

Age Appropriate Safety Awareness

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PA
SAFETY
SYMPOSIUM
toward zero deaths

Types of Drivers

Young Drivers / Learning Drivers



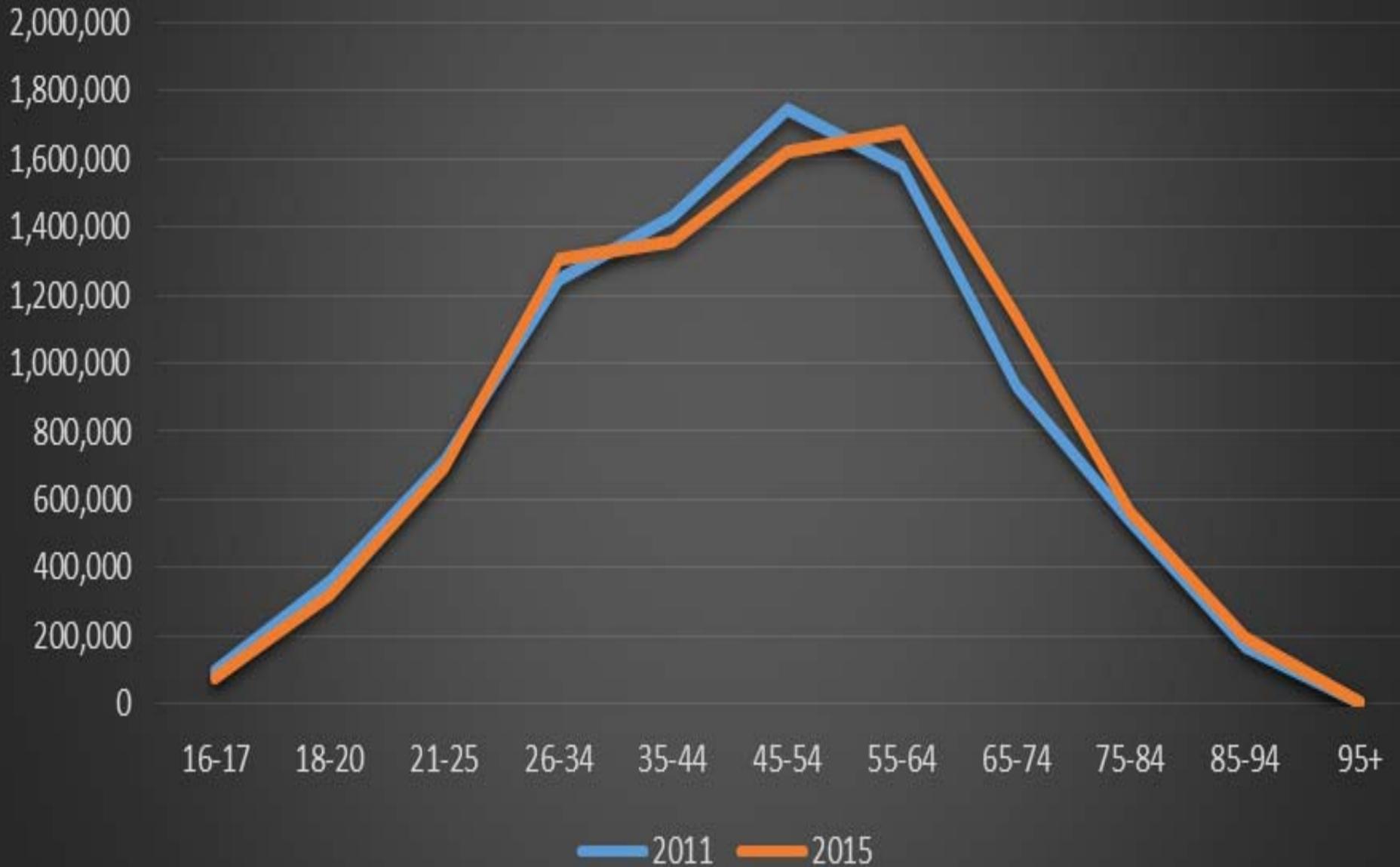
Mature Drivers



"In-Between" Drivers

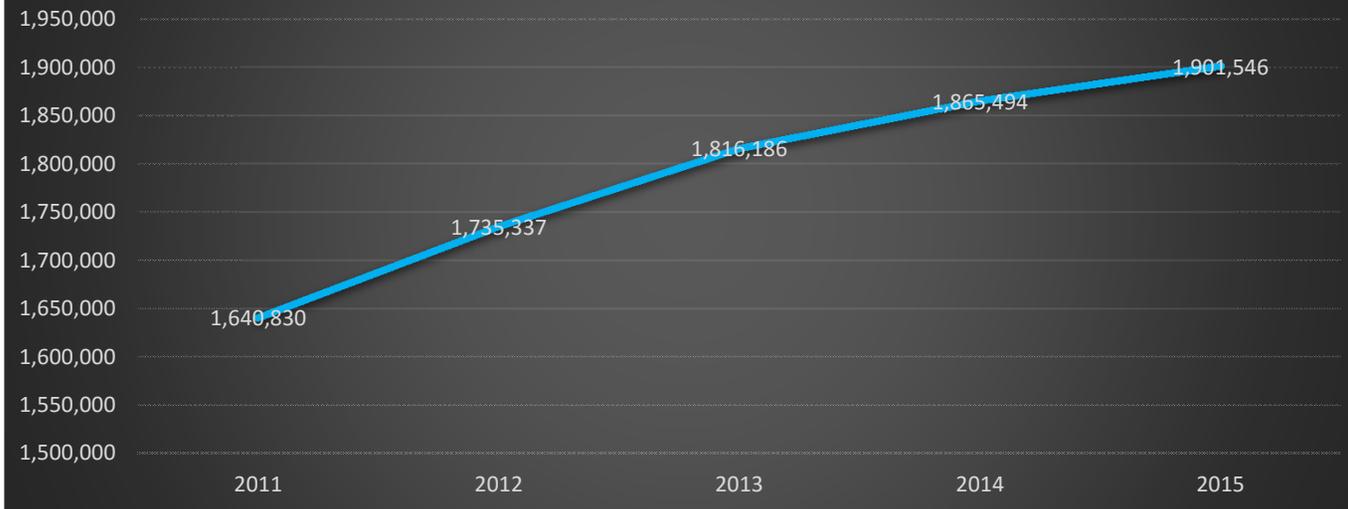


Licensed Drivers By Age

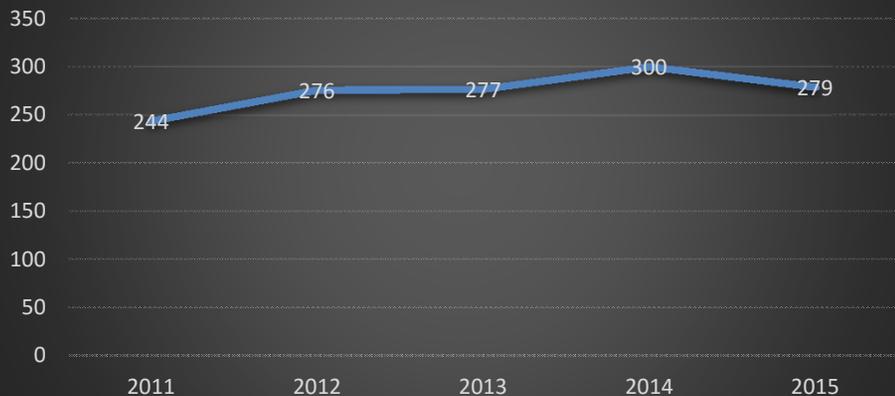


Mature Driver Stats in PA

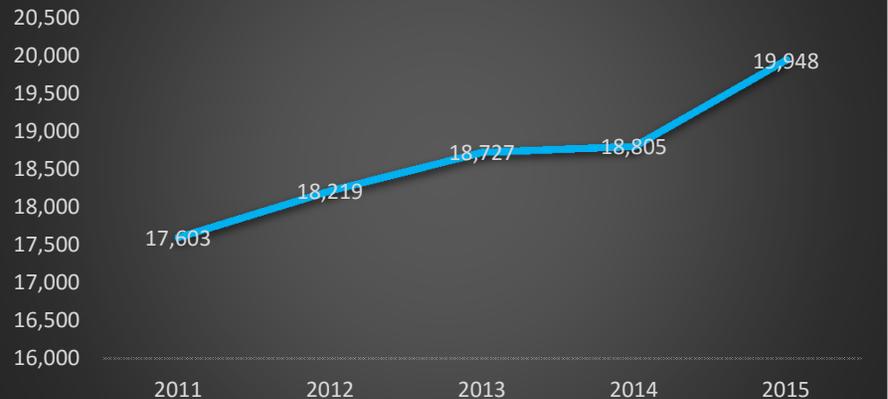
Number of Drivers 65+



Fatalities Involving a 65+ Driver



Crashes Involving a 65+ Driver



Mature Driver Stats in PA

Number of Vehicles	All Drivers	Mature Drivers (65-74)	Mature Drivers (75+)
Single Vehicle Crash	45.4% 57,661 crashes	20.6% 2,625 crashes	21.2% 1,673 crashes
Multiple Vehicle Crash	54.6% 69,255 crashes	79.4% 10,090 crashes	78.8% 6,229 crashes

Crash Type	All Drivers	Mature Drivers (65-74)	Mature Drivers (75+)
Non-Collision	3.4% 4,369 crashes	1.9% 241 crashes	1.2% 94 crashes
Rear-End	22.4% 28,447 crashes	28.9% 3,668 crashes	23.5% 1,854 crashes
Head-On	3.5% 4,417 crashes	4.7% 595 crashes	5.1% 403 crashes
Backing Up	0.2% 193 crashes	0.2% 23 crashes	0.2% 13 crashes
Angle	26.4% 33,456 crashes	39.9% 5,078 crashes	46.2% 3,647 crashes
Sideswipe	6.3% 8,046 crashes	6.4% 807 crashes	6.3% 500 crashes
Hit Fixed Object	31.4% 39,800 crashes	13.6% 1,731 crashes	14.2% 1,121 crashes
Hit Pedestrian	3.0% 3,840 crashes	2.2% 285 crashes	2.2% 176 crashes
Other	3.4% 4,348 crashes	2.3% 287 crashes	1.2% 94 crashes

PA Initiatives in Mature Driver Safety

Mature Driver Re-Examination Program

A proactive approach to determine a driver's medical qualifications for the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

Medical Reporting Program

- * Medical Advisory Board
- * Health Care Community



PA Initiatives in Mature Driver Safety

Law Enforcement Reports

- Request for Driver Evaluation
- DOCSI

Family/Friend Reports

Drivers not meeting medical standards can turn their driver's license in and obtain a Free ID Card.



PA Initiatives in Mature Driver Safety

- Mature Driver Improvement Program:
 - AAA,
 - AARP,
 - Safe2Drive, and
 - Seniors for Safe Driving
- Shared Ride Program



PA Initiatives in Mature Driver Safety

CAR FIT

- Educational program aimed at helping older drivers “fit” their vehicle properly.



NEW Mature Driver Initiatives

Mature Driver Safety Project

- Literature Review
- Focus Groups



NEW Mature Driver Initiatives

Revision/creation of Mature Driver Materials

➤ Mature Driver Safety Series

- OLDER, WISER, SAFER: A Senior Driver's Guide
- KEEPING OLDER DRIVERS SAFE: A Guide for Family and Friends
- THEIR SAFETY, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: A Guide for Health Care Professionals
- STAYING SAFE: What to Expect When Your Medical Condition Has Been Reported to PennDOT



Mature Driver Safety Challenges



- Proactive Communications
 - Sometimes difficult and emotional
- Planning for transportation needs as drivers age.
- Allow Mature Drivers to continue driving as long as safely possible.
- Encouraging Mature Drivers to make the decision to “Retire” from driving before PennDOT has to take action.



What's Next?

Open Discussion from the Group



Thank you!

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