

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERDISCIPLINARY ALCOHOL AND DRUG
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YOUTH IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAM

Alcohol is a substance that reduces the function of the brain, impairing thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination. All these abilities are essential to operating a vehicle safely. As alcohol levels rise in a person's system, the negative effects on the central nervous system increase, too.

Facts About Youth Impaired Driving



51 MINUTES = 1 UNDER AGED PERSON DEAD

Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes — that's one person nearly every 51 minutes.



BAC OF .01 IS ILLEGAL IN MISSISSIPPI FOR THOSE UNDER 21

33% of the young drivers ages 15 to 20 who were killed in crashes had a BAC of .01 or higher and 28% had a BAC of .08 or higher (the legal limit for drivers over age 21).



10,874 DRUNK DRIVING DEATHS IN 2017

17 percent of those were because of teen drunk driving. That means that approximately 1,848 fatal crashes were a result of teenage drunk drivers.



YOUTH AGE 16 - 20

This age group experienced a decline in alcohol involvement as drivers ages 18-20 (60 percent). This age group experienced a larger decline in alcohol involvement than drivers ages 21-30 (33 percent) and drivers over age 30 (42 percent).

To learn more about **Impaired Driving** and the impact it has on young drivers **between the ages of 16 to 20**, contact the JSU IADSC Impaired Driving Department:



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