

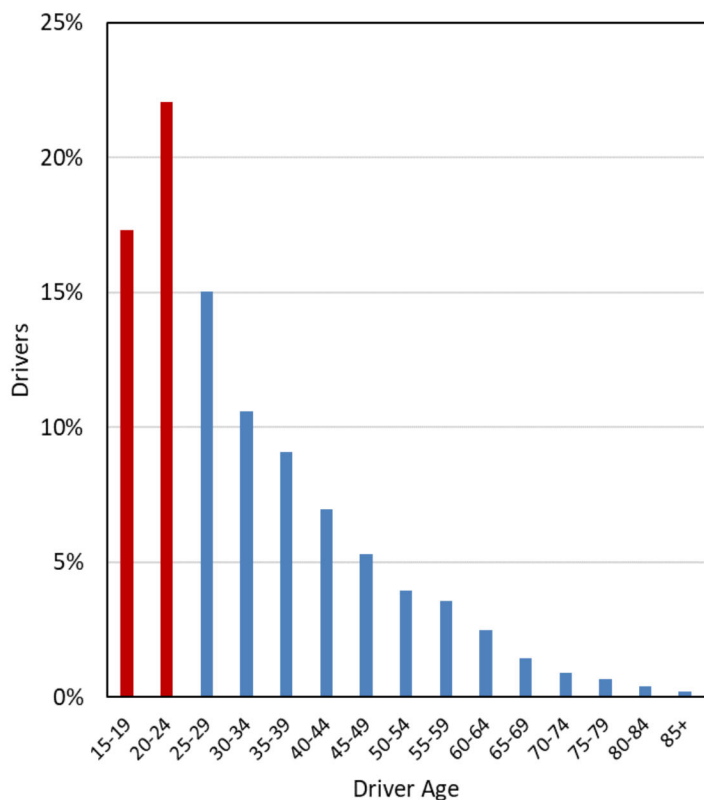
Speed



Speeding is one of the leading unsafe driving behavior that contributes to deaths

- In 2017, a total of 9,815 speed-related crashes occurred in Utah, which resulted in 4,358 injured persons and 80 deaths.
- 27% of fatal crashes were speed-related and resulted in 29% of all motor vehicle crash deaths.

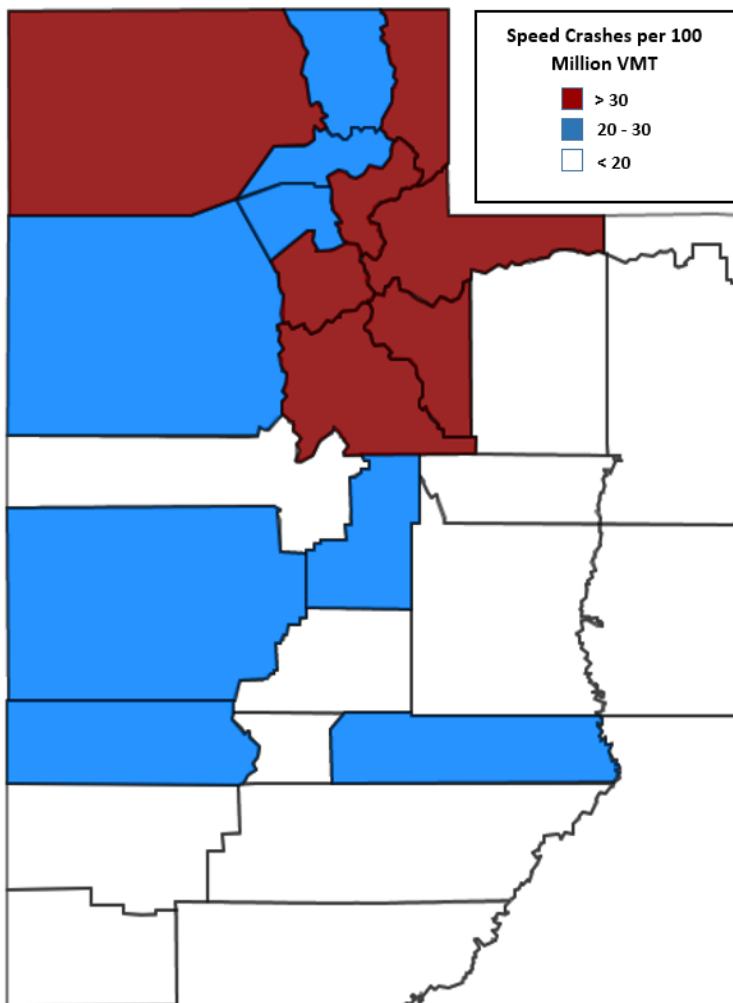
Age of Drivers in Speed-Related Crashes (Utah 2017)



- Drivers aged 15-24 years had the highest percentage of total speed-related crashes.

Note: A crash is considered speed-related when at least one of the drivers was exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions, as indicated by the police officer in the crash report under the driver contributing circumstances.

Speed-Related Crash Rates by County (Utah 2017)

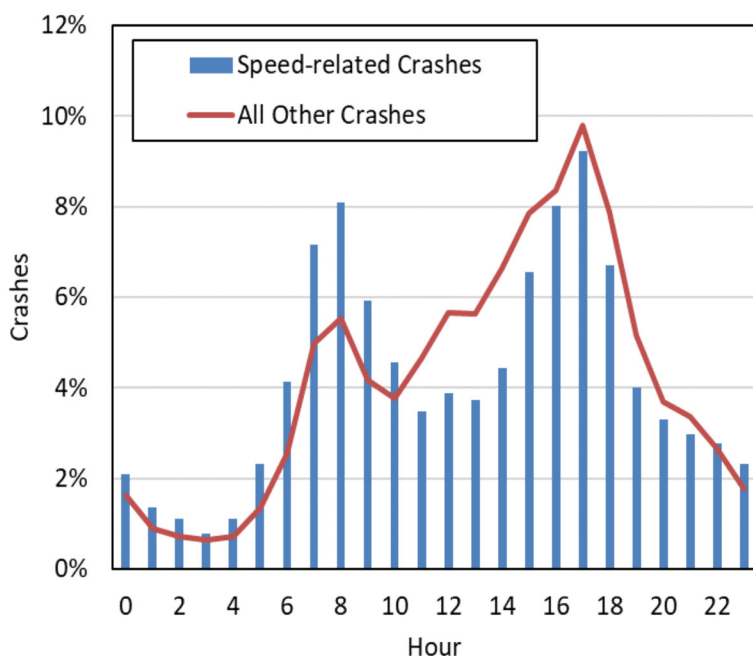


- Salt Lake, Morgan, Wasatch, Box Elder, Utah, Rich, and Summit counties (in that order) had the highest speed-related crash rates per miles traveled.

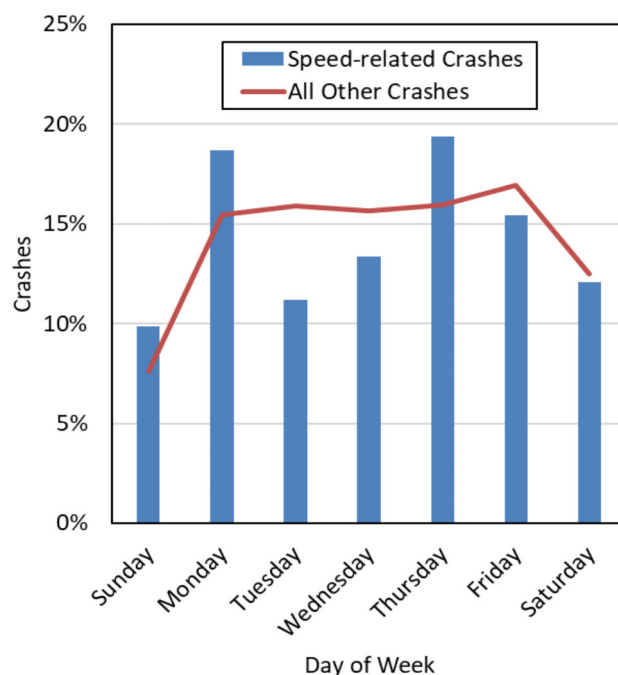
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**Speed-Related Crashes by Hour
(Utah 2017)**



**Speed-Related Crashes by Day of Week
(Utah 2017)**



- Speed-related crashes were more frequent during nighttime and morning hours compared to all other crashes, particularly between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

- Speed-related crashes were more frequent on Mondays and Thursdays and also occurred in higher proportion during those days in comparison to all other crashes.

Speeding is one of the leading factors contributing to traffic crashes. Speeding is dangerous because it:

- Magnifies drivers' errors;
- Extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle;
- Increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a situation;
- Reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the road;
- Decreases the effectiveness of vehicle design features, such as seat belts;
- Reduces the stability of the vehicle structure;
- Increases the number of crashes;
- Increases the severity of crashes. Speeding crashes were twice more likely to be fatal than other crashes.

Drivers need to remember that there is a reason for speed limits. Roadways are to be driven with caution and the speed limits are designed to protect everyone—drivers, passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The posted speed limit is the law. Slow down and obey speed limits.