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# **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual DUI Report** to the Utah Legislature



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Statistical Note: Data in this report are current as of October 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Due to rounding, data in the tables in this report may not add up exactly to the totals indicated.

# Profile of a Typical Utah DUI Offender in FY 2024

### Arrested for a *per se* violation (82%)

Driver had a .05 or greater blood/breath alcohol concentration, or was impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a combination of the two to the extent it was unsafe to operate a vehicle

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Arrested by a municipal law enforcement officer (54%)

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**Male (72%)** 

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Age 25-36 (36%)

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Had a blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) between .11-.15 (28% of those tested with results reported)

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Arrested on the Wasatch Front in Weber, Davis, Salt Lake or Utah County (68%)

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First-time arrestee (75%)

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Convicted of DUI
(80% in Justice Court; 81% in District Court)

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# **Executive Summary**

### **DUI in Utah: CY 2023 / FY 2024**

### **Law Enforcement: DUI-Related Arrests & Enforcement Activities**

- 11,440 DUI-related arrests were made in FY 2024, 194 more (+2%) than in FY 2023.
- Despite the slight increase in the past year, Utah's DUI-related arrest rate (33.5 per 10,000 population) has declined steadily over the past 15 years (11% decrease since FY 2014, 43% since FY 2009), even as the population has greatly increased in the same time (24% increase in statewide population). The rate has stabilized in the low 30s the past 7 years.
- The majority of arrests occurred along the Wasatch Front, with Salt Lake, Davis, Utah, and Weber Counties accounting for 68% of the total. While counties outside the Wasatch Front only accounted for 32% of the total, this was disproportionate to their population (25%).
- DUI-related arrests in FY 2024 displayed the following characteristics:
  - o 72% of arrestees were male (24% female, with 4% unspecified).
  - o 36% of arrestees were between 25-36 years of age, followed by 25% 37-48, 14% 21-24, 15% 49 and older, and 11% under 21.
  - The majority of arrests (54%) were made by city/municipal police departments, with the rest split between Utah Highway Patrol (34%) and county sheriff's offices (12%).
  - One third (32%) of the arrests did not have a BAC reported (down from 47%), and 7% of arrestees refused testing. Of those tested with a BAC reported, 42% exceeded .15 (up slightly but still down from 51% in FY 2018). 10% fell between .05-.07, the gap between the newer statutory level (.05) and the previous level (.08).
  - It was the first DUI-related arrest for 75% of arrestees, with 17% having one prior arrest and another 8% having two or more prior arrests for DUI.
- The 11% of arrestees under the age of 21 is consistent with previous years, and the 1,211 total arrests in this category are still among the lowest levels in the past ten years.
- Changing the statutory BAC level to .05 led to a slight increase in DUI arrests in the first three and a half years, though the estimated effect jumped significantly in FY 2023-24.
- Consistent with previous years, 82% of the arrests were for per se violations where the
  driver had a blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit (now .05), or was
  impaired by alcohol, other drugs, or a combination of the two to the extent it was unsafe to
  operate a vehicle.
  - Drug metabolite arrests, which had increased sharply from FY 2014-18, decreased further in FY 2024 to only 17 (down 50% from FY 2023 and 96% since FY 2018).
- Arrests included 1,415 made during specialized DUI overtime enforcement events such as enforcement blitzes, saturation patrols, and DUI sobriety checkpoints that involved law enforcement agencies throughout the state. These overtime shifts were up in FY 2024.

### **DUI and Drug-Related Crashes, Injuries, and Fatalities**

- The numbers of DUI/*alcohol*-related fatalities decreased significantly in CY 2023; alcohol-related crashes also decreased and injured persons remained stable.
  - Fatalities dropped 32% to 47 in CY 2023 (from 69 in CY 2022); crashes decreased
     7% to 847 (from 908), while injuries were stable at 229 (from 231 in CY 2022).
- DUI/drug-related fatalities decreased significantly in CY 2023 for the first time in 10 years; crashes and injured persons both also decreased.
  - Drug-positive driver fatalities dropped 29% from 151 in CY 2022 to 108 in CY 2023.
     These fatalities are still higher than 2019 levels, but it is the first decline since 2014.
  - Crashes decreased 16% to 183 in CY 2023 (from 219 in 2022).
  - Injuries decreased 34% in CY 2023 to 117 (from 176 in 2022).
- The most common drug types found in drug-positive driver fatalities in CY 2023 were depressants (e.g., sedatives); stimulants (e.g., methamphetamine); marijuana/THC; and, to a lesser extent, opioids (e.g., oxycodone).
- Crash fatalities in Utah overall were down 13% in 2023 (-40), and the percentage related to alcohol or drugs is also down (70% in 2022 to 56% in 2023).

### **Courts: Adjudications and Sanctions**

- In FY 2024, there were 7,632 DUI-related cases disposed by Utah's Justice Courts.
  - 80% resulted in a guilty plea or verdict.
- In FY 2024, there were 4,775 DUI-related cases disposed by the state's District Courts.
  - 81% resulted in a guilty plea or verdict.

### **Courts: Orders for Assessment, Treatment, and Education**

- Justice Court judges ordered offenders to undergo a substance use disorder screening and assessment in 4,748 cases (78% of guilty), ordered substance use disorder treatment in 3,154 cases (52%), and ordered an educational series in 2,647 cases (43%).
- District Court judges ordered offenders to undergo a substance use disorder screening and assessment in 2,235 cases (58% of guilty), ordered substance use disorder treatment in 2,522 cases (65%), and ordered an educational series in 703 cases (18%).
- Treatment orders have generally increased over the past ten years across courts.

### **Driver License Control**

- 3,846 hearings were conducted in FY 2024 (up 1%) to determine if there was sufficient information to warrant the suspension or revocation of the individual's driver license.
  - 3,474 (90%) involved at least one of the parties calling in for the hearing.
  - In 1,379 (36%) of the cases, no action could be taken against the driver due to the absence of the arresting officer at the hearing or other factors.

# **Purpose of the Report**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual DUI Report to the Utah Legislature was prepared in accordance with §41-6a-511 of the Utah Code. The statute requires the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to prepare an annual report of DUI related data, including the following:

- Data collected by the state courts to allow sentencing and enhancement decisions to be made in accordance with violations involving driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs;
- Data collected by the justice courts (same DUI related data elements collected by the state courts); and
- Any measures for which data are available to evaluate the profile and impacts of DUI
  recidivism and to evaluate the DUI related processes of: law enforcement; adjudication;
  sanctions; driver license control; and alcohol education, assessment, and treatment.

# 1 DUI Policy in Utah



The Utah Legislature establishes policy for dealing with driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs through the passage of bills that are enacted into law. This section summarizes the bills passed by the 2024 Utah Legislature and their impact on DUI policy in Utah.

### **2024 DUI-Related Legislation**

### **H.B. 69 DUI Testing Modifications**

### Representative Ryan Wilcox & Senator Wayne Harper

- H.B. 69 clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services will test blood and urine samples for both drugs and alcohol and provide those testing results in a timely manner to the Driver License Division and relevant law enforcement agencies.
- The bill also requires an administrative testing fee to be charged as part of an administrative impound fee for an individual whose vehicle is impounded related to an arrest for driving under the influence.
- H.B. 69 clarifies and addresses 24-7 sobriety programs for those individuals who do not participate.
- The bill also clears up the standards for proper usage and administration of oral fluid and portable breath tests as part of a field sobriety test and requires law enforcement agencies to provide training on the use of oral fluid and portable breath tests as part of a field sobriety test.
- Finally, it amends provisions related to driver license revocation for a subsequent driving under the influence offense.

# H.B. 273 Sentencing Modifications for Certain DUI Offenses Representative Andrew Stoddard & Senator Todd Weiler

 H.B. 273 renames the offense of negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death to automobile homicide; increases the impound fee from \$400 to \$425; and creates a sentencing guideline of 5-15 years.

### **H.B. 395 DUI Offense Amendments**

### Representative Steve Eliason & Senator Curt Bramble

- H.B. 395 addresses major areas of Driving Under the Influence law with a specific focus of requiring the Sentencing Commission to amend sentencing guidelines for driving under the influence of alcohol, offenses related to ignition interlock restricted drivers, and of negligent operation of a vehicle that results in injury when there is evidence that the individual was also driving under the influence.
- The bill provides that an actor is guilty of a class A misdemeanor when the actor commits driving under the influence while also operating a vehicle in the opposite direction of traffic on a one-way highway.
- The bill also modifies the definition of "Extreme DUI" to include where there is admissible evidence that the individual had a blood alcohol level of .16 or higher; had a blood or breath alcohol level of .05 or higher in addition to any measurable controlled substance; or had a combination of two or more controlled substances in the individual's body (excluding medical cannabis or prescribed substances).
- H.B. 395 allows the Department of Public Safety to waive the department's portion of participation and testing fees for 24-7 programs if the offender is indigent, with the exception of testing fees retained by a participating law enforcement agency or testing program site. It allows the Department to periodically adjust fees to offset lost program revenue, while also providing that if an individual for whom the department waived fees fails to successfully complete all the requirements of the 24-7 sobriety program, a court may order the individual to pay the Department for any waived fees.
- The bill modifies and clarifies the ignition interlock driver program and the period for
  participation in the program, and clarifies that the prohibition on operating a motor
  vehicle without an ignition interlock system installed on the vehicle begins on the date
  of conviction, not the date of installation of the ignition interlock system.
- The bill amends penalties for subsequent offenses related to refusal of a chemical test or negligent operation of a vehicle that results in injury.
- Finally, it amends provisions related to pretrial detention of an individual arrested for driving under the influence with another case pending or while on probation for a previous offense of driving under the influence, and requires pretrial detention or electronic monitoring for an individual that is arrested for driving under the influence while already on probation for or while another case is pending and makes modifications.

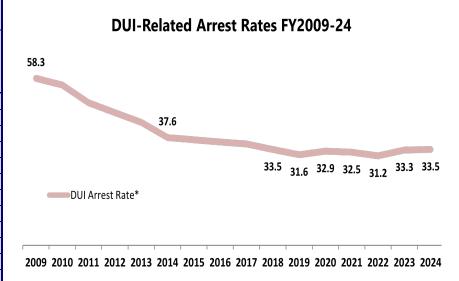
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# **Law Enforcement Activities**

#### **DUI-Related Arrests**

The Utah Department of Public Safety, through its Driver License Division and Highway Safety Office, collects information on all DUI-related arrests. In FY 2024, law enforcement officers made 11,440 arrests, 194 more (+2%) than in FY 2023. The overall number of arrests has been up and down since a historic low number in FY 2019, though the rate (relative to the population) has remained below 35 per 10,000 population (between 31.2-33.5) since FY 2018. While Utah's population has continued to grow more than any state in the nation (+24% over 16 years), the arrest rate for DUI-related offenses has declined steadily, with a 43% decrease over the same time period (associated with 4,243 fewer arrests than FY 2009), even with the slight jump in FY 2023-24 (from a new historic low rate in FY 2022).

	Utah DUI-Related Arrest Rates by Population, FY 2009 - FY 2024									
Fiscal Year	DUI- Related Arrests	Population as of July 1	DUI- Related Arrest Rate*							
2009	15,683	2,691,122	58.3							
2010	15,285	2,731,558	56.0							
2011	13,816	2,775,334	49.8							
2012	13,031	2,814,216	46.3							
2013	12,227	2,853,467	42.8							
2014	10,901	2,897,927	37.6							
2015	10,802	2,937,399	36.7							
2016	10,755	2,982,497	36.0							
2017	10,762	3,042,613	35.3							
2018	10,383	3,103,118	33.5							
2019	9,995	3,161,105	31.6							
2020	10,532	3,205,958	32.9							
2021	10,619	3,271,616	32.5							
2022	10,413	3,337,975	31.2							
2023	11,246	3,380,800	33.3							
2024	11,440	3,417,734	33.5							



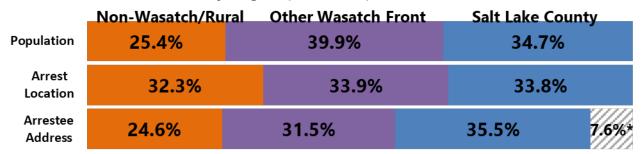
Source of DUI-Related Arrest Data: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division Source of Population Data: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (**estimates** are as of July 1 of calendar year preceding fiscal year, though note that 2021 is based off the **actual** 2020 Census number from April 2020) \*DUI-related arrest rate is the number of DUI-related arrests per 10,000 population.

#### Arrests by County & Region

Consistent with past years, the majority of DUI-related arrests during FY 2024 occurred along the Wasatch Front, with Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah Counties accounting for 68% (7,741) of the total. Both Salt Lake county (3,861) and Utah, Davis, and Weber counties combined (3,880) accounted for 34% of the overall arrests, with Non-Wasatch/Rural counties just behind with 3,699 (32%; see <u>Table A1</u> in the Appendix for all FY 2024 data by county, as well as a comparison of

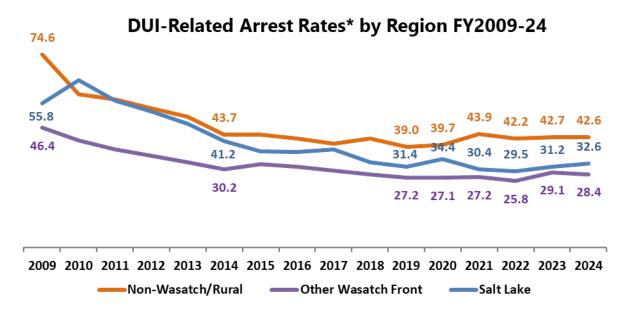
arrest percentages to total population). The chart below breaks the FY 2024 arrests down by region of the state (both arrest location and address of arrestee) compared to population.

FY 2024 DUI-Related Arrests by Region (N = 11,440)



Note: "Other Wasatch Front" = Utah, Davis, and Weber counties; "Non-Wasatch/Rural" = all other counties outside the Wasatch Front (\*out of state)

The previous figure shows a slight over-representation of DUI-related arrests outside the Wasatch Front (32.3% of arrests, 24.6% of residents), relative to the total population in the region (25.4% of the total population). Additionally, the figure below shows the DUI-related arrest rate trends over time (FY 2009-24) by region of the state. Consistent with the previous figure, the highest arrest rates in FY 2024 were outside the Wasatch Front (42.6 per 10,000 population), followed by Salt Lake County (32.6), and Utah/Davis/Weber counties (28.4). As with the overall rates for Utah seen on the previous page, the rates in each region have seen a downward trend over the past 15 years, though rates have leveled out in recent years. Salt Lake county showed a slight increase (+4%) in arrest rate from FY 2023 to FY 2024 (see <u>Table A2</u> in the Appendix for all the rate data by county and region).



*Note:* "Other Wasatch Front" = Davis, Utah, and Weber counties; "Non-Wasatch/Rural" = all other counties outside the Wasatch Front. \*DUI-related arrest rate is the number of DUI-related arrests per 10,000 population; rates are based on location of the arrest.

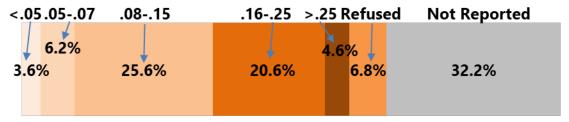
### **Characteristics of FY 2024 DUI-Related Arrests**

The figures below show some characteristics of DUI-related arrests, including:

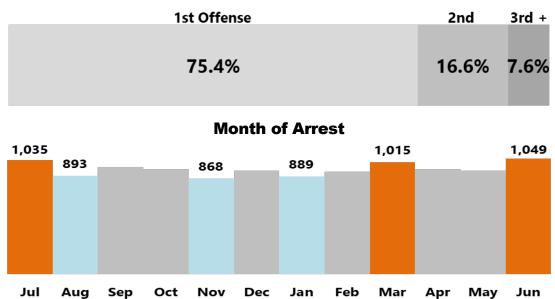
- **Gender:** 72% of arrestees were male, while 24% were female (an additional 4% of arrests did not have gender specified; see <u>Table A3</u> in the Appendix).
- **Age:** Drivers ages 25-36 accounted for 36% of all arrests, followed by 25% for ages 37-48 and 15% 49 or over. 11% of arrestees were under the legal age of 21 (see p.12 for more on this, and see <u>Table A4</u> for full data).
- Arresting Agency: 54% of all arrests were made by municipal law enforcement agencies, with Utah Highway Patrol responsible for 34% and county sheriffs' offices responsible for 12% (see <u>Table A5</u>). The share and number (+870) of arrests made by Utah Highway Patrol has increased significantly in the past two years, and accounts for 85% of the increase in arrests from FY 2022 to FY 2024.
- Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration (BAC): Almost a third (32%) of the arrests did not have a reported BAC (down from 47%), and another 7% refused the BAC test (down from 13%). Of those arrests with BAC reported, 42% exceeded .15, while 28% fell between .11-.15, 15% between .08-.10, 10% between .05-.07, and 6% under .05 (see <u>Table A6</u>). Arrests with BACs between .05-.07 have increased since the legal limit was lowered from .08 to .05 in 2019 (see p.13).
- **Repeat Offenders:** 75% of arrests were for a first offense, 17% had one prior offense, and 8% were for a third or subsequent offense (see Table A7 for more data by violation type).
- **By Month:** DUI-related arrests remained fairly consistent throughout FY 2024, with an average of 953 arrests per month and a high of 1,049 (June 2024) and a low of 868 (November 2023; see <u>Table A8</u>).

	Gender										
			Fen	nale							
			23.8	3%							
		Age									
14-20	21-24	25-36	3	37-48	49+	_					
10.5%	13.9%	35.8%	24.	.6%	14.8%	,					
		Arresting Agend	<b>y</b>								
Sheriff		City Police		Highwa	y Patrol	_					
12.3%											





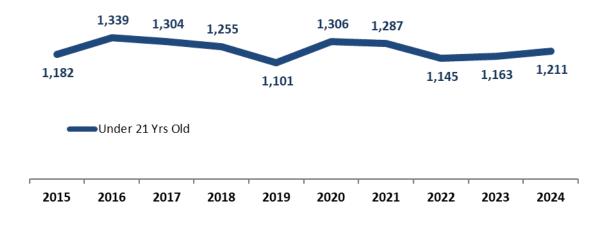
### First-Time vs. Repeat Offenders



### **Underage DUI-Related Arrests**

As seen on the previous page, 11% of the DUI-related arrests were offenders under the legal drinking age of 21. This percentage of the overall arrests is consistent with recent years (see <u>Table A4</u>), and the 1,211 total arrests in this category are up slightly from FY 2023 (1,163) but still down from FY 2020-21 (1,306 and 1,287 arrests respectively).

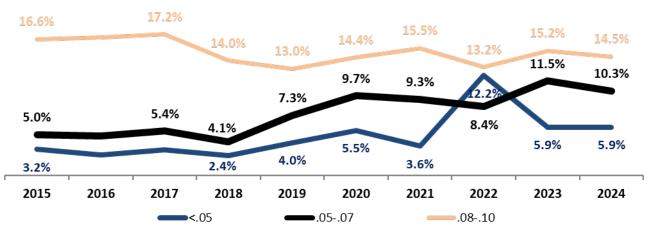
Under 21 DUI-Related Arrests FY2015-24



### Impacts of Decreasing the Legal BAC Limit to .05

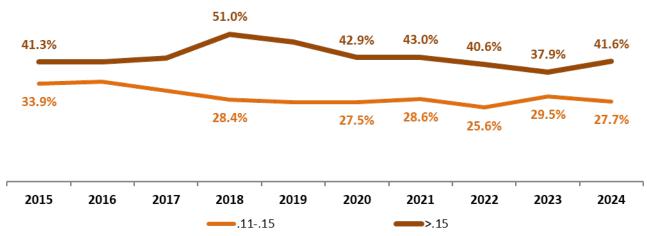
Arrests by BAC Level. Arrests with a BAC below .08 decreased in FY 2024 relative to overall BAC test data after a fairly sharp increase in FY 2023. The per se legal limit was moved on December 30, 2018 to include BACs in the .05-.07 range, and 10.3% of arrests with a reported BAC in FY 2024 were in this range (down from 11.5% in FY 2023, but up from 4.1% in FY 2018, the last full FY before the limit was decreased). Reported BAC levels in the highest ranges have decreased, particularly those above .15. It should be noted that the data below are only based on arrests where the BAC was reported or obtained (32% had no BAC reported and 7% of arrestees refused a BAC test, both down significantly from FY 2023). The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health and Human Services are working to increase the rate of reported BACs (see H.B. 69 on p. 7), which will improve the accuracy of this data, as well as the estimates provided in the next section.

BAC Levels Reported\* in DUI-Related Arrests FY2015-24 - Lower Ranges



\*Note: Specific BAC levels are only generally reported in less than half of cases. Data distinguishing < .05 and .05-.07 not available pre-FY2015.

# BAC Levels Reported\* in DUI-Related Arrests FY2015-24 - Higher Ranges

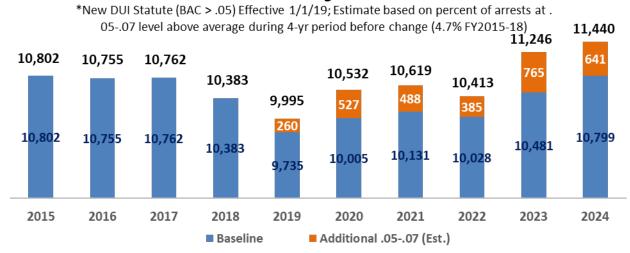


\*Note: Specific BAC levels are only generally reported in less than half of cases. Data distinguishing <.05 and .05-.07 not available pre-FY2015.

Estimating Additional DUI-Related Arrests After Statute Change. As mentioned in the previous section, it is difficult to estimate the number of additional DUI-related arrests that have occurred since the BAC limit was lowered from .08 to .05 due to the amount of unreported BAC levels (close to 50% historically, down to 32% in FY 2024) and the number of arrestees who refuse a BAC test (10-15% historically, down to 7% in FY 2024). More complete data would certainly provide increased confidence in estimates based on the BAC level distribution at arrest across the time period available (data from FY 2015-24 allows us to more granularly distinguish levels below .08, particularly between .05-.07 and <.05), though these possible effects can still be examined while also taking into account the limitations of the data at this time. Using the data we do have, FY 2015-18 serves as a 4-year pre-statute change period (the change was implemented halfway through FY 2019), and during this period 4.7% of arrests with a reported BAC fell within the .05-.07 range. If we extrapolate the available percentage to all arrests across the period and assume that, on average, 4.7% of arrests would continue to be between .05-07 from FY 2019-24 if the legal limit remained at .08, the blue bars in the figure below would serve as our baseline/expected number of arrests under the old statute. Under this assumption, all arrests above and beyond the expected average from these four years before the statute change can be considered excess arrests that would not have occurred under the old statutory limit (orange part of bars in FY 2019-24), and this serves as our estimate of additional arrests post-statute change.

Given this logic and the assumptions behind it above, we can estimate that there were 641 additional arrests in FY 2024 than would have been expected under the previous legal limit of .08 (5.9% more than the expected 10,799 arrests without a change). Prior years also added a significant number of arrests (including a high of 765 in FY 2023, 385 in FY 2022, 488 in FY 2021, and 527 in FY 2020; the 260 additional estimated in FY 2019 are for the six months after the new legal limit was implemented). Up until FY 2023, overall DUI-related arrest totals had remained fairly stable (including a historic low number in FY 2019), and it was unclear whether there was no effect of the statute change or, alternatively, if the change itself is what stabilized the trend (and it would have continued to decrease without the change). This is still not entirely clear, and it is likely there are other benefits generated that are worth the added arrests (i.e., BACs at the highest levels (>.15) have decreased in this period, down from 51% in FY 2018 to 42% in FY 2024).

# DUI Arrests by FY with Estimate\* of Additional Arrests Post-Statute Change

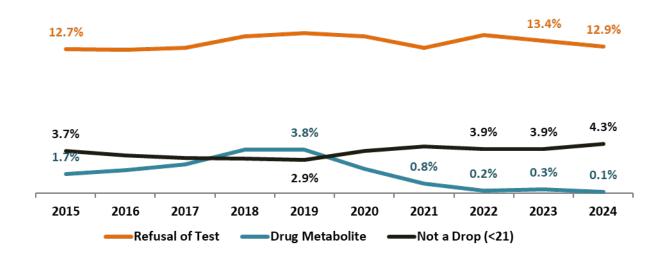


### **Arrests by Violation Type**

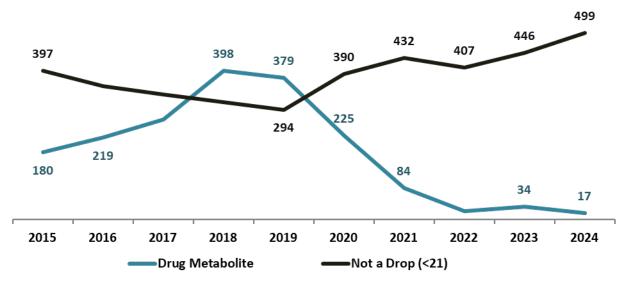
The distribution of DUI-related arrests by type of violation in FY 2024 was similar to previous years (see <u>Table A9</u> in Appendix), with the vast majority (82%) for *per se violations*. Per se violations occur when the driver has a blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) greater than the legal limit (.05 as of December 30, 2018), or is impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a combination of the two to the extent it is unsafe to operate a vehicle. 7% of arrests were for *refusal to submit to a chemical test* (down from 13% in FY 2023) – under Utah law, drivers are considered to have given consent to tests of breath, blood, urine, or oral fluids to determine whether they are driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. Violations of the *Not a Drop statute*, by persons under the age of 21 who drove with any measurable alcohol concentration in their body, accounted for 4% of the arrests (similar to FY 2020-23). It is also illegal to drive with any measurable controlled substance or *metabolite of a controlled substance* in a person's body – this accounted for less than 1% of arrests, continuing a downward trend from 4% in FY 2019. Arrests of *commercial drivers* exceeding the .04 limit also represented less than 1% of the total.

The figures below show how the distribution of violation types has varied over the past ten years (per se violations were left out, as these have not varied much from an average of 81% over this period). Arrests involving violations of the Not a Drop statute (< 21 years old) have remained fairly stable as a percentage of overall arrests over the past ten years, while those involving a positive drug metabolite test have decreased in the past five years. The second figure shows the raw number of arrests for drug metabolite and Not a Drop violations. After almost tripling from FY 2014 to FY 2018, drug metabolite arrests in FY 2024 are at a ten-year low, down half from FY 2023. In contrast, while Not a Drop arrests are still well below historic highs (well above 500 in years prior to FY 2014), the 499 arrests for this statute in FY 2024 were still up 70% from the low point in FY 2019.

### DUI-Related Arrest Violation Type % FY2015-24



### **DUI-Related Arrests - Selected Violation Types**



Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division

#### **DUI Overtime Enforcement Events**

The arrests made in SFY 2024/FFY 2024 included those that occurred during specialized DUI overtime enforcement events such as enforcement blitzes, saturation patrols, and DUI checkpoints. State funding from DUI impound fees collected, as well as federal funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was used to fund the overtime shifts coordinated through the Utah Highway Safety Office. Law enforcement agencies throughout Utah participated, including local police agencies, sheriffs' offices, the Utah Highway Patrol, and university police departments. The table below shows the measures associated with these specialized DUI overtime enforcement events. The total DUI shifts worked were up slightly (+3%) from 2023 levels (though still well below pre-pandemic levels in 2016-19), with vehicles stopped (+9%), alcohol-related arrests (+40%), and other warnings/citations (+9%) also increasing in the past year as a result, but DUI arrests from such events down (-9%).

Statewide DUI Overtime Enforcement Events	State- Funded SFY 2024*	Federally- Funded FFY 2024*	Totals
DUI Shifts Worked	3,927	1,381	5,308
Vehicles Stopped	34,292	14,221	48,513
DUI Arrests**	1,142	263	1,415
Vehicles Impounded	960	230	1,190
Alcohol-Related Arrests***	1,210	256	1,466
Drug-Related Arrests****	1,469	318	1,787
Warrants Served	457	147	604
Other Warnings/Citations	37,716	14,242	51,958
Designated Drivers Observed/Documented	224	76	300

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

<sup>\*</sup>SFY 2024 = July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024; FFY 2024 = October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes 857 DUI/alcohol-related, 411 DUI/drug-related, 74 DUI/ drug and alcohol-related, and 73 metabolite arrests
\*\*\*Includes open container and underage/youth alcohol violations (e.g., possession, consumption, attempted purchase,
Not a Drop)

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Felony and misdemeanor (e.g., drug possession)

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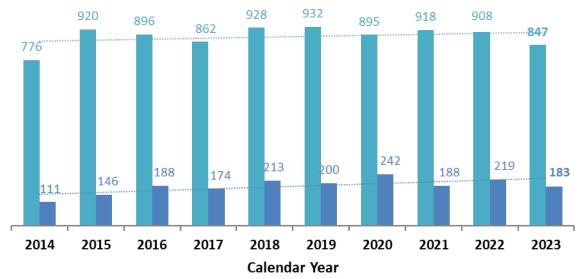
# Crashes, Injuries, & Fatalities

Each year, the Department of Public Safety's Highway Safety Office tracks the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities related to DUIs involving both alcohol and drugs by **calendar year** (see <u>Tables A10 and A11</u> in the Appendix for the full data tables for each). The following three sections will discuss each of these separately.

### **DUI-Related Crashes**

Out of a total of 60,022 automobile crashes in 2023 (**calendar year**), a very small percentage were related to either alcohol (1.4%) or drug (less than 1%) DUIs. There are consistently more alcohol-related crashes than drug-related crashes, and both have been fairly steady over the past 7 years. It should be noted that the Highway Safety Office changed how they define alcohol- and drug-related crashes and injuries (next section), only including those with alcohol- and drug-positive data (and excluding cases where each are only suspected). Because of this, numbers are significantly lower than in reports preceding the FY2023 report. The 847 DUI/alcohol-related crashes in CY 2023 were down from 2022 levels, as were the 183 DUI/drug-related crashes in CY 2023.

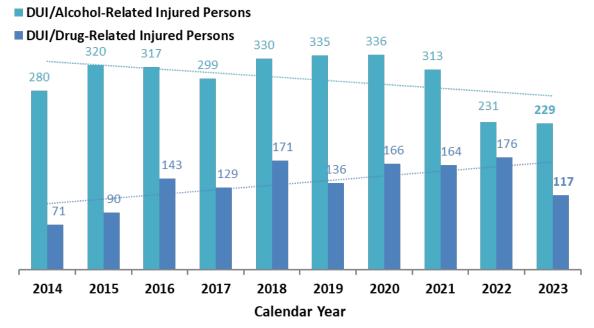
- DUI/Alcohol-Related Crashes
- DUI/Drug-Related Crashes



Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office
Note: DUI/alcohol-related crashes include only those incidents that involved alcohol; DUI/drug-related crashes include only those incidents that involved drugs
and no alcohol. These numbers no longer include alcohol- and drug-suspected data; only alcohol- and drug-positive data are now counted.

### **DUI-Related Injuries**

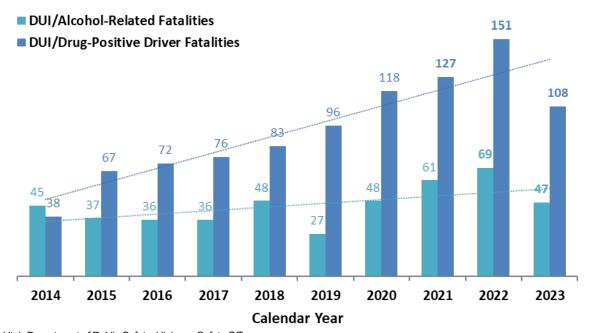
The trends for DUI-related injuries are very similar to those seen for crashes. Once again, a small percentage of the 11,313 total injured persons involved in automobile crashes in 2022 (**calendar year**) were related to either alcohol (2.0%) or drug (1.0%) DUIs. There have consistently been more persons injured in alcohol-related crashes per year, though the gap has closed since 2019. The 229 persons injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2023 is similar to 2022 but a significant decrease (-32%) from 2020. The 117 persons injured in drug-related crashes in 2023 was down 34% from 176 in 2022.



Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office
Note: DUl/alcohol-related crashes include only those incidents that involved alcohol; DUl/drug-related crashes include only those incidents that involved drugs
and no alcohol. These numbers no longer include alcohol- and drug-suspected data; only alcohol- and drug-positive data are now counted.

### **DUI-Related Fatalities**

As seen in the figures on the next page, DUI-related fatalities involving both alcohol and drugs fell significantly in 2023 after reaching 10-year highs in 2022. The 47 alcohol-related fatalities in 2023 were down 32% from 69 in 2022, and more in line with the 10-year average (45). Despite recent volatility, alcohol-related fatalities have been more consistent over the past ten years than drug-positive driver fatalities. Over the previous five years prior to 2023, drug-positive driver fatalities jumped 99% from 76 in 2017 to 151 in 2022, and increased every year back to 2014. But, this streak was broken in 2023, as these fatalities dropped 29% from 151 in 2022 to 108 in 2023 (the lowest number since 2019). Despite this significant drop, drug-positive driver fatalities have almost tripled in the last 10 years (+184%), from 38 in 2014 to 108 in 2023. In recent years, drug-positive driver crashes have been more deadly, with almost as many fatalities as injuries. For example, in 2014, there were 111 DUI/drug-related crashes with 71 injured persons and 38 fatalities, while in 2023, there were 183 DUI/drug-related crashes with 117 injured persons and 108 fatalities. On the other hand, there has consistently been significantly more injured persons than fatalities in DUI/alcohol-related crashes.



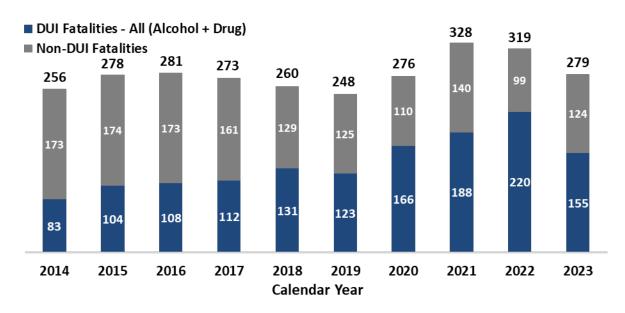
Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

Note: DUI/alcohol-related fatalities include only those incidents where at least one of the drivers had a BAC of ≥ .08 (≥ .05 starting January 1, 2019).

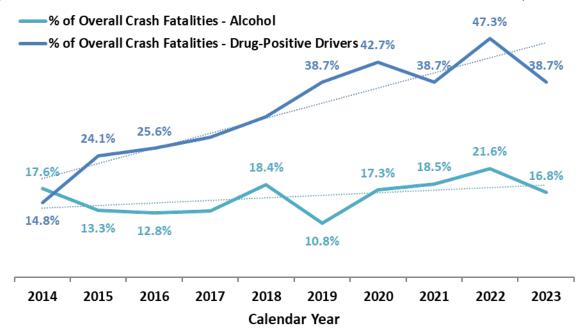
DUI/drug-positive driver fatalities include only drivers who tested positive for drugs and had a BAC of < .08 (< .05 starting January 1, 2019). 

Drug presence does not imply impairment.

The figure below shows the trend in overall crash fatalities, and the share that are attributable to DUI (both alcohol-related and drug-positive) versus non-DUI crash fatalities. Overall crash fatalities were down to 279 in 2023 from 319 in 2021, but still up from 248 in 2019 (+13%). While there was an overall decline in crash fatalities in 2023, the share attributable to DUIs also decreased from 220 in 2022 to 155 in 2023 (-30%). The proportion of crash fatalities attributable to DUIs (both alcohol and drug) has grown from 26% in 2012 to 56% in 2023 (though down from a high of 69% in 2022).



With both alcohol-related and drug-positive driver fatalities decreasing in 2023, they also both made up a lower percentage of all fatalities, more in line with 2018-21. Still, unlike crashes and injuries, these DUI-related fatalities make up a far greater percentage of total crash fatalities in a given year. Of the 217 total crash fatalities in 2023, 17% were alcohol-related (down from 22%) and 39% involved a drug-positive driver fatality (down from 47%). As seen in the figure below, crashes involving drug-positive drivers have become increasingly fatal over the past 10 years (compared to 2014 levels that were more in line with alcohol-related crash fatalities).

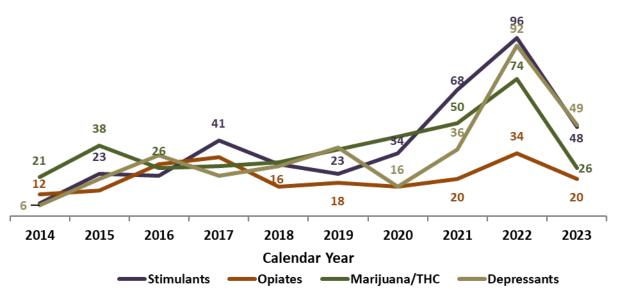


Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office
Note: DUI/alcohol-related fatalities include only those incidents where at least one of the drivers had a BAC of ≥ .08 (≥ .05 starting January 1, 2019).
DUI/drug-positive driver fatalities include only drivers who tested positive for drugs and had a BAC of < .08 (< .05 starting January 1, 2019). Drug
presence does not imply impairment.

### **Drug Positive Driver Test Results in Fatal Crashes - Drug Types**

The most common drugs found in drug positive tests in fatal crashes in 2023 were depressants (e.g., barbiturates, sedatives; N = 49), stimulants (e.g., methamphetamine, amphetamines, cocaine; N = 48), marijuana/THC (N = 26), and opioids/narcotic analgesics (e.g., oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, heroin, fentanyl; N = 20). The figure below shows the trends over the past ten years for these four most common drug types found in positive drug tests of drivers in fatal automobile crashes. Positive tests for all four drug types in fatal crashes were considerably lower in 2023: marijuana/THC positive tests were down 65% from 74 in 2022; stimulants were down 48% from 96 in 2022; depressants were down 47% from 92 in 2022; and opioids were down 41% from 34 in 2022. While these levels are all significantly lower than 2022, they are more in line with the 2014-20 period. It should be noted that a driver in a fatal crash can test positive for more than one drug as well as alcohol (when the BAC is greater than the legal limit, the fatality would count as an alcohol-related fatality even with a positive drug test – there were 155 total combined substance-related fatalities in 2023). See Table A12 in the Appendix for the full data related to this topic.

### **Drug-Positive Driver Fatalities - Drug Types**



Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

Note: DUI/drug-positive driver fatalities include only drivers who tested positive for drugs and had a BAC of < .08 (< .05 starting January 1, 2019). Drug presence does not imply impairment. More than one drug may be present in a positive test result.

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### **Court Activities**

### **Adjudications and Sanctions**

DUI-related offenses are classified as either misdemeanors or felonies, depending on the type of offense and whether it is a repeat offense.

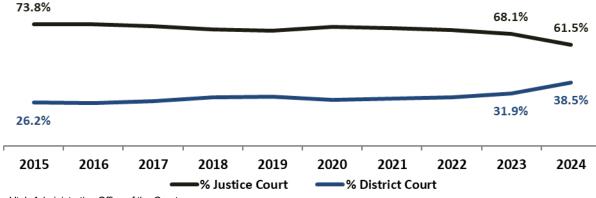
- In general, first and second DUI offenses (within 10 years) are classified as Class B
  misdemeanors.
- A first or second DUI offense (within 10 years) is classified as a *Class A misdemeanor* if it
  involves bodily injury, a passenger who is under 16 years of age, a passenger under 18
  years of age if the driver is 21 or older, or if the driver was driving in the wrong direction on
  a freeway or controlled-access highway.
- A DUI offense is classified as a 3rd degree felony if it is a third or subsequent offense
  within 10 years, if it involves serious bodily injury, or if the person has any prior felony DUI
  conviction or automobile homicide conviction.

Utah's *Justice Courts*, which are established by municipalities and counties, handle offenses classified as Class B misdemeanors, Class C misdemeanors, violations of local ordinances, small claims, and infractions committed within their territorial jurisdiction. Justice Court jurisdictions are determined by the boundaries of the local government entities (e.g., city or county), which hire the judges. On the other hand, *District Courts* are the state trial courts of general jurisdiction. These courts have original jurisdiction to try all civil cases, all criminal felonies, and misdemeanors in certain circumstances. DUI offenses classified as Class A misdemeanors and felonies are under the jurisdiction of the state's District Courts.

#### **DUI-Related Cases and Outcomes**

Utah courts disposed 12,407 total DUI-related cases in FY 2024, up slightly (2%) from FY 2023. Of these cases, 7,632 (62%) were handled by Utah's Justice Courts (down 8% from FY 2023), while 4,775 (39%) were handled by the state's District Courts (up 23% from FY 2023; see <u>Table A13</u>). The percentage of cases disposed of by Justice Courts has decreased in the past few years.





Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts

It should be noted that the share of Court cases filed as Class A misdemeanors (MA) in District Court (vs. at the MB level, which go to Justice Courts) was significantly impacted by H.B. 143, which passed in the 2022 Legislative Session but went into effect for FY 2023. As seen above, the percentage of cases disposed of by the District Courts jumped from 30% in FY 2022 to 39% in FY 2024 (associated with a 49% increase in cases in two years), and H.B. 143 was likely a significant driver in this shift of cases from Justice Courts to District Courts.

Of the 7,632 DUI-related cases disposed by Utah's Justice Courts during FY 2024, 80% resulted in a guilty plea or equivalent verdict. A slightly higher rate was found in the District Courts, as 81% of the 4,775 cases disposed also resulted in a guilty plea or equivalent verdict. See <u>Table A14</u> in the Appendix for the overall disposition rates by court type, and <u>Tables A15-16</u> for dispositions by county for the Justice Courts and by judicial district for the District Courts.

#### **DUI-Related Sanctions**

Additional DUI-related case information collected by the Courts can be found in <u>Table A17</u> in the Appendix. The data indicate that in FY 2024, Justice Court judges ordered offenders to complete supervised (non-court) probation in 1,675 cases (28% of the total cases with a guilty plea or verdict), ordered electronic monitoring in 454 cases (7%), and ordered ignition interlock devices in 931 cases (15%). Additionally, District Court judges ordered offenders to complete supervised (non-court) probation in 2,564 cases (66% of the total guilty cases), ordered electronic monitoring in 819 cases (21%), and ordered ignition interlock devices in 936 cases (24%).

### Orders for Screening, Assessment, Treatment, and Education

See <u>Table A18</u> in the Appendix for full data on substance use disorder screening and assessment, substance use disorder treatment, and educational series court orders.

### **Screening & Assessment**

As part of any sentence for a DUI-related offense, Utah law requires offenders to participate in a screening and, if indicated by the screening, an assessment. A screening involves gathering information that is used to determine if an individual has a problem with alcohol and/or other drugs, and if so, whether an in-depth clinical assessment is appropriate. An assessment is a collection of detailed information concerning the individual's alcohol and/or other drug use, emotional and physical health, social roles, and other relevant areas of the individual's life. The assessment is used to determine the need for substance use disorder treatment.<sup>1</sup>

In FY 2024, Justice Court judges ordered offenders to complete substance use disorder screening and assessment in 4,748 cases, which was 78% of the cases with a guilty plea or verdict. The number of orders was down (-8%) from FY 2023. District Court judges were less likely to order screening and assessment, with orders in 2,235 cases (58% of cases with a guilty plea or verdict), though the total number of District Court orders was up significantly (+25%) from FY 2023. Overall, 70% of DUI-related cases with a guilty plea or verdict were ordered to screening and assessment.

<sup>1</sup> Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Screening and Assessment for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Among Adults in the Criminal Justice System, Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) Series, #7.

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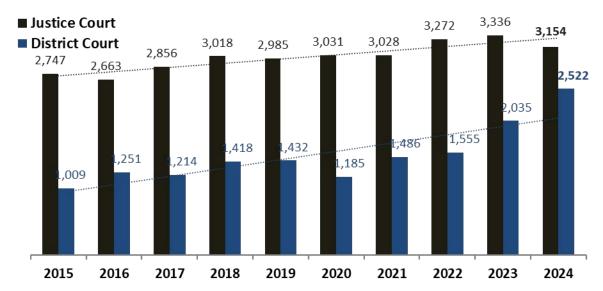
#### **Treatment**

For a first and second DUI-related offense, the court *may* order treatment; for a third or subsequent offense within 10 years, the court *must* order substance use disorder treatment. "Treatment involves the application of planned procedures to identify and change patterns of behavior that are maladaptive, destructive, and/or injurious to health; or to restore appropriate levels of physical, psychological and/or social functioning. Offenders assessed as meeting the diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder should participate in a treatment program in addition to, or in lieu of, the educational course." Treatment should address both alcohol and other substance use disorders. The level of treatment needed (e.g., day treatment, outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential) is determined by the assessment on the basis of the severity of the substance use disorder.

In FY 2024, Justice Court judges ordered offenders to complete substance use disorder treatment in 3,154 cases, which was only 52% of the cases with a guilty plea or verdict. The number of orders was down slightly (-5%) from FY 2023 (3,336), and the percentage remains significantly lower than the high of 61% achieved in FY 2020. District Court judges were somewhat more likely to order treatment, with orders in 2,522 cases (65% of cases with a guilty plea or verdict). The number and percentage of orders was up from FY 2023 (2,035 and 62%). Overall, 57% of DUI-related cases with a guilty plea or verdict were ordered to treatment (higher than FY 2021 and FY 2022, but down from 60% in FY 2020).

As the figure below indicates, orders for substance use disorder treatment have been generally increasing over the past ten years, even while DUI dispositions have remained relatively stable (with the exception of some cases being redirected from Justice to District Courts in the past two years). Justice Court judge orders for treatment, despite a slight drop in FY 2024, have increased 18% since FY 2016, and District Court judge orders have more than doubled (+150%) since FY 2015.

### Treatment Orders in DUI-Related Cases by Court FY2015-24



Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts
Note: Earlier years may not have full participation of the Justice Courts reporting to the CORIS database.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Utah Sentencing Commission, DUI Best Sentencing Practices Guidebook, 2003.

#### **Education**

For a first DUI-related offense and for a second offense within 10 years, the sentence must include participation in an educational series if the court does not order treatment. The purpose of DUI education is to "address any problems or risk factors that appear to be related to use of alcohol and other drugs and attempt to help the individual recognize the harmful consequences of inappropriate use, with special emphasis placed on the dangers of drinking and driving." Utah DUI offenders sentenced to an educational series attend the PRIME For Life® (PFL) program developed by the Prevention Research Institute (PRI). "PRIME For Life® is a motivational intervention that provides education and strategies for individuals who have experienced problems due to high-risk alcohol or drug use. PFL is an interactive experience designed to motivate and guide individuals toward making low-risk choices and adopting more accurate beliefs about personal risk that will support those low-risk choices. The program provides research-based, low-risk guidelines and assists participants in making choices to best protect what they value."

Not surprisingly, educational series orders were much more common in the Justice Courts. In FY 2024, Justice Court judges ordered offenders to complete the educational series in 2,647 cases, which was 43% of the cases with a guilty plea or verdict. District Court judges only ordered the educational series in 703 cases (18% of cases with a guilty plea or verdict). Overall, 34% of DUI-related cases with a guilty plea or verdict were ordered to complete the educational series.

The <u>DUI Statutory Overview</u> included at the end of this report provides detailed information regarding DUI-related offense classifications and sanctions.

<sup>3</sup> Utah Sentencing Commission, *DUI Best Sentencing Practices Guidebook*, 2003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Stafford, P., Beadnell, B., Rosengren, D.B., Carter-Lunceford, C., & Huynh, H. (2012, April). *PRIME For Life UTAH 2011 Evaluation Report Executive Summary*. Lexington, KY: Prevention Research Institute.

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# **Driver License Control Hearings**

The Department of Public Safety's Driver License Division is required to suspend or revoke the license of a person who has been convicted or sanctioned for the following:

- Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs
- Driving with any measurable controlled substance or metabolite in the body
- Not a Drop violation (persons under 21 years of age)
- Refusal to submit to a chemical test
- Automobile homicide
- "No-alcohol" conditional license
- Alcohol restricted driver (ARD) violation
- Interlock restricted driver (IRD) conviction

### **Hearing Statistics**

A driver arrested for a DUI-related offense may request a license hearing within 10 days, and the Driver License Division must schedule the hearing within 30 days. As shown in the table below, there were 3,846 requested alcohol hearings held in FY 2024, up slightly from the 3,804 held in FY 2023 but still down significantly from the 5,663 held in FY 2020. The Division is unable to take any action against a driver if the arresting officer does not appear at the hearing. To improve appearance rates, the Division offers a telephonic option whereby officers or offenders can phone in for the hearing. In 3,474 (90%) of the cases, at least one of the parties called in for the hearing. In 1,379 (36%) of the cases, no action could be taken against the driver due to the absence of the arresting officer at the hearing or other factors (down from 37% in FY 2023).

	Total	Total	Hearings Resulting in No Action				
Type of Violation	Number of Hearings	Telephonic	No Officer Other No Action No Action		Total No Action		
Per Se Alcohol/Drug	3,151	2,829	974	199	1,173		
Not a Drop (< 21)	134	124	48	5	53		
Refusal of Chemical Test	561	521	125	28	153		
TOTAL	3,846	3,474	1,147	232	1,379		
Source: Utah Department of Public S	Safety, Driver Lic	ense Division					

### **APPENDIX: Associated Data Tables**

The following tables provide more detailed data for information referenced in this report. Note: If you linked to a table from the report, you may return to that page by clicking the link next to the table title (e.g., "Return to p.10").

**Table A1.** DUI-related Arrests by County and Region in FY 2024, Compared to Population (Return to p.9)

	DU	JI-Related	Arrests FY	2024	Utah Por	oulation
County	By Arres	t Location	By Arreste	ee Address	(2023 C	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Beaver	37	0.3%	14	0.1%	7,233	0.2%
Box Elder	191	1.6%	146	1.2%	62,684	1.8%
Cache	350	3.0%	300	2.6%	142,393	4.2%
Carbon	90	0.7%	92	0.8%	20,609	0.6%
Daggett	6	0.1%	2	<0.1%	992	<0.1%
Duchesne	99	0.8%	93	0.8%	20,477	0.6%
Emery	45	0.3%	28	0.2%	10,144	0.3%
Garfield	18	0.1%	15	0.1%	5,314	0.2%
Grand	71	0.6%	53	0.4%	9,706	0.3%
Iron	187	1.6%	155	1.3%	64,211	1.9%
Juab	122	1.0%	30	0.2%	13,023	0.4%
Kane	89	0.7%	31	0.2%	8,425	0.2%
Millard	75	0.6%	45	0.3%	13,437	0.4%
Morgan	45	0.3%	27	0.2%	13,000	0.4%
Piute	3	<0.1%	4	<0.1%	1,550	<0.1%
Rich	7	0.1%	5	<0.1%	2,670	0.1%
San Juan	108	0.9%	60	0.5%	14,358	0.4%
Sanpete	60	0.5%	94	0.8%	30,277	0.9%
Sevier	79	0.6%	42	0.3%	22,344	0.7%
Summit	272	2.3%	180	1.5%	42,759	1.3%
Tooele	344	3.0%	278	2.4%	82,051	2.4%
Uintah	183	1.5%	179	1.5%	37,747	1.1%
Wasatch	293	2.5%	185	1.6%	37,144	1.1%
Washington	921	8.0%	751	6.5%	202,452	5.9%
Wayne	4	<0.1%	9	0.1%	2,614	0.1%
Non-Wasatch/Rural	3,699	32.3%	2,818	24.6%	867,614	25.4%
Davis	913	7.9%	802	7.0%	373,207	10.9%
Utah	2081	18.1%	1920	16.7%	719,174	21.0%
Weber	886	7.7%	882	7.7%	271,926	8.0%
Other Wasatch Front	3,880	33.9%	3,604	31.5%	1,364,307	39.9%
Salt Lake	3,861	33.7%	4,065	35.5%	1,185,813	34.7%
Out of State			872	7.6%		
TOTAL	11,440	100%	11,440	100%	3,417,734	100%

Table A2. DUI-related Arrest Rates\* by County and Region, FY 2015-224 (Return to p.10)

					Fisca	l Year				
County/Region	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Beaver	100.6	74.0	108.3	115.9	100.3	83.5	86.3	81.4	43.7	51.2
Box Elder	27.2	35.7	28.2	30.9	28.0	28.7	36.2	28.0	29.8	30.5
Cache	22.1	26.2	21.6	24.3	18.6	26.0	24.0	30.4	25.0	24.6
Carbon	29.0	31.3	36.3	47.8	43.4	43.5	52.9	55.0	42.3	43.7
Daggett	62.7	0.0	9.1	38.9	61.2	31.6	32.1	51.2	69.0	60.5
Duchesne	55.9	44.6	43.8	50.4	37.6	34.6	50.5	48.0	40.7	48.3
Emery	51.7	33.8	41.1	46.6	56.9	46.9	53.9	50.2	44.6	44.4
Garfield	35.8	2.0	38.1	45.3	27.6	37.6	53.1	46.8	36.0	33.9
Grand	105.0	107.2	74.1	74.4	100.4	88.2	55.8	45.5	65.5	73.2
Iron	58.2	43.8	39.9	58.2	33.9	37.4	34.9	28.8	38.3	29.1
Juab	58.2	98.2	96.3	103.1	109.0	104.9	140.0	101.2	99.5	93.7
Kane	68.9	61.7	49.1	44.9	32.4	35.5	48.3	71.3	93.6	105.6
Millard	55.5	69.6	90.6	99.5	73.8	70.5	64.0	69.1	51.0	55.8
Morgan	33.0	30.7	24.5	26.1	23.2	20.6	21.1	15.8	27.3	34.6
Piute	20.2	19.8	6.8	21.1	27.7	33.8	34.8	40.3	6.7	19.4
Rich	43.6	30.3	21.6	20.9	48.7	28.2	91.6	15.4	45.7	26.2
San Juan	43.9	39.3	31.4	50.1	64.7	74.5	78.5	89.7	85.7	75.2
Sanpete	25.6	20.2	26.9	31.0	27.1	24.2	36.9	36.1	30.3	19.8
Sevier	50.5	31.9	28.2	51.1	38.5	37.0	20.4	18.7	36.7	35.4
Summit	65.5	56.3	51.9	39.9	57.2	52.2	49.8	51.5	55.3	63.6
Tooele	63.6	60.8	63.1	53.8	54.9	44.8	51.0	36.3	44.4	41.9
Uintah	49.9	47.5	36.6	39.5	54.5	54.8	47.7	45.6	50.1	48.5
Wasatch	71.1	95.7	94.7	63.9	40.3	63.4	68.1	68.3	82.2	78.9
Washington	32.2	31.1	30.7	33.4	32.0	31.8	43.8	45.3	42.3	45.5
Wayne	11.0	3.7	3.7	7.4	14.9	40.6	28.2	27.4	7.6	15.3
Non-Wasatch/Rural	42.9	41.9	40.1	42.2	39.0	39.7	43.9	42.2	42.7	42.6
Davis	24.8	26.3	26.6	24.8	25.0	26.3	24.2	24.3	26.3	24.5
Utah	28.5	28.5	26.1	25.8	26.2	26.8	27.8	26.1	28.3	28.9
Weber	51.4	44.4	42.4	38.8	32.3	28.7	30.1	27.0	35.0	32.6
Other Wasatch Front	32.3	31.2	29.6	28.2	27.2	27.1	27.2	25.8	29.1	28.4
Salt Lake	37.2	36.8	38.0	33.2	31.4	34.4	30.4	29.5	31.2	32.6
Statewide TOTAL	36.7	35.9	35.3	33.5	31.6	32.9	32.5	31.2	33.3	33.5

Source for DUI Arrest Data: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division Source for Population Data: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division \*Arrest Rates are the number of arrests per 10,000 population

**Table A3.** DUI-Related Arrests by Gender (Return to p.10)

DUI-Related Arrests	FY 202		FY 2023		FY	2024				
by Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Number Percent		Percent				
Male	7,704	74.0%	8,244	73.3%	8,285	72.4%				
Female	2,498	24.0%	2,716	24.2%	2,724	23.8%				
Unspecified	211	2.0%	286	2.5%	431	3.8%				
TOTAL 10,413 100% 11,246 100% 11,440 10										
Source: Utah Department of Public Sa	fety, Driver Li	Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division								

**Table A4.** DUI-Related Arrests by Age (Return to p.10)

DUI-Related Arrests	FY 2022		FY 2	2023	FY 2024		
by Age	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Ages 14-20	1,145	11.0%	1,163	10.3%	1,211	10.5%	
Ages 21-24	1,383	13.3%	1,529	13.6%	1,601	13.9%	
Ages 25-36	3,840	36.9%	4,041	35.9%	4,101	35.8%	
Ages 37-48	2,508	24.1%	2,836	25.2%	2,825	24.6%	
Ages 49-87	1,537	14.8%	1,677	14.9%	1,702	14.8%	
TOTAL	10,413	100%	11,246	100%	11,440	100%	
Source: Utah Department of Public Safety	, Driver Licens	se Division					

**Table A5.** DUI-Related Arrests by Agency Type (Return to p.10)

DUI-Related Arrests	-Related Arrests FY 2022 FY 2023		2023	FY	2024	
by Agency Type	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sheriffs' Offices	1,385	13.3%	1,559	13.8%	1,406	12.3%
City Police/Other	6,036	58.0%	6,164	54.8%	6,172	54.0%
Highway Patrol	2,992	28.7%	3,523	31.3%	3,862	33.8%
TOTAL	10,413	100%	11,246	100%	11,440	100%
Source: Utah Department of Public	Safety, Driver I	icense Divisio	n			

**Table A6.** DUI-Related Arrests by Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration (BAC) (Return to p.10)

DUI-Related Arrests	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024	
by BAC	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
BAC Result Not Reported*	5,208	50.0%	5,272	46.9%	3,688	32.2%
.0004	463	4.4%	269	2.4%	418	3.6%
.0507	320	3.0%	516	4.6%	717	6.2%
.0810	503	4.8%	687	6.1%	1,009	8.8%
.1115	975	9.3%	1,337	11.9%	1,929	16.8%
.1620	856	8.2%	993	8.8%	1,580	13.8%
.2125	448	4.3%	485	4.3%	783	6.8%
.2643+	239	2.9%	238	2.1%	536	4.6%
Refused BAC Test	1,401	13.0%	1,449	12.9%	780	6.8%
TOTAL	10,413	100%	11,246	100%	11,440	100%

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division

\*Arrestee may have submitted to a blood test, but the Driver License Division never received the results, or this was a DUI/drug-related arrest and there was no BAC.

### Table A7. Repeat Offenders by Type of DUI-related Arrest (Return to p.10)

*Note:* The following table shows repeat offender data by type of DUI-related arrest. Data were calculated by identifying arrests that occurred in FY 2024 as a starting point, then counting back ten years to determine previous arrests. Each arrest was placed in a column determined by the type of the arrest or violation.

FY 2024 Arrest Type	Per se Alcohol (.05)/	Refusal of Chemical	Not a Drop	Drug Metabolite	Commercial Driver	Unknown (no box marked)	TOTAL	
Offense	Drug	Test	(<21)		(.04)		Number	Percent
1 <sup>st</sup>	7,150	995	449	14	10	18	8,636	75.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1,558	315	27	3	0	5	1,908	16.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	475	121	19	0	0	2	617	5.3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	153	33	1	0	0	0	187	1.6%
5 <sup>th</sup>	40	11	0	0	0	0	51	.4%
6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	26	12	3	0	0	0	41	.3%
TOTAL	9,402	1,487	499	17	10	25	11,440	100%
Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division								

**Table A8.** DUI-related Arrests by Month (Return to p.11)

DUI-Related Arrests	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024			
by Month	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
July	962	9.2%	994	8.8%	1,035	9.0%		
August	866	8.3%	960	8.5%	893	7.8%		
September	844	8.1%	944	8.4%	975	8.5%		
October	877	8.4%	1,007	9.0%	953	8.3%		
November	859	8.2%	881	7.8%	868	7.6%		
December	783	7.5%	873	7.8%	938	8.2%		
January	868	8.3%	967	8.6%	889	7.8%		
February	824	7.9%	792	7.0%	930	8.1%		
March	938	9.0%	971	8.6%	1,015	8.9%		
April	881	8.5%	931	8.3%	954	8.3%		
May	885	8.5%	928	8.3%	941	8.2%		
June	826	7.9%	998	8.9%	1,049	9.2%		
TOTAL	10,413	100%	11,246	100%	11,440	100%		
Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division								

**Table A9.** Arrests by Violation Type (Return to p.14)

DUI-Related Arrests	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		Percent	
by Violation Type	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change FY 23-24	
Per se Alcohol/Drug	8,499	81.6%	9,237	82.1%	9,402	82.1%	+1.8%	
Refusal of Chemical Test	1,444	13.9%	1,515	13.4%	1,487	12.9%	-1.8%	
Drug Metabolite	22	0.2%	34	0.3%	17	0.1%	-50.0%	
Not a Drop (< 21)	407	3.9%	446	3.9%	499	4.3%	+11.9%	
Commercial Driver (.04)	15	0.1%	6	0.1%	10	>0.1%	+66.7%	
Unknown (no box marked)	26	0.2%	8	0.1%	25	0.2%	+212.5%	
TOTAL	10,413	100%	11,246	100%	11,440	100%	+1.7%	
Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division								

**Table A10.** DUI/Alcohol-related Crashes, Injuries, and Fatalities by Calendar Year (Return to p.17)

DUI/AI	DUI/Alcohol-Related Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities in Utah, CY 2014-2023									
		Crashes	;	Injuries			Fatalities			
Calendar Year	Total Crashes	DUI/ Alcohol Crashes*	Percent DUI/ Alcohol	Total Injured Persons	DUI/ Alcohol Injured Persons	Percent DUI/ Alcohol	Total Crash Fatalities	DUI/ Alcohol Fatalities**	Percent DUI/ Alcohol	
2014	52,089	776	1.4%	15,753	280	1.7%	256	45	17.6%	
2015	57,526	920	1.5%	17,064	320	1.8%	278	37	13.3%	
2016	62,363	896	1.4%	18,324	317	1.7%	281	36	12.8%	
2017	62,855	862	1.3%	18,085	299	1.6%	273	36	13.1%	
2018	62,073	928	1.4%	17,976	330	1.8%	260	48	18.4%	
2019	64,594	932	1.4%	18,454	335	1.8%	248	27	10.8%	
2020	51,630	895	1.7%	15,899	336	2.1%	276	48	17.3%	
2021	61,462	918	1.4%	18,247	313	1.7%	328	61	18.5%	
2022	59,006	908	1.5%	17,613	231	1.3%	319	69	21.6%	
2023	60,022	847	1.4%	11,313	229	2.0%	279	47	16.8%	

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

**Table A11.** DUI/Drug-related Crashes, Injuries, and Fatalities by Calendar Year (Return to p.17)

DUI/I	Drug-Re	lated Cr	ashes, I	njuries a	and Fata	lities in	Utah, C`	Y 2014-20	)23
		Crashes			Injuries		Fatalities		
Calendar Year	Total Crashes	DUI/Drug- Related Crashes*	Percent DUI/Drug- Related	Total Injured Persons	DUI/Drug- Related Injured Persons	Percent DUI/Drug- Related	Total Crash Fatalities	Drug- Positive Driver Fatalities**	Percent Drug- Positive Related
2014	52,526	111	0.21%	15,753	71	0.45%	256	38	14.8%
2015	57,526	146	0.25%	17,064	90	0.52%	278	67	24.1%
2016	62,363	188	0.30%	18,324	143	0.78%	281	72	25.6%
2017	62,855	174	0.27%	18,085	129	0.71%	273	76	27.8%
2018	62,073	213	0.34%	17,976	171	0.95%	260	83	31.9%
2019	64,594	200	0.30%	18,454	136	0.73%	248	96	38.7%
2020	51,630	242	0.46%	15,899	166	1.04%	276	118	42.7%
2021	61,462	188	0.30%	18,247	164	0.89%	328	127	38.7%
2022	59,006	219	0.37%	17,613	176	0.99%	319	151	47.3%
2023	60,022	183	0.3%	11,313	117	1.0%	279	108	38.7%

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

Note: Drug presence does not necessarily imply impairment. For many drug types, drug presence can be detected long after any impairment that might affect driving has passed. Also, whereas the impairment effects for various concentration levels of alcohol is well understood, little evidence is available to link concentrations of other drug types to driver performance.

<sup>\*</sup>DUI/Alcohol-Related crashes include incidents where a driver tested positive for any level of alcohol.

<sup>\*\*</sup>DUI/Alcohol-Related fatal crashes and fatalities show the number of crashes where at least one of the drivers tested positive for alcohol and had a BAC of > 0.05 percent starting December 31, 2018 or > 0.08 percent prior to that date.

<sup>\*</sup>DUI/drug-related crashes include only those incidents that involved drugs and no alcohol.

\*\*Drug-related crashes and fatalities include the number of crashes resulting from one or more drivers who had a positive drug test.

**Table A12.** Drug-positive Driver Test Results in Fatal Crashes by Drug Type & Calendar Year (Return to p.20)

		Calendar Year 2014-23								
Drug Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stimulants	7	23	22	41	28	23	34	68	96	48
Depressants	6	20	33	22	27	37	16	36	92	49
Marijuana/THC	21	38	26	27	29	36	43	50	74	26
Opioids/Narcotics	12	14	28	32	16	18	16	20	34	20
Dissociative Anesthetics	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hallucinogens	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Other Drug	7	17	9	2	1	2	44	6	4	5
Unknown Type	1	0	2	13	11	3	0	0	0	0

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office

Note: Drug presence does not necessarily imply impairment. For many drug types, drug presence can be detected long after any impairment that might affect driving has passed. Also, whereas the impairment effects for various concentration levels of alcohol is well understood, little evidence is available to link concentrations of other drug types to driver performance.

**Table A13.** DUI-related Cases Disposed by Court Type and Fiscal Year (Return to p.23)

Court	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	% Change FY 23-24
Justice Courts	7,650	8,280	7,632	-7.8%
District Courts	3,202	3,885	4,775	+22.9%
Total Cases Disposed	10,852	12,165	12,407	+1.9%
Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts	-			

**Table A14.** DUI-related Case Disposition Outcomes by Court Type in FY 2024 (Return to p.24)

		Case Disposition Outcome					
Court		Guilty Equivalent*	Not Guilty Equivalent*	Other*			
Justice Courts		6,088	1,444	100			
	Percent	79.8%	18.9%	1.3%			
District Courts		3,857	831	87			
	Percent	80.8%	17.4%	1.8%			
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>		9,945	2,275	187			
	Percent	80.2%	18.3%	1.5%			

Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts

Note: This table does not depict the Justice Courts' or District Courts' actual conviction rate, as it includes only cases disposed during FY 2020; pending cases were not included.

<sup>\*</sup>DUI/drug-related crashes include only those incidents that involved drugs and no alcohol.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Drug-related crashes and fatalities include the number of crashes resulting from one or more drivers who had a positive drug test.

<sup>\*</sup> Guilty-Equivalent = Guilty, No Contest, and Plea in Abeyance; Not Guilty Equivalent = Dismissed, Declined Prosecution, and Not Guilty; Other = Deceased, Diversion, Transferred, and Remanded.

**Table A15.** DUI-related Case Disposition Outcomes for Justice Courts by County in FY 2024 (Return to p.24)

			FY 2024	Justic	ce Cou	rt DUI-R	Related	Outco	mes b	y Cou	nty	
County	Deceased	Declined Prosecution	Dismissed*	Diversion	Forfeiture*	Guilty*	No Cause of Action	No Contest	Not Guilty*	Plea in abeyance	Transferred*	Totals*
Beaver			1			14				1		16
Box Elder	2		25			121		3		7		158
Cache			21			141		2		11	3	178
Carbon	1	1	17			63				1	4	87
Daggett						7						7
Davis	3		86			339		18		16	2	464
Duchesne			18			25		1		5		49
Emery	1		1			18		2			4	26
Garfield			1		1	10				1		13
Grand			14			44		1		4		63
Iron			27			135		8		3	2	175
Juab			12			51		1		2	3	69
Kane			5			50		1		1		57
Millard			3			32		1		3		39
Morgan			2			15		3		5		25
Piute						3						3
Rich						6						6
Salt Lake	9	4	534			2,144		93	6	29	31	2,850
San Juan		1	6			38		1	1	1	1	49
Sanpete			9		5	37		9				60
Sevier			34			77		8		9		128
Summit			33			110	4	10		8	1	166
Tooele			132			205		1		9		347
Uintah			22			80		19		4	5	130
Utah	8	1	215			777		70	1	26	4	1,102
Wasatch		4	30			85		8		49	1	177
Washington	1	3	94			399		69		19	1	586
Wayne						4						4
Weber	6		70		1	477		23		8	8	593
Totals	31	14	1,412	0	7	5,507	4	352	8	222	70	7,627
Percent	<1%	<1%	18.5%	0%	<1%	72.2%	<1%	4.6%	<1%	2.9%	<1%	100%

Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts

Note: This table does not depict the Justice Courts' actual conviction rate, as it includes only cases disposed during FY 2023; pending cases were not included.

\*Dismissed includes both w/o prejudice and w/prejudice; Forfeiture includes Bail Forfeiture; Guilty includes Guilty-Bench, Guilty-Jury, and Guilty Plea; Not Guilty includes Not Guilty-Jury; Transferred includes Set Aside; and Totals exclude Blanks.

**Table A16.** DUI-related Case Disposition Outcomes for District Courts by District in FY 2024 (Return to p.24)

		FY 2024 District Court DUI-Related Outcomes by Judicial District												
Judicial District	Deceased	Dismissed (w/o prej)	Dismissed w/ Prejudi	Diversion	Guilty	Guilty - Bench	Guilty - Jury	Guilty - Mental III	No Contest	Not Guilty - Jury	Plea in abeyance	Remanded	Transferred	Totals
1 <sup>st</sup>	3	30	13		214		3		4		5	1	3	276
2 <sup>nd</sup>		51	15		714		5	1	6		3	2	11	808
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7	172	77		925	1	2		3	2	43	26	11	1,269
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	135	95		984	2	6		56	4	38	6	46	1,375
5 <sup>th</sup>		85	11		379	3			13		8	11	1	511
6 <sup>th</sup>		7	21		167				2		7	2		206
7 <sup>th</sup>		9	15		108		1		1		5		1	140
8 <sup>th</sup>		10	27		129				13		6		1	186
Totals	13	499	274		3,620	6	17	1	98	6	115	48	74	4,771
Percent	<1%	10.5%	5.7%		75.9%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2.1%	<1%	2.4%	1.0%	1.6%	100%

Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts

Note: This table does not depict the District Courts' actual conviction rate, as it includes only cases disposed during FY 2023; pending cases were not included.

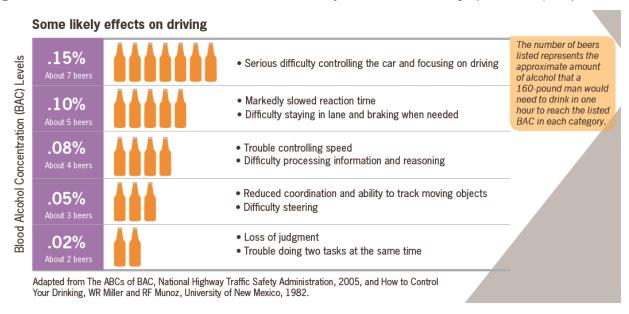
**Table A17.** Sanctions in DUI-related Cases by Court Type and Fiscal Year (Return to p.24)

DUI-Related Case Information and Sanctions	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Number of Justice Courts Providing Data	113	112	113
Blood/Breath Alcohol Content (BAC) Known	7,177	7,883	7,859
Justice Courts	5,586	5,879	5,450
District Courts	1,591	2,004	2,409
Ignition Interlock Ordered	1,791	2,024	1,867
Justice Courts	1,241	1,249	931
District Courts	550	775	936
Supervised (Non-Court) Probation	3,806	4,465	4,239
Justice Courts	2,096	2,230	1,675
District Courts	1,710	2,235	2,564
Electronic Monitoring	961	1,190	1,273
Justice Courts	589	560	454
District Courts	372	630	819
Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts	•		•

**Table A18.** Court Orders for Substance Use Disorder Screening and Assessment, Substance Use Treatment, and Educational Series by Court Type and Fiscal Year (Return to p.24)

DUI-Related Case Court Orders	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Substance Use Disorder Screening & Assessment Ordered	6,166	6,926	6,983
Justice Courts	4,783	5,141	4,748
District Courts	1,383	1,785	2,235
Substance Used Disorder Treatment Ordered	4,827	5,371	5,676
Justice Courts	3,272	3,336	3,154
District Courts	1,555	2,035	2,522
Educational Series Ordered	3,381	3,477	3,350
Justice Courts	2,879	2,886	2,647
District Courts	502	591	703
Source: Utah Administrative Office of the Courts	-	-	-

Figure A1. Blood Alcohol Concentration and Likely Effects on Driving<sup>5</sup> (Return to p.11)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vitalsigns, *Drinking and Driving: A Threat to Everyone*, October 2011.

## **DUI Statutory Overview**

The latest (October 2024) statutory overview for DUI offenses can be found on the following pages

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22 ND ANNUAL D	UI REPORT TO	THE UTAH	LEGISLATURE

UTAH DUI S	TATUTORY OVER	VIEW <sup>1,2</sup>		(Current as of May 2024)
Court-Ordered		N	IISDEMEANOR DUI	,
Sentencing	FIRST CONVICTION	FIRST CONVICTION – Extreme DUI  BAC .16 or higher  BAC .05 or higher + any measurable controlled substance  Combination of two or more controlled substances	SECOND CONVICTION WITHIN 10 YEARS	SECOND CONVICTION WITHIN 10 YEARS – Extreme DUI  BAC .16 or higher  BAC .05 or higher + any measurable controlled substance  Combination of two or more controlled substances <sup>2</sup>
CLASSIFICATION (§41-6a-503)	CLASS B MISDEMEANOR CLASS A MISDEMEANOR if passenger is under 164 if passenger is under 18 a if driving in the wrong dire highway	and driver is 21 or older	CLASS A MISDEMEANOR	CLASS A MISDEMEANOR
Jail (§41-6a-505)	SHALL order:  2 days OR 48 hours compensatory service MAY: Suspend jail time if individual is participating in 24/7 sobriety program; <sup>6</sup> Convert jail time to electronic home confinement <sup>10</sup> or order two-day increments if requirements are met <sup>11</sup>	SHALL order not less than:     5 days OR     2 days AND 30 days consecutive electronic home confinement <sup>4</sup> that includes substance abuse testing MAY: Suspend jail time if individual is participating in 24/7 sobriety program; Convert jail time to electronic home confinement or order two-day increments if requirements are met reconstant or some confinement or order two-day increments are met requirements are met or some confinement or order two-day increments are met or some confinement or order two-day increments are met or orde	SHALL order not less than:  ■ 10 days OR  ■ 5 days AND 30 days electronic home confinement <sup>4</sup> that includes substance abuse testing MAY:  Suspend jail time if individual is participating in 24/7 sobriety program AND serves:  ■ 5 days jail for a second offense or  ■ 10 days jail for third/subsequent offense;  Convert jail time to electronic home confinement <sup>10</sup> or order two-day increments if requirements are met <sup>11</sup>	SHALL order:  Not less than 20 days jail OR  10 days jail AND 60 consecutive days electronic home confinement⁴ that includes substance abuse testing OR  Not less than 10 days jail AND substance use tx (if tx is more likely to reduce recidivism and is in interest of public safety)  MAY: Suspend jail time if individual is participating in 24/7 sobriety program AND serves:  5 days jail for a second offense; or  10 days jail for third/subsequent offense; Convert jail time to electronic home confinement¹⁰ or order two-day increments if requirements are met¹¹¹
Increased Sentencing (§41-6a-505)		SHALL order unless described on the record why the order(s) not appropriate:  Treatment and One or more of the following: Interlock Ankle attached continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring device Electronic home confinement		SHALL order unless described on the record why the order(s) not appropriate:  • Treatment and One or more of the following:  • Interlock  • Ankle attached continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring device  • Electronic home confinement
Supervised Probation <sup>7</sup> (§41-6a-507)	MAY order supervised probation	SHALL order supervised proba	ation	

Fine, Surcharge, and Court Security Fee (§41-6a-505) (§51-9-401)	SHALL order: \$700 minimum fine plus a \$630 surcharge plus a \$60 court security fee (justice court) or \$53 (district court)	SHALL order: \$800 minimum fine plus a \$720 surcharge plus a \$60 court security fee (justice court) or \$53 (district court)					
Screening, Assessment, Educational Series, and Treatment (§41-6a-505)	SHALL order:	SHALL order: Screening Assessment (if found appropriate by screening) Educational series, unless treatment is ordered MAY order: Treatment 24-7 sobriety program					
Impaired Driving (§41-6a-502.5)	A conviction may <b>NOT</b> be entered as impaired driving if: • BAC .16 or higher; • BAC .05 or higher + any measurable controlled substance; • Combination of two or more controlled substances that were not prescribed by a licensed physician or medical cannabis as defined in §26-61a; or • any prior conviction as defined in §41-6a-501(2)	Impaired driving is unavailable after first offense					
Ignition Interlock <sup>8</sup> (§41-6a-518) (§41-6a-530)	SHALL order unless:  • The court determines and states on the record that an ignition interlock system is not necessary for the safety of the community and in the best interest of justice.  SHALL order:  • Interlock if under 21 Interlock for an ARD <sup>9</sup> violation <b>OR</b> describe on the record why such order not appropriate						
Driver License Suspension (§41-6a-509)	Court MAY order additional 90 days, 120 days, 180 days, one year or two years  Court MAY shorten suspension periods for a convicted DUI defendant under the age of 21 if the defendant: completes at least six months of suspension, completes a screening, completes an assessment as appropriate, completes substance abuse treatment or educational series as appropriate, has not committed any traffic offense during suspension, has complied with probation, and provides an affidavit that the defendant has not unlawfully consumed alcohol.						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The DUI Statutory Overview was formerly called the DUI Sentencing Matrix. The DUI Statutory Overview is not a substitute for reference to the Utah State Code. It does not constitute legal advice and is not legally binding. It does not create any right or expectation on behalf of an offender or any party within the criminal justice system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2022's HB 29 created new offense for Negligent Operation of a Vehicle Resulting in Injury (76-5-102.1), which replaced a prior statutory scheme using injuries to enhance DUI offenses. Because this new statute directs the sentencing authority to refer to the sentencing guidelines and other factors, this offense is not reflected in the DUI Statutory Overview. Instead, these offenses should be scored on the Adult Sentencing, Supervision, and Release Guidelines – which were updated in 2025 to include a specific matrix for DUI Injury and Death offenses. Note that 76-5-102.1(5)(b) prohibits a court from imposing a lesser sentence than what would be available under DUI sentencing statutes (41-6a-505), which are reflected in this overview.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A combination of two or more controlled substances may only be considered if the substances are not (A) prescribed by a licensed physician; or (B) recommended in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 61a, Utah Medical Cannabis Act

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A person is quilty of a separate offense for each passenger in the vehicle at the time of the offense that is under 16 years old.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See §41-6a-506 for electronic home confinement provisions.

<sup>6</sup> If an individual fails to successfully complete all the requirements of the 24/7 sobriety program, the court shall impose the suspended jail sentence or prison sentence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Supervised probation is also required for all violations of §41-6a-517(14)(a) (driving with any measurable controlled substance or metabolite in the body).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Adoption of the ignition interlock restricted driver (IRD) provision (§41-6a-518.2) does not change the obligation of judges to impose interlock as a condition of probation. <u>Note</u>: If a person's violation of Section 41-6a-502 does not involve alcohol, the requirement to order ignition interlock does not apply.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> ARD = Alcohol Restricted Driver.

<sup>10</sup> A jail sentence may be converted to electronic home confinement with stipulation of both parties and approval from the judge (§41-6a-505(12)(b))

<sup>11</sup> A court may order a jail sentence imposed as a condition of misdemeanor probation to be served in multiple two-day increment at weekly intervals if the court determines the defendant can serve the statutorily required jail term and maintain employment as described in (§41-6a-505(12)(c)

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Court-Ordered Sentencing	FELONY DUI			
CLASSIFICATION (§41-6a-503)	<ul> <li>THIRD DEGREE FELONY</li> <li>if third or subsequent DUI offense within 10 years</li> <li>if any prior felony DUI conviction or negligent operation of a vehicle resulting in injury conviction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>THIRD DEGREE FELONY PLUS:</li> <li>BAC .16 or higher</li> <li>BAC .05 or higher + any measurable controlled substance</li> <li>Combination of two or more substances<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>		
<b>Jail</b> (§41-6a-505)	SHALL order:  0-5 year prison term OR  ● 60 days jail AND  ● 60 days consecutive electronic home confinement that includes substance abuse testing  MAY:  Convert jail time to electronic home confinement¹⁰ or order two-day increments if requirements are met¹¹	SHALL order 0-5 year prison term OR • Not less than 120 days jail AND • 120 days consecutive electronic home confinement that includes substance abuse testing MAY: Convert jail time to electronic home confinement <sup>10</sup> or order two-day increments if requirements are met <sup>11</sup>		
Fine, Surcharge, and Court Security Fee (§41-6a-505) (§51-9-401)	SHALL order: \$1,500 minimum fine plus a \$1,350 surcharge plus a \$53 court security fee, UNLESS a 0-5 prison term is imposed	SHALL order: \$1,500 minimum fine plus a \$1,350 surcharge plus a \$53 court security UNLESS a 0-5 prison term is imposed		
Screening, Assessment, Educational Series, and Treatment (§41-6a-505)	SHALL order: Screening Assessment Treatment as appropriate UNLESS 0-5 prison term is imposed MAY order: 24-7 sobriety program <sup>6</sup>	SHALL order:		
Supervised Probation <sup>7</sup> (§41-6a-507)	SHALL order supervised probation if 0-5 prison term is not imposed			
Ignition Interlock <sup>8</sup> (§41-6a-518) (§41-6a-530)	<ul> <li>SHALL order unless:</li> <li>The court determines and states on the record that an ignition interlock system is not necessary for the safety of the community and in the best interest of justice.</li> </ul>			
Driver License Suspension (§41-6a-509)	Court MAY order additional 90 days, 120 days, 180 days, one year or two years  Court MAY shorten suspension periods for a convicted DUI defendant under the age of 21 if the defendant: completes at least six months of suspension, completes a screening, completes an assessment as appropriate, completes substance abuse treatment or educational series as appropriate, has not committed any traffic offense during suspension, has complied with probation, and provides an affidavit that the defendant has not unlawfully consumed alcohol.			

<b>Statutory Provisions</b>	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES WITHIN 10 YEARS			
Driver License Denial, Suspension, or Revo					
Driving Under the Influence/ DUI Conviction (§41-6a-509)	If 21 or older: 120 days If 19-20: Longer of one year or until 21st birthday If under 19: Until 21st birthday	If 21 or older: 2 years If 19-20: Longer of 2 years or until 21st birthday If under 19: Until 21st birthday			
Driving with Controlled Substance/ Metabolite in Body Conviction (§41-6a-517)	If 21 or older: 120 days If 19-20: Longer of one year or until 21st birthday If under 19: Until 21st birthday	If 21 or older: 2 years If 19-20: Longer of two years or until 21st birthday If under 19: Until 21st birthday			
Refusal of Chemical Test (§41-6a-521)	If 21 or older: 18 months If under 21: Longer of 2 years or until 21st birthday	If 21 or older: 36 months If under 21: Longer of 36 months or until 21st birthday			
Per se Arrest (§53-3-223) ≥ .05 BAC, impaired todegree unsafe to drive, operating with metabolite of drug in system	If 21 or older: 120 days If under 21: 6 months	If 21 or older: 2 years If under 21: Longer of 2 years of until 21st birthday			
Not A Drop (§53-3-231) A person under 21 may not operate a vehicle or motorboat with detectable alcohol in body	If under 21: Until successful completion of substance abuse program recommendation, but not less than 6 months	If under 21: Until successful completion of substance abuse program recommendation, and the longer of 2 years or until 21st birthday			
Failure to Install or Removal of Ignition Interlock Device (§53-3-1007)	A person who is an interlock restricted driver (IRD) shall have their driving privilege suspended until they have had an interlock device installed in their vehicle. If the interlock device is removed prior to the ending date of the interlock restriction period, the driver license shall be re-suspended until an interlock device is re-installed. This suspension ma imposed in addition to other license sanctions as listed above.				
Early License Reinstatement for Drivers Un					
Court may order shortening of the suspension period after <b>6 months</b> if the person completes a screening; completes (§41-6a-509)  Court may order shortening of the suspension period after <b>6 months</b> if the person completes a screening; completes a sessessment if appropriate; completes an education series or substance abuse treatment, as deemed appropriate by to court; has not been convicted of a violation of a motor vehicle law during the suspension period; has complied with all terms of probation or all court orders if not ordered to probation; and provides a sworn statement to the court that the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol during the suspension period.					
Driving with Controlled Substance/ Metabolite in Body Conviction First Conviction (§41-6a-517)	riving with Controlled Substance/ etabolite in Body Conviction  Same as above but sworn statement must include the person has not consumed a controlled substance not prescribed a practitioner during the suspension period.				
<b>Early License Reinstatement for Drivers 21</b>	or Older				
Driving Under the Influence/DUI Conviction First Conviction (§41-6a-509)	Court may order individual to participate in a 24/7 sobriety program, which allows for early reinstatement of the driving privilege upon payment of driver license reinstatement fees and ignition interlock installation. Provision does not apply if the person refused to submit to a chemical test when arrested for DUI. Person is not able to reinstate their driving privilege unless all other outstanding license sanctions have been cleared.				
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#### **Other Sanctions**

## IRD – Interlock Restricted Driver (§41-6a-518.2)

An "interlock restricted driver" may not operate a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock.

Note: If a person's violation of Section 41-6a- 502 does not involve alcohol, or if all offenses are for metabolite convictions under Section 41- 6a-517 (no alcohol involved), IRD does not apply.

Note: The restriction period begins on the date of conviction or revocation of driver's license. Beginning May 5, 2024, the restriction does not end until a driver shows that they have had an interlock device installed and their driver's license reinstated for the length of the IRD period.

# ARD – Alcohol Restricted Driver (§41-6a-529)

An "alcohol restricted driver" may not operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle with any measurable or detectable amount of alcohol in the person's body.

- Note: If Per se is drug only or metabolite, ARD does not apply.
- Note: A person under the age of 21 is an alcohol restricted driver

- 18 months IRD for 1st DUI (§41-6a-502) if over 21 or refused blood draw (§41-6a-520.1(1))
- 3 years IRD for 1st Driving Without Ignition Interlock Device if IRD (§41-6a-518.2), Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test (§41-6a-520), or 1st DUI (§41-6a-502) if under 21 or refused blood draw if under 21 (§41-6a-520.1(1))
- 3 years IRD for a combination of two of the following within 10 years: DUI (§41-6a-502), Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test (§41-6a-521), Controlled Substance/Metabolite (§41-6a-517), Alcohol-Related Reckless (§41-6a-512 only violations prior to July 1, 2008), Impaired Driving (§41-6a-502.5), Driving with Controlled Substance/Bodily Injury or Death (§58-37-8(2)(g)), or Automobile Homicide (§76-5-207)
- 6 years IRD for Felony DUI (§41-6a-502) or 2nd+ offense for refused blood draw (§41-6a-520.1(1))
- 10 years IRD for Automobile Homicide (§76-5-207)
- 2 years ARD for 1st DUI (§41-6a-502), Alcohol/Drug-Related Reckless (§41-6a-512), or Impaired Driving (§41-6a-502.5)
- 2 years ARD for any Per se offense (§53-3-223)
- 3 years ARD for any driving without an IID if an IRD (§41-6a-518.2) or driving with alcohol in body if an ARD (§41-6a-530) offense
- 5 years ARD for 1st Refusal to Submit to Test (§41-6a-521) or Class A misdemeanor DUI (§41-6a-502)
- 10 years ARD for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense within 10 years, DUI (§41-6a-502), Alcohol/Drug-Related Reckless (§41-6a-512), or Impaired Driving (§41-6a-502.5)
- 10 years ARD for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense of Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test (§41-6a-520.1(1)) if prior suspension for prior refusal within 10 years (41-6a-520(7))
- 10 years ARD for felony violation of refusal to submit to chemical test 41-6a-520.1(1))
- Lifetime ARD for any Felony DUI (§41-6a-502) or Automobile Homicide (§76-5-207)

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