

# 2016 Utah Crash Facts

## Utah Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office

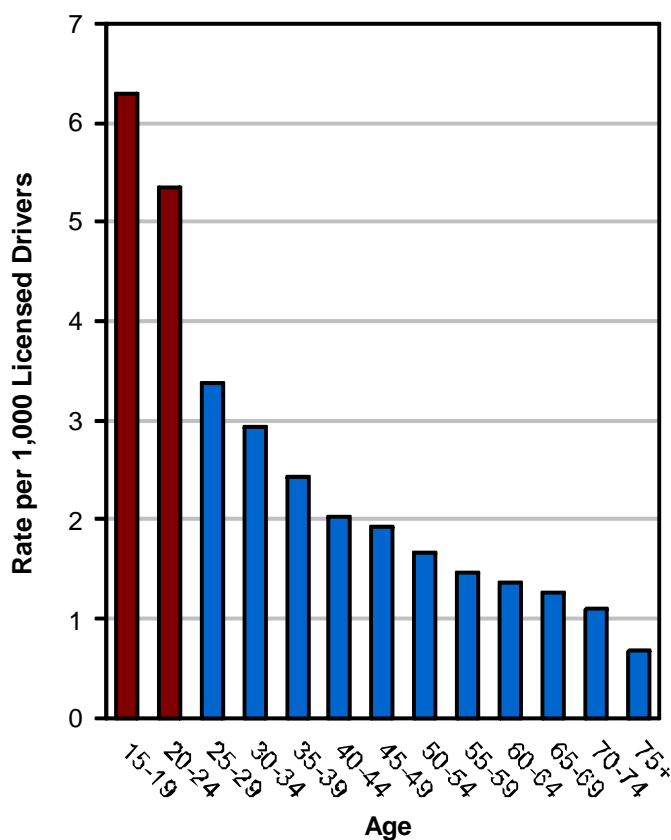
### Did you know in 2016:

- 5,748 distracted driver crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 3,303 injured persons and 27 deaths.
- 9% of all crashes in Utah involved a distracted driver.
- Over half (54%) of distracted driving crashes were rear end crashes.

## Distraction



### Distracted Driver Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2016)



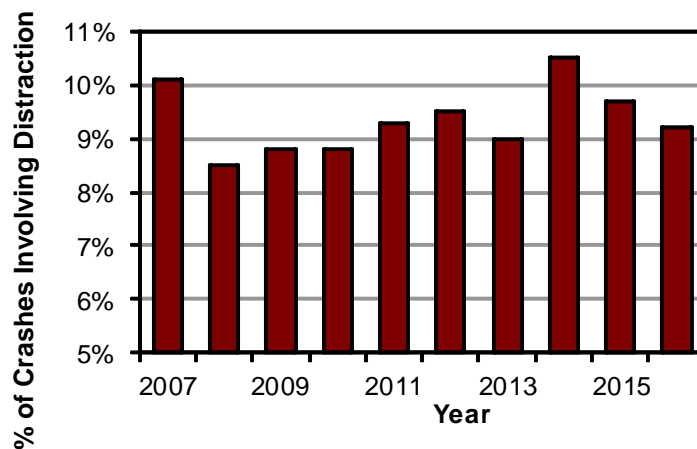
- Younger drivers had the highest rates of driver distraction crashes.

### Distracted Driving Crashes by Distraction Type (Utah 2016)

1. Cell Phone (15%)
2. Other Inside Distraction (11%)
3. Passengers (11%)
4. Other External Distraction (10%)
5. Radio/CD/DVD etc. (8%)
6. Other Electronic Device (3%)
7. Texting (1%)
- Other (41%)



### Percent of Crashes Involving Distracted Drivers by Year (Utah 2007-2016)

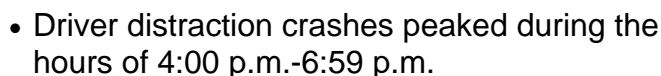


- The percent of crashes involving a distracted driver has hovered around 9.4%.

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.

# Distraction



## A map of Ohio divided into its 88 counties. The counties are shaded based on the percentage of traffic crashes attributed to driver distraction. A legend in the top right corner defines three categories: dark red for areas where more than 9% of crashes are distracted-driver-related; blue for areas where between 6% and 8.9% of crashes are distracted-driver-related; and white for areas where fewer than 6% of crashes are distracted-driver-related. The map shows a higher concentration of red-shaded counties in the northern and central parts of the state, while many southern and western counties are white. Blue-shaded counties are scattered throughout the state.

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

Year	Cell Phone	Texting	Total Crashes
2007	1150	0	1150
2008	880	0	880
2009	780	0	780
2010	680	0	680
2011	680	40	720
2012	700	40	740
2013	720	40	760
2014	790	20	810
2015	750	70	820
2016	860	80	940

- 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 for six straight years.