

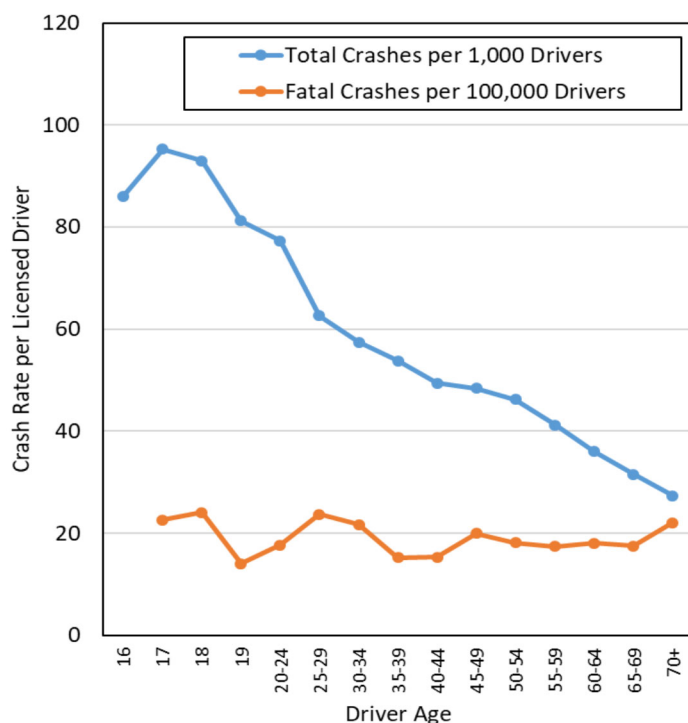
Teenage Drivers (15-19 Years)



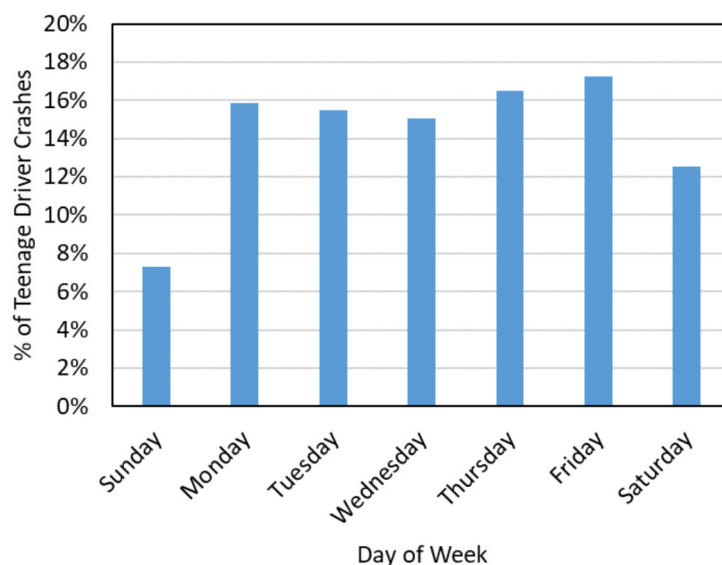
- In 2017, teenage drivers were involved in 13,154 motor vehicle crashes in Utah, representing 21% of all crashes.
- Teenage drivers accounted for 8.7% of the licensed drivers in Utah, yet they were in 21% of all motor vehicle crashes.

Teenage drivers were 1.7 times more likely to be in a crash than drivers of other ages.

Crash Rates per Licensed Driver by Age (Utah 2017)



Teenage Driver Crashes by Day of Week (Utah 2017)



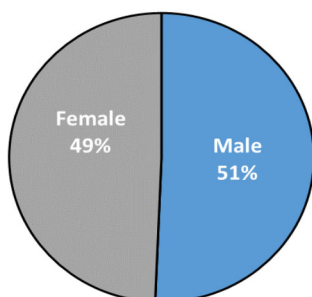
- Teen driver crashes occurred more often on weekdays.

Leading Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Crashes (Utah 2017)

1. Followed too Closely (25%)
2. Failed to Yield the Right of Way (19%)
3. Speed too Fast for Conditions (13%)
4. Failed to Keep in Proper Lane (10%)
5. Improper Turn (5%)

11% of teen driver crashes were also associated with distracted driving. The most common distraction was cell phone use and passengers.

- Out of all age groups, drivers aged 17 and 18 years had the highest total crash rate per licensed driver.

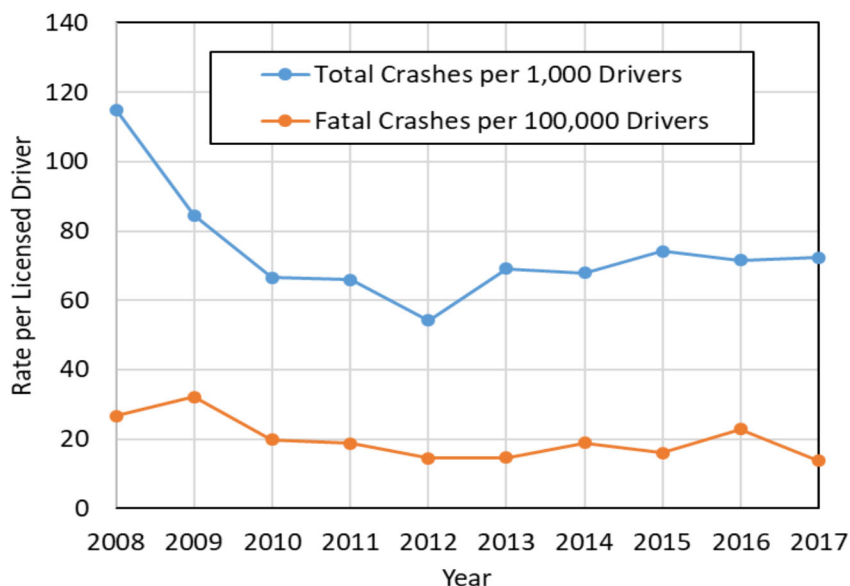


- After normalizing by the number of registered teen drivers, male and female teen drivers were equally likely to be involved in a crash.

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Teenage Driver Crash Trends (Utah 2008-2017)



- The teenage driver crash rate per licensed driver decreased 37% from 2008 to 2017, but it shows a flat trend in the last five 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.

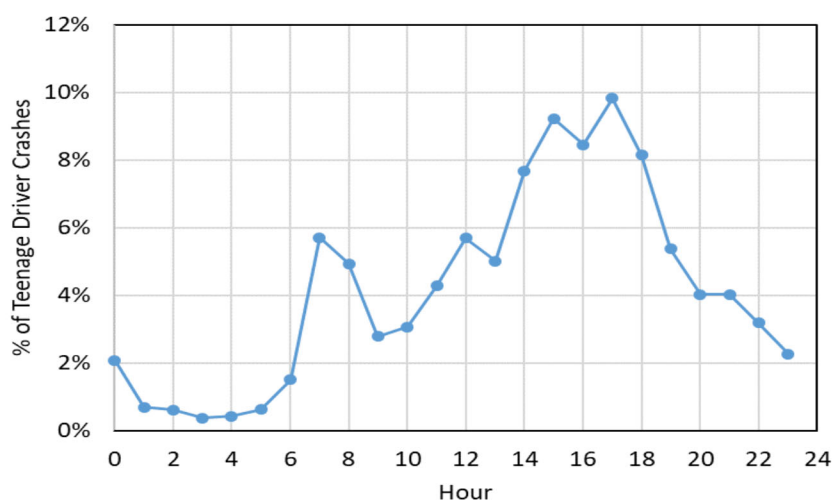
Passenger Restrictions

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.

Seat Belt Restrictions

Utah law requires all motor vehicle occupants to wear a seat belt.

Teenage Driver Crashes by Hour (Utah 2008-2017)



- Teenage-driver crashes had the highest frequencies during after-school hours, between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.