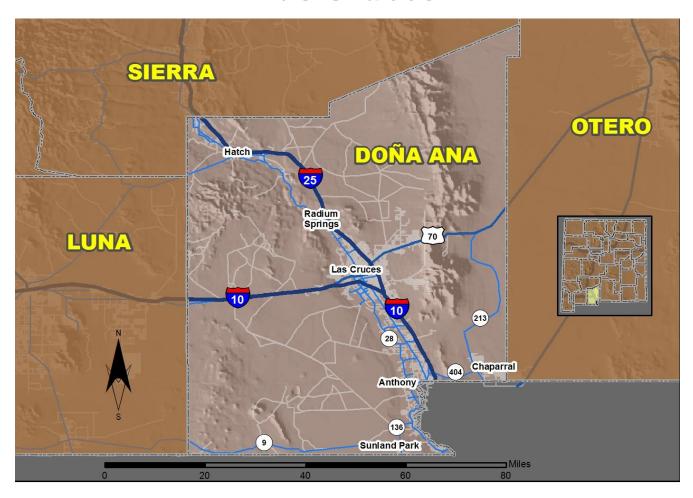




# 2021 Community Report Las Cruces



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#### **Definitions**

**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 Juy 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**

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 Las Cruces, 2012-2021

	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes				
Year	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	
2012	6	871	2,280	3,157	2	36	64	102	
2013	4	963	2,244	3,211	2	57	58	117	
2014	8	962	2,209	3,179	3	60	65	128	
2015	8	1,046	2,504	3,558	4	43	78	125	
2016	11	1,168	2,352	3,531	3	43	64	110	
2017	13	1,180	2,363	3,556	4	52	76	132	
2018	7	1,094	2,453	3,554	2	56	61	119	
2019	9	1,077	2,461	3,547	5	53	53	111	
2020	9	835	1,885	2,729	4	49	59	112	
2021	7	873	2,289	3,169	4	25	59	88	

Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Las Cruces, 2012-2021

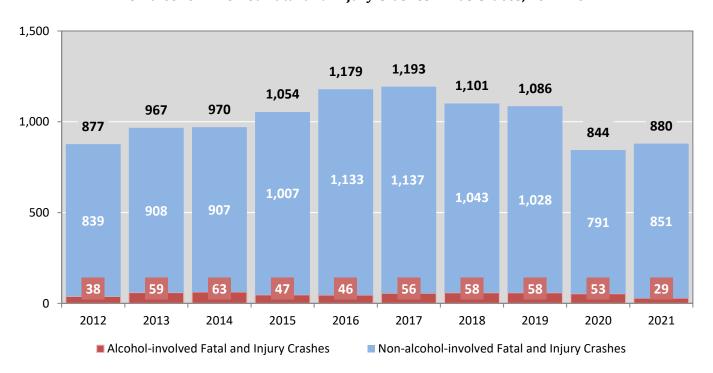






Table 2: Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Month			Crashes			5-Year
WIOTILII	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
January	258	252	306	275	209	260
February	267	274	269	286	174	254
March	309	318	294	244	213	276
April	337	304	276	175	230	264
May	311	272	256	196	241	255
June	222	192	248	199	251	222
July	252	243	252	221	263	246
August	291	347	308	218	335	300
September	324	334	296	212	315	296
October	351	373	369	271	352	343
November	338	340	354	222	281	307
December	296	305	319	210	305	287
Total Crashes	3,556	3,554	3,547	2,729	3,169	3,311

Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Month		Alcoho	ol-involved C	rashes		5-Year
Wionth	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
January	7	10	9	7	5	8
February	13	11	9	9	1	9
March	10	14	7	8	2	8
April	13	10	8	2	5	8
May	14	11	4	12	7	10
June	5	10	7	8	5	7
July	13	11	11	9	8	10
August	7	12	13	11	13	11
September	8	4	8	13	12	9
October	14	9	14	17	10	13
November	17	11	9	6	9	10
December	11	6	12	10	11	10
Total Crashes	132	119	111	112	88	112





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Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2021

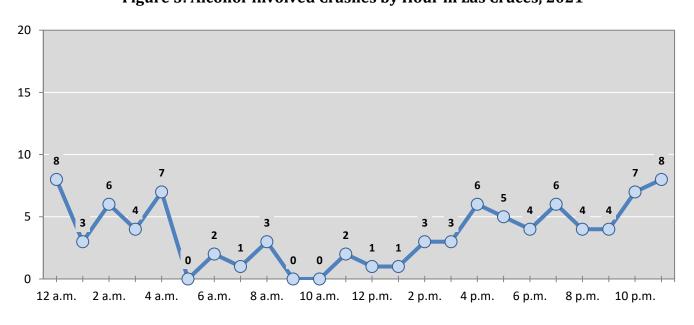


Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2021

<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 2 crashes for which hour data were missing.

<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 0 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.





Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Week		1	Total Crashe	s		5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	274	253	276	243	273	264
Monday	544	548	529	401	483	501
Tuesday	556	556	574	427	480	519
Wednesday	553	560	579	421	503	523
Thursday	601	598	568	432	459	532
Friday	641	659	625	485	615	605
Saturday	387	380	396	320	356	368
Total Crashes	3,556	3,554	3,547	2,729	3,169	3,311

Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Week		Hea	vy-truck Cra	shes		5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	12	3	7	6	3	6
Monday	23	12	12	13	14	15
Tuesday	26	13	11	19	23	18
Wednesday	23	16	15	18	19	18
Thursday	20	16	26	19	18	20
Friday	20	19	17	21	13	18
Saturday	13	12	13	11	11	12
<b>Total Crashes</b>	137	91	101	107	101	107

Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Wook		Mot	orcycle Cras	shes <sup>1</sup>		5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	9	11	7	8	5	8
Monday	13	9	5	6	13	9
Tuesday	11	7	7	8	5	8
Wednesday	7	8	6	2	5	6
Thursday	15	9	11	8	9	10
Friday	25	13	15	7	13	15
Saturday	12	10	12	9	5	10
<b>Total Crashes</b>	92	67	63	48	55	65

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.





Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Week		Alcoho	ol-involved C	Crashes		5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	23	25	26	20	16	22
Monday	14	13	12	10	8	11
Tuesday	9	9	10	12	11	10
Wednesday	12	12	9	13	10	11
Thursday	18	14	12	18	8	14
Friday	24	19	14	17	17	18
Saturday	32	27	28	22	18	25
Total Crashes	132	119	111	112	88	112

Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Wook		Fatal a	and Injury C	rashes		5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	91	75	78	72	76	78
Monday	175	153	182	115	146	154
Tuesday	181	173	177	139	135	161
Wednesday	174	173	175	124	135	156
Thursday	208	186	179	125	136	167
Friday	229	223	178	156	156	188
Saturday	135	118	117	113	96	116
<b>Total Crashes</b>	1,193	1,101	1,086	844	880	1,021

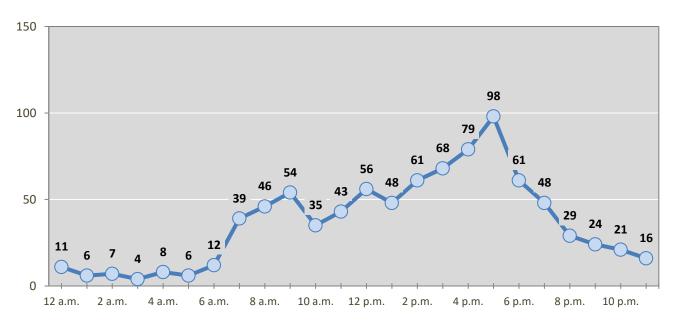
Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Day of Week	Α	II Pedestria	n and Pedal	cycle Crashe	s	5-Year
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	2	3	3	4	4	3
Monday	15	8	9	13	15	12
Tuesday	17	9	14	6	7	11
Wednesday	12	13	17	9	8	12
Thursday	13	6	8	8	10	9
Friday	8	14	9	13	11	11
Saturday	10	10	7	7	11	9
Total Crashes	77	63	67	60	66	67



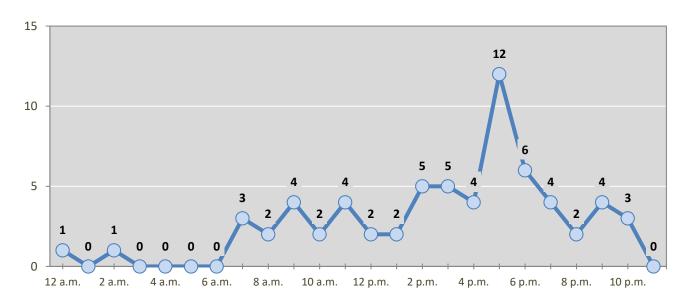


 $Figure\ 4:\ Fatal\ and\ Injury\ Crashes\ by\ Hour\ in\ Las\ Cruces,\ 2021$ 



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2021



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#### Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2021

		People in Cra	shes by Sever	ity of Injuries		
Rural and Urban Locations by Alcohol Involvement	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	Total People
People in Alcohol-involved Crashes	4	1	18	22	125	170
Urban	4	1	18	21	119	163
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	0	1	5	6
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	1	1
People in Crashes	7	34	340	879	6,918	8,178
Urban	7	32	332	855	6,693	7,919
Rural Non-Interstate	0	1	5	19	147	172
Rural Interstate	0	1	3	5	78	87
Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes	57%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%

Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Crash Severity		C	crashes by Yea	nr		5-Year
by Rural and Urban Locations	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Total Rural Interstate	0	1	0	1	36	7
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	0	0	0	0	7	1
Property Damage Only Crash	0	1	0	1	29	6
Total Rural Non-Interstate	2	11	7	3	73	19
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	1	0	0
Injury Crash	1	3	1	0	22	5
Property Damage Only Crash	1	8	6	2	51	14
Total Urban	3,554	3,542	3,540	2,725	3,060	3,284
Fatal Crash	13	7	9	8	7	9
Injury Crash	1,179	1,091	1,076	835	844	1,005
Property Damage Only Crash	2,362	2,444	2,455	1,882	2,209	2,270





Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

1		Tota	l Crashes by	Year		5-Year
First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Collision with Animal	5	18	9	6	6	9
Collision with Fixed Object	255	279	279	262	283	272
Collision with Motor Vehicle	3,077	3,054	3,080	2,305	2,725	2,848
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	56	60	49	38	29	46
Collision with Person	77	63	67	56	66	66
Pedalcycle	30	29	27	23	32	28
Pedestrian	47	34	40	32	33	37
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	1	1
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	1	0	0
Non-Collision	86	76	63	38	41	61
Overturn/Rollover	53	49	43	19	18	36
All Other Non-Collision	33	27	20	19	23	24
Other	0	0	0	24	19	22
Missing Data	0	4	0	0	0	1
Total Crashes	3,556	3,554	3,547	2,729	3,169	3,311

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2017-2021

1		Vehicles in	Crashes by V	ehicle Type		5-Year
Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Buses	33	20	23	16	24	23
Motorcycles/ATVs	95	72	71	58	62	72
Passenger Cars	3,970	3,945	4,319	3,270	3,626	3,826
Pedalcycles	31	29	27	27	32	29
Pedestrians, All	52	34	40	35	36	39
Pickups	1,171	1,128	912	879	995	1,017
Semis/Heavy Trucks	141	97	106	117	108	114
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	1,277	1,217	1,096	774	913	1,055
Other Vehicles	8	45	6	9	2	14
Missing Data	228	212	342	47	294	225
Total Vehicles	7,006	6,799	6,942	5,232	6,092	6,414

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2021

		Mot	or Vehicle <sup>1</sup>	Drivers by \	ehicle Type	and Age G	roup		Total Drivers
Age Groups	Bus	Motor- cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/ Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	8	522	88	0	49	0	1	668
20-24	0	10	641	115	7	87	0	1	861
25-29	3	9	409	91	6	109	0	0	627
30-34	4	9	342	87	14	101	0	0	557
35-39	2	3	266	63	17	109	0	0	460
40-44	0	8	225	76	13	77	0	0	399
45-49	3	4	133	57	9	49	0	0	255
50-54	3	3	156	66	11	44	0	0	283
55-59	2	2	149	77	11	45	0	0	286
60-64	1	1	135	67	8	52	0	0	264
65-69	3	1	144	60	2	33	1	0	244
70 +	1	1	265	64	3	89	0	0	423
Missing Data	2	3	239	84	7	69	1	292	697
Total Drivers	24	62	3,626	995	108	913	2	294	6,024

Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2021

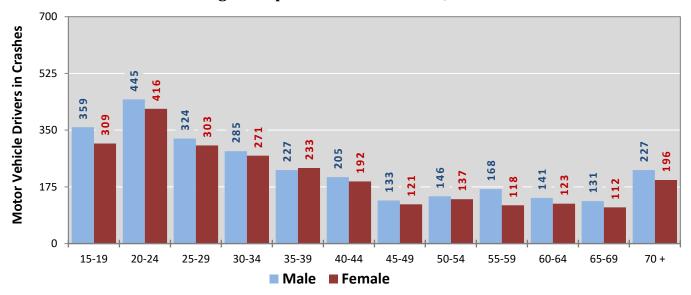
	А	lcohol-invo	lved Motor	Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Dri	ivers by Veh	icle Type ar	nd Age Grou	ıp	Total
Age Groups	Bus	Motor- cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/ Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	Total Drivers
15-19	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	7
20-24	0	0	16	7	0	3	0	0	26
25-29	0	0	11	3	0	3	0	0	17
30-34	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	11
35-39	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	5
40-44	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
45-49	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
50-54	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
60-64	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
65-69	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
70 +	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Drivers	0	1	57	19	0	10	0	0	87

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



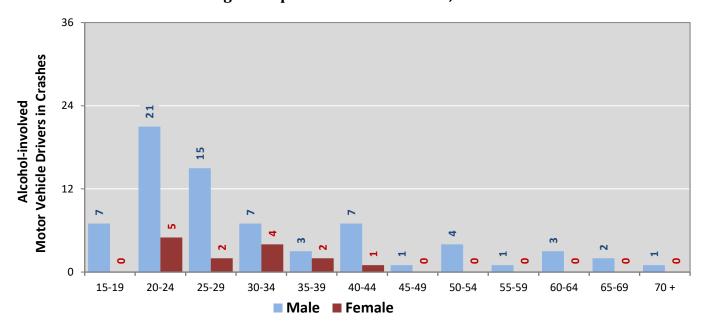


Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2021



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 702 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 Las Cruces, 2021



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces 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 Las Cruces, 2017-2021

A = -1			Year			5-Year	
Age <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018 2019		2020	2021	Total	
15	0	0	0	1	0	1	
16	1	1	0	1	0	3	
17	2	0	3	1	1	7	
18	2	2	2	1	2	9	
19	6	5	6	4	4	25	
20	5	6	3	2	6	22	
<b>Total Drivers</b>	16	14	14	10	13	67	

Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2021

		Total (	Orivers		Alcohol-involved Drivers				
Age <sup>1</sup>	Se	х	Total	Total Percent of		ex	Total	Percent of	
J	Male	Female	Drivers	Total	Male	Female	Drivers	Total	
15	12	9	21	2%	0	0	0	0%	
16	47	36	83	10%	0	0	0	0%	
17	89	71	160	19%	1	0	1	8%	
18	88	86	174	20%	2	0	2	15%	
19	123	107	230	27%	4	0	4	31%	
20	95	100	195	23%	5	1	6	46%	
<b>Total Drivers</b>	454	409	863	100%	12	1	13	100%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2021

	Frequ	ency of Contributir	ng Factor <sup>1</sup> by Crash Se	verity
Contributing Factors	Frequency in Fatal Crashes	Frequency in Injury Crashes	Frequency in Property Damage Only Crashes	Frequency in All Crashes
Human	19	1,119	2,337	3,475
Driver Inattention	3	308	668	979
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	229	314	543
Other Improper Driving	3	90	378	471
Following Too Closely	0	68	167	235
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	1	47	131	179
Improper Lane Change Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	17 51	130 94	147 145
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	79	59 59	138
Made Improper Turn	0	28	60	88
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	4	25	59	88
Excessive Speed	1	39	47	87
Avoid No Contact Other	0	23	32	55
Passed Stop Sign	0	31	24	55
Cell Phone	0	18	23	41
Drove Left of Center	1	10	30	41
Improper Backing	0	2	36	38
Improper Overtaking	0	9	28	37
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	1	10	26	37
Under the Influence Of Drugs	3	6	11	20
Pedestrian Error	2	13	1	16
High-Speed Pursuit	0	4	6	10
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	4	3	7
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	3	4	7
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	1	4	5
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	2	1	3
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	2	0	2
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	1 0	1
Driverless Moving Vehicle Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
Vehicle	0	24	71	95
Inadequate Brakes	0	13	22	35
Other Mechanical Defect	0	4	27	31
Defective Steering	0	2	6	8
Defective Tires	0	2	6	8
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	3	5	8
Wheels	0	0	3	3
Mirrors	0	0	1	1
Wipers	0	0	1	1
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	0	0
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Windows/Windshield	0	0	0	0
Environment	1	90	147	238
Traffic Congestion	0	42	51	93
Backup - Prior Crash	0	5	19	24
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	8	14	23
Low V <sup>i</sup> sibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0 1 0	8 8	14 13	23 21
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions	0 1 0 0	8 8 6	14 13 14	23 21 20
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions	0 1 0 0	8 8 6 6	14 13 14 11	23 21 20 17
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road	0 1 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8	14 13 14 11 6	23 21 20 17 14
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway	0 1 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1	14 13 14 11 6 7	23 21 20 17 14 8
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris	0 1 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3	14 13 14 11 6 7 5	23 21 20 17 14 8
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 8 1 3 2	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5	23 21 20 17 14 8 8
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 8 1 3 2	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing Road Defect	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3 2 0	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5 2 0	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7 2
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing Road Defect Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3 2 0 1	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5 5 2 0	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7 2
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing Road Defect Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3 2 0 1 0	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5 2 0 0	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7 2 1 0
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing Road Defect Low Visibility Due to Smoke  Other Other - No Driver Error	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3 2 0 1 0 8 8 8 8 8	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5 5 2 0 0	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7 2 1 0
Low Visibility Due to Glare Other Visual Obstruction(s) Weather Conditions Road Surface Conditions Obstruction in Road Animal(s) In Roadway Debris Backup - Prior Incident Traffic Control Missing Road Defect Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	8 8 6 6 8 1 3 2 0 1 0	14 13 14 11 6 7 5 5 2 0 0	23 21 20 17 14 8 8 7 2 1 0

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}\,{\rm Multiple}$  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 Las Cruces, 2021

First Houseful Front /FUF\		People in C	rashes by Sever	ity of Injuries		Total
First Harmful Event (FHE) and Subanalysis	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	People
Collision with Animal	0	0	1	1	7	9
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	1	1	5	7
Cattle/Cow	0	0	0	0	2	2
Antelope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Game Animal Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
		7	35	27	-	
Collision with Fixed Object	1				301	371
Curb	1	2	7	5 0	64	79 40
Utility Pole/Light Support Guardrail, End or Face	0	1 1	5 2	0	34 27	40 31
Fence	0	0	3	2	27	29
Other Fixed Object	0	1	3	6	17	27
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	1	1	1	22	25
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	1	2	1	18	22
Wall or Building	0	0	2	4	14	20
Median	0	0	2	1	10	13
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	1	12	13
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	2	10	12
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	1	1	8	10
Tree (standing)	0	0	1	0	6	7
Ditch	0	0	1	0	5	6
Embankment	0	0	1	0	2	3
Culvert	0	0	2	0	0	2
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	2	2	28	32
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision with Motor Vehicle	2	15	255	808	6,419	7,499
MV in Transport	1	15	252	803	6,028	7,099
Parked MV	1	0	3	5	391	400
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	0	1	3	4	55	63
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	0	4	4
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	1	3	4	51	59
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision with Person	2	5	27	26	86	146
Pedestrian	2	4	11	14	46	77
Pedalcycle	0	1	16	11	39	67
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	1	1	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	2	4	18	9	34	67
Overturn/Rollover	2	1	11	3	13	30
Jackknife	0	0	0	1	5	6
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	2	1	2	5
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immersion, Full or Partial Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	3	5	4	14	26
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	2	1	4	16	23
Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People	7	34	340	879	6,918	8,178



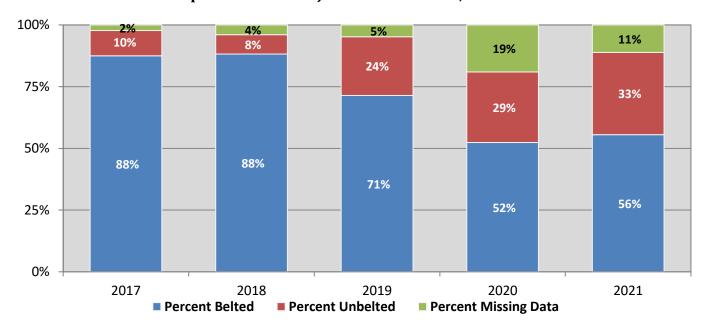


Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes by Sex and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2021

	Unbe	lted People I	Cilled or Inju	red <sup>1,2</sup>	
Age Groups	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	Total People
0-4	0	0%	0	0%	0
5-9	0	0%	0	0%	0
10-14	0	0%	0	0%	0
15-19	6	30%	1	25%	7
20-24	7	35%	0	0%	7
25-29	2	10%	0	0%	2
30-34	0	0%	2	50%	2
35-39	1	5%	1	25%	2
40-44	2	10%	0	0%	2
45-49	0	0%	0	0%	0
50-54	0	0%	0	0%	0
55-59	0	0%	0	0%	0
60-64	0	0%	0	0%	0
65-69	1	5%	0	0%	1
70 +	1	5%	0	0%	1
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
Total People	20	100%	4	100%	24

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

Figure 8: Seatbelt Use by People in Crashes with Fatal or Suspected Serious Injuries in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

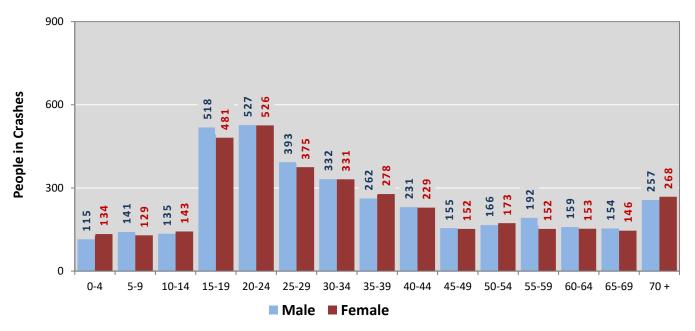


 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Excludes people in or on buses, heavy trucks, motorcycles, or ATVs.



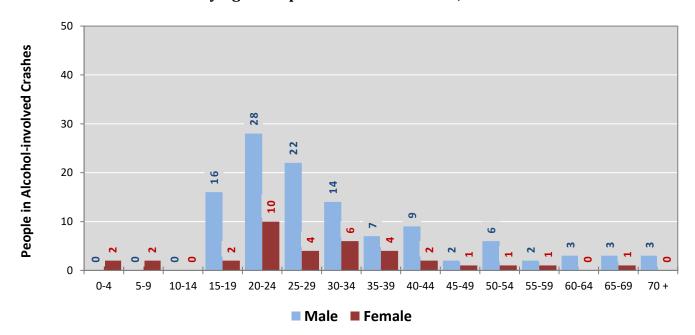


Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2021



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 771 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

Figure 10: People in Alcohol-involved Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2021



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 19 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 Las Cruces, 2017-2021

Age Groups	All F	Pedestrians a	nd All Pedalcy	yclists <sup>1</sup> in Cra	shes	5-Year Total
Age droups	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	People
0-4	3	0	0	0	1	4
5-9	4	2	3	0	1	10
10-14	9	1	3	3	5	21
15-19	7	10	5	2	6	30
20-24	9	4	5	4	5	27
25-29	5	8	10	5	7	35
30-34	4	3	2	3	8	20
35-39	6	0	6	6	6	24
40-44	6	3	3	5	6	23
45-49	6	4	4	6	3	23
50-54	4	5	3	6	4	22
55-59	7	6	7	6	4	30
60-64	1	5	5	4	3	18
65-69	4	6	3	5	4	22
70 +	5	2	5	4	3	19
Missing Data	3	4	3	3	2	15
Total People	83	63	67	62	68	343

Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Las Cruces, 2021

	All Ped	lestrians and	Pedalcycle O	perators <sup>1</sup> in C	Crashes		
Alcohol Involvement	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Minor Injuries (Class C)		Total People	
Pedalcycle Operators	0	1	16	11	4	32	
Involved	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Not Involved	0	1	15	11	4	31	
All Pedestrians	2	4	11	13	6	36	
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Not Involved	2	4	11	13	6	36	
Total People	2	5	27	24	10	68	

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2021

	Injury	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>					
Severity of Injuries	Class	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total		
Fatalities	K	0	5	0	5		
Suspected Serious Injuries	Α	15	4	3	22		
Suspected Minor Injuries	В	236	7	31	274		
Possible Injuries	С	748	8	79	835		
No Apparent Injuries	0	5,702	19	701	6,422		
Total Occupants of Passenger Ve	6,701	43	814	7,558			

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2021

	Injury		s in Crashes <sup>1</sup>		
Severity of Injuries	Class	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	0	0	0
Suspected Serious Injuries	Α	5	0	1	6
Suspected Minor Injuries	В	17	14	2	33
Possible Injuries	С	11	0	0	11
No Apparent Injuries	0	4	2	4	10
Total Motorcyclists	37	16	7	60	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Excludes people on ATVs.





### Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Las Cruces, 2017-2021

	Occupant Fatalities of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed		
Year	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Belted	Unbelted
2017	3	3	0	6	8,203	54	747	9,004	0.04%	5.6%
2018	1	1	0	2	7,993	62	731	8,786	0.01%	1.6%
2019	0	3	0	3	7,981	39	737	8,757	0.00%	7.7%
2020	2	4	0	6	5,588	41	880	6,509	0.04%	9.8%
2021	0	5	0	5	6,701	43	814	7,558	0.00%	11.6%
Average	1.2	3.2	0.0	4.4	7,293.2	47.8	781.8	8,122.8	0.02%	6.7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Las Cruces, 2017-2021

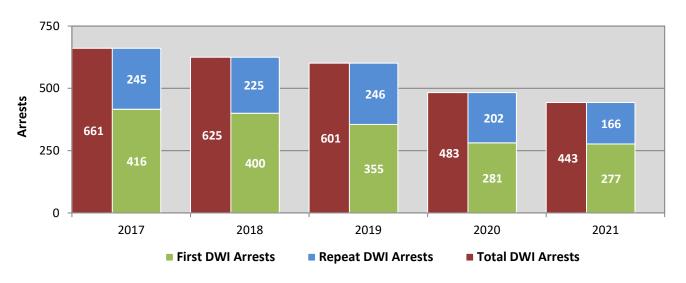
	Motorcyclist Fatalities <sup>1</sup>			Total Motorcyclists <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed		
Year	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
2017	1	1	0	2	41	31	26	98	2.4%	3.2%
2018	2	0	0	2	36	12	26	74	5.6%	0.0%
2019	1	0	0	1	32	17	20	69	3.1%	0.0%
2020	0	1	0	1	26	14	9	49	0.0%	7.1%
2021	0	0	0	0	37	16	7	60	0.0%	0.0%
Average	0.8	0.4	0.0	1.2	34.4	18.0	17.6	70.0	2.3%	2.2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Excludes people on ATVs.



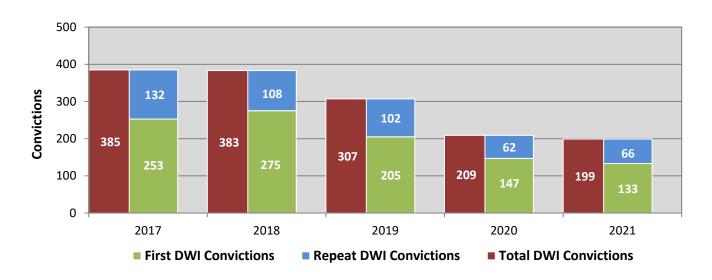


Figure 11: DWI Arrests of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2017-2021



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

Figure 12: DWI Convictions of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2017-2021

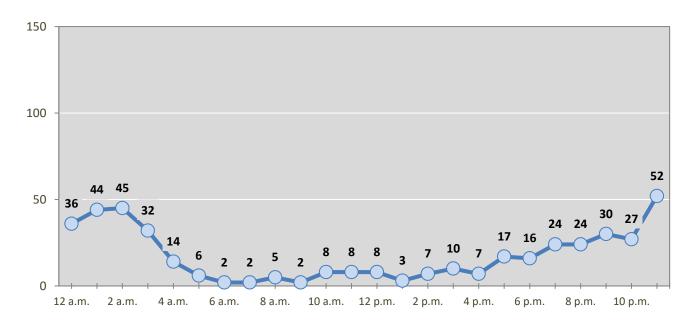


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Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2021



<sup>\*</sup> In 2021, Las Cruces had 14 arrests for which hour data were missing.

Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week of Las Cruces Residents
Throughout the State, 2017-2021

		5-Year				
Day of Week	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average
Sunday	146	151	124	100	82	121
Monday	65	48	48	42	35	48
Tuesday	58	48	48	34	32	44
Wednesday	52	54	51	65	45	53
Thursday	68	53	75	77	50	65
Friday	102	99	112	69	97	96
Saturday	170	172	143	96	102	137
Total Arrests	661	625	601	483	443	563





Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021

Ago Crouns	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>						
Age Groups	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
15-19	35	21	34	37	26		
20-24	128	125	88	76	70		
25-29	94	80	75	56	57		
30-34	56	45	38	41	38		
35-39	30	45	27	20	27		
40-44	17	21	21	17	21		
45-49	12	15	18	12	11		
50-54	18	15	24	5	9		
55-59	13	15	8	9	7		
60-64	5	11	10	6	5		
65-69	3	3	6	0	5		
70 +	5	4	6	2	1		
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Drivers	416	400	355	281	277		

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

Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>						
7.80 0.00ps	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
15-19	2	4	3	1	1		
20-24	25	20	24	20	17		
25-29	46	27	46	32	26		
30-34	56	36	40	28	30		
35-39	34	35	29	23	25		
40-44	19	25	26	31	16		
45-49	24	17	17	21	13		
50-54	15	19	16	16	16		
55-59	19	17	21	14	9		
60-64	4	15	16	11	8		
65-69	1	8	3	2	2		
70 +	0	2	5	3	3		
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Drivers	245	225	246	202	166		

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





Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021

Aga Crauna	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>						
Age Groups	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
15-19	10	17	6	13	9		
20-24	78	89	68	35	41		
25-29	61	61	46	33	22		
30-34	39	35	22	19	17		
35-39	22	25	17	15	13		
40-44	10	12	10	7	10		
45-49	8	11	5	10	8		
50-54	9	12	9	6	5		
55-59	7	6	8	4	3		
60-64	5	5	8	3	3		
65-69	1	1	1	0	1		
70 +	3	1	5	2	1		
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Drivers	253	275	205	147	133		

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

Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>						
Age Groups	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
15-19	1	1	0	0	0		
20-24	14	10	6	8	4		
25-29	20	17	15	9	9		
30-34	26	20	20	8	11		
35-39	16	15	18	8	12		
40-44	15	10	11	9	13		
45-49	17	7	5	3	3		
50-54	12	5	6	5	5		
55-59	10	14	12	6	3		
60-64	0	6	5	6	4		
65-69	1	3	3	0	1		
70 +	0	0	1	0	1		
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Drivers	132	108	102	62	66		

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





Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests for the State and of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2021

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Las Cruces	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	443	8,419	5.3%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	140	3,755	3.7%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	101	1,173	8.6%
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	202	3,491	5.8%

<sup>1</sup> These are the number of DWI arrests in 2021 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 October 2022.

Table 33: Average Number of Days from Date of DWI Arrest to Date of Court Disposition for the State and of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2021

	Average Nur	Deviation from		
Court Disposition	Las Cruces	Statewide	Statewide Average	
DWI Conviction	205	177	27	
DWI Dismissal	179	144	35	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For this table, a very small number of "not guilty" rulings may be included in the category Dismissals.



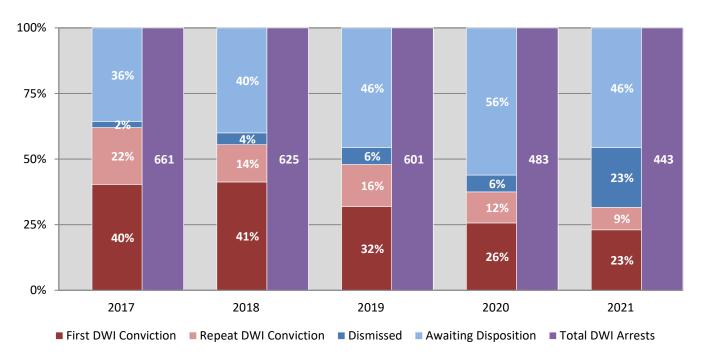


Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021

Year of DWI		Total DWI			
Arrest <sup>1</sup>	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	Arrests
2017	267	143	15	236	661
2018	258	89	28	250	625
2019	192	96	39	274	601
2020	124	57	31	271	483
2021	102	38	101	202	443

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

Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2017-2021



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