KY 14th in Fatal Crashes Involving Older Drivers

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LEXINGTON, KY - A new report says Kentucky is among the states with the greatest number and share of fatalities involving an older driver.

According to a report by the nonprofit transportation research group TRIP, in 2016, 178 people were killed in Kentucky crashes that involved at least one driver 65 or older - 14th in the U.S.

Twenty-one percent of fatalities in Kentucky involved at least one driver 65 or older - the 19th highest rate.

The TRIP report identified Florida as having the highest number of fatal crashes involving older drivers.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are more than 40 million Americans age 65 or over.

TRIP is advocating for transportation improvements such as clearer signage, brighter lane markings and overhead lighting, and more intuitive intersection designs.