Addressing Our Aging Population

Are You Fit To Drive! What Mature Drivers Need To Know

GHSA 2022 Annual Meeting

Early Estimates of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities And Fatality Rate by Sub-Categories in 2021

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Table 1: Relative Proportion of Fatalities by Roadway Function Class, Age Group, Gender, and Crash Type, 2020–2021

Fatalities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% change
2020	2,666	2,674	2,553	2,320	3,096	3,725	3,789	3,802	3,724	3,793	3,445	3,237	38,824	
2021	3,130	2,585	3,220	3,570	3,775	3,790	3,875	4,040	3,865	4,085	3,555	3,425	42,915	10.5%

Age Group															
<16	2020	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	1,299	
	2021	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1,379	6%
16−24	2020	16%	16%	17%	18%	17%	19%	16%	17%	17%	15%	17%	16%	6,463	
	2021	17%	18%	16%	16%	17%	17%	16%	15%	15%	16%	16%	15%	6,903	7%
25–34 ⊢	2020	18%	19%	19%	22%	20%	20%	20%	21%	20%	20%	20%	19%	7,747	
	2021	20%	19%	20%	20%	21%	21%	21%	20%	19%	19%	19%	18%	8,494	10%
35–44 ⊢	2020	14%	14%	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	15%	17%	16%	15%	15%	5,862	
	2021	15%	14%	17%	16%	15%	16%	15%	16%	16%	16%	15%	16%	6,714	15%
45–54 ⊢	2020	14%	13%	14%	12%	14%	14%	13%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	5,245	
	2021	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%	15%	13%	14%	13%	5,853	12%
55-64	2020	15%	14%	16%	16%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%	5,630	
	2021	15%	15%	13%	14%	13%	13%	15%	14%	15%	14%	14%	15%	6,042	7%
65+	2020	20%	21%	17%	14%	16%	15%	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%	18%	6,578	
	2021	17%	17%	16%	17%	16%	17%	17%	18%	17%	19%	20%	20%	7,530	14%



Recommendations for SHSOs

- Partner with state licensing agencies to identify and implement best practices in addressing older driver safety such as routine screening.
- Promote law enforcement's use of the Driver Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment.
- Identify counties with a high proportion of residents 65+ and provide information about alternative transportation, CarFit, Driver Rehabilitation Specialists and other resources.
- Partner with AAA, AARP and AOTA to build a cadre of CarFit trained volunteers who can provide in-person events in rural communities.

Questions From The Audience