From 2018-2019, there were 186,055 traffic crashes in Ohio involving at least one driver aged 15 to 24. This represents more than 30% of all crashes during this time. According to the Federal Highway Administration, about 12% of licensed drivers in the US were aged 24 or younger in 2018\(^1\).

An action on the part of the youthful driver contributed to 68% (126,664) of these crashes. At-fault youthful driver crashes resulted in 382 deaths and 52,597 injuries from 2018-2019. This is 17% of fatalities and 24% of people injured in traffic crashes during this time.

Of at-fault, youthful driver crashes, 35% were caused by the young driver following too close. Another 20% of crashes were caused by failure to yield/ran red light or stop sign. Leading causes of fatal at-fault, youthful driver crashes included failure to yield/ran red light or stop sign (18%), unsafe speed (18%), driving left of center (14%), and drove off road (10%).

Male teenage drivers were more likely than their female counterparts to be at-fault in crashes (54% vs. 45%). In fatal crashes, males made up more than two-thirds of the at-fault drivers (68%).

Four counties, Franklin, Hamilton, Cuyahoga and Summit, accounted for 37% of youthful driver crashes. Fatal crashes happened most frequently in Franklin (44), Montgomery (23), Hamilton (22), and Cuyahoga (21) Counties.

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\(^1\)Includes drivers under 15