



Traffic Education & MT DRIVE

The Traffic Education programs carry out the state laws and rules governing state-approved driver education on behalf of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.



Traffic Education instructors are in high demand!



- In 2019, Montana had 340 state-approved, actively teaching traffic education teachers. In 2021, that number dropped to 300.
- Some school districts are not able to offer the course due to the lack of traffic educators.
- In 2020, 125 school districts offered traffic education and 7,382 students completed the course. This number was down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The average is 8,500-9,000 teens completing a driver education course during a school year.
- About 12,000 Montana teens are eligible to take driver education each year. To be eligible, they must be at least 14.5 and less than 19 years old by the course completion date.



CDTP – Cooperative Driver Testing Program



The Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) is a partnership between the OPI Traffic Education Program and the Department of Justice (61-5-110, MCA).

CDTP authorizes 300 trained and certified OPI driver education instructors to administer the written test for a learner's license and to conduct the driving skills test on behalf of the DOJ Motor Vehicle Division, thereby reducing costs for both the DOJ and families with new drivers.

Recently the written and/or road tests were waived for 8,127 young drivers who started supervised practice driving and did not have to re-take the tests at driver license stations. MVD driver examiners retest 10 percent of the road test-waived students for quality and consistency.

CDTP REFRESHER ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSE



For CDTP-Certified Traffic Education Instructors

TEEN DRIVER CURRICULUM

<http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum>

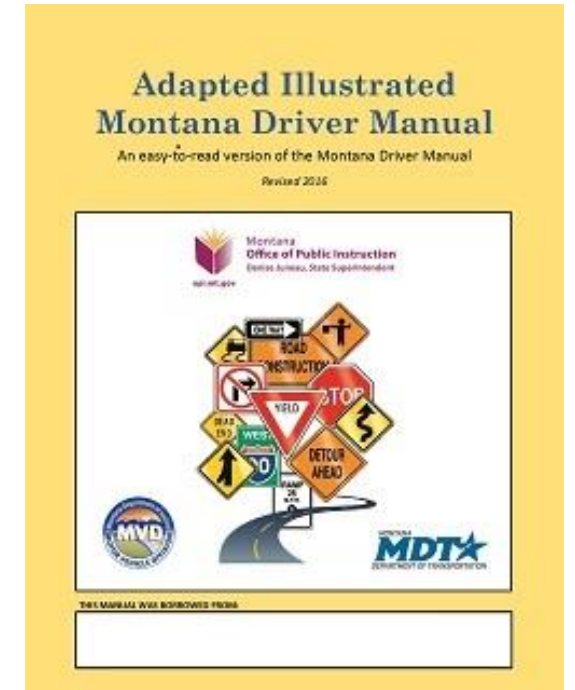
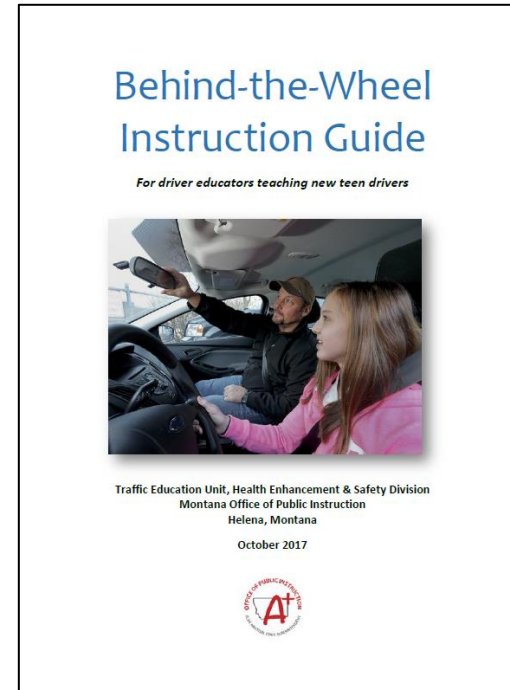
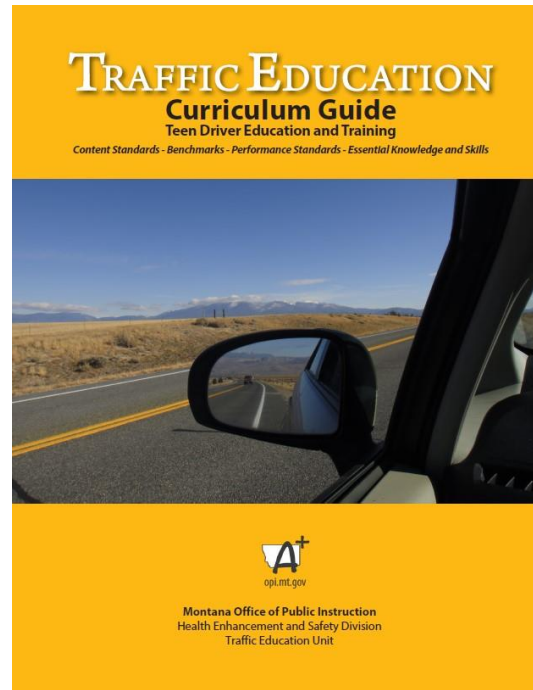
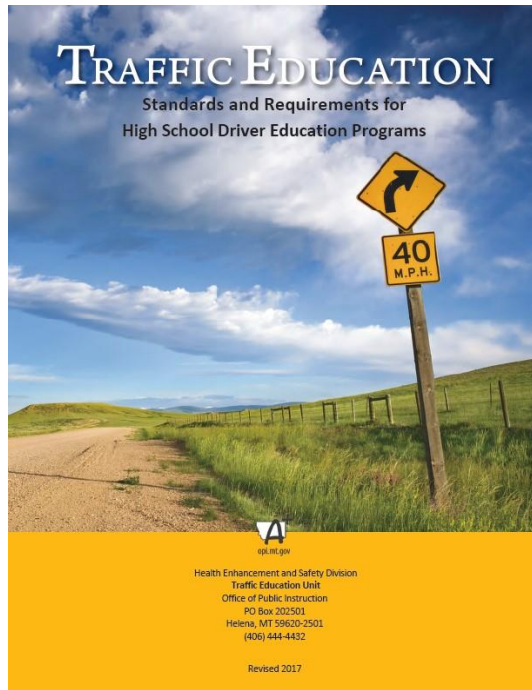
DOWNLOAD CURRICULUM MODULES	ADMINISTRATION	RESEARCH & RESOURCES	INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The curriculum modules have moved here! Visit the Digital Assets page to quickly and easily download Module presentations, fact sheets and work sheets, quizzes and pre-tests, and associated content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MT Traffic Education Curriculum Guide▪ Curriculum Modules List▪ Classroom and BTW lessons Scope and Sequence▪ Behind-the-Wheel Instruction Guide 2017 Includes a section on evaluating teen drivers' performance and progress.▪ MT Traffic Education Standards and Requirements for School Districts▪ MT Standards for Literacy, Tech and Traffic Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Montana Seat Belt Law handout▪ Traffic Education Student Research Topics▪ Effect of Passengers on Teen Driver Behavior- NHTSA▪ Crash Log and Media Report▪ Car Crash Parent Letter Activity▪ Driver Ed Classroom Activities - Idaho▪ BTW Activities - Idaho▪ IIHS in the Classroom. Explore free educational resources to help you learn or teach about the science of car crashes. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Intersection Safety for Motorists, Bicyclists and Pedestrians▪ Visit the new OPI Traffic Education YouTube channel! All videos that appear in curriculum modules are now in Playlists on YouTube. Videos with audio will be closed captioned.▪ Understanding Car Crashes: It's Basic Physics! Teacher's Guide for Grades 5-12, Griff Jones, Ph.D.▪ Understanding Car Crashes: When Physics Meets Biology, Teacher's Guide for Grades 5-12, by Griff Jones, Ph.D.

*Anyone may download files from OPI website. Tests are excluded from the online curriculum :)

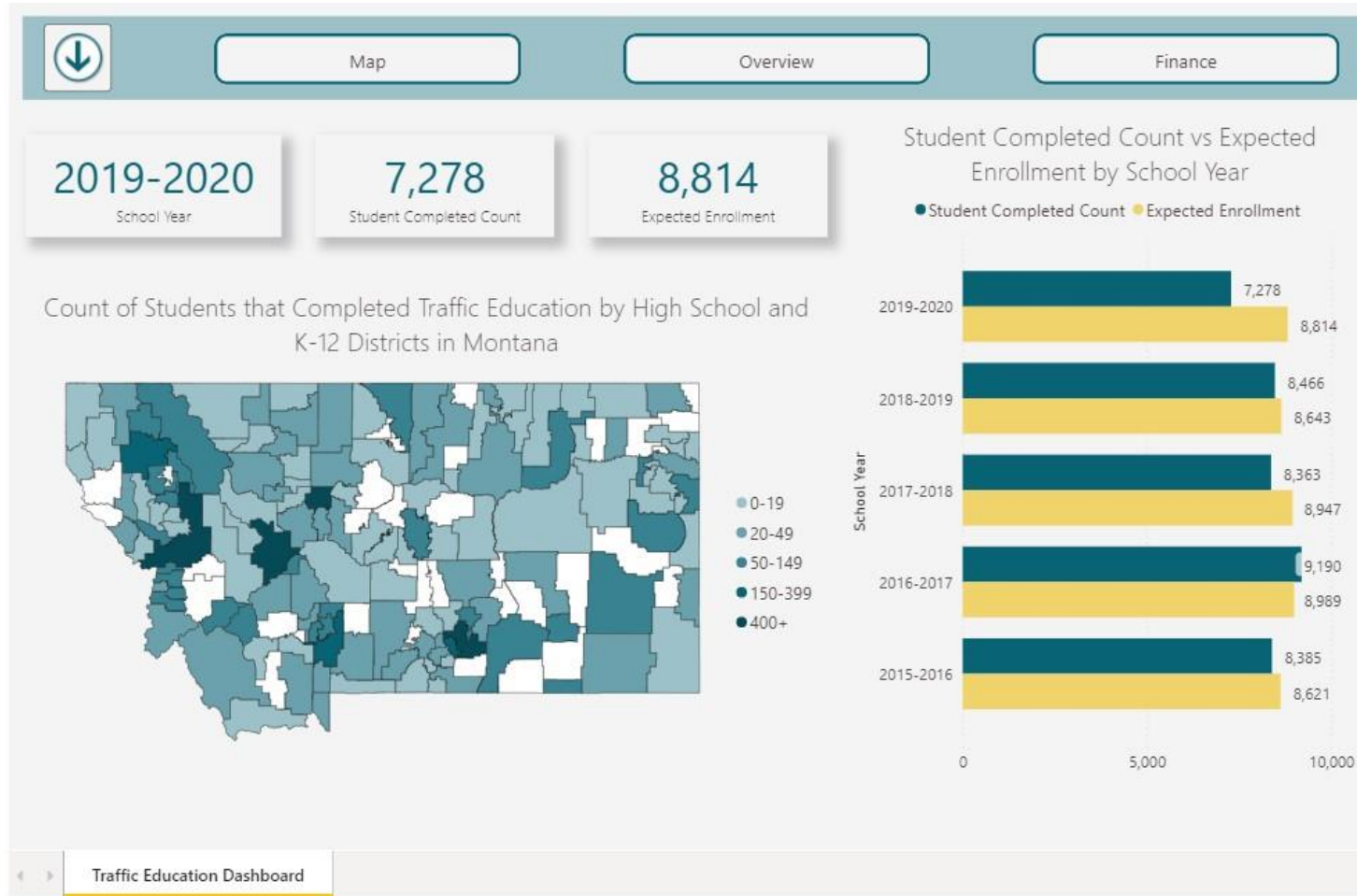
Traffic Education Resources

PARENTS/TEENS	GDL - GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAW	DISTRACTIONS	SEAT BELTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NEW: Driver Education FAQs ▪ KEYS Teen Driver Rating Form ▪ KEYS Parent Teen Agreement ▪ KEYS Parent Teen Homework ▪ Accommodating Students with Disabilities in Driver Education ▪ My Car Does What - Safety Features Videos, Graphics & more ▪ Impact Teen Drivers ▪ Montana Students and Driving Behaviors - 2021 reports from the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GDL Factsheet and Driving Log ▪ Getting Your MT GDL Restricted License - A guide for parents when their teen has completed their 6-month GDL practice period. ▪ Montana Driver Manual - 2018 ▪ DriveItHOME - National Safety Council ▪ Teen Driver Source Practice Guide ▪ Ten Years of Montana GDL ▪ Graph: Montana Teen Driver Crashes since GDL - 2008-2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Map of Montana Cities, Counties and Reservations with Bans on Use of Handheld Phones while Driving ▪ Distracted: Eyes off the Road (Montana PBS Video) ▪ AT&T - It Can Wait - Texting & Driving ▪ Red Thumb Reminder ▪ Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks ▪ CDC - Distracted Driving ▪ CDC - Drowsy Driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Montana Seat Belt Law ▪ Seat Belt Survey Form ▪ Observational Seat Belt Survey Form ▪ Buckle Up Montana - MDT ▪ YRBS Seat Belt Graph- 2011 to 2021 ▪ #BuckleUpBlue4Lauryn on Facebook
CROSSING GUARDS	SHARING THE ROAD	MONTANA/NATIONAL	SCHOOLS WITH DRIVER EDUCATION WEBSITES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crossing Guard Tip Sheet ▪ Montana School Crossing Guard Training PPT ▪ Montana Crossing Guard Training Rules ▪ SRTS Crossing Guard Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bike Walk Montana ▪ Journeys from Home Montana ▪ Intersection Safety Videos - Missoula ▪ Motorcycle Safety ▪ Bicycle Safety Videos - Pennsylvania ▪ Bicycle Safety - Illinois ▪ Safe Routes to School ▪ Motor Carriers of Montana - Resources for truck drivers as well as excellent information on sharing the road with semi-trucks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Montana Teen Driver Safety Day ▪ GEMS Data Warehouse - Traffic Education Dashboard ▪ OPI-Youth Risk Behavior Study 2021 - Teen Driver Behaviors ▪ OPI - YRBS data comparison of teens with and without driver education ▪ OPI-YRBS County Maps - Vehicle-Related Behaviors 2019 ▪ DOJ/MVD - Driver Services ▪ MDT - Vision Zero ▪ MDT - Flashing Yellow Arrows ▪ MDT - Using a Roundabout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Billings - 406.281.5074 ▪ Bozeman - 406.522.6013 ▪ Butte - 406.533.2890 ▪ Great Falls - 406.268.6082 ▪ Helena - 406.324.2123 ▪ Kalispell - 406.751.3983 ▪ Missoula - 406.728.2400 x7048

Preferred Traffic Education Resources



TRAFFIC EDUCATION DATA



<http://gems.opi.mt.gov>




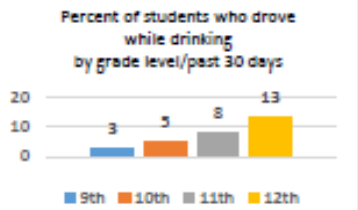

YRBS: Youth Risk Behavior Survey

<http://opi.mt.gov/YRBS>

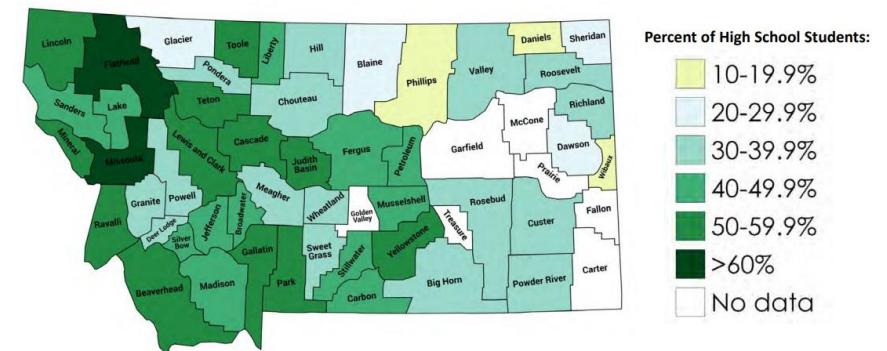
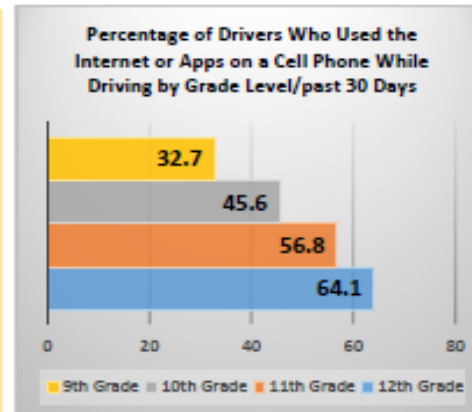
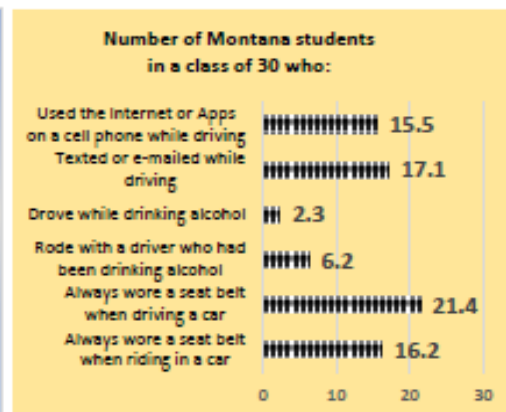
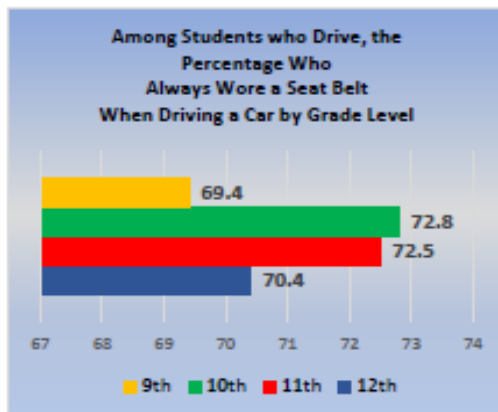
Montana Students and Driving Behaviors

2021 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Montana Office of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent



Seat Belt Use	Alcohol and Driving	Distracted Driving
<p>86% of students always wear a seat belt when riding in a car; 6% report never or rarely wearing a seat belt</p> <p>Among drivers, 7% never or rarely wear a seat belt when driving; 71% always wear a seat belt when driving</p> <p>35% of males and 23% of females did not always wear a seat belt when driving</p> 	<p>21% of students rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days</p> <p>8% of students drove when they had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days</p> 	 <p>57% of students who drove a car during the past 30 days, texted or e-mailed while driving</p> <p>52% of students who drove a car during the past 30 days used the Internet or Apps on their cell phone while driving</p>

Always wore a seat belt when riding in a car
2019 Montana YRBS



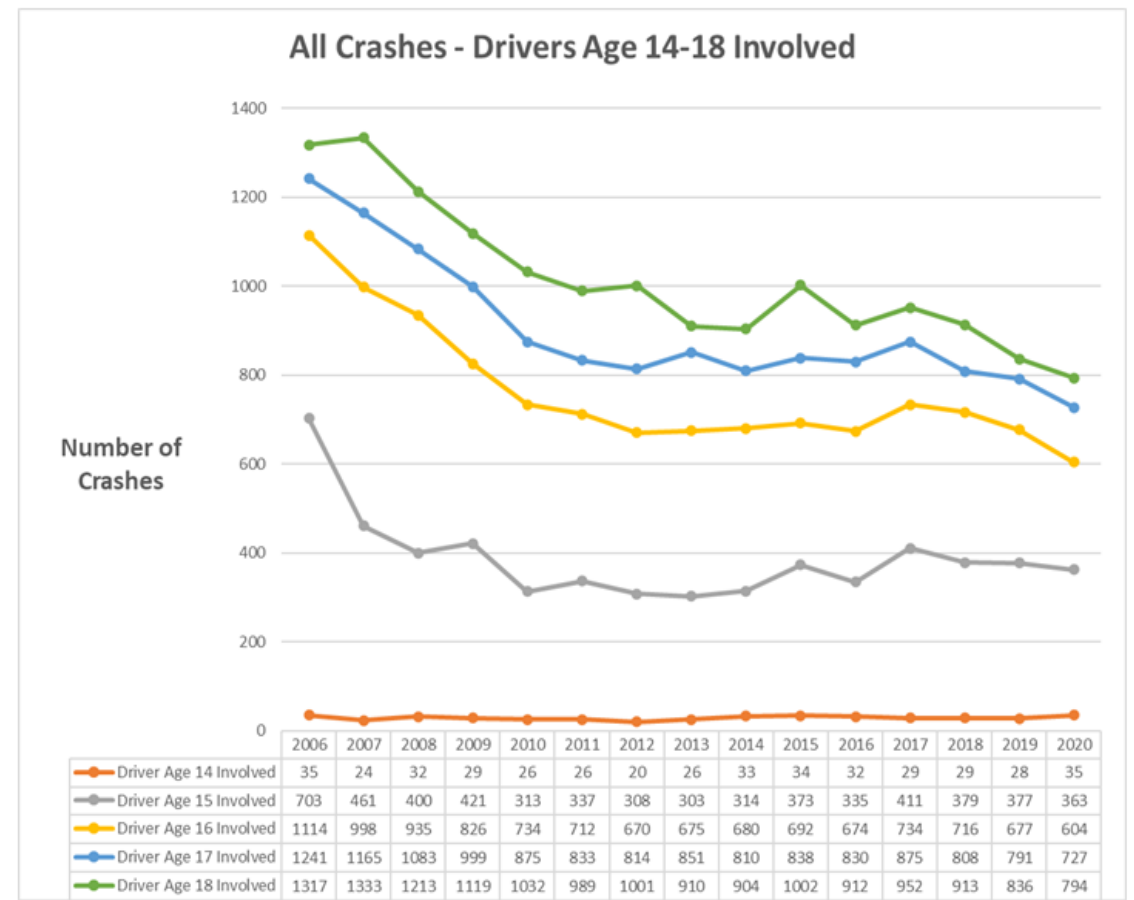
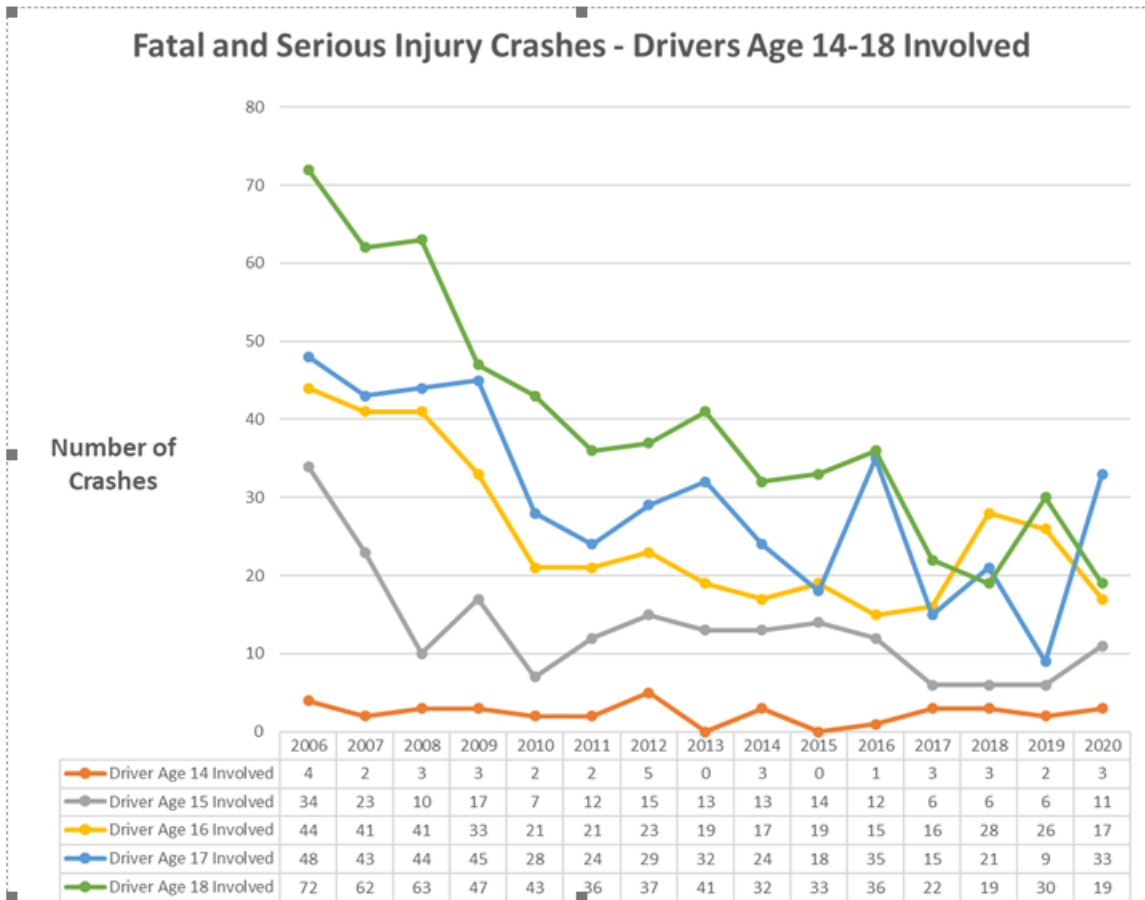
GDL: Graduated Driver Licensing

- Enacted by the Montana State Legislature in 2005; in effect in 2006. All 50 states have a GDL program.
- Provides a phased-in, gradual development of driving skill with supervision, toward greater responsibility and independence.
- Requires drivers under age 18 with a learner license to drive with adult supervision.
- Step 1: Must log at least 50 hours of driving, 10 at night, for a minimum of six months.
- Step 2: Restricted License (must be 15 years old) – Valid for one year or until age 18. Passenger and curfew restrictions.



GDL: Graduated Driver Licensing

GDL makes a positive difference!



Traffic Education Events

- Montana Teen Driver Safety Day, every third Tuesday in October.
- Montana Traffic Education Spring Conference, Montana Traffic Education Association – MTEAOnline.org
- Montana DRIVE One-Day Summer Workshops



Montana Teen Driver Safety Day

Third Tuesday in October (MCA 1-1-229)

Verification of Completion



DWIGHT NELSON

Has successfully completed nine (9) hours of training in
Driver Risk Management at the
Montana DRIVE Facility, Lewistown, Montana

Workshop Date:

06/07/2021



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OPI's MONTANA DRIVE PROGRAM

- Montana DRIVE one-day summer workshops on track in Lewistown since 1979.
- Drivers practice vehicle control skills behind-the-wheel with professional instructors to keep their vehicle in balance and respond safely to driving risks.
- State Farm insurance grants support Montana DRIVE teen scholarships in July.





MONTANA DRIVE WORKSHOPS

<http://montanadrive.mt.gov>

- All types of drivers attend the summer workshops: school bus drivers; ambulance and fire truck drivers; state, federal and municipal employees; heavy truck and transit bus drivers; driver ed teachers, individuals, and teens (Teen Week in July).
- More than 16,000 drivers have taken the workshop since 1979.
- Teachers can earn one college credit from MSUN when they take the workshop, stay an extra day to student teach, and write a paper.





Thank you!

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