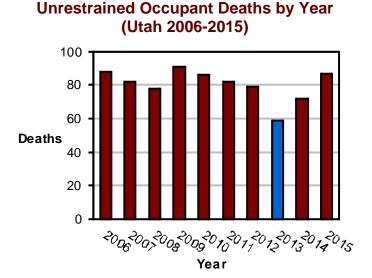


Wearing a seat belt is one of the best ways to decrease injuries and deaths in motor vehicle crashes.

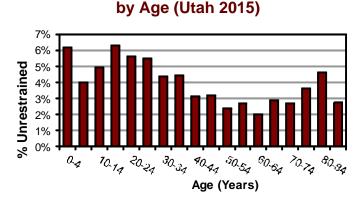
Did you know in 2015:

- Unrestrained crash occupants were 49 times more likely to die in a crash than restrained occupants.
- An estimated 107 lives were saved because of restraint use. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)
- An estimated 53 additional lives would have been saved if everyone had been wearing seat belts.



 2013 had the lowest number of unrestrained occupant deaths over the last 10 years.

Unrestrained Injured Crash Occupants

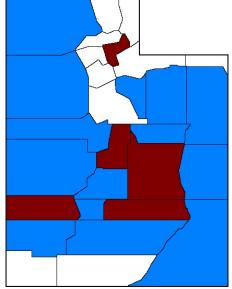


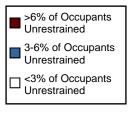
• The highest percentage of unrestrained injured crash occupants were 15-19 years.

Unrestrained Crash Occupants by County (Utah 2015)

Occupant

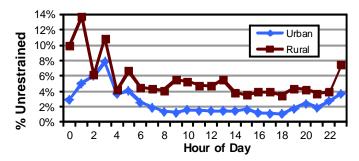
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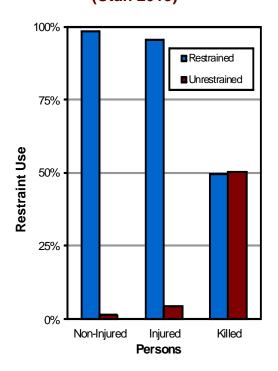
 Occupants in rural crashes were 2.9 times more likely to be unrestrained than urban occupants.

Unrestrained Crash Occupants by Hour, Rural vs. Urban (Utah 2015)



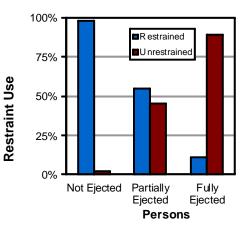
• Rural areas and the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. had the highest percentage of unrestrained crash occupants.

Restraint Use by Injury Severity (Utah 2015)



 98% of persons who survived a crash were restrained compared to half (49.7%) of the persons killed.

Ejection and Restraint Use (Utah 2015)



- 89% of crash occupants fully ejected from a motor vehicle were unrestrained.
- Unrestrained occupants were 413 times more likely to be fully ejected than restrained occupants.

Occupant Protection

2015 Utah Crash Facts



Child Safety Seat Recommendations:

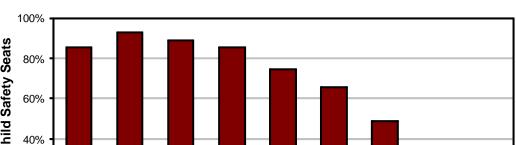
- Children should ride rear -facing until at least two years of age and 30 pounds.
- Children should ride forward-facing with a harness until at least four years of age and 40 pounds, or longer if the car seat allows.
- Children who are at least four years of age and 40 pounds can ride in a booster seat. Use the booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly and until the child is 4'9".
- Children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.
- Never place a rearfacing child safety seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.

Seat Belt **Recommendations:**

- Always use both the lap and shoulder belt. When worn properly, the shoulder belt should fit across the collar bone and the lap belt should fit low over the hips.
- Never place the shoulder strap under the arm or behind the back.
- Always buckle up to stay safe and set a good example.

Safety Restraint Laws:

- Utah law requires all motor vehicle occupants to wear a seat belt.
- Children age 7 years and under must ride in an approved child safety seat.



Children in Child Safety Seats 20% 0% 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Age (Years)

- The older the child the less likely they were using a child safety seat.
- While 93% of 1-year-olds in a crash were in a child safety seat, only 75% of 4-year-olds, 49% of 6-year-olds, and 13% of 8-year-olds were in a child safety seat.
- The decrease in child safety seat use for children aged 4-8 years is concerning and indicates that children are moving to adult-sized seat belts too early.

Percent of Children Aged 0-8 Years in Crashes Using Child Safety Seats (Utah 2015)