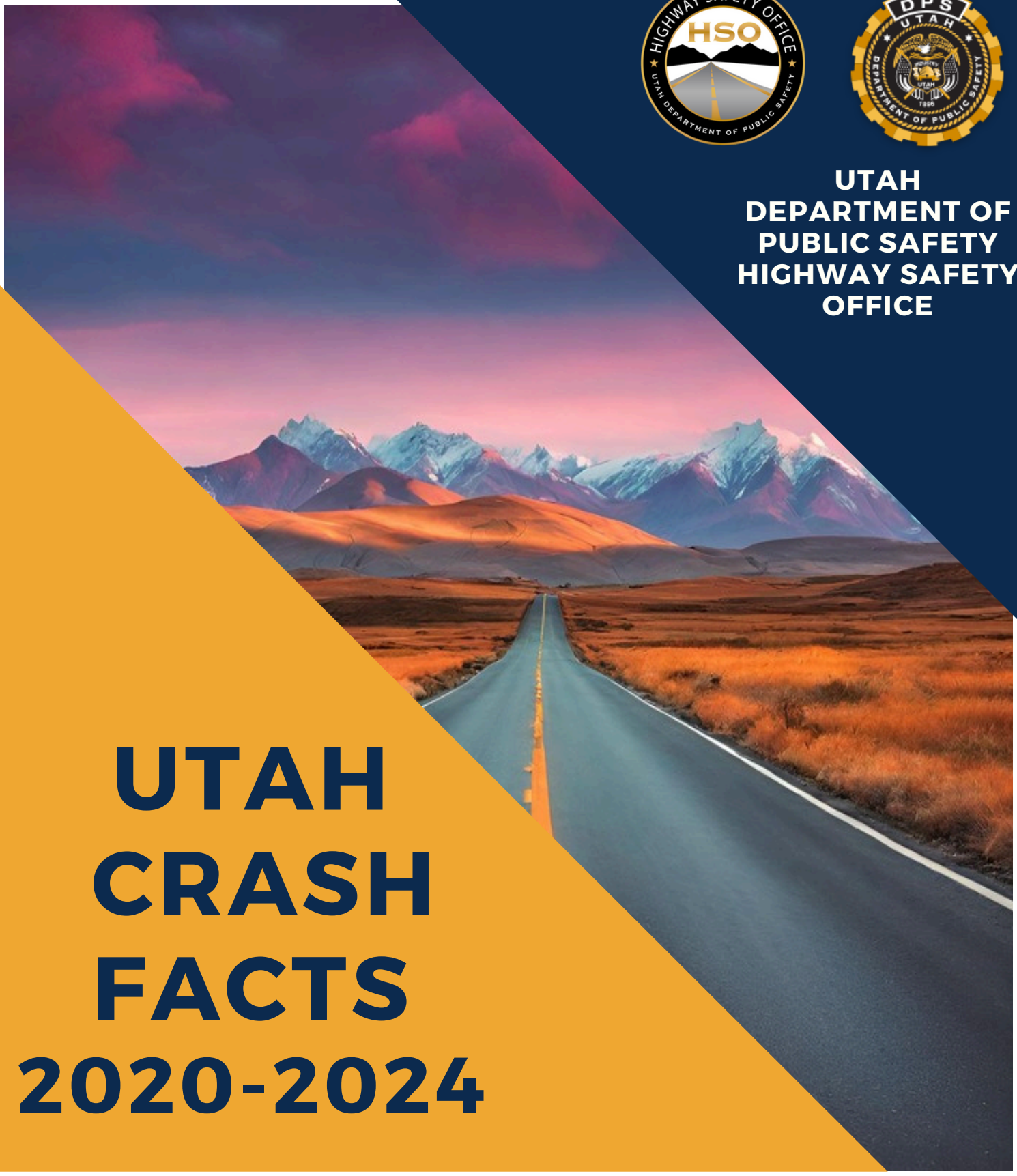

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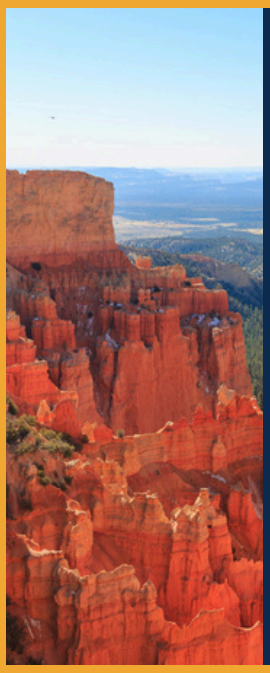

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2020-2024 CRASH FACTS

128,309
INJURIES

291,478
CRASHES

1,483
FATALITIES

2020-2024....

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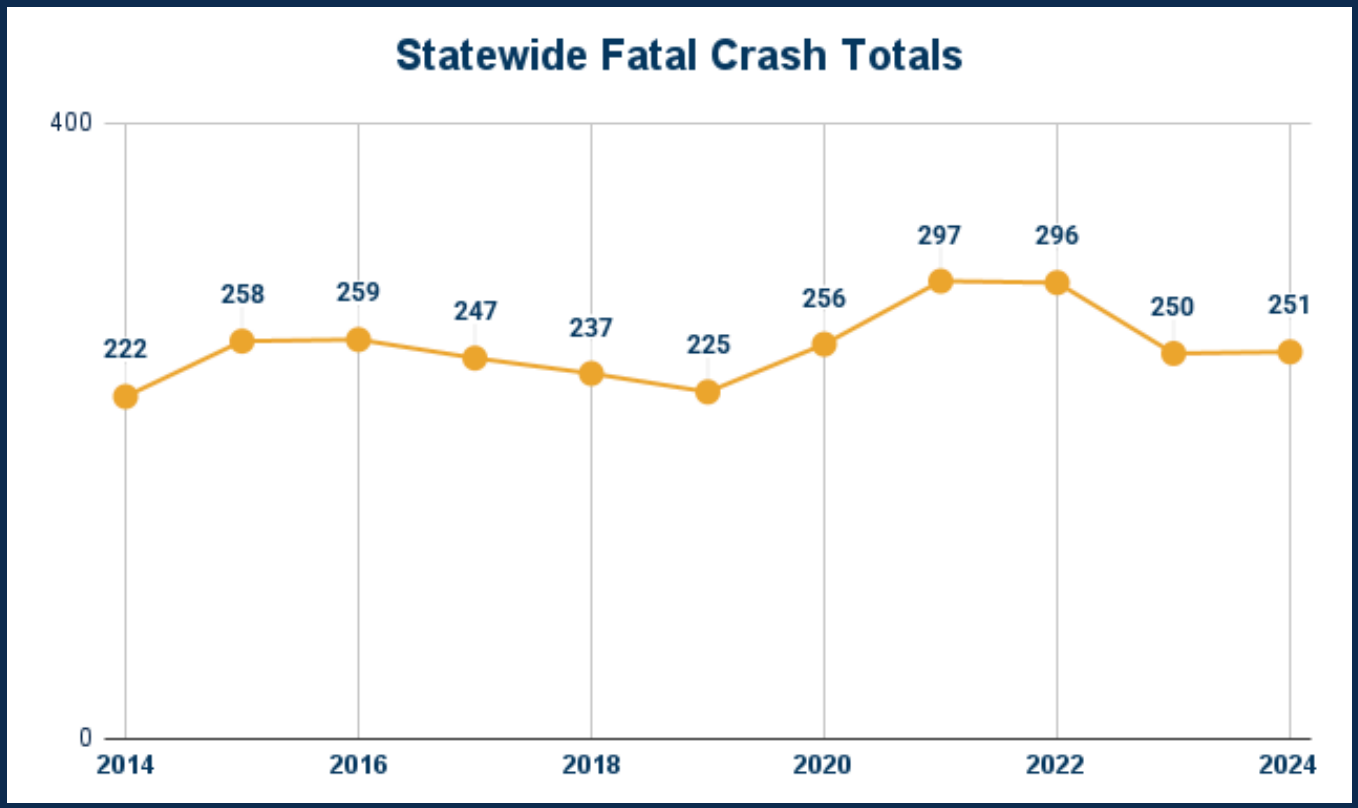

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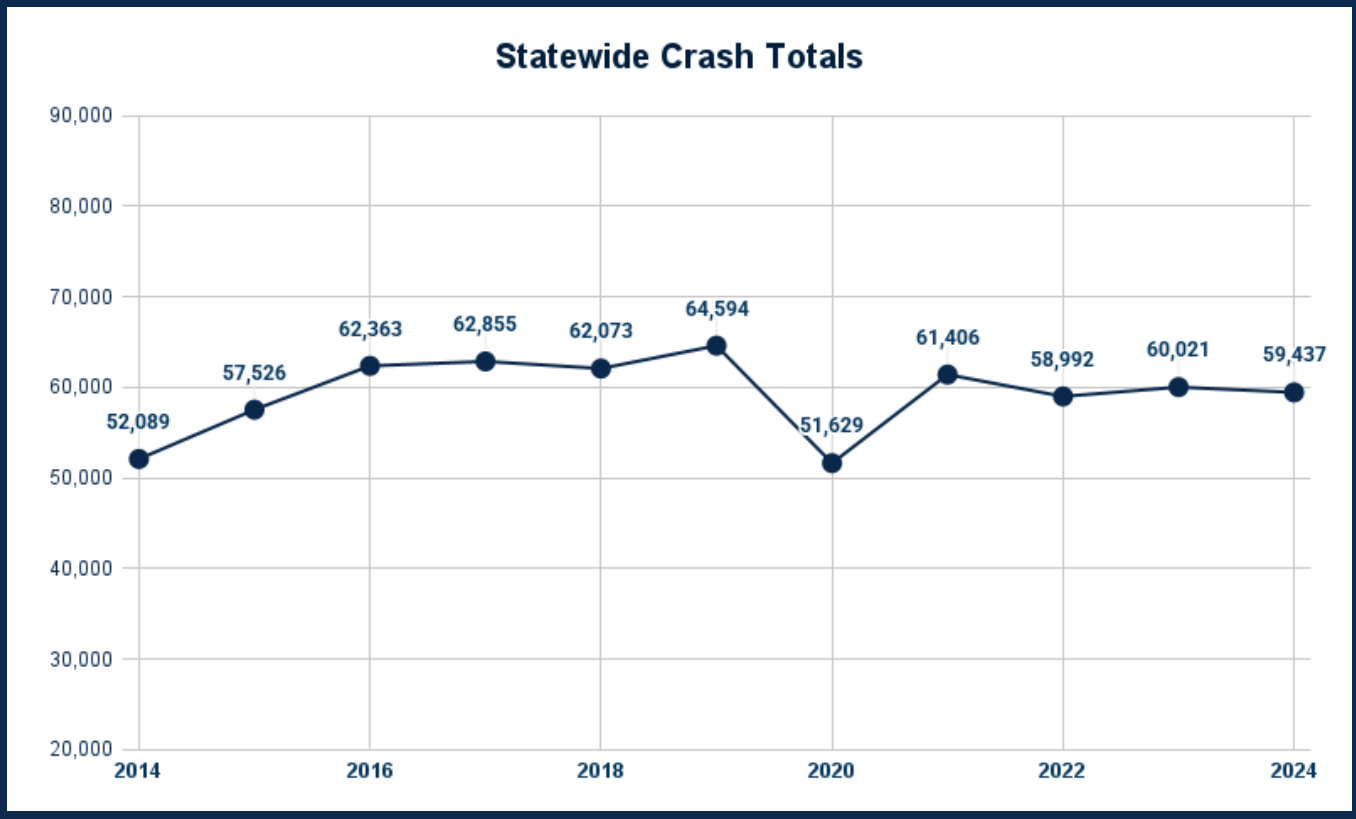

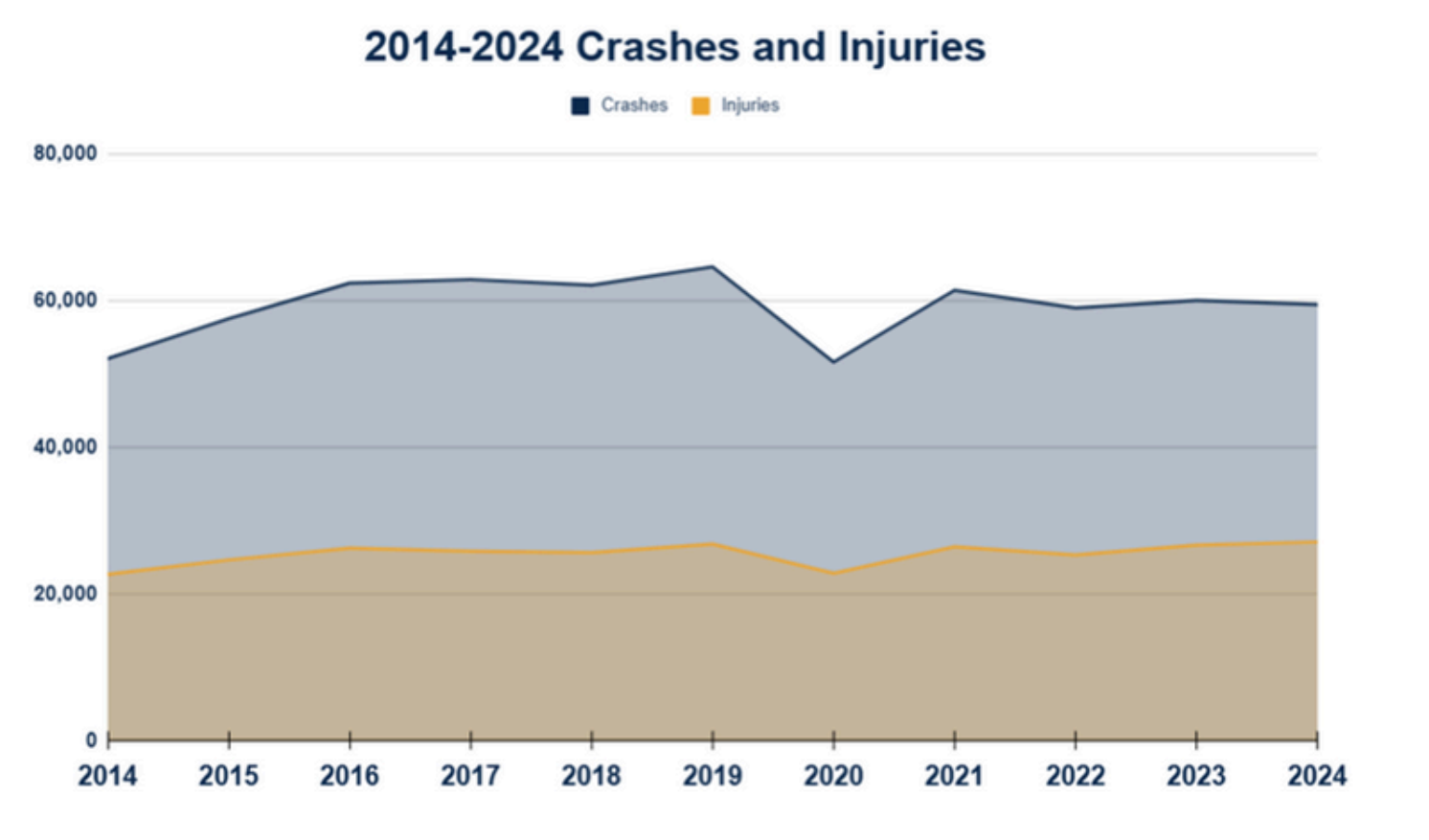

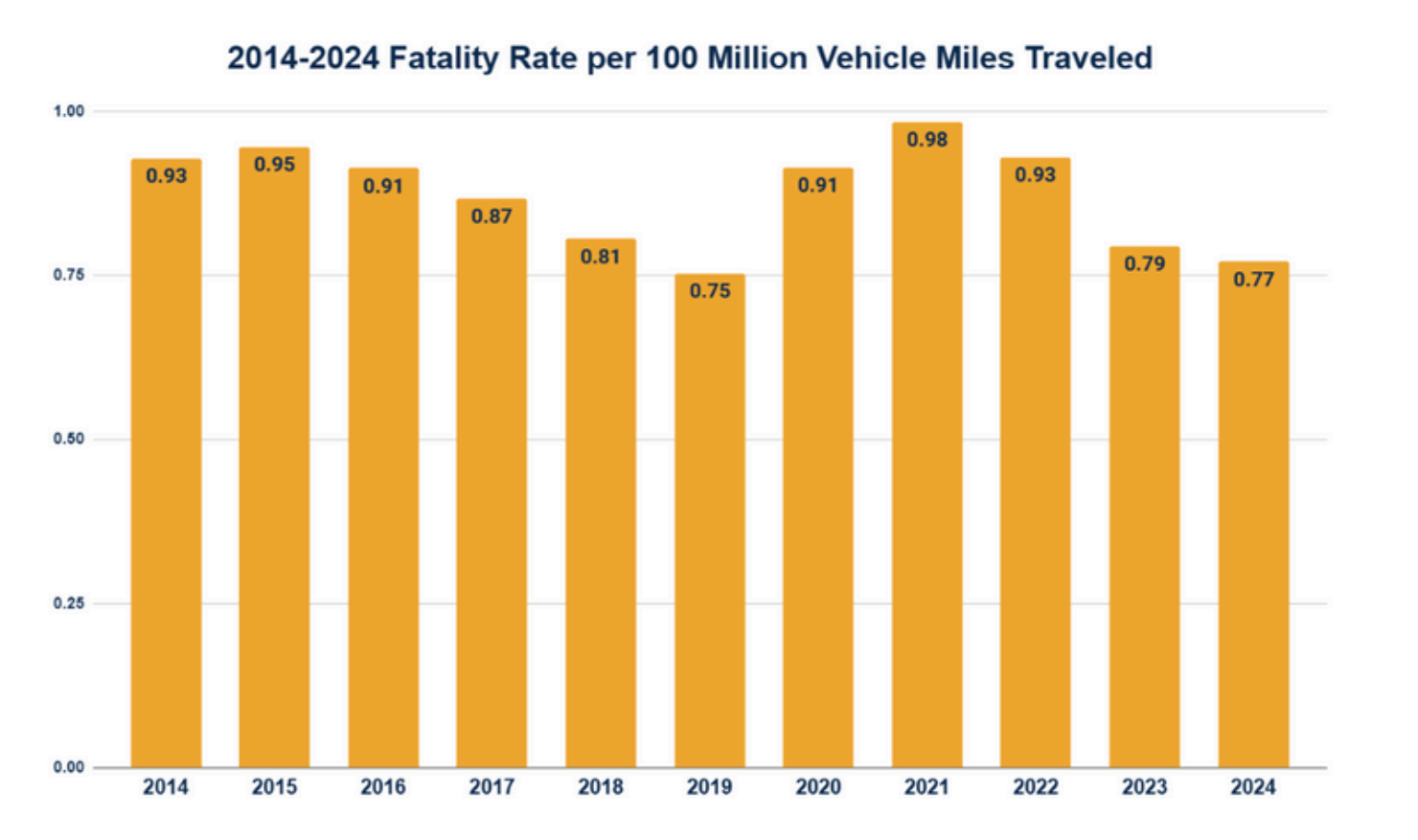

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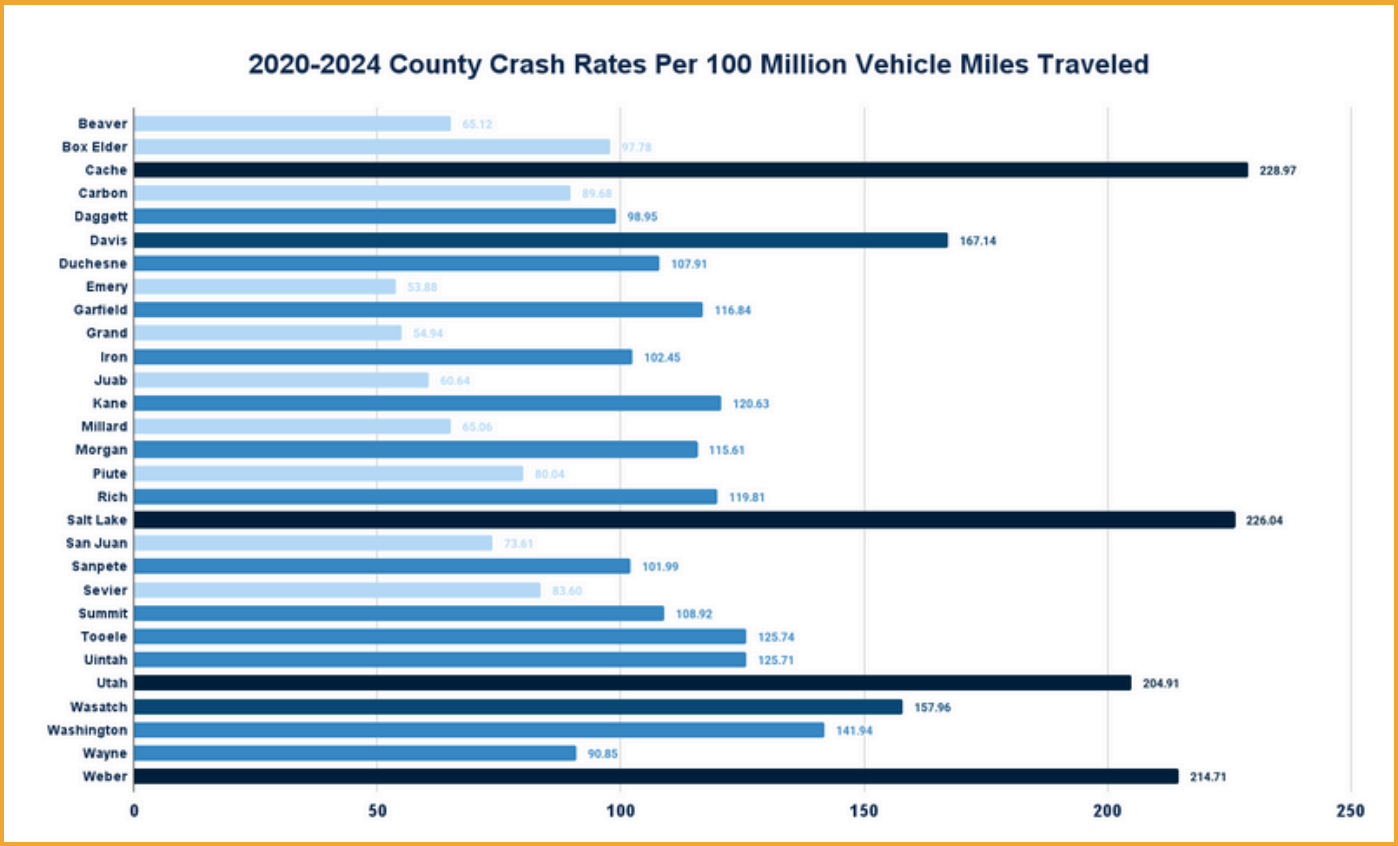
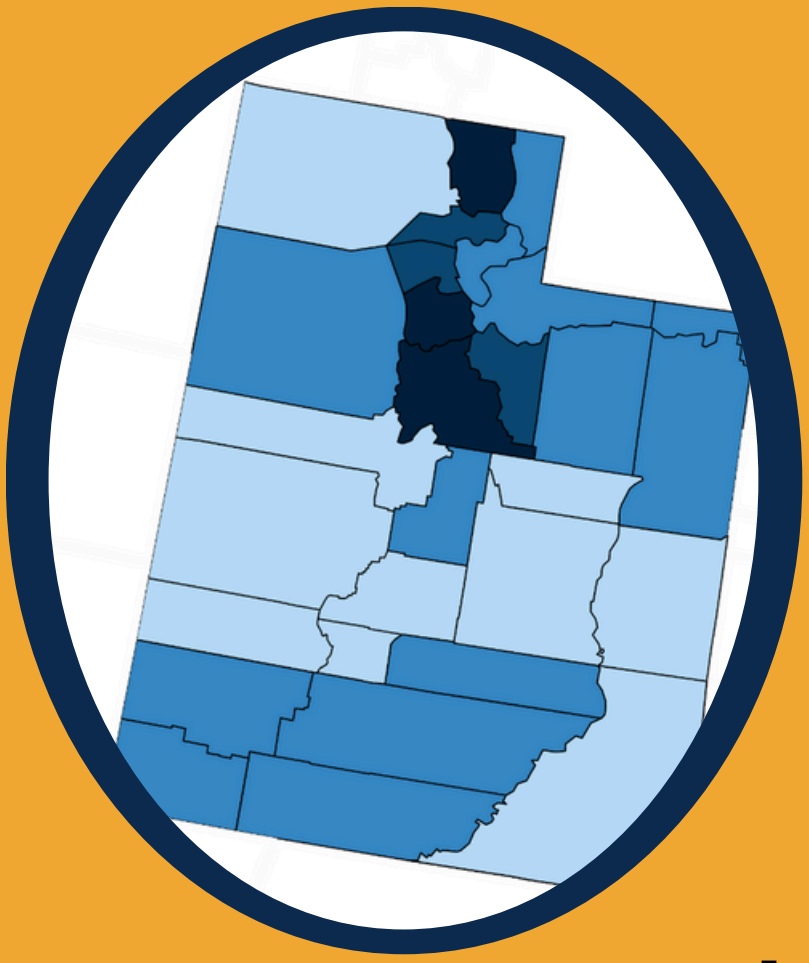


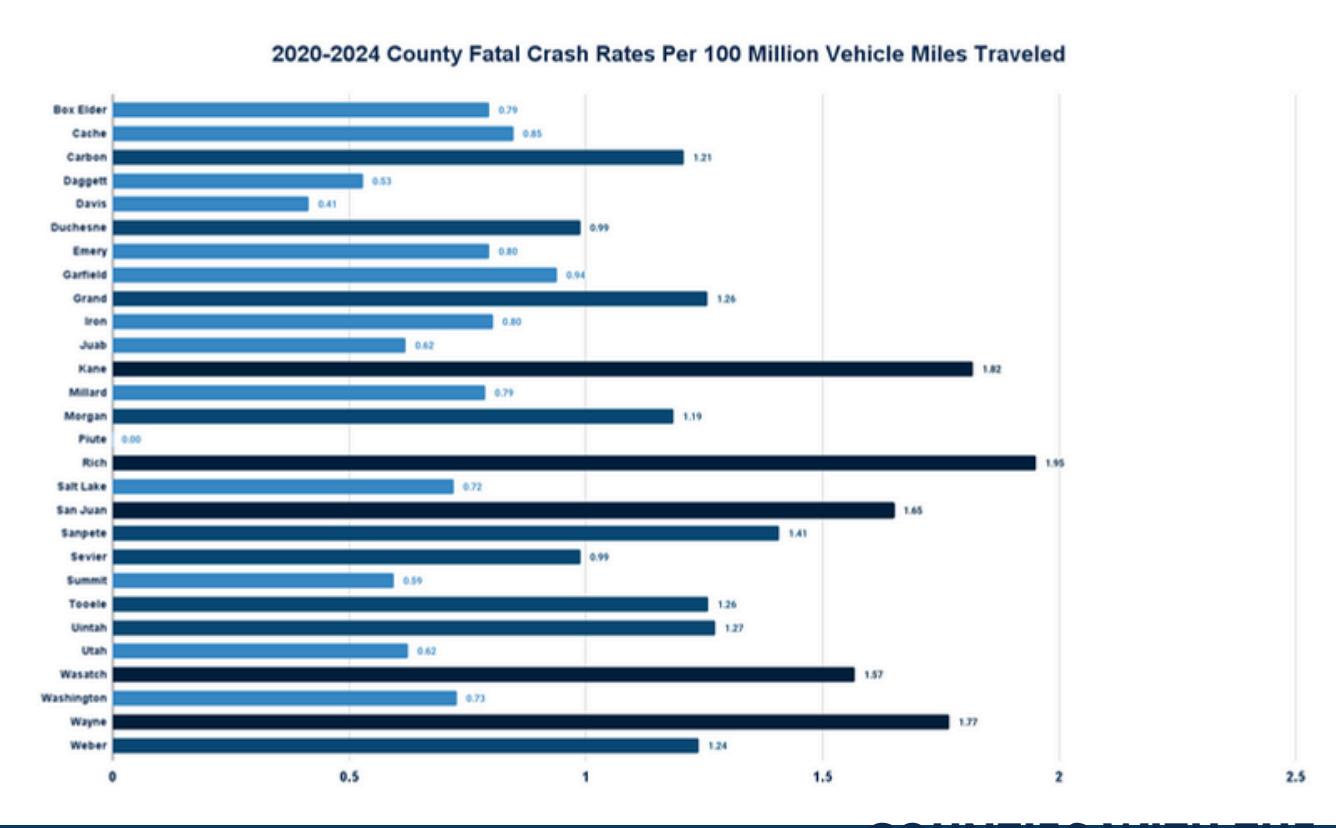


COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST CRASH RATES

PER 100 MILLION VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

1. CACHE
2. SALT LAKE
3. WEBER
4. UTAH
5. DAVIS

WHERE?



COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST FATAL CRASH RATES

PER 100 MILLION VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

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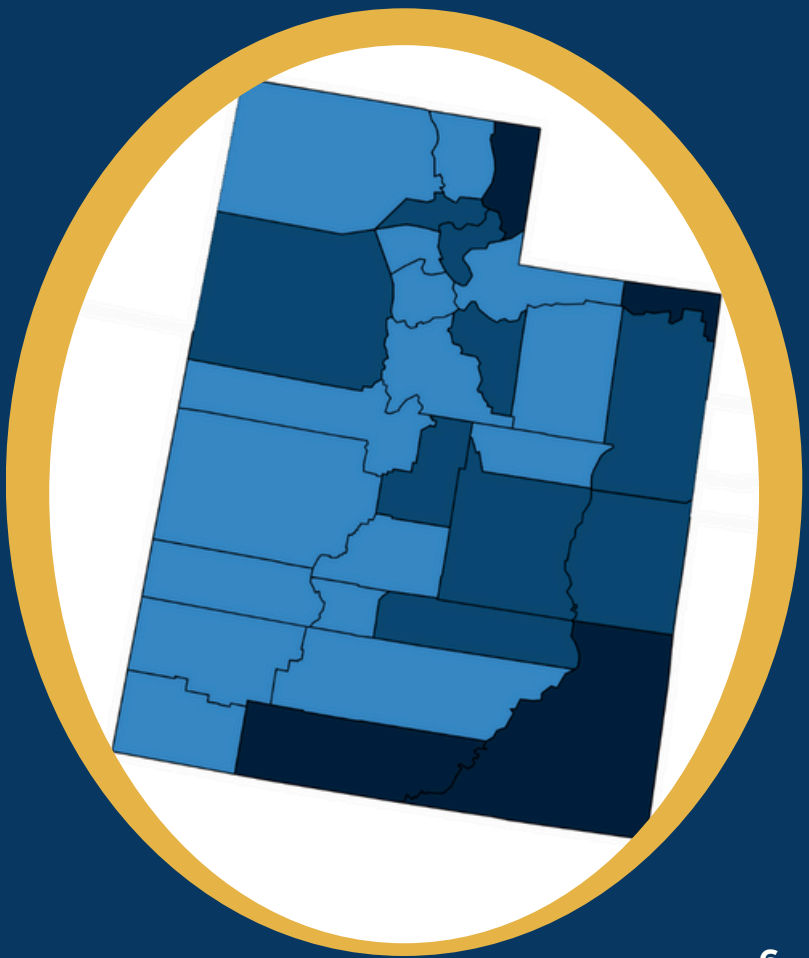
2. KANE
3. WAYNE
4. SAN JUAN
5. WASATCH



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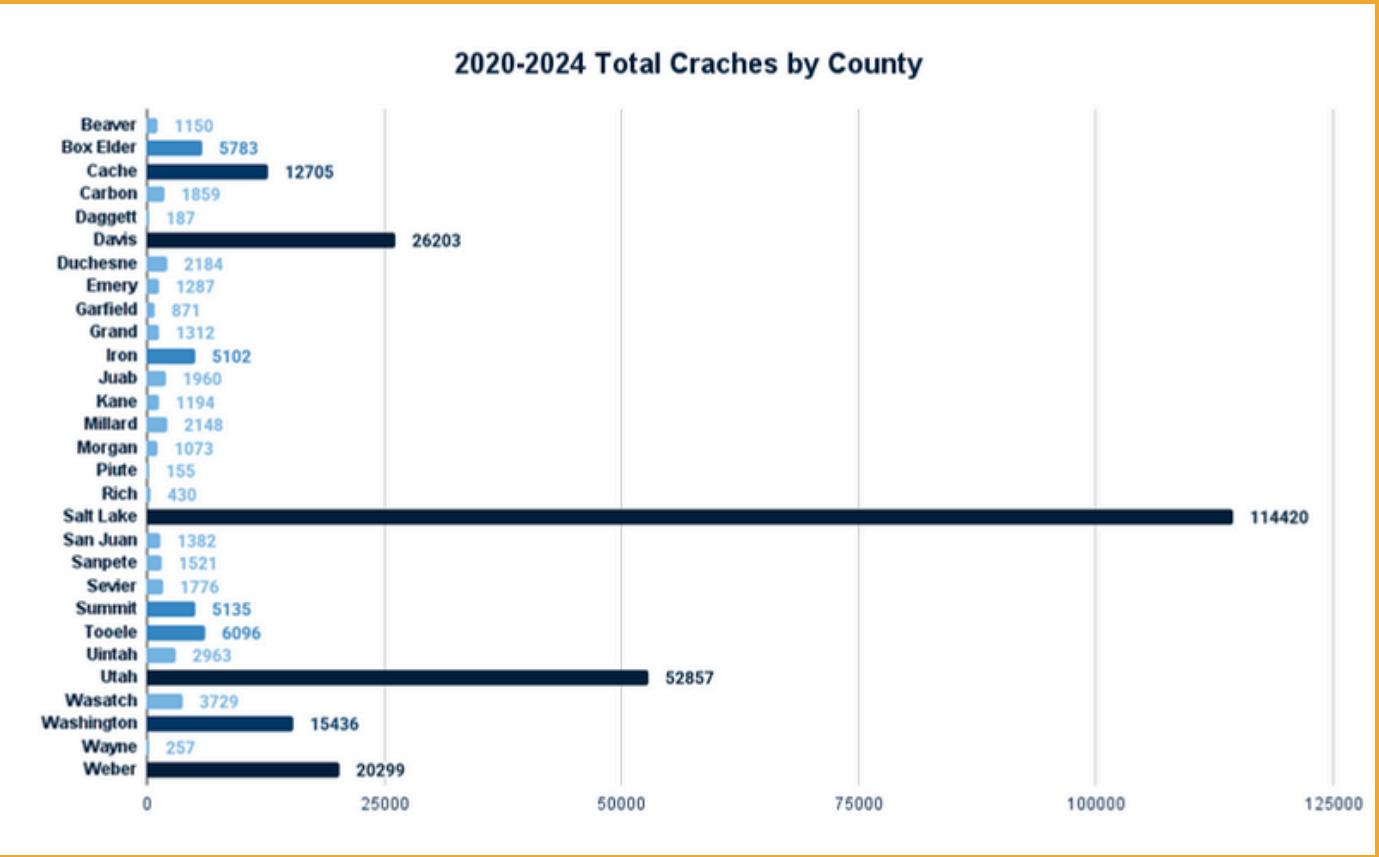
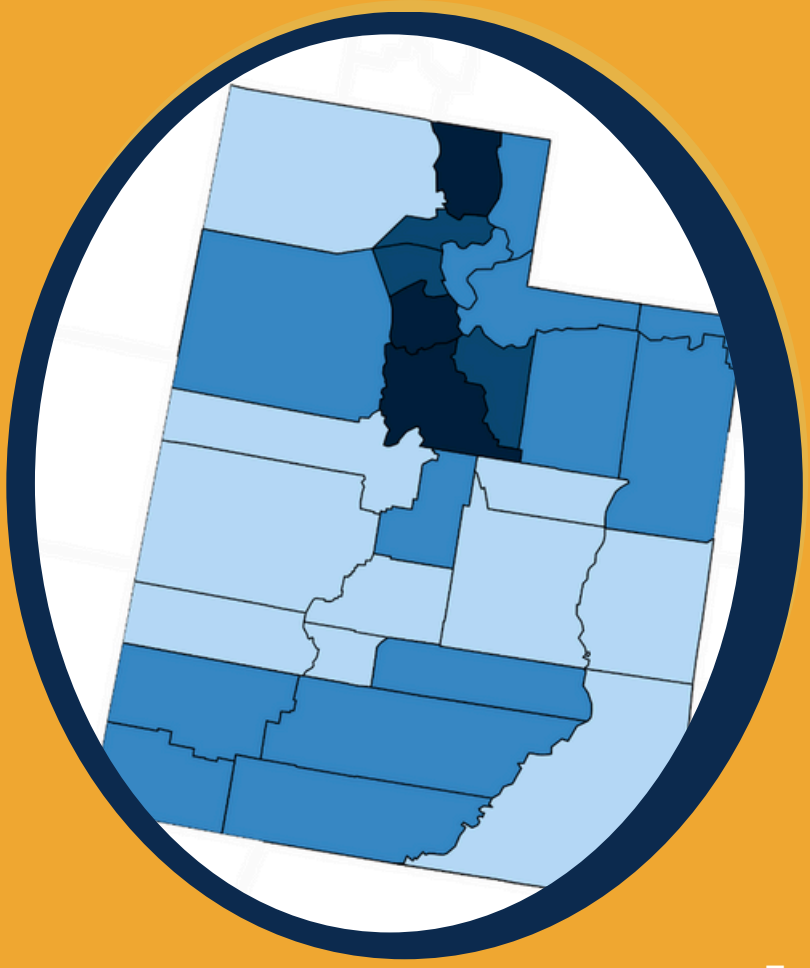




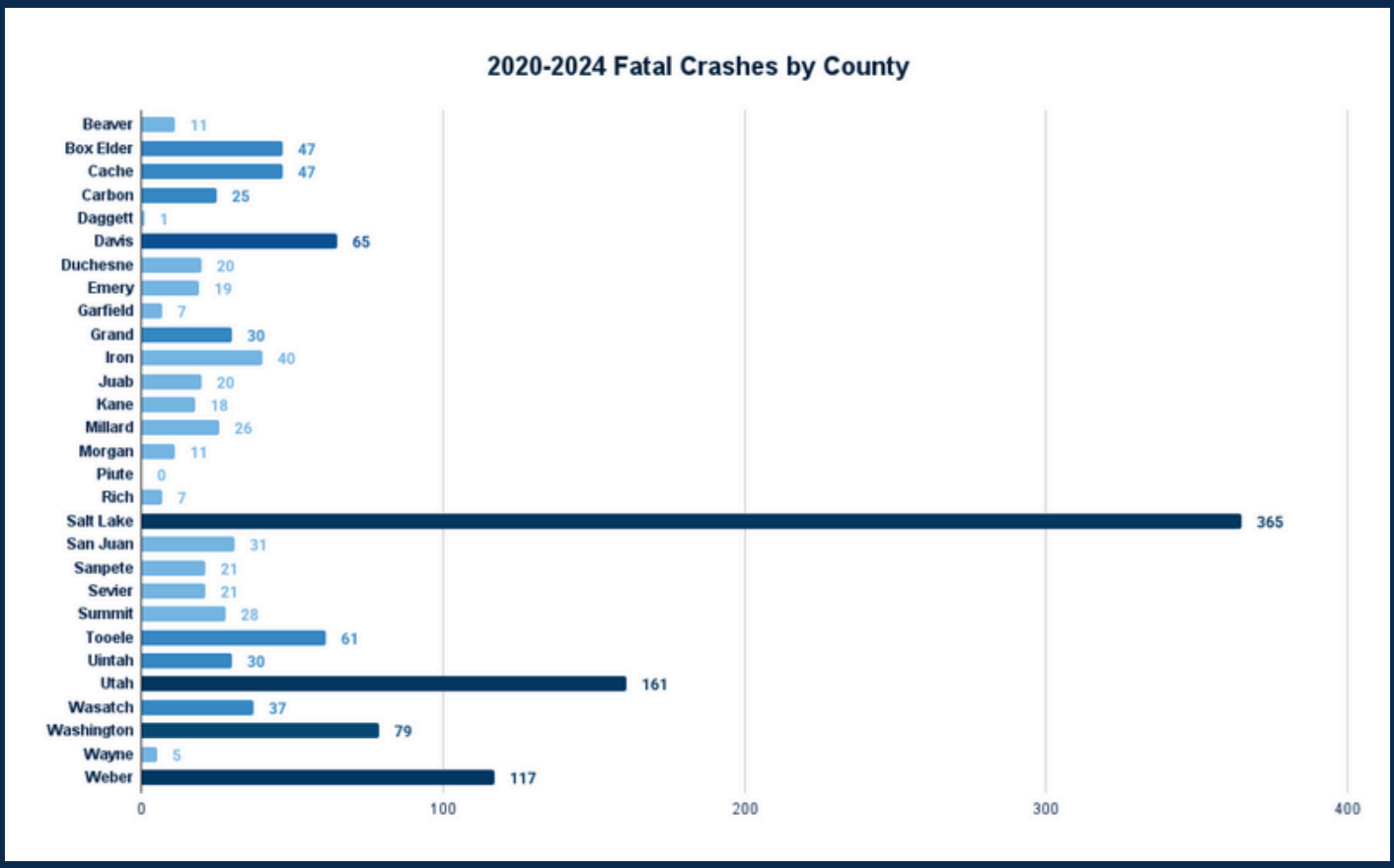
COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST CRASHES

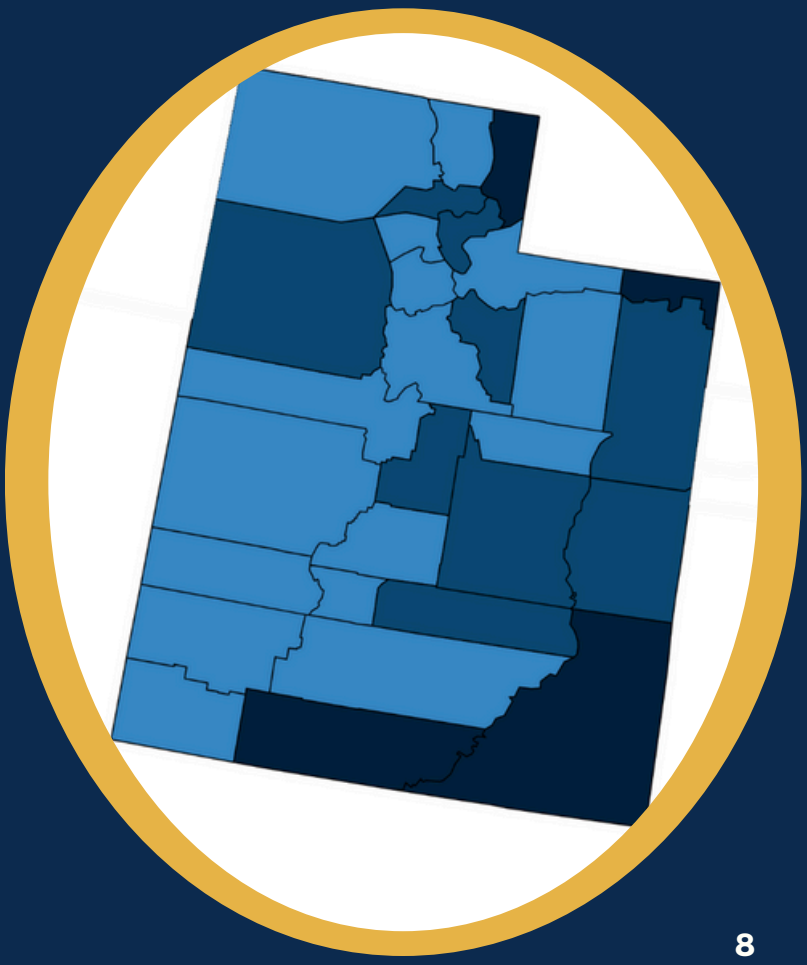
1. SALT LAKE
2. UTAH
3. DAVIS
4. WEBER
5. WASHINGTON

Legend

- >20,000
- 15,000-19,999
- 5,000-14,999
- 0-4,999

WHERE?





COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST FATAL CRASHES

1. SALT LAKE
2. UTAH
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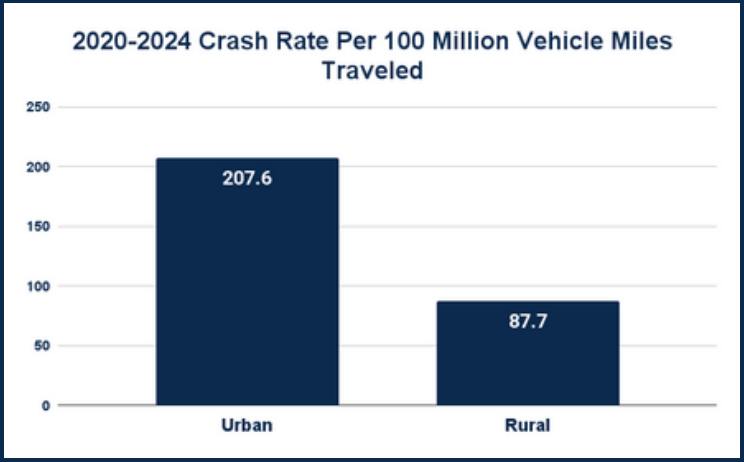
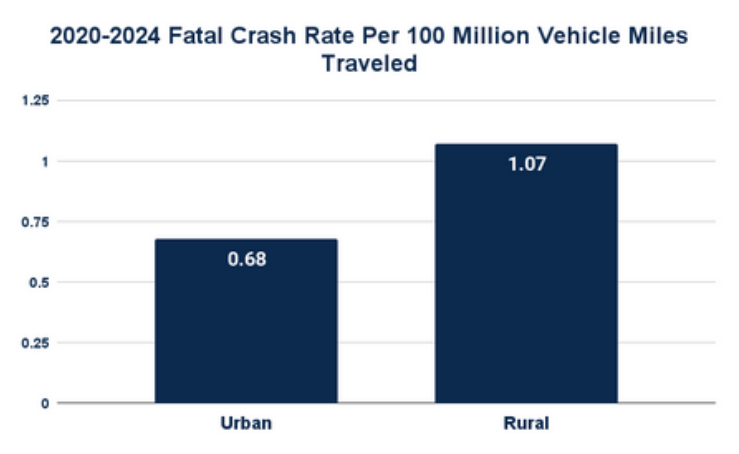
Legend

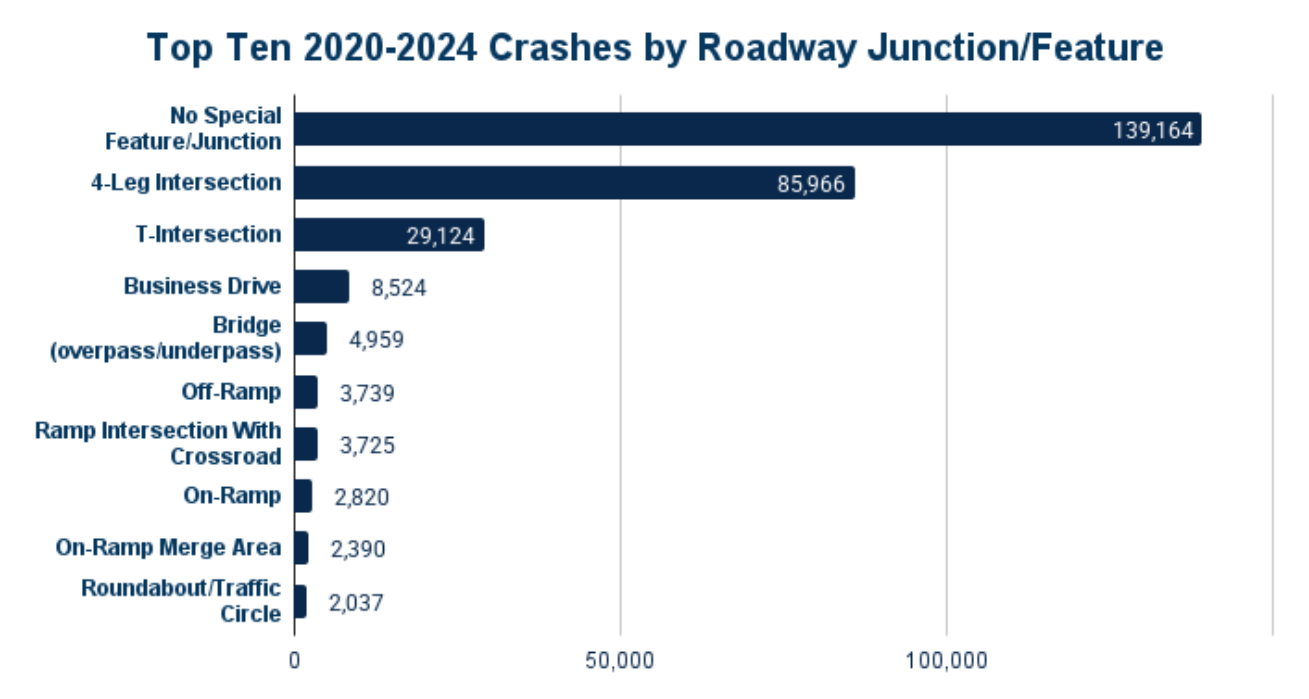
- >150
- 100-149
- 0-99

WHERE?





RURAL COUNTIES HAVE A HIGHER FATAL CRASH RATE PER 100 MILLION VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED COMPARED TO URBAN COUNTIES.

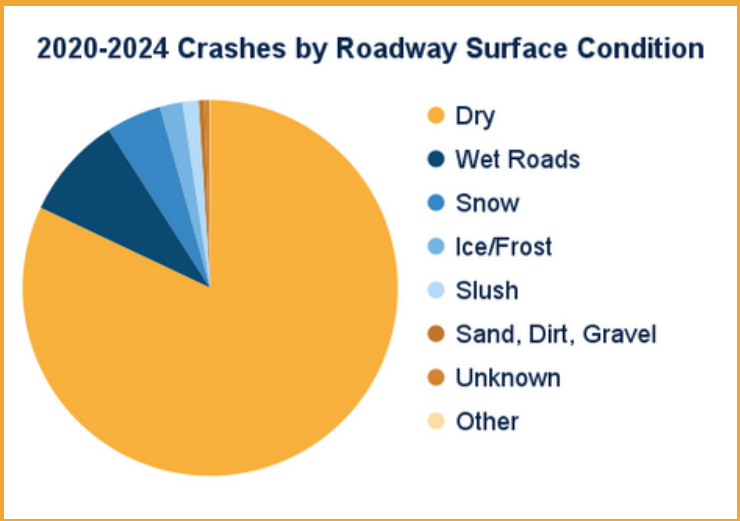


52%

of crashes occurred at an intersection

80%

of crashes occurred on dry roads



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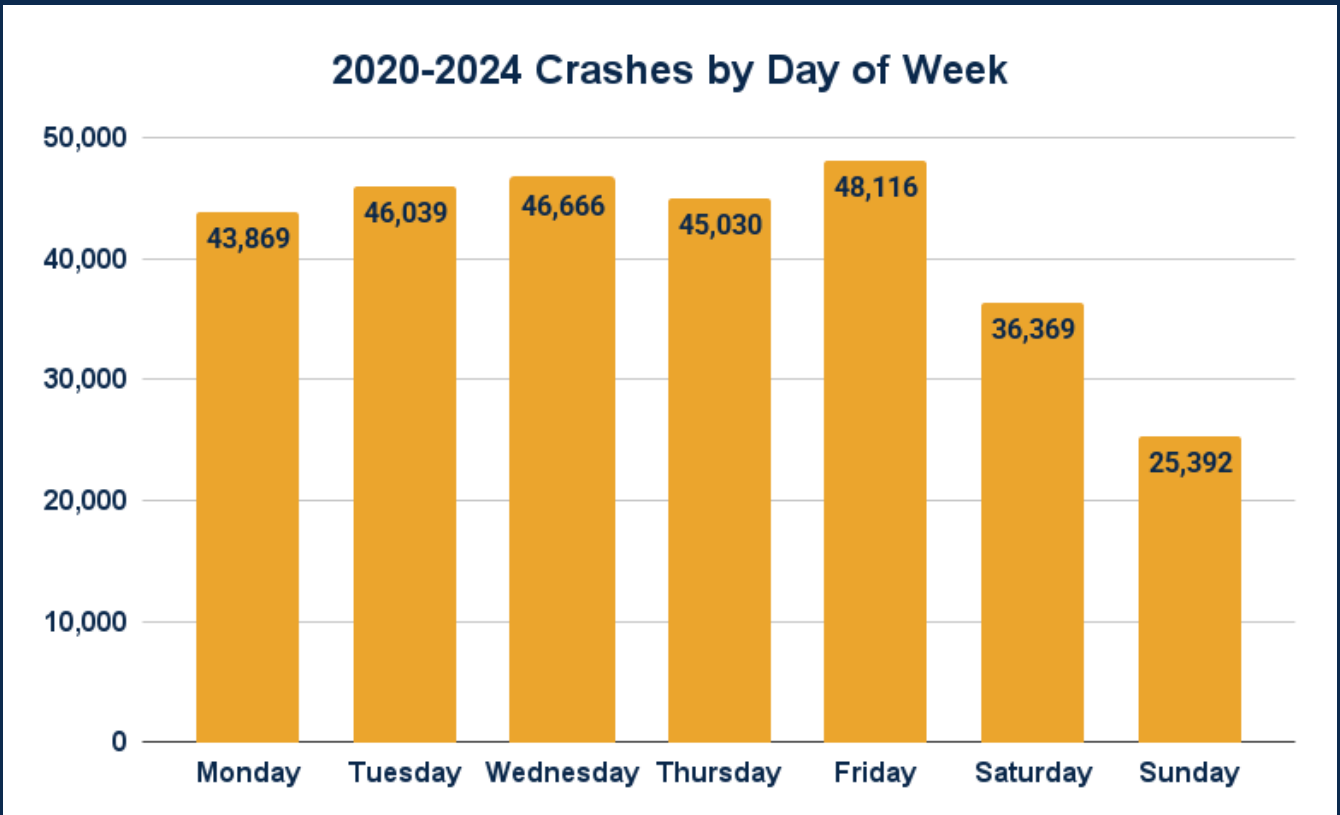
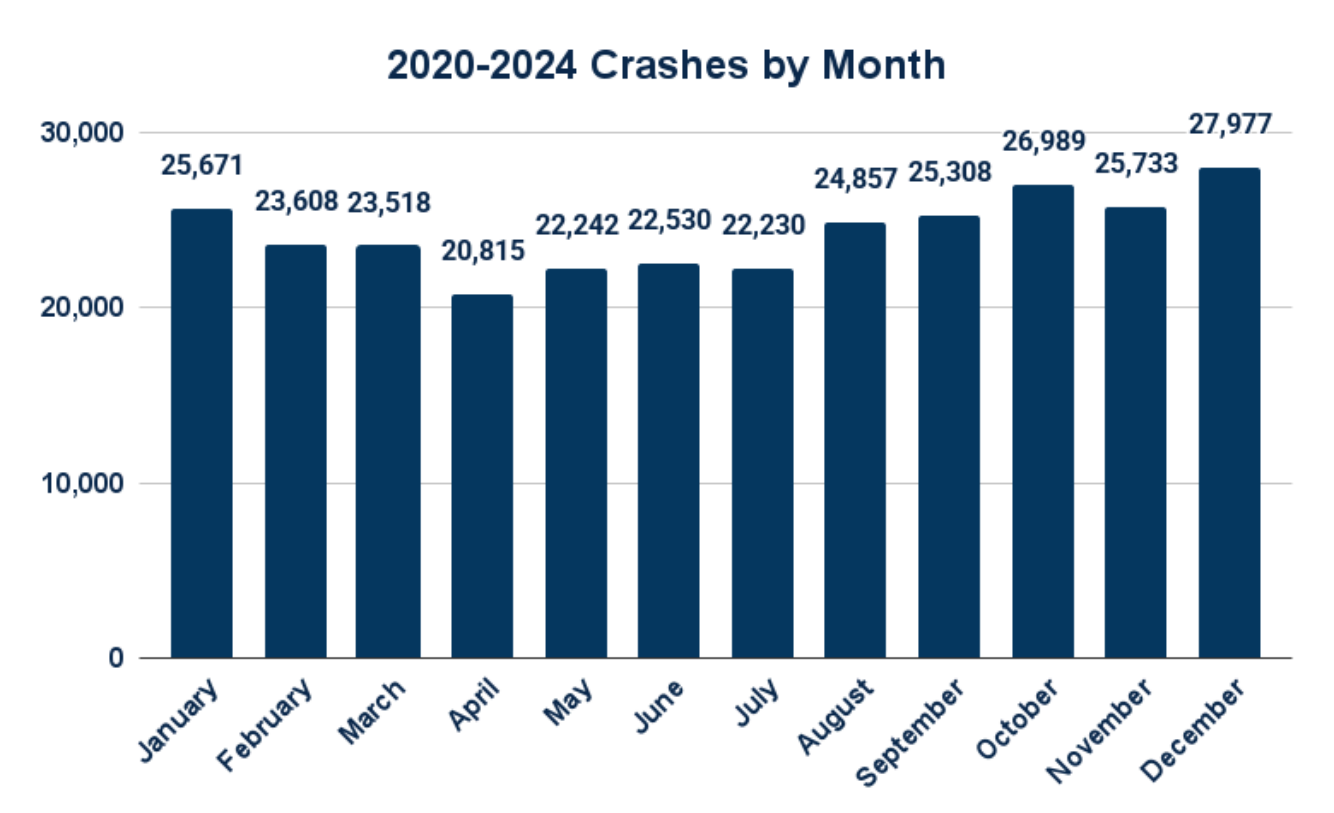
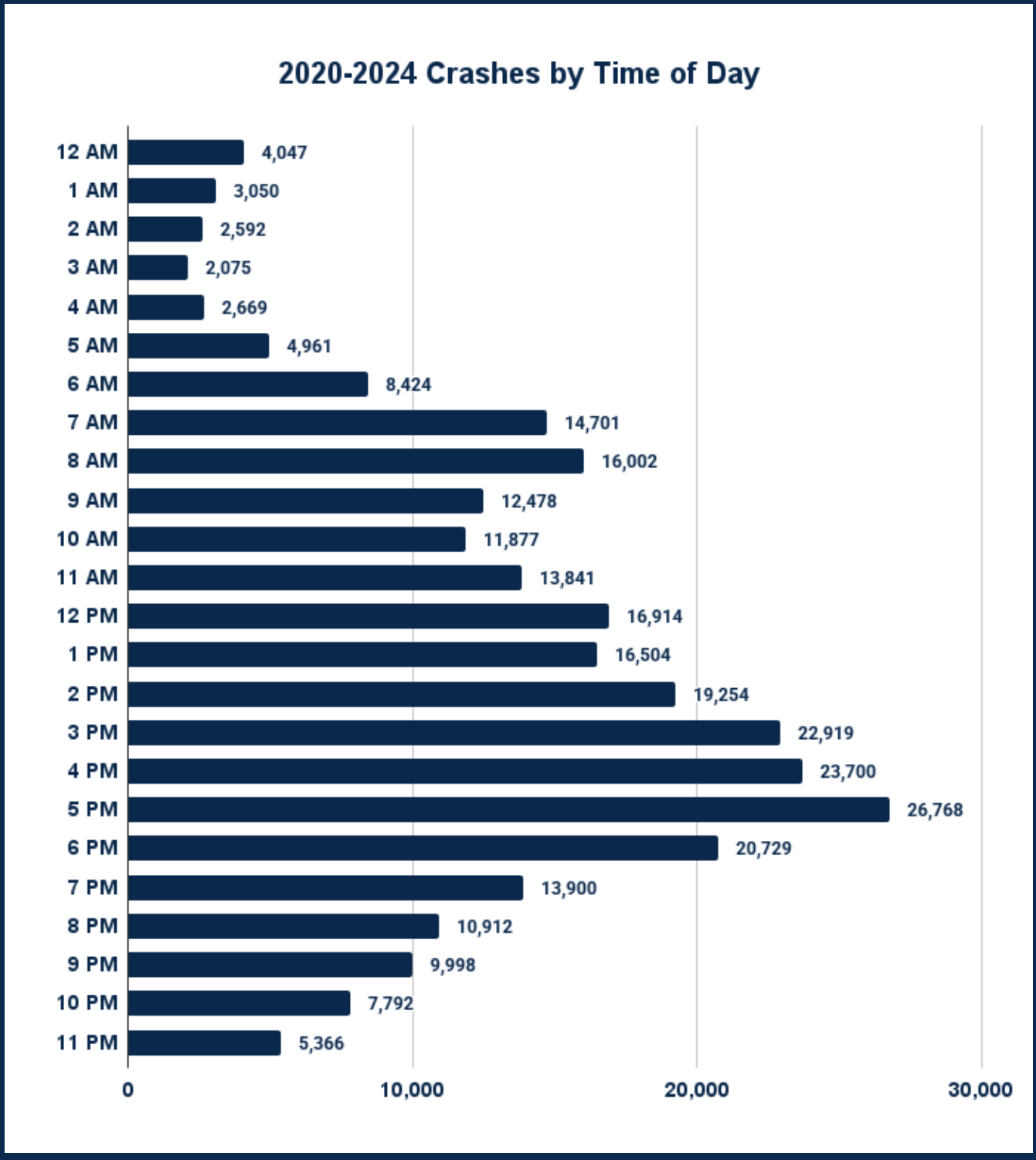


22% OF CRASHES OCCURRED ON A FRIDAY IN 2020-2024



12.74% OF CRASHES TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER FOR 2020-2024

WHEN?



12.19% OF CRASHES OCCURRED AT 5:00 PM FROM 2020-2024

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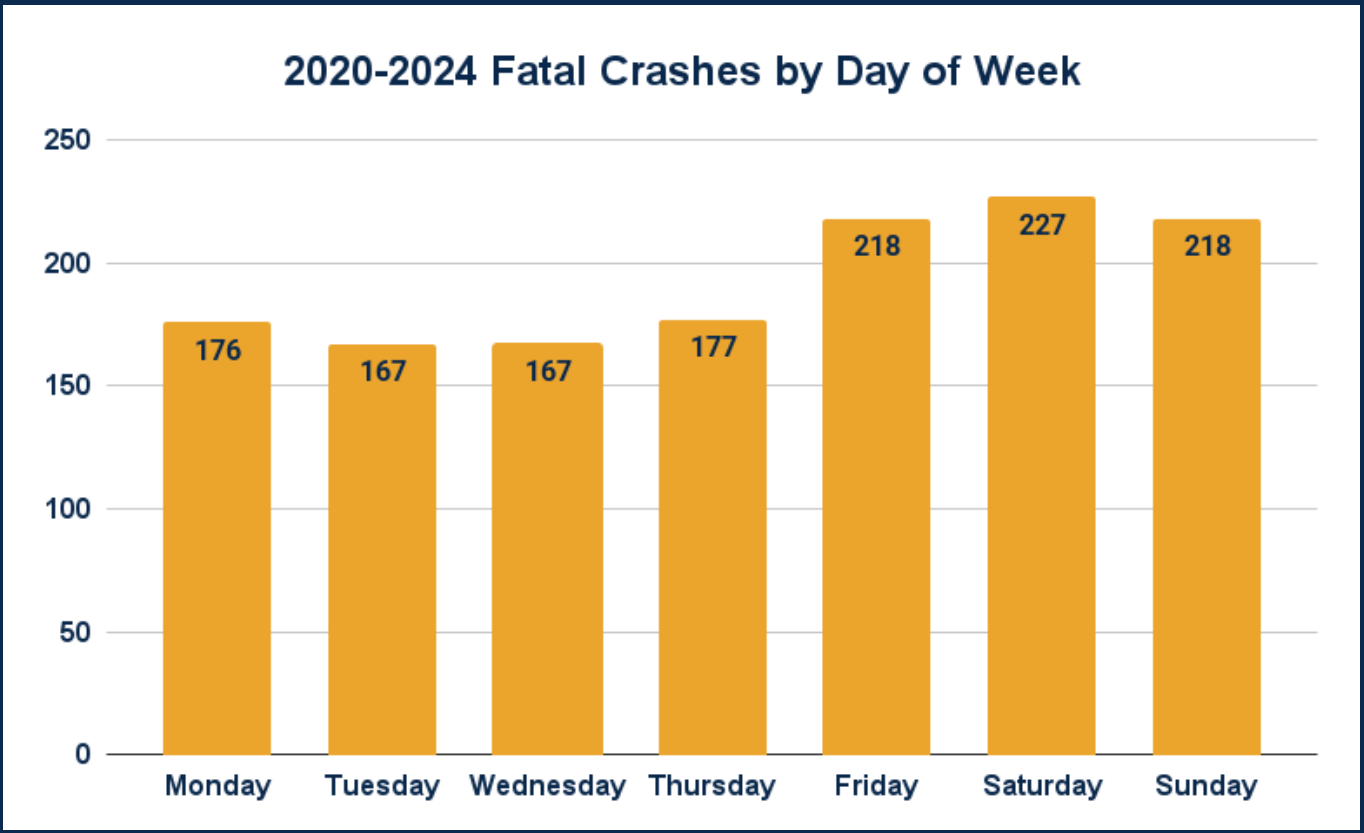
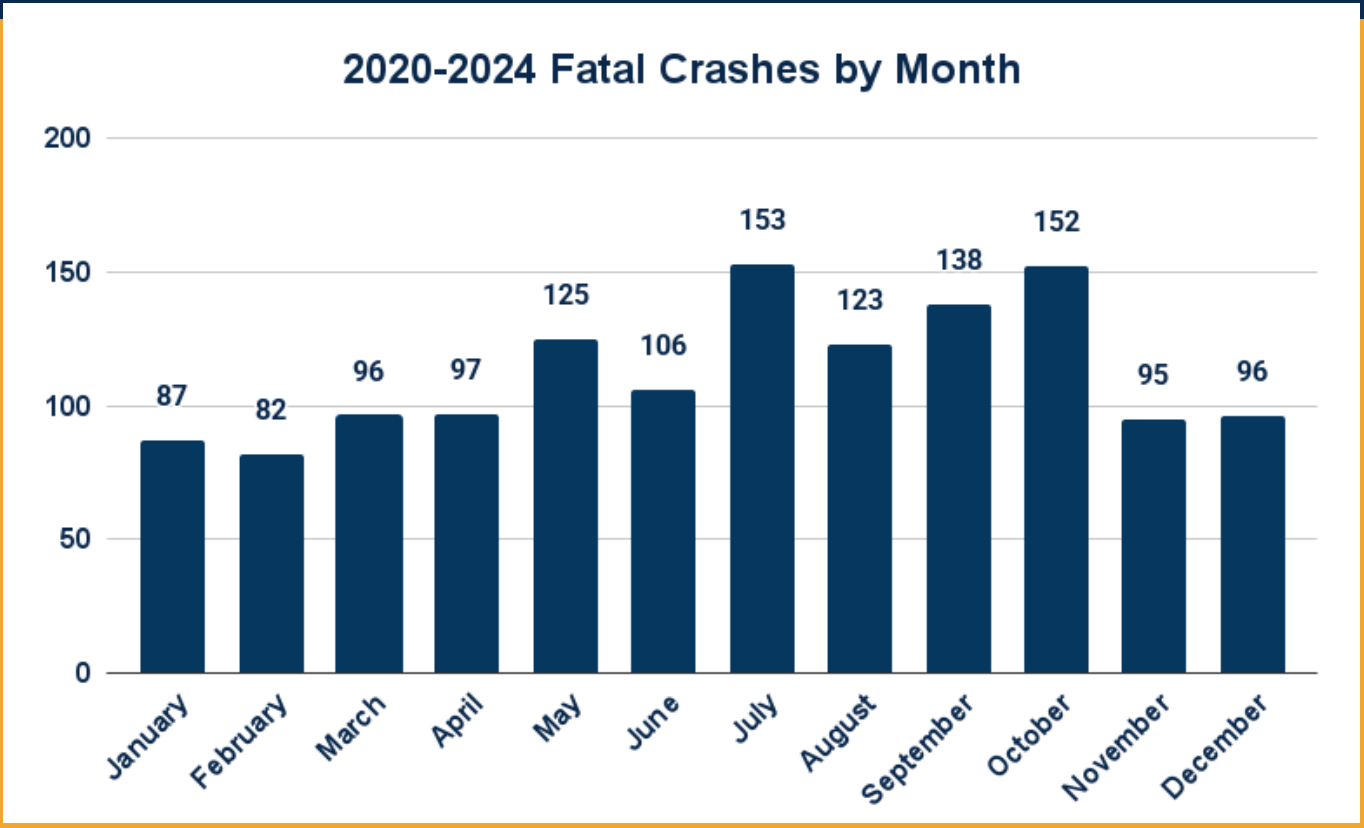
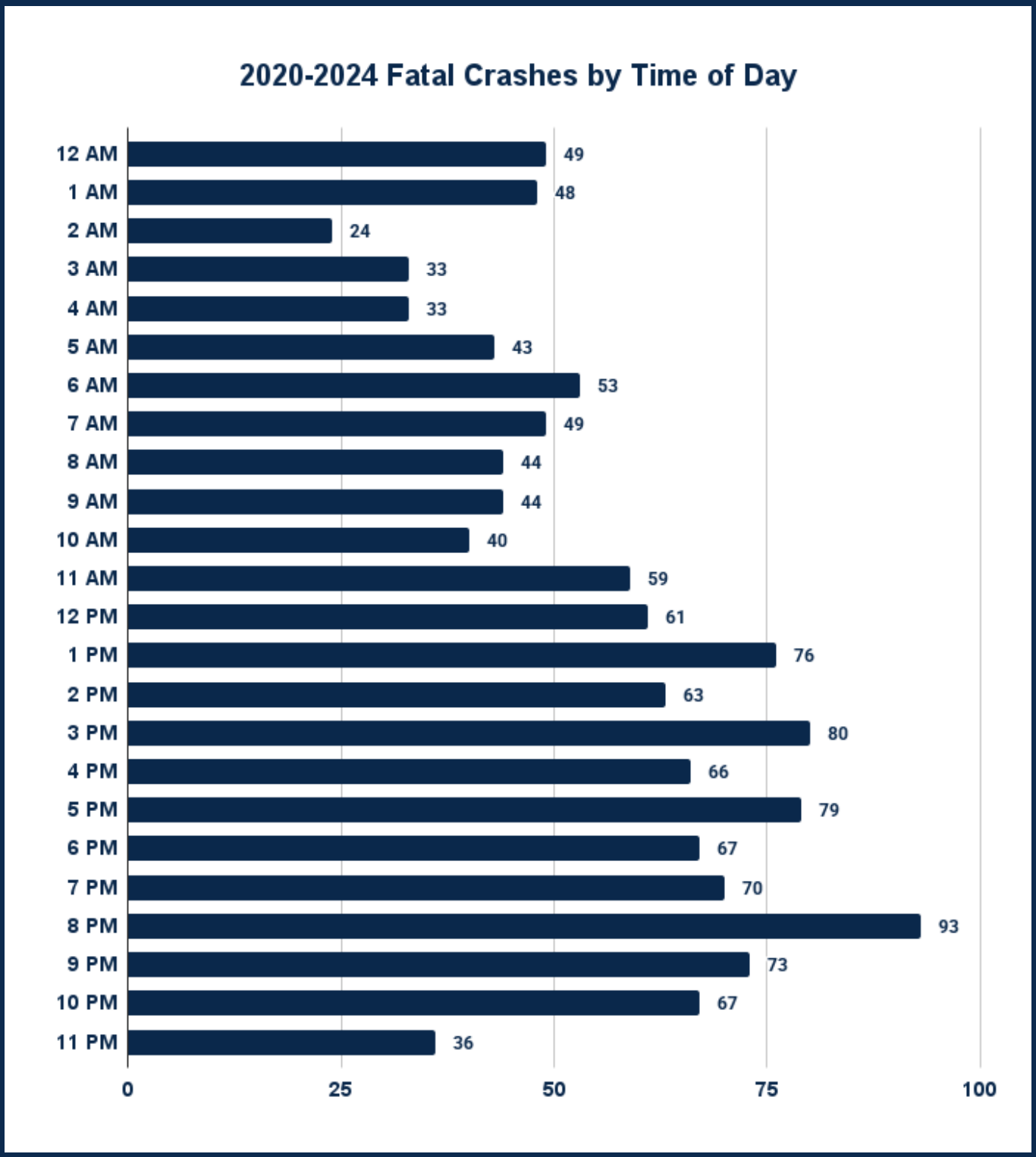


16.8% OF FATAL CRASHES OCCURRED ON A SATURDAY FROM 2020-2024



11.33% OF FATAL CRASHES TOOK PLACE IN JULY FROM 2020-2024

WHEN?



6.88% OF FATAL CRASHES OCCURRED AT 8:00 PM

WHY?

2020-2024 DRIVER CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES -ALL CRASHES-

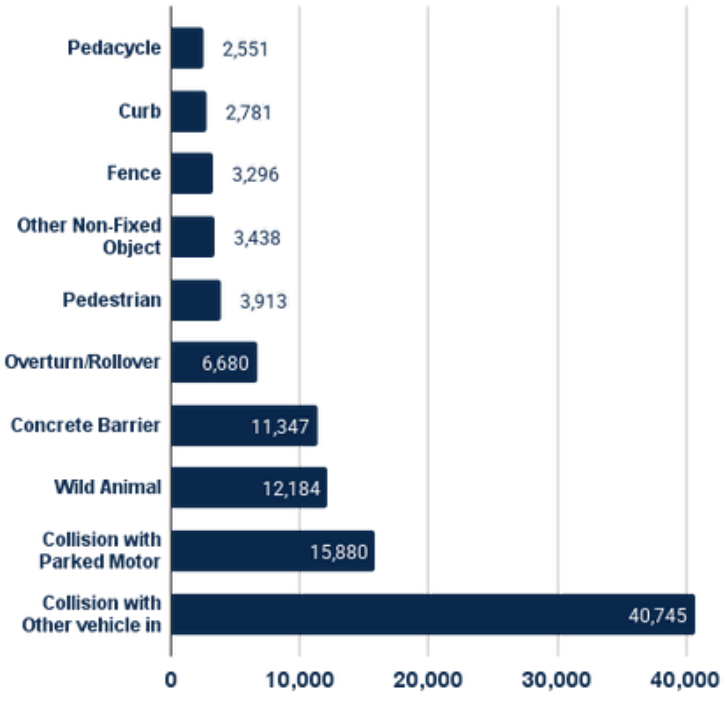
1. Followed too Closely (30%)
2. Failed to Yield Right-of-Way (15%)
3. Ran off Road (12%)
4. Over Corrected/Over Steering (8%)
5. Too fast for Conditions (6%)

2020-2024 CRASH ATTRIBUTES -ALL CRASHES-

1. Teen Driver Related (28%)
2. Older Driver Related (18%)
3. Speed Related (8%)
4. Distraction Related (11%)
5. Wild Animal Related (5%)

THE BELOW GRAPHS ARE ON ALL CRASHES

2020-2024 Top 10 First Harmful Events



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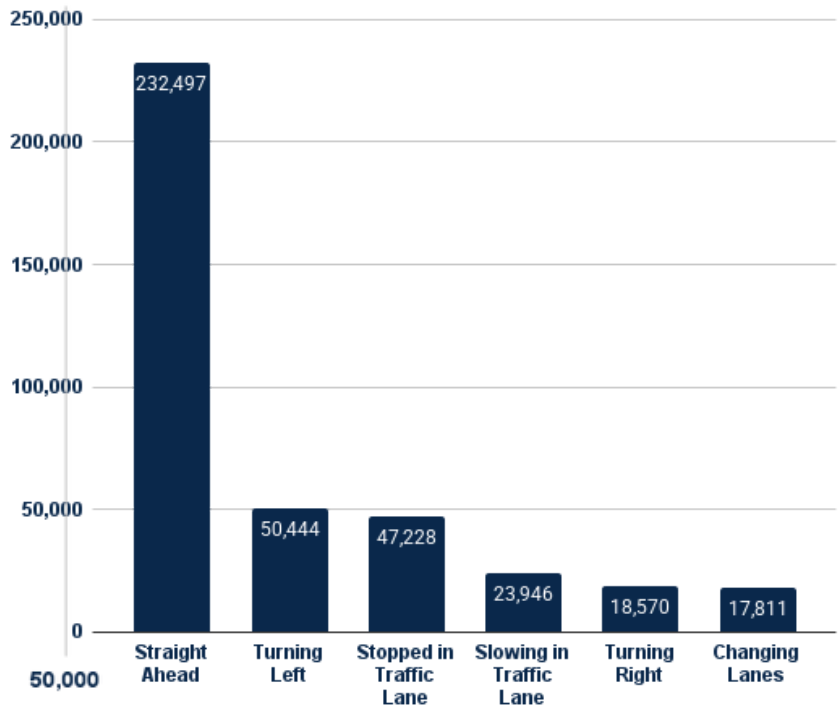

WHY?

2020-2024 DRIVER CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES -ALL FATAL CRASHES-

1. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (30%)
2. Failed to Yield Right-of-Way (15%)
3. Ran off Road (12%)
4. Over Corrected/Over Steering (8%)
5. Too fast for Conditions (6%)

2020-2024 CRASH ATTRIBUTES -ALL FATAL CRASHES-

1. Drug Related (41%)
2. Speed Related (32%)
3. Unrestrained Related (28%)
4. Older Driver Related (20%)
5. Alcohol Related (19%)

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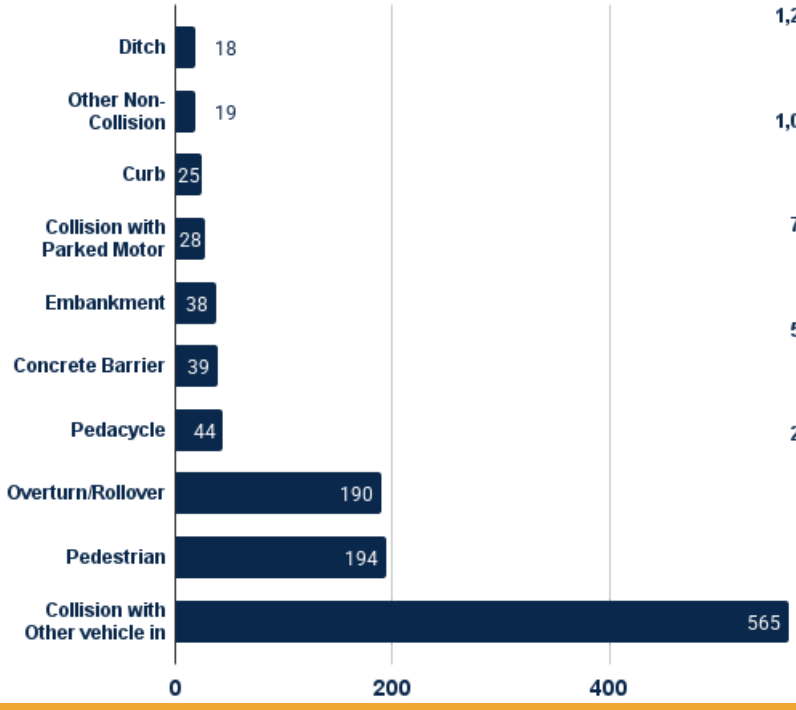

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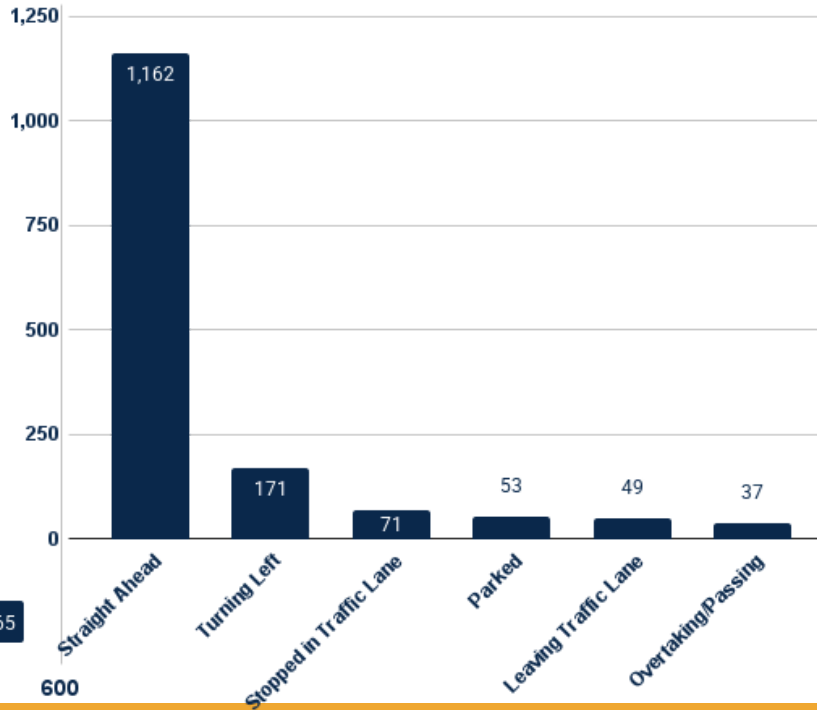


WHY?

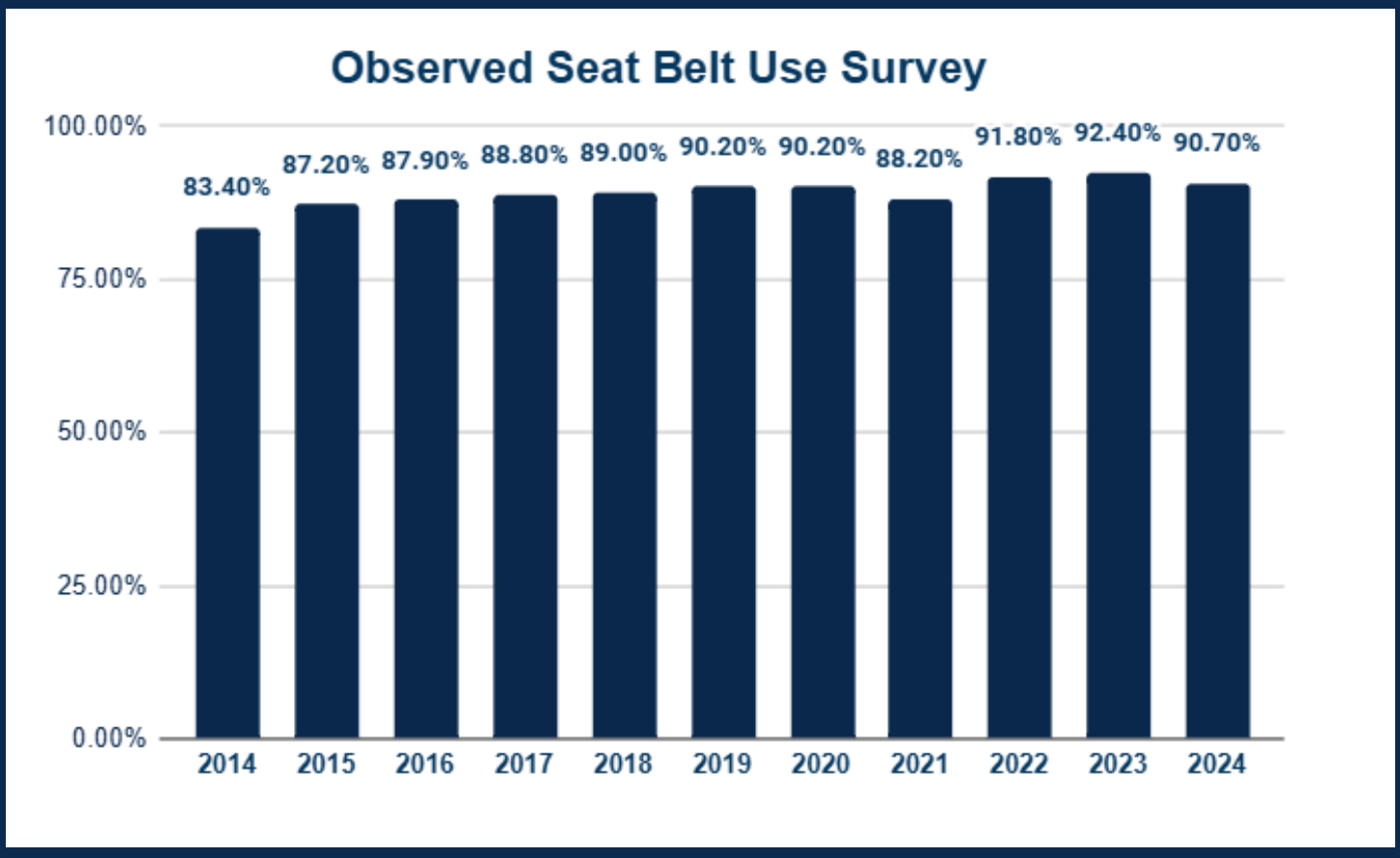
2020-2024 Unrestrained Occupants in Crashes

10,171
Unrestrained Occupants

3,690
Injured Unrestrained Occupants

589
Unrestrained Children
(age 0-12)

354
Fatally Injured Unrestrained Occupants



UTAH'S SEAT BELT USE RATE REACHED ITS HIGHEST EVER IN 2023

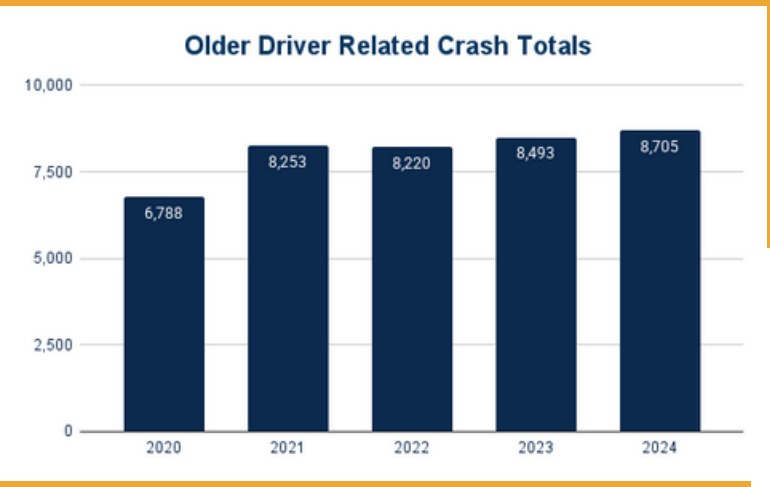
OVERALL, SEAT BELT USE IS HIGHER IN URBAN COUNTIES COMPARED TO RURAL COUNTIES.

FEMALE OCCUPANTS BUCKLED UP MORE OFTEN THAN MALE OCCUPANTS.

PICKUP TRUCK OCCUPANTS HAD THE LOWEST SEAT BELT USAGE RATE AT 85%.

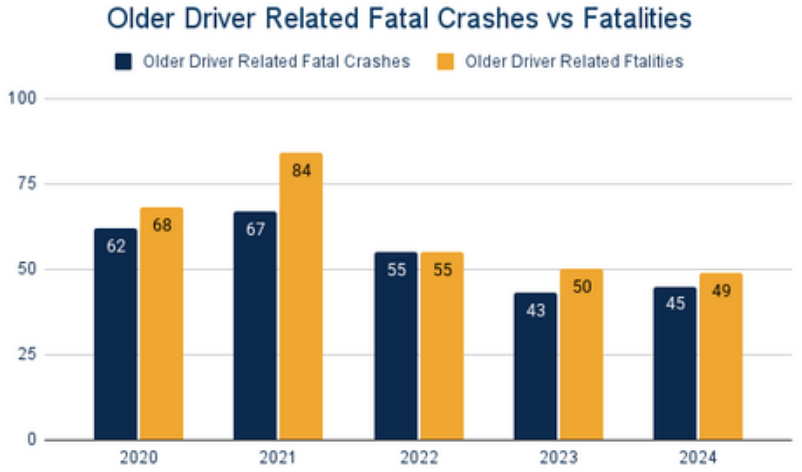
WHY?

Older Driver



20.1% of Utah's fatal crashes involved an older driver, resulting in 20.6% Older Driver fatalities.

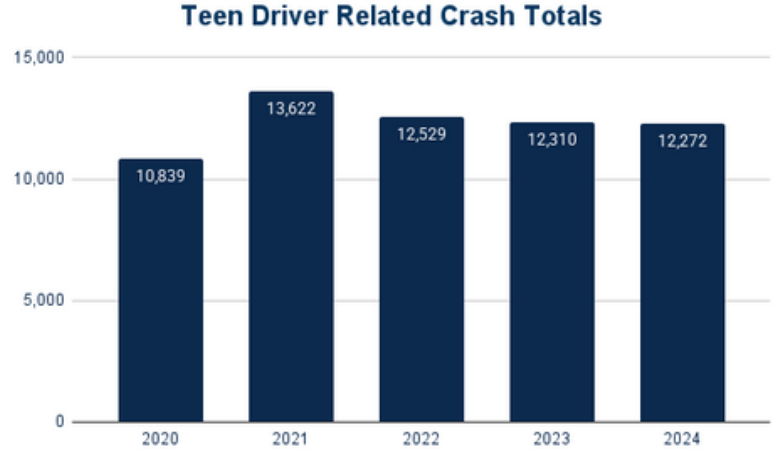
15.8% of Older Driver crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.



13.9% of Utah's crashes involved an older driver, resulting in 33.5% Older Driver Injuries.

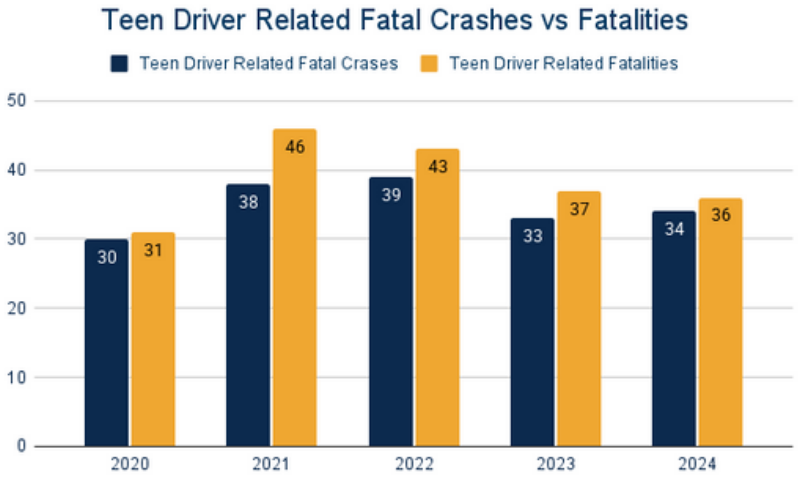
15.4% of Older Driver crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.

Teen Driver



12.9% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a teen driver, resulting in 13% Teen Driver fatalities.

8% of TeenDriver crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield right-of-way.



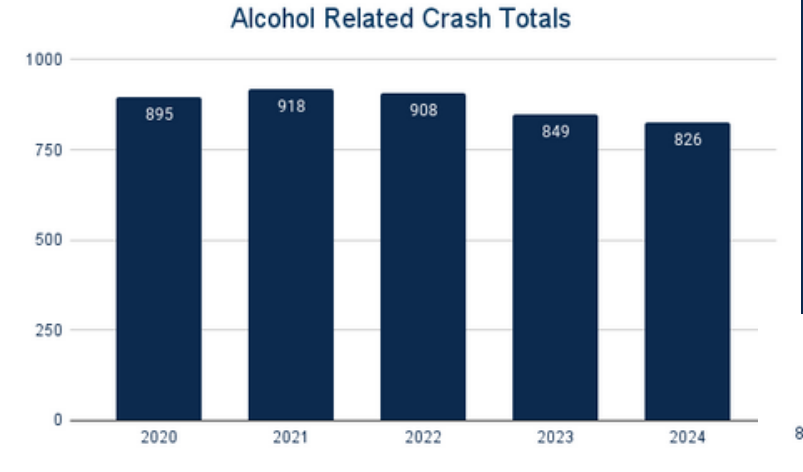
21.1% of Utah's crashes involved a teen driver, resulting in 22.5% Teen Driver Injuries.

16.6% of TeenDriver crashes were a result of the driver following too closely.

WHY?

Alcohol Related

Alcohol-Related crashes include incidents where a driver tested positive for any level of alcohol. Alcohol-Related fatal crashes and fatalities show the number of crashes where at least one of the drivers tested positive for alcohol and had a BAC of > 0.05 or above.

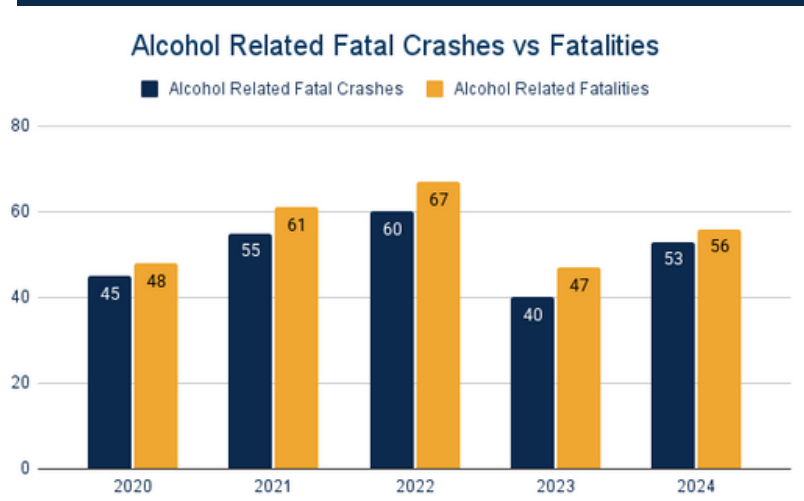


18.7% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a Alcohol Related Driver, resulting in 18.8% of Alcohol Related fatalities.

29.7% of Alcohol Related fatal crashes were a result of the driver failed to keep in proper lane.

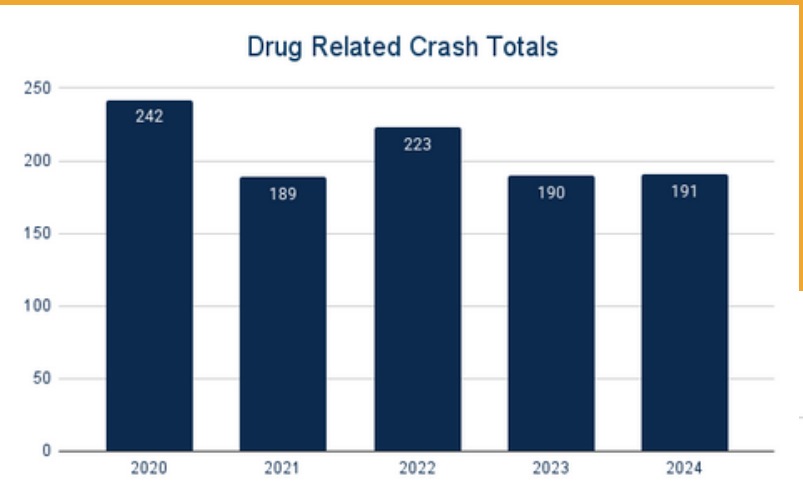
1.5% of Utah's crashes involved a Alcohol Related Driver, resulting in 1.9% Alcohol Related Injuries.

30% of Alcohol Related crashes were a result of the driver failed to keep in proper lane.



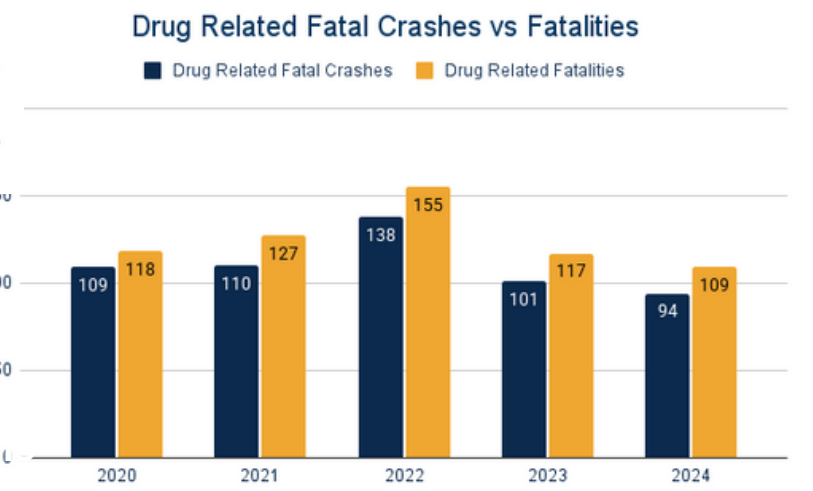
Drug Related

Drug-related crashes and fatalities include the number of crashes resulting from one or more drivers who had a positive drug test. Drug presence does not necessarily imply impairment. For many drug types, drug presence can be detected long after any impairment that might affect driving has passed. Also, whereas the impairment effects for various concentration levels of alcohol is well understood, little evidence is available to link concentrations of other drug types to driver performance



40.9% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a Drug Related Driver, resulting in 42.2% of Drug Related fatalities.

33% of Drug Related fatal crashes were a result of the driver failed to keep in proper lane.

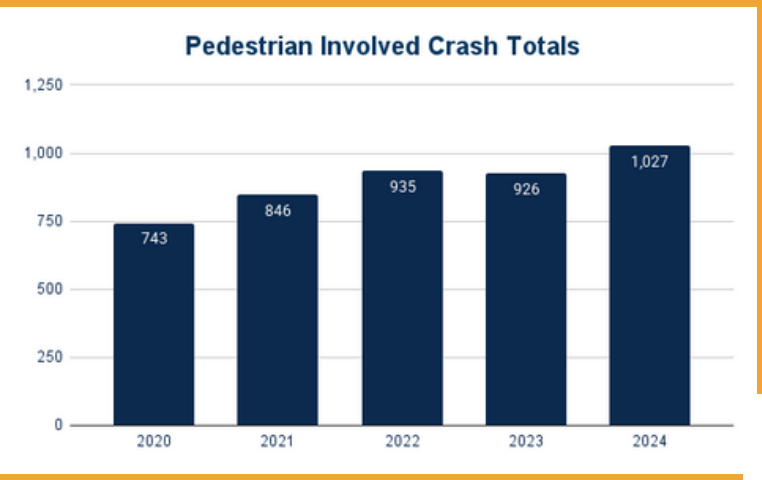


0.3% of Utah's crashes involved a Drug Related Driver, resulting in 0.7% Drug Related Injuries.

34% of Drug Related crashes were a result of the driver failed to keep in proper lane.

WHY?

Pedestrian Involved

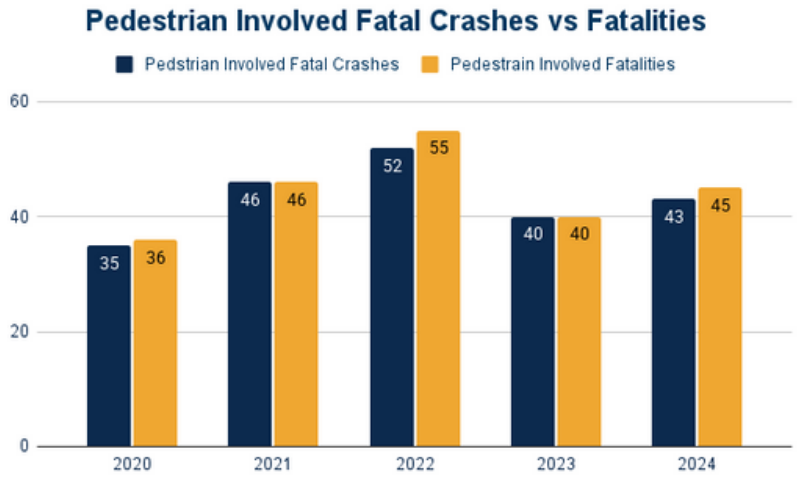


16% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a pedestrian, resulting in 15% pedestrian fatalities.

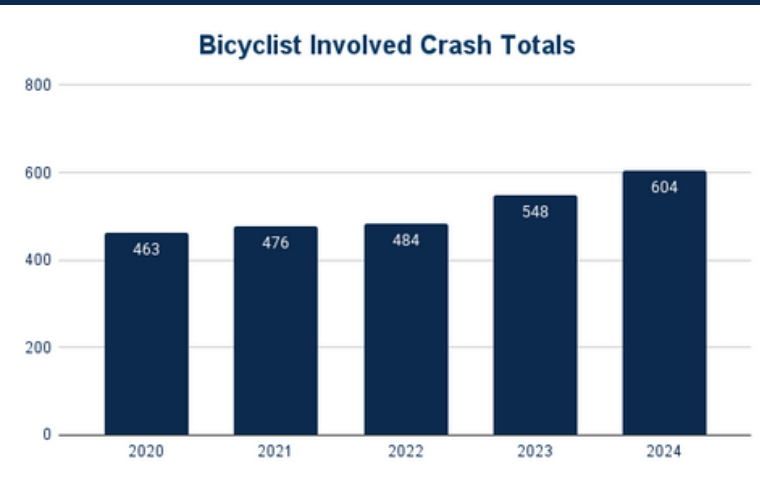
12% of Pedestrain invloved fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way

1.5% of Utah's crashes involved a pedestrian, resulting in 3.4% Pedestrian Injuries.

35% of Pedestrain invloved crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.



Bicyclist Involved

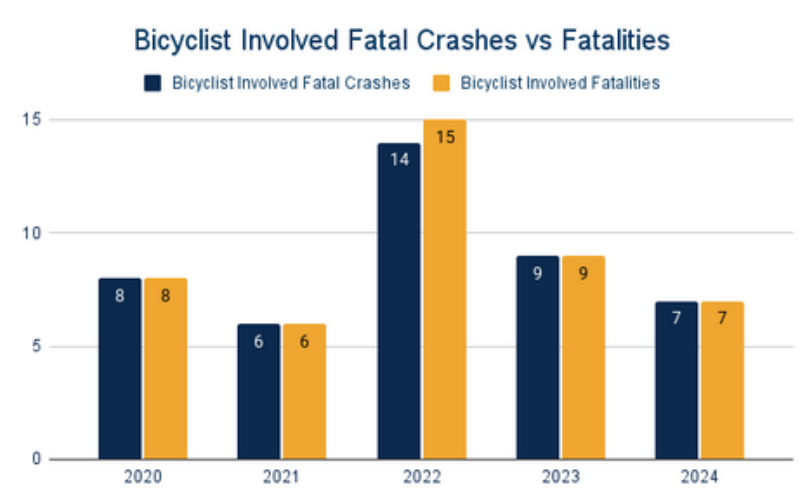


3.2% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a bicyclist, resulting in 3% bicyclist fatalities.

13% of Bicyclist involved fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield right-of-way.

0.8% of Utah's crashes involved a bicyclist, resulting in 2% Bicyclist Injuries.

39% of bicyclist involved crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.



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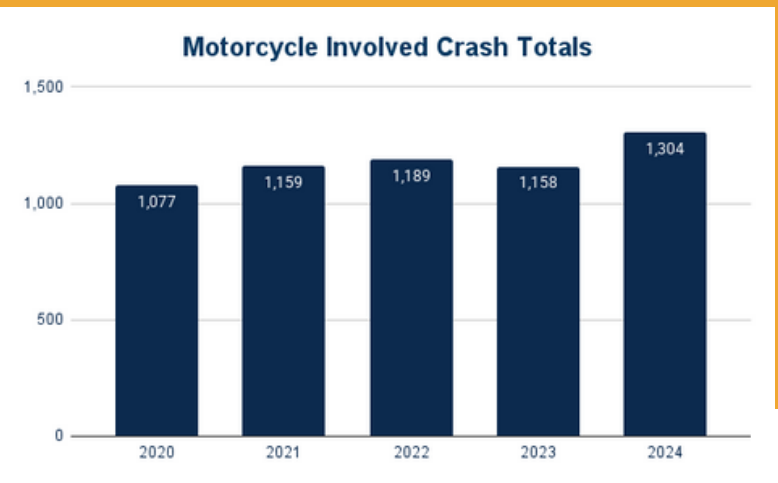
Motorcycle Involved

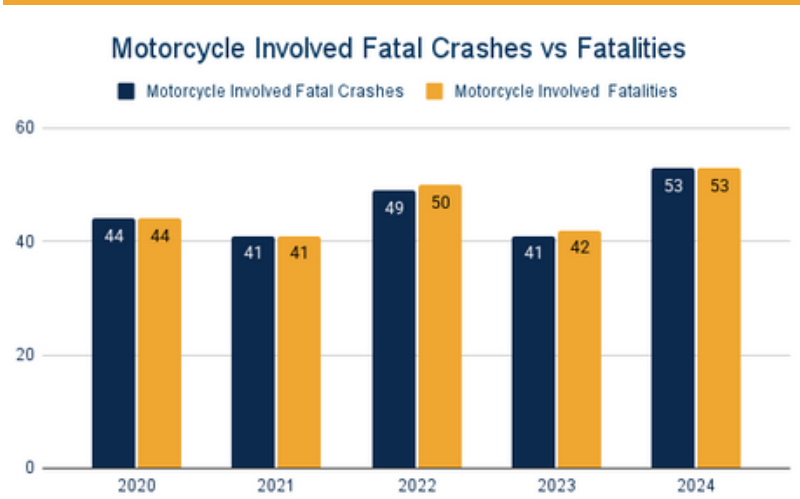


16.9% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting in 15.5% motorcycle fatalities.

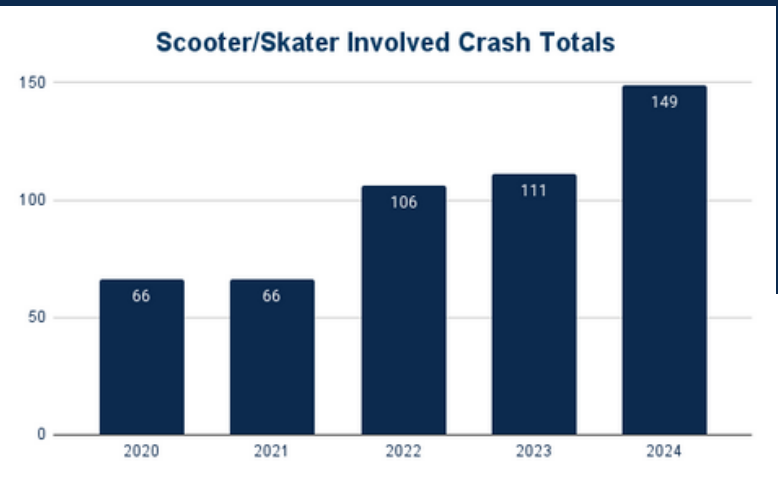
28% of motorcycle involved fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way

2% of Utah's crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting in 4.3% motorcycle drivers or passengers being injured.

28% of motorcycle involved crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.



Skater/Scooter Related

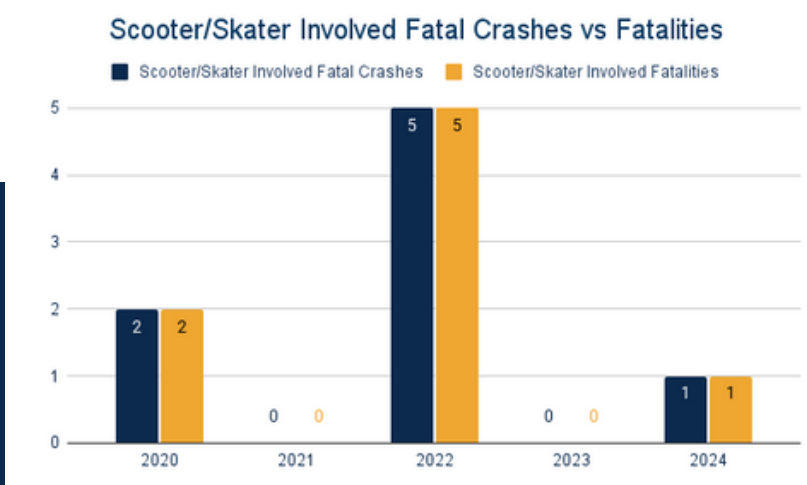


0.6% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a Scooter/Skater, resulting in 0.5% Scooter/Skater fatalities.

25% of Scooter/skater involved fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield right-of-way.

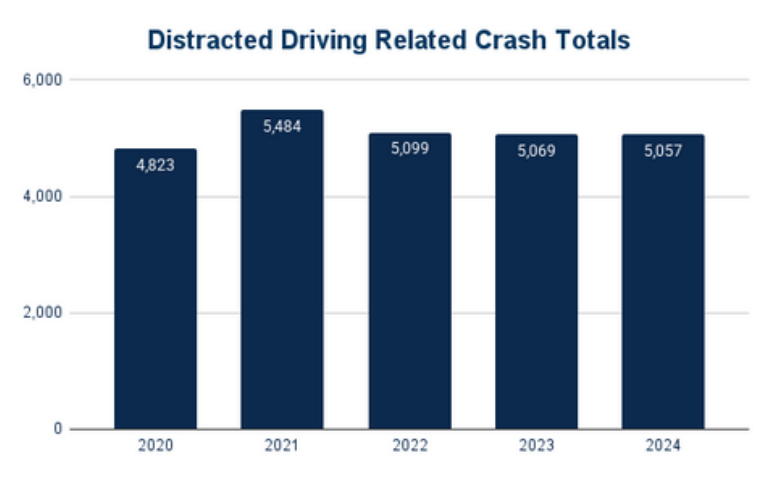
0.1% of Utah's crashes involved a Scooter/Skater, resulting in 0.4% Scooter/Skater Injuries.

35% of Scooter/Skater involved crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield the right-of-way.



WHY? Distracted Driving Related

While driver distraction 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.

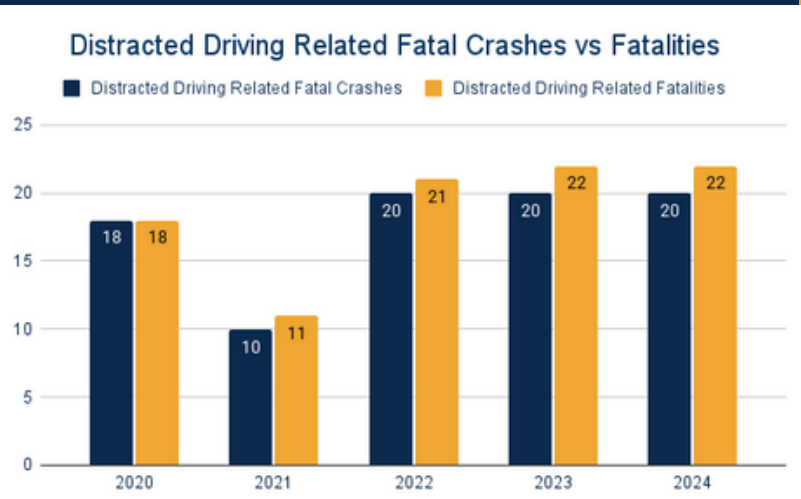


6.5% of Utah's fatal crashes involved a Distracted Driver, resulting in 6.3% Distracted Driving Related fatalities.

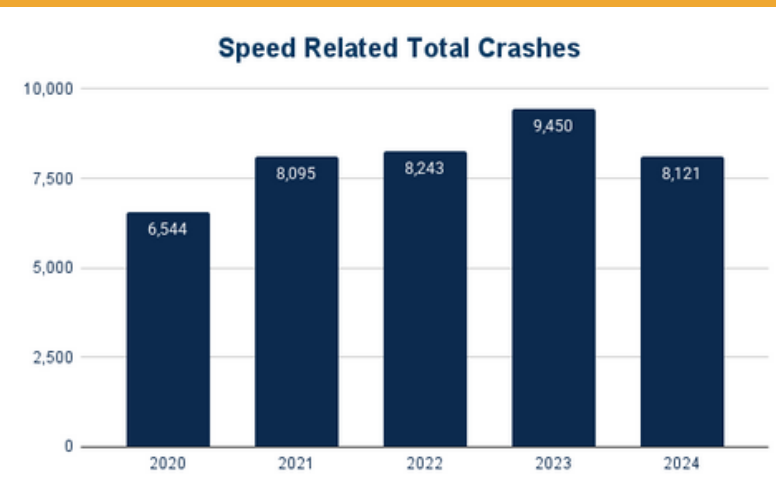
27% of Distracted Driving Related fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to yield right-of-way.

8.7% of Utah's crashes involved a Distracted Driver, resulting in 10.8% Distracted Driving Related Injuries.

84% of Distracted Related crashes were a result of the driver failing to keep in the proper lane.



Speed Related

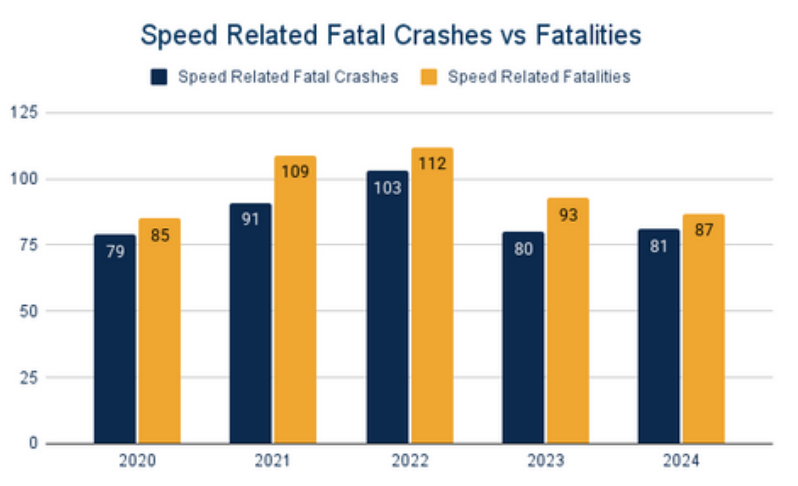


32.1% of Utah's fatal crashes were speed related, resulting in 32.8% speed related fatalities.

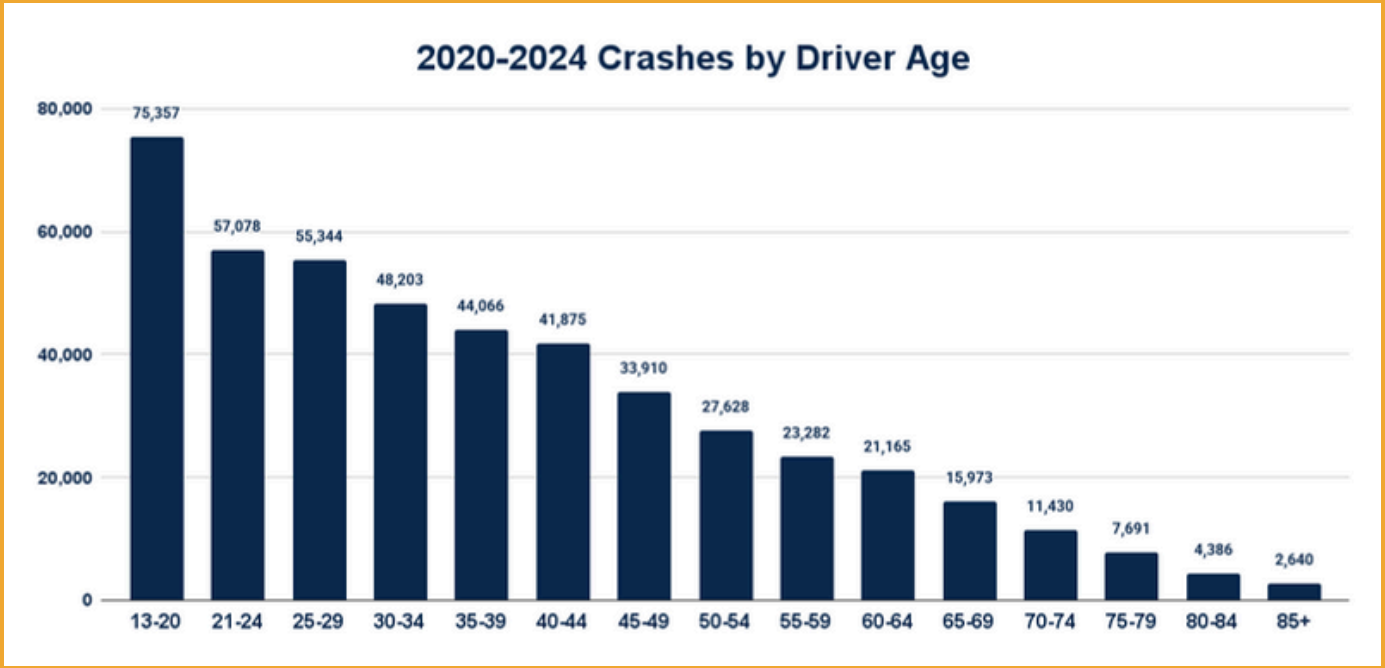
33% of Speed Related fatal crashes were a result of the driver failing to keep in proper lane.

13.8% of Utah's crashes were Speed Related, resulting in 16.7% speed related injuries.

59.3% of Speed Related crashes were a result of the driver going too fast for road conditions.



WHO?



Teenage drivers account for 21% of total crashes, which is higher than any other age group.

People Involved in Crashes in 2020-2024	
Drivers	287,813
Passengers	86,686
Motorcycle Drivers	5,829
Motorcycle Passengers	375
Pedestrians	3,996
Bicyclists	2,575
Scooter/Skater	498

2020-2024 FATALITIES

Driver	722	49%
Passenger	268	18%
Motorcycle Driver	218	15%
Motorcycle Passenger	11	1%
Pedestrian	211	14%
Bicyclist	45	3%
Scooter/Skater	8	1%

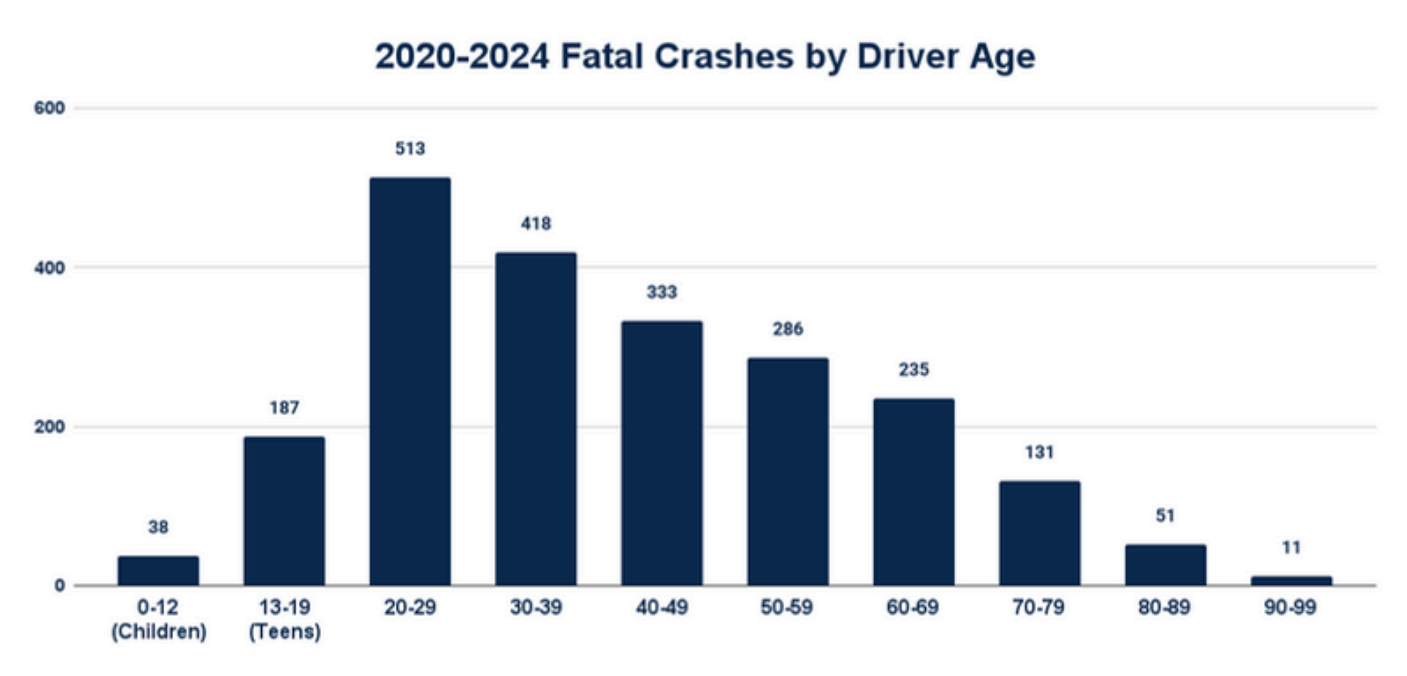
Fatalities by Gender

72% MALE

28% FEMALE

FOR EVERY 4 FATALITIES, 3 WERE MALE AND 1 WAS FEMALE.

FATALITIES



2020-2024

9% of deaths involved **Aggressive Driving/Road Rage**

33% of deaths were **Speed Related**

21% of deaths involved a **Impaired Driver** (alcohol & drug)

28% of occupant deaths were **Unrestrained**

3% of deaths involved a **Wrong-Way Driver**

6% of deaths involved **Distracted Driving**