

TEEN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

Facts about teen motor vehicle crash injuries in Utah

- ▶ Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-19 year-olds in Utah.¹
- ▶ On average, motor vehicle crashes account for 40 deaths, 330 hospitalizations, and 5,400 emergency department (ED) visits a year for Utah residents ages 15-19 years.¹
- ▶ Motor vehicle crash death rates are highest in the 15-19 and 70+ age groups.¹
- ▶ Motor vehicle crash hospitalization and ED visit rates are highest in the 15-19 age group.¹

2001-2005 UTAH INJURY DATA, AGES 15-19 YEARS

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

WHAT

- 201 deaths.¹
- 1,663 hospitalizations.¹
- 26,975 ED visits.¹

WHO

- Males sustained 66% of deaths, 62% of hospitalizations, and 49% of ED visits.¹

WHEN

- Nationally, while only 15% of teen drivers' miles occur at night, 40% of their fatal crashes take place during this time.²

WHERE

- Residents of Juab, Duchesne, Sanpete, and Summit counties had the highest rates of teen motor vehicle crash deaths.¹
- Residents of Wayne, Sanpete, Beaver, and Emery counties had the highest rates of teen motor vehicle crash hospitalizations.¹
- Residents of Carbon, Beaver, Sevier, and Uintah counties had the highest rates of teen motor vehicle crash ED visits.¹

HOW MUCH

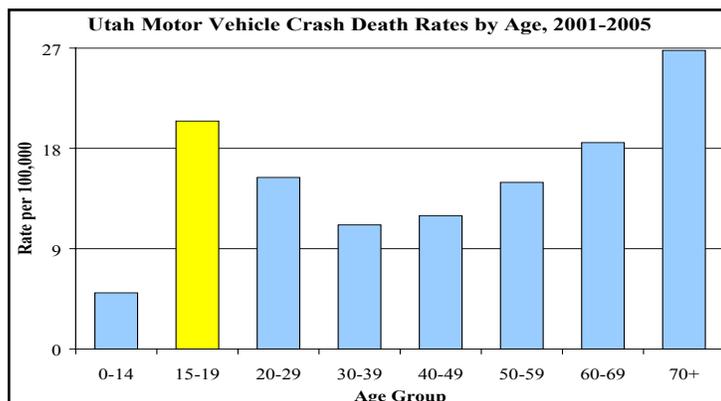
- In 2005, hospital and ED charges for 15- to 19-year-old motor vehicle crash victims totaled \$13 million.¹



Seatbelt Use

Wearing a seatbelt is one of the best ways to decrease injuries and deaths in a motor vehicle crash.

- Yet, only 37% of teen vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes in Utah were restrained.³
- If all vehicle occupants 15-19 years old wore seatbelts in Utah, 52 additional lives could have been saved from 2001-2005.



Leading Causes of Death, Ages 15-19 Years, Utah, 2001-2005¹

Rank	Cause	#
1	Motor Vehicle Crash	201
2	Suicide	125
3	Other Injuries	98
4	Cancer	26
5	Homicide	20