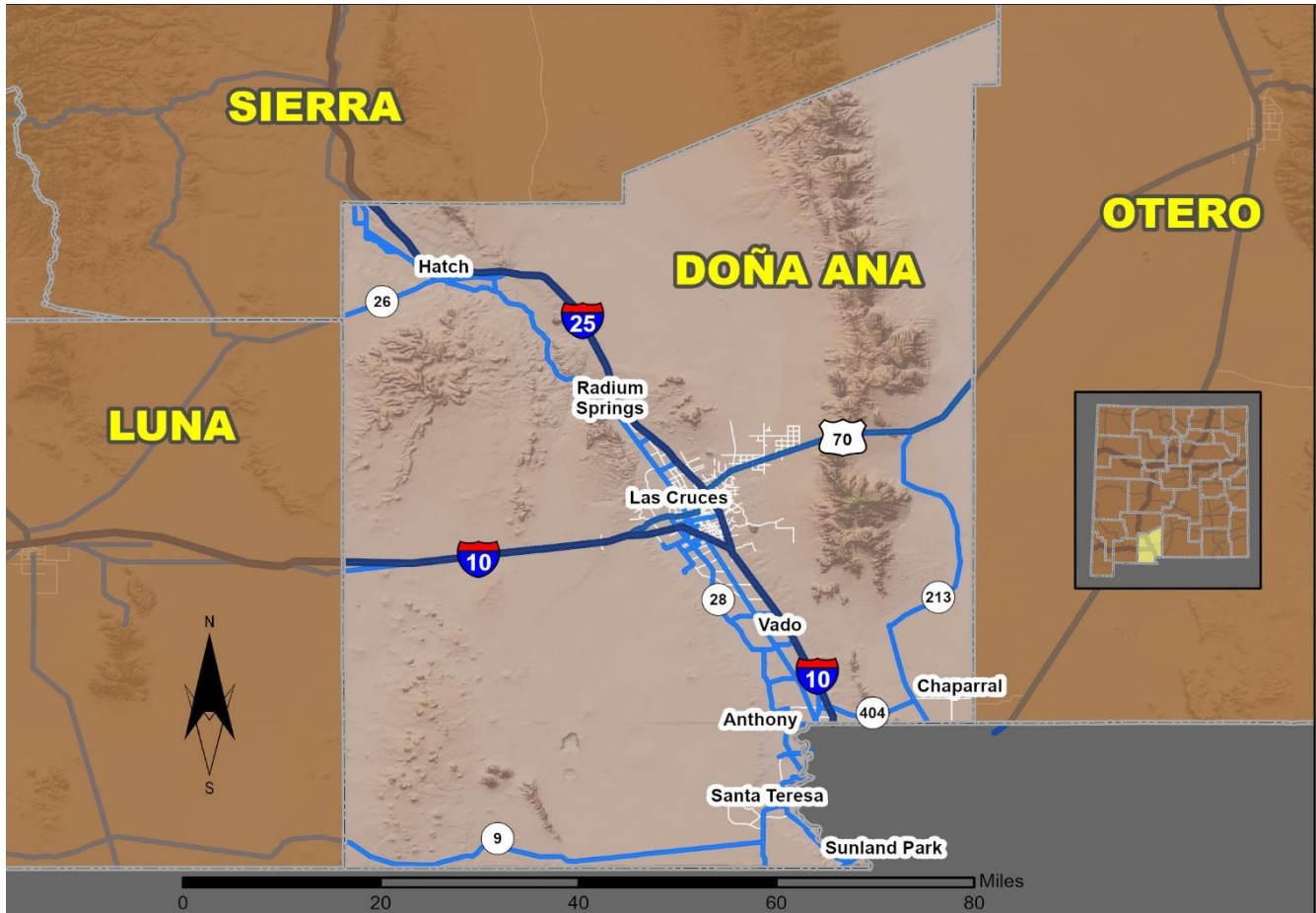


# 2022 Community Report

## Las Cruces



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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 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

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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).

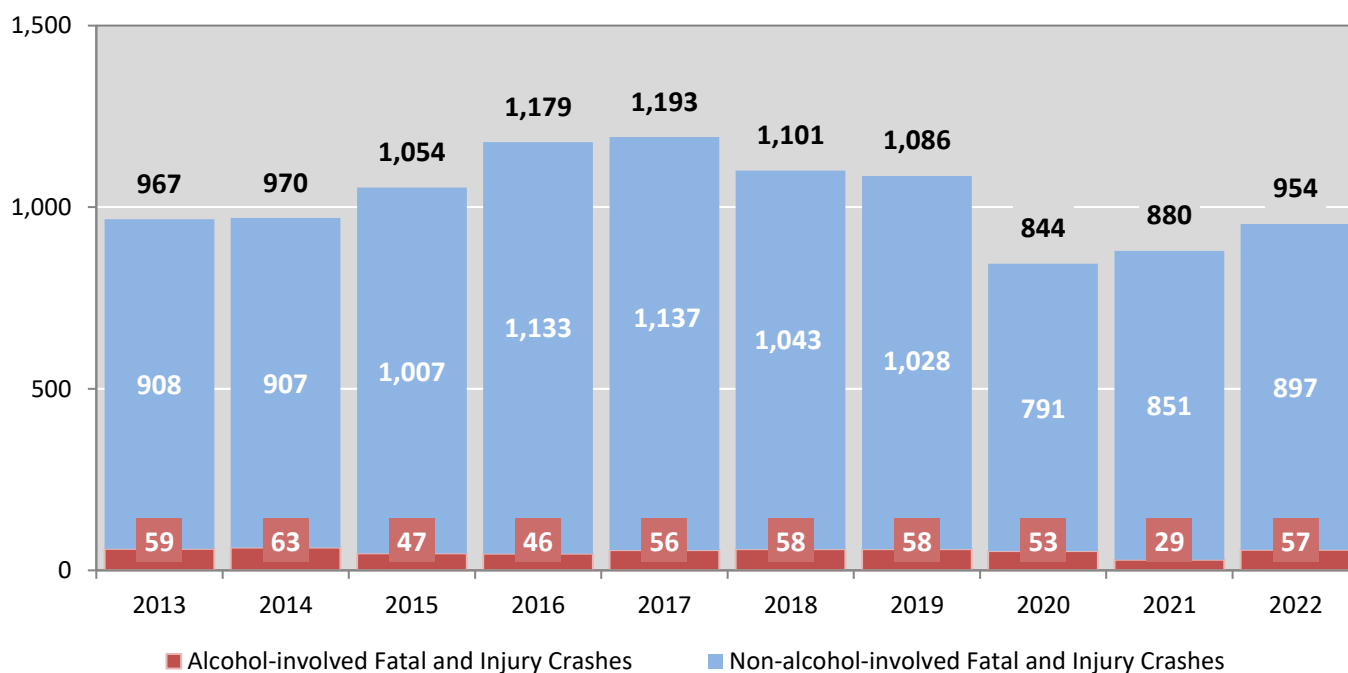
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest 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 Las Cruces, 2013-2022**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2013	4	963	2,244	<b>3,211</b>	2	57	58	<b>117</b>
2014	8	962	2,209	<b>3,179</b>	3	60	65	<b>128</b>
2015	8	1,046	2,504	<b>3,558</b>	4	43	78	<b>125</b>
2016	11	1,168	2,352	<b>3,531</b>	3	43	64	<b>110</b>
2017	13	1,180	2,363	<b>3,556</b>	4	52	76	<b>132</b>
2018	7	1,094	2,453	<b>3,554</b>	2	56	61	<b>119</b>
2019	9	1,077	2,461	<b>3,547</b>	5	53	53	<b>111</b>
2020	9	835	1,885	<b>2,729</b>	4	49	59	<b>112</b>
2021	7	873	2,289	<b>3,169</b>	4	25	59	<b>88</b>
2022	13	941	2,307	<b>3,261</b>	5	52	61	<b>118</b>

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with  
Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Las Cruces, 2013-2022**



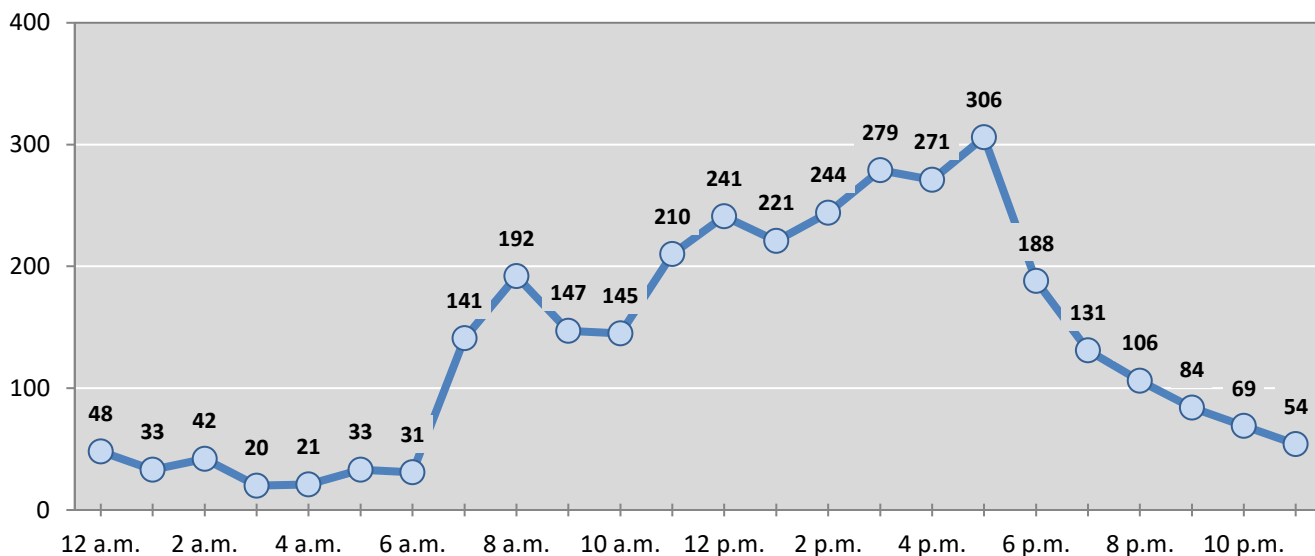
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
January	252	306	275	209	233	<b>255</b>
February	274	269	286	174	255	<b>252</b>
March	318	294	244	213	270	<b>268</b>
April	304	276	175	230	298	<b>257</b>
May	272	256	196	241	273	<b>248</b>
June	192	248	199	251	227	<b>223</b>
July	243	252	221	263	261	<b>248</b>
August	347	308	218	335	253	<b>292</b>
September	334	296	212	315	274	<b>286</b>
October	373	369	271	352	324	<b>338</b>
November	340	354	222	281	293	<b>298</b>
December	305	319	210	305	300	<b>288</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,252</b>

**Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

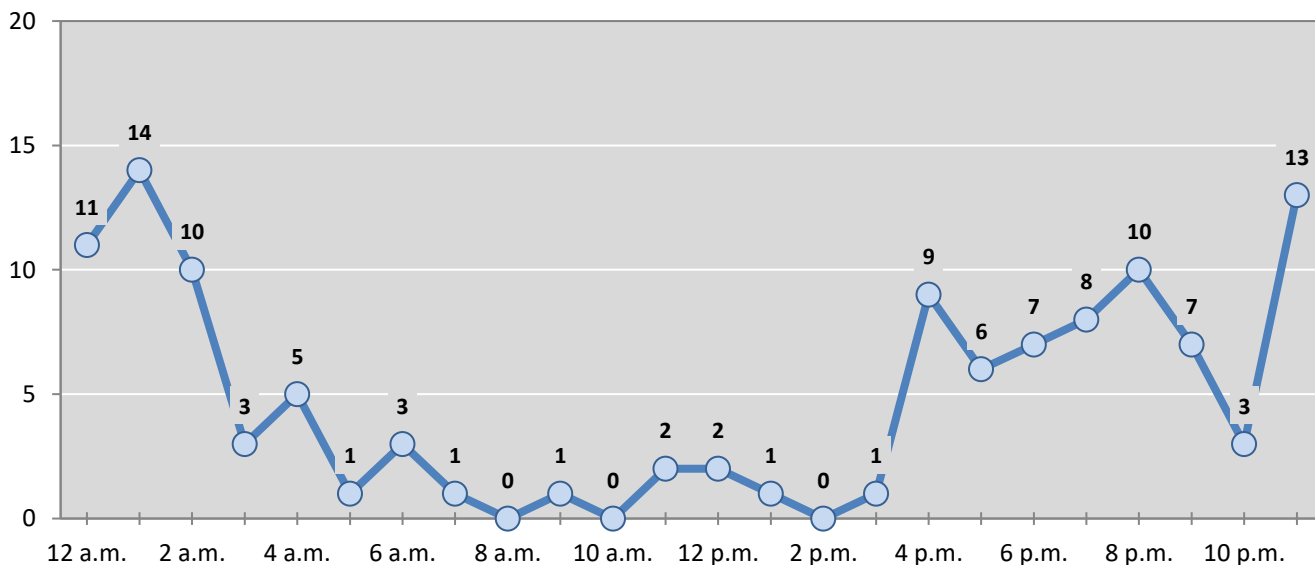
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
January	10	9	7	5	8	<b>8</b>
February	11	9	9	1	8	<b>8</b>
March	14	7	8	2	10	<b>8</b>
April	10	8	2	5	9	<b>7</b>
May	11	4	12	7	12	<b>9</b>
June	10	7	8	5	8	<b>8</b>
July	11	11	9	8	9	<b>10</b>
August	12	13	11	13	13	<b>12</b>
September	4	8	13	12	12	<b>10</b>
October	9	14	17	10	11	<b>12</b>
November	11	9	6	9	11	<b>9</b>
December	6	12	10	11	7	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>110</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 4 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 0 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	253	276	243	273	332	<b>275</b>
Monday	548	529	401	483	460	<b>484</b>
Tuesday	556	574	427	480	490	<b>505</b>
Wednesday	560	579	421	503	488	<b>510</b>
Thursday	598	568	432	459	515	<b>514</b>
Friday	659	625	485	615	588	<b>594</b>
Saturday	380	396	320	356	388	<b>368</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,252</b>

**Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	3	7	6	3	5	<b>5</b>
Monday	12	12	13	14	13	<b>13</b>
Tuesday	13	11	19	23	13	<b>16</b>
Wednesday	16	15	18	19	17	<b>17</b>
Thursday	16	26	19	18	20	<b>20</b>
Friday	19	17	21	13	18	<b>18</b>
Saturday	12	13	11	11	10	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>99</b>

**Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	11	7	8	5	5	<b>7</b>
Monday	9	5	6	13	5	<b>8</b>
Tuesday	7	7	8	5	13	<b>8</b>
Wednesday	8	6	2	5	13	<b>7</b>
Thursday	9	11	8	9	9	<b>9</b>
Friday	13	15	7	13	15	<b>13</b>
Saturday	10	12	9	5	10	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>

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

**Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	25	26	20	16	19	21
Monday	13	12	10	8	16	12
Tuesday	9	10	12	11	8	10
Wednesday	12	9	13	10	15	12
Thursday	14	12	18	8	23	15
Friday	19	14	17	17	18	17
Saturday	27	28	22	18	19	23
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>110</b>

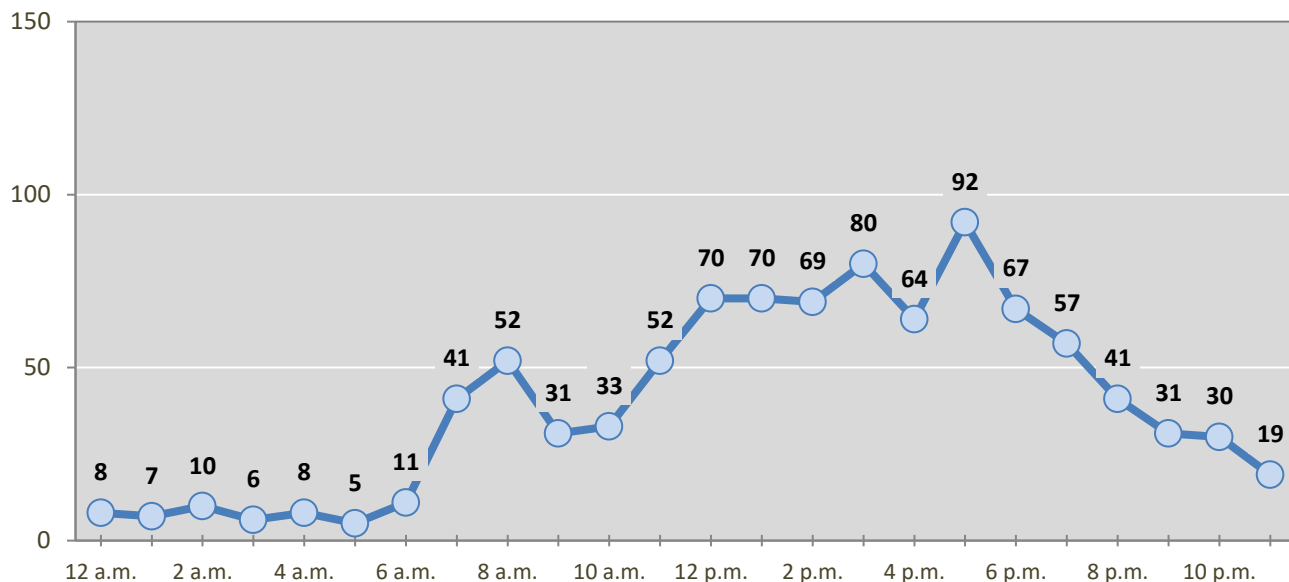
**Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	75	78	72	76	85	77
Monday	153	182	115	146	132	146
Tuesday	173	177	139	135	129	151
Wednesday	173	175	124	135	153	152
Thursday	186	179	125	136	139	153
Friday	223	178	156	156	181	179
Saturday	118	117	113	96	135	116
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>973</b>

**Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

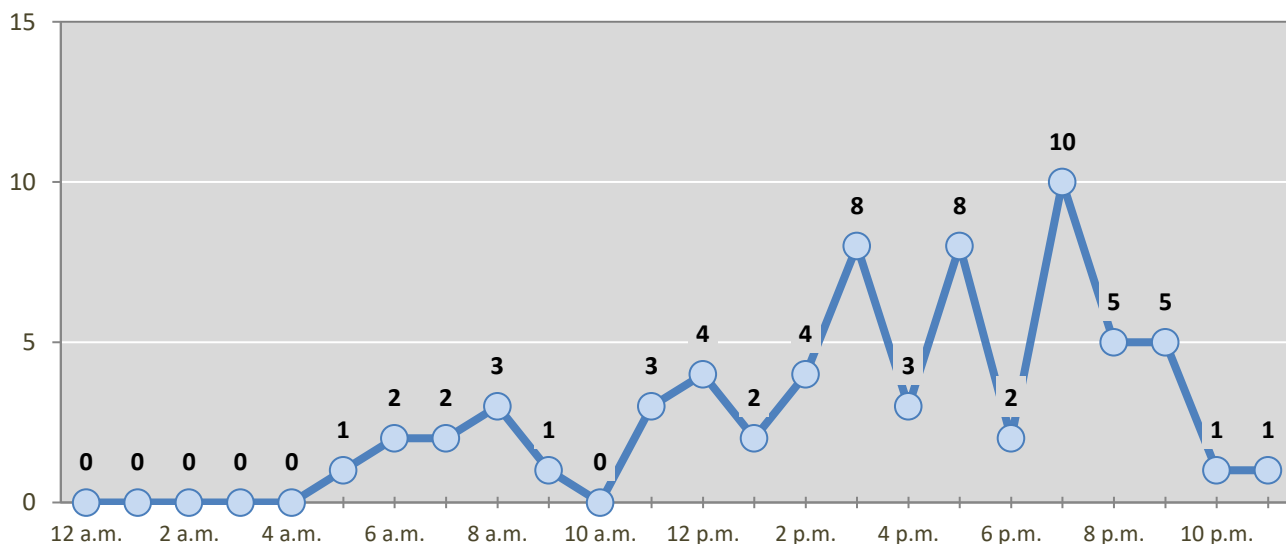
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	3	3	4	4	4	4
Monday	8	9	13	15	16	12
Tuesday	9	14	6	7	11	9
Wednesday	13	17	9	8	13	12
Thursday	6	8	8	10	7	8
Friday	14	9	13	11	9	11
Saturday	10	7	7	11	5	8
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>

**Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2022**



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**Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2022**

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>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>255</b>
Urban	6	5	42	30	172	255
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>8,489</b>
Urban	14	43	415	932	7,072	8,476
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	1	0	12	13
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
<b>Total Rural Interstate</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	0	0	0	7	0	1
Property Damage Only Crash	1	0	1	29	0	6
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	1	0	0	0
Injury Crash	3	1	0	22	1	5
Property Damage Only Crash	8	6	2	51	5	14
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>3,224</b>
Fatal Crash	7	9	8	7	13	9
Injury Crash	1,091	1,076	835	844	940	957
Property Damage Only Crash	2,444	2,455	1,882	2,209	2,302	2,258

**Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Collision with Animal	18	9	6	6	7	9
Collision with Fixed Object	279	279	262	283	319	284
Collision with Motor Vehicle	3,054	3,080	2,305	2,725	2,763	2,785
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	60	49	38	29	35	42
Collision with Person	63	67	56	66	65	63
Pedalcycle	29	27	23	32	25	27
Pedestrian	34	40	32	33	36	35
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	1	4	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	0	0	0
Non-Collision	76	63	38	41	37	51
Overturn/Rollover	49	43	19	18	24	31
All Other Non-Collision	27	20	19	23	13	20
Other	0	0	24	19	35	26
Missing Data	4	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,252</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 Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Buses	20	23	16	24	20	21
Motorcycles/ATVs	72	71	58	62	78	68
Passenger Cars	3,945	4,319	3,270	3,626	3,563	3,745
Pedalcycles	29	27	27	32	25	28
Pedestrians, All	34	40	35	36	42	37
Pickups	1,128	912	879	995	1,025	988
Semis/Heavy Trucks	97	106	117	108	100	106
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	1,217	1,096	774	913	1,165	1,033
Other Vehicles	45	6	9	2	7	14
Missing Data	212	342	47	294	279	235
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>6,942</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>6,304</b>	<b>6,274</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 Las Cruces, 2022**

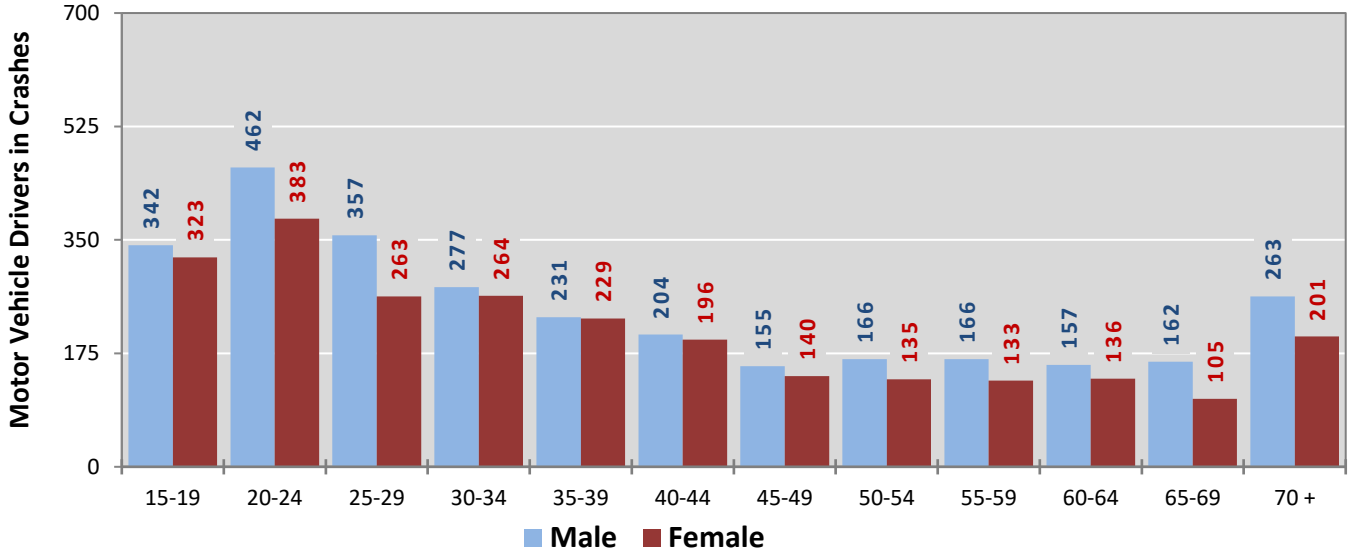
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	6	494	86	3	74	1	1	665
20-24	0	18	623	99	2	103	0	0	845
25-29	1	13	393	85	8	121	0	1	622
30-34	1	8	308	89	12	123	0	0	541
35-39	2	7	241	83	8	119	0	0	460
40-44	1	3	209	80	10	97	0	0	400
45-49	3	5	157	53	8	70	0	0	296
50-54	2	2	155	62	11	70	0	0	302
55-59	5	4	160	62	8	60	0	0	299
60-64	2	3	146	69	8	66	0	0	294
65-69	1	4	138	58	3	63	1	0	268
70 +	0	1	256	88	6	109	4	0	464
Missing Data	2	4	283	111	13	90	1	277	781
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>6,237</b>

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type  
and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2022**

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	6	0	0	2	0	0	8
20-24	0	2	20	4	0	2	0	0	28
25-29	0	0	8	2	0	2	0	0	12
30-34	0	0	16	4	0	1	0	0	21
35-39	0	1	5	1	0	4	0	0	11
40-44	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	6
45-49	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
50-54	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
55-59	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
60-64	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	7
65-69	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
70 +	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>

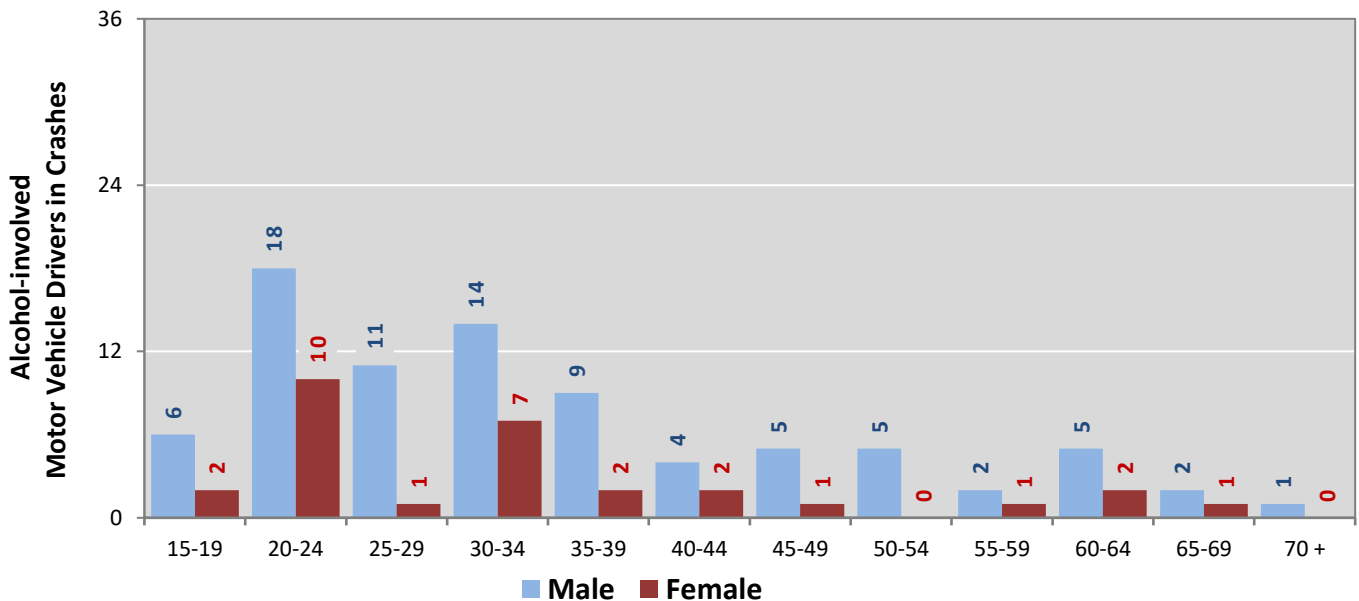
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

**Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 787 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, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 4 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, 2018-2022**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
15	0	0	1	0	0	1
16	1	0	1	0	1	3
17	0	3	1	1	2	7
18	2	2	1	2	2	9
19	5	6	4	4	3	22
20	6	3	2	6	5	22
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>64</b>

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes  
by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2022**

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	18	12	30	3%	0	0	0	0%
16	45	52	97	11%	1	0	1	8%
17	80	61	141	16%	1	1	2	15%
18	97	106	203	23%	1	1	2	15%
19	102	92	194	22%	3	0	3	23%
20	107	93	200	23%	4	1	5	38%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</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 Las Cruces, 2022**

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>30</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>3,647</b>
Driver Inattention	3	297	562	862
Other Improper Driving	2	153	420	575
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	233	319	552
Following Too Closely	0	70	194	264
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	46	135	181
Improper Lane Change	0	22	158	180
Disregarded Traffic Signal	1	103	66	170
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	47	111	158
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	5	53	62	120
Excessive Speed	4	56	51	111
Made Improper Turn	0	25	68	93
Avoid No Contact Other	1	21	39	61
Improper Backing	0	5	41	46
Passed Stop Sign	0	24	20	44
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	1	19	24	44
Cell Phone	0	14	22	36
Improper Overtaking	0	9	21	30
Drove Left of Center	1	13	15	29
Pedestrian Error	4	16	3	23
Under the Influence Of Drugs	8	6	4	18
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	4	12	16
High-Speed Pursuit	0	3	6	9
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	4	4	8
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	2	5	7
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	4	0	4
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	0	4	4
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	2	2
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>86</b>
Other Mechanical Defect	0	10	17	27
Inadequate Brakes	0	10	12	22
Defective Tires	1	2	10	13
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	2	3	6	11
Defective Steering	0	3	5	8
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	1	1	2
Wheels	0	1	1	2
Windows/Windshield	0	1	0	1
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
<b>Environment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>222</b>
Traffic Congestion	0	39	55	94
Weather Conditions	0	7	14	21
Backup - Prior Crash	0	2	17	19
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	9	10	19
Obstruction in Road	0	4	15	19
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	4	10	14
Debris	0	2	11	13
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	4	8	12
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	5	5
Road Surface Conditions	0	2	3	5
Traffic Control Missing	0	1	0	1
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Road Defect	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>3,267</b>
Other - No Driver Error	12	891	2,001	2,904
Missing Data	0	35	328	363
None	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>4,897</b>	<b>7,222</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 Las Cruces, 2022**

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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	4	4
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
Antelope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cattle/Cow	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
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>427</b>
Curb	0	2	14	5	60	81
Guardrail, End or Face	0	1	4	6	38	49
Fence	0	0	4	4	39	47
Wall or Building	0	1	6	3	30	40
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	2	1	26	29
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	3	2	23	28
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	1	5	19	25
Median	0	0	5	2	15	22
Other Fixed Object	0	1	1	2	18	22
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	1	15	16
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	3	1	7	11
Tree (standing)	0	0	5	2	2	9
Ditch	0	0	1	1	4	6
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	4	4
Culvert	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	5	1	32	38
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>7,746</b>
MV in Transport	5	28	300	868	6,177	7,378
Parked MV	0	0	4	3	359	366
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	0	7	7
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	1	4	1	38	44
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>148</b>
Pedestrian	6	3	21	7	46	83
Pedalcycle	1	0	10	9	37	57
Other Non-Motorist	0	1	2	1	4	8
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>59</b>
Overturn/Rollover	2	5	12	5	14	38
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	2	2
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	1	0	1	2
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	0	3	0	13	16
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</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>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>8,489</b>

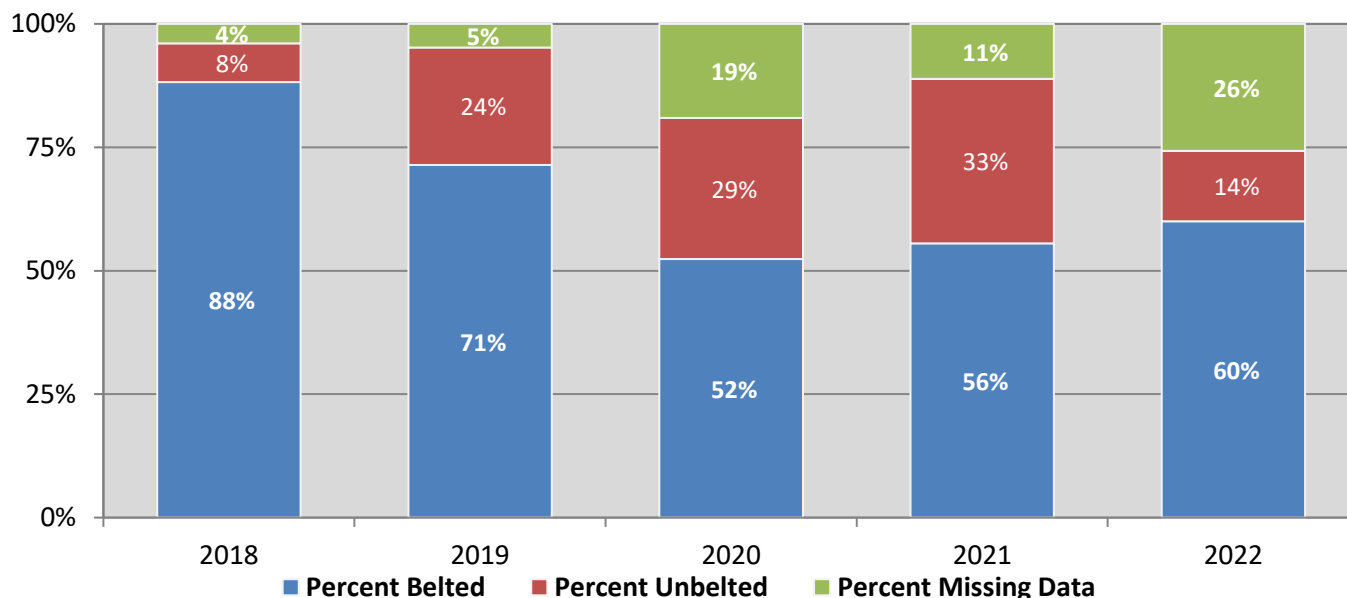
**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes  
by Sex and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2022**

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%	2	12%	2
10-14	0	0%	1	6%	1
15-19	1	6%	4	24%	5
20-24	4	25%	0	0%	4
25-29	4	25%	1	6%	5
30-34	4	25%	4	24%	8
35-39	2	13%	0	0%	2
40-44	0	0%	0	0%	0
45-49	0	0%	1	6%	1
50-54	1	6%	0	0%	1
55-59	0	0%	2	12%	2
60-64	0	0%	1	6%	1
65-69	0	0%	0	0%	0
70 +	0	0%	1	6%	1
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33</b>

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

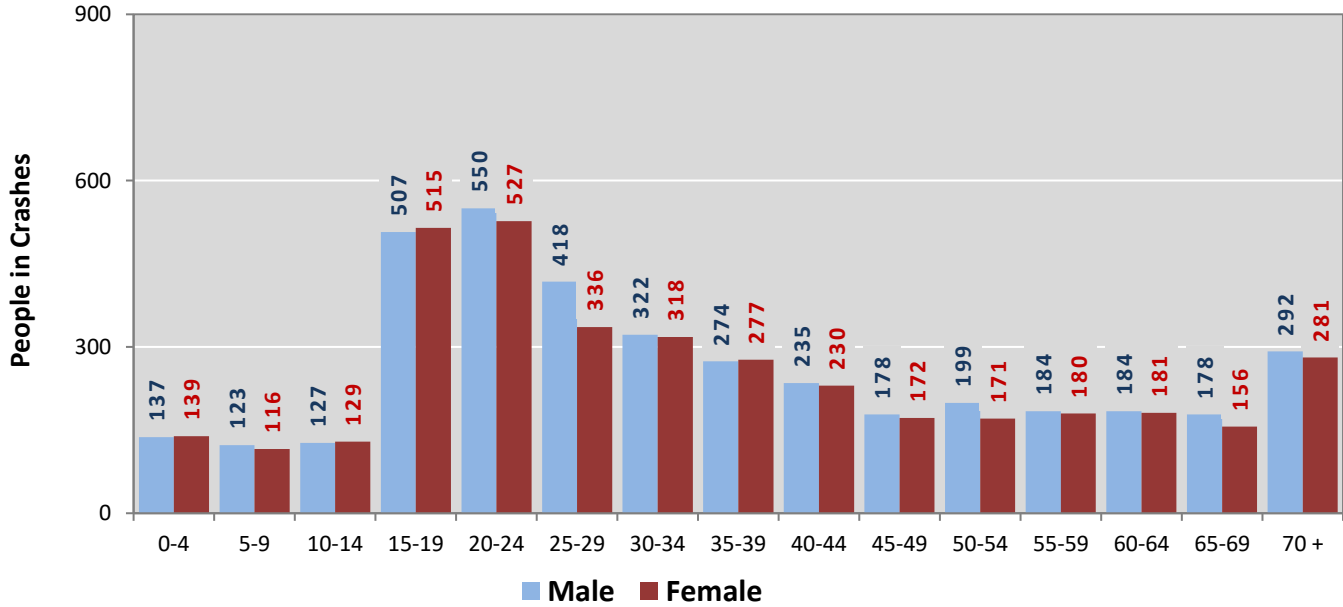
<sup>2</sup> Excludes people in or on buses, heavy trucks, motorcycles, or ATVs.

**Figure 8: Seatbelt Use by People in Crashes with Fatal or  
Suspected Serious Injuries in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**



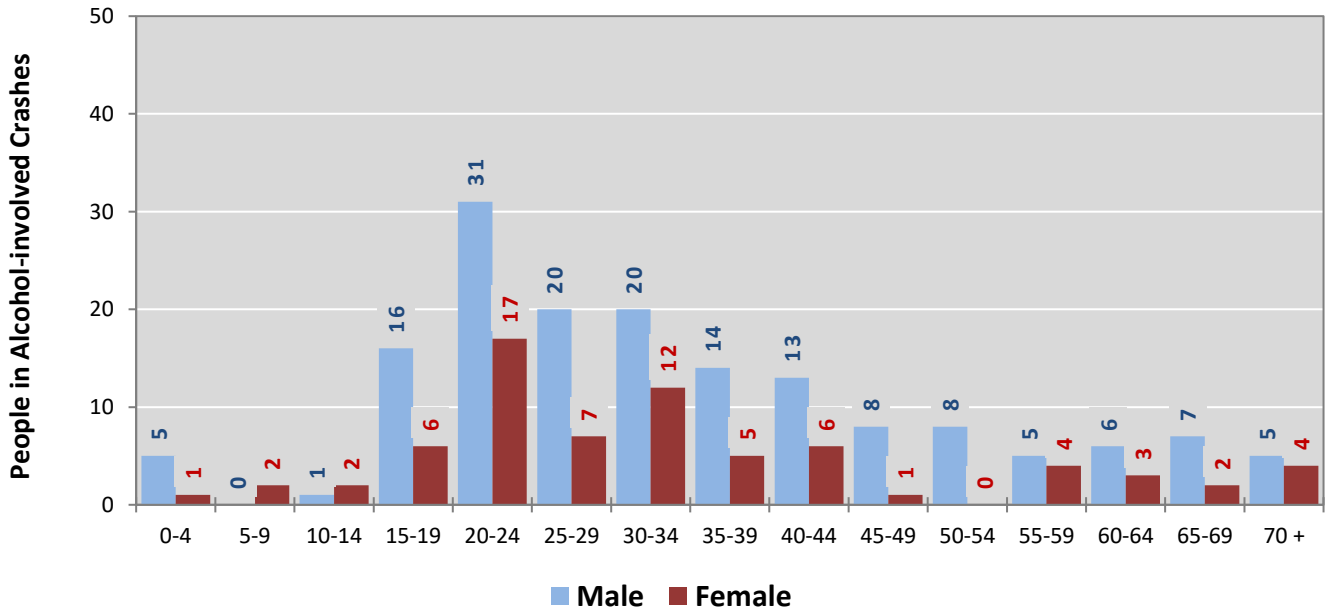


**Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 853 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, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 24 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, 2018-2022**

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
0-4	0	0	0	1	2	3
5-9	2	3	0	1	0	6
10-14	1	3	3	5	1	13
15-19	10	5	2	6	4	27
20-24	4	5	4	5	10	28
25-29	8	10	5	7	12	42
30-34	3	2	3	8	8	24
35-39	0	6	6	6	2	20
40-44	3	3	5	6	2	19
45-49	4	4	6	3	5	22
50-54	5	3	6	4	4	22
55-59	6	7	6	4	4	27
60-64	5	5	4	3	6	23
65-69	6	3	5	4	3	21
70 +	2	5	4	3	2	16
Missing Data	4	3	3	2	2	14
<b>Total People</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>327</b>

**Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Las Cruces, 2022**

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>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>
Involved	1	0	0	0	0	1
Not Involved	0	0	9	9	6	24
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>
Involved	2	0	2	0	0	4
Not Involved	4	4	21	8	1	38
<b>Total People</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67</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 Las Cruces, 2022**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	3	0	0	3
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	18	5	9	32
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	290	19	29	338
Possible Injuries	C	820	9	64	893
No Apparent Injuries	O	5,843	9	762	6,614
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>6,974</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>7,880</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 Las Cruces, 2022**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	2	2	0	4
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	2	2	0	4
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	22	16	3	41
Possible Injuries	C	5	1	4	10
No Apparent Injuries	O	3	2	7	12
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>71</b>

<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, 2018-2022**

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
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%
2022	3	0	0	3	6,974	42	864	7,880	0.04%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7,047.4</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>805.2</b>	<b>7,898.0</b>	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

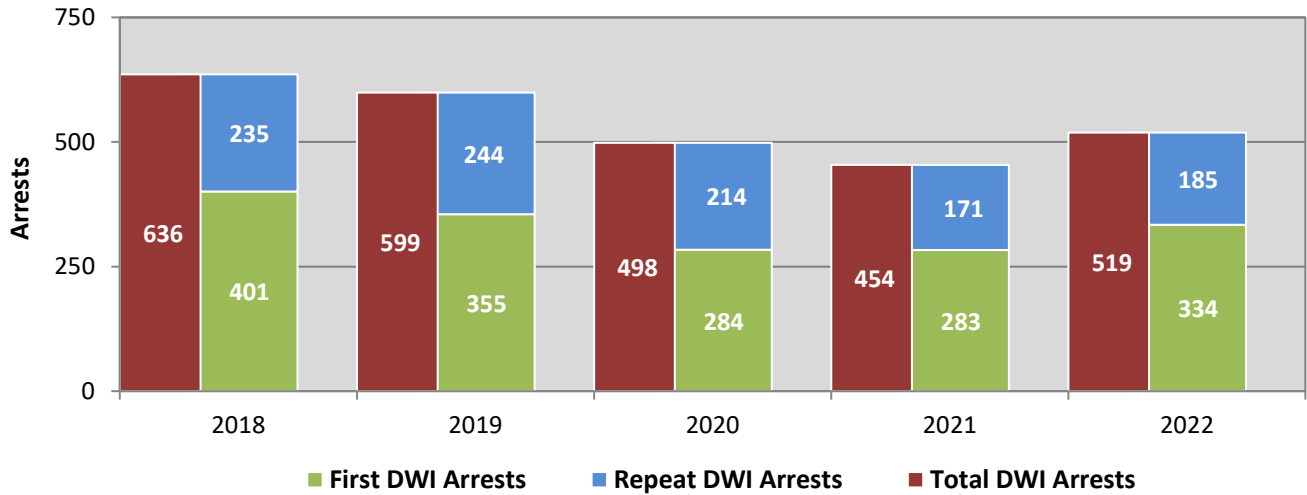
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Las Cruces, 2018-2022**

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
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%
2022	2	2	0	4	34	23	14	71	5.9%	8.7%
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

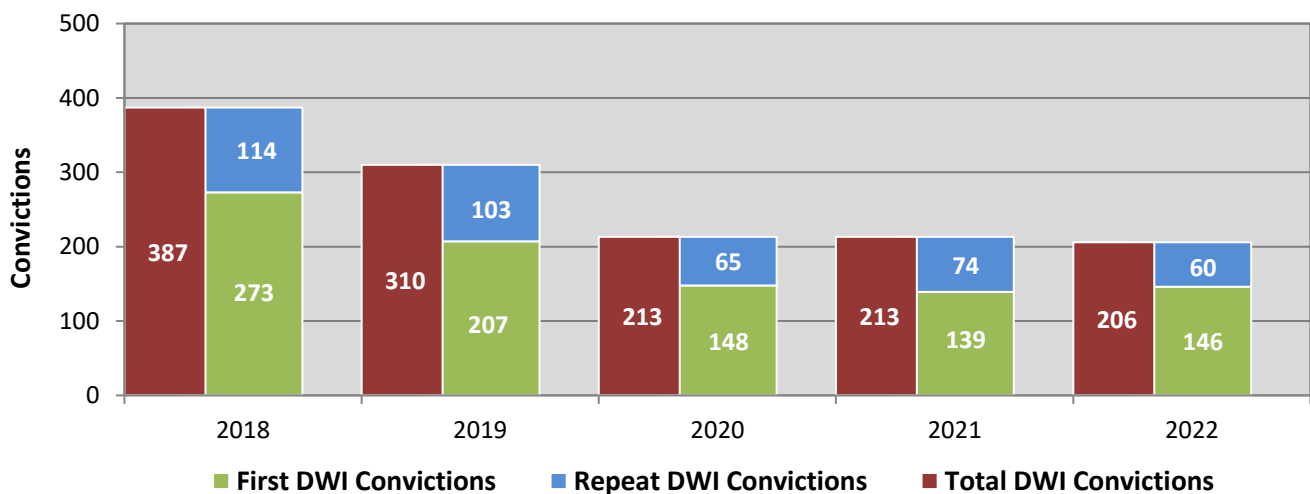
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2018-2022**



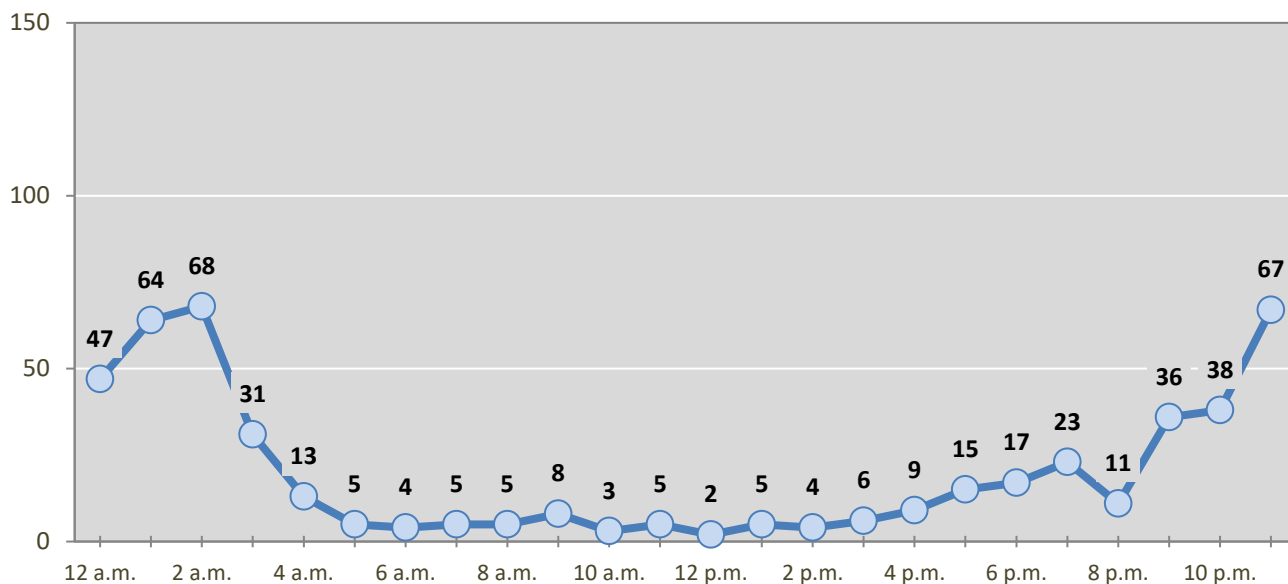
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2018-2022**



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

**Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2022**



\* In 2022, Las Cruces had 28 arrests for which hour data were missing.

**Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2018-2022**

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sunday	151	122	104	84	117	116
Monday	52	48	47	39	42	46
Tuesday	49	47	36	33	37	40
Wednesday	55	48	64	48	32	49
Thursday	54	76	77	49	77	67
Friday	103	110	70	100	88	94
Saturday	172	148	100	101	126	129
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>541</b>

**Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group  
of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2018-2022**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
15-19	20	35	36	27	34
20-24	129	89	79	71	84
25-29	79	74	55	55	57
30-34	44	36	41	40	61
35-39	46	27	21	27	26
40-44	20	21	18	24	18
45-49	15	18	12	11	14
50-54	15	24	6	9	15
55-59	15	8	9	8	13
60-64	11	10	5	5	8
65-69	3	6	0	5	2
70 +	4	7	2	1	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>334</b>

<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, 2018-2022**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
15-19	4	3	1	1	1
20-24	20	25	20	17	11
25-29	28	42	34	26	18
30-34	39	41	29	30	39
35-39	39	29	28	25	32
40-44	27	26	30	18	23
45-49	17	17	21	13	21
50-54	19	16	20	18	12
55-59	17	21	15	9	6
60-64	15	16	11	9	13
65-69	8	3	2	2	7
70 +	2	5	3	3	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>185</b>

<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, 2018-2022**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
15-19	15	6	14	9	12
20-24	90	69	35	43	48
25-29	62	43	33	22	30
30-34	35	25	18	19	13
35-39	24	16	16	13	14
40-44	11	11	6	11	9
45-49	11	5	11	8	8
50-54	12	9	6	6	4
55-59	6	9	4	3	2
60-64	5	8	3	3	5
65-69	1	1	0	1	0
70 +	1	5	2	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>146</b>

<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, 2018-2022**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
15-19	1	0	0	0	0
20-24	10	6	8	4	3
25-29	18	14	9	13	10
30-34	23	20	9	12	15
35-39	16	19	11	13	10
40-44	11	12	8	13	5
45-49	7	5	3	3	2
50-54	5	6	5	7	6
55-59	14	12	6	3	3
60-64	6	5	6	4	3
65-69	3	3	0	1	2
70 +	0	1	0	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>60</b>

<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, 2022**

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Las Cruces	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	519	8,381	<b>6.2%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	178	4,102	<b>4.3%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	80	989	<b>8.1%</b>
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	261	3,290	<b>7.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> These are the number of DWI arrests in 2022 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 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 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  
for the State and of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2022**

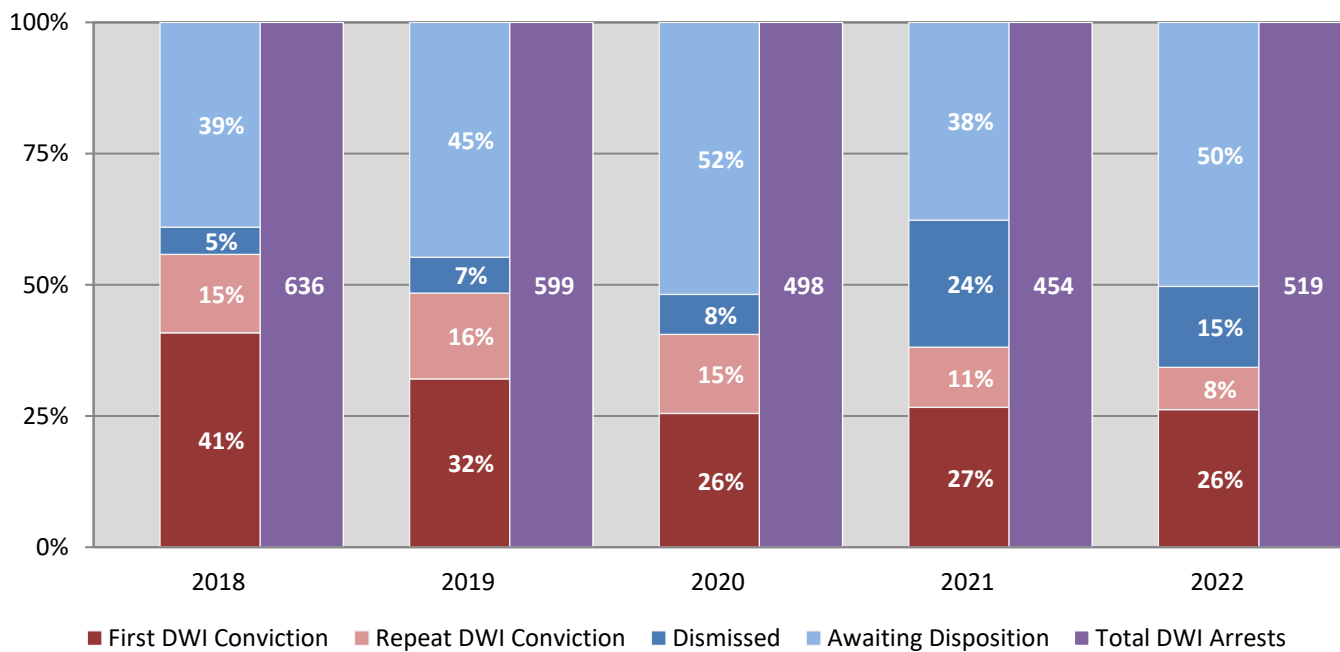
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Las Cruces	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	210	181	<b>29</b>
DWI Dismissal	174	164	<b>10</b>

**Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests  
of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2018-2022**

Year of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2018	260	95	33	248	636
2019	192	98	41	268	599
2020	127	75	38	258	498
2021	121	52	110	171	454
2022	136	42	80	261	519

<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, 2018-2022**



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