

Three California Metros Top the List of Most Expensive Places to Insure a Teen Driver

Parents in Washington D.C. and Detroit experience the smallest rate increases

Nationally, parents will pay an additional \$2,951 to insure a teen driver

New York – September 20, 2021 – A new study from Bankrate shows the added cost that parents across the country pay when adding a teen driver to their auto insurance policy and three California metros take the top of the list. A typical auto insurance premium will increase by 169% in San Francisco, 165% in Los Angeles and 161% in San Diego when adding a teen driver to an existing auto insurance policy- the largest premium increases in all major metros. Other metros ranking as most expensive to insure a teen driver include Boston and Phoenix, with typical premium increases of 145% and 139%, respectively.

The full data can be found here: <https://www.bankrate.com/insurance/car/most-expensive-cities-for-teen-drivers/>

Cost to Insure a Teen Driver in Major U.S. Metros					
		Metro Area	% Increase	Add'l Cost for Teen Driver	Total Cost for Policy
Most Expensive Cities	1.	San Francisco	169%	\$3,846	\$6,127
	2.	Los Angeles	165%	\$4,371	\$7,026
	3.	San Diego	161%	\$2,921	\$4,739
	4.	Boston	145%	\$2,318	\$3,917
	5.	Phoenix	138%	\$2,558	\$4,406
	6.	Pittsburgh	136%	\$2,209	\$3,828
	7.	Tampa	131%	\$4,348	\$7,658
	8.	Seattle	131%	\$1,806	\$3,185
	9.	Philadelphia	129%	\$4,081	\$7,247
	10.	Miami	127%	\$4,496	\$8,023
	11.	Houston	127%	\$2,729	\$4,870
	12.	Dallas	125%	\$2,663	\$4,786
Least Expensive Cities	13.	New York	122%	\$5,509	\$10,022
	14.	Baltimore	120%	\$3,071	\$5,640
	15.	Cincinnati	119%	\$1,414	\$2,606
	16.	Denver	117%	\$2,668	\$4,957
	17.	Atlanta	115%	\$2,703	\$5,046
	18.	Chicago	115%	\$2,432	\$4,544
	19.	Milwaukee	115%	\$1,740	\$3,253
	20.	Cleveland	113%	\$1,592	\$2,997
	21.	St. Louis	111%	\$2,424	\$4,606
	22.	Kansas City	109%	\$1,955	\$3,744
	23.	Minneapolis	107%	\$2,083	\$4,025
	24.	Detroit	102%	\$6,087	\$12,080
	25.	Washington D.C.	96%	\$1,751	\$3,573

“Teen drivers cost a lot to insure for unsurprising reasons- they have less experience behind the wheel and are more prone to accidents,” says Stephen Kates, Bankrate analyst. “However, parents may be surprised to learn just how much they’ll pay to insure their inexperienced driver, so it’s a good idea to be prepared ahead of time.”

Washington D.C. ranks as the most affordable place for insuring a teen driver with an average policy increase of 96%. Detroit, historically known as the most expensive place in the U.S. for car insurance, ranks as second most affordable with an average

increase of 102%. Other metros ranking as affordable include Minneapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis which see increases of about 110% when adding a teen driver to a policy.

“Regardless of where you live in the country, it costs a lot of money to insure a teen driver for their first 3-5 years on the road,” adds Kates. “Parents can do a few things to lower premiums including taking advantage of good-student discounts and diligently shopping around for the best coverage on a yearly basis.”

Nationally, insurance premiums will increase 125%, or \$2,951 on average, when adding a teen driver to an existing auto insurance policy.

Methodology: Bankrate utilized Quadrant Information Services to analyze rates for the top 25 most populated metros. Quoted rates are based on the additional cost of a 16-year-old male and female teen driver added to their 40-year-old parents’ policy (with clean driving records, good credit and the following full coverage limits):

- \$100,000 bodily injury liability per person
- \$300,000 bodily injury liability per accident
- \$50,000 property damage liability per accident
- \$100,000 uninsured motorist bodily injury per person
- \$300,000 uninsured motorist bodily injury per accident
- \$500 collision deductible
- \$500 comprehensive deductible

To determine minimum coverage limits, Bankrate used minimum coverages that meet each state’s requirements. Our sample drivers own a 2019 Toyota Camry, commute five days a week and drive 12,000 miles annually. These are sample rates and should be used for comparative purposes only. Your quotes may be different. Rates are determined based on 2021 Quadrant Information Services data.

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