



FAST FACTS

Wyoming crash data from 2017-2021 report that:

- ✓ Distracted driving is suspected in around 6.5% of all traffic crashes.
- ✓ Across all ages, male drivers were more likely to be distracted (59%) than female drivers (41%).
- ✓ 58% of distracted drivers were aged 34 years or less.
- ✓ Drivers aged 24 years and under were the most distraction-prone age group (36%).
- ✓ Other Distraction Inside Motor Vehicle was the most common type of distraction reported (43%) in distracted driving traffic crashes.

CRASH CATEGORIES:

Critical Crashes – fatal and suspected serious injury crashes.

Serious Crashes – suspected minor injury and possible injury crashes.

Damage Crashes – no apparent injury and injury unknown crashes.

Highway Safety Report



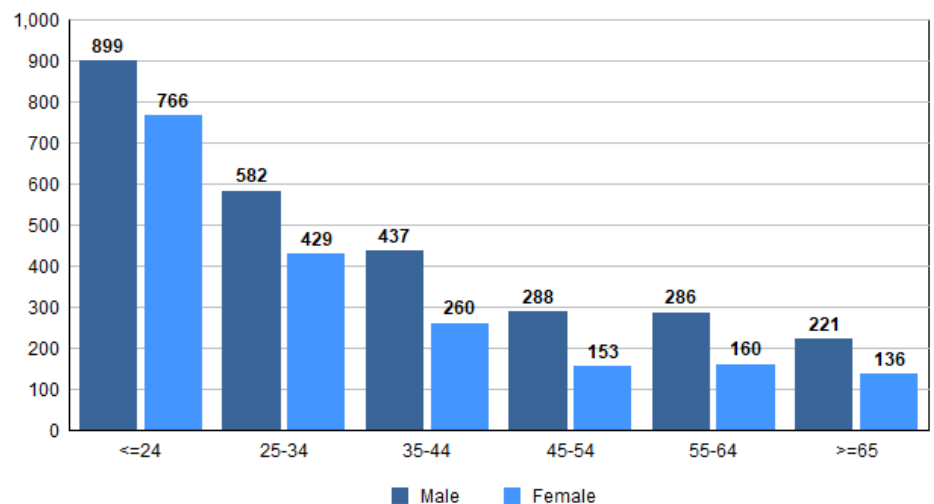
Distracted Driving Crashes

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving is any activity that takes the driver's attention away from the task of safe driving, including talking or texting on a phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in the vehicle, or adjusting the vehicle's stereo, entertainment, or navigation system. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a driver cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has their full attention. Any non-driving activity they engage in is a potential distraction and increases the risk of crashing. When a driver takes their attention off the road for five seconds, a vehicle travelling 55 miles per hour can travel the length of a football field. In that instant, over that distance, a life can be taken.

While distracted driving crashes are a growing concern nationwide, they are likely underreported due to the difficulty of establishing whether a driver was distracted at the time of the crash. Most often, the determination is based on involved motorist and witness testimony as well as trained investigating officer opinions.

In Wyoming, during the most recent five-year period (2017-2021), 4,561 crashes were reported as suspected distracted driving, which accounts for approximately 6.5% of all crashes. These distracted driving crashes included 185 critical crashes, 1,083 serious crashes, and 3,293 damage crashes and resulted in 50 fatal injuries, 193 suspected serious injuries, 790 suspected minor injuries, and 810 possible injuries.

Distracted Driver by Age and Gender (2017-2021)



Across all age groups, male drivers were more likely to be distracted (59%) than female drivers (41%). Fifty-eight percent (58%) of distracted drivers were aged 34 years or less.

Drivers aged 24 years and under were the most distraction-prone age group, accounting for approximately 36% of all distracted drivers. Drivers aged 25-34

BY THE NUMBERS

WYDOT Crash Data April 1, 2022 vs. (April 1, 2021)

Fatalities: 18 (23)

Serious Injuries: 95 (74)

**Alcohol-Involved
Fatalities: 3 (8)**

**Bicycle-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (0)**

**CMV-Involved
Fatalities: 5 (4)**

**Drug-Involved
Fatalities: 2 (7)**

**Motorcycle-Involved
Fatalities: 0 (0)**

**Pedestrian-Involved
Fatalities: 2 (4)**

**Speed-Related
Fatalities: 8 (8)**

Data current as of 04/12/2022



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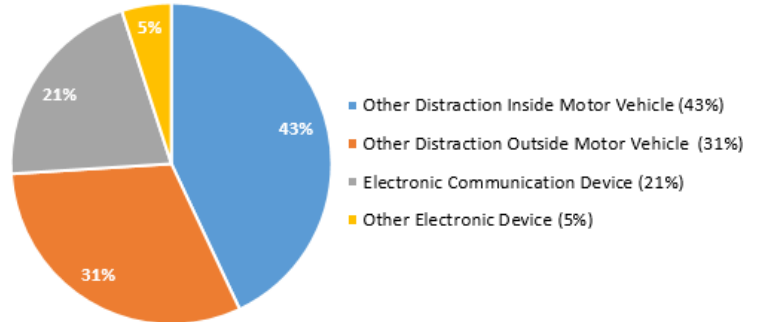
years were the next most distraction-prone group, accounting for approximately 22% of distracted drivers, followed by drivers aged 35-44 years (~15%), drivers aged 55-64 years (~10%), drivers aged 45-54 year (~9%), and drivers aged 65 years or more (8%).

The most common type of distraction suspected at the time of a distracted driving crash is other distraction inside the motor vehicle at 43%, which can include passengers, pets, objects, food, and vehicle devices.

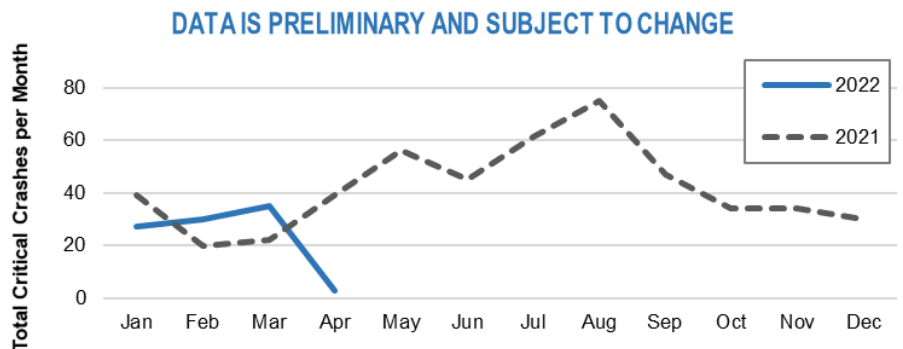
Other distraction outside the motor vehicle accounted for 31% of distracted driving traffic crashes. An electronic communication device (such as a cell phone) accounted for 21% of suspected distracted driving crashes. Lastly, other electronic device (such as a laptop or tablet) accounted for 5% of distracted driving traffic crashes.

In an effort to help keep the roads safe, a number of Wyoming law enforcement agencies participate in the "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." safety campaign. For more information, please visit [NHTSA – U Drive. U Text. U Pay.](https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/u-drive-u-text-u-pay)

Suspected Type of Driver Distraction Reported in Distracted Driving Crashes (2017-2021)



**Monthly Critical Crash Comparison:
2021 and 2022**



Total as of 04/12/2022

**WYDOT Completed Safety Treatment Locations (Active)
as of April 12, 2022**

District	Count	Annual Lifecycle Cost	Average Benefit to Cost	Annual Critical Crash Reduction
1	268	\$ 83,526.00	218.73	9.96
2	205	\$ 80,237.00	39.37	4.35
3	496	\$ 236,453.00	61.61	6.77
4	420	\$ 72,112.00	97.49	4.96
5	82	\$ 25,478.00	292.66	1.13
State	1,471	\$ 497,806.00	110.26	27.17