

TOP TEN STATISTICS



1. The days between Memorial Day and Labor Day are known as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, due to the increased number of teen driving accidents that occur during this time. However, only 7% of teens consider summer driving to come with a high degree of danger. Liberty Mutual/SADD — [Teen Driving Study \(2011\)](#)
2. Since 1975 teenage motor vehicle crash deaths have decreased more among males (59%) than among females (38%). Insurance Institute for Highway Safety — [Fatality Facts 2009: Teenagers](#)
3. Approximately 84% of teens are aware that distracted-driving behaviors increase their crash risk, yet 86% still admit to engaging in those behaviors behind the wheel. [AAA and Seventeen magazine study \(2010\)](#)
4. If another teen were driving in a way that scared them, girls (53%) are less likely to speak up than boys (66%). An overwhelming majority of African American teens (71%) would likely speak up if they are scared/uncomfortable about someone's driving. Allstate Foundation — [Shifting of Teen Attitudes: The State of Teen Driving 2009](#)
5. New data have determined that nearly half (47%) of girls admit they are likely to speed more than 10 mph over the limit, compared to only 36% of boys. Girls also report being more likely than boys to use a cell phone to talk, text or e-mail while driving, 51% to 38%. Allstate Foundation — [Shifting of Teen Attitudes: The State of Teen Driving 2009](#)
6. More 16- to 20-year-olds are killed in motor vehicle related crashes than those that are killed by drugs, guns, and violent crimes combined. Center for Disease Control and Prevention — [Mortality Among Teenagers Aged 12-19 Years: United States, 1999-2006 \(May 2010\)](#)
7. Distraction from cell phone use while driving (hand-held or hands-free) extends a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08%. University of Utah Department of Psychology — ["Why Do Cell Phone Conversations Interfere with Driving?"](#) By David L. Stayer, Frank A. Drews, Dennis J. Crouch, and William A. Johnston
8. Teens give researchers startling reasons why they engage in distracted driving. Some examples are: it only takes a split second (41%), they don't think they'll get hurt (35%), it makes driving less boring (22%), and they're used to being connected to people all the time (21%). [AAA and Seventeen magazine study \(2010\)](#)
9. It is widely recognized that drowsy driving is underreported as a cause of motor vehicle crashes. Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes a year, resulting in 40,000 injuries and 1,550 deaths. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — [Research on Drowsy Driving](#)
10. As of July 2011, 30 states have enacted laws that ban all cell phone use by novice drivers and 34 states have enacted laws that ban text messaging for all drivers. Governors Highway Safety Administration — [Cell Phone and Texting Laws](#)

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