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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To examine the rates of different violation types as a function of age, and the pattern of violation types within each age group.

SUMMARY:

Past studies have established that driver age and sex are both related to driving record (e.g., Gebers, 1990; Romanowicz & Gebers, 1990). In these studies, both young and male drivers consistently displayed higher total traffic accident and conviction rates than did drivers who were older or female. These studies have also found that the primary causes of traffic accidents differ for younger and older drivers. It might therefore be expected that the traffic violation pattern would also be different for various age groups. This paper examines the rates of different violation types as a function of age, and the pattern of violation types within each age group.

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None

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See Gebers, Report #127; Romanowicz and Gebers, Report #126; and Gebers, Romanowicz, and McKenzie, Report #141.