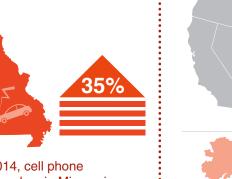


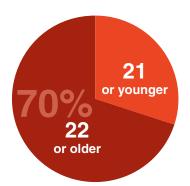
## The Dangers of Using CELLPHONES While Driving

In 2018, Missouri EXCEEDED 900 traffic fatalities for the third year in a row.

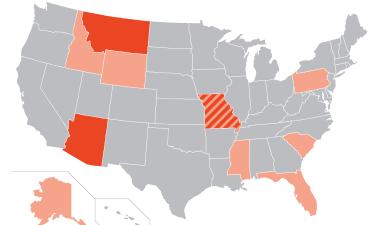


Since 2014, cell phone related crashes in Missouri have increased by **35 percent**, with nearly 2,600 crashes in 2017.

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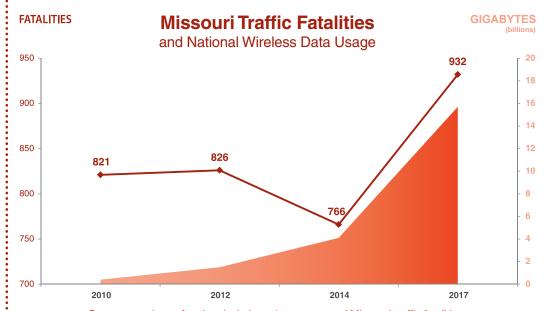


Distracted driving is not just a younger driver problem. Approximately 70 percent of drivers using cell phones in Missouri traffic crashes were 22 years of age or older.



Missouri is ONE of THREE states without a no texting law for all drivers...

...and ONE of TEN states without a hands-free law for either all drivers or novice drivers.



Data comparison of national wireless data usage and Missouri traffic fatalities.

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