

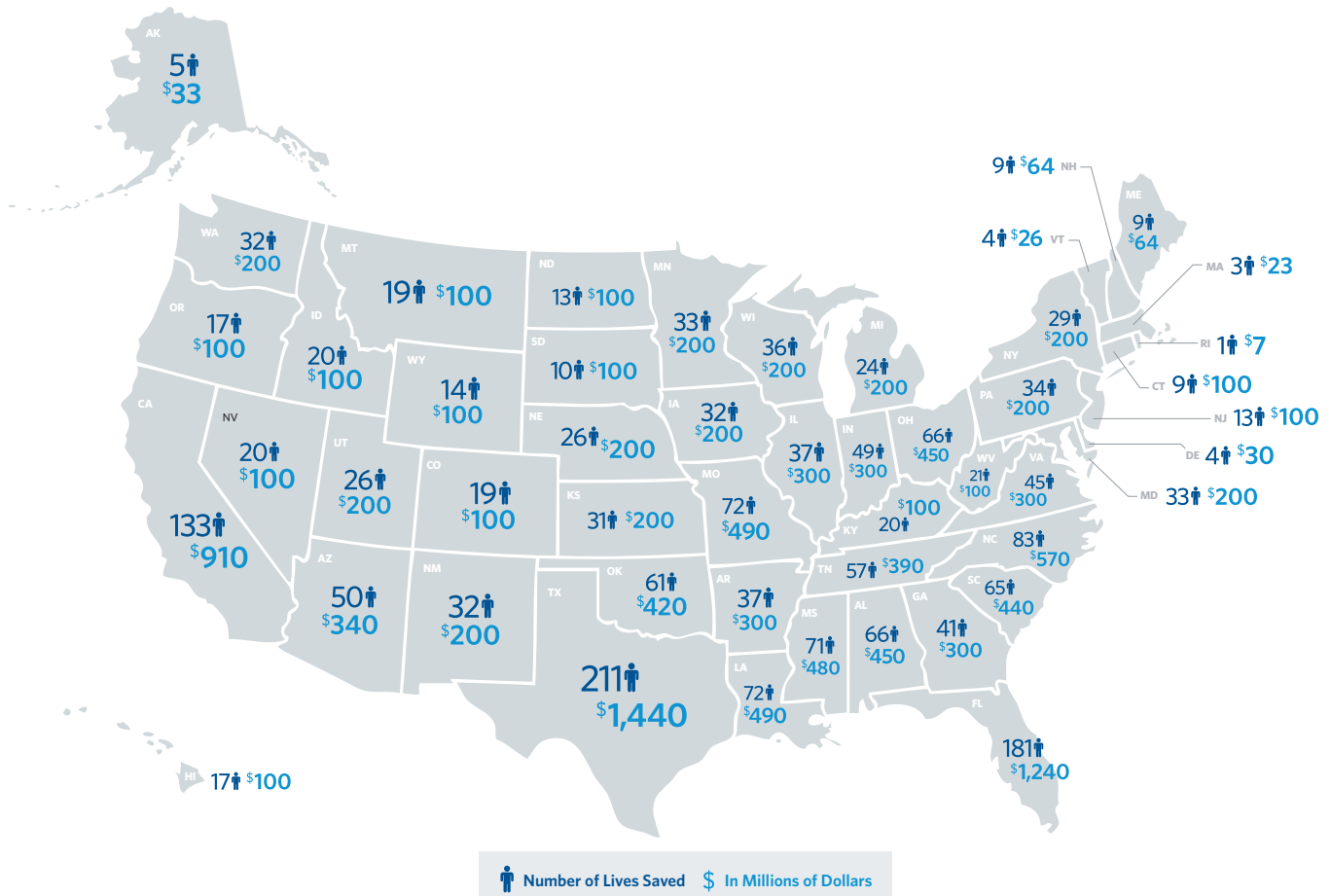
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Estimated Lives and Dollars Saved from National Graduated Driver Licensing Law

2,014 Lives, \$13.557 Billion Saved Nationally



The Allstate Foundation License to Save Report, 2011.

The Allstate Foundation and National Safety Council partnered to create the License to Save report hoping to answer two perennial questions that traffic safety leaders have been trying to address for over a decade - how many lives and how many dollars could be saved through stronger teen driving laws, commonly known as graduated drivers licensing (GDL).

For years, the traffic safety community has known about the effectiveness of GDL, but hadn't determined what the full impact of all seven provisions of GDL and cell phone/texting bans could accomplish.

License to Save shows that comprehensive graduated driver licensing laws have the potential to save even more lives than previously assumed. Specifically, the report shows that if all states implemented comprehensive graduated driver licensing laws, an estimated 2,000 lives and \$13.6 billion could be saved per year.

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The seven provisions of typical GDL laws/policies include:

- A minimum age of at least 16 years for gaining a learner's permit
- A requirement to hold the learner's permit for at least 6 months before gaining a license that allows any unsupervised driving.
- A requirement for certification of at least 30 hours of supervised driving practice during the learner stage.
- An intermediate stage of licensing with a minimum entry age of at least 16 years and 6 months.
- A nighttime driving restriction for intermediate license holders, beginning no later than 10 p.m.
- A passenger restriction for intermediate license holders, allowing no more than one passenger (except family members).
- A minimum age of 17 years for full licensure.

Methodology

The Allstate Foundation License to Save Report estimates of lives saved were generated using a 2007 study which analyzed the effect of graduated driver licensing (GDL) programs to produce percentage reduction estimates compared to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) estimate of the number of young driver-related fatalities in each state. In addition, two additional elements of GDL laws which were not examined in the 2007 study, were given a conservative value of 7 percent fatal crash reduction, and teen cell phone bans were given a 14 percent fatal crash reduction factor, based on estimates from NHTSA and the National Safety Council. The License to Save Report's dollars saved estimates were calculated by applying NHTSA's estimate of the number of fatalities in crashes involving young drivers to the average cost of motor vehicle crashes.