

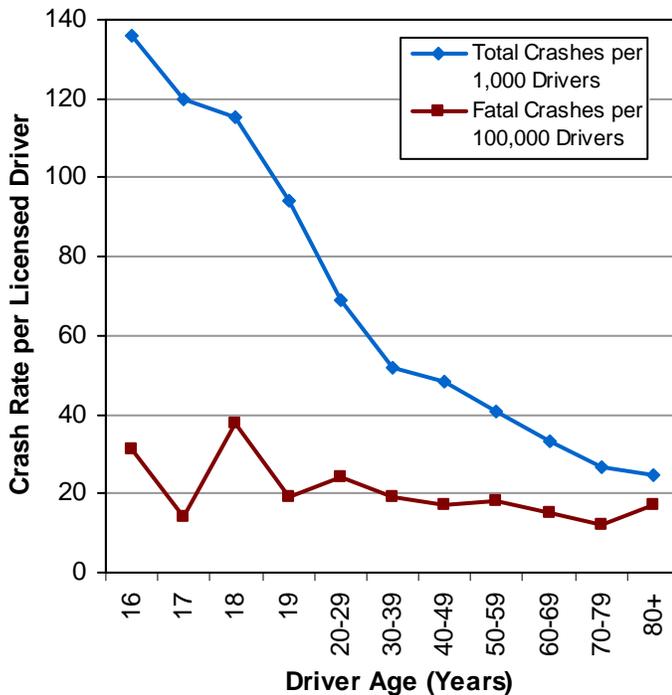
## Did you know in 2008:

- 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 12,550 motor vehicle crashes which resulted in 6,171 injured persons and 34 deaths.
- Teenage drivers were 2.5 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)

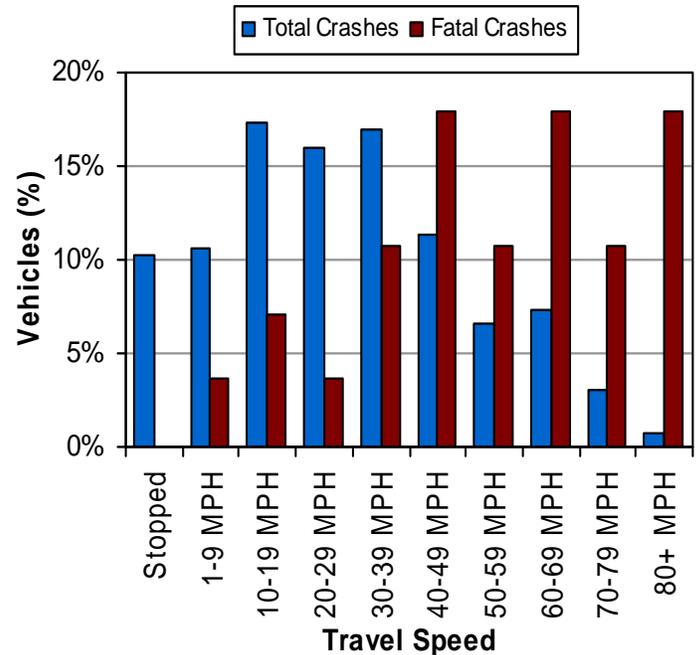


### Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2008)



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

### Teenage Driver Crashes by Travel Speed (Utah 2008)



- Crashes involving teenage driver vehicles traveling 50 MPH or higher were 6.2 times more likely to be fatal.

### Leading Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2008)

#### All Teenage Driver Crashes

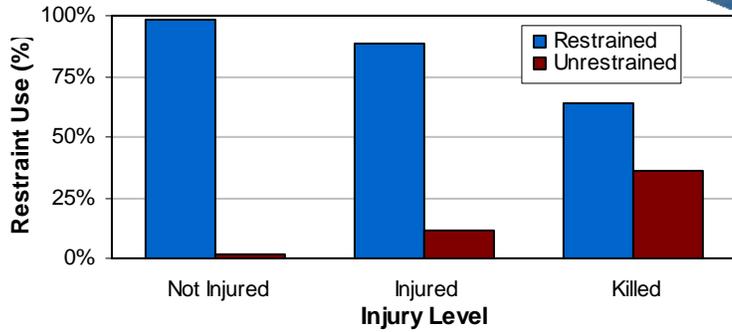
1. Followed Too Closely (20%)
2. Failed to Yield Right of Way (16%)
3. Speed Too Fast (14%)
4. Driver Distraction (9%)
5. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (8%)

#### Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Speed Too Fast (32%)
2. Ran Off Road (26%)
3. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (23%)
4. Overcorrected (19%)
5. Failed to Yield Right of Way (16%)



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



# Teenage Drivers (15-19 years)



**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**

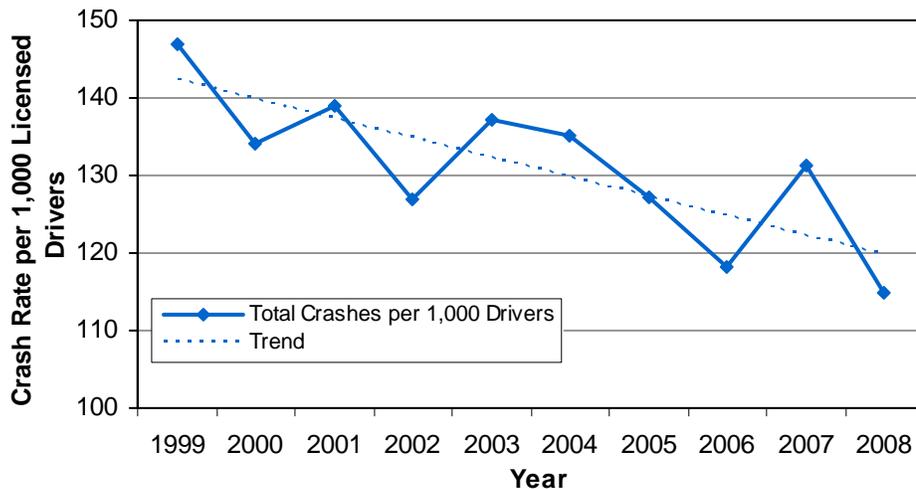
For the first six months of licensure, teen drivers can not drive with any passenger who is not an immediate family member with a few exceptions. Teen drivers are more likely to crash with passengers in the car, especially teen passengers. The more passengers, the greater the risk.

**Seatbelt 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.

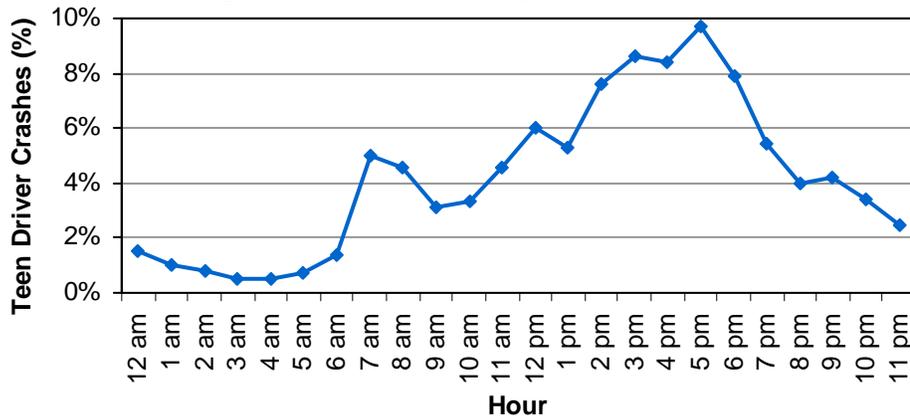
- 36% of teen drivers and their passengers killed in crashes were unrestrained.
- Unrestrained teen drivers and their passengers were 15 times more likely than restrained occupants to be killed in a crash.

**Teenage Driver Crash Trend (Utah 1999-2008)**



- The teenage driver crash rate per licensed driver decreased 22% from 1999 to 2008.

**Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2008)**



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