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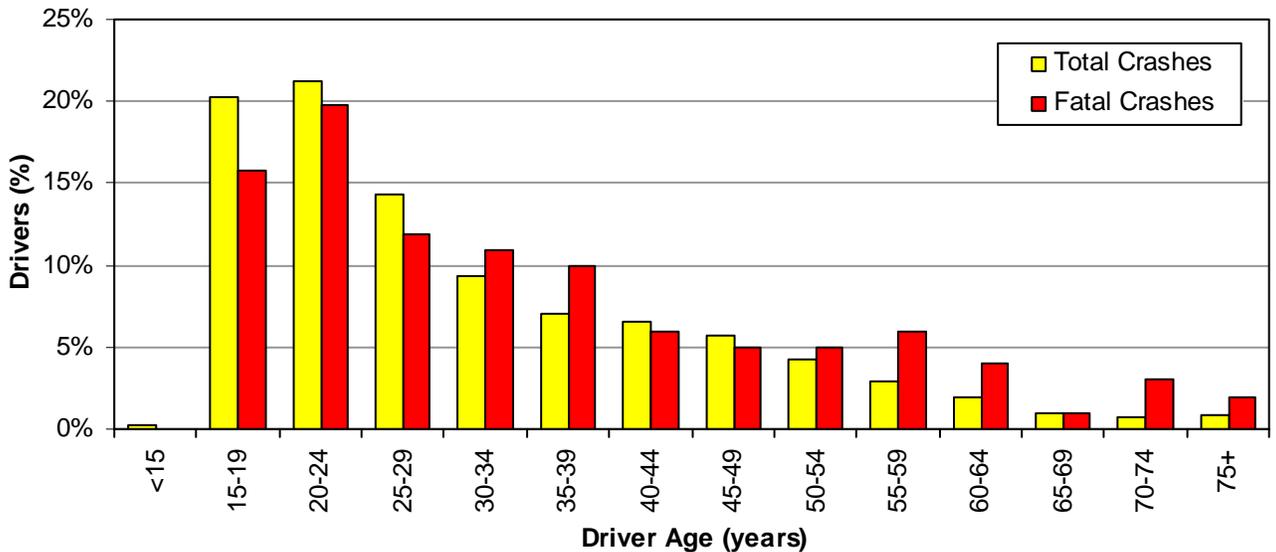


Speed is the leading unsafe driving behavior that contributes to crashes.

Did you know in 2006:

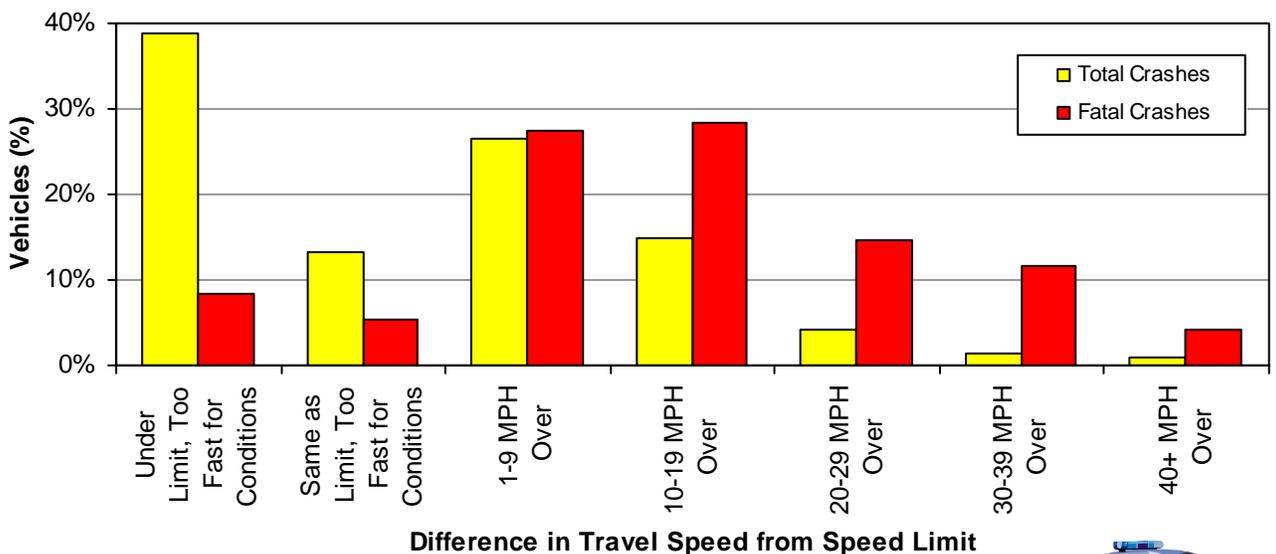
- 10,083 speed-related crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 5,493 injured persons and 113 deaths.
- Speed-related crashes were 2.8 times more likely to be fatal than other motor vehicle crashes.
- A speed-related crash occurred in Utah every 52 minutes.

Age of Drivers in Speed-Related Crashes (Utah 2006)



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

Speed-Related Crashes by Difference in Travel Speed From Speed Limit (Utah 2006)



- Speed-related vehicles in fatal crashes were more likely to be exceeding the posted speed limit by greater amounts.

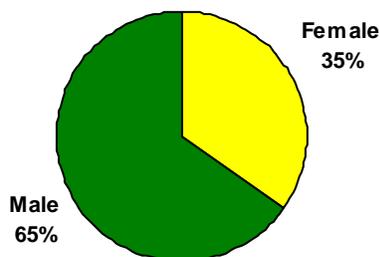


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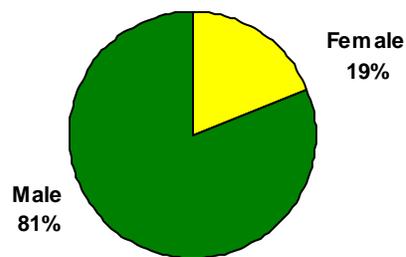


Gender of Drivers in Speed-Related Crashes (Utah 2006)

Total Crashes

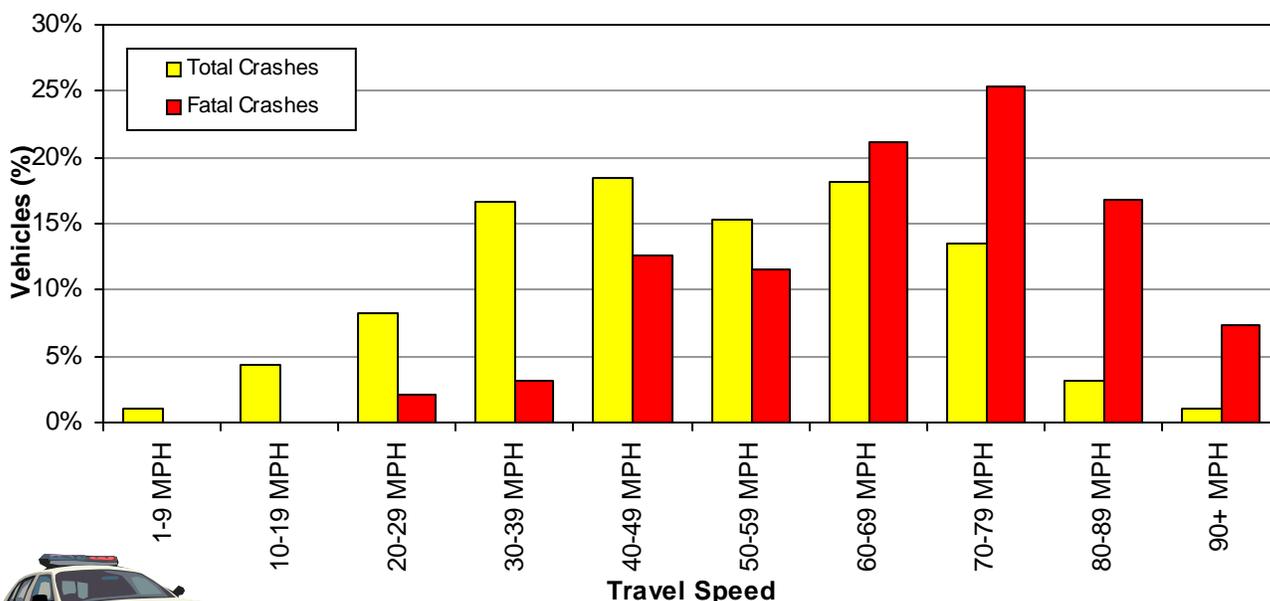


Fatal Crashes



- The majority of speeding drivers in all motor vehicle crashes (65%) and fatal crashes (81%) were male.

Speed-Related Crashes by Travel Speed (Utah 2006)



- Speed-related vehicles in fatal crashes were more likely to be traveling at higher speeds.

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

- Reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway;
- Extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle;
- Increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a situation;
- Increases the number of crashes;
- Increases the severity of crashes. For every 10 MPH over 50 MPH, the risk of death in a crash is doubled.



Drivers need to remember there is a reason for speed limits. The roadways are a dangerous place and the speed limits are designed to protect everyone—drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. The posted speed limit is the law. Slow down and obey speed limits.

