

Teenage Drivers



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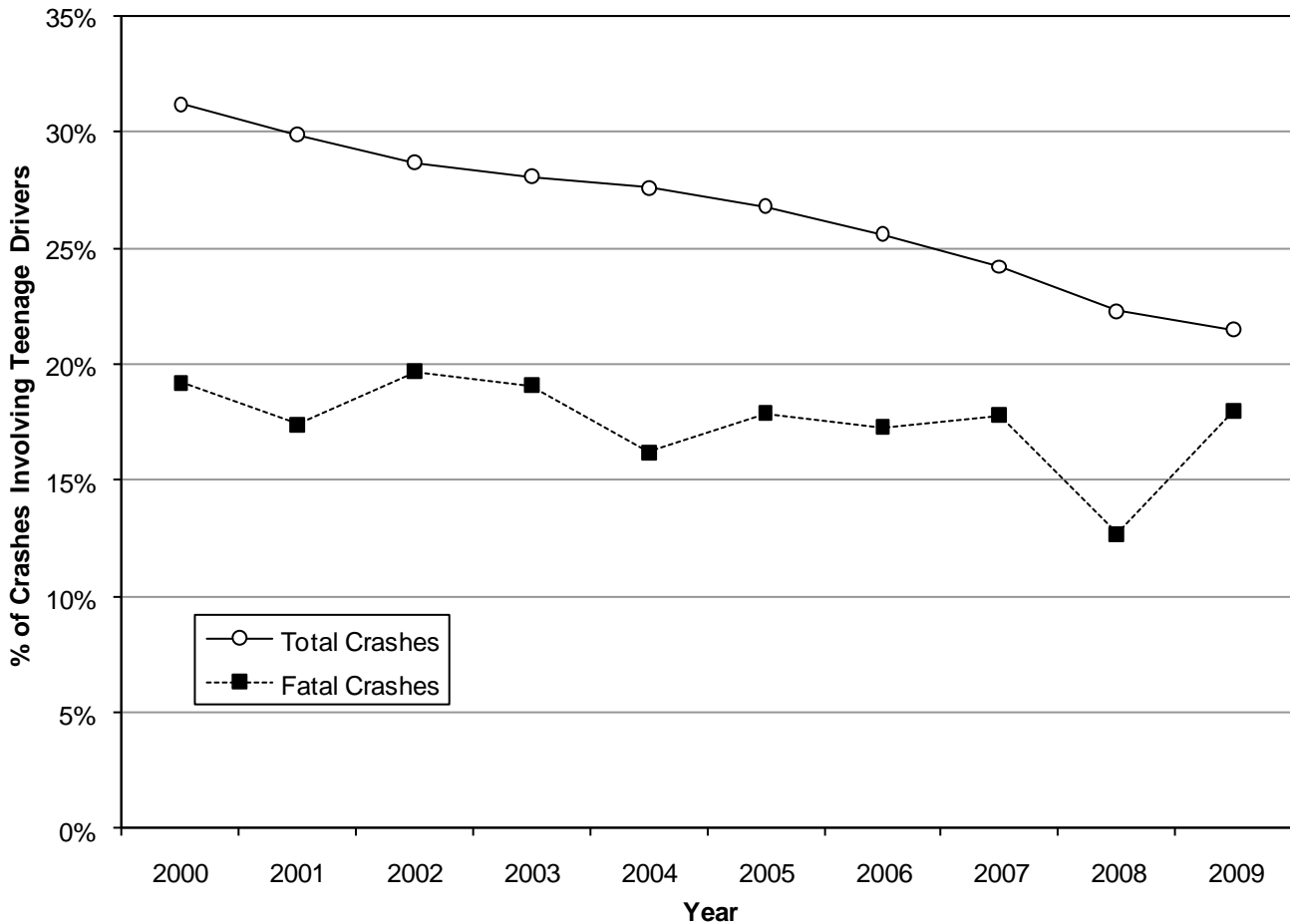
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Trends

Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2000-2009)

Teenage Driver Crashes												
Year	Property Damage Only			Injury			Fatal			Total		
	All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver	
	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
2000	33,269	10,252	30.8%	19,564	6,263	32.0%	318	61	19.2%	53,151	16,576	31.2%
2001	33,113	9,686	29.3%	19,332	6,006	31.1%	258	45	17.4%	52,703	15,737	29.9%
2002	33,542	9,478	28.3%	19,552	5,776	29.5%	274	54	19.7%	53,368	15,308	28.7%
2003	31,842	8,807	27.7%	18,285	5,321	29.1%	262	50	19.1%	50,389	14,178	28.1%
2004	34,222	9,397	27.5%	19,423	5,431	28.0%	260	42	16.2%	53,905	14,870	27.6%
2005	35,158	9,225	26.2%	19,545	5,434	27.8%	235	42	17.9%	54,938	14,701	26.8%
2006	37,674	9,427	25.0%	18,264	4,928	27.0%	249	43	17.3%	56,187	14,398	25.6%
2007	42,368	9,990	23.6%	18,619	4,808	25.8%	258	46	17.8%	61,245	14,844	24.2%
2008	38,997	8,512	21.8%	17,125	4,007	23.4%	245	31	12.7%	56,367	12,550	22.3%
2009	35,398	7,500	21.2%	15,752	3,495	22.2%	217	39	18.0%	51,367	11,034	21.5%
Total	355,583	92,274	26.0%	185,461	51,469	27.8%	2,576	453	17.6%	543,620	144,196	26.5%



- Teenage drivers (aged 15-19 years) are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience.
- The 10-year trend shows that 26.5% of all crashes in Utah involved a teenage driver with a decreasing trend over the last 10 years.
- Fatal teenage driver crashes have fluctuated around the 10-year average of 17.6% of fatal crashes.

Counties

Teenage Driver Crashes by County (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Crashes												
County	PDO Crashes			Injury Crashes			Fatal Crashes			Total		
	All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver		All	Teen Driver	
	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
Cache	1,333	369	27.7%	547	174	31.8%	10	5	50.0%	1,890	548	29.0%
Morgan	91	27	29.7%	36	8	22.2%	2	0	0.0%	129	35	27.1%
Davis	2,814	760	27.0%	1,462	388	26.5%	10	5	50.0%	4,286	1,153	26.9%
Utah	4,931	1,268	25.7%	2,610	696	26.7%	17	4	23.5%	7,558	1,968	26.0%
Washington	1,120	269	24.0%	742	170	22.9%	9	2	22.2%	1,871	441	23.6%
Sanpete	177	39	22.0%	64	18	28.1%	3	0	0.0%	244	57	23.4%
Weber	2,789	634	22.7%	1,272	288	22.6%	21	7	33.3%	4,082	929	22.8%
Salt Lake	15,832	3,189	20.1%	6,757	1,359	20.1%	41	4	9.8%	22,630	4,552	20.1%
Tooele	542	108	19.9%	246	49	19.9%	8	1	12.5%	796	158	19.8%
Sevier	399	75	18.8%	145	32	22.1%	4	1	25.0%	548	108	19.7%
Wasatch	414	76	18.4%	106	22	20.8%	4	0	0.0%	524	98	18.7%
Iron	569	103	18.1%	251	51	20.3%	9	1	11.1%	829	155	18.7%
Uintah	509	95	18.7%	167	24	14.4%	5	0	0.0%	681	119	17.5%
Box Elder	771	109	14.1%	337	66	19.6%	9	1	11.1%	1,117	176	15.8%
Summit	796	112	14.1%	226	40	17.7%	9	2	22.2%	1,031	154	14.9%
Carbon	371	47	12.7%	131	27	20.6%	3	1	33.3%	505	75	14.9%
Daggett	28	3	10.7%	8	2	25.0%	0	0	0.0%	36	5	13.9%
Millard	264	36	13.6%	84	12	14.3%	5	0	0.0%	353	48	13.6%
Duchesne	269	37	13.8%	69	8	11.6%	5	1	20.0%	343	46	13.4%
Piute	22	2	9.1%	8	2	25.0%	0	0	0.0%	30	4	13.3%
Emery	162	22	13.6%	48	6	12.5%	6	0	0.0%	216	28	13.0%
Beaver	225	27	12.0%	80	11	13.8%	4	0	0.0%	309	38	12.3%
Garfield	97	9	9.3%	43	7	16.3%	3	0	0.0%	143	16	11.2%
Rich	57	4	7.0%	24	4	16.7%	2	1	50.0%	83	9	10.8%
Kane	163	18	11.0%	49	5	10.2%	4	0	0.0%	216	23	10.6%
Grand	118	15	12.7%	59	4	6.8%	8	0	0.0%	185	19	10.3%
Juab	294	28	9.5%	93	11	11.8%	6	1	16.7%	393	40	10.2%
San Juan	197	16	8.1%	58	7	12.1%	7	2	28.6%	262	25	9.5%
Wayne	44	3	6.8%	30	4	13.3%	3	0	0.0%	77	7	9.1%
Statewide	35,398	7,500	21.2%	15,752	3,495	22.2%	217	39	18.0%	51,367	11,034	21.5%

- Overall, Cache (29.0%), Morgan (27.1%), and Davis (26.9%) counties had the highest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Cache (50.0%), Davis (50.0%), and Rich (50.0%) counties had the highest percentages of fatal crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Overall, Wayne (9.1%), San Juan (9.5%), and Juab (10.2%) counties had the lowest percentages of crashes involving a teenage driver.
- Statewide, teenage driver crashes represented 21.5% of all crashes and 18.0% of all fatal crashes.

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Persons Involved

Restraint Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2009)

Persons (Teen Driver and Passengers)								
Restraint Use	Non-Injured		Injured		Killed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Restrained	13,418	96.2%	2,394	90.6%	13	54.2%	15,825	95.3%
Unrestrained	524	3.8%	249	9.4%	11	45.8%	784	4.7%
Total	13,942	100.0%	2,643	100.0%	24	100.0%	16,609	100.0%

- Overall, most teen drivers and their passengers were restrained (95.3%).
- Only 54.2% of occupants killed in teenage driven vehicles were restrained.
- In fact, teen drivers and their passengers that were unrestrained were 17 times more likely than restrained occupants to be killed in a crash.

Number of Occupants in Teenage Driven Vehicles (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driven Vehicles								
Number of Occupants	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	5,837	70.9%	2,337	61.2%	15	35.7%	8,189	67.7%
2	1,596	19.4%	945	24.7%	11	26.2%	2,552	21.1%
3	521	6.3%	321	8.4%	5	11.9%	847	7.0%
4 or more	284	3.4%	218	5.7%	11	26.2%	513	4.2%
Total	8,238	100.0%	3,821	100.0%	42	100.0%	12,101	100.0%

- Over two-thirds of teenage driven vehicles (67.7%) in crashes contained only the teenage driver.
- In comparison, one-third (35.7%) of the teenage driven vehicles in fatal crashes contained only the driver.
- The more occupants in the car the more likely a crash involved injury or death. Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained four or more occupants were 8.2 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Drivers

Gender of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2009)

Teenage Drivers								
Gender	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Male	4,278	51.9%	1,890	49.5%	28	66.7%	6,196	51.2%
Female	3,937	47.8%	1,924	50.4%	14	33.3%	5,875	48.5%
Unknown	23	0.3%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	30	0.2%
Total	8,238	100.0%	3,821	100.0%	42	100.0%	12,101	100.0%

- The majority of teen drivers in all motor vehicle crashes (51.2%) and fatal crashes (66.7%) were male.
- Crashes involving male teen drivers were 1.9 times more likely to be fatal than female teen driver crashes.

Previous Driving Violations of Teens in Fatal Crashes (Utah 2009)

- Of the 42 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, 20 (47.6%) had been previously convicted of a moving traffic violation in the past three years.

Alcohol Involvement of Teenage Drivers (Utah 2009)

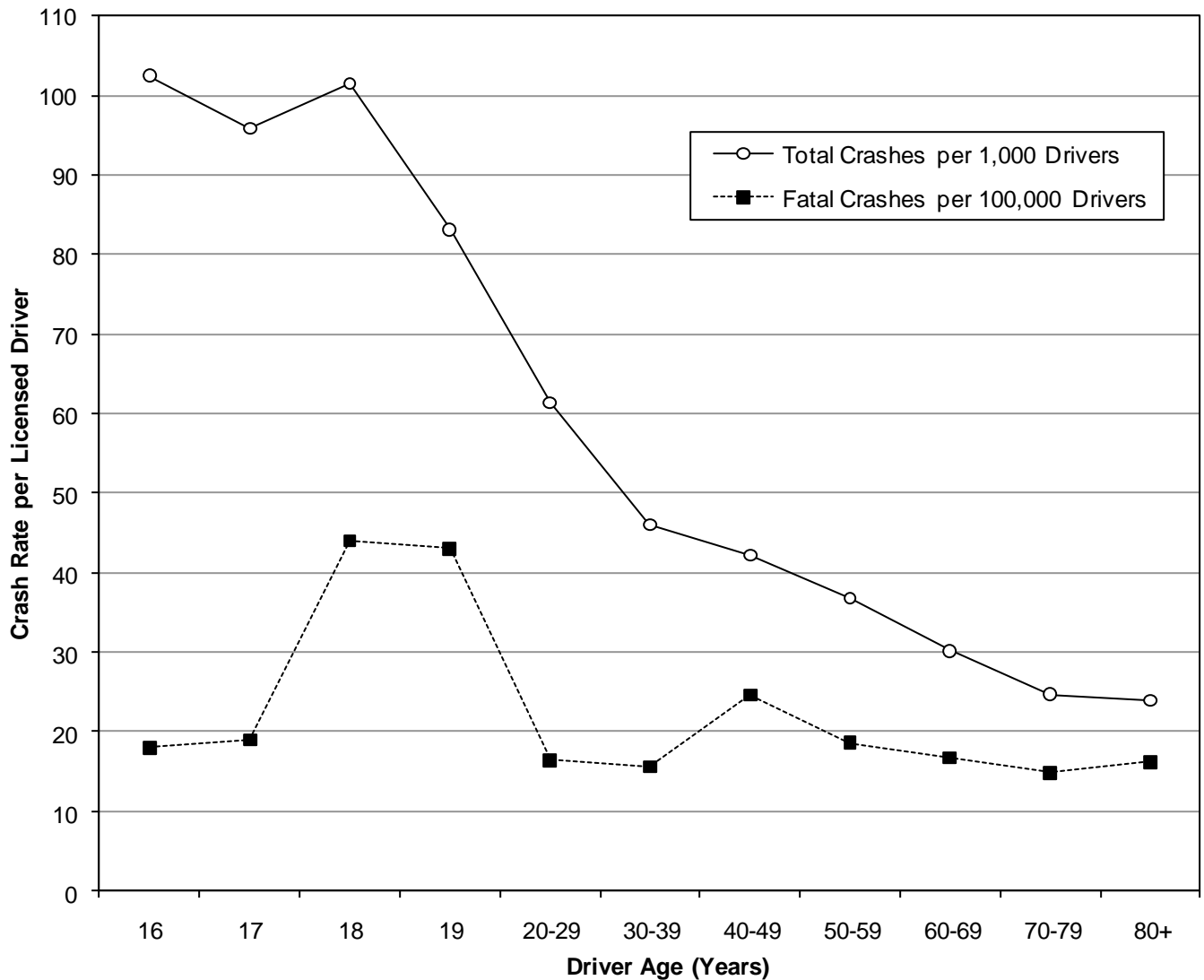
- Of the 42 teenage drivers in fatal crashes, three (7.1%) were impaired by alcohol.

Drivers

Age of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2009)

Teenage Drivers												
Age	PDO Crashes			Injury Crashes			Fatal Crashes			Total		
	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers	#	%	Rate per 1,000 Drivers
15	109	1.3%	n/a	58	1.5%	n/a	1	2.4%	n/a	168	1.4%	n/a
16	1,617	19.6%	71.7	691	18.1%	30.6	4	9.5%	0.18	2,312	19.1%	102.5
17	2,050	24.9%	65.2	961	25.2%	30.6	6	14.3%	0.19	3,017	24.9%	95.9
18	2,415	29.3%	70.3	1,058	27.7%	30.8	15	35.7%	0.44	3,488	28.8%	101.5
19	2,047	24.8%	54.7	1,053	27.6%	28.1	16	38.1%	0.43	3,116	25.7%	83.2
Total	8,238	100.0%	63.2	3,821	100.0%	29.3	42	100.0%	0.32	12,101	100.0%	92.8

Crash Rate of Licensed Drivers by Age (Utah 2009)



- Drivers aged 16 years had the highest total crash rate per licensed driver (102.5).
- Drivers aged 18 and 19 years had the highest fatal crash rate per licensed driver.

Crash Conditions

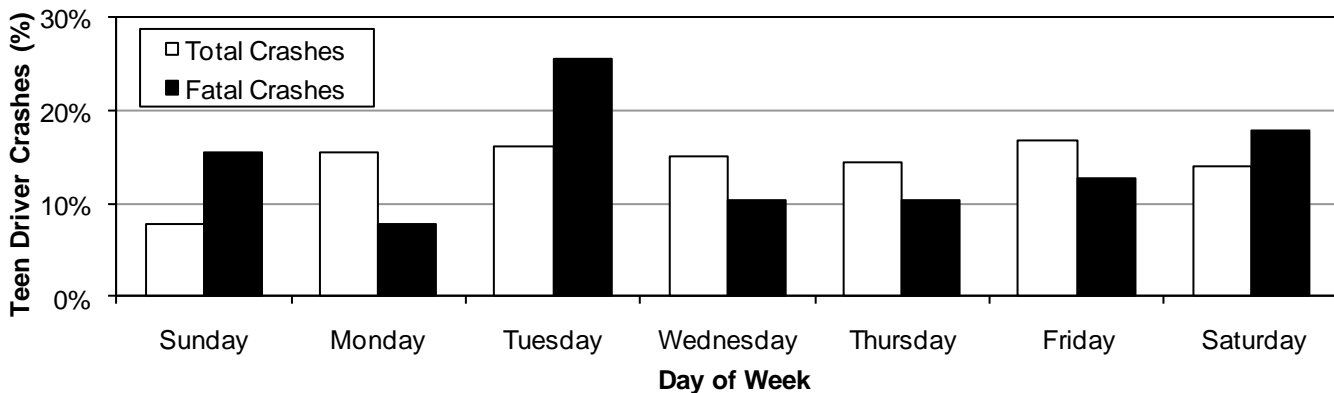
Teenage Driver Crashes by Month (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Crashes									
Month	# of Days	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
		#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day	#	Rate per Day
January	31	710	22.9	267	8.6	2	0.06	979	31.6
February	28	630	22.5	267	9.5	4	0.14	901	32.2
March	31	618	19.9	297	9.6	4	0.13	919	29.6
April	30	558	18.6	289	9.6	6	0.20	853	28.4
May	31	583	18.8	319	10.3	2	0.06	904	29.2
June	30	535	17.8	301	10.0	4	0.13	840	28.0
July	31	544	17.5	280	9.0	2	0.06	826	26.6
August	31	570	18.4	285	9.2	3	0.10	858	27.7
September	30	622	20.7	319	10.6	5	0.17	946	31.5
October	31	656	21.2	295	9.5	3	0.10	954	30.8
November	30	576	19.2	308	10.3	1	0.03	885	29.5
December	31	898	29.0	268	8.6	3	0.10	1,169	37.7
Total	365	7,500	20.5	3,495	9.6	39	0.11	11,034	30.2

- Overall, December (37.7) and February (32.2) had the highest rates per day for teenage driver crashes.
- The highest rates per day of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred in April and September.

Teenage Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Crashes									
Day of Week	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Sunday	561	7.5%	286	8.2%	6	15.4%	853	7.7%	
Monday	1,172	15.6%	537	15.4%	3	7.7%	1,712	15.5%	
Tuesday	1,267	16.9%	516	14.8%	10	25.6%	1,793	16.2%	
Wednesday	1,173	15.6%	488	14.0%	4	10.3%	1,665	15.1%	
Thursday	1,050	14.0%	544	15.6%	4	10.3%	1,598	14.5%	
Friday	1,243	16.6%	609	17.4%	5	12.8%	1,857	16.8%	
Saturday	1,034	13.8%	515	14.7%	7	17.9%	1,556	14.1%	
Total	7,500	100.0%	3,495	100.0%	39	100.0%	11,034	100.0%	

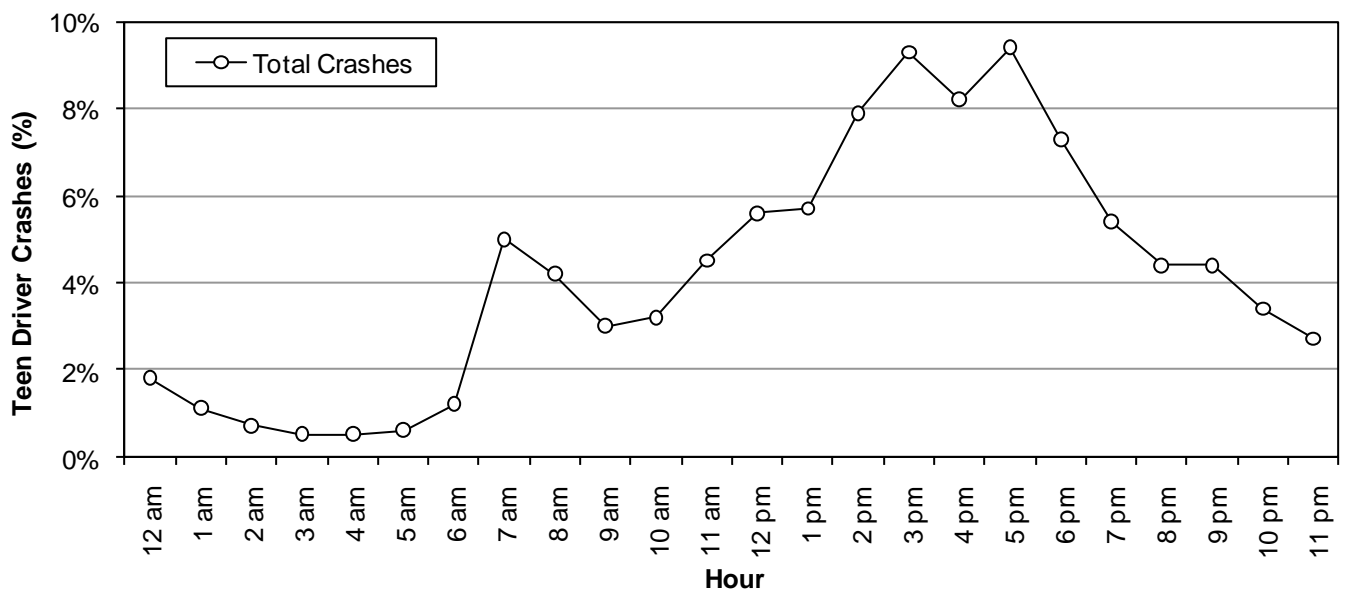


- Overall, the highest percentage of teenage driver crashes occurred on Friday (16.8%).
- The highest percentage of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Tuesday (25.6%).

Crash Conditions

Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Crashes								
Hour	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Midnight	132	1.8%	70	2.0%	2	5.1%	204	1.8%
1 a.m.	87	1.2%	34	1.0%	1	2.6%	122	1.1%
2 a.m.	45	0.6%	29	0.8%	0	0.0%	74	0.7%
3 a.m.	43	0.6%	17	0.5%	0	0.0%	60	0.5%
4 a.m.	31	0.4%	20	0.6%	0	0.0%	51	0.5%
5 a.m.	41	0.5%	24	0.7%	0	0.0%	65	0.6%
6 a.m.	91	1.2%	41	1.2%	2	5.1%	134	1.2%
7 a.m.	407	5.4%	139	4.0%	4	10.3%	550	5.0%
8 a.m.	329	4.4%	129	3.7%	0	0.0%	458	4.2%
9 a.m.	254	3.4%	80	2.3%	0	0.0%	334	3.0%
10 a.m.	244	3.3%	109	3.1%	1	2.6%	354	3.2%
11 a.m.	352	4.7%	146	4.2%	1	2.6%	499	4.5%
Noon	418	5.6%	200	5.7%	0	0.0%	618	5.6%
1 p.m.	431	5.7%	202	5.8%	0	0.0%	633	5.7%
2 p.m.	583	7.8%	291	8.3%	1	2.6%	875	7.9%
3 p.m.	697	9.3%	317	9.1%	8	20.5%	1,022	9.3%
4 p.m.	619	8.3%	288	8.2%	0	0.0%	907	8.2%
5 p.m.	706	9.4%	325	9.3%	4	10.3%	1,035	9.4%
6 p.m.	523	7.0%	273	7.8%	5	12.8%	801	7.3%
7 p.m.	404	5.4%	192	5.5%	0	0.0%	596	5.4%
8 p.m.	327	4.4%	155	4.4%	3	7.7%	485	4.4%
9 p.m.	303	4.0%	174	5.0%	4	10.3%	481	4.4%
10 p.m.	225	3.0%	147	4.2%	3	7.7%	375	3.4%
11 p.m.	208	2.8%	93	2.7%	0	0.0%	301	2.7%
Total	7,500	100.0%	3,495	100.0%	39	100.0%	11,034	100.0%



- Teenage driver total crashes were highest from 2:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. (after-school hours).
- Fatal teenage driver crashes varied throughout the day and peaked during the 3:00 p.m. hour.

Crash Conditions

Speed Limit of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Speed Limit	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
5-15 MPH	84	1.0%	19	0.5%	0	0.0%	103	0.9%
20-25 MPH	1,318	16.0%	498	13.0%	2	4.8%	1,818	15.0%
30-35 MPH	2,030	24.6%	941	24.6%	5	11.9%	2,976	24.6%
40-45 MPH	1,666	20.2%	996	26.1%	13	31.0%	2,675	22.1%
50-55 MPH	599	7.3%	342	9.0%	10	23.8%	951	7.9%
60-65 MPH	1,071	13.0%	403	10.5%	9	21.4%	1,483	12.3%
70+ MPH	152	1.8%	75	2.0%	3	7.1%	230	1.9%
Unknown	1,318	16.0%	547	14.3%	0	0.0%	1,865	15.4%
Total	8,238	100.0%	3,821	100.0%	42	100.0%	12,101	100.0%

- Over half (55.2% where speed limit was known) of total teenage driver crashes occurred where the speed limit was 30-45 MPH.
- Fatal teenage driver crashes were more likely to occur with higher speed limits. Over one-half (52.4%) of fatal teenage driver crashes occurred where the speed limit was 50 MPH or higher.
- Teenage driver crashes where the speed limit was 50 MPH or higher were 2.1 times more likely to be fatal.
- Studies show that a 5% increase in average speed leads to a 10% increase in injury crashes and a 20% increase in fatal crashes. A 5% decrease in speed leads to a 10% decrease in injury crashes and a 20% decrease in fatal crashes.

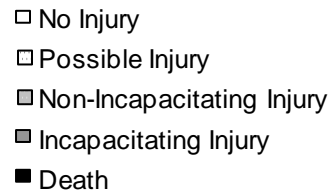
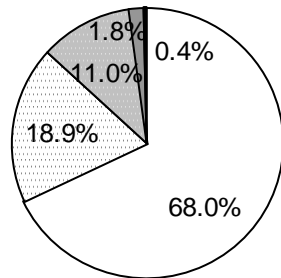
Travel Speed of Teenage Driver Vehicles in Crashes (Utah 2009)

Teenage Driver Vehicles								
Travel Speed	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Stopped	648	7.9%	341	8.9%	1	2.4%	990	8.2%
1-9 MPH	692	8.4%	289	7.6%	1	2.4%	982	8.1%
10-19 MPH	1,081	13.1%	421	11.0%	3	7.1%	1,505	12.4%
20-29 MPH	956	11.6%	441	11.5%	1	2.4%	1,398	11.6%
30-39 MPH	962	11.7%	483	12.6%	3	7.1%	1,448	12.0%
40-49 MPH	568	6.9%	366	9.6%	3	7.1%	937	7.7%
50-59 MPH	393	4.8%	191	5.0%	10	23.8%	594	4.9%
60-69 MPH	507	6.2%	209	5.5%	10	23.8%	726	6.0%
70-79 MPH	213	2.6%	111	2.9%	3	7.1%	327	2.7%
80-89 MPH	35	0.4%	26	0.7%	0	0.0%	61	0.5%
90+ MPH	10	0.1%	9	0.2%	2	4.8%	21	0.2%
Unknown	2,173	26.4%	934	24.4%	5	11.9%	3,112	25.7%
Total	8,238	100.0%	3,821	100.0%	42	100.0%	12,101	100.0%

- Nearly half (48.4% of known) of teen driver vehicles in total crashes were traveling 10-39 MPH.
- Teenage driver vehicles in fatal crashes were more likely to be traveling at higher speeds. Over two-thirds (67.6% of known) of teenage driver vehicles in fatal crashes were traveling 50 MPH or higher.
- Crashes involving teenage driver vehicles traveling 50 MPH or higher were 8.9 times more likely to be fatal.
- The higher the speed the greater the amount of energy that must be absorbed in a crash, hence there is more likelihood of serious injury.

Crash Conditions

Teenage Driver Crash Severity (Utah 2009)



- Similar to all motor vehicle crashes, nearly one-third (31.7%) of teenage driver crashes resulted in some level of non-fatal injury.
- The percentage of fatal teenage driver crashes (0.4%) was similar to all fatal motor vehicle crashes (0.4%).

Teenage Driver Crash Violations (Utah 2009)

Teenage Drivers								
Violations	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Following Too Close	313	27.7%	90	20.2%	0	0.0%	403	25.4%
Improper Lane Change/Travel	270	23.9%	108	24.3%	0	0.0%	378	23.8%
Improper Turn	146	12.9%	68	15.3%	0	0.0%	214	13.5%
Speed	155	13.7%	57	12.8%	0	0.0%	212	13.4%
Negligent Collision	44	3.9%	29	6.5%	0	0.0%	73	4.6%
License Violation	26	2.3%	8	1.8%	1	11.1%	35	2.2%
Driving Under the Influence	20	1.8%	8	1.8%	1	11.1%	29	1.8%
Improper Start or Stop	17	1.5%	7	1.6%	0	0.0%	24	1.5%
Careless Driving	9	0.8%	14	3.1%	0	0.0%	23	1.5%
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	12	1.1%	11	2.5%	0	0.0%	23	1.5%
Insurance Violation	15	1.3%	7	1.6%	1	11.1%	23	1.5%
Improper Lookout	18	1.6%	4	0.9%	0	0.0%	22	1.4%
Hit and Run	17	1.5%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	19	1.2%
Reckless Driving	10	0.9%	2	0.4%	1	11.1%	13	0.8%
Failure to Stop at Red Light	6	0.5%	6	1.3%	0	0.0%	12	0.8%
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	6	0.5%	6	1.3%	0	0.0%	12	0.8%
Equipment Violation	10	0.9%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	11	0.7%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	4	0.4%	5	1.1%	1	11.1%	10	0.6%
Improper Backing	9	0.8%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	10	0.6%
Improper Passing	8	0.7%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	10	0.6%
Alcohol/Drug Violation, Other than DUI	6	0.5%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	8	0.5%
Other Moving Violation	4	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	5	0.3%
Registration Violation	4	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
Wrong Side of Road	2	0.2%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
Improper Signal	1	0.1%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Seat Belt/Child Restraint	0	0.0%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Vehicle Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	33.3%	3	0.2%
Total	1,132	100.0%	445	100.0%	9	100.0%	1,586	100.0%

- There were 1,586 citations issued to teenage drivers at the scene of the crash. The most common violations were for following too close (25.4%), improper lane change/travel (23.8%), and improper turn (13.5%).

Crash Conditions

Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2009)

Teenage Drivers/Vehicles								
Contributing Factors	PDO Crashes		Injury Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Followed Too Closely	1,476	16.6%	650	15.2%	2	2.5%	2,128	16.1%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1,149	12.9%	700	16.3%	6	7.6%	1,855	14.0%
Speed Too Fast	1,095	12.3%	441	10.3%	10	12.7%	1,546	11.7%
Driver Distraction	654	7.4%	391	9.1%	5	6.3%	1,050	7.9%
Other Improper Driving	646	7.3%	340	7.9%	0	0.0%	986	7.4%
Failed to Keep in Proper Lane	657	7.4%	242	5.6%	14	17.7%	913	6.9%
Improper Turn	358	4.0%	153	3.6%	0	0.0%	511	3.9%
Vision Obscured by Weather Condition	381	4.3%	126	2.9%	0	0.0%	507	3.8%
Disregard Traffic Signal/Sign	202	2.3%	185	4.3%	5	6.3%	392	3.0%
Ran Off Road	213	2.4%	146	3.4%	12	15.2%	371	2.8%
Improper Lane Change	235	2.6%	56	1.3%	1	1.3%	292	2.2%
Overcorrected	201	2.3%	68	1.6%	6	7.6%	275	2.1%
Swerved or Evasive Action	164	1.8%	92	2.1%	0	0.0%	256	1.9%
Asleep/Fatigue	119	1.3%	94	2.2%	4	5.1%	217	1.6%
Improper Backing	167	1.9%	15	0.3%	0	0.0%	182	1.4%
Vehicle Other Defective Condition	121	1.4%	50	1.2%	0	0.0%	171	1.3%
Driving Under the Influence	89	1.0%	65	1.5%	4	5.1%	158	1.2%
Reckless/Aggressive Driving	92	1.0%	51	1.2%	3	3.8%	146	1.1%
Vision Obscured by Moving Vehicle	93	1.0%	45	1.0%	2	2.5%	140	1.1%
Hit and Run	96	1.1%	32	0.7%	0	0.0%	128	1.0%
Improper Parking/Stopping	93	1.0%	33	0.8%	0	0.0%	126	1.0%
Driver Emotionally Upset	61	0.7%	53	1.2%	0	0.0%	114	0.9%
Vehicle Brakes	69	0.8%	42	1.0%	0	0.0%	111	0.8%
Other Driver Condition	66	0.7%	38	0.9%	1	1.3%	105	0.8%
Vehicle Tires	67	0.8%	25	0.6%	0	0.0%	92	0.7%
Vision Obscured by Other	52	0.6%	21	0.5%	0	0.0%	73	0.6%
Vision Obscured by Parked Vehicle	43	0.5%	27	0.6%	0	0.0%	70	0.5%
Vision Obscured by Glare	38	0.4%	23	0.5%	0	0.0%	61	0.5%
Improper Passing	50	0.6%	8	0.2%	1	1.3%	59	0.4%
Wrong Side/Wrong Way	23	0.3%	26	0.6%	3	3.8%	52	0.4%
Windshield or Other Window Obscured	39	0.4%	12	0.3%	0	0.0%	51	0.4%
Disregard Road Markings	19	0.2%	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	27	0.2%
Driver Illness/Medical	12	0.1%	14	0.3%	0	0.0%	26	0.2%
Vision Obscured by Building, Sign, etc.	15	0.2%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	24	0.2%
Improper Signal	10	0.1%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	14	0.1%
Vision Obscured by Vegetation	8	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	13	0.1%
Total	8,873	100.0%	4,290	100.0%	79	100.0%	13,242	100.0%

- Some form of poor driver performance is present in the majority of crashes. The leading contributing factors for all teenage driver crashes were followed too closely (16.1%), failed to yield right of way (14.0%), and speed too fast (11.7%).
- The leading contributing factors in fatal teenage driver crashes were failed to keep in proper lane (17.7%), ran off road (15.2%), and speed too fast (12.7%).
- Compared to drivers of all ages, teenage drivers were more likely to have a contributing factor of followed too closely, failure to yield right of way, and driver distraction.

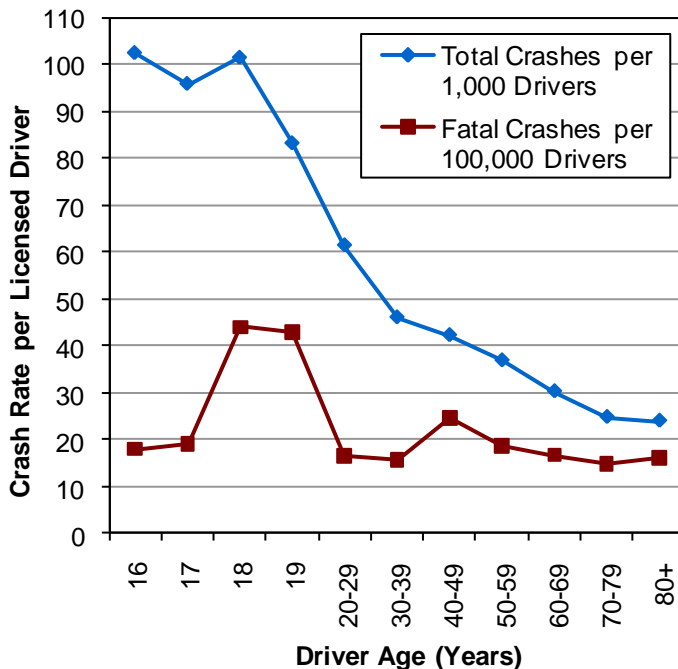
Did you know in 2009:

- Teenage drivers represented 7% of the licensed drivers in Utah, yet they were in nearly one-fourth (22%) of all motor vehicle crashes.
- Teenage drivers were in 11,034 motor vehicle crashes which resulted in 5,480 injured persons and 47 deaths.
- Teenage drivers were 2.2 times more likely to be in a crash than drivers of other ages.
- Although teen drivers have the highest crash rates of any drivers, teen driver crashes have decreased the last ten years.

Teenage Drivers (15-19 years)

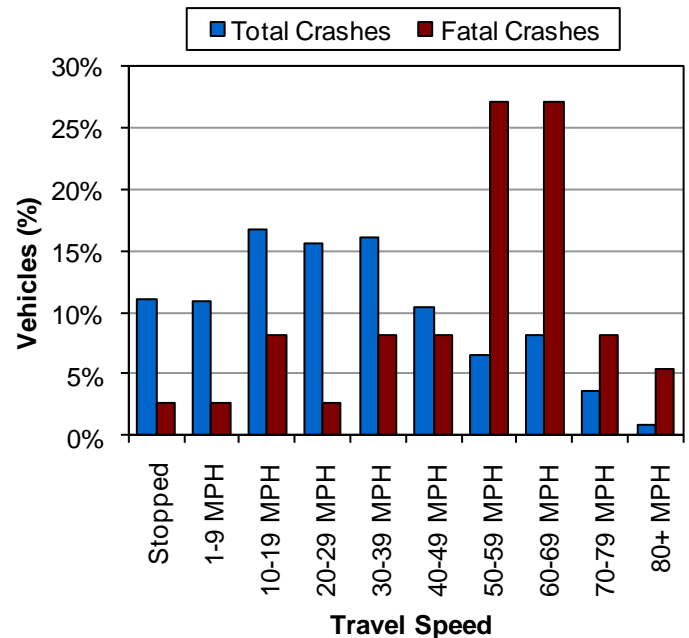


Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2009)



- Drivers aged 16 years had the highest total crash rate per licensed driver.

Teenage Driver Crashes by Travel Speed (Utah 2009)



- Crashes involving teenage driver vehicles traveling 50 MPH or higher were 8.9 times more likely to be fatal.

Leading Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2009)

All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Followed Too Closely (19%)
2. Failed to Yield Right of Way (17%)
3. Speed Too Fast (14%)
4. Driver Distraction (10%)
5. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (8%)

Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

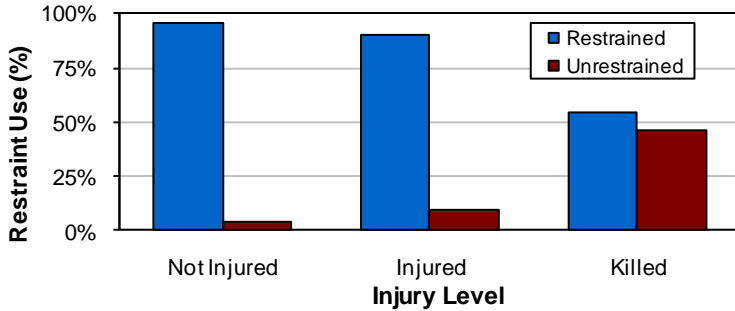
1. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (36%)
2. Ran Off Road (31%)
3. Speed Too Fast (26%)
4. Failed to Yield Right of Way (15%)
4. Overcorrected (15%)



Teenage Drivers (15-19 years)

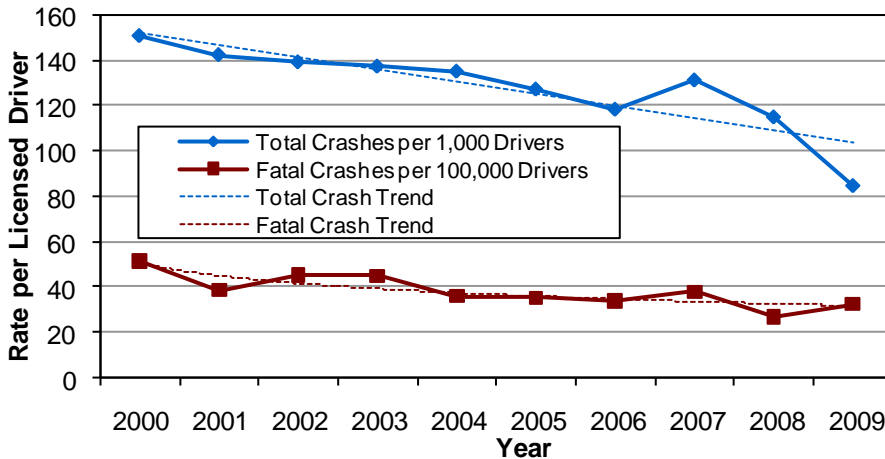


Restraint Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2009)



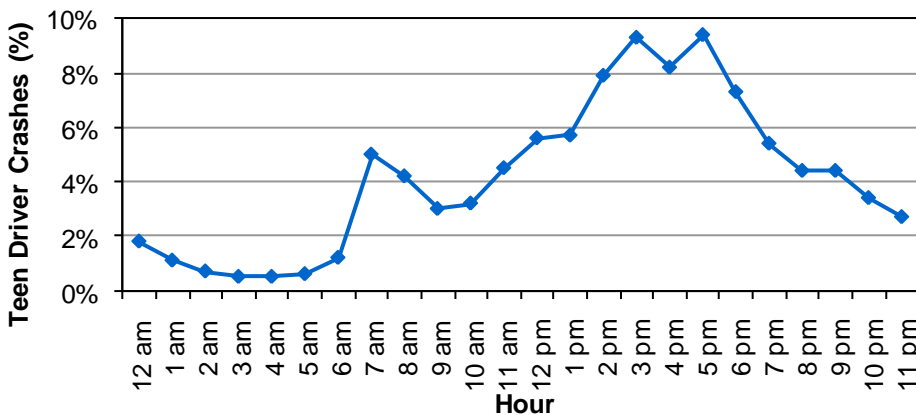
- 46% of teen drivers and their passengers killed in crashes were unrestrained.
- Unrestrained teen drivers and their passengers were 17 times more likely than restrained occupants to be killed in a crash.

Teenage Driver Crash Trend (Utah 2000-2009)



- The teenage driver crash rate per licensed driver decreased 44% from 2000 to 2008.

Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2009)



- Teenage-driver crashes peaked during after-school hours (2:00 p.m.-6:59 p.m.).

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Law in Utah

GDL allows beginning drivers the chance to build experience before they are exposed to more high-risk situations, such as carrying teen passengers and nighttime driving. Easing young drivers onto the roadways can reduce the number of traffic crashes involving young drivers.

Learner Permit

A person must be at least 15 years old to apply for a learner permit. Anyone who is under 18 years of age is required to hold a learner permit for six months before applying for a license.

Supervised Driving

Everyone under 18 years of age applying for a license must complete 40 hours of driving, of which at least 10 hours must be during night hours. This allows beginning drivers to practice and gain supervised experience.

Driver License

A person must be at least 16 years of age to get a driver license. Everyone who has never been licensed to drive a motor vehicle must complete an approved driver education course.

Night-time Restrictions

Anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 a.m. except in a limited number of situations. The majority of fatal teen crashes take place at night.

Passenger Restrictions

For the first six months of licensure, teen drivers can not drive with any passenger who is not an immediate family member with a few exceptions. Teen drivers are more likely to crash with passengers in the car, especially teen passengers. The more passengers, the greater the risk.

Seat Belt Restrictions

All occupants under the age of 19 years must be properly restrained in a motor vehicle. This is a primary law which means a person may be stopped by law enforcement solely for that offense.