

Transportation Safety and Public Health: State Legislative Action, 2010

Appendix F. Teen Driving Restrictions				
State/Jurisdiction	Minimum Age for a Learner's Permit	Learner Stage with a Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving Required	Intermediate Stage with a Nighttime Driving Restriction	Intermediate Stage with Passenger Restrictions (family members excepted unless otherwise noted)
Alabama	15	30 hrs. (none with driver education)	Midnight-6 am	No more than 1 passenger (effective 7/1/10)
Alaska	14	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night or in inclement weather	1 am-5 am	First six mo.: no passengers
Arizona	15, six mo.	30 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (none with driver education)	Midnight-5 am (secondary) ¹	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 18 (secondary) ¹
Arkansas	14	None	11 pm-4 am (eff. 7/30/09)	No more than one passenger (effective 7/30/09)
California	15, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-5 am (secondary)	First 12 mo.: no passengers younger than age 20 (secondary)
Colorado	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am (secondary)	First six mo.: no passengers. second six mo.: no more than one passenger (secondary)
Connecticut	16	40 hrs.	11 pm-5 am	First six mo.: no passenger other than parents or driving instructor; second six mo: no passengers other than parents, driving instructor, or members of immediate family
Delaware	16	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	10 pm-6 am	No more than one passenger
Florida	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-6 am (age 16); 1 am-5 am (age 17)	None
Georgia	15	40 hrs., six of which	Midnight-6 am	First six mo.: no

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		must be at night	(secondary)	passengers; second six mo.: No more than one passenger younger than age 21; thereafter, no more than three passengers (secondary)
Hawaii	15, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-5 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 18 (household members exempted)
Idaho	14, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Sunset to sunrise	First 6 mo: licensees age 16 and younger can have no more than one passenger younger than age 17
Illinois	15	50 hr, 10 of which must be at night	Sun.-Thur.: 10 pm-6 am, Fri-Sat: 11 pm-6 am	First 12 mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 20
Indiana	15, six mo. (eff. 7/1/10)	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (eff. 7/1/10)	First 180 days: 10 pm-5 am, then Sun.-Fri.: 11 pm-5 am, Sat.-Sun.: 1 am-5 am	First 180 days: no passengers
Iowa	14	20 hrs., two of which must be at night	12:30 am-5 am	None
Kansas	14	25 hrs. in learner phase; 25 hrs. before age 16; 10 of the 50 hrs. must be at night	9 pm-5 am (eff. 1/1/10)	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 18 (effective 1/1/10)
Kentucky	16	60 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-6 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 20 unless supervised by a

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				driving instructor (secondary)
Louisiana	15	35 hrs.	11 pm-5 am	None
Maine	15	35 hrs., five of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	First 180 days: no passengers
Maryland	15, nine mo.	60 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	First five mo.: no passengers younger than age 18 (secondary)
Massachusetts	16	40 hrs.	12:30 am-5 am (secondary between 12:30 am-1:00 am and 4:00 am-5:00 am)	First six mo.: no passengers younger than age 18
Michigan	14, nine mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	None
Minnesota	15	30 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	First six mo.: Midnight-5 am	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 20; second six mo.: no more than three passengers younger than age 20
Mississippi	15	None	Sun.-Thur.: 10 pm-6 am, Fri.-Sat. 11:30 pm-6 am	None
Missouri	15	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	1 am-5 am	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 19; thereafter: no more than three passengers younger than age 19
Montana	14, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-5 am	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 18; second six mo.: no more than three

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				passengers younger than age 18
Nebraska	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (none with driver education)	Midnight-6 am (secondary)	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 19 (secondary)
Nevada	15, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	10 pm-5 am (secondary)	First six mo.: no passengers younger than age 18 (secondary)
New Hampshire	15, six mo. ²	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (effective 6/16/09)	1 am-4 am (effective 1/1/11)	First six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 25
New Jersey	16	None	Midnight-5 am (11 pm-5 am effective 5/1/10)	No more than one passenger (household members excepted until 5/1/10, when the exception will be limited to the driver's dependents)
New Mexico	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 21
New York	16	50 hrs., 15 of which must be at night (effective 2/22/10)	9 pm-5 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 21 (effective 2/22/10)
North Carolina	15	None	9 pm-5 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 2; if a family member younger than age 21 is already a passenger, then no other passengers younger than age 21 who are not family

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North Dakota	14	None	None	None
Ohio	15, 6 mo.	50 hr, 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-6 am (age 16), 1 am-5 am (age 17) (secondary)	No more than one passenger
Oklahoma	15, six mo.	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (effective 11/1/09)	10 pm-5 am (effective 11/1/09)	No more than one passenger
Oregon	15	100 hrs. (50 hrs. with driver education)	Midnight-5 am	First six mo.: no passengers younger than age 20; second six mo. no more than 3 passengers younger than age 20
Pennsylvania	16	50 hrs.	11 pm-5 am	None
Rhode Island	16	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	1 am-5 am	First 12 mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 21
South Carolina	15	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	6 pm-6 am EST, 8 pm-6 am EDT	No more than two passengers younger than age 21 (driving to and from school excepted)
South Dakota	14	None	10 pm-6 am	None
Tennessee	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-6 am	No more than one passenger
Texas	15	None	Midnight-5 am (secondary)	No more than one passenger younger than age 21 (secondary)
Utah	15	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	First six mo.: no passengers (secondary)
Vermont	15	40 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	None	First three mo.: no passengers without exception; second three mo.: no passengers with

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				family exception
Virginia	15, six mo.	45 hrs., 15 of which must be at night	Midnight-4 am (secondary)	First 12 mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 18; thereafter, no more than three passengers younger than age 18 (secondary)
Washington	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	1 am-5 am (secondary)	First six mo.: no passengers younger than age 20; second six mo.: no more than three passengers younger than age 20 (secondary)
West Virginia	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night (none with driver education) (effective 7/10/09)	10 pm-5 am (effective 7/10/09)	First six mo.: no passengers younger than age 20; second six mo.: no more than one passenger younger than age 20 (effective 7/10/09)
Wisconsin	15, six mo.	30 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 am	No more than one passenger
Wyoming	15	50 hrs., 10 of which must be at night	11 pm-5 am	No more than one passenger younger than age 18
District of Columbia	16	40 hrs. in learner's stage, 10 hrs. at night in intermediate stage	Sept-June: Sun.-Thur.: 11 pm-6 am, Sat.-Sun.: 12:01 am-6 am. Jul-Aug: 12:01 am-6 am	First six mo.: no passengers; thereafter, no more than two passengers
Puerto Rico		X ³		
U.S. Virgin Islands ⁴	16	None	None	None

Notes

- States that prohibit police from stopping young drivers solely for violating night driving or passenger restrictions are labeled secondary.

2. In New Hampshire, learner's permits are not issued. At age 15 and six months, a person can drive while supervised by a licensed driver age 25 or older.
3. Requires supervision of a licensed driver in the car at all times.
4. The U.S. Virgin Islands has no graduated driver's licensing system; learner's permits can be granted at age 16.

Source: NCSL and IIHS, 2010.