TAKING A TOLL

The No. 1 killer

of U.S. teenagers is car crashes.

About 6,000 teen drivers

more fatalities for this age group than those caused by guns and drug overdoses combined.

Drivers ages 16 to 19

have a fatality rate four times as high as that of drivers 25 to 29.

18% fewer collisions

involving teen drivers occurred in Las Vegas in the first eight months of 2006 in the year after teen-driving restrictions were imposed.