

Teenage Drivers



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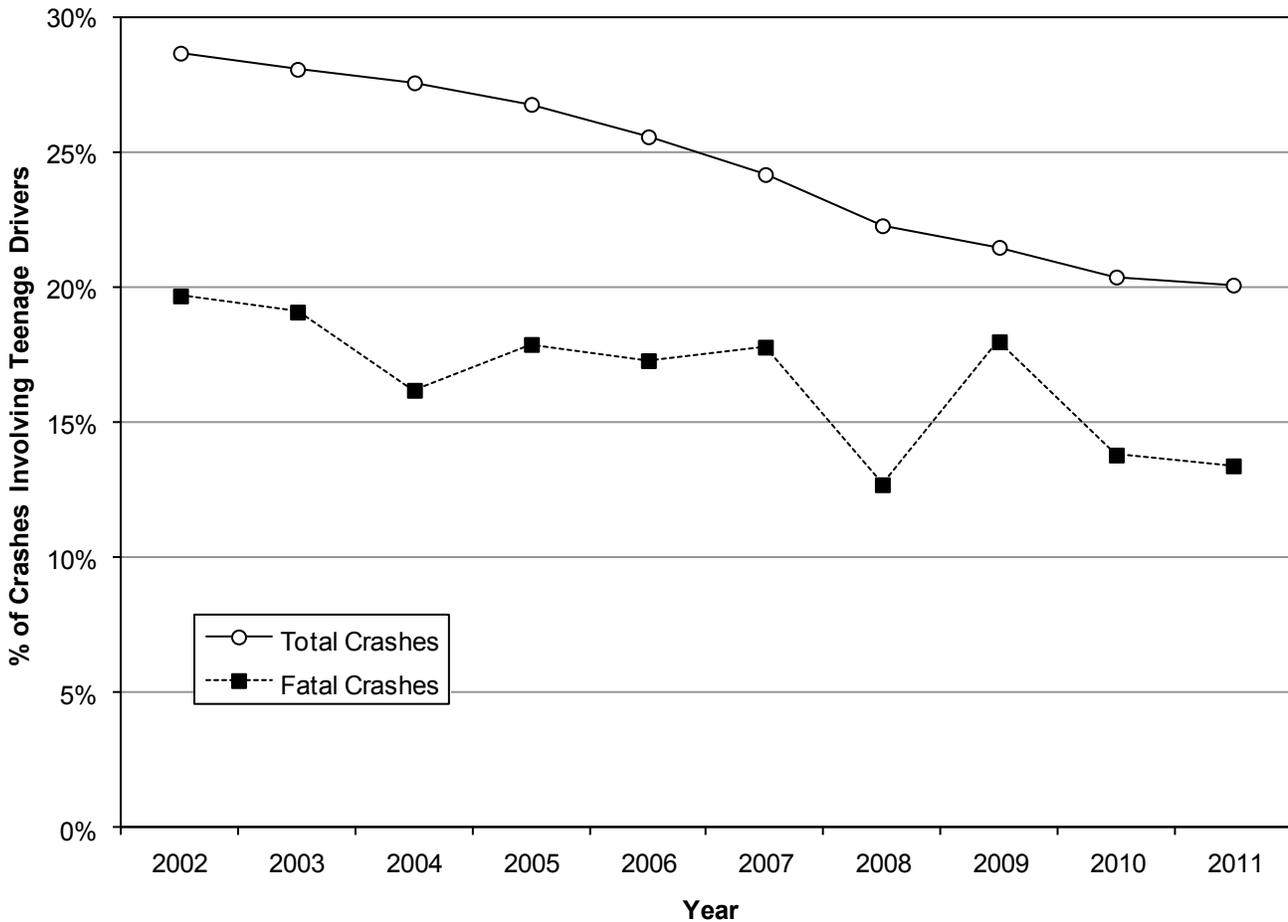
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Trends

Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2002-2011)

Teenage Driver Crashes												
Year	Property Damage Only			Injury			Fatal			Total		
	All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver	
	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
2002	33,542	9,478	28.3%	19,552	5,776	29.5%	274	54	19.7%	53,368	15,308	28.7%
2003	31,842	8,807	27.7%	18,285	5,321	29.1%	262	50	19.1%	50,389	14,178	28.1%
2004	34,222	9,397	27.5%	19,423	5,431	28.0%	260	42	16.2%	53,905	14,870	27.6%
2005	35,158	9,225	26.2%	19,545	5,434	27.8%	235	42	17.9%	54,938	14,701	26.8%
2006	37,674	9,427	25.0%	18,264	4,928	27.0%	249	43	17.3%	56,187	14,398	25.6%
2007	42,368	9,990	23.6%	18,619	4,808	25.8%	258	46	17.8%	61,245	14,844	24.2%
2008	38,997	8,512	21.8%	17,125	4,007	23.4%	245	31	12.7%	56,367	12,550	22.3%
2009	35,398	7,500	21.2%	15,752	3,495	22.2%	217	39	18.0%	51,367	11,034	21.5%
2010	34,155	6,886	20.2%	14,995	3,181	21.2%	218	30	13.8%	49,368	10,097	20.5%
2011	36,418	7,268	20.0%	15,645	3,227	20.6%	224	30	13.4%	52,287	10,525	20.1%
Total	359,774	86,490	24.0%	177,205	45,608	25.7%	2,442	407	16.7%	539,421	132,505	24.6%



- 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 24.6% of all crashes in Utah involved a teenage driver with a decreasing trend over the last 10 years.
- Fatal teenage driver crashes have fluctuated around the 10-year average of 16.7% of fatal crashes.

Counties

Teenage Driver Crashes by County (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Crashes												
County	PDO Crashes			Injury Crashes			Fatal Crashes			Total		
	All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver	
	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
Sanpete	221	64	29.0%	86	25	29.1%	1	0	0.0%	308	89	28.9%
Cache	1,488	378	25.4%	467	134	28.7%	4	0	0.0%	1,959	512	26.1%
Davis	2,937	770	26.2%	1,350	336	24.9%	14	3	21.4%	4,301	1,109	25.8%
Weber	2,557	630	24.6%	1,271	264	20.8%	21	4	19.0%	3,849	898	23.3%
Washington	1,095	244	22.3%	664	157	23.6%	9	0	0.0%	1,768	401	22.7%
Utah	6,593	1,471	22.3%	2,884	675	23.4%	18	5	27.8%	9,495	2,151	22.7%
Piute	20	4	20.0%	8	2	25.0%	1	0	0.0%	29	6	20.7%
Iron	469	92	19.6%	243	49	20.2%	10	1	10.0%	722	142	19.7%
Uintah	418	81	19.4%	140	27	19.3%	6	0	0.0%	564	108	19.1%
Salt Lake	15,003	2,758	18.4%	6,665	1,259	18.9%	62	12	19.4%	21,730	4,029	18.5%
Tooele	728	133	18.3%	279	46	16.5%	9	1	11.1%	1,016	180	17.7%
Duchesne	459	77	16.8%	116	24	20.7%	9	1	11.1%	584	102	17.5%
Rich	48	4	8.3%	31	9	29.0%	0	0	n/a	79	13	16.5%
Morgan	108	21	19.4%	43	4	9.3%	3	0	0.0%	154	25	16.2%
Wasatch	418	69	16.5%	164	22	13.4%	3	0	0.0%	585	91	15.6%
Box Elder	787	114	14.5%	260	48	18.5%	9	1	11.1%	1,056	163	15.4%
Carbon	467	68	14.6%	92	19	20.7%	7	0	0.0%	566	87	15.4%
Juab	244	30	12.3%	92	16	17.4%	5	1	20.0%	341	47	13.8%
Sevier	308	36	11.7%	107	21	19.6%	5	0	0.0%	420	57	13.6%
Millard	211	21	10.0%	104	21	20.2%	3	0	0.0%	318	42	13.2%
Summit	833	101	12.1%	201	33	16.4%	7	1	14.3%	1,041	135	13.0%
Beaver	199	24	12.1%	58	7	12.1%	1	0	0.0%	258	31	12.0%
Grand	142	21	14.8%	91	6	6.6%	1	0	0.0%	234	27	11.5%
Emery	195	21	10.8%	57	8	14.0%	4	0	0.0%	256	29	11.3%
San Juan	182	22	12.1%	45	3	6.7%	6	0	0.0%	233	25	10.7%
Daggett	14	1	7.1%	8	1	12.5%	0	0	n/a	22	2	9.1%
Wayne	32	3	9.4%	14	1	7.1%	0	0	n/a	46	4	8.7%
Garfield	96	6	6.3%	48	5	10.4%	3	0	0.0%	147	11	7.5%
Kane	146	4	2.7%	57	5	8.8%	3	0	0.0%	206	9	4.4%
Statewide	36,418	7,268	20.0%	15,645	3,227	20.6%	224	30	13.4%	52,287	10,525	20.1%

- Overall, Sanpete (28.9%), Cache (26.1%), and Davis (25.8%) counties had the highest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Utah (27.8%), Davis (21.4%), and Juab (20.0%) counties had the highest percentages of fatal crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Overall, Kane (4.4%), Garfield (7.5%), and Wayne (8.7%) counties had the lowest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Statewide, teenage driver crashes represented 20.1% of all crashes and 13.4% of all fatal crashes.

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Persons Involved

Restraint Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2011)

Persons (Teen Driver and Passengers)								
Restraint Use	Non-Injured		Injured		Killed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Restrained	12,842	97.7%	2,073	91.9%	4	22.2%	14,919	96.7%
Unrestrained	307	2.3%	182	8.1%	14	77.8%	503	3.3%
Total	13,149	100.0%	2,255	100.0%	18	100.0%	15,422	100.0%

- Overall, most teen drivers and their passengers were restrained (96.7%).
- Only 22.2% of occupants killed in teenage driven vehicles were restrained.

Number of Occupants in Teenage Driven Vehicles (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driven Vehicles								
Number of Occupants	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	5,972	74.4%	2,203	62.7%	14	46.7%	8,189	70.8%
2	1,372	17.1%	816	23.2%	5	16.7%	2,193	19.0%
3	415	5.2%	289	8.2%	6	20.0%	710	6.1%
4 or more	271	3.4%	203	5.8%	5	16.7%	479	4.1%
Total	8,030	100.0%	3,511	100.0%	30	100.0%	11,571	100.0%

- Over two-thirds of teenage driven vehicles (70.8%) in crashes contained only the teenage driver.
- In comparison, one-half (46.7%) of the teenage driven vehicles in fatal crashes contained only the driver.
- The more occupants in the car the more likely a crash involved injury or death. Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained four or more occupants were 4.7 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Drivers

Gender of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2011)

Teenage Drivers								
Gender	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	4,084	50.9%	1,765	50.3%	18	60.0%	5,867	50.7%
Female	3,929	48.9%	1,741	49.6%	12	40.0%	5,682	49.1%
Unknown	17	0.2%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	22	0.2%
Total	8,030	100.0%	3,511	100.0%	30	100.0%	11,571	100.0%

- The majority of teen drivers in all motor vehicle crashes (50.7%) and fatal crashes (60.0%) were male.
- Crashes involving male teen drivers were 1.5 times more likely to be fatal than female teen driver crashes.

Previous Driving Violations of Teens in Fatal Crashes (Utah 2011)

- Of the 30 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, 12 (40.0%) had been previously convicted of a moving traffic violation in the past three years.

Alcohol Involvement of Teenage Drivers (Utah 2011)

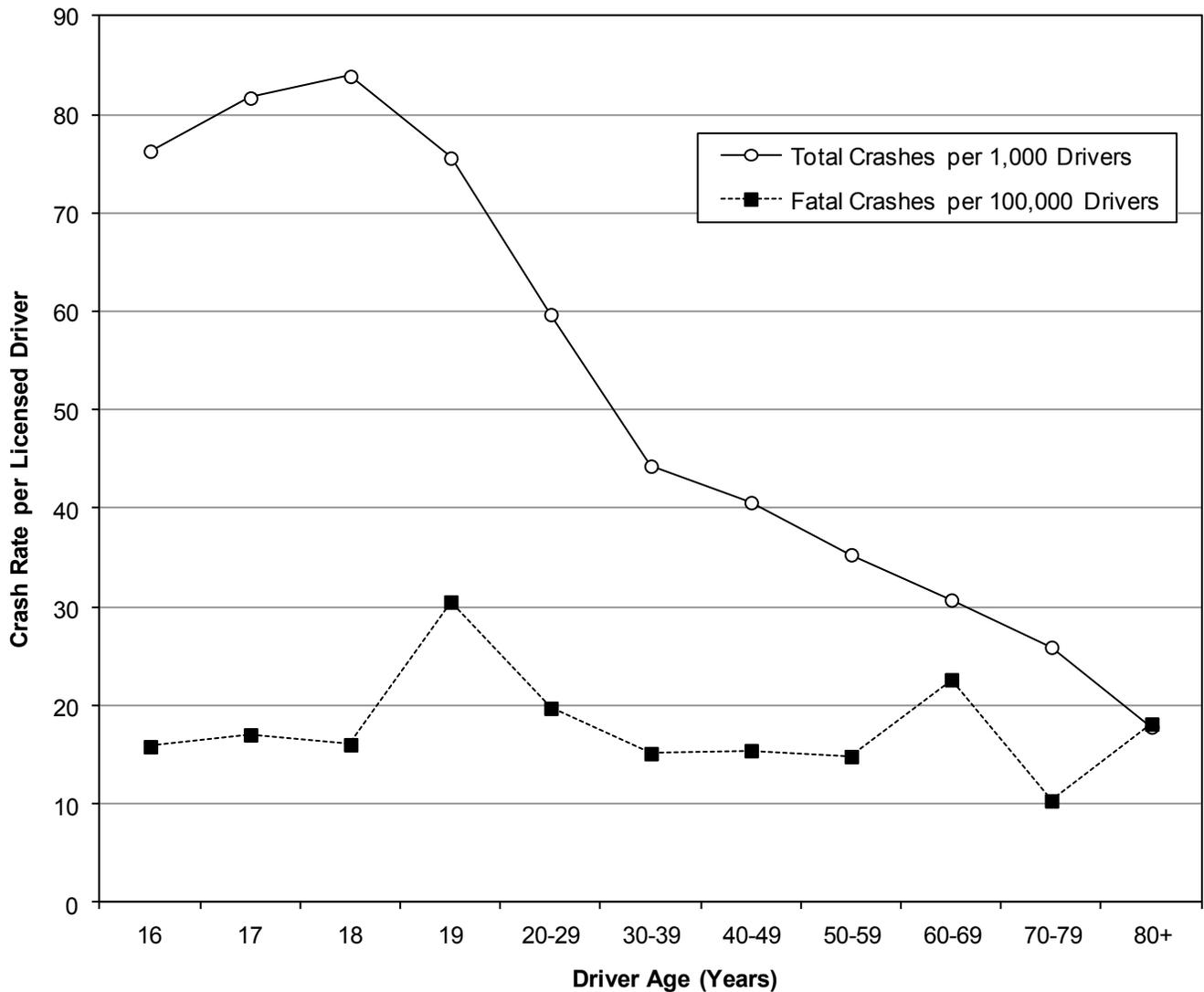
- Of the 30 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, three (10.0%) were impaired by alcohol.

Drivers

Age of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2011)

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	106	1.3%	n/a	58	1.7%	n/a	1	3.3%	n/a	165	1.4%	n/a
16	1,726	21.5%	54.6	679	19.3%	21.5	5	16.7%	0.16	2,410	20.8%	76.3
17	2,005	25.0%	56.9	867	24.7%	24.6	6	20.0%	0.17	2,878	24.9%	81.7
18	2,135	26.6%	57.0	1,002	28.5%	26.7	6	20.0%	0.16	3,143	27.2%	83.9
19	2,058	25.6%	52.3	905	25.8%	23.0	12	40.0%	0.31	2,975	25.7%	75.6
Total	8,030	100.0%	50.3	3,511	100.0%	22.0	30	100.0%	0.19	11,571	100.0%	72.5

Crash Rate of Licensed Drivers by Age (Utah 2011)



- 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.

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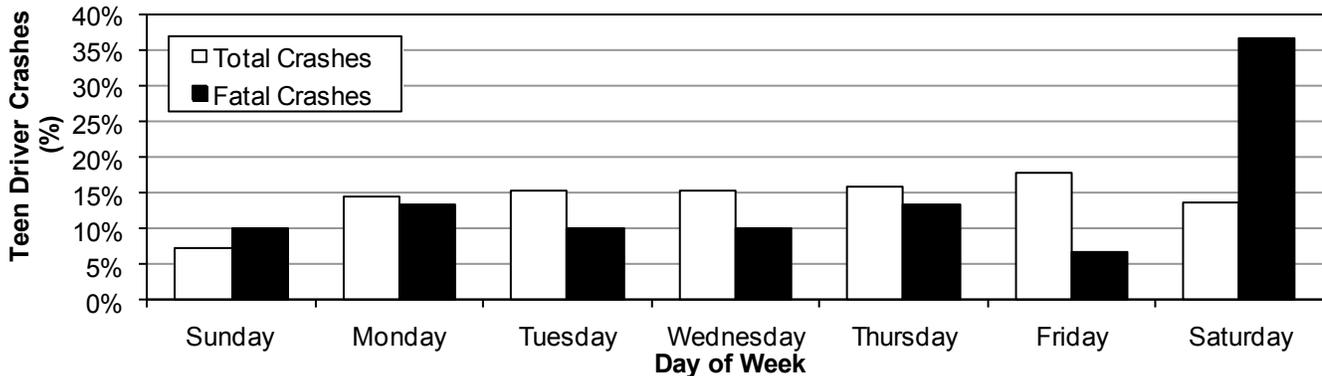
Teenage Driver Crashes by Month (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Month	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day
January	649	20.9	275	8.9	5	0.16	929	30.0
February	562	20.1	198	7.1	0	0.00	760	27.1
March	568	18.3	225	7.3	2	0.06	795	25.6
April	547	18.2	242	8.1	4	0.13	793	26.4
May	630	20.3	277	8.9	3	0.10	910	29.4
June	529	17.6	255	8.5	1	0.03	785	26.2
July	487	15.7	245	7.9	2	0.06	734	23.7
August	579	18.7	305	9.8	2	0.06	886	28.6
September	643	21.4	329	11.0	2	0.07	974	32.5
October	701	22.6	312	10.1	2	0.06	1,015	32.7
November	629	21.0	291	9.7	2	0.07	922	30.7
December	744	24.0	273	8.8	5	0.16	1,022	33.0
Total	7,268	19.9	3,227	8.8	30	0.08	10,525	28.8

- Overall, December (33.0) and October (32.7) had the highest rates per day for teenage driver crashes.
- The highest rate per day of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred in January and December (0.16).

Teenage Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Day of Week	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Sunday	514	7.1%	244	7.6%	3	10.0%	761	7.2%
Monday	1,049	14.4%	478	14.8%	4	13.3%	1,531	14.5%
Tuesday	1,131	15.6%	486	15.1%	3	10.0%	1,620	15.4%
Wednesday	1,111	15.3%	492	15.2%	3	10.0%	1,606	15.3%
Thursday	1,153	15.9%	525	16.3%	4	13.3%	1,682	16.0%
Friday	1,330	18.3%	545	16.9%	2	6.7%	1,877	17.8%
Saturday	980	13.5%	457	14.2%	11	36.7%	1,448	13.8%
Total	7,268	100.0%	3,227	100.0%	30	100.0%	10,525	100.0%

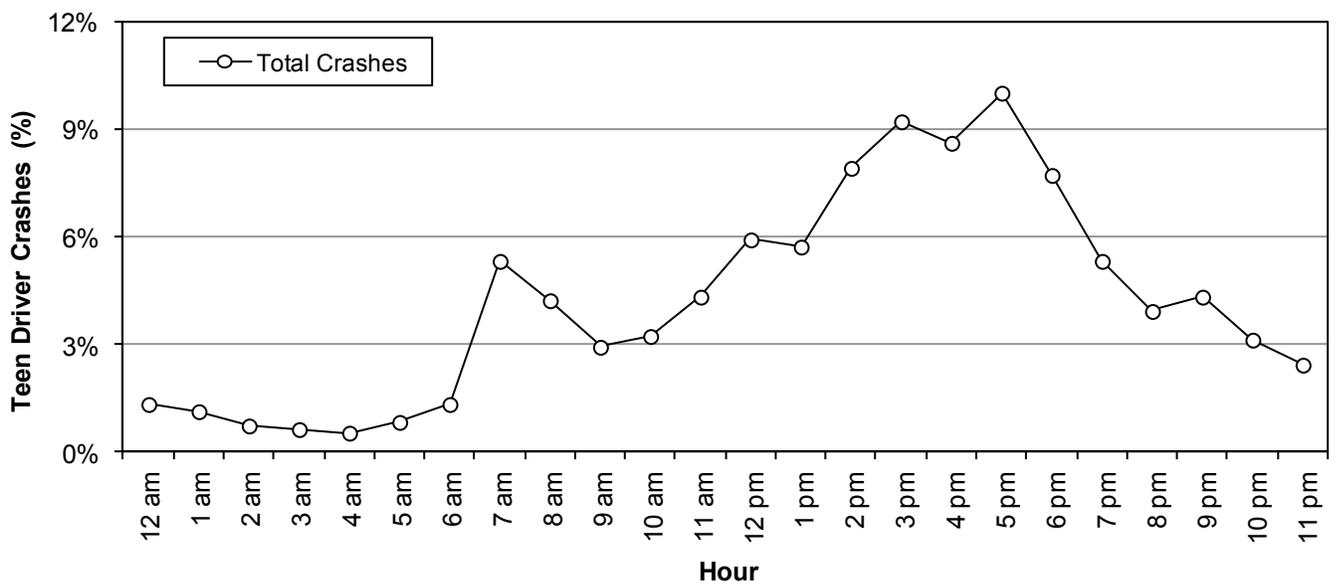


- Overall, the highest percentage of teenage driver crashes occurred on Friday (17.8%).
- The highest percentage of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday (36.7%).

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Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Hour	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Midnight	108	1.5%	32	1.0%	1	3.3%	141	1.3%
1 a.m.	80	1.1%	36	1.1%	0	0.0%	116	1.1%
2 a.m.	52	0.7%	23	0.7%	0	0.0%	75	0.7%
3 a.m.	45	0.6%	18	0.6%	1	3.3%	64	0.6%
4 a.m.	38	0.5%	14	0.4%	1	3.3%	53	0.5%
5 a.m.	62	0.9%	17	0.5%	2	6.7%	81	0.8%
6 a.m.	88	1.2%	45	1.4%	2	6.7%	135	1.3%
7 a.m.	391	5.4%	162	5.0%	1	3.3%	554	5.3%
8 a.m.	310	4.3%	128	4.0%	2	6.7%	440	4.2%
9 a.m.	206	2.8%	97	3.0%	2	6.7%	305	2.9%
10 a.m.	236	3.2%	98	3.0%	1	3.3%	335	3.2%
11 a.m.	331	4.6%	125	3.9%	1	3.3%	457	4.3%
Noon	425	5.8%	193	6.0%	1	3.3%	619	5.9%
1 p.m.	434	6.0%	166	5.1%	2	6.7%	602	5.7%
2 p.m.	573	7.9%	257	8.0%	0	0.0%	830	7.9%
3 p.m.	672	9.2%	292	9.0%	1	3.3%	965	9.2%
4 p.m.	634	8.7%	267	8.3%	1	3.3%	902	8.6%
5 p.m.	684	9.4%	365	11.3%	4	13.3%	1,053	10.0%
6 p.m.	562	7.7%	240	7.4%	5	16.7%	807	7.7%
7 p.m.	365	5.0%	191	5.9%	1	3.3%	557	5.3%
8 p.m.	281	3.9%	126	3.9%	1	3.3%	408	3.9%
9 p.m.	312	4.3%	136	4.2%	0	0.0%	448	4.3%
10 p.m.	207	2.8%	119	3.7%	0	0.0%	326	3.1%
11 p.m.	172	2.4%	80	2.5%	0	0.0%	252	2.4%
Total	7,268	100.0%	3,227	100.0%	30	100.0%	10,525	100.0%



- 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 6:00 p.m. hour.

Crash Conditions

Speed Limit of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Speed Limit	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
5-15 MPH	278	3.5%	31	0.9%	0	0.0%	309	2.7%
20-25 MPH	1,194	14.9%	442	12.6%	2	6.7%	1,638	14.2%
30-35 MPH	1,901	23.7%	914	26.0%	8	26.7%	2,823	24.4%
40-45 MPH	1,667	20.8%	967	27.5%	6	20.0%	2,640	22.8%
50-55 MPH	635	7.9%	321	9.1%	5	16.7%	961	8.3%
60-65 MPH	787	9.8%	282	8.0%	3	10.0%	1,072	9.3%
70+ MPH	121	1.5%	61	1.7%	5	16.7%	187	1.6%
Unknown	1,447	18.0%	493	14.0%	1	3.3%	1,941	16.8%
Total	8,030	100.0%	3,511	100.0%	30	100.0%	11,571	100.0%

- Over half (56.7% 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 2.7 times more likely to be fatal.
- Studies show that a 5% increase in average speed leads to a 10% increase in injury crashes and a 20% increase in fatal crashes. A 5% decrease in speed leads to a 10% decrease in injury crashes and a 20% decrease in fatal crashes.

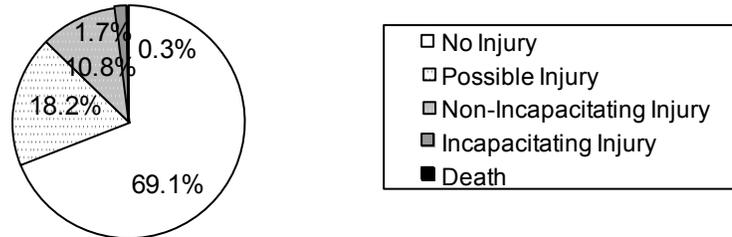
Travel Speed of Teenage Driver Vehicles in Crashes (Utah 2011)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Travel Speed	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Stopped	811	10.1%	350	10.0%	0	0.0%	1,161	10.0%
1-9 MPH	975	12.1%	288	8.2%	0	0.0%	1,263	10.9%
10-19 MPH	1,076	13.4%	448	12.8%	2	6.7%	1,526	13.2%
20-29 MPH	899	11.2%	373	10.6%	1	3.3%	1,273	11.0%
30-39 MPH	907	11.3%	465	13.2%	2	6.7%	1,374	11.9%
40-49 MPH	555	6.9%	382	10.9%	4	13.3%	941	8.1%
50-59 MPH	357	4.4%	162	4.6%	4	13.3%	523	4.5%
60-69 MPH	404	5.0%	167	4.8%	7	23.3%	578	5.0%
70-79 MPH	134	1.7%	74	2.1%	4	13.3%	212	1.8%
80-89 MPH	11	0.1%	18	0.5%	1	3.3%	30	0.3%
90+ MPH	0	0.0%	6	0.2%	1	3.3%	7	0.1%
Unknown	1,901	23.7%	778	22.2%	4	13.3%	2,683	23.2%
Total	8,030	100.0%	3,511	100.0%	30	100.0%	11,571	100.0%

- Nearly half (47.0% 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 (80.8% 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 12.2 times more likely to be fatal.
- The higher the speed the greater the amount of energy that must be absorbed in a crash, hence there is more likelihood of serious injury.

Crash Conditions

Teenage Driver Crash Severity (Utah 2011)



- Similar to all motor vehicle crashes, nearly one-third (30.7%) of teenage driver crashes resulted in some level of non-fatal injury.

Teenage Driver Crash Violations (Utah 2011)

Teenage Drivers								
Violations	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Following Too Close	787	20.0%	358	17.6%	0	0.0%	1,145	19.2%
Improper Lane Change/Travel	468	11.9%	160	7.9%	0	0.0%	628	10.5%
Improper Turn	343	8.7%	236	11.6%	0	0.0%	579	9.7%
Negligent Collision	381	9.7%	185	9.1%	0	0.0%	566	9.5%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	346	8.8%	209	10.3%	1	14.3%	556	9.3%
Improper Lookout	375	9.5%	175	8.6%	0	0.0%	550	9.2%
License Violation	168	4.3%	131	6.5%	0	0.0%	299	5.0%
Speed	192	4.9%	63	3.1%	1	14.3%	256	4.3%
Insurance Violation	153	3.9%	84	4.1%	0	0.0%	237	4.0%
Unknown Violation	134	3.4%	80	3.9%	0	0.0%	214	3.6%
Failure to Stop at Red Light	98	2.5%	78	3.8%	0	0.0%	176	2.9%
Hit and Run	112	2.8%	30	1.5%	0	0.0%	142	2.4%
Driving Under the Influence	36	0.9%	37	1.8%	1	14.3%	74	1.2%
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	36	0.9%	31	1.5%	0	0.0%	67	1.1%
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	37	0.9%	26	1.3%	0	0.0%	63	1.1%
Improper Backing	57	1.4%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	58	1.0%
Reckless Driving	24	0.6%	22	1.1%	0	0.0%	46	0.8%
Improper Start or Stop	30	0.8%	15	0.7%	0	0.0%	45	0.8%
Alcohol/Drug Violation, Other than DUI	23	0.6%	16	0.8%	1	14.3%	40	0.7%
Registration Violation	18	0.5%	16	0.8%	0	0.0%	34	0.6%
Improper Passing	28	0.7%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	31	0.5%
Wrong Side of Road	15	0.4%	16	0.8%	0	0.0%	31	0.5%
Equipment Violation	19	0.5%	10	0.5%	0	0.0%	29	0.5%
Careless Driving	15	0.4%	13	0.6%	0	0.0%	28	0.5%
Other Non-Moving Violation	13	0.3%	15	0.7%	0	0.0%	28	0.5%
Other Moving Violation	11	0.3%	6	0.3%	2	28.6%	19	0.3%
Seat Belt/Child Restraint/Helmet	5	0.1%	11	0.5%	0	0.0%	16	0.3%
Improper Signal	8	0.2%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	10	0.2%
Texting	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
Vehicle Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	1	0.0%
Total	3,938	100.0%	2,029	100.0%	7	100.0%	5,974	100.0%

- There were 5,974 citations issued to teenage drivers at the scene of the crash. The most common violations were for following too close (19.2%), improper lane change/travel (10.5%), and improper turn (9.7%).

Crash Conditions

Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2011)

Teenage Drivers/Vehicles								
Contributing Factors	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Followed Too Closely	1,521	18.3%	701	17.1%	0	0.0%	2,222	17.8%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1,167	14.1%	705	17.2%	3	4.8%	1,875	15.0%
Speed Too Fast	779	9.4%	326	8.0%	7	11.3%	1,112	8.9%
Driver Distraction	663	8.0%	409	10.0%	3	4.8%	1,075	8.6%
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane	655	7.9%	243	5.9%	6	9.7%	904	7.3%
Other Improper Driving	471	5.7%	291	7.1%	0	0.0%	762	6.1%
Improper Turn	343	4.1%	142	3.5%	1	1.6%	486	3.9%
Disregard Traffic Signal/Sign	200	2.4%	175	4.3%	1	1.6%	376	3.0%
Ran Off Road	226	2.7%	118	2.9%	12	19.4%	356	2.9%
Improper Backing	316	3.8%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	325	2.6%
Improper Lane Change	241	2.9%	65	1.6%	2	3.2%	308	2.5%
Vision Obscured by Weather Condition	221	2.7%	77	1.9%	0	0.0%	298	2.4%
Overcorrected	177	2.1%	109	2.7%	5	8.1%	291	2.3%
Swerved or Evasive Action	115	1.4%	71	1.7%	6	9.7%	192	1.5%
Driver Asleep/Fatigue	101	1.2%	81	2.0%	1	1.6%	183	1.5%
Hit and Run	144	1.7%	32	0.8%	0	0.0%	176	1.4%
Improper Parking/Stopping	131	1.6%	43	1.0%	0	0.0%	174	1.4%
Driving Under the Influence	86	1.0%	62	1.5%	6	9.7%	154	1.2%
Vision Obscured by Moving Vehicle	67	0.8%	55	1.3%	1	1.6%	123	1.0%
Vehicle Other Defective Condition	88	1.1%	34	0.8%	0	0.0%	122	1.0%
Reckless/Aggressive Driving	61	0.7%	54	1.3%	2	3.2%	117	0.9%
Vehicle Brakes	68	0.8%	38	0.9%	0	0.0%	106	0.9%
Driver Emotional Prior to Crash	55	0.7%	44	1.1%	0	0.0%	99	0.8%
Vehicle Tires	62	0.7%	33	0.8%	0	0.0%	95	0.8%
Other Driver Condition	53	0.6%	31	0.8%	2	3.2%	86	0.7%
Vision Obscured by Parked Vehicle	56	0.7%	26	0.6%	0	0.0%	82	0.7%
Vision Obscured by Glare	39	0.5%	26	0.6%	0	0.0%	65	0.5%
Vision Obscured by Other	41	0.5%	20	0.5%	1	1.6%	62	0.5%
Improper Passing	42	0.5%	8	0.2%	1	1.6%	51	0.4%
Wrong Side/Wrong Way	25	0.3%	21	0.5%	2	3.2%	48	0.4%
Windshield or Other Window Obscured	29	0.3%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	37	0.3%
Vision Obscured by Vegetation	10	0.1%	17	0.4%	0	0.0%	27	0.2%
Vision Obscured by Building, Sign, etc.	16	0.2%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	23	0.2%
Driver Illness/Medical	11	0.1%	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	22	0.2%
Improper Signal	13	0.2%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	16	0.1%
Disregard Road Markings	10	0.1%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	13	0.1%
Total	8,303	100.0%	4,098	100.0%	62	100.0%	12,463	100.0%

- 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 (17.8%), failed to yield right of way (15.0%), and speed too fast (8.9%).
- The leading contributing factors in fatal teenage driver crashes were ran off road (19.4%), speed too fast (11.3%), failed to keep in proper lane (9.7%), swerved (9.7%), and driving under the influence (9.7%).
- Compared to drivers of all ages, teenage drivers were more likely to have a contributing factor of failure to yield right of way, driver distraction, and speed too fast.

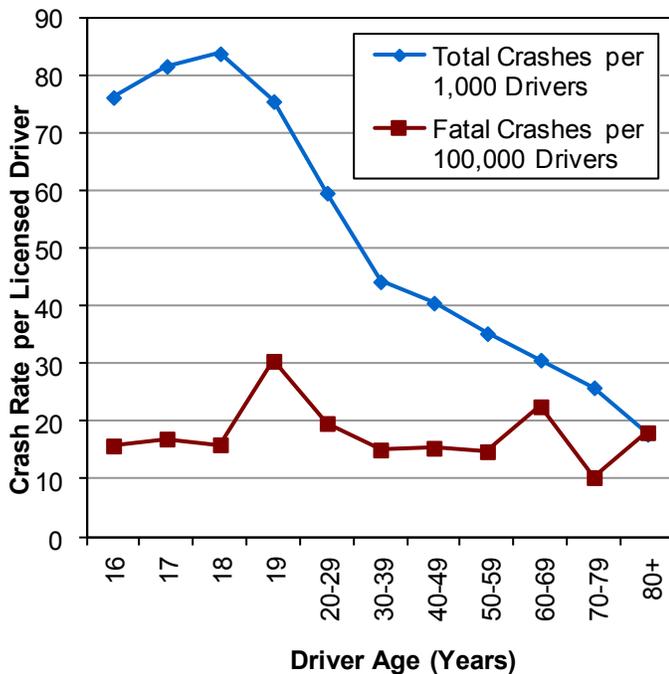
Did you know in 2011:

- Teenage drivers represented 8% of the licensed drivers in Utah, yet they were in 20% of all motor vehicle crashes.
- Teenage drivers were in 10,525 motor vehicle crashes which resulted in 4,952 injured persons and 32 deaths.
- Teenage drivers were 1.8 times more likely to be in a crash than drivers of other ages.
- Although teen drivers have the highest crash rates of any drivers, teen driver crashes have decreased the last ten years.

Teenage Drivers (15-19 years)

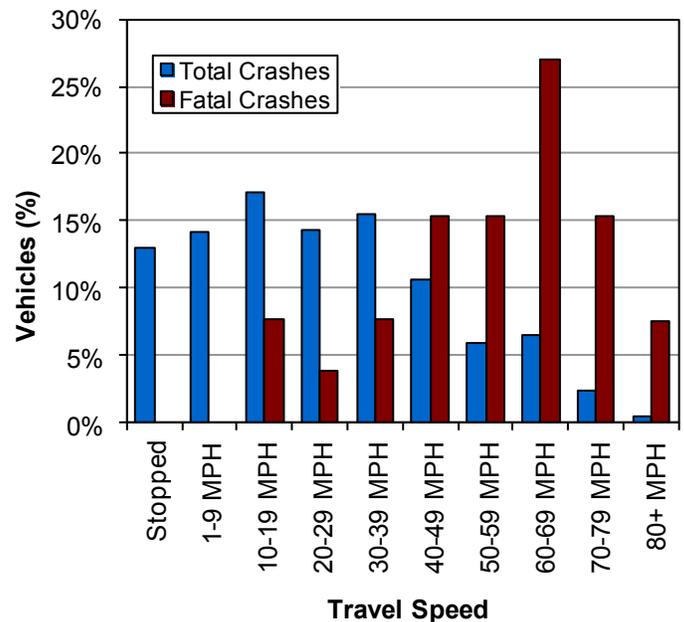


Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2011)



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

Teenage Driver Crashes by Travel Speed (Utah 2011)



- Crashes involving teenage driver vehicles traveling 50 MPH or higher were 10.7 times more likely to be fatal.

Leading Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2011)

All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Followed Too Closely (21%)
2. Failed to Yield Right of Way (18%)
3. Speed Too Fast (11%)
4. Driver Distraction (10%)
5. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (9%)

Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

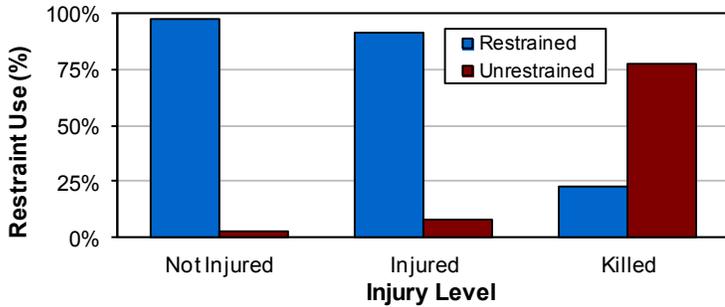
1. Ran Off Road (40%)
2. Speed Too Fast (23%)
3. Driving Under the Influence (20%)
3. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (20%)
3. Swerved or Evasive Action (20%)



Teenage Drivers (15-19 years)

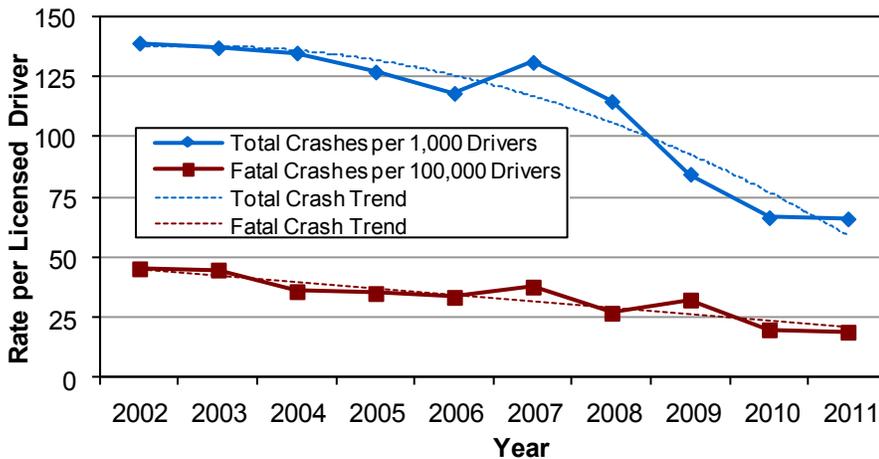


Restraint Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2011)



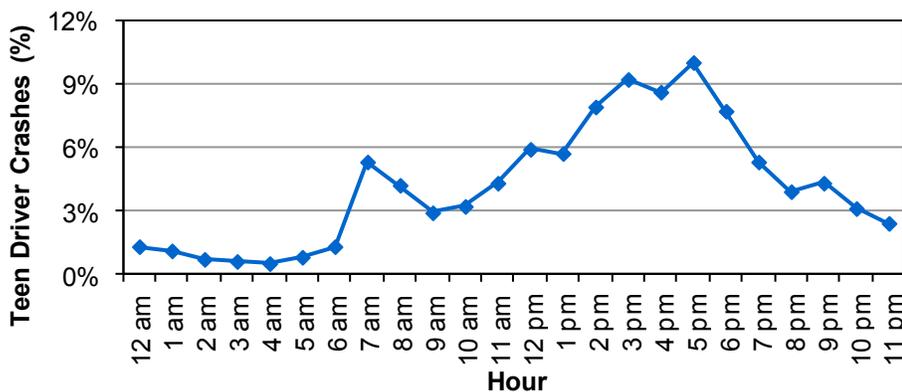
- 78% of teen drivers and their passengers killed in crashes were unrestrained.
- Unrestrained teen drivers and their passengers were 107 times more likely than restrained occupants to be killed in a crash.

Teenage Driver Crash Trend (Utah 2002-2011)



- The teenage driver crash rate per licensed driver decreased 53% from 2002 to 2011.

Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2011)



- Teenage-driver crashes peaked during after-school hours (2:00 p.m.-6:59 p.m.).

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Law in Utah

GDL allows beginning drivers the chance to build experience before they are exposed to more high-risk situations, such as carrying teen passengers and nighttime driving. Easing young drivers onto the roadways can reduce the number of traffic crashes involving young drivers.

Learner Permit

A person must be at least 15 years old to apply for a learner permit. Anyone who is under 18 years of age is required to hold a learner permit for six months before applying for a license.

Supervised Driving

Everyone under 18 years of age applying for a license must complete 40 hours of driving, of which at least 10 hours must be during night hours. This allows beginning drivers to practice and gain supervised experience.

Driver License

A person must be at least 16 years of age to get a driver license. Everyone who has never been licensed to drive a motor vehicle must complete an approved driver education course.

Night-time Restrictions

Anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 a.m. except in a limited number of situations. The majority of fatal teen crashes take place at night.

Passenger Restrictions

For the first six months of licensure, teen drivers can not drive with any passenger who is not an immediate family member with a few exceptions. Teen drivers are more likely to crash with passengers in the car, especially teen passengers. The more passengers, the greater the risk.

Seat Belt Restrictions

All occupants under the age of 19 years must be properly restrained in a motor vehicle. This is a primary law which means a person may be stopped by law enforcement solely for that offense.