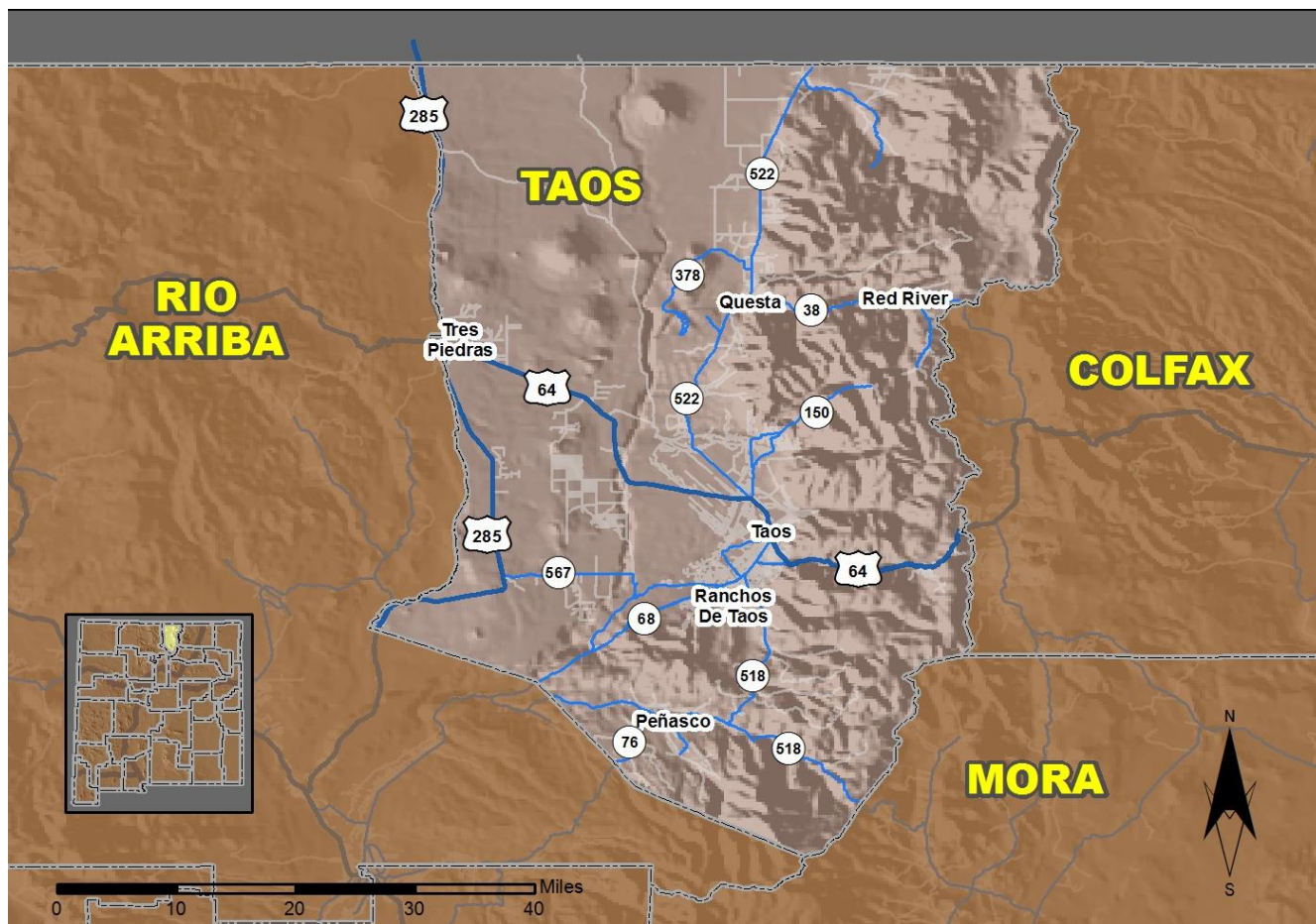


# 2020 Community Report

## Taos County



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## Definitions

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**Aggravated DWI** – An arrest for 1) driving with a BAC of 0.16 or higher, 2) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and causing bodily injury to a human being as a result, or 3) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and refusing to submit to a BAC test at the time of arrest for DWI.

**Alcohol-involved Crash** – A crash for which the Uniform Crash Report indicated that 1) a DWI citation was issued, 2) alcohol was a contributing factor, or 3) a person in control of a motor vehicle, a pedalcyclist, or a pedestrian was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

**Alcohol-involved Driver** – A person in control of a motor vehicle, a pedalcyclist, or a pedestrian who was cited for DWI or indicated on the Uniform Crash Report as being either suspected or determined by testing to be under the influence of alcohol. There can be multiple alcohol-involved drivers in a single alcohol-involved crash.

**Crash** – A reported incident on a public roadway involving one or more motor vehicles that resulted in death, personal injury, or at least \$500 in property damage. Crashes on private property (such as a parking lot) are not included.

**DWI Arrest (Citation)** – An arrest for either DWI or aggravated DWI. New Mexico's legal limit for presumption of driving while intoxicated (DWI) is 0.08 BAC for non-commercial drivers older than 21 years of age, 0.04 for commercial vehicle drivers, and 0.02 for drivers younger than 21 years of age.

**DWI Conviction** – A conviction for driving under the intoxicating influence of alcohol, narcotics, or pathogenic drugs, including for aggravated DWI.

**Fatal Crash** – A crash in which at least one person was killed. More than one person can be killed in a single fatal crash.

**Fatalities** – The number of people killed in a crash. The terms "killed" and "deaths" are synonymous with "fatalities." A fatality is crash-related if it occurs at the time of the crash or if a person involved in the crash dies within 30 days.

**First Harmful Event** – The event of the crash that produced the first injury or damage. First harmful event (FHE) replaced Crash Classification starting in 2020. FHE and its' subanalysis data are derived from Crash Classification and Analysis for crashes that occurred prior to 2020 and for any agencies not using the E July 2018 Uniform Crash Report, which became available in 2020. Statistics for the categories of "Other Non-Motorist" and "Other" are not available prior to 2020.

**Injury Crash** – A reported crash in which at least one person was injured. Injury crashes each involve at least one suspected serious injury (Class A), suspected minor injury (Class B), or possible injury (Class C). Fatal crashes are not included.

**Missing Data** – An indication that the applicable field on the UCR form was left blank or contained an invalid code. Starting with crashes that occurred in 2012, improvements in the identification of missing data in the NMDOT crash database led to an increase in the reported amount of missing data.

**Pedalcyclists, All** – All people on any pedalcycle or in any pedalcycle trailer, and who are involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. Consists of pedalcycle operators and pedalcycle passengers. Historically, "pedalcyclists" included both pedalcycle operators and passengers. A pedalcycle is a mechanism of transport that is powered solely by pedals.

**Pedestrians, All** – All persons not occupying either a motor vehicle or a pedalcycle, and who are involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. Historically, "pedestrians" have also included people on personal conveyances (e.g., wheelchair or skateboard).

## Sources

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**Crash Data** – New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Division, Traffic Records Bureau, Traffic Crash Database, as of the report date below. Crash data are compiled using NMDOT Uniform Crash Reports (UCR), submitted by law enforcement agencies in the state, for any incident on a public roadway involving one or more motor vehicles that resulted in death, injury, or at least \$500 in property damage. These reports are processed by the NMDOT Traffic Records Bureau and analyzed by the University of New Mexico, Geospatial and Population Studies, Traffic Research Unit (TRU).

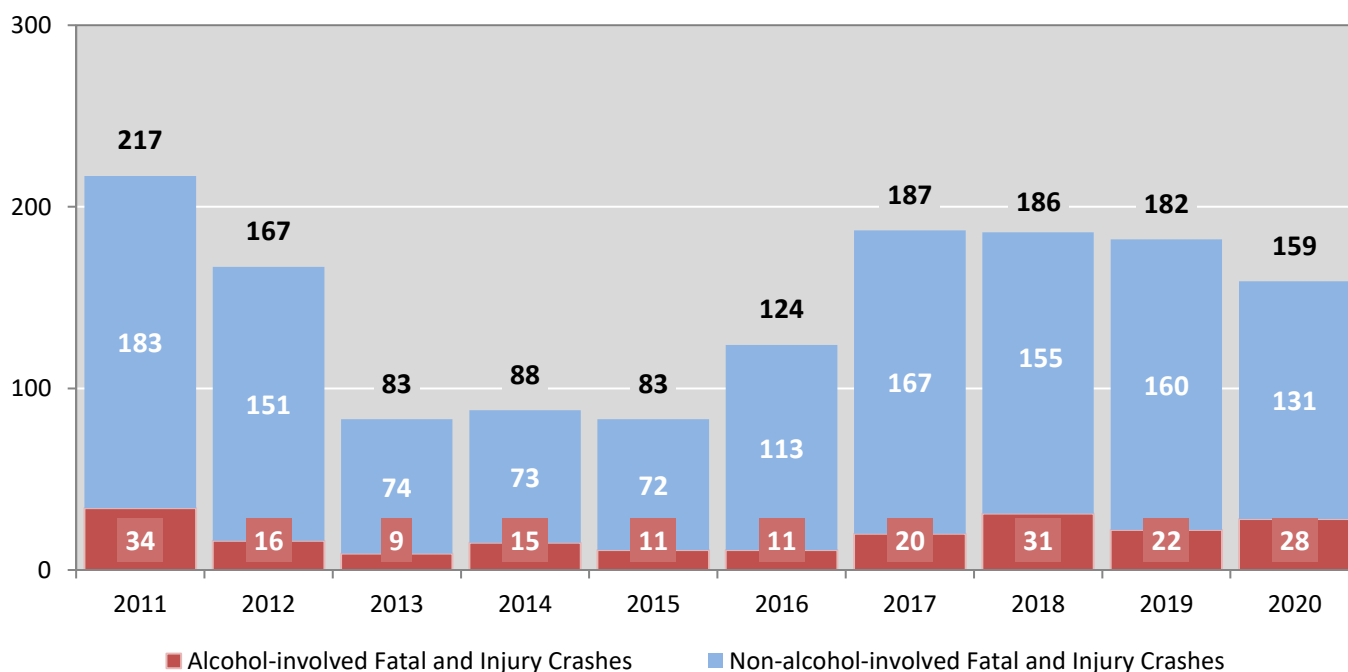
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest took place. City data are based upon the city where the offender resides.

**Urban Areas** – Areas defined by the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Asset Management and Planning, 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Area Boundaries, NMDOT-Adjusted, and U.S. Census Urban Clusters, August 21, 2013. Urban areas for crash years 2013-2017 include a 1/2 mile buffer extending out from those urban boundaries. In crashes before 2013, "urban" was defined as a town or city with a population of at least 2,500 people.

**Table 1: Total Crashes and Alcohol-involved Crashes by Crash Severity in Taos County, 2011-2020**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2011	7	210	483	700	5	29	30	64
2012	8	159	408	575	4	12	30	46
2013	6	77	289	372	3	6	11	20
2014	10	78	239	327	6	9	7	22
2015	2	81	274	357	2	9	5	16
2016	8	116	261	385	5	6	6	17
2017	8	179	448	635	3	17	14	34
2018	9	177	461	647	6	25	14	45
2019	3	179	447	629	3	19	17	39
2020	15	144	328	487	7	21	17	45

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared to Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Taos County, 2011-2020**



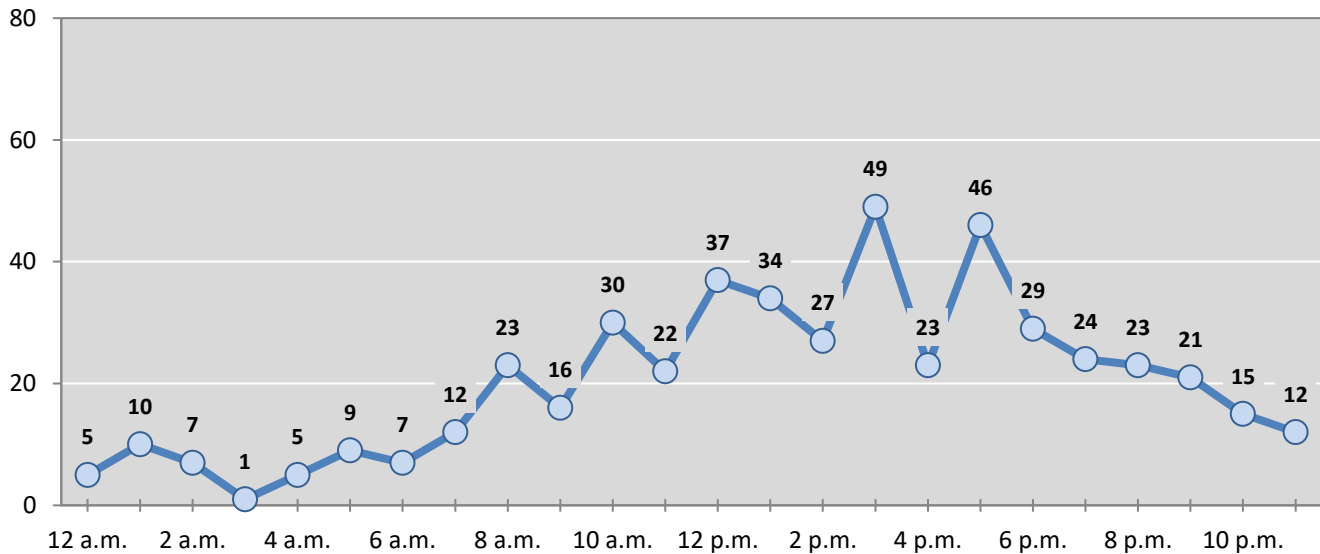
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
January	40	40	57	60	30	45
February	33	45	45	64	24	42
March	28	54	45	58	16	40
April	30	41	43	52	21	37
May	18	49	58	54	41	44
June	29	46	34	59	47	43
July	32	60	40	69	59	52
August	35	56	50	34	43	44
September	30	50	62	50	46	48
October	41	67	60	59	64	58
November	27	59	70	29	40	45
December	42	68	83	41	56	58
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>557</b>

**Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Taos County, 2016-2020**

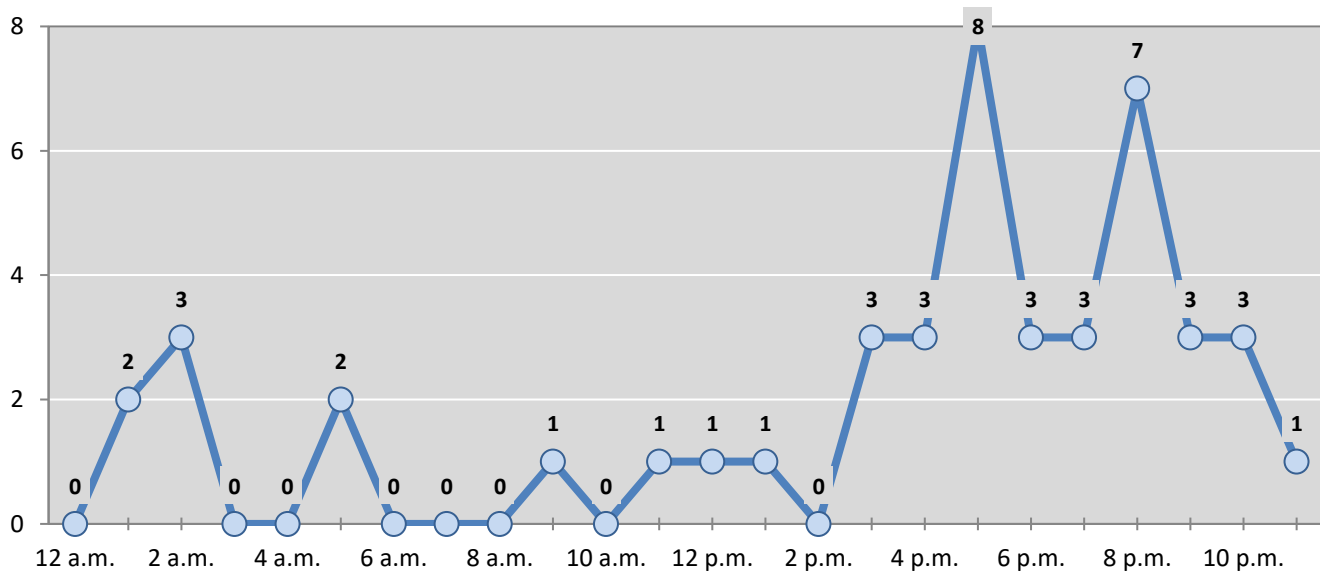
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
January	1	0	6	2	0	2
February	0	3	3	4	0	2
March	2	4	6	5	6	5
April	1	3	2	1	3	2
May	0	4	3	4	4	3
June	1	3	2	4	9	4
July	2	2	1	7	6	4
August	3	5	2	0	6	3
September	0	1	6	4	4	3
October	2	2	4	1	3	2
November	2	6	6	5	4	5
December	3	1	4	2	0	2
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Taos County, 2020**



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**Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	35	63	77	63	60	60
Monday	56	91	84	85	66	76
Tuesday	62	109	91	106	72	88
Wednesday	58	94	108	91	77	86
Thursday	65	91	82	98	75	82
Friday	62	116	114	108	72	94
Saturday	47	71	91	78	65	70
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>557</b>

**Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	0	3	1	1	1	1
Monday	0	8	2	2	1	3
Tuesday	1	5	1	9	1	3
Wednesday	0	4	4	0	2	2
Thursday	3	3	0	3	3	2
Friday	2	8	4	5	2	4
Saturday	1	2	3	2	0	2
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	3	5	3	2	2	3
Monday	3	1	2	4	4	3
Tuesday	0	3	0	0	1	1
Wednesday	0	1	3	2	0	1
Thursday	2	2	0	4	3	2
Friday	0	5	1	3	2	2
Saturday	0	4	4	6	2	3
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.

**Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	3	3	7	4	7	5
Monday	1	8	10	2	5	5
Tuesday	2	5	1	4	6	4
Wednesday	3	4	10	6	6	6
Thursday	1	5	3	3	5	3
Friday	5	6	6	8	7	6
Saturday	2	3	8	12	9	7
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>

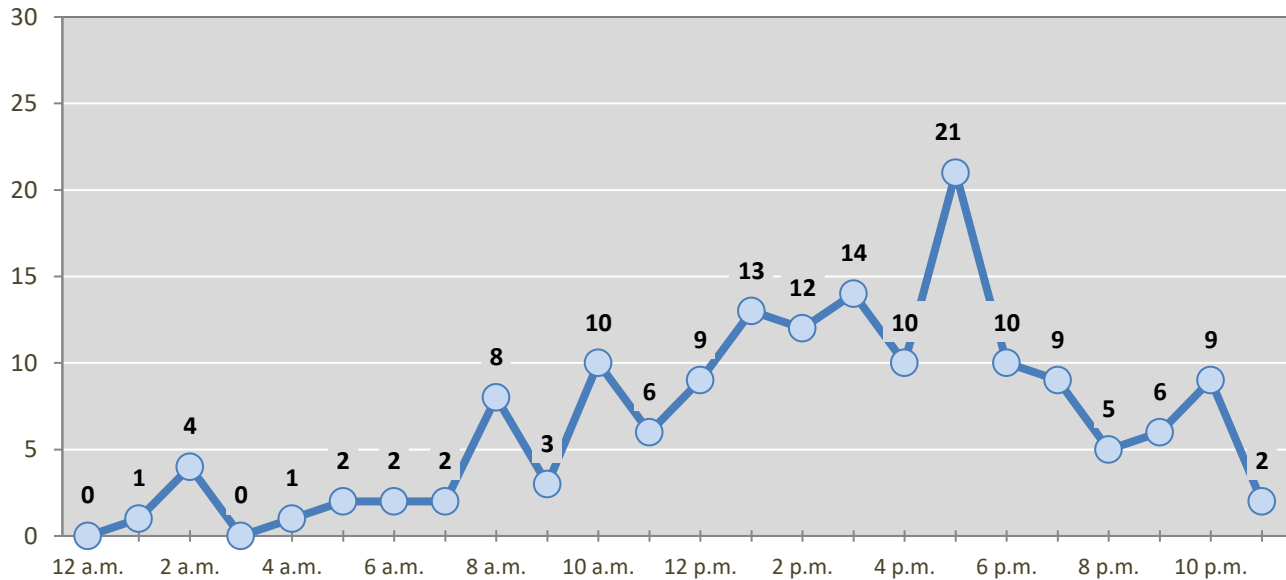
**Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	11	20	22	17	25	19
Monday	19	27	27	27	18	24
Tuesday	21	28	24	27	19	24
Wednesday	19	25	26	19	24	23
Thursday	25	19	20	31	23	24
Friday	13	42	27	33	27	28
Saturday	16	26	40	28	23	27
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>168</b>

**Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

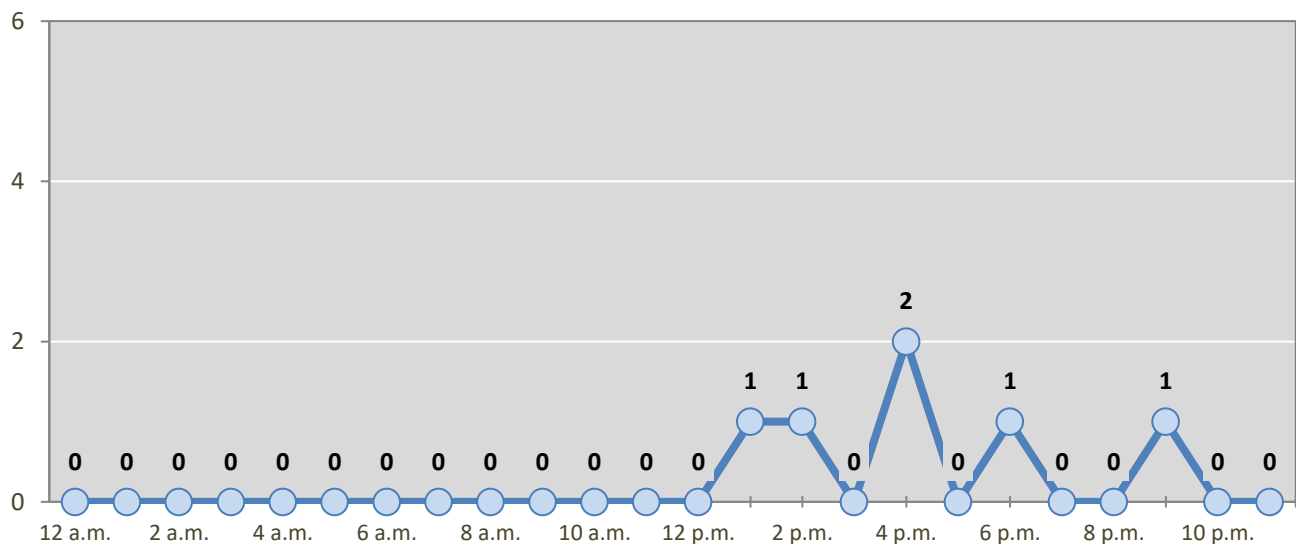
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	0	2	1	1	0	1
Monday	1	0	3	2	0	1
Tuesday	2	0	3	0	0	1
Wednesday	1	2	1	0	2	1
Thursday	2	1	2	3	2	2
Friday	2	3	1	4	1	2
Saturday	2	1	3	0	1	1
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>

**Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Taos County, 2020**



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**Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Taos County, 2020**



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**Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Taos County, 2020**

Rural and Urban Locations by Alcohol Involvement	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>People in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>103</b>
Urban	1	0	8	9	27	45
Rural Non-Interstate	6	3	9	7	33	58
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1,018</b>
Urban	3	6	27	76	482	594
Rural Non-Interstate	12	9	39	48	316	424
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Total Rural Interstate</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage Only Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>220</b>
Fatal Crash	7	5	7	1	12	6
Injury Crash	13	74	76	78	70	62
Property Damage Only Crash	59	161	194	189	155	152
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>336</b>
Fatal Crash	1	3	2	2	3	2
Injury Crash	103	105	101	101	74	97
Property Damage Only Crash	202	287	267	258	173	237

**Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Taos County, 2016-2020**

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	19	76	74	65	62	<b>59</b>
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	37	77	90	67	68	<b>68</b>
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	294	386	372	401	273	<b>345</b>
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	4	11	18	15	7	<b>11</b>
<b>Collision with Person</b>	10	9	14	10	6	<b>10</b>
Pedalcycle	4	4	6	4	2	<b>4</b>
Pedestrian	5	5	7	6	4	<b>5</b>
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Missing Subanalysis Data	1	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-Collision</b>	20	76	77	71	58	<b>60</b>
Overturn/Rollover	17	62	50	56	54	<b>48</b>
All Other Non-Collision	3	14	27	15	4	<b>13</b>
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	0	13	<b>13</b>
<b>Missing Data</b>	1	0	2	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>557</b>

<sup>1</sup> The options of “Other Non-Motorist” and “Other” were not available before 2020. The addition of options in 2020 decreases the use of previously available options.

**Table 13: Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Buses	6	2	1	6	5	<b>4</b>
Motorcycles/ATVs	11	23	15	27	22	<b>20</b>
Passenger Cars	331	444	484	504	374	<b>427</b>
Pedalcycles	5	5	7	4	2	<b>5</b>
Pedestrians, All	6	5	8	6	4	<b>6</b>
Pickups	182	269	225	220	197	<b>219</b>
Semis/Heavy Trucks	7	34	16	23	10	<b>18</b>
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	137	244	256	232	163	<b>206</b>
Other Vehicles	9	3	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Missing Data	28	34	40	36	5	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>936</b>

<sup>1</sup> Pedestrians and pedalcycles are counted as non-motorized vehicles, when involved in a crash with a motor vehicle. "All pedestrians" encompasses pedestrians with or without personal conveyance (e.g., wheelchair, skateboard). See Page 18 for more data on non-motorized vehicles in crashes.

**Table 14: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in Taos County, 2020**

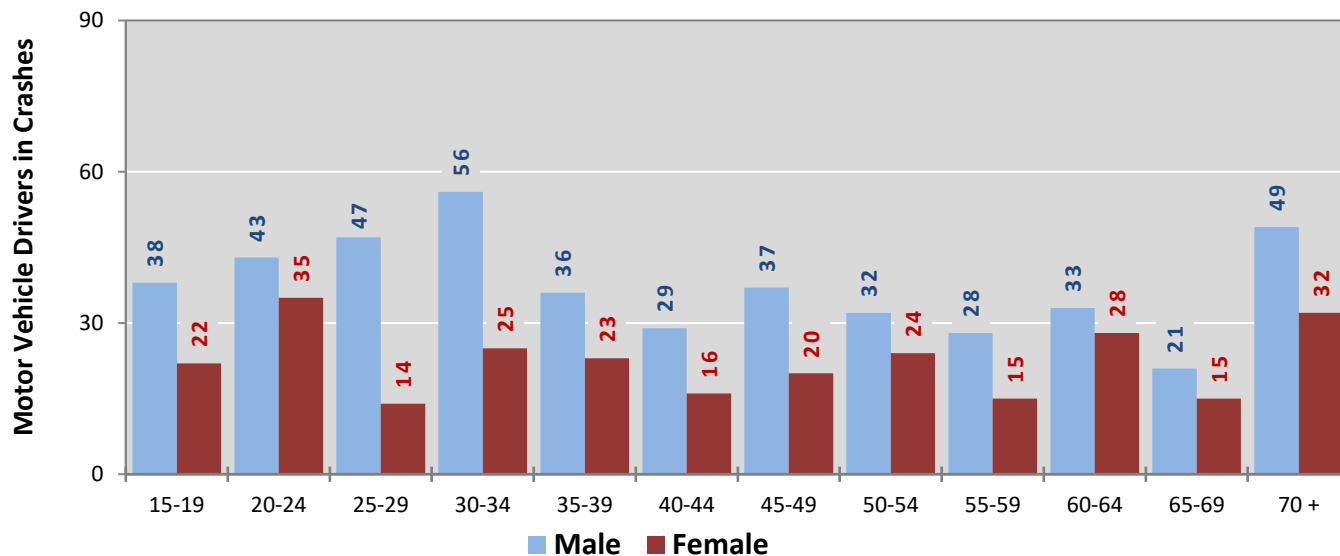
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	2	42	6	0	11	0	0	61
20-24	0	2	49	14	0	13	0	0	78
25-29	0	4	26	19	2	10	0	0	61
30-34	1	1	35	22	0	22	0	0	81
35-39	0	2	30	13	2	12	0	0	59
40-44	0	2	22	13	1	7	0	0	45
45-49	0	1	21	20	1	12	0	2	57
50-54	3	1	17	21	1	13	0	0	56
55-59	0	0	18	13	1	11	0	0	43
60-64	0	2	26	14	1	18	0	0	61
65-69	0	2	17	12	0	6	0	0	37
70 +	1	2	42	18	0	18	0	0	81
Missing Data	0	1	29	12	1	10	0	3	56
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>776</b>

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in Taos County, 2020**

Age Groups	Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
20-24	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
25-29	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	5
30-34	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	6
35-39	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	8
40-44	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
45-49	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	6
50-54	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
55-59	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
60-64	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
70 +	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

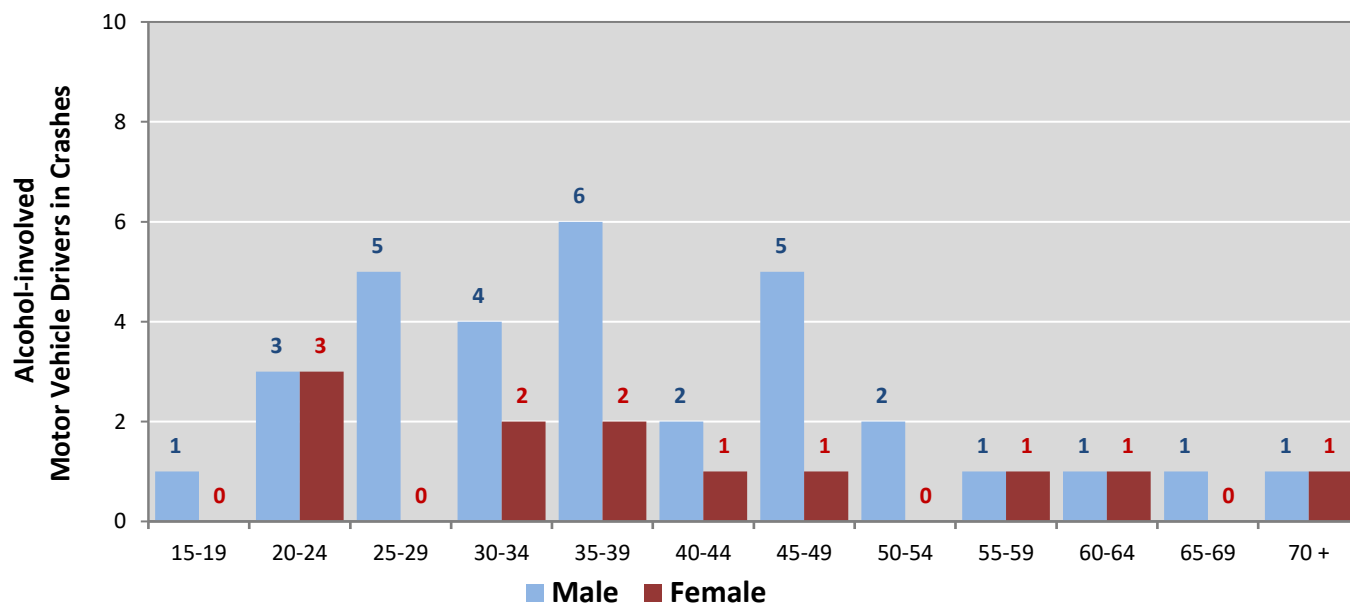
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

**Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 58 drivers in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

**Figure 7: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 1 drivers in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

**Table 16: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	1	1	0	0	2
18	0	0	2	1	1	4
19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	1	1	4	1	7
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Taos County, 2020**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Total Drivers				Alcohol-involved Drivers			
	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
15	3	3	6	8%	0	0	0	0%
16	7	8	15	21%	0	0	0	0%
17	4	4	8	11%	0	0	0	0%
18	12	1	13	18%	1	0	1	50%
19	12	6	18	25%	0	0	0	0%
20	5	7	12	17%	1	0	1	50%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> For analysis of drivers under age 21, when the driver age or sex are not identified on the crash report (typically hit-and-run drivers), the driver data are considered unreliable and are excluded from the analysis.

**Table 18: Frequency of Contributing Factors in Crashes  
by Crash Severity in Taos County, 2020**

Contributing Factors	Frequency of Contributing Factor <sup>1</sup> by Crash Severity			
	Frequency in Fatal Crashes	Frequency in Injury Crashes	Frequency in Property Damage Only Crashes	Frequency in All Crashes
<b>Human</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>653</b>
Driver Inattention	3	58	105	166
Excessive Speed	10	30	33	73
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	23	49	72
Following Too Closely	0	22	46	68
Other Improper Driving	3	29	34	66
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	7	21	17	45
Drove Left of Center	3	19	17	39
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	1	9	16	26
Avoid No Contact Other	0	5	10	15
Made Improper Turn	1	1	10	12
Under the Influence Of Drugs	6	4	0	10
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	2	6	8
Cell Phone	0	4	4	8
Passed Stop Sign	0	3	4	7
Improper Backing	0	0	6	6
Improper Overtaking	1	0	5	6
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	4	2	6
Improper Lane Change	0	1	4	5
Disregarded Traffic Signal	1	2	0	3
Pedestrian Error	2	1	0	3
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	2	1	3
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	1	2	3
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	1	1	2
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	0	1	1
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	0	0	0
High-Speed Pursuit	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	0	0
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
Other Mechanical Defect	0	2	2	4
Defective Tires	0	2	1	3
Inadequate Brakes	0	0	3	3
Defective Steering	0	1	0	1
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	1	0	1
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	0	0
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Wheels	0	0	0	0
Windows/Windshield	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
<b>Environment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	1	9	10
Traffic Congestion	0	0	3	3
Road Surface Conditions	0	0	3	3
Weather Conditions	0	0	3	3
Road Defect	0	1	0	1
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	1	0	1
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	0	0
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	0	0
Debris	0	0	0	0
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	0	0	0
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Obstruction in Road	0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>352</b>
Other - No Driver Error	1	67	145	213
None	1	39	73	113
Missing Data	2	3	21	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1,038</b>

<sup>1</sup> Multiple contributing factors may be reported for any vehicle in a crash.

**Table 19: People in Crashes by First Harmful Event and Severity of Injuries in Taos County, 2020**

First Harmful Event (FHE) and Subanalysis	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>
Elk	0	0	2	3	37	42
Deer	0	0	1	0	29	30
Cattle/Cow	0	0	0	0	4	4
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	2	0	1	3
Horse	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
Antelope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>76</b>
Fence	0	0	0	3	9	12
Other Fixed Object	1	0	4	0	7	12
Ditch	0	0	1	1	9	11
Tree (standing)	2	1	0	1	6	10
Guardrail, End or Face	1	0	1	1	6	9
Embankment	0	0	0	2	3	5
Curb	0	0	0	0	2	2
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	1	0	1	2
Median	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	0	1	1
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wall or Building	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Culvert	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>728</b>
MV in Transport	1	11	34	88	580	714
Parked MV	0	0	0	0	14	14
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Work Zone / Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	0	1	4	2	7
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
Pedestrian	2	0	1	2	8	13
Pedalcycle	1	0	0	1	2	4
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>86</b>
Overturn/Rollover	7	3	15	17	38	80
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	2	2
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	0	0	1	3	4
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total People</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1,018</b>

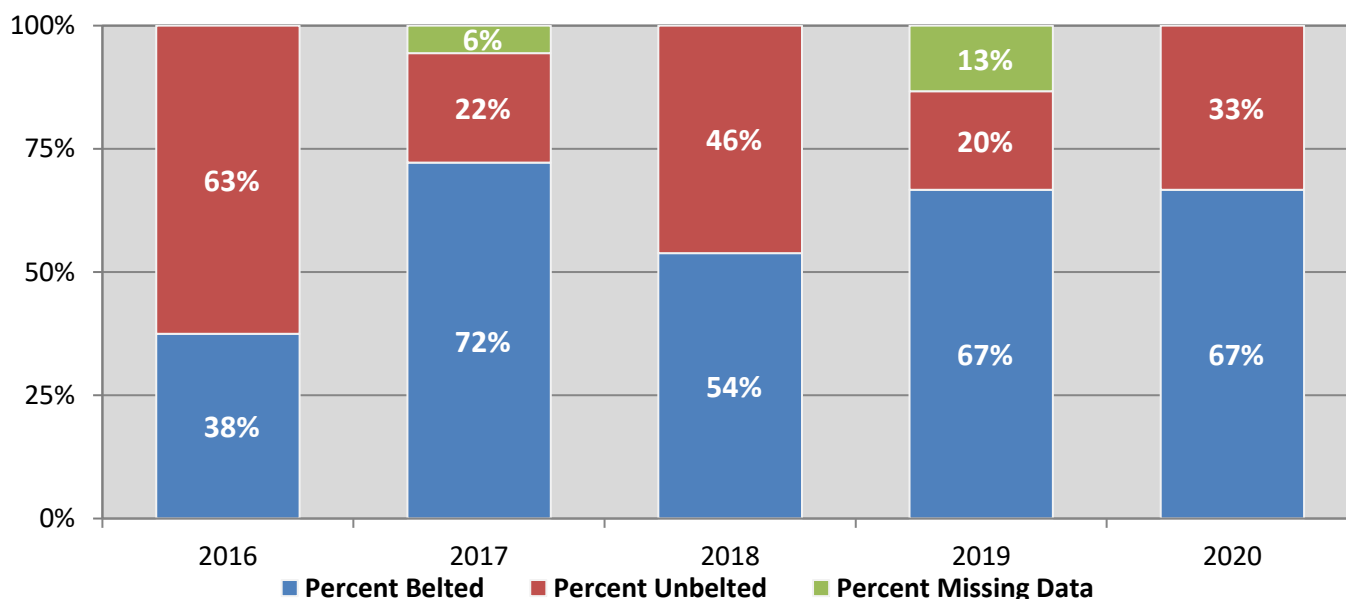
**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes  
by Sex and Age Group in Taos County, 2020**

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured <sup>1,2</sup>				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	0	0%	0	0%	0
5-9	0	0%	0	0%	0
10-14	0	0%	0	0%	0
15-19	1	7%	0	0%	1
20-24	4	29%	0	0%	4
25-29	1	7%	0	0%	1
30-34	2	14%	1	33%	3
35-39	2	14%	0	0%	2
40-44	1	7%	0	0%	1
45-49	1	7%	0	0%	1
50-54	0	0%	0	0%	0
55-59	0	0%	1	33%	1
60-64	0	0%	0	0%	0
65-69	1	7%	0	0%	1
70 +	1	7%	1	33%	2
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>

<sup>1</sup> People injured are in one of three categories: suspected serious injury, suspected minor injury, or possible injury.

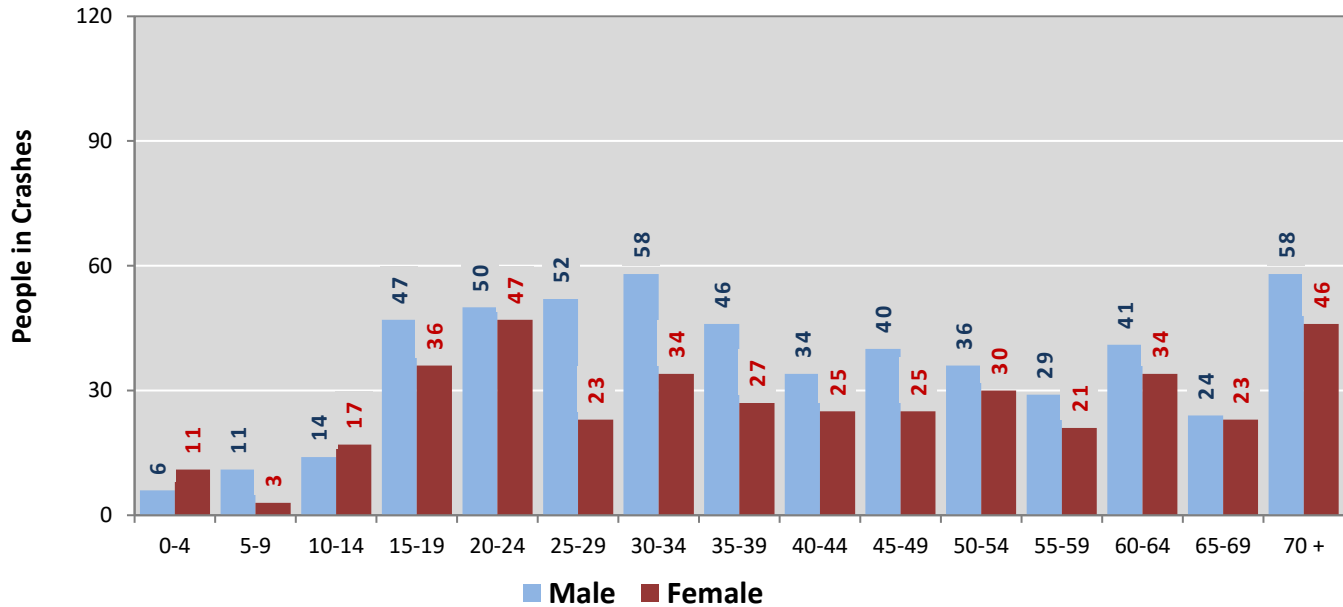
<sup>2</sup> Excludes people in or on buses, heavy trucks, motorcycles, or ATVs.

**Figure 8: Seatbelt Use by People in Crashes with Fatal or  
Suspected Serious Injuries in Taos County, 2016-2020**



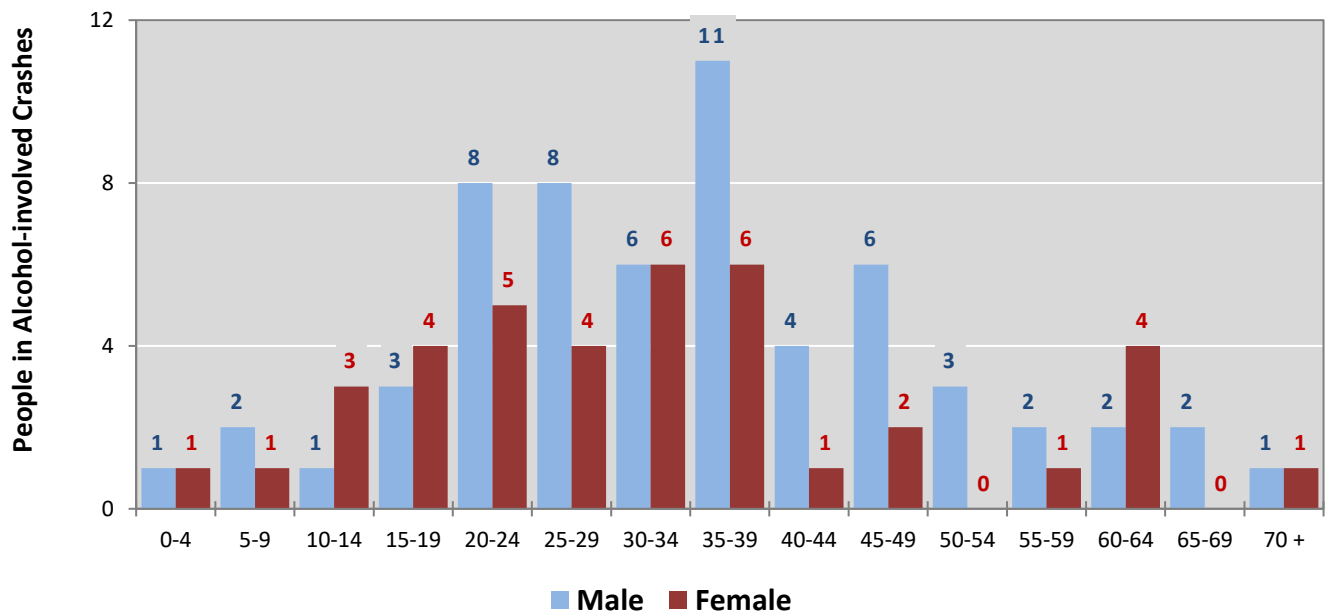


**Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 70 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

**Figure 10: People in Alcohol-involved Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 4 people in alcohol-involved crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

**Table 21: All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists in Crashes by Age Group in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
0-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-14	0	0	1	0	0	1
15-19	0	0	0	1	0	1
20-24	0	0	1	1	0	2
25-29	1	1	0	0	0	2
30-34	3	0	2	1	0	6
35-39	0	0	4	0	1	5
40-44	1	0	1	2	1	5
45-49	1	1	0	1	2	5
50-54	0	1	0	1	0	2
55-59	1	0	0	0	0	1
60-64	0	1	0	2	2	5
65-69	0	1	1	0	0	2
70 +	2	2	1	1	0	6
Missing Data	2	3	4	0	0	9
<b>Total People</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Taos County, 2020**

Alcohol Involvement	All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injury (Class O)	
<b>Pedalcycle Operators</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	1	0	0	1	0	2
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	2	0	1	1	0	4
<b>Total People</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> "All pedestrians" encompasses pedestrians with and without personal conveyance (e.g., wheelchair, skateboard). "All pedalcyclists" encompasses both pedalcycle operators and pedalcycle passengers. All pedestrians and pedalcycle operators are counted as non-motorized vehicles when involved in a crash with a motor vehicle.

**Table 23: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes  
by Severity of Injuries and Belt Usage in Taos County, 2020**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	2	7	0	9
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	12	0	0	12
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	47	3	2	52
Possible Injuries	C	104	7	4	115
No Apparent Injuries	O	659	6	99	764
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>824</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>952</b>

<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 24: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Severity of Injuries and Helmet Usage in Taos County, 2020**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	0	0	0
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	1	0	1	2
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	0	4	3	7
Possible Injuries	C	0	0	2	2
No Apparent Injuries	O	2	1	4	7
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes  
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Year	Occupant Fatalities of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>				Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed	
	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Belted	Unbelted
2016	1	5	0	6	858	10	74	942	0.12%	50.0%
2017	4	1	0	5	1,115	27	180	1,322	0.36%	3.7%
2018	1	4	0	5	1,200	48	134	1,382	0.08%	8.3%
2019	2	0	0	2	1,169	18	145	1,332	0.17%	0.0%
2020	2	7	0	9	824	23	105	952	0.24%	30.4%
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1,033.2</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>1,186.0</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>

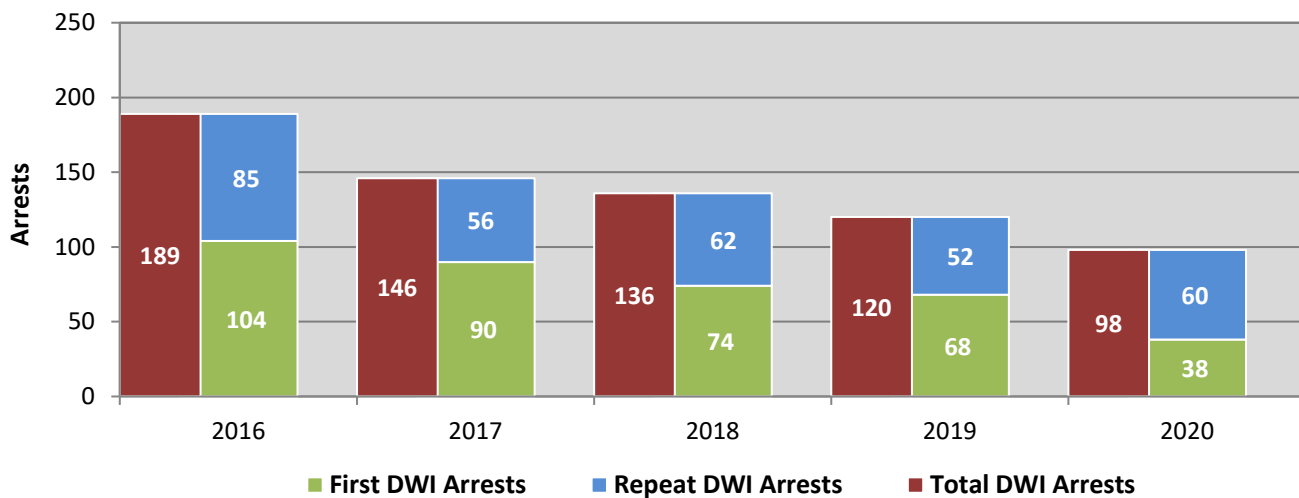
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities <sup>1</sup>				Total Motorcyclists <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed	
	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
2016	1	0	0	1	6	0	3	9	16.7%	0.0%
2017	1	1	0	2	10	4	8	22	10.0%	25.0%
2018	0	3	0	3	6	5	8	19	0.0%	60.0%
2019	0	2	0	2	13	10	9	32	0.0%	20.0%
2020	0	0	0	0	3	5	10	18	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>

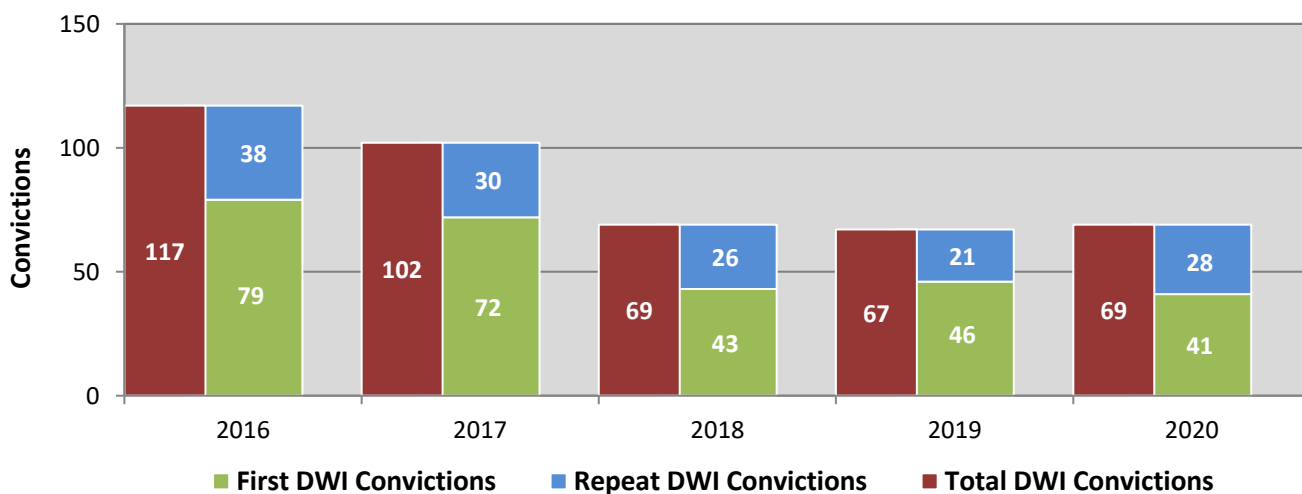
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests in Taos County,  
Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2016-2020**



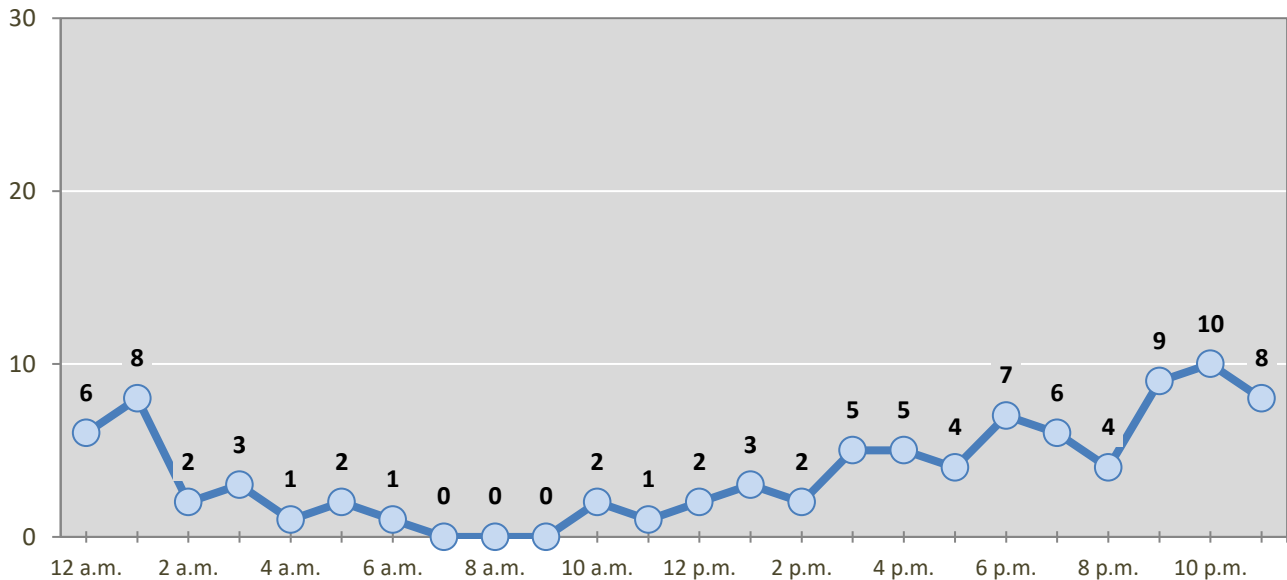
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions in Taos County,  
Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2016-2020**



\*Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

**Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in Taos County, 2020**



\* In 2020, Taos County had 7 arrests for which hour data were missing.

**Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Sunday	31	23	25	16	19	23
Monday	24	18	20	10	9	16
Tuesday	19	15	11	11	9	13
Wednesday	23	9	16	16	14	16
Thursday	17	23	16	17	9	16
Friday	39	22	21	21	18	24
Saturday	36	36	27	29	20	30
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>138</b>

**Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15-19	4	4	5	1	4
20-24	13	23	16	13	10
25-29	20	18	8	13	3
30-34	18	14	14	10	4
35-39	13	9	10	7	2
40-44	11	4	3	5	5
45-49	5	12	4	5	4
50-54	5	1	3	0	1
55-59	6	1	2	5	2
60-64	8	2	6	2	2
65-69	1	1	1	4	0
70 +	0	1	2	3	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>38</b>

<sup>1</sup> Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	2	4	2	4	3
25-29	3	2	4	2	7
30-34	12	7	7	15	8
35-39	14	8	4	5	15
40-44	16	11	9	4	5
45-49	12	7	11	4	5
50-54	9	7	8	3	7
55-59	8	4	7	5	4
60-64	4	3	5	5	5
65-69	4	3	5	4	0
70 +	1	0	0	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15-19	1	2	0	3	3
20-24	10	17	9	7	12
25-29	22	15	6	9	3
30-34	6	8	8	5	7
35-39	9	8	3	2	4
40-44	7	7	3	5	2
45-49	3	4	7	5	2
50-54	7	2	4	1	0
55-59	7	1	1	4	3
60-64	3	4	2	3	3
65-69	3	3	0	2	0
70 +	1	1	0	0	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>

<sup>1</sup> Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

**Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	2	2	1	1	2
25-29	3	2	2	0	4
30-34	1	7	2	2	8
35-39	6	6	1	2	4
40-44	8	3	7	2	2
45-49	8	4	5	2	1
50-54	4	3	4	2	3
55-59	5	1	2	3	2
60-64	0	1	2	3	2
65-69	1	1	0	3	0
70 +	0	0	0	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>

<sup>1</sup> Values are based upon the year of the conviction.



**Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests for Taos County and the State, 2020**

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Taos County	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	98	8,233	1.2%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	58	3,975	1.5%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	0	587	0.0%
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	40	3,671	1.1%

1 These are the number of DWI arrests in 2020 and whether the case resulted in a conviction or dismissal, or is still awaiting court disposition, as reported in the NM MVD DWI File, as of December 2021.

2 For this table, a very small number of "not guilty" rulings may be included in the category Dismissals.

**Table 33: Average Number of Days from Date of DWI Arrest to Date of Court Disposition in Taos County and the State, 2020**

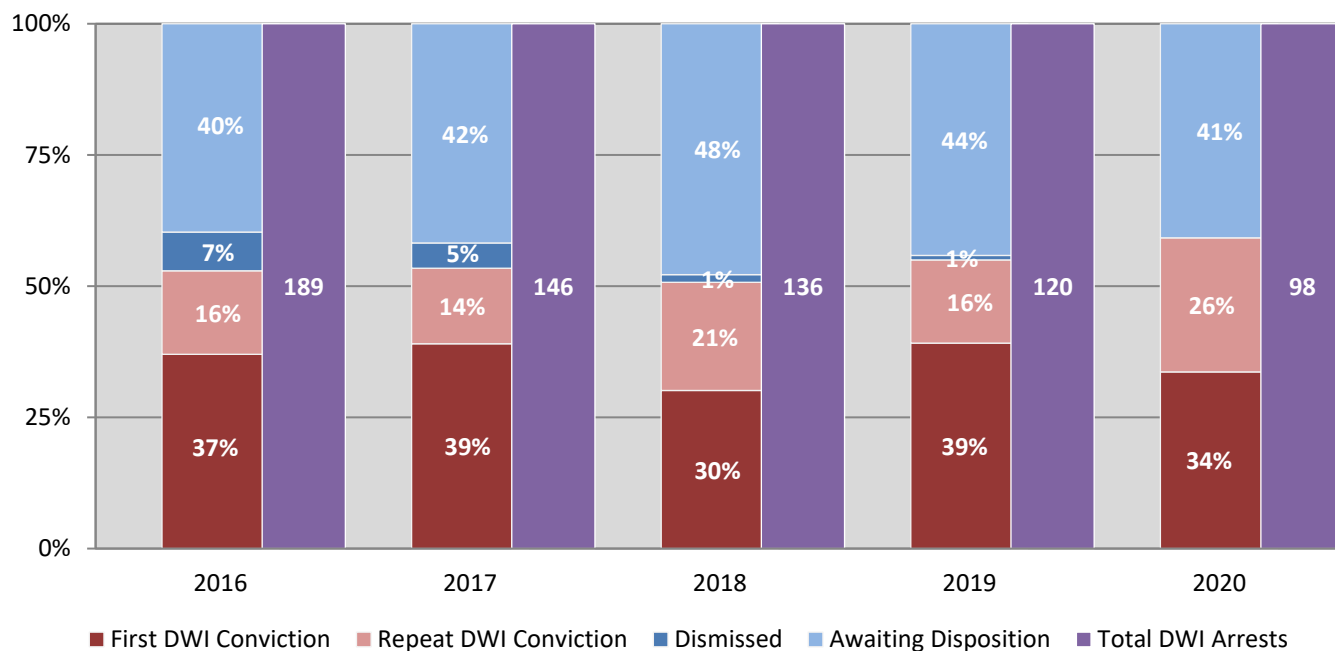
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Taos County	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	201	200	1
DWI Dismissal	0	196	-196

**Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in Taos County, 2016-2020**

Year of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2016	70	30	14	75	189
2017	57	21	7	61	146
2018	41	28	2	65	136
2019	47	19	1	53	120
2020	33	25	0	40	98

<sup>1</sup> Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in Taos County, 2016-2020**



\*Table 34 contains the values used to calculate percentages shown in Figure 14.