

Tables 5.66 through 5.68 provide data on the amount of time drivers spend behind the wheel. On average, a driver spent almost one hour a day driving; however, this varied depending on the driver's age and gender. The gender difference in driving behavior was also observed in the amount of time

spent driving a private vehicle — male drivers spent 22% more time driving a private vehicle than female drivers. The gender difference is most prevalent for drivers between the ages of 60 and 64.

**Table 5.66**  
Average Time Spent Driving a Private Vehicle in a Typical Day<sup>1</sup> by Drivers' Age and Sex  
1990 NPTS  
(minutes)

Age	Male	Female	ALL
Under 16 <sup>2</sup>	28.85	36.74	33.11
16-19	56.45	49.79	53.23
20-29	67.35	56.44	62.06
30-39	68.13	58.12	63.22
40-49	69.78	54.33	62.32
50-59	65.83	50.61	59.03
60-64	63.25	45.74	55.56
65+	51.42	39.62	46.32
<b>ALL</b>	<b>65.35</b>	<b>53.46</b>	<b>59.69</b>

<sup>1</sup> Does not include persons who did not drive a private vehicle on the day in which the household was interviewed. Does not include any driving done in a segmented trip. Also excludes driving done as an "essential part of work" (see Chapter 9, Commercial Driving).

<sup>2</sup> Some states issue learner permits to individuals at age 14 or 15. The "under 16" category reflects these drivers.