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The goal of this research is to explore the relationship between drivers' behavior, risk perception, and roadway crashes. This research tackles the roadway crashes issues in an Egyptian context by addressing three groups: general drivers, truck drivers, and public transportation drivers to find a way to enhance the safety of the Egyptian roads and to improve Egyptian driving behaviors. Using the Driver Behavior Questionnaire (DBQ) that was developed and customized to capture information about drivers, their behavior, and the risk perception. The analyzed data was further used to predict expected crash frequency using negative binomial models. The DBQ technique combined with risk perception scenarios can be used to understand drivers' characteristics and behaviors. The technique is also useful in collecting information on the crashes they experience to provide valuable input for traffic safety enhancement.



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