Table 3.50
High school seniors reporting involvement in driving accidents in last 12 months
United States, 1984-96

| Question: "During the last 12 months, how many accidents have you had while you were driving (whether or not you were responsible)?" |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Number of accidents | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1984 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,499) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1985 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,502) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1986 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=15,713) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1987 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,843) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1988 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,795) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1989 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=17,142) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1990 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=15,676) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1991 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=15,483) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1992 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,251) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1993 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=16,763) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1994 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=15,929) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1995 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=15,876) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \\ \text { of } 1996 \\ (\mathrm{~N}=14,824) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| None | 77.3\% | 75.6\% | 74.9\% | 74.4\% | 73.9\% | 74.0\% | 73.9\% | 75.7\% | 76.9\% | 76.1\% | 75.7\% | 75.3\% | 74.1\% |
| One | 17.6 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 19.5 | 19.9 | 19.6 | 19.4 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 18.2 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 19.1 |
| Two | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| Three | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Four or more | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 |

Note: See Note, table 3.35. Respondents were informed that "accident" refers to "a collision involving property damage or personal injury - not bumps or scratches in parking lots" (Source, 1992, p. 23). Readers interested in responses to this question for 1976 through 1983 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

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