

2015 Utah Crash Facts

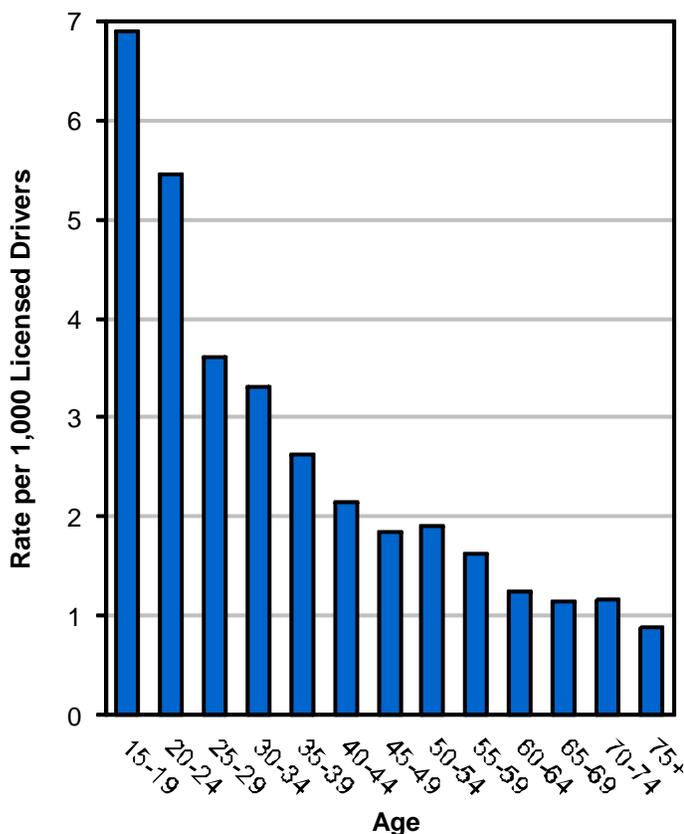
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Did you know in 2015:

- 5,850 distracted driver crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 3,202 injured persons and 28 deaths.
- 10% of all crashes in Utah involved a distracted driver.
- Over half (51%) of distracted driving crashes were rear end crashes.

Distracted Driver Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2015)



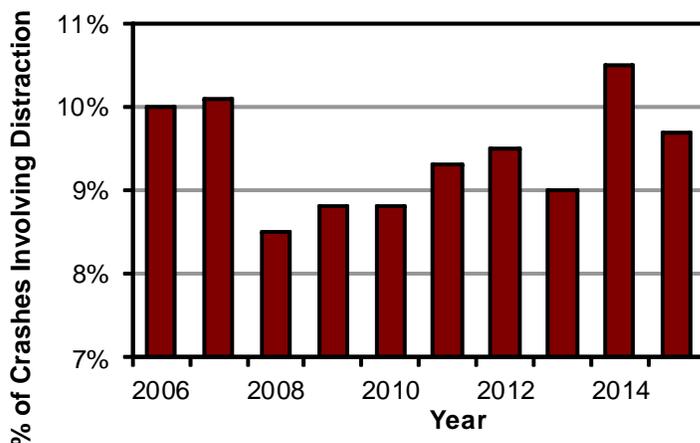
- Younger drivers had the highest rates of driver distraction crashes.

Distracted Driving Crashes by Distraction Type (Utah 2015)

1. Other External Distraction (13%)
 2. Cell Phone (13%)
 3. Other Inside Distraction (12%)
 4. Passengers (11%)
 5. Radio/CD/DVD etc. (8%)
 6. Other Electronic Device (3%)
 7. Texting (1%)
- Other (40%)



Percent of Crashes Involving Distracted Drivers by Year (Utah 2006-2015)

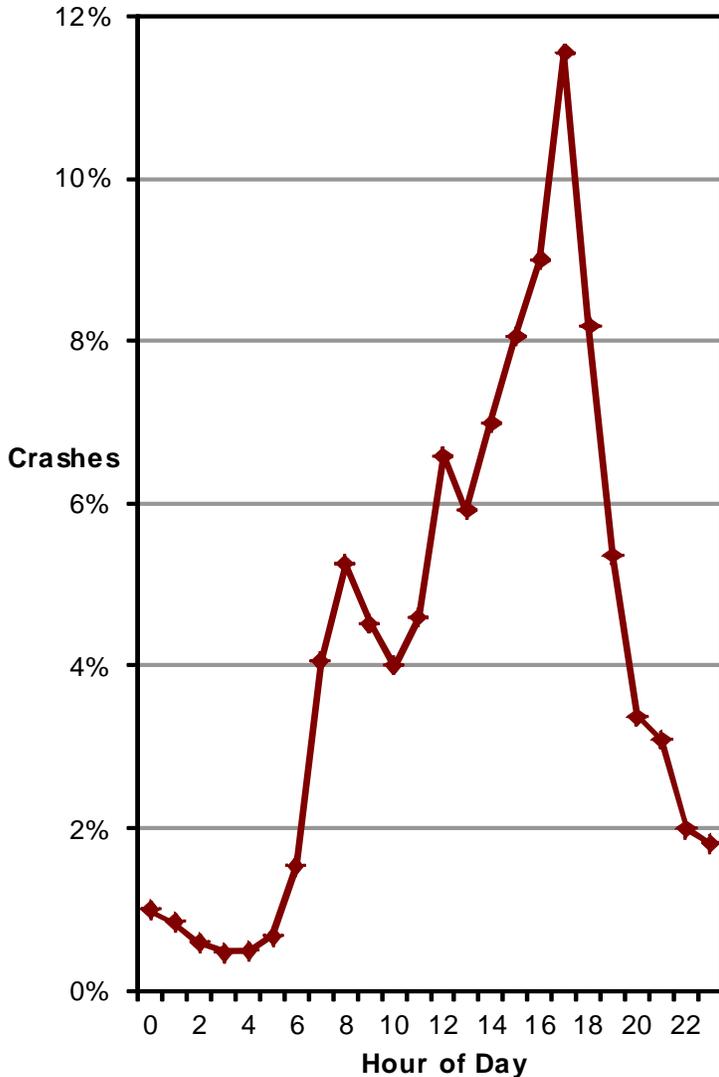


- The percent of crashes involving a distracted driver has hovered around 9.5%.

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.

Driver Distraction Crashes by Hour (Utah 2015)

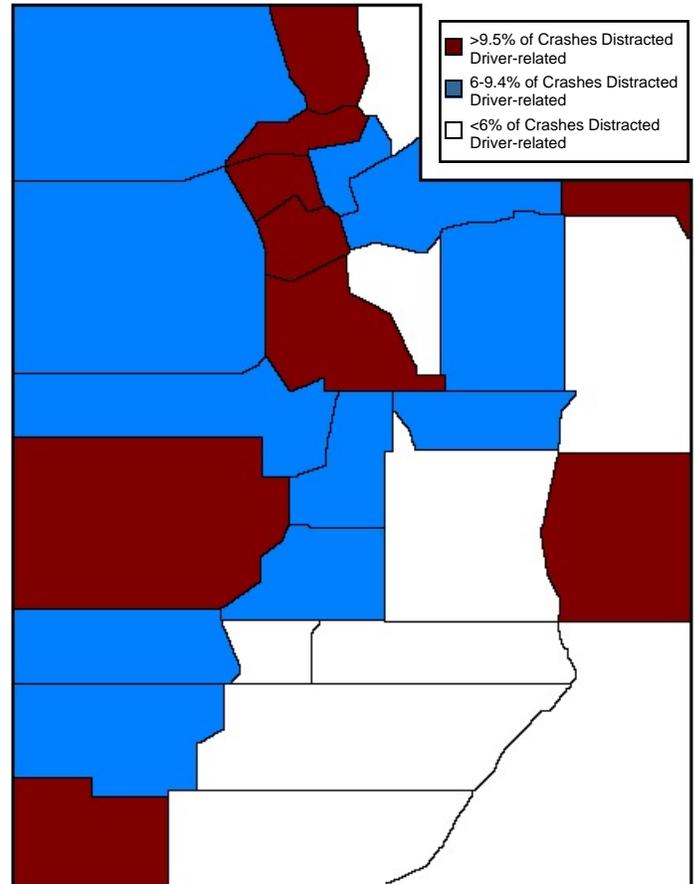


- Driver distraction crashes peaked during the hours of 12:00 p.m.-6:59 p.m.

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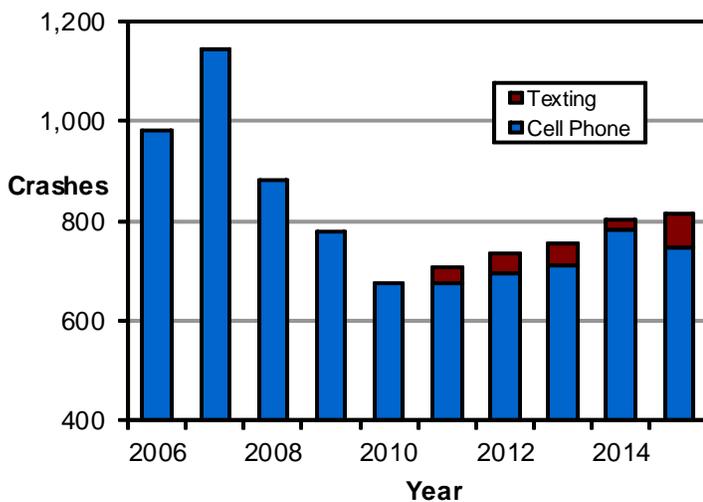


Distracted Driver Crashes by County (Utah 2015)



- Utah, Daggett, Weber, and Cache Counties had the highest percent of crashes that involved a distracted driver.

Crashes Involving Drivers on Cell Phones and Texting (Utah 2006-2015)



- In 2007, a law was passed prohibiting hand-held telephone use which could only be enforced if a moving traffic violation was committed.
- In 2009, a law was passed prohibiting texting while operating a moving motor vehicle.
- In 2011, texting was added to the distracted driving options on the police traffic crash report.
- Crashes involving drivers on cell phones decreased for three years after the 2007 law was passed.
- Crashes involving drivers on cell phones have increased the last five years.