

# 2011 Utah Crash Facts

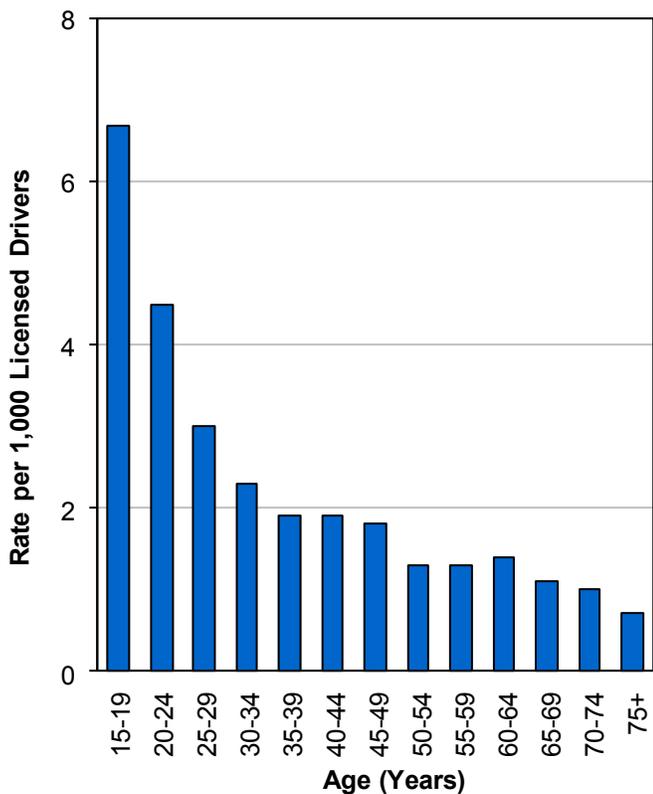
## Did you know in 2011:

- 4,860 distracted driver crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 2,777 injured persons and 21 deaths.
- Where driver distraction was known, 11% of all crashes in Utah involved a distracted driver.
- Nearly half (49%) of distracted driving crashes were rear end crashes.

## Distracted Drivers



**Distracted Driver Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2011)**



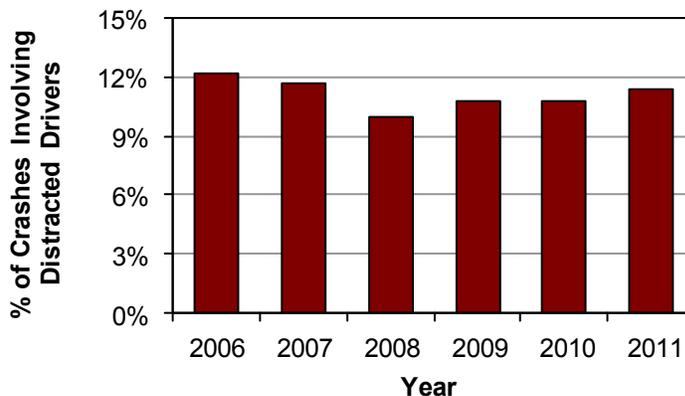
- Younger drivers had the highest rates of driver distraction crashes.

**Distracted Driving Crashes by Distraction Type (Utah 2011)**

1. Other Inside Distraction (15%)
2. Cell Phone (14%)
3. Passengers (13%)
4. Other External Distraction (10%)
5. Radio/CD/DVD etc. (8%)
6. Other Electronic Device (3%)
7. Texting (1%)
- Other (37%)



**Percent of Crashes Involving Distracted Drivers by Year (Utah 2006-2011)**



- The percent of crashes involving a distracted driver increased 6% from 2010.

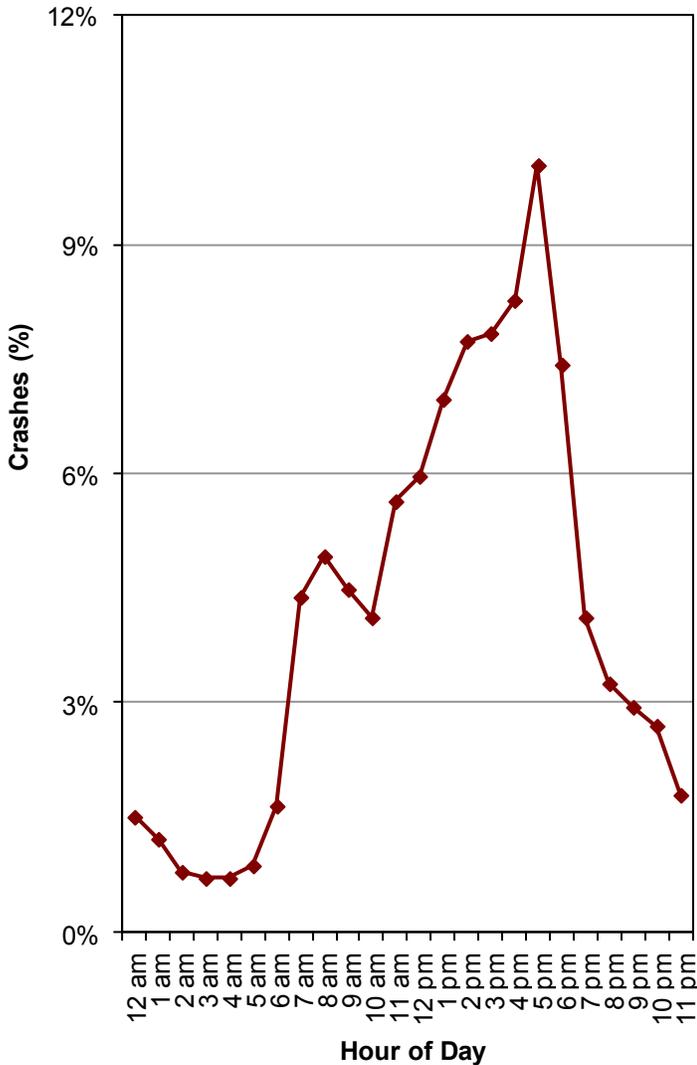
While these numbers are significant, they may not state the true size of the problem, since the identification of distraction and its role in the crash by law enforcement can be very difficult.

Driving is a multitask job and demands the full attention of the driver.

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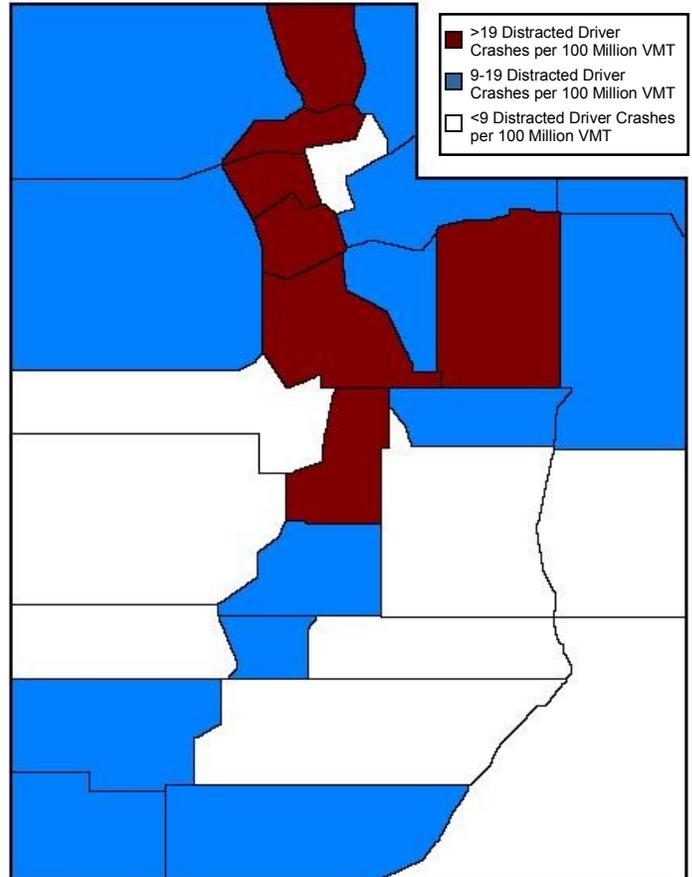


**Driver Distraction Crashes by Hour (Utah 2011)**



- Driver distraction crashes peaked during the hours of 1:00 p.m.-6:59 p.m.

**Distracted Driver Crash Rates by County (Utah 2011)**



- Utah, Cache, and Salt Lake Counties had the highest distracted driver crash rates per vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

### Distracted Driving Studies

#### Cell Phones

- The main effect of cell phone use while driving is the distraction of the mind.
- Talking on a cell phone while driving is as dangerous as driving drunk.
- Cell phone use increases drivers' crash risk four times.
- Crash risk does not differ from hand-held phones to hands-free phones.

#### Texting

- Texting and driving is more risky than most other distractions.
- Texting increases drivers' crash risk six times.

#### Teen Drivers

- Teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a distraction-related collision than any other age group.
- Younger drivers are less experienced at multitasking while driving and are therefore more easily distracted than older drivers.