

Executive Summary

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DUI in Utah FY 2014

DUI-Related Fatalities in CY 2013

- From CY 2012 to CY 2013, DUI/alcohol-related fatalities in Utah increased from 20 to 23 and DUI/drug-related fatalities increased from 37 to 45.

Law Enforcement: Arrests

- There were 10,901 DUI arrests in FY 2014, 1,326 fewer than in the previous year. This represents a decrease of nearly 11 percent.
- Eighty-one percent of the arrests were for per se violations that included driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or both.
- Arrests included 1,296 made during specialized DUI overtime enforcement events such as enforcement blitzes, saturation patrols, and DUI sobriety checkpoints that involved 102 law enforcement agencies throughout the state.
- During the specialized DUI overtime enforcement events, officers observed and documented 1,195 designated drivers.
- Almost 55 percent of all DUI arrests were made by municipal law enforcement agencies.
- Seventy-two percent of DUI drivers were male.
- Almost 12 percent of arrestees were under the legal drinking age of 21, and the youngest arrestee was 14 years old.

- The average BAC was .14; the highest was .44, *over five times the legal limit*.
- The majority of DUI arrests occurred along the Wasatch Front with Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties accounting for nearly 72 percent of the total.
- While Utah's population has continued to grow, the DUI arrest rate has declined steadily, with a nearly 36 percent decrease since FY 2009.
- Seventy percent of arrests were for a first DUI offense, 19 percent were for a second offense, almost seven percent were for a third offense, and four percent were for a fourth or subsequent offense.
- From CY 2012 to CY 2013, the percentage of total crash fatalities that were DUI/alcohol-related increased from 9.2 percent to 10.5 percent.
- From CY 2012 to CY 2013, the percentage of total crash fatalities that were DUI/drug-related increased from 17.1 percent to 20.5 percent.

Courts: Adjudications and Sanctions

- In FY 2014, there were 8,360 DUI cases in Utah's Justice Courts. Among the cases resolved, 57 percent resulted in a guilty plea or verdict.
- In FY 2014, there were 2,104 DUI cases disposed by the state's District Courts. Among the cases resolved, almost 72 percent resulted in a guilty plea or verdict.

Driver License Control

- The Driver License Division conducted 4,464 hearings in FY 2014 to determine if there was sufficient information to warrant the suspension or revocation of the individual's driver license.

Assessment, Education and Treatment

- Justice Court judges ordered offenders to undergo a substance use disorder screening and assessment in 3,826 cases, ordered an educational series in 2,494 cases, and ordered substance use disorder treatment in 2,156 cases.
- District Court judges ordered offenders to undergo a substance use disorder screening and assessment in 622 cases, ordered an educational series in 258 cases, and ordered substance use disorder treatment in 616 cases.