

Utah Pedestrian Injury Facts



Do You Know These Facts About Pedestrian Injuries in Utah?

- Pedestrians are 18 times more likely to be killed in a motor vehicle crash than occupants of a motor vehicle.¹
- 95% of pedestrians involved in a pedestrian/motor vehicle crash are injured.¹
- Salt Lake-Ogden area ranks 31st most dangerous for pedestrians among large metropolitan areas in the U.S.²
- \$5.9 million was spent in 2005 to treat pedestrian injuries sustained in crashes with motor vehicles at hospitals and emergency departments.³
- Pedestrians 50 years and older make up only 14% of pedestrians hit by automobiles but they account for 33% of pedestrian fatalities.⁴

1996-2005 Pedestrian Injury Data

Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Crashes (Ped/MVC)

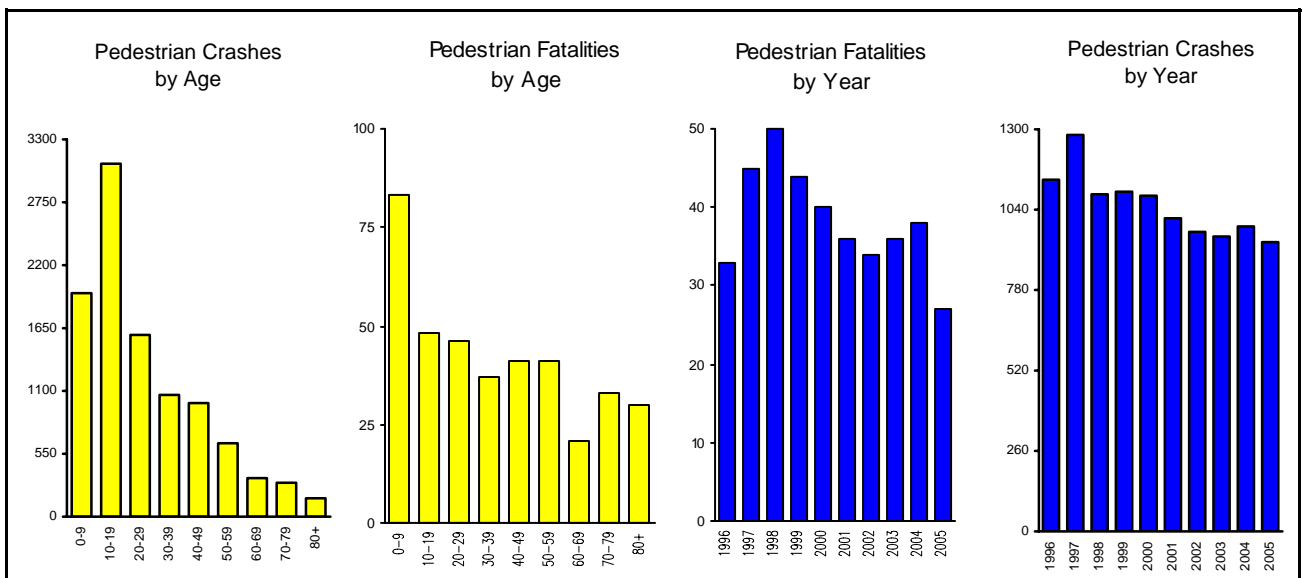
- 10,567 pedestrians were hit by automobiles⁴
- 38% of drivers were cited for a traffic violation in Ped/MVC¹
- 21% of drivers involved in Ped/MVC were teenagers⁴
- 48% of Ped/MVC crashes occurred between 2 - 7 PM⁴
- 59% of pedestrians hit were male⁴
- More than a 1/3 of pedestrians hit were 14 years old and younger⁴



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Pedestrian Fatalities

- 383 pedestrians were killed by automobiles⁴
- Utah's pedestrian fatality rate ranks 29th in the U.S.⁵
- 66% of pedestrians killed were male⁴
- Nearly 1/3 of pedestrians killed were 14 years old and younger⁴



Prevention Information

Most pedestrian injuries can be prevented by choosing safe behaviors and obeying traffic laws.

Tips For Motorists

- SLOW DOWN especially in neighborhoods, around schools, and parks.
- Drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing the street at an intersection whether or not the crosswalk is marked or unmarked.
- Always stop behind the crosswalk, not in it.
- Look for pedestrians when making left and right turns.
- Stop and look for pedestrians on sidewalks.
- Pedestrians are the road users most at risk in traffic. Do all you can to avoid a crash.

Tips For Pedestrians

- Crosswalks are not always safe. Be sure to stop and look in all directions before stepping into the street.
- Get the drivers attention before crossing in front of a vehicle.
- Check left-right-left before crossing the street and watch for vehicles making turns.
- If sidewalks exist, use them. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic on the shoulder of the road.
- Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight at night, light clothing is not enough.

Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Crash Rates Per 100,000 People By County 1996-2005

Rank	County	Rate
1	Salt Lake	61.06
2	Weber	47.74
—	State	46.35
3	Grand	42.84
4	Utah	41.04
5	Sevier	39.45
6	Davis	35.19
7	Washington	32.66
8	Juab	32.48
9	Cache	32.27
10	Summit	29.98
11	Beaver	29.60
12	Box Elder	28.25
13	Iron	28.03
14	Millard	26.96
15	Wasatch	26.53
16	Rich	25.16
17	Tooele	24.62
18	Garfield	23.88
19	Duchesne	23.39
20	Sanpete	22.23
21	Kane	21.63
22	Uintah	21.18
23	Carbon	20.46
24	San Juan	19.52
25	Emery	12.09
26	Daggett	11.27
27	Morgan	6.73
28	Wayne	4.04
29	Piute	0.00

In Utah 59% of pedestrians fatalities occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Distance At Which A Driver Will First See A Pedestrian At Night

