



Older driver licensing

Current licensing system in NSW



- › 75 A guide for older drivers
- › 80 Annual medicals commence
- › 85 Annual driving tests commence
 - » Licence alternatives (radius, daytime, etc)

Aims



- › Maintain mobility and independence of the aged population without compromising road safety
- › Ensure the ongoing driving competency of aged drivers



- › Aged testing commenced in 1960s
 - » Different people, different cars
 - » Rapidly changing traffic environment

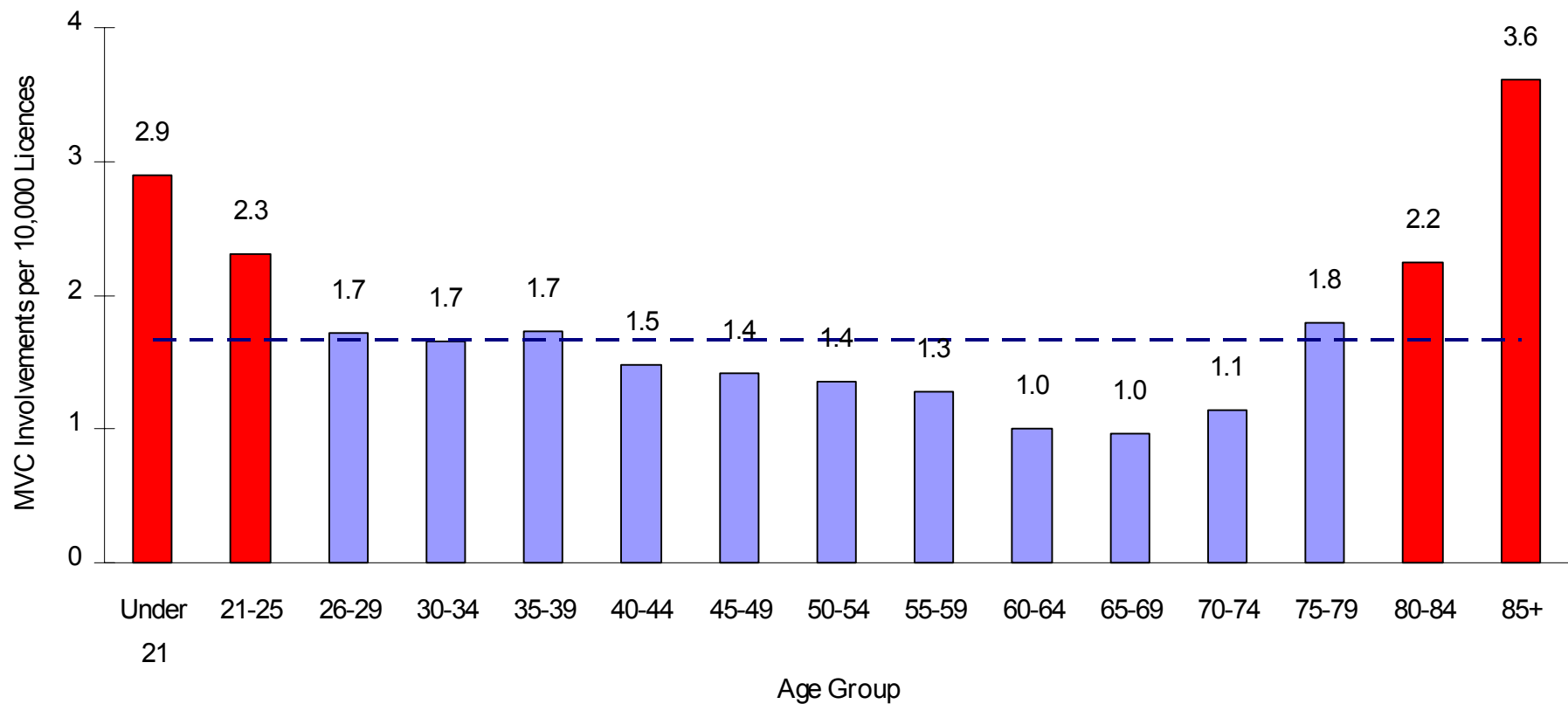
- › Today's driver
 - » Healthier, more active, more mobile
 - » Dispersed population

- › A complex issue

Fatalities per 10,000 licences



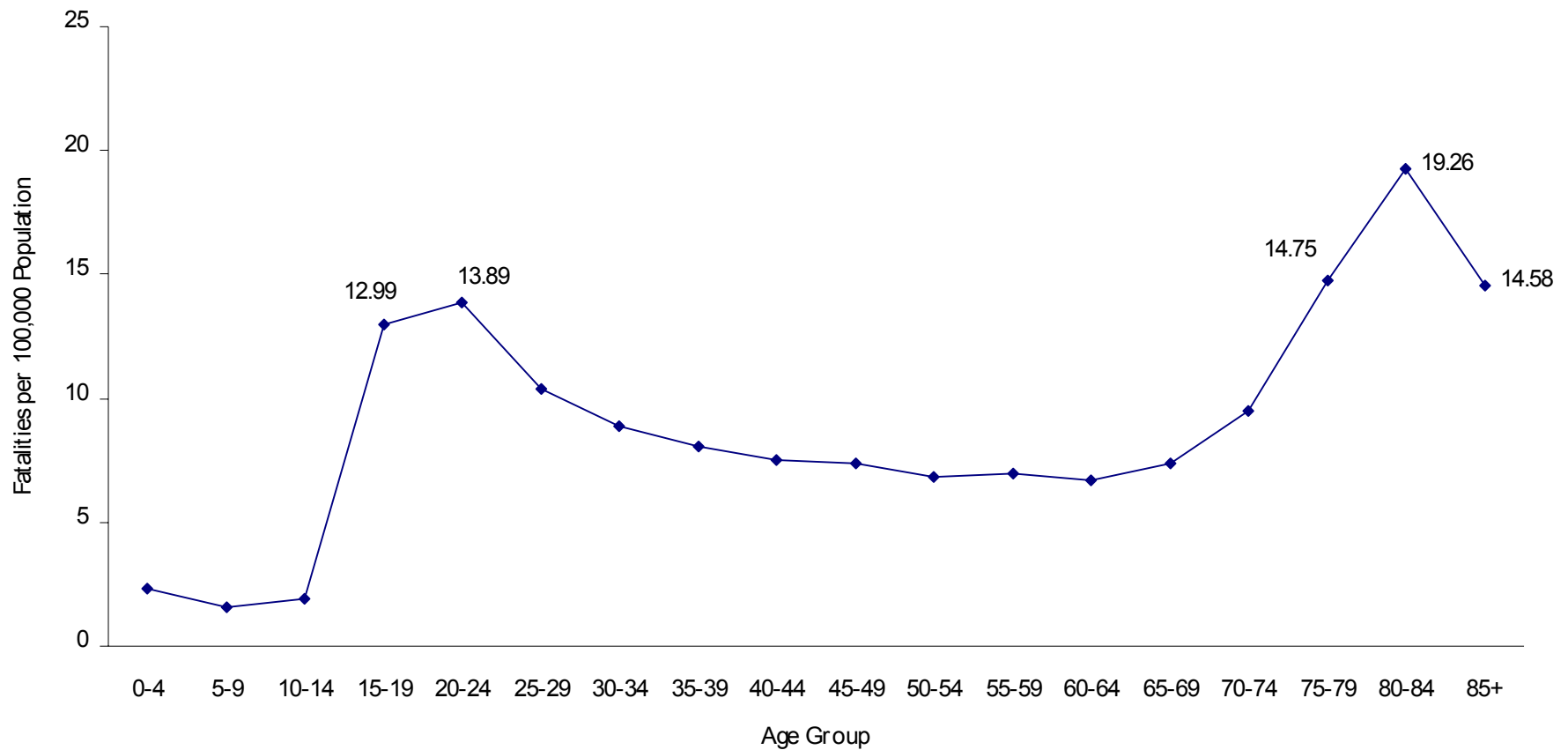
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Fatalities per 100,000 population



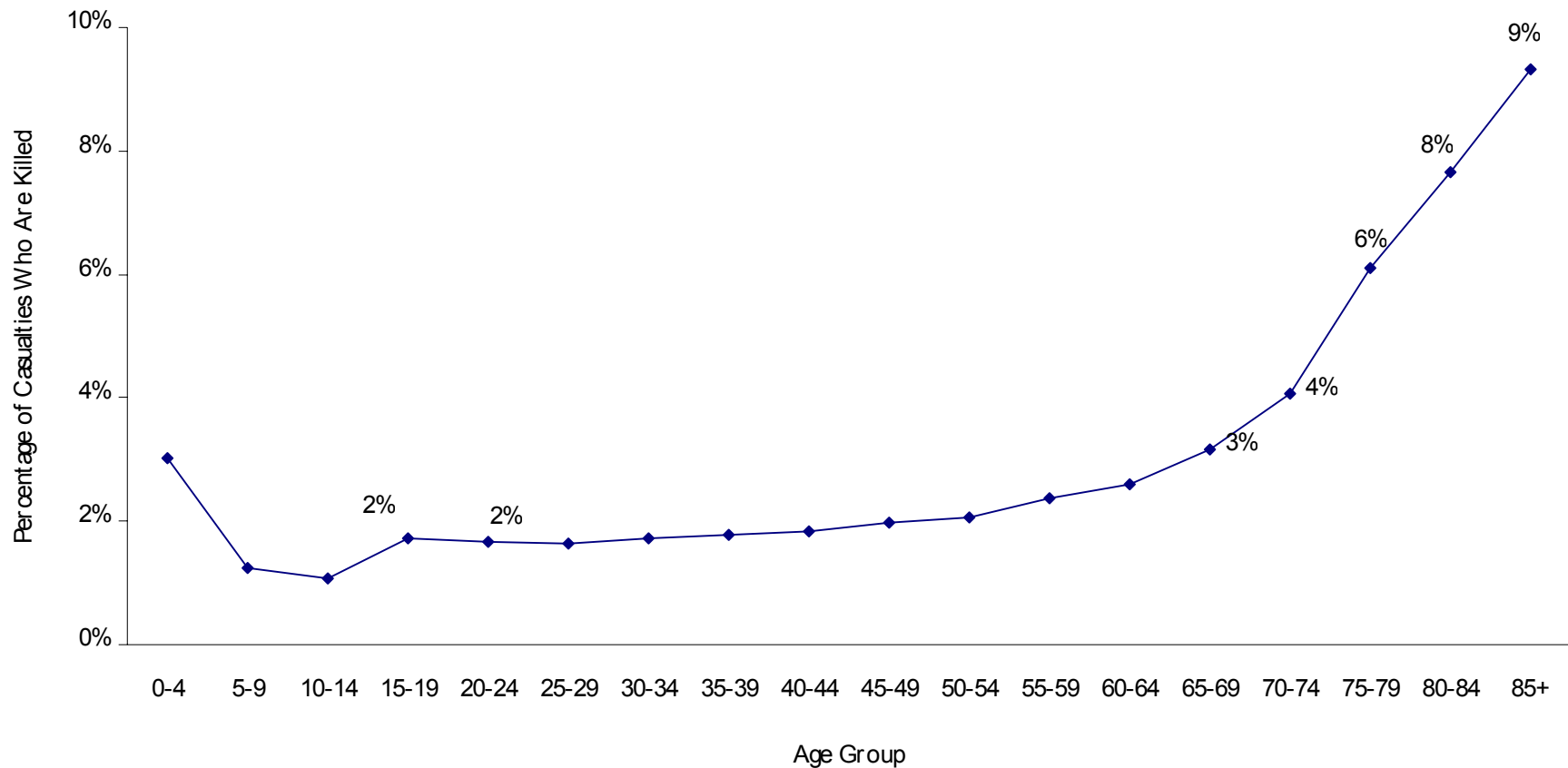
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Fatalities as percentage of casualties



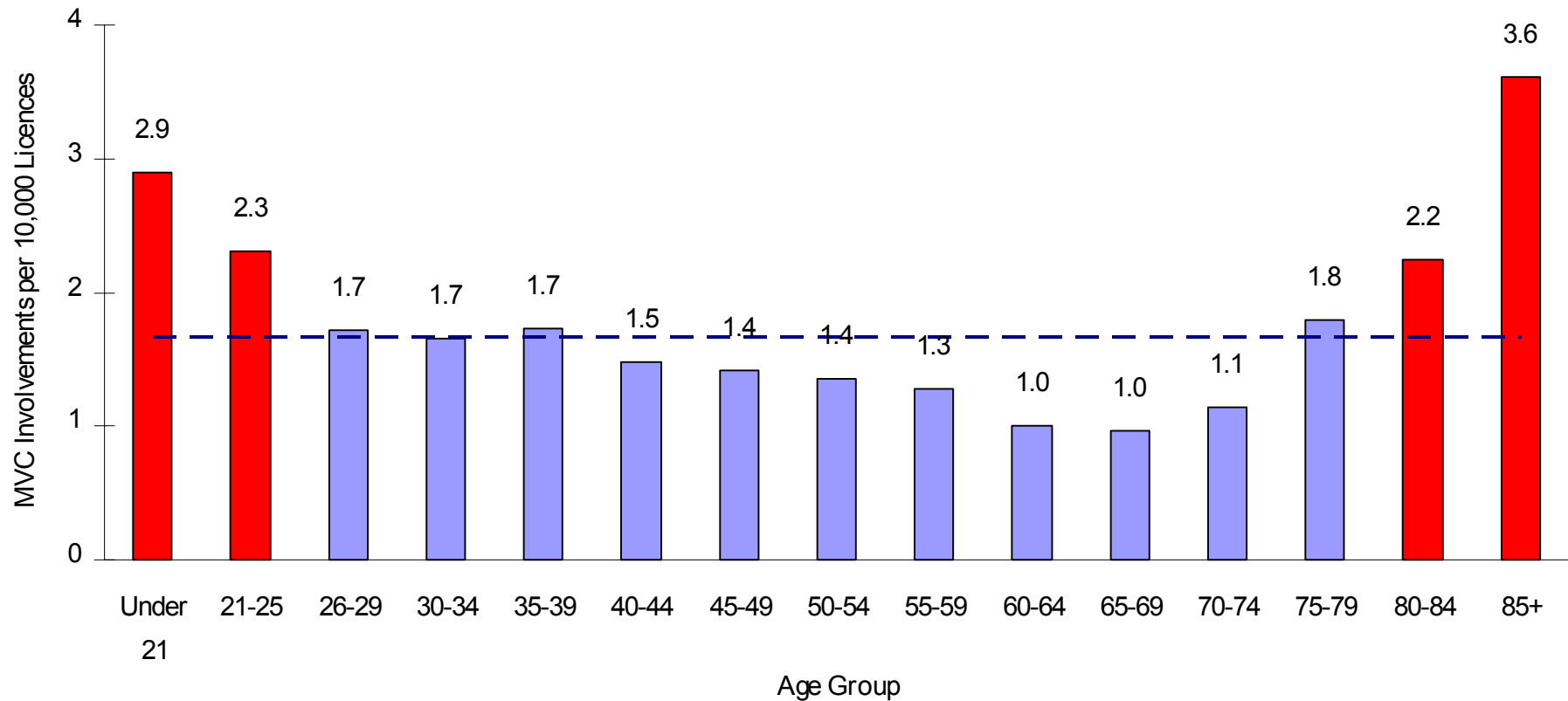
Percentage of Casualties Who Are Killed, Average 2002-2004, Age Groups



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Complexity of the issue

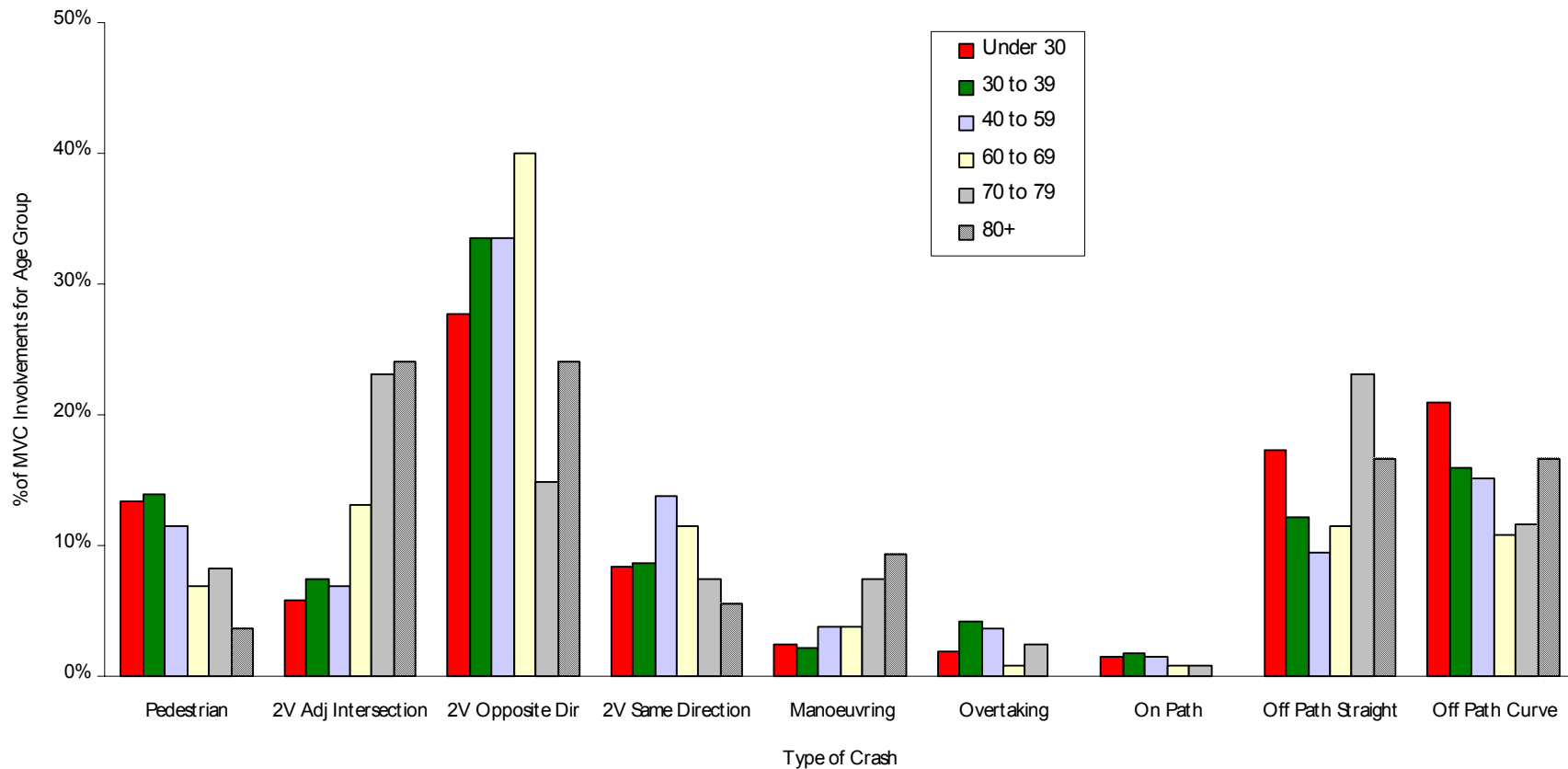


- › Age is unavoidable
- › Functional age vs. chronological age
- › Cognitive, visual, or physical impairment
- › Community perceptions

Fatal crash involvements, type of crash, age group



**% of Motor Vehicle Controllers Involved in Fatal Crashes, NSW, 2002-2004,
Age of Motor Vehicle Controller, Type of Crash**



Other issues



- › Community referral
- › Medical assessments
- › Case workers, independent assessment
- › Screening tests
- › On-road assessment and licence alternatives