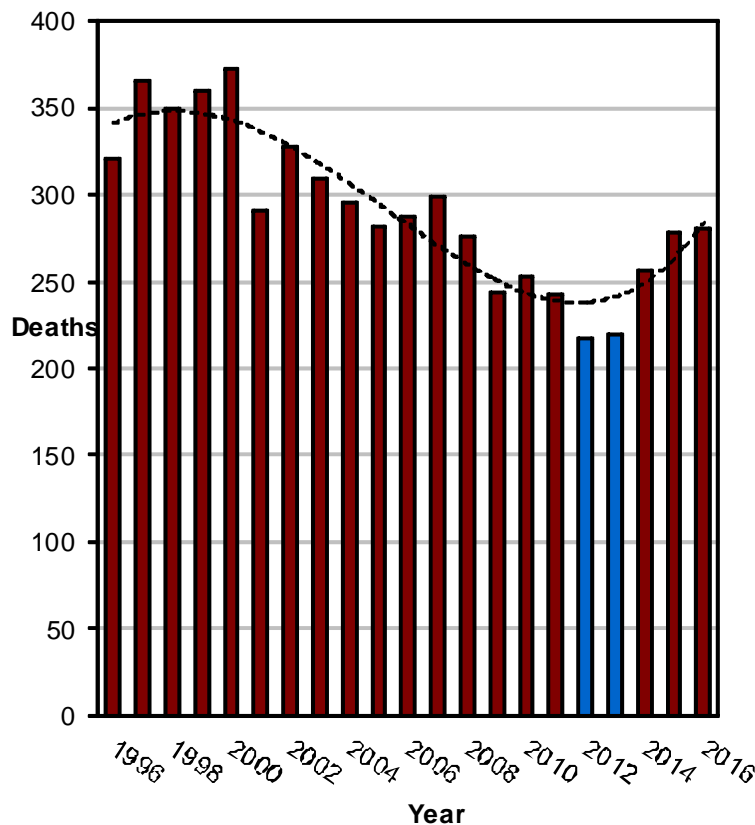# Overview

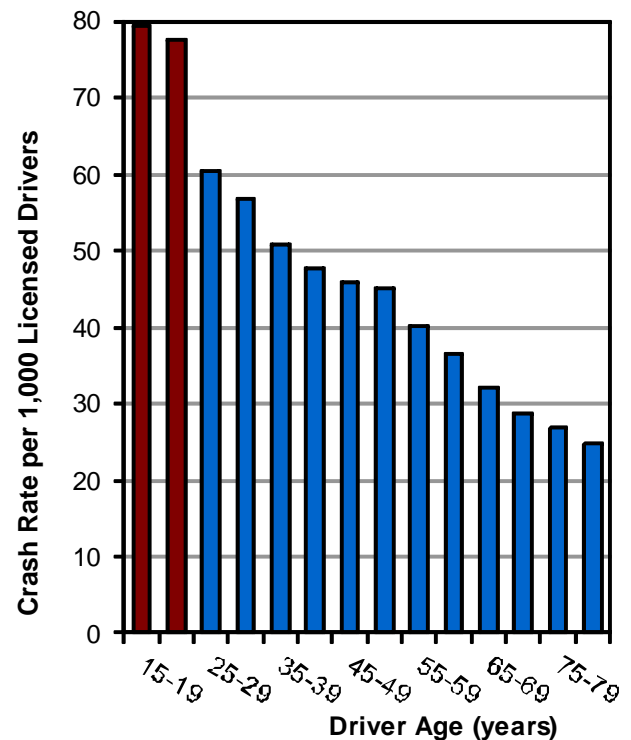**Did you know in 2016:**

- 62,471 motor vehicle crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 26,738 injured persons and 281 deaths.
- The Utah death rate per mile traveled was lower than the U.S. rate.
- A motor vehicle crash occurred in Utah every 8 minutes, a person was injured in a crash every 19 minutes, and a person died in a crash every 31 hours.

Deaths by Year (Utah 1996-2016)

- Traffic crash deaths increased for the 4th straight year.

Crash Rates per Licensed Drivers by Age (Utah 2016)

- Drivers aged 15-24 years had the highest crash rates per licensed driver.

Crash Summary (Utah 2016)

Leading Causes of All Crashes
1. Followed Too Closely (24%)
2. Failed to Yield (20%)
3. Speed (15%)
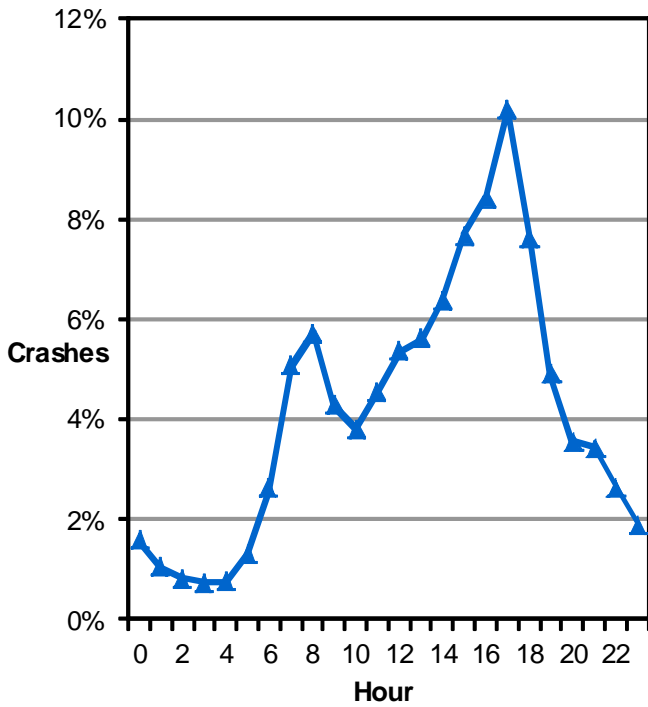4. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (13%)
5. Distracted Driving (9%)

Leading Causes of Death
1. Speed (37%)
2. Unrestrained Occupants (28%)
3. Failed to Yield (16%)
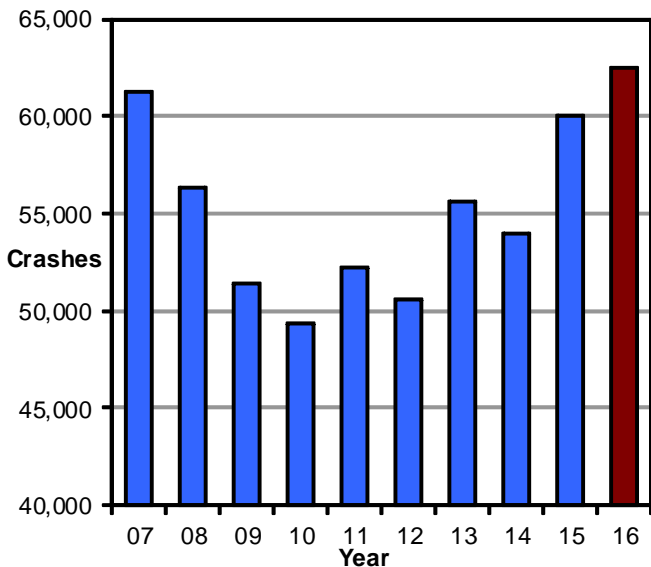4. Drunk Driving (13%)
5. Overcorrected (11%)

Overview

Motor Vehicle Crashes by Hour (Utah 2016)

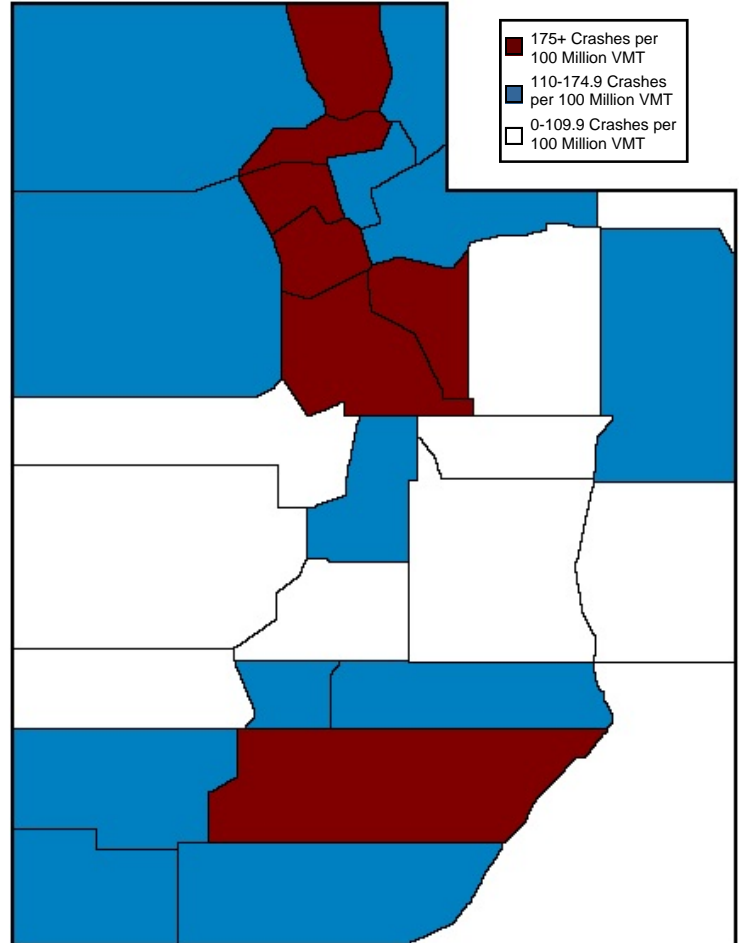- Crashes were highest between 3:00 p.m. and 6:59 p.m.

Traffic crashes in 2016 were the highest ever in Utah. Traffic deaths were the highest in Utah since 2007.

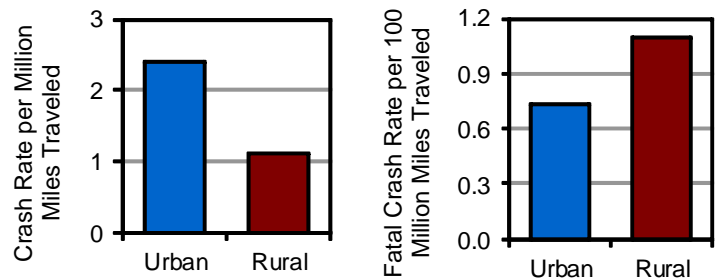## Traffic Crashes by Year (Utah 2007-2016)

- 2016 saw an all time high for traffic crashes.

County Crash Rates by Miles Traveled (Utah 2016)

Legend:
- 175+ Crashes per 100 Million VMT
- 110-174.9 Crashes per 100 Million VMT
- 0-109.9 Crashes per 100 Million VMT

- Salt Lake, Weber, and Cache Counties had the highest crash rates per miles traveled.

Urban/Rural Location (Utah 2016)

- Urban areas had a higher rate of total crashes per vehicle mile traveled while rural areas had a higher fatal crash rate.
- Rural crashes were 3.2 times more likely to be fatal than urban crashes.