

# Reducing Teen Driver Crashes with an effective Driver Licensing System

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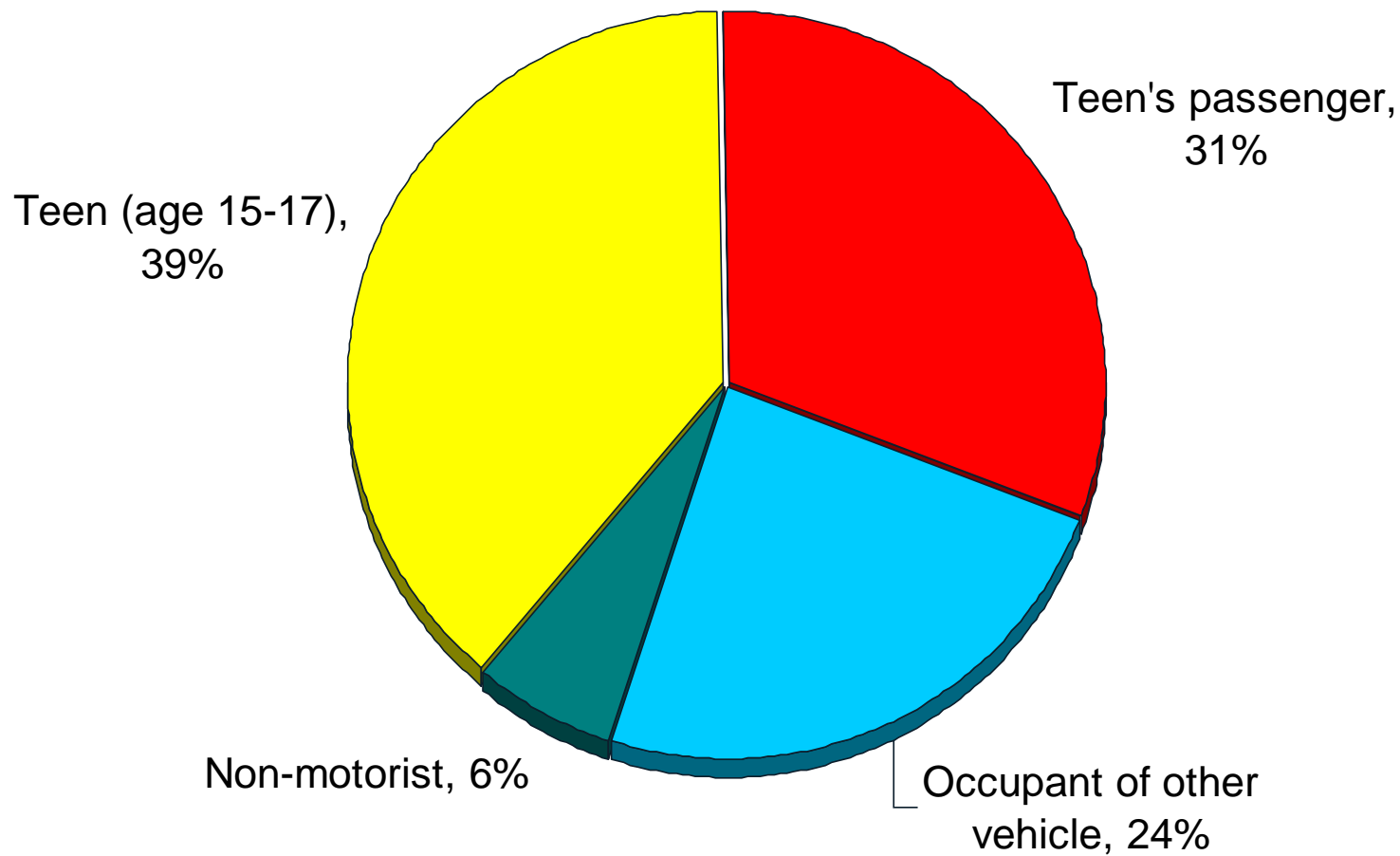
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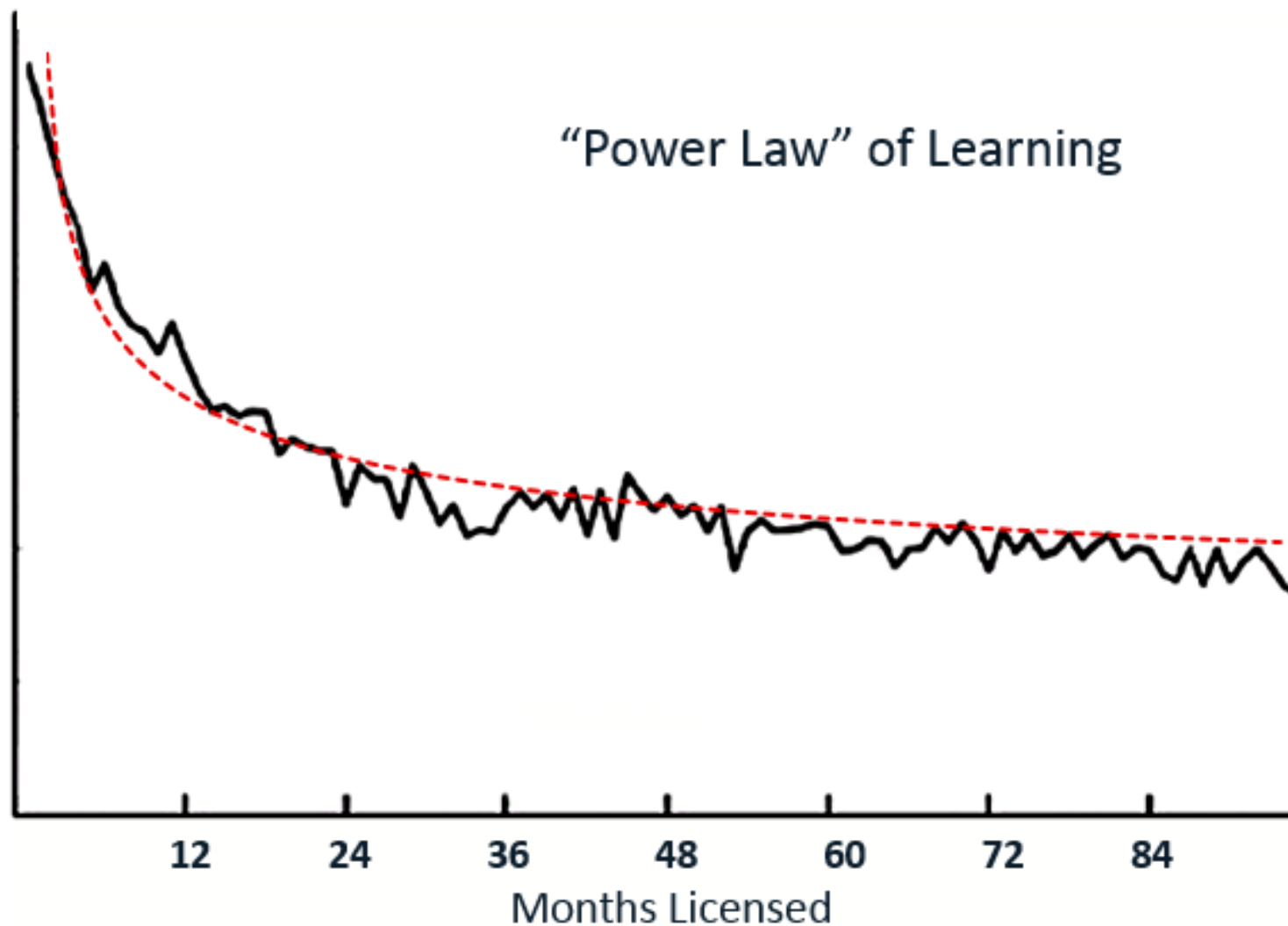


# Victim in teen driver fatal crashes, Ohio

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# Crash involvement by months licensed





# Graduated Driver Licensing

## The Principle:

Maximize Experience  
While Minimizing Risks  
For all young novice drivers

# Essential Elements of Teen Driver Licensing

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**Learner license – 12 months**

Adult Supervised driving only

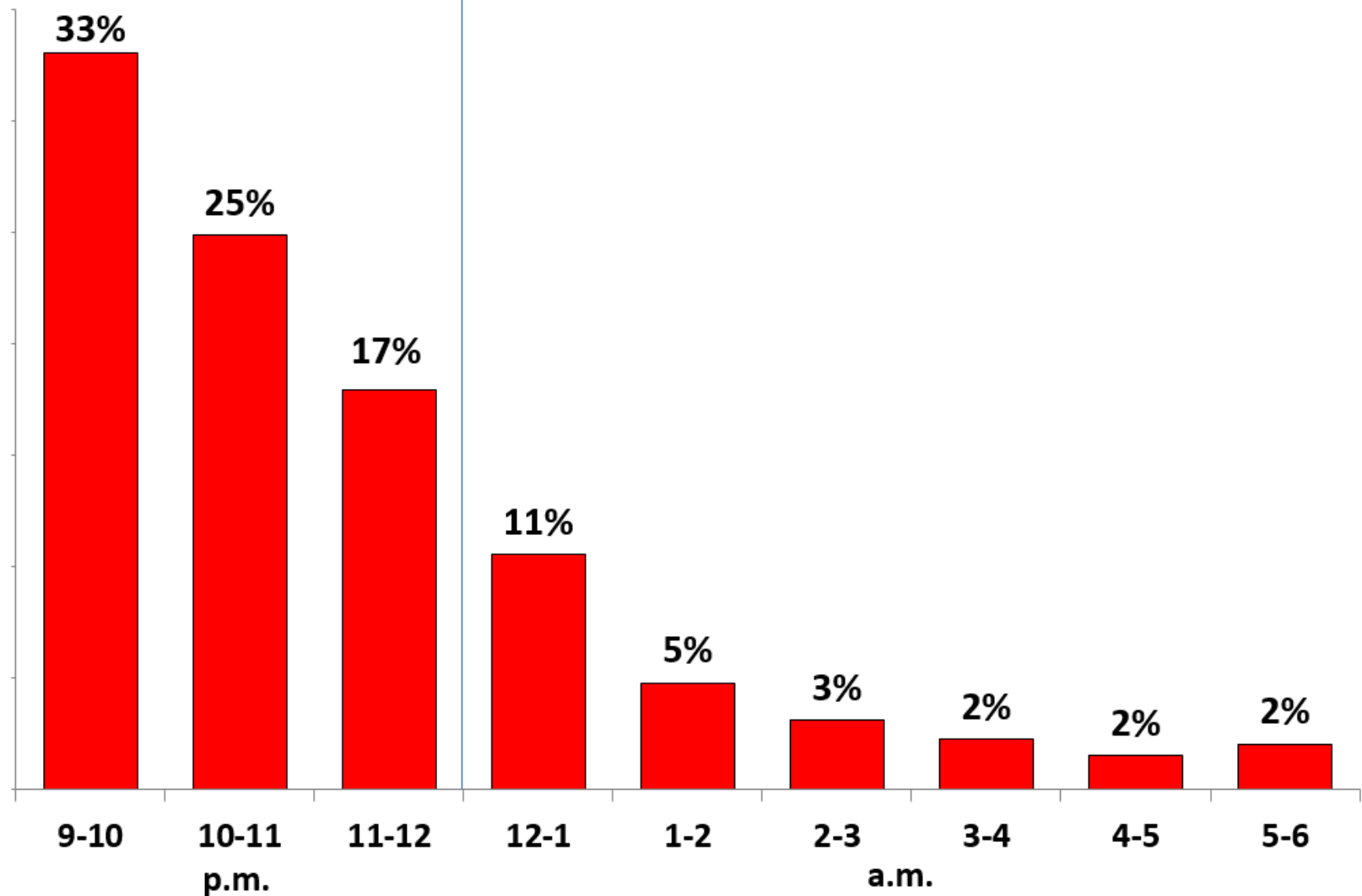
**Intermediate license – 6 months**

Night driving limit: 9 p.m. – 6 a.m.

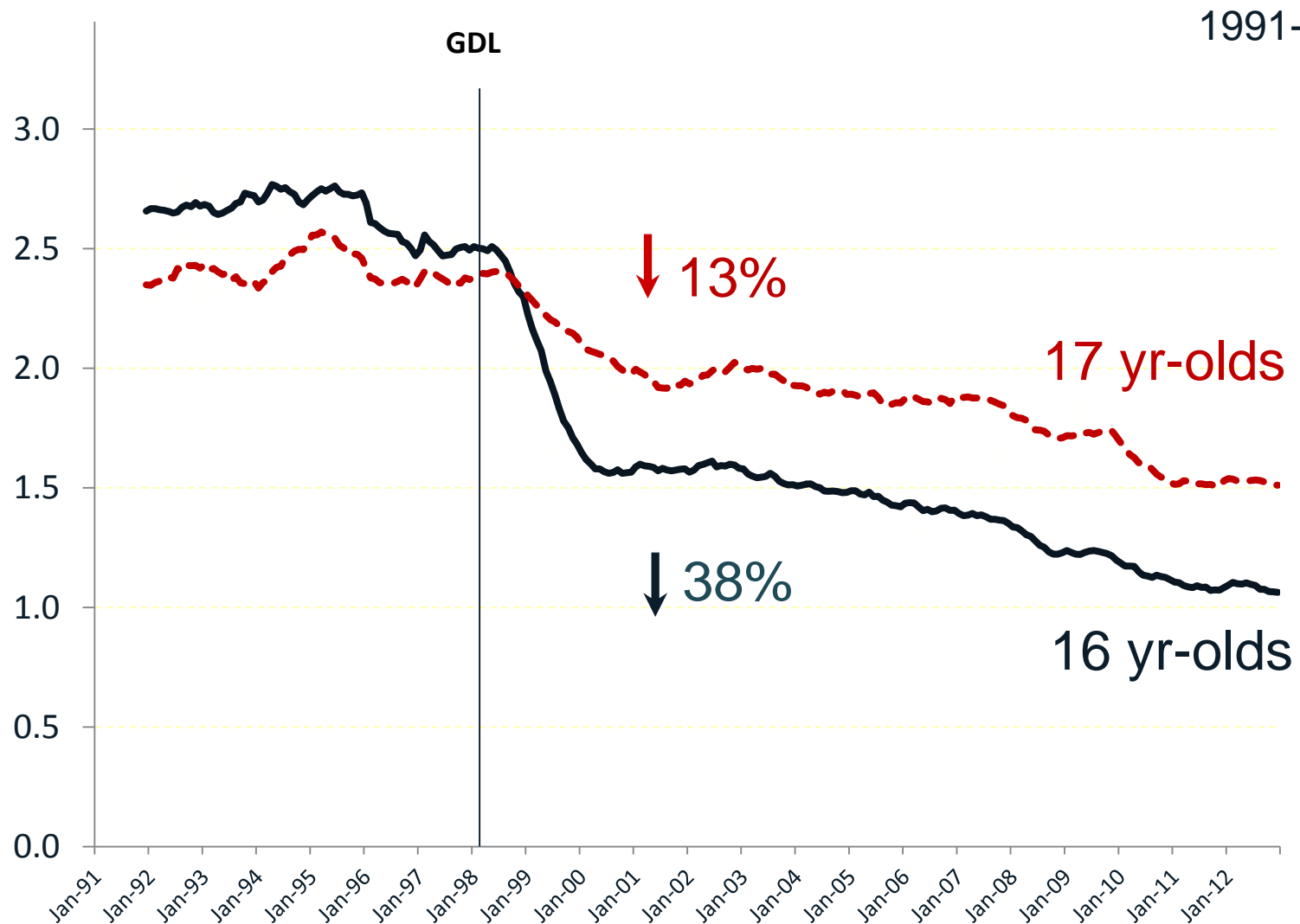
Passenger limit:  $\leq 1$  teen passenger

# Ohio 16 & 17-year-old driver nighttime crashes

2012-16



# Teen crash rate declines due to GDL in NC



# Parents & Teens Strongly Approve

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	Parents 1999	Parents 2015	Teens 1999
12 mo. Learner period	<b>95%</b>	<b>97%</b>	---
9 p.m. night driving limit	<b>87%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>81%</b>



# GDL is “self-enforcing”

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Compliance with Learner & Intermediate requirements extremely high ...

Well above 90%!

Active law enforcement of GDL elements is *not necessary*.

Law enforcement should focus on risky driving actions like speeding, lack of belt use, ignoring traffic controls, etc.

# Key Point Summary

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1. Everyone is at risk from poor teen driving
2. Modern licensing system is our best hope
3. Humans learn by doing; GDL uses this fact
4. GDL protects novices (and others) as they “learn by doing”
5. 12 months experience, 9 p.m. needed
6. Parents & teens strongly approve the GDL system elements proposed for Ohio
7. Teens comply at very high rates, with no active law enforcement