

# Young Driver Emphasis Team



*North Dakota  
Strategic Highway Safety Plan*

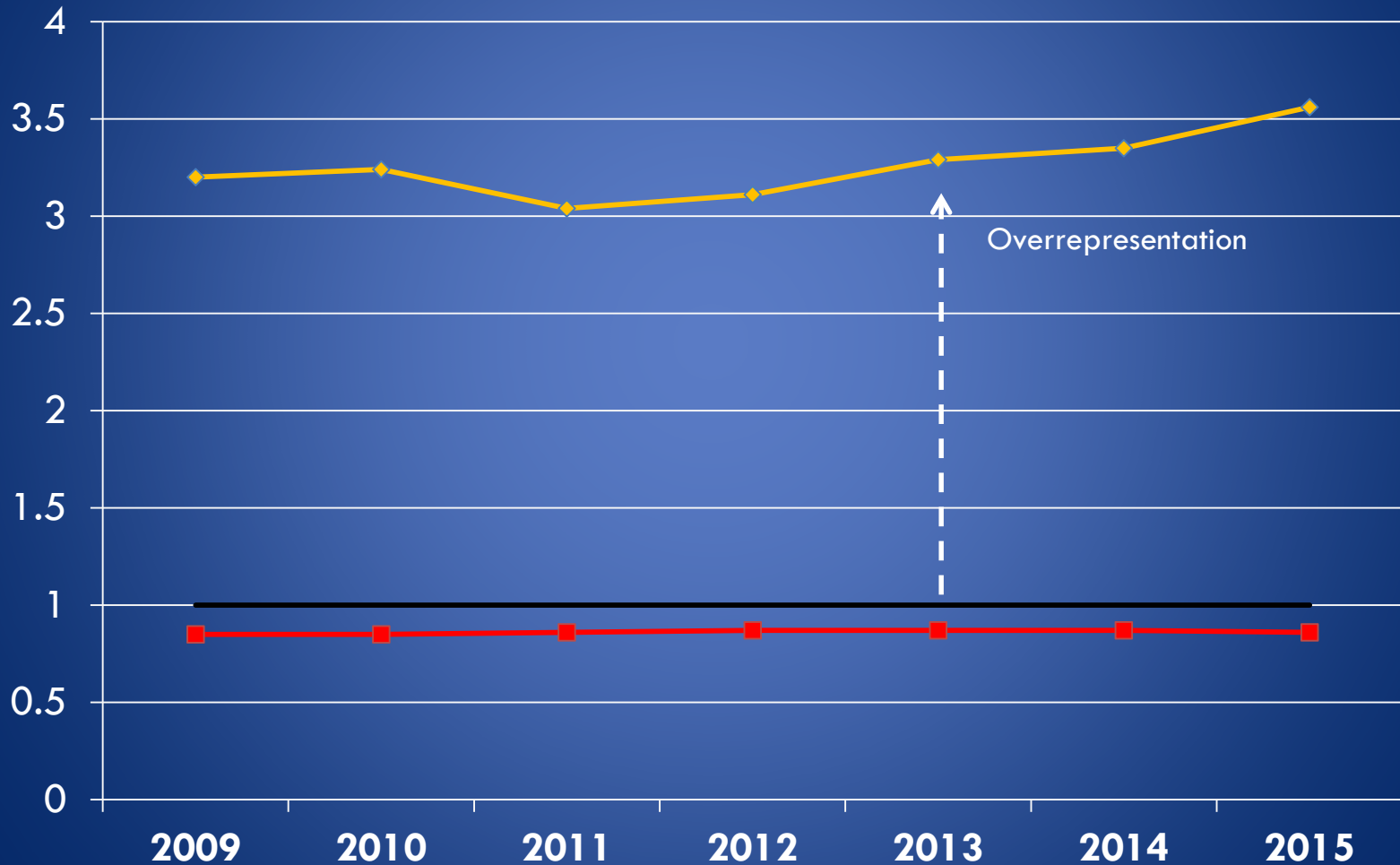
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# Crash Ratios (all crashes)

*Based on number of licensed drivers*

—◆— Age 14-19    —■— Age 20+    — Expected

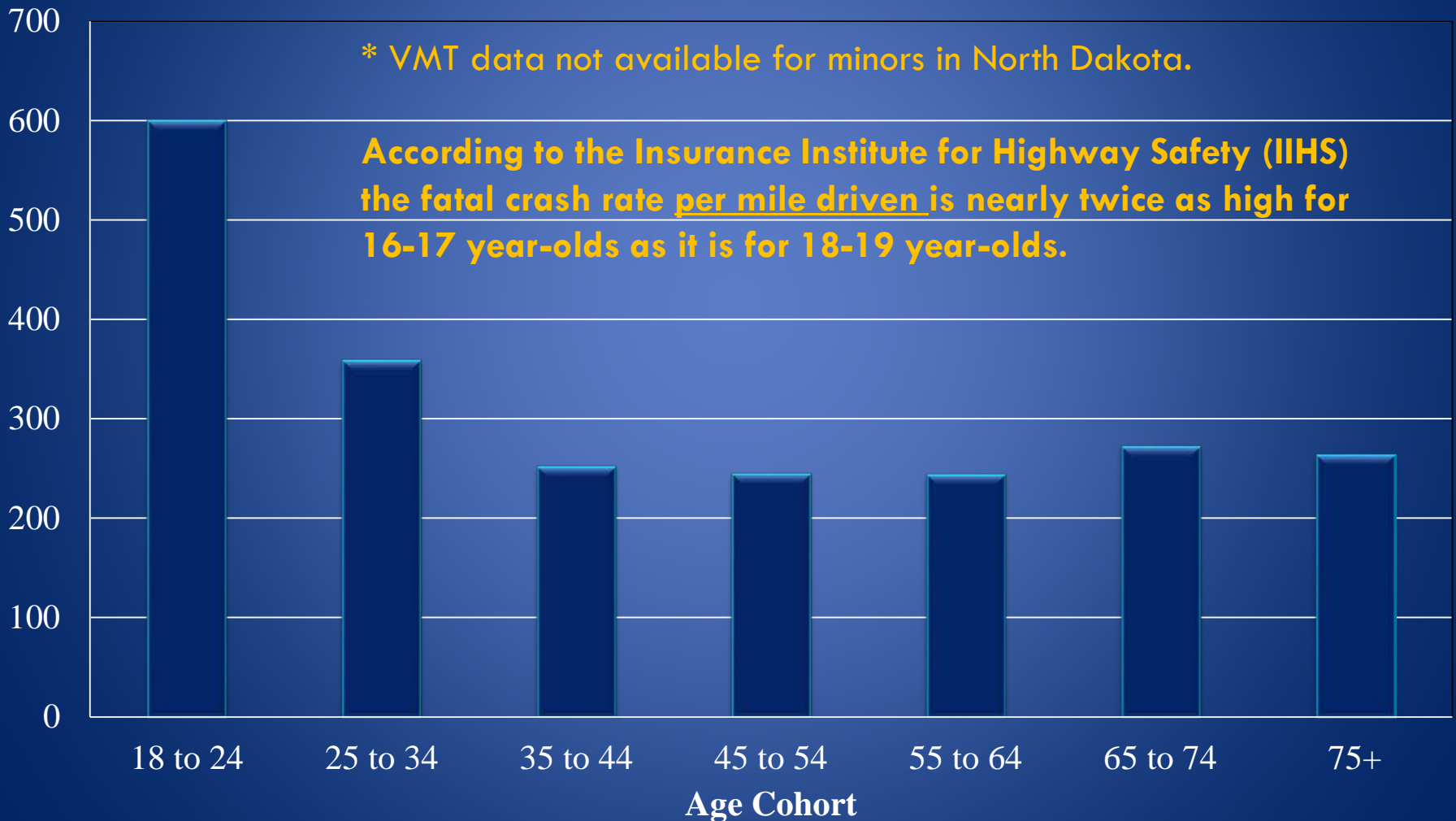


# Crash Rates per 100 Million VMT

## North Dakota - 2014

\* VMT data not available for minors in North Dakota.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) the fatal crash rate per mile driven is nearly twice as high for 16-17 year-olds as it is for 18-19 year-olds.



# Young Driver Risk Factors

## **New Drivers:**

- **Inexperience** (steep learning curve)
- **Night Driving** (joy riding)
- **Young passengers** (distraction/peer pressure)
- **Technology**

## **Older Teens:**

- **Seat belt use** (among lowest of all age groups)
- **Speed/risk taking**
- **Alcohol**

# SHSP Young Driver Team Strategies

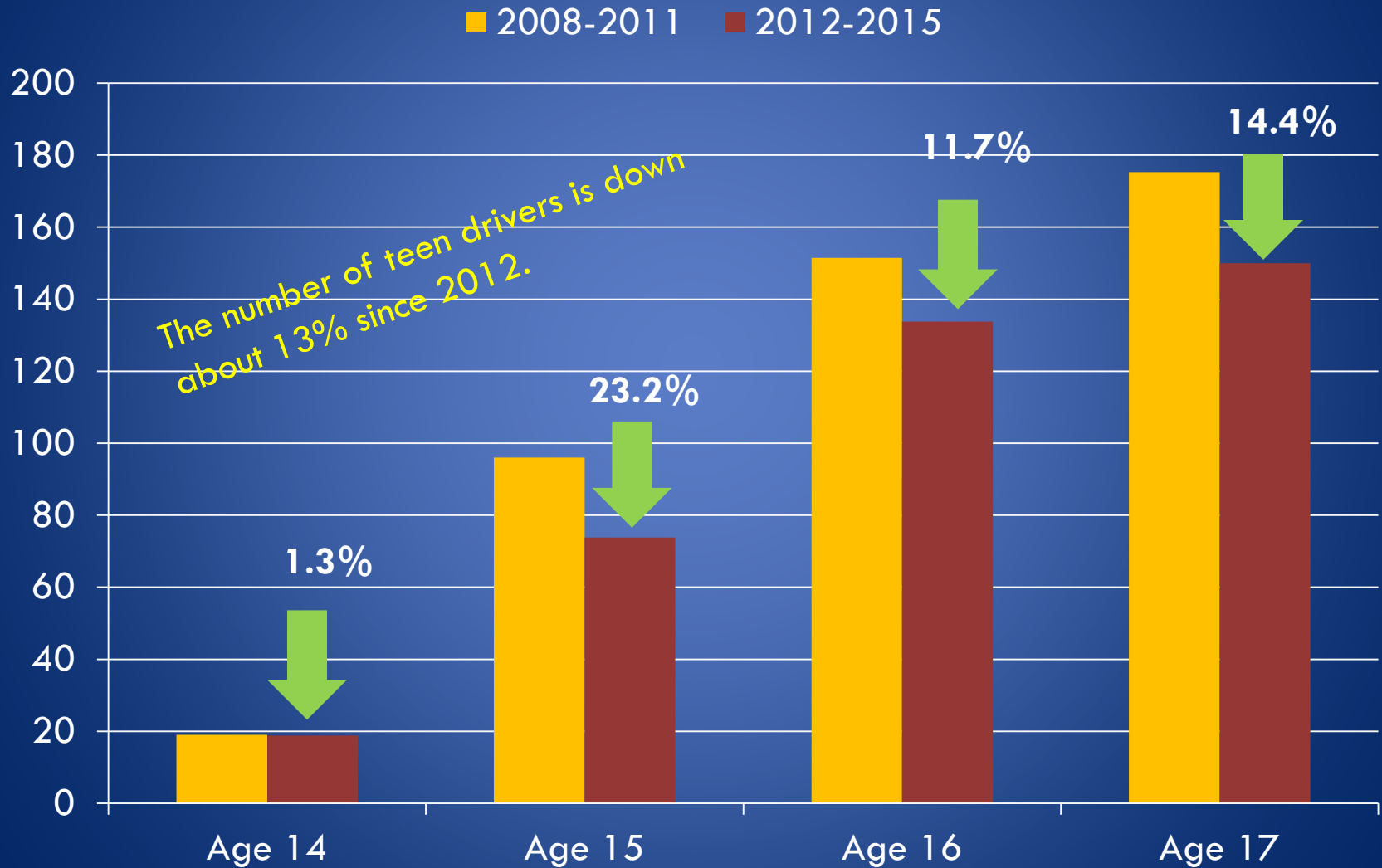
- **Conduct long-range planning involving major stakeholders**
  - DOT, DPI and Education Standards and Practices Board
- **Ensure driver's ed curriculum meets national standards**
  - Driver Education Technical Assistance visit
  - Require public and private instructors complete standardized training
- **Increase parental involvement**
  - Require pre-course seminar/session
  - Require instructors to provide formal feedback to parents
- **Monitor enforcement and assess training needs**
- **Conduct public information and outreach**
  - Develop annual media calendar
- **Seek additional changes to licensing process (GDL)**
  - Apply requirements to all new teen drivers
  - Include passenger limit during intermediate phase
  - Explore driver's education requirement for teens over age 16

# Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)

- GDL is a three-stage approach to granting young drivers full license privileges. All states have some form of GDL laws in place. Credited with overall crash reduction of 10-30%. The three stages of GDL are:
  - **Permit phase** - supervised driving
  - **Intermediate license** - No longer needs supervision to drive, but subject to short-term restrictions, such as night driving or number of passengers
  - **Unrestricted/full license**
- **North Dakota**
  - GDL only applies to teens who obtain a permit at age 14 (1/3 of ND teens)
  - After permit, teens are issued an intermediate license until age 16
    - No driving between 9 p.m., or sunset (whichever is later) and 5 a.m.
  - North Dakota is one of only 5 states that does not have a limit on passengers during the intermediate phase of license

# Teenage Driver Fatal + Injury Crashes

Pre-, Post GDL (4 yr avg: 2008-2011 vs 2012-2015) - # Crashes





# Teen Nighttime Crashes

Age 15 between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. - # Crashes

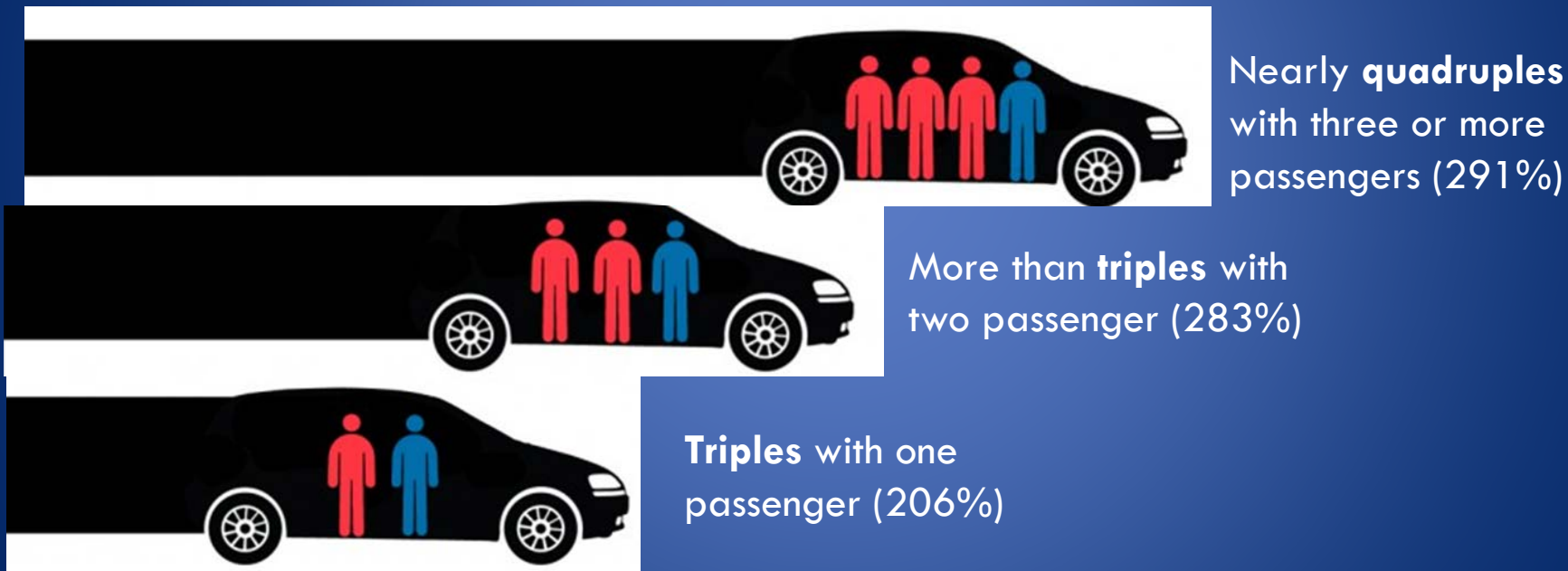


# Teenage Passengers

*North Dakota 14-19 year old drivers with a teen passengers age 13-17*

The risk of being killed in a crash increases when there are young passengers

Compared to driving alone, the risk:



## Teen Licensing: Three-Stage System Stressing Experience and Responsibility

	Current North Dakota Policy	Proposed North Dakota Policy
Stages	3-stage process for all novice drivers <b>under age 16</b>	3-stage process for all novice drivers <b>under age 18</b>
Learner's Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 14 years old</li> <li>• 12-months holding period if under age 16; 6-months if <b>age 16 or older</b></li> <li>• Driver education required if under age 16</li> <li>• Minimum of 50 hours of supervised practice</li> <li>• Must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least <b>age 18</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• 12-month holding period if <b>under age 18</b></li> <li>• No change</li> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least <b>age 21</b></li> </ul>
Intermediate License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-month holding period if <b>under age 16</b></li> <li>• Night driving restricted between 9 p.m. or sunset, whichever is later, and 5 a.m. for 6 months (with exceptions)</li> <li>• No policy on number of teen passengers</li> <li>• No cell phone use</li> <li>• No requirement to remain crash or conviction free</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-month holding period if <b>under age 18</b></li> <li>• No change</li> <li>• No more than 1 non-family passenger under age 18 for 6 months</li> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Must complete 6 months without license cancellation or conviction of a traffic offense carrying a penalty of more than one point</li> </ul>
Standard License	Minimum age of <b>16</b>	Minimum age of <b>15 years, 6 months</b>