

Drowsy Driving



- 1,251 motor vehicle crashes in Utah (2% of all crashes) involved a drowsy driver.
- Fatalities from drowsy driver crashes have accounted for 6% of all fatalities over the last 10 years.

Drowsy driver crashes were 1.6 times more likely to be fatal than other crashes.

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Drowsy Driver Deaths by Year (Utah 2008-2017)



In 2017, fatalities from drowsy driver crashes were lower than the previous two years, but have fluctuated significantly in the last ten years.



Drowsy Driver Crashes by Year (Utah 2008-2017)

Age of Drowsy Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2017)



Drivers aged 24 and younger had the highest percent of crashes with a drowsy driver.

Gender of Drowsy Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2017)



Male drivers in crashes were 2.4 times more likely to be driving drowsy than female drivers in crashes.

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Percent of Total Crashes with a Drowsy Driver by Hour (Utah 2017)



 While 2% of total crashes involved a drowsy driver, 8.4% of crashes occurring between midnight and 6 a.m. involved a drowsy driver.



Drowsy Driver Crashes by Month (Utah 2017)

 May, June, and July had the highest proportion of drowsy crashes with respect to all crashes. However, four of the eight drowsy driver fatal crashes occurred in January and December.

Drowsy Driver Crashes by County

(Utah 2017)

• Wayne, Sevier, Millard, Daggett and Tooele (in that order) had the highest drowsy driver crash rates per miles traveled.

Before driving:

- Get adequate sleep most adults need 7-9 hours to maintain proper alertness during the day.
- Schedule proper breaks about every 100 miles or 2 hours during long trips.
- Arrange for a travel companion someone to talk with and share driving.
- Avoid alcohol and sedating medications check your labels or ask your doctor.