

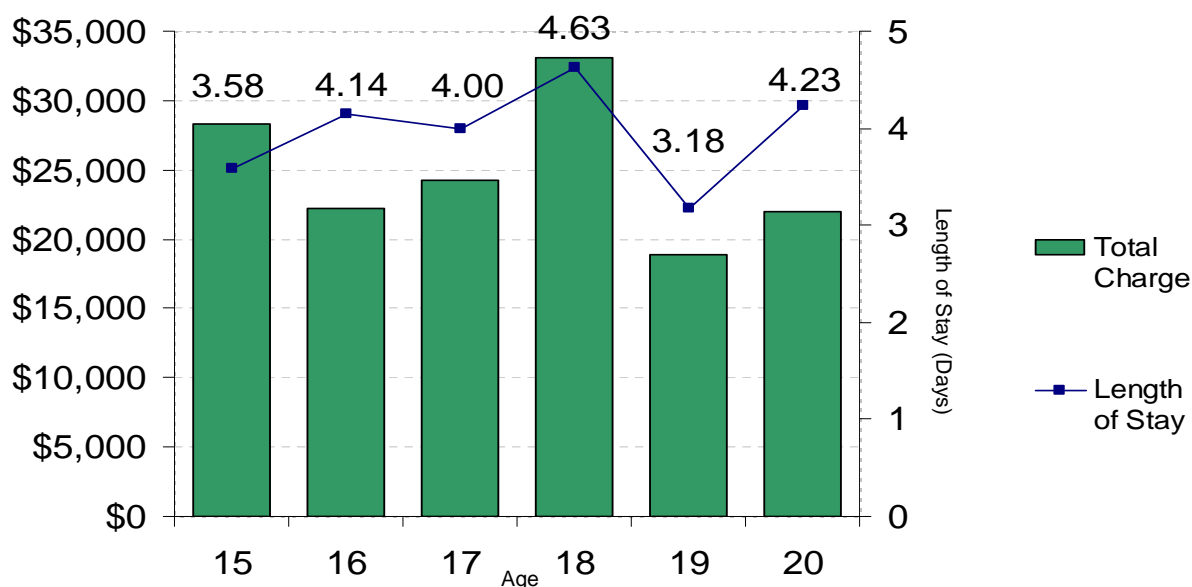
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2008 Young Drivers 15 to 20 Years Old

Average Hospital Charges and Lengths of Stay
in Virginia, Ages 15 to 20



Young Drivers – Virginia Statistics

- Average hospital charges (\$33,066) and lengths of stay (4.63 days) are highest for 18 year olds compared to other young drivers
- Young drivers are 5 times more likely to die when they do not use their seatbelts
- Males are twice as likely to die as a result of a crash
- 15-year-old drivers are twice as likely to be killed in a crash compared to their 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20-year-old peers

**It's the Law-if You're Under 18 & in the Backseat,
You Must Buckle Up**

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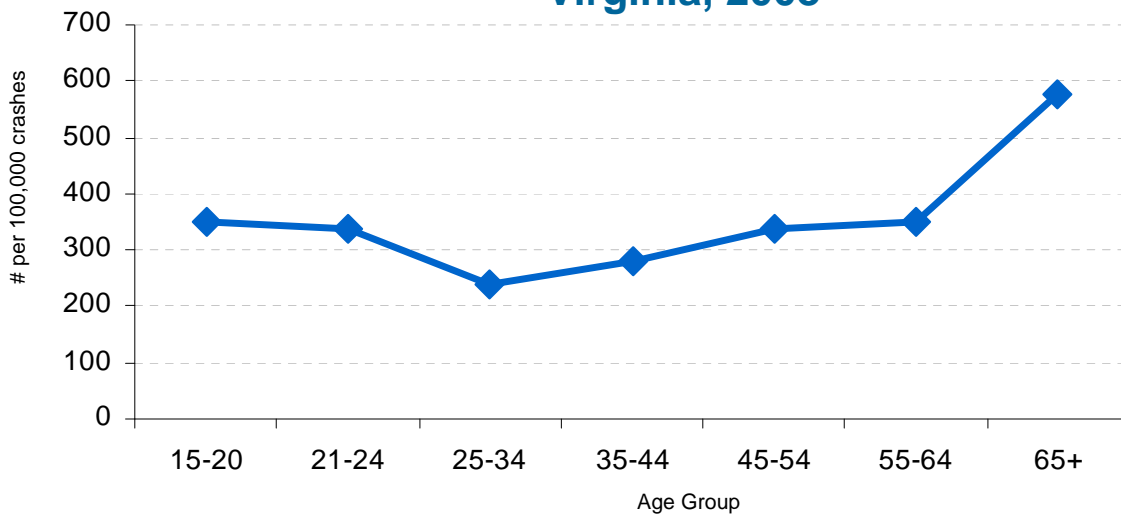
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Nationally, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year olds.

Fatality Rate by Age Group, Virginia, 2008



Young Drivers – National Statistics

- 63% of young drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal crashes were not wearing seatbelts
- 35% of young motorcycle drivers who died in crashes were not wearing helmets
- 31% of young drivers 15 to 20 years old who were killed in crashes had a BAC of 0.01 or higher in 2008
- 22% of all young drivers killed had been drinking
- 12% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were between 15 and 20 years old
- Alcohol involvement is higher among males than among females

References: www.nhtsa.gov "Traffic Safety Facts: Young Drivers (2008 Data)"

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