accident, it would likely be someone else's fault | 2.5 | 5.8 | 39.9 | 25.1 | 21.2 | 5.6 |
| It's OK to ride in a car without a seatbelt | 71.4 | 13.4 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 2.8 | 0.2 |
| I've felt unsafe driving with someone before | 7.4 | 7.4 | 14.4 | 33.6 | 33.8 | 3.5 |
| Guys are better drivers than girls | 20.8 | 13.8 | 32.9 | 15.7 | 12.3 | 4.6 |
| Girls are better drivers than guys | 15.3 | 19.5 | 36.8 | 13.8 | 10.0 | 4.7 |
| Guys are safer drivers than girls | 22.3 | 24.3 | 35.6 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| Girls are safer drivers than guys | 9.3 | 11.5 | 34.3 | 25.0 | 15.5 | 4.5 |
| I drive more safely when I'm alone than when friends are with me | 8.2 | 11.7 | 22.0 | 27.9 | 16.2 | 14.1 |
| I drive more safely with parents in the car than when I'm alone | 7.0 | 9.4 | 17.3 | 26.8 | 29.0 | 10.6 |

What things do you like most about driving? Please be as specific as possible (open-ended question).

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| Symbolism (fun, speed, excitement) | 84% |
| Freedom/Independence | 73% |
| Responsibility | 6% |
| Becoming an adult/Privileged | 5% |
| Escape/Get away | 4% |
| Speed | 4% |
| Convenience | 3% |
| Privacy | 3% |

QUESTIONNAIRE

When you personally are driving, how often do you...

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Speed (more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit) | 17.0 | 28.1 | 32.9 | 15.5 | 6.5 |
| Speed (more than 20 m.p.h. over the limit) | 52.2 | 28.5 | 13.0 | 4.5 | 1.8 |
| Tailgate (follow other drivers very closely) | 45.4 | 33.3 | 16.3 | 3.7 | 1.3 |
| Race another car | 72.5 | 15.6 | 8.8 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| Make and answer phone calls | 22.0 | 22.1 | 30.0 | 18.3 | 7.7 |
| Read or write text messages (while driving) | 68.1 | 19.1 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 1.5 |
| Speed up to get through a yellow light | 12.6 | 24.3 | 38.6 | 16.5 | 8.0 |
| Unwrap and/or eat food (while driving) | 20.5 | 31.3 | 35.9 | 9.5 | 2.8 |
| Come to a full, complete stop at stop signs | 1.3 | 8.3 | 15.1 | 31.8 | 43.4 |
| Wear your seatbelt | 1.3 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 83.9 |
| Cut in front of other drivers | 48.1 | 36.6 | 12.5 | 2.2 | 0.7 |
| Change lanes | 0.8 | 3.0 | 10.3 | 29.0 | 56.9 |
| Take your eyes off the road to look at something outside | 7.2 | 27.3 | 52.2 | 10.0 | 3.3 |
| Get distracted by other people in the car | 11.3 | 42.1 | 40.1 | 5.7 | 0.8 |
| Turn fast enough that your car skids | 62.6 | 24.8 | 9.5 | 2.8 | 0.3 |
| Make an illegal U-turn | 59.6 | 26.3 | 12.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Turn without signaling | 37.6 | 38.4 | 19.5 | 3.5 | 1.0 |
| Pass other drivers who are going slower than you | 6.7 | 11.6 | 42.8 | 28.1 | 10.8 |
| Change lanes without signaling | 38.1 | 37.6 | 20.0 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| Squeal your tires | 59.6 | 24.6 | 12.3 | 2.7 | 0.8 |
| Run a red light without stopping | 76.9 | 17.5 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 0.3 |

What would you say are the main reasons that you speed?

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| Teens have so many restrictions, when I'm driving I like being free to blow off a few rules | 9.0 |
| Speeding is fun | 16.8 |
| Speeding is the only way I can be on time | 24.4 |
| I'm just trying to keep up with traffic and don't want to cause an accident | 68.9 |
| Keeping to the speed limit is uncool | 3.2 |
| I'm embarrassed or pressured when friends or others are in the car | 10.8 |
| It's safe as long as I watch for cops and stay in control of the vehicle | 35.3 |
| Speeding isn't like a real crime-everybody speeds or drives carelessly | 17.4 |
| Other | 12.8 |

Many young people think a serious car accident will never happen to them. What would you say are the main reasons that a car accident may not happen to you personally?

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| I'm a good driver who pays attention | 60.5 |
| Bad accidents don't actually happen as often as people say | 6.6 |
| There's always someone or something watching out for me | 12.1 |
| Only extreme speeding or really stupid decisions cause bad accidents | 28.8 |
| I'm young, alert, and in control of my car | 36.3 |
| Whatever happens will happen-I can't control my fate | 25.9 |
| I don't really care if something happens | 1.8 |
| Other | 6.4 |
| None of these | 10.5 |

QUESTIONNAIRE

If you were riding in a car with someone you didn't know very well, and he or she was driving in a way that made you scared or uncomfortable (going too fast, tailgating, racing another driver, etc.), how likely would you be to say something?

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| Definitely would not say anything | 1.8 |
| Probably would not say anything | 8.9 |
| Might or might not say anything | 16.8 |
| Probably would say something | 26.1 |
| Definitely would say something | 44.9 |
| Don't know | 1.6 |

Which of the following are reasons why you might not say anything?

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| It's just not cool and people might not want to hang out with me | 33.1 |
| The driver wouldn't listen to me anyway | 44.7 |
| Speaking up would ruin it for everyone in the car | 22.5 |
| It's pretty unlikely that anything really bad will happen | 14.5 |
| It's hard to be the only person who disagrees | 42.5 |
| Even if I'm worried or scared, I'm also excited and having fun | 17.8 |
| Other | 6.5 |

How many times have you ever...

| | None | One | Two | Three | Four or more |
|---|------|------|-----|-------|--------------|
| Been in a car accident when someone else was driving | 52.2 | 35.1 | 9.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| Been in an accident when you were driving | 74.2 | 20.1 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Been at fault for a car accident | 83.4 | 14.0 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Been pulled over but not ticketed | 77.9 | 16.6 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| Been ticketed for speeding | 85.7 | 10.1 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Been ticketed for running a red light | 98.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Been ticketed for making an illegal U-turn | 98.3 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Been ticketed for not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign | 96.7 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Been ticketed for some other moving violation (reckless driving, too fast for conditions, etc.) | 92.8 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Ridden in a car when the driver was a friend who had been drinking | 79.0 | 12.6 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 3.5 |
| Driven a car after drinking any alcohol | 88.2 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 2.2 |

Any poor driving decision – whether it's not using your turn signal, speeding, or making a dangerous pass on a highway – means you've decided to take a risk. What is the main reason you'd be willing to take a risk like this?

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| I think I can handle it-I'm a good driver and I understand how cars work | 25.6 |
| I'm not thinking about the consequences at that moment | 26.8 |
| I think the car's safety features would take care of any loss of vehicle control | 1.3 |
| I drive a large vehicle, which means that my chances for serious injury or death are lower | 1.2 |
| I enjoy the thrill of taking risks and making snap decisions | 3.2 |
| Friends see me as a risk taker, and I like having that image | 1.0 |
| Other | 4.7 |
| I would never take risks like those described | 36.3 |

QUESTIONNAIRE

How likely do you think it is that you'll do the following within the next year?

| | Definitely Will Not | Probably Will Not | Might or Might Not | Probably Will | Definitely Will | Don't Know |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Speed (drive more than 10 m.p.h. over the limit) | 15.7 | 18.4 | 24.3 | 25.0 | 14.7 | 2.0 |
| Speed (drive more than 20 m.p.h. over the limit) | 40.9 | 24.7 | 15.9 | 11.1 | 5.9 | 1.6 |
| Drink alcohol (beer, wine, etc.)- more than just a sip or two | 54.1 | 15.8 | 10.3 | 11.8 | 7.2 | 0.8 |
| Smoke a cigarette | 72.6 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 0.8 |
| Smoke marijuana (weed/pot) | 76.3 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 1.0 |
| Ride with one or more friends who is speeding | 18.3 | 17.6 | 25.0 | 27.5 | 9.6 | 2.1 |

If you were to cause a car accident, what outcomes would you fear the most?

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| Injury to myself | 33.0 |
| Injury to family members riding in the car | 59.5 |
| Injury to friends riding in the car | 61.2 |
| My having to pay for the damage | 7.6 |
| My parents having to pay for the damage | 10.2 |
| Hurting someone in another car or who is on foot | 66.3 |
| Cost of my auto insurance will increase | 11.2 |
| Disappointing and angering my parents | 26.0 |
| Disappointing my friends | 1.3 |
| Having a criminal record, serving time in jail, legal costs | 21.6 |
| Other | 2.1 |

Which people could be best at getting you to drive more safely?

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| A celebrity | 22.0 |
| A teacher | 25.7 |
| A parent | 75.3 |
| A friend | 53.3 |
| Another teen | 36.6 |
| A coach | 16.1 |
| A Counselor | 11.5 |
| A police officer | 50.4 |
| A professional driver (like a NASCAR driver) | 32.6 |
| Other | 5.4 |
| None of these | 1.5 |

Which of the following types of people do you think could make a difference in how you think about your driving?

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| Someone who caused an accident in which someone was injured | 24.0 |
| An expert on vehicles, driving safety, and the law | 28.6 |
| Someone who has never caused an accident | 6.7 |
| Someone who has never been ticketed for a moving violation | 6.0 |
| Someone known for being responsible | 19.2 |
| Someone who has lost someone close to them in an accident | 51.1 |
| Someone who caused an accident in which someone was killed | 61.2 |
| None of these | 1.6 |

We care about your comments. Please use the card below to give us any thoughts you have about *Chronic: A Report on the State of Teen Driving* or about The Allstate Foundation.

Comments card

Your comments can help us improve the way we communicate about Foundation activities and programs. Please evaluate the statements below using a scale from 1 (Strongly Agree) to 4 (Strongly Disagree).

1. The report enhanced my understanding of the teen-driver safety issue.

1 Strongly Agree

2 Agree

3 Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

2. The approach described in the report, focusing on teen attitudes and beliefs about driving, is a beneficial way to reduce teen crash fatalities and injuries.

1 Strongly Agree

2 Agree

3 Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

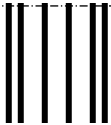
3. Which section did you find most useful?

4. Which section did you find least useful?

5. The teen driving program will launch in Spring of 2006 – are there any suggestions you'd like to share with us?

5. Would you like to receive more information in the future about The Allstate Foundation's teen driving program?

Yes No



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