

# Teenage Drivers



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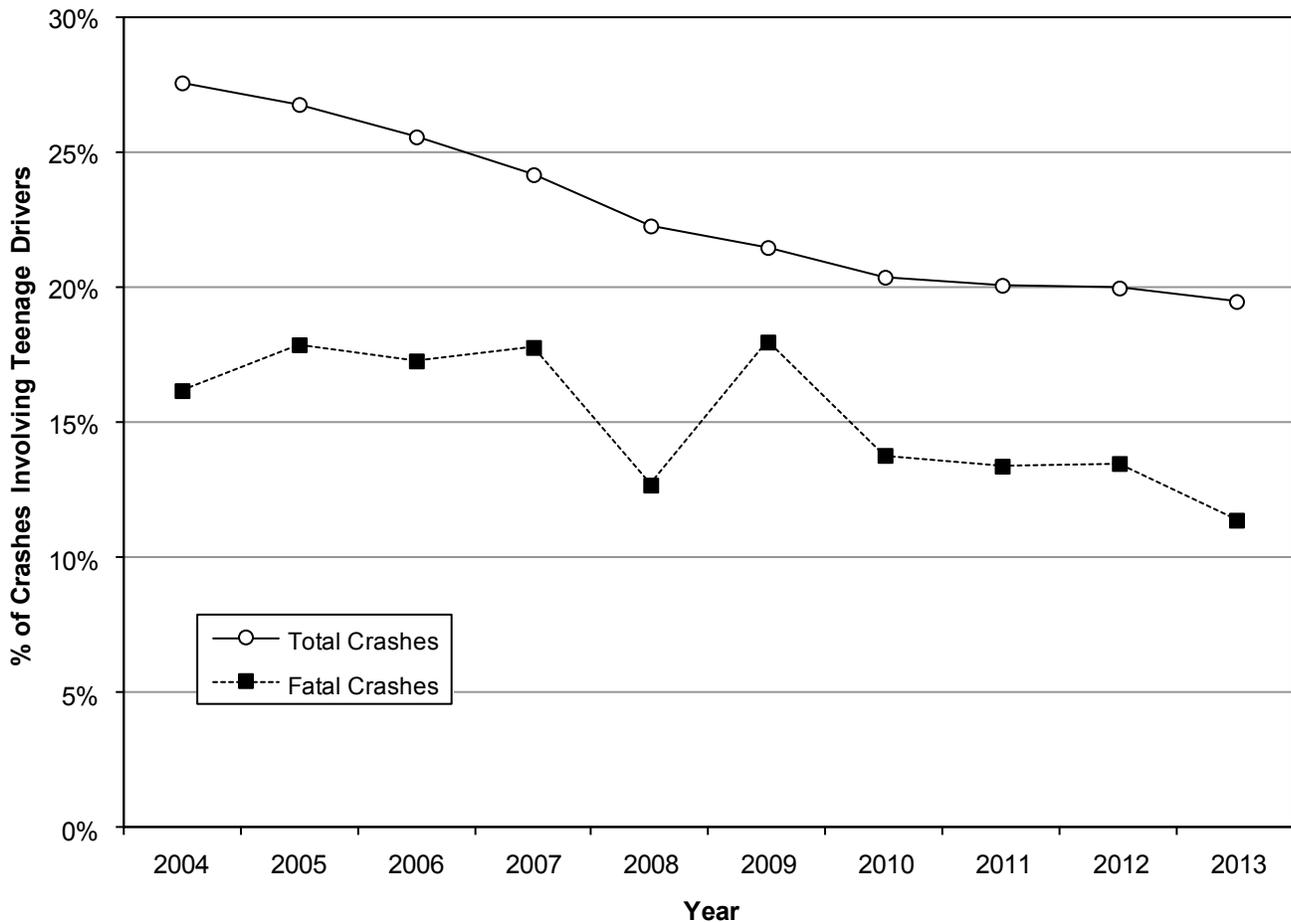
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## Trends

### Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2004-2013)

Teenage Driver Crashes												
Year	Property Damage Only			Injury			Fatal			Total		
	All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver	
	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
2004	34,222	9,397	27.5%	19,423	5,431	28.0%	260	42	16.2%	<b>53,905</b>	<b>14,870</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
2005	35,158	9,225	26.2%	19,545	5,434	27.8%	235	42	17.9%	<b>54,938</b>	<b>14,701</b>	<b>26.8%</b>
2006	37,674	9,427	25.0%	18,264	4,928	27.0%	249	43	17.3%	<b>56,187</b>	<b>14,398</b>	<b>25.6%</b>
2007	42,368	9,990	23.6%	18,619	4,808	25.8%	258	46	17.8%	<b>61,245</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>24.2%</b>
2008	38,997	8,512	21.8%	17,125	4,007	23.4%	245	31	12.7%	<b>56,367</b>	<b>12,550</b>	<b>22.3%</b>
2009	35,398	7,500	21.2%	15,752	3,495	22.2%	217	39	18.0%	<b>51,367</b>	<b>11,034</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
2010	34,155	6,886	20.2%	14,995	3,181	21.2%	218	30	13.8%	<b>49,368</b>	<b>10,097</b>	<b>20.5%</b>
2011	36,418	7,268	20.0%	15,645	3,227	20.6%	224	30	13.4%	<b>52,287</b>	<b>10,525</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
2012	34,635	6,889	19.9%	15,765	3,216	20.4%	200	27	13.5%	<b>50,600</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
2013	39,301	7,541	19.2%	16,134	3,288	20.4%	202	23	11.4%	<b>55,637</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>368,326</b>	<b>82,635</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>171,267</b>	<b>41,015</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>541,901</b>	<b>124,003</b>	<b>22.9%</b>



- Teenage drivers (aged 15-19 years) are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience.
- The 10-year trend shows that 22.9% of all crashes in Utah involved a teenage driver with a decreasing trend over the last 10 years.
- Fatal teenage driver crashes have also shown a decreasing trend although less dramatic than total crashes.

## Crash Conditions

### Teenage Driver Crashes by County (Utah 2013)

County	Teenage Driver Crashes											
	PDO Crashes			Injury Crashes			Fatal Crashes			Total		
	All #	Teen Driver #	%	All #	Teen Driver #	%	All #	Teen Driver #	%	All #	Teen Driver #	%
Sanpete	198	45	22.7%	92	31	33.7%	6	1	16.7%	296	77	26.0%
Cache	1,441	358	24.8%	483	118	24.4%	9	3	33.3%	1,933	479	24.8%
Davis	3,633	830	22.8%	1,444	388	26.9%	11	1	9.1%	5,088	1,219	24.0%
Washington	1,334	299	22.4%	724	183	25.3%	13	1	7.7%	2,071	483	23.3%
Utah	5,237	1,205	23.0%	2,368	568	24.0%	20	4	20.0%	7,625	1,777	23.3%
Weber	2,747	596	21.7%	1,416	318	22.5%	18	0	0.0%	4,181	914	21.9%
Uintah	511	105	20.5%	163	29	17.8%	2	0	0.0%	676	134	19.8%
Iron	594	110	18.5%	219	46	21.0%	8	1	12.5%	821	157	19.1%
Piute	18	4	22.2%	3	0	0.0%	0	0	n/a	21	4	19.0%
Box Elder	720	130	18.1%	311	65	20.9%	4	1	25.0%	1,035	196	18.9%
Morgan	162	33	20.4%	32	3	9.4%	0	0	n/a	194	36	18.6%
Wasatch	428	68	15.9%	139	37	26.6%	3	0	0.0%	570	105	18.4%
Juab	199	34	17.1%	71	15	21.1%	3	1	33.3%	273	50	18.3%
Salt Lake	18,201	3,216	17.7%	7,430	1,304	17.6%	52	6	11.5%	25,683	4,526	17.6%
Tooele	772	130	16.8%	272	46	16.9%	8	0	0.0%	1,052	176	16.7%
Sevier	229	34	14.8%	103	22	21.4%	5	0	0.0%	337	56	16.6%
Beaver	185	28	15.1%	62	11	17.7%	3	0	0.0%	250	39	15.6%
Wayne	43	6	14.0%	7	1	14.3%	2	1	50.0%	52	8	15.4%
Duchesne	358	48	13.4%	114	21	18.4%	4	1	25.0%	476	70	14.7%
Carbon	272	40	14.7%	70	7	10.0%	4	0	0.0%	346	47	13.6%
Summit	927	110	11.9%	216	34	15.7%	3	0	0.0%	1,146	144	12.6%
Emery	177	24	13.6%	63	5	7.9%	5	1	20.0%	245	30	12.2%
Millard	260	32	12.3%	95	12	12.6%	7	0	0.0%	362	44	12.2%
Grand	125	17	13.6%	83	6	7.2%	3	0	0.0%	211	23	10.9%
Rich	42	1	2.4%	28	6	21.4%	0	0	n/a	70	7	10.0%
San Juan	214	21	9.8%	54	6	11.1%	5	0	0.0%	273	27	9.9%
Daggett	26	2	7.7%	9	1	11.1%	0	0	n/a	35	3	8.6%
Kane	143	11	7.7%	36	2	5.6%	2	1	50.0%	181	14	7.7%
Garfield	105	4	3.8%	27	3	11.1%	2	0	0.0%	134	7	5.2%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>39,301</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>16,134</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>55,637</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

- Overall, Sanpete (26.0%), Cache (24.8%), and Davis (24.0%) counties had the highest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Wayne (50.0%), Kane (50%), Cache (33.3%) and Juab (33.3%) counties had the highest percentages of fatal crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Overall, Garfield (5.2%), Kane (7.7%), and Daggett (8.6%) counties had the lowest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Statewide, teenage driver crashes represented 19.5% of all crashes and 11.4% of all fatal crashes.

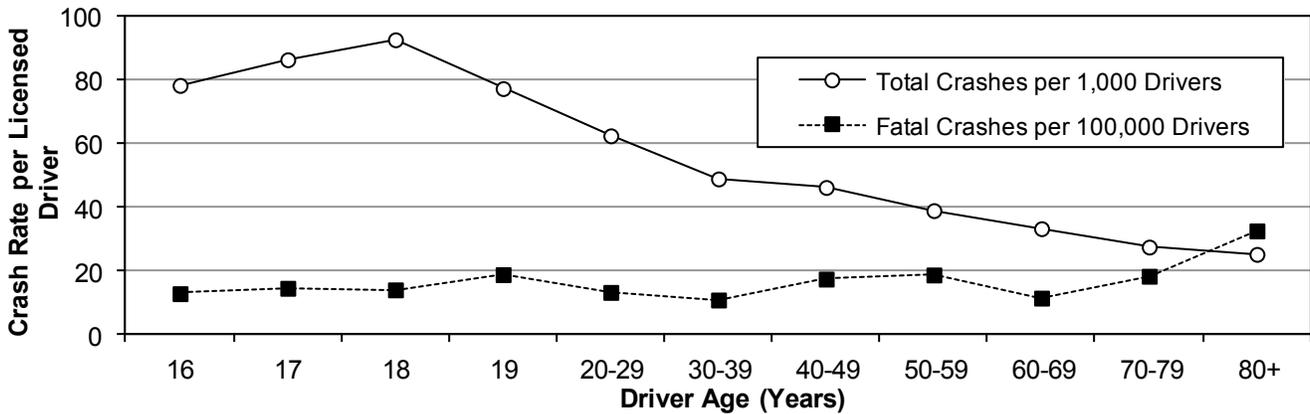


## Crash Conditions

### Age of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2013)

Teenage Drivers												
Age	PDO Crashes			Injury Crashes			Fatal Crashes			Total		
	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers
15	109	1.3%	6.6	76	2.1%	4.6	2	8.7%	0.122	187	1.6%	11.4
16	1,770	21.2%	55.9	705	19.7%	22.3	4	17.4%	0.126	2,479	20.8%	78.3
17	2,116	25.4%	60.6	897	25.1%	25.7	5	21.7%	0.143	3,018	25.3%	86.4
18	2,366	28.3%	65.3	987	27.6%	27.3	5	21.7%	0.138	3,358	28.1%	92.7
19	1,985	23.8%	52.8	912	25.5%	24.3	7	30.4%	0.186	2,904	24.3%	77.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.147</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>76.2</b>

### Crash Rate of Licensed Drivers by Age (Utah 2013)



- Drivers aged 18 years had the highest total crash rate per licensed driver.
- Drivers aged 19 years had the highest fatal crash rate per licensed driver.

### Gender of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2013)

Teenage Drivers									
Gender	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Male	4,318	51.7%	1,780	49.8%	15	65.2%	6,113	51.2%	
Female	4,003	48.0%	1,789	50.0%	8	34.8%	5,800	48.6%	
Unknown	25	0.3%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	33	0.3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

- The majority of teen drivers in all motor vehicle crashes (51.2%) and fatal crashes (65.2%) were male.
- Crashes involving male teen drivers were 1.8 times more likely to be fatal than female teen driver crashes.

### Previous Driving Violations of Teens in Fatal Crashes (Utah 2013)

- Of the 23 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, 7 (30.4%) had been previously convicted of a moving traffic violation in the past three years. The highest number of violations by one teen driver was six in the past three years.

### Alcohol Involvement of Teenage Drivers (Utah 2013)

- Of the 23 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, one (4.3%) was impaired by alcohol.

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Drive Drunk.

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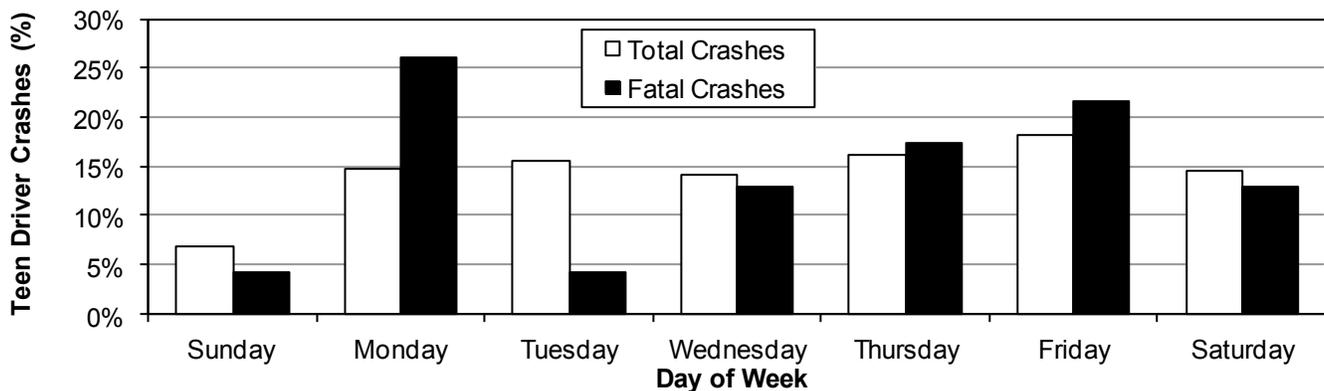
### Teenage Driver Crashes by Month (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Month	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day
January	897	28.9	269	8.7	0	0.00	1,166	37.6
February	622	22.2	225	8.0	1	0.04	848	30.3
March	484	15.6	221	7.1	0	0.00	705	22.7
April	495	16.5	252	8.4	2	0.07	749	25.0
May	570	18.4	315	10.2	3	0.10	888	28.6
June	477	15.9	242	8.1	4	0.13	723	24.1
July	504	16.3	257	8.3	5	0.16	766	24.7
August	556	17.9	270	8.7	1	0.03	827	26.7
September	647	21.6	311	10.4	1	0.03	959	32.0
October	687	22.2	324	10.5	1	0.03	1,012	32.6
November	657	21.9	291	9.7	4	0.13	952	31.7
December	945	30.5	311	10.0	1	0.03	1,257	40.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>29.7</b>

- Overall, December (40.5) and January (37.6) had the highest rates per day for teenage driver crashes.
- The highest rate per day of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred in July (0.16).

### Teenage Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Day of Week	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Sunday	491	6.5%	241	7.3%	1	4.3%	733	6.8%
Monday	1,092	14.5%	494	15.0%	6	26.1%	1,592	14.7%
Tuesday	1,207	16.0%	484	14.7%	1	4.3%	1,692	15.6%
Wednesday	1,062	14.1%	472	14.4%	3	13.0%	1,537	14.2%
Thursday	1,243	16.5%	511	15.5%	4	17.4%	1,758	16.2%
Friday	1,355	18.0%	605	18.4%	5	21.7%	1,965	18.1%
Saturday	1,091	14.5%	481	14.6%	3	13.0%	1,575	14.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



- Overall, the highest percentage of teenage driver crashes occurred on Friday (18.1%).
- The highest percentage of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Monday (26.1%).

## Crash Conditions

### Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Hour	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Midnight	125	1.7%	50	1.5%	0	0.0%	175	1.6%
1 a.m.	62	0.8%	31	0.9%	0	0.0%	93	0.9%
2 a.m.	39	0.5%	21	0.6%	0	0.0%	60	0.6%
3 a.m.	24	0.3%	16	0.5%	0	0.0%	40	0.4%
4 a.m.	20	0.3%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	28	0.3%
5 a.m.	53	0.7%	14	0.4%	1	4.3%	68	0.6%
6 a.m.	101	1.3%	43	1.3%	2	8.7%	146	1.3%
7 a.m.	506	6.7%	183	5.6%	0	0.0%	689	6.3%
8 a.m.	371	4.9%	134	4.1%	2	8.7%	507	4.7%
9 a.m.	229	3.0%	84	2.6%	1	4.3%	314	2.9%
10 a.m.	277	3.7%	81	2.5%	1	4.3%	359	3.3%
11 a.m.	330	4.4%	126	3.8%	0	0.0%	456	4.2%
Noon	447	5.9%	200	6.1%	0	0.0%	647	6.0%
1 p.m.	402	5.3%	167	5.1%	4	17.4%	573	5.3%
2 p.m.	600	8.0%	243	7.4%	1	4.3%	844	7.8%
3 p.m.	671	8.9%	302	9.2%	0	0.0%	973	9.0%
4 p.m.	635	8.4%	291	8.9%	1	4.3%	927	8.5%
5 p.m.	747	9.9%	370	11.3%	1	4.3%	1,118	10.3%
6 p.m.	623	8.3%	242	7.4%	2	8.7%	867	8.0%
7 p.m.	369	4.9%	191	5.8%	1	4.3%	561	5.2%
8 p.m.	278	3.7%	149	4.5%	3	13.0%	430	4.0%
9 p.m.	283	3.8%	145	4.4%	1	4.3%	429	4.0%
10 p.m.	220	2.9%	109	3.3%	1	4.3%	330	3.0%
11 p.m.	129	1.7%	88	2.7%	1	4.3%	218	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,852</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Teenage driver total crashes were highest from 2:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. (after-school hours).
- Fatal teenage driver crashes varied throughout the day and peaked during the 1:00 p.m. hour.

### Number of Occupants in Teenage Driven Vehicles (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driven Vehicles								
Number of Occupants	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	6,075	72.8%	2,282	63.8%	16	69.6%	8,373	70.1%
2	1,532	18.4%	804	22.5%	5	21.7%	2,341	19.6%
3	461	5.5%	292	8.2%	1	4.3%	754	6.3%
4 or more	278	3.3%	199	5.6%	1	4.3%	478	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Over two-thirds of teenage driven vehicles (70.1%) in crashes contained only the teenage driver.
- Over two-thirds (69.6%) of the teenage driven vehicles in fatal crashes contained only the driver.

## Crash Conditions

### Speed Limit of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Speed Limit	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
5-15 MPH	205	2.5%	34	1.0%	0	0.0%	239	2.0%
20-25 MPH	1,285	15.4%	435	12.2%	3	13.0%	1,723	14.4%
30-35 MPH	1,813	21.7%	887	24.8%	3	13.0%	2,703	22.6%
40-45 MPH	1,833	22.0%	983	27.5%	5	21.7%	2,821	23.6%
50-55 MPH	432	5.2%	296	8.3%	4	17.4%	732	6.1%
60-65 MPH	1,112	13.3%	362	10.1%	5	21.7%	1,479	12.4%
70+ MPH	130	1.6%	51	1.4%	2	8.7%	183	1.5%
Unknown	1,536	18.4%	529	14.8%	1	4.3%	2,066	17.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Over half (55.9% of known) of total teenage driver crashes occurred where the speed limit was 30-45 MPH.
- The higher the speed limit the more likely the teenage driver crash was to be fatal. Teenage driver crashes where the speed limit was 50 MPH or higher were 3.1 times more likely to be fatal.

### Travel Speed of Teenage Driver Vehicles in Crashes (Utah 2013)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Travel Speed	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Stopped	635	7.6%	301	8.4%	1	4.3%	937	7.8%
1-9 MPH	882	10.6%	304	8.5%	1	4.3%	1,187	9.9%
10-19 MPH	1,108	13.3%	431	12.0%	0	0.0%	1,539	12.9%
20-29 MPH	1,035	12.4%	363	10.1%	1	4.3%	1,399	11.7%
30-39 MPH	971	11.6%	485	13.6%	1	4.3%	1,457	12.2%
40-49 MPH	588	7.0%	334	9.3%	4	17.4%	926	7.8%
50-59 MPH	350	4.2%	171	4.8%	2	8.7%	523	4.4%
60-69 MPH	429	5.1%	171	4.8%	3	13.0%	603	5.0%
70-79 MPH	162	1.9%	93	2.6%	1	4.3%	256	2.1%
80-89 MPH	30	0.4%	17	0.5%	1	4.3%	48	0.4%
90+ MPH	0	0.0%	6	0.2%	1	4.3%	7	0.1%
Unknown	2,156	25.8%	901	25.2%	7	30.4%	3,064	25.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Nearly half (49.5% of known) of teen driver vehicles in total crashes were traveling 10-39 MPH.
- Teenage driver vehicles in fatal crashes were more likely to be traveling at higher speeds. The majority (75.0% of known) of teenage driver vehicles in fatal crashes were traveling 40 MPH or higher.
- Crashes involving teenage driver vehicles traveling 40 MPH or higher were 8.3 times more likely to be fatal.

### Restraint Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2013)

Persons (Teen Driver and Passengers)								
Restraint Use	Non-Injured		Injured		Killed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Restrained	12,862	97.7%	2,063	92.4%	2	20.0%	14,927	96.9%
Unrestrained	303	2.3%	169	7.6%	8	80.0%	480	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,165</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15,407</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Overall, most teen drivers and their passengers were restrained (96.9%).
- Only 20.0% of occupants killed in teenage driven vehicles were restrained.

## Crash Conditions

### Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2013)

Teenage Drivers/Vehicles								
Contributing Factors	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Followed Too Closely	1,455	16.4%	674	16.2%	0	0.0%	2,129	16.3%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1,196	13.4%	780	18.7%	2	6.3%	1,978	15.1%
Speed Too Fast	1,187	13.3%	351	8.4%	7	21.9%	1,545	11.8%
Driver Distraction	633	7.1%	384	9.2%	2	6.3%	1,019	7.8%
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane	703	7.9%	274	6.6%	7	21.9%	984	7.5%
Other Improper Driving	430	4.8%	242	5.8%	0	0.0%	672	5.1%
Vision Obscured by Weather Condition	413	4.6%	118	2.8%	0	0.0%	531	4.1%
Improper Turn	329	3.7%	146	3.5%	0	0.0%	475	3.6%
Disregard Traffic Signal/Sign	211	2.4%	198	4.8%	0	0.0%	409	3.1%
Ran Off Road	254	2.9%	125	3.0%	5	15.6%	384	2.9%
Improper Backing	278	3.1%	15	0.4%	0	0.0%	293	2.2%
Overcorrected	178	2.0%	97	2.3%	5	15.6%	280	2.1%
Improper Lane Change	225	2.5%	53	1.3%	0	0.0%	278	2.1%
Swerved or Evasive Action	153	1.7%	68	1.6%	0	0.0%	221	1.7%
Driver Asleep/Fatigue	113	1.3%	74	1.8%	0	0.0%	187	1.4%
Hit and Run	153	1.7%	30	0.7%	1	3.1%	184	1.4%
Improper Parking/Stopping	127	1.4%	38	0.9%	0	0.0%	165	1.3%
Vehicle Other Defective Condition	101	1.1%	43	1.0%	0	0.0%	144	1.1%
Vision Obscured by Moving Vehicle	72	0.8%	56	1.3%	0	0.0%	128	1.0%
Reckless/Aggressive Driving	63	0.7%	51	1.2%	0	0.0%	114	0.9%
Driving Under the Influence	56	0.6%	55	1.3%	1	3.1%	112	0.9%
Vehicle Tires	83	0.9%	25	0.6%	0	0.0%	108	0.8%
Vehicle Brakes	72	0.8%	35	0.8%	0	0.0%	107	0.8%
Vision Obscured by Parked Vehicle	64	0.7%	21	0.5%	0	0.0%	85	0.6%
Driver Emotional Prior to Crash	44	0.5%	29	0.7%	1	3.1%	74	0.6%
Vision Obscured by Other	41	0.5%	29	0.7%	0	0.0%	70	0.5%
Improper Passing	53	0.6%	14	0.3%	1	3.1%	68	0.5%
Vision Obscured by Glare	34	0.4%	30	0.7%	0	0.0%	64	0.5%
Other Driver Condition	37	0.4%	26	0.6%	0	0.0%	63	0.5%
Windshield or Other Window Obscured	39	0.4%	18	0.4%	0	0.0%	57	0.4%
Vision Obscured by Building, Sign, etc.	25	0.3%	16	0.4%	0	0.0%	41	0.3%
Wrong Side/Wrong Way	20	0.2%	18	0.4%	0	0.0%	38	0.3%
Driver Illness/Medical	11	0.1%	15	0.4%	0	0.0%	26	0.2%
Vision Obscured by Vegetation	15	0.2%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	21	0.2%
Improper Signal	12	0.1%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	20	0.2%
Disregard Road Markings	13	0.1%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	16	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,893</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,090</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Some form of poor driver performance is present in the majority of crashes. The leading contributing factors for all teenage driver crashes were followed too closely (16.3%), failed to yield right of way (15.1%), and speed too fast (11.8%).
- The leading contributing factors in fatal teenage driver crashes were speed too fast (21.9%) and failed to keep in proper lane (21.9%).
- Compared to drivers of all ages, teenage drivers were more likely to have a contributing factor of failure to yield right of way, followed too closely, and driver distraction.
- The contributing factors that contributed more to injury crashes than non-injury crashes were: failure to yield right of way, disregard traffic signal/sign, and driver distraction.