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Study: Gender Linked to Type of Traffic Crash

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - A new Kansas State University study finds gender affects the likelihood of young drivers being involved in different types of crashes.

For the study, a civil engineering professor and doctoral student looked at five years of Kansas accidents involving 16- to 24-year-old drivers.

Their findings include that young female drivers had more crashes at intersections and collisions with pedestrians. They also found that young male drivers had more off-road crashes and accidents at sunset.

The researchers said they hoped the study would be used to help develop more targeted educational materials.

The findings were published in the Journal of Safety Research. The research is part of a larger Kansas Department of Transportation study about improving highway safety of young drivers.

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