

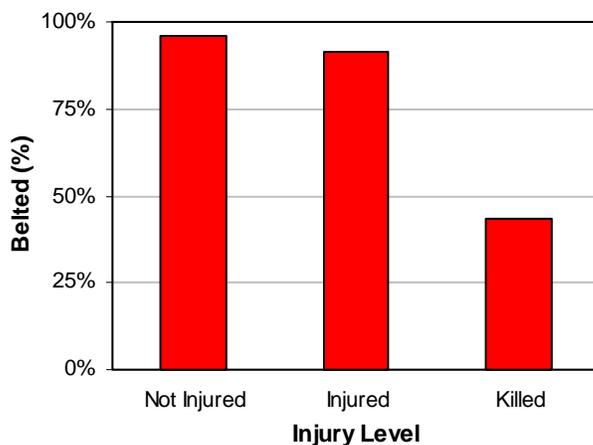
## TEENAGE DRIVERS (15-19 YEARS)



### Did you know in 2006:

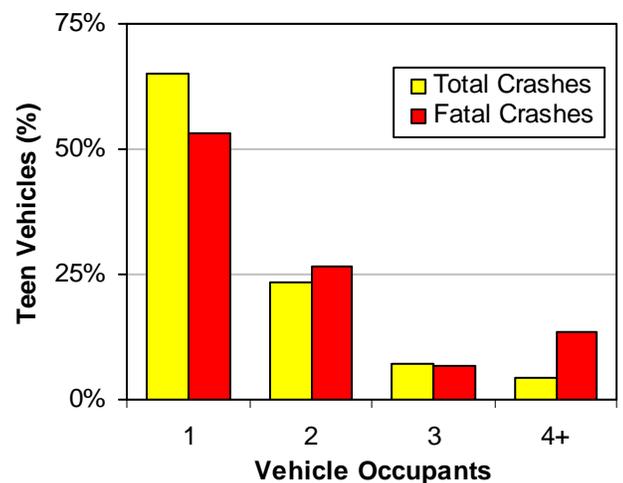
- Teenage drivers represented 8% of the licensed drivers in Utah, yet they were in over one-quarter (26%) of all motor vehicle crashes.
- Teenage drivers were in 14,398 motor vehicle crashes which resulted in 7,817 injured persons and 49 deaths.
- Approximately one out of six (17%) fatal crashes in Utah involved a teenage driver.
- A teenage driver crash occurred in Utah every 36 minutes.

### Seatbelt Use of Teen Drivers and Their Passengers (Utah 2006)



- Three out of five (57%) teen drivers and their passengers killed in crashes were unbelted.
- Teen drivers and their passengers that were unbelted were 22 times more likely than belted occupants to be killed in a crash.

### Number of Occupants in Teenage-Driven Vehicles (Utah 2006)



- Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained four or more occupants were 3.4 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

### Leading Collision Descriptions of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2006)

#### All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Rear End (38%)
2. Broadside (34%)
3. Sideswipe (12%)

#### Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Single Vehicle Rollover (30%)
2. Broadside (21%)
3. Head On (16%)



### Leading Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2006)

#### All Teenage Driver Crashes

1. Failed to Yield Right of Way (15%)
2. Followed Too Closely (13%)
3. Speed Too Fast (10%)
4. Driver Distraction (10%)
5. Defective Condition of Vehicle (4%)

#### Fatal Teenage Driver Crashes

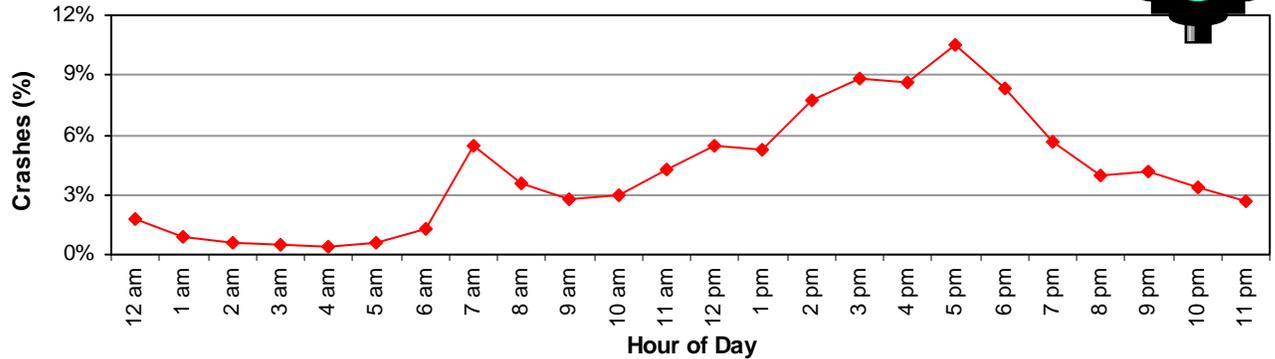
1. Reckless/Aggressive Driving (36%)
2. Speed Too Fast (19%)
3. Driver Distraction (9%)
4. Improper Passing (6%)
4. Failed to Yield Right of Way (6%)



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Teenage Driver Crashes by Time of Day (Utah 2006)



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

Gender of Teenage Drivers in Crashes (Utah 2006)



- The majority of teen drivers in all motor vehicle crashes (54%) and fatal crashes (76%) were male. Male teen drivers were 2.7 times more likely to be in a fatal crash than females.

### Graduated Driver Licensing Law in Utah

Graduated Driver Licensing 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 by controlling their exposure to progressively more difficult driving experiences can reduce the number of traffic crashes involving young drivers.

#### Learner Permit

If a person is at least 15 years old, he or she may apply for a learner permit. An applicant who is under 18 years of age is required to hold a learners permit for six months before applying for a license.

#### Supervised Driving

All individuals under 18 years of age applying for a first time 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. All individuals who have 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 AM 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 a law enforcement officer solely for that offense.