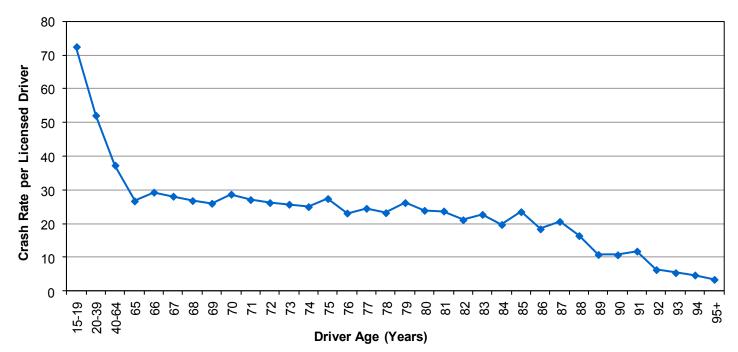
# 2011 Utah Crash Facts Utah Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office

#### Did you know in 2011:

- Senior drivers had the lowest crash rate per licensed driver.
- Senior drivers were in 6,060 motor vehicle crashes which resulted in 2,926 injured persons and 42 deaths.
- Seniors represented 6% of people in a crash and 15% of the deaths.
- Although senior drivers have the lowest crash rates of any drivers, senior drivers are a concern due to declining health and fragility.



## Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2011)

• The older the driver the less likely they were in a crash per licensed driver.

### Leading Contributing Factors of Senior Driver Crashes Compared to All Drivers (Utah 2011) All Drivers in Crashes Senior Driver Crashes

- 1. Followed Too Closely (23%)
- 2. Failed to Yield Right of Way (18%)
- 3. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (13%)
- 4. Speed Too Fast (12%)
- 5. Driver Distraction (9%)

1. Failed to Yield Right of Way (17%)

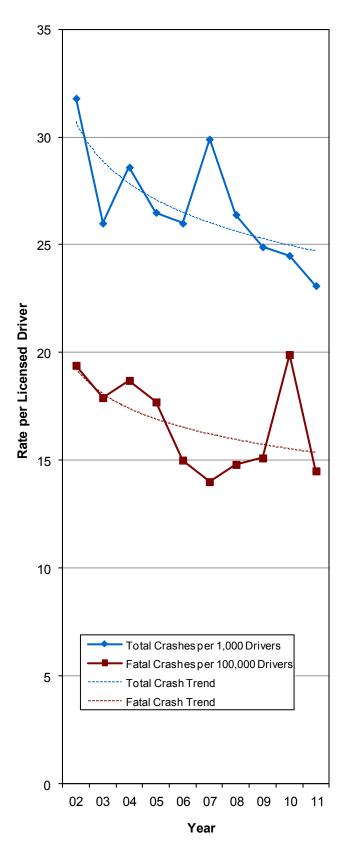
**Senior Drivers** 

(Age 65+)

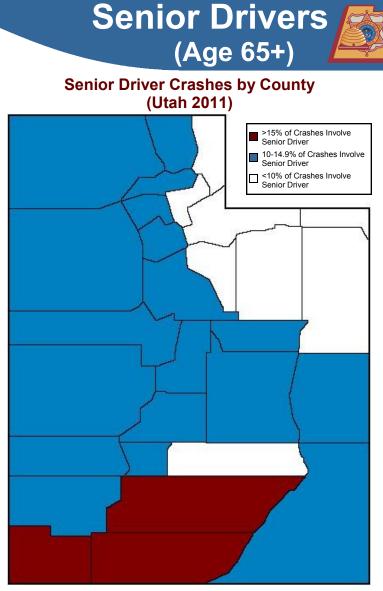
- 2. Followed Too Closely (9%)
- 3. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (7%)
- 4. Improper Turn (5%)
- 5. Disregard Traffic Signal/Sign (5%)
- Senior drivers were less likely to have a contributing factor than other drivers in a crash.
- Compared to drivers of all ages, senior drivers were more likely to have a contributing factor of improper turn and disregard traffic signal/sign.

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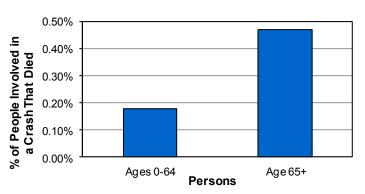
#### Senior Driver Crash Trend (Utah 2002-2011)



• The senior driver crash rate per licensed driver decreased 27% from 2002 to 2011.



• Garfield, Washington, and Kane counties had the highest percent of crashes that involved a senior driver.



#### Injury Severity by Age (Utah 2011)

• People age 65+ were 2.6 times more likely to be killed in a crash than younger people.