



Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2019: Licensing and Regulation
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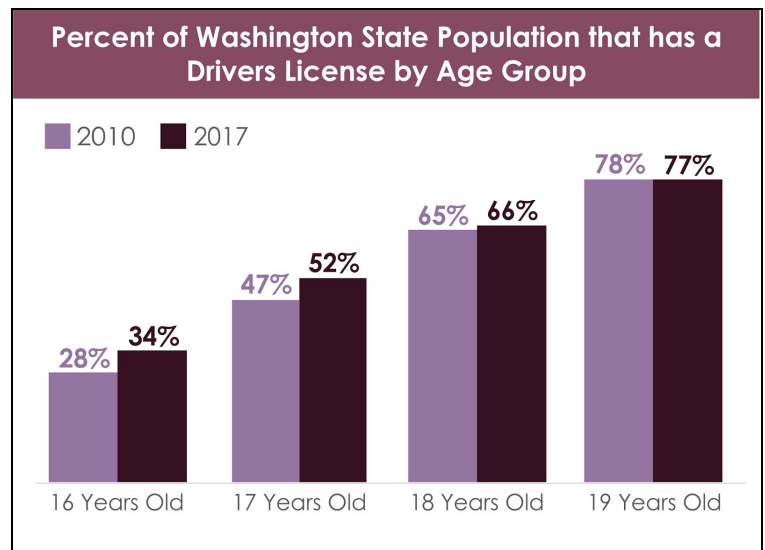
Challenge: A major dilemma in driver licensing is the common belief that driving is a right instead of a privilege. Additionally, increasing numbers of teens are delaying licensure until age 18 or later compared to previous generations, and training is not always accessible to lower-income families.

Strategies and Objectives for Positive Change:

Culture Shift: Target Zero advocates a cultural shift in which a driver license is viewed as a privilege that is only earned after rigorous training, education, and testing. Perhaps most importantly, this cultural shift needs to include individuals feeling a personal responsibility for safety when walking, riding a bike or driving: for themselves, their loved ones, and all other people who use our roads.

Extend GDL Restrictions: Apply these restrictions to all “novice” drivers, not just teen drivers. For example, GDL restrictions (such as limiting passengers, nighttime driving, and electronic device use) could be imposed on all drivers during their first year after receiving their license, not just 16- and 17-year-olds.

Provide subsidies: Offer subsidies to low-income students or allowing online driver training as a lower-cost option.



Online driver training: improve access to young people living in more remote, rural areas, where there are limited training options.

What You Can Do:

- Support agency-proposed legislation
- Encourage a cultural shift in which a driver views a license as a privilege, not a right