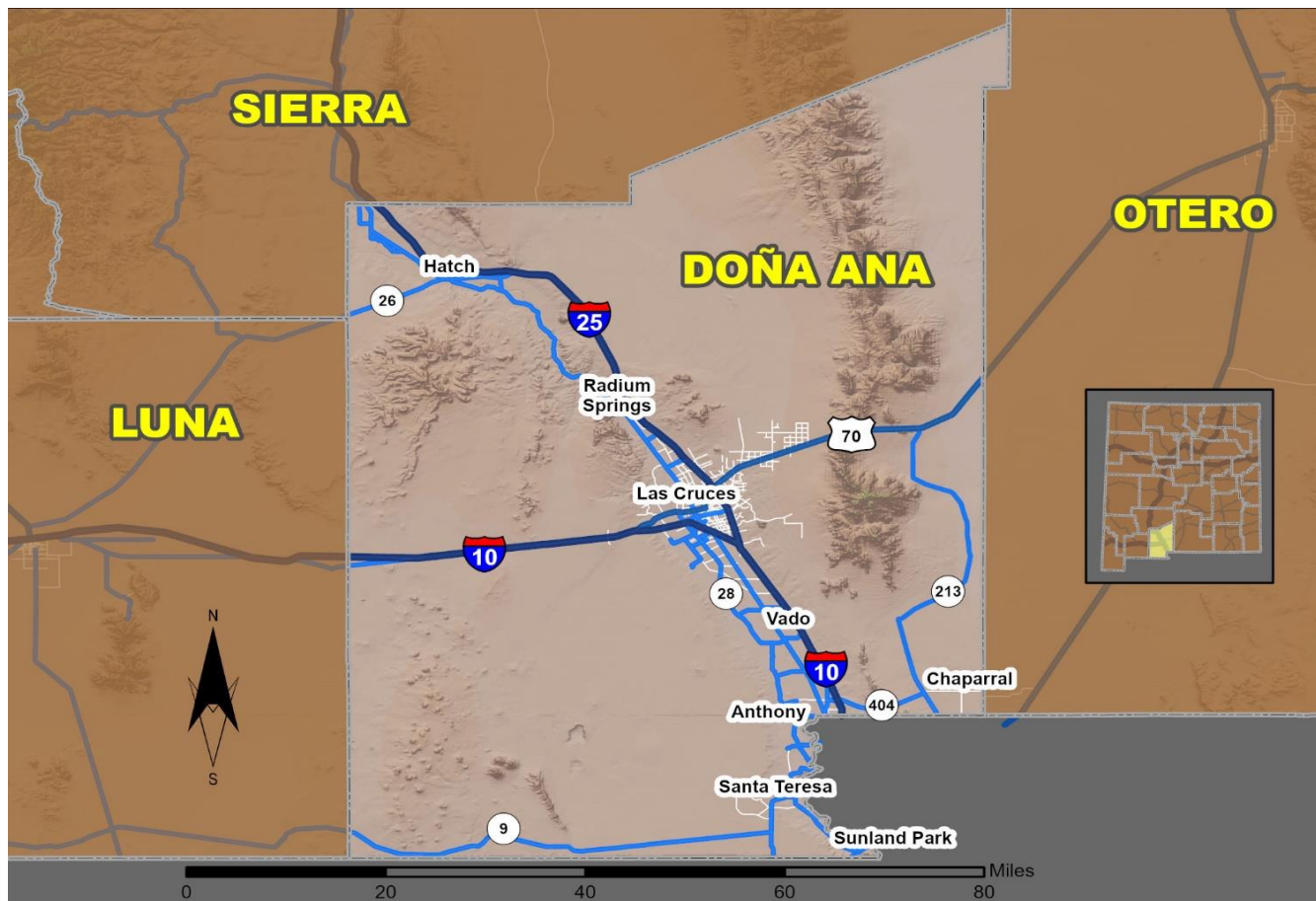


# 2023 Community Report

## 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 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).

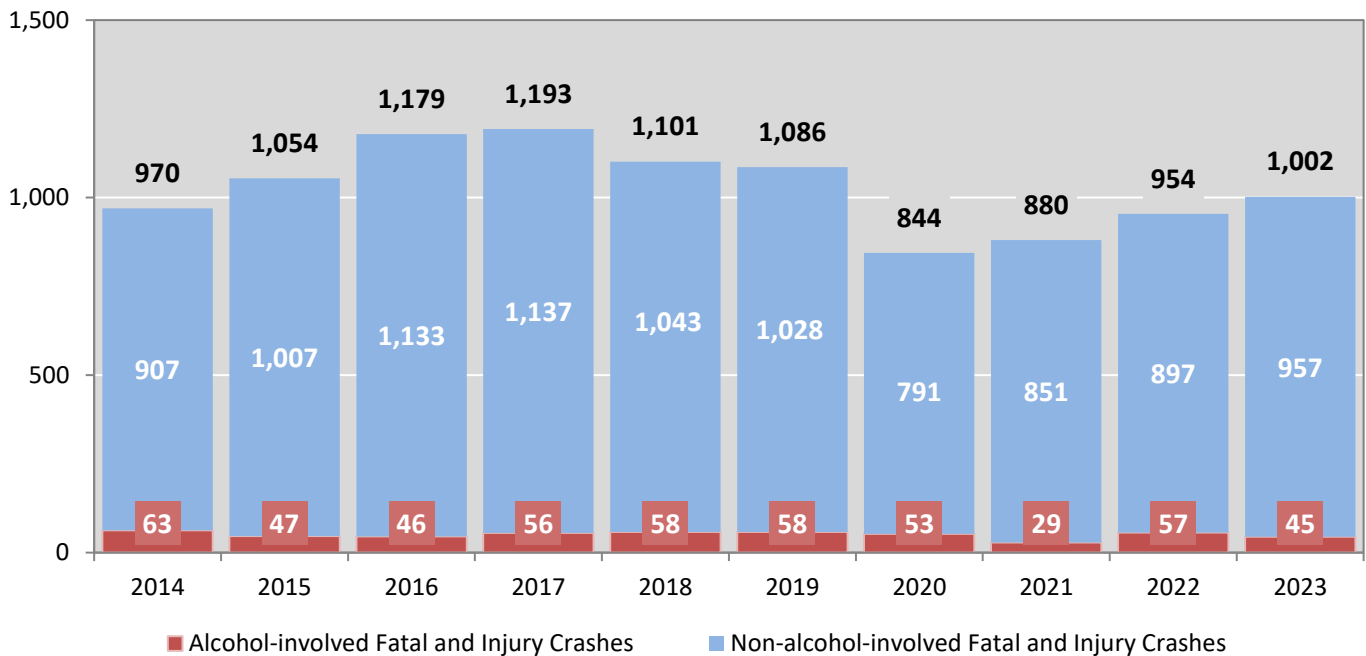
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest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

**City, County, and Urban Area Designations** – Refer to the crash-level data dictionary entries for "City", "County", and "System" at <https://gps.unm.edu/tru/data-dictionaries.html>.

**Table 1: Total Crashes and Alcohol-involved Crashes by  
Crash Severity in Las Cruces, 2014-2023**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
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>
2023	15	987	2,461	<b>3,463</b>	3	42	65	<b>110</b>

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with  
Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Las Cruces, 2014-2023**



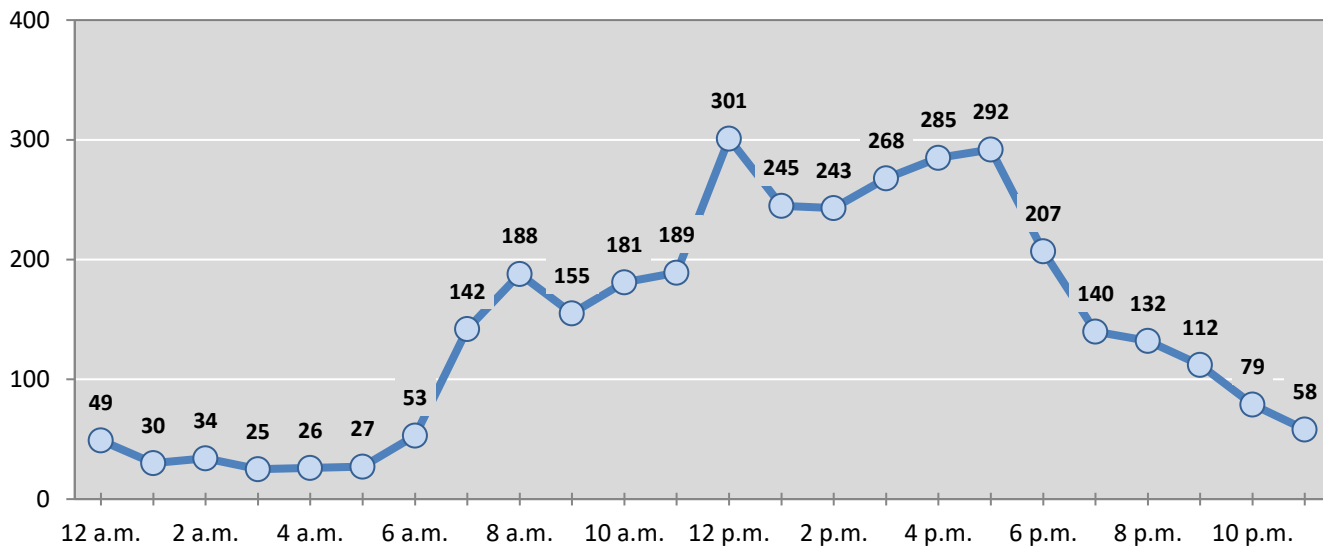
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	306	275	209	233	269	<b>258</b>
February	269	286	174	255	281	<b>253</b>
March	294	244	213	270	271	<b>258</b>
April	276	175	230	298	315	<b>259</b>
May	256	196	241	273	273	<b>248</b>
June	248	199	251	227	253	<b>236</b>
July	252	221	263	261	268	<b>253</b>
August	308	218	335	253	323	<b>287</b>
September	296	212	315	274	298	<b>279</b>
October	369	271	352	324	307	<b>325</b>
November	354	222	281	293	302	<b>290</b>
December	319	210	305	300	303	<b>287</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,234</b>

**Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

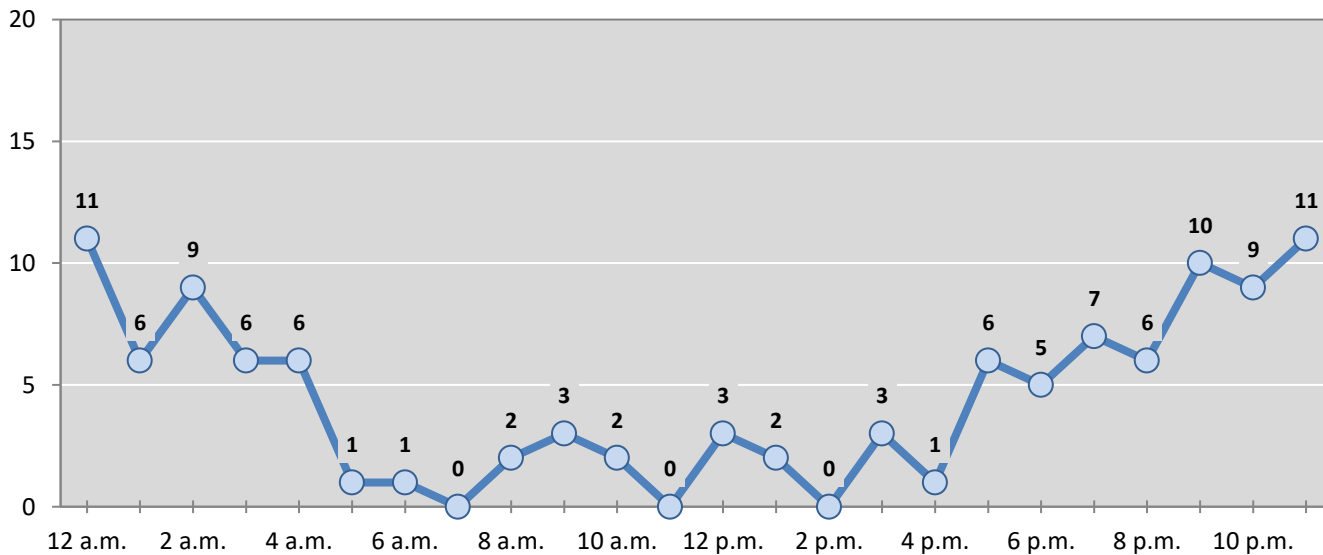
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	9	7	5	8	11	<b>8</b>
February	9	9	1	8	5	<b>6</b>
March	7	8	2	10	6	<b>7</b>
April	8	2	5	9	9	<b>7</b>
May	4	12	7	12	6	<b>8</b>
June	7	8	5	8	7	<b>7</b>
July	11	9	8	9	7	<b>9</b>
August	13	11	13	13	11	<b>12</b>
September	8	13	12	12	13	<b>12</b>
October	14	17	10	11	15	<b>13</b>
November	9	6	9	11	6	<b>8</b>
December	12	10	11	7	14	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>108</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 2 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 0 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	276	243	273	332	312	<b>287</b>
Monday	529	401	483	460	465	<b>468</b>
Tuesday	574	427	480	490	557	<b>506</b>
Wednesday	579	421	503	488	531	<b>504</b>
Thursday	568	432	459	515	516	<b>498</b>
Friday	625	485	615	588	648	<b>592</b>
Saturday	396	320	356	388	434	<b>379</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,234</b>

**Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	7	6	3	5	4	<b>5</b>
Monday	12	13	14	13	11	<b>13</b>
Tuesday	11	19	23	13	24	<b>18</b>
Wednesday	15	18	19	17	17	<b>17</b>
Thursday	26	19	18	20	18	<b>20</b>
Friday	17	21	13	18	21	<b>18</b>
Saturday	13	11	11	10	13	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>103</b>

**Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	7	8	5	5	6	<b>6</b>
Monday	5	6	13	5	11	<b>8</b>
Tuesday	7	8	5	13	8	<b>8</b>
Wednesday	6	2	5	13	5	<b>6</b>
Thursday	11	8	9	9	5	<b>8</b>
Friday	15	7	13	15	16	<b>13</b>
Saturday	12	9	5	10	9	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>

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

**Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	26	20	16	19	20	<b>20</b>
Monday	12	10	8	16	14	<b>12</b>
Tuesday	10	12	11	8	11	<b>10</b>
Wednesday	9	13	10	15	6	<b>11</b>
Thursday	12	18	8	23	13	<b>15</b>
Friday	14	17	17	18	18	<b>17</b>
Saturday	28	22	18	19	28	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>108</b>

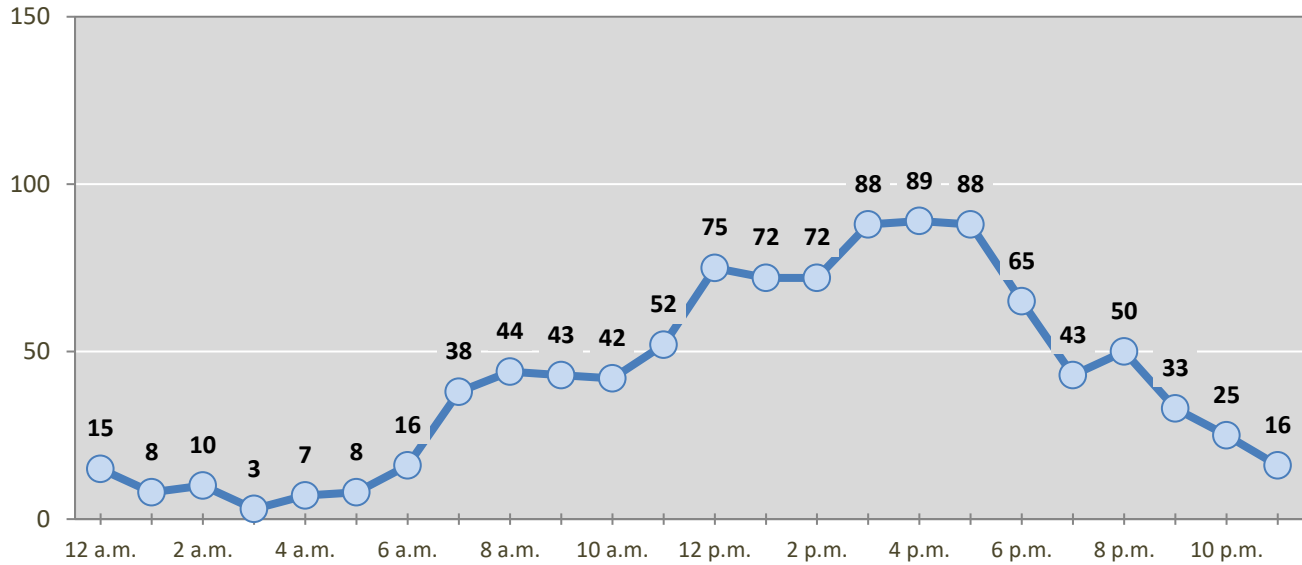
**Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	78	72	76	85	97	<b>82</b>
Monday	182	115	146	132	125	<b>140</b>
Tuesday	177	139	135	129	173	<b>151</b>
Wednesday	175	124	135	153	144	<b>146</b>
Thursday	179	125	136	139	144	<b>145</b>
Friday	178	156	156	181	203	<b>175</b>
Saturday	117	113	96	135	116	<b>115</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>953</b>

**Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

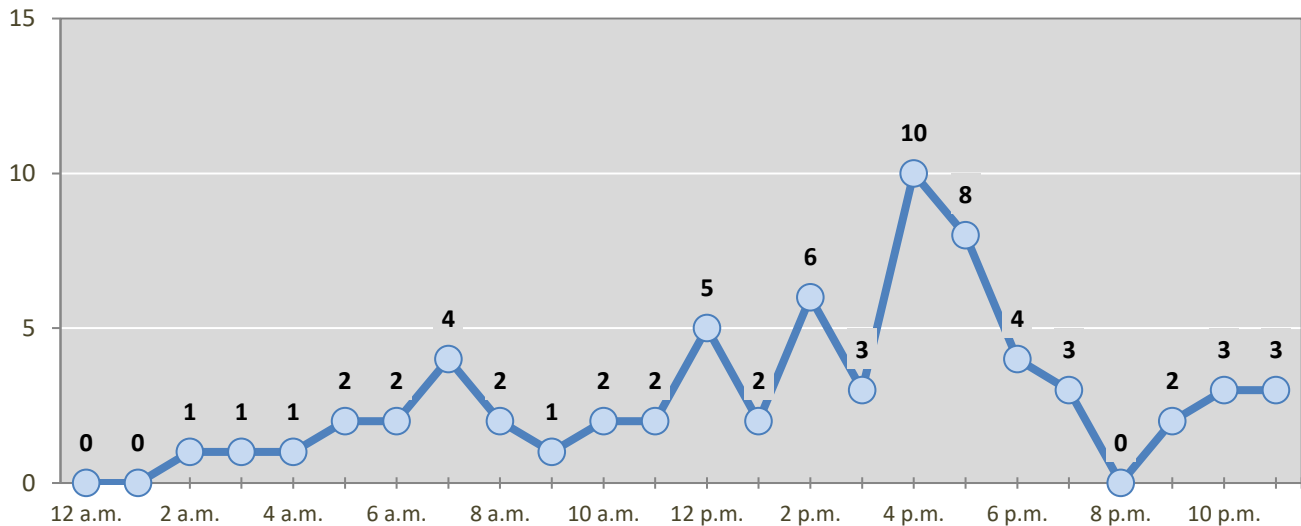
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	3	4	4	4	5	<b>4</b>
Monday	9	13	15	16	7	<b>12</b>
Tuesday	14	6	7	11	4	<b>8</b>
Wednesday	17	9	8	13	15	<b>12</b>
Thursday	8	8	10	7	13	<b>9</b>
Friday	9	13	11	9	15	<b>11</b>
Saturday	7	7	11	5	8	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>

**Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Las Cruces, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.



**Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2023**

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>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>232</b>
Urban	3	4	22	27	176	232
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>7,599</b>	<b>9,008</b>
Urban	15	35	368	991	7,599	9,008
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</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, 2019-2023**

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Total Rural Interstate</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	0	0	7	0	0	1
Property Damage Only Crash	0	1	29	0	0	6
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
Fatal Crash	0	1	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	1	0	22	1	0	5
Property Damage Only Crash	6	2	51	5	0	13
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,208</b>
Fatal Crash	9	8	7	13	15	10
Injury Crash	1,076	835	844	940	987	936
Property Damage Only Crash	2,455	1,882	2,209	2,302	2,461	2,262

**Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Collision with Animal	9	6	6	7	7	7
Collision with Fixed Object	279	262	283	319	282	285
Collision with Motor Vehicle	3,080	2,305	2,725	2,763	3,003	2,775
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	49	38	29	35	47	40
Collision with Person	67	56	66	65	67	64
Pedalcycle	27	23	32	25	29	27
Pedestrian	40	32	33	36	34	35
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	1	4	4	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	63	38	41	37	44	45
Overturn/Rollover	43	19	18	24	23	25
All Other Non-Collision	20	19	23	13	21	19
Other	0	24	19	35	13	23
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,234</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, 2019-2023**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Buses	23	16	24	20	26	22
Motorcycles/ATVs	71	58	62	78	68	67
Passenger Cars	4,319	3,270	3,626	3,563	3,800	3,716
Pedalcycles	27	27	32	25	29	28
Pedestrians, All	40	35	36	42	40	39
Pickups	912	879	995	1,025	1,097	982
Semis/Heavy Trucks	106	117	108	100	119	110
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	1,096	774	913	1,165	1,260	1,042
Other Vehicles	6	9	2	7	2	5
Missing Data	342	47	294	279	319	256
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>6,942</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>6,304</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>6,266</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, 2023**

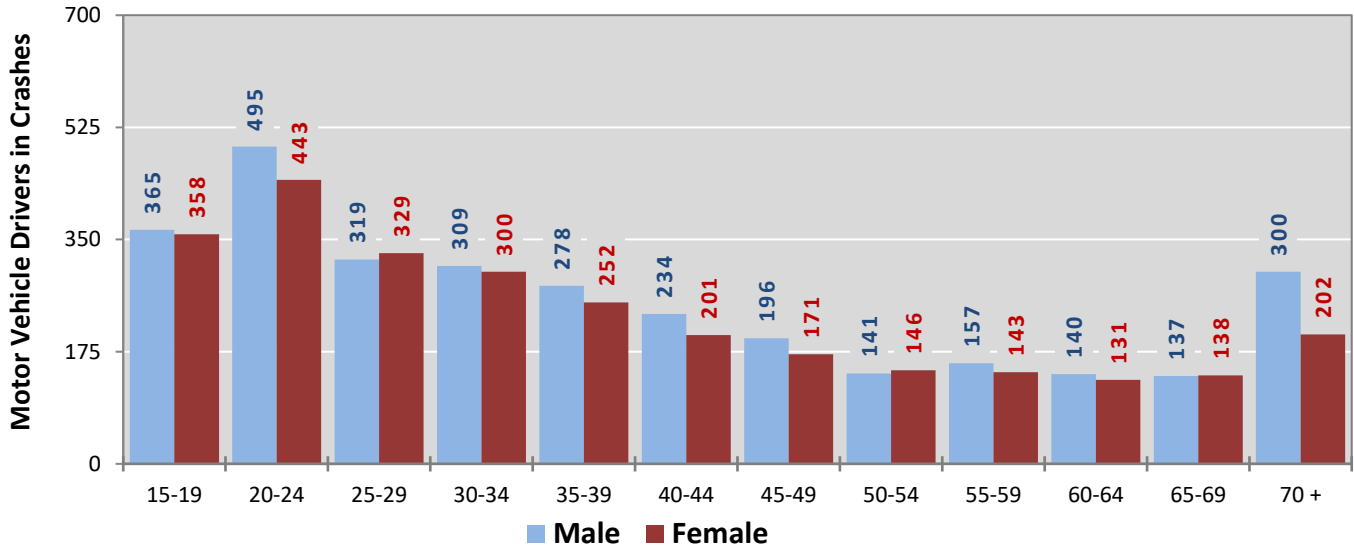
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	5	548	95	1	74	0	0	<b>723</b>
20-24	1	24	693	97	5	119	0	1	<b>940</b>
25-29	2	5	422	83	12	127	0	0	<b>651</b>
30-34	0	6	317	110	19	158	0	0	<b>610</b>
35-39	5	6	271	106	14	128	0	0	<b>530</b>
40-44	2	5	242	82	17	88	0	0	<b>436</b>
45-49	3	2	188	65	12	95	0	2	<b>367</b>
50-54	2	1	154	61	7	61	1	0	<b>287</b>
55-59	5	2	147	70	10	67	0	0	<b>301</b>
60-64	4	4	123	75	7	58	0	0	<b>271</b>
65-69	1	1	143	47	5	78	0	0	<b>275</b>
70 +	1	2	270	86	3	142	1	0	<b>505</b>
Missing Data	0	5	282	120	7	65	0	316	<b>795</b>
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>6,691</b>

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type  
and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2023**

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	13	0	0	0	0	0	<b>13</b>
20-24	0	1	29	2	0	1	0	0	<b>33</b>
25-29	0	0	8	4	0	3	0	0	<b>15</b>
30-34	0	0	7	5	0	2	0	0	<b>14</b>
35-39	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	<b>9</b>
40-44	0	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	<b>11</b>
45-49	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
50-54	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
55-59	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
60-64	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
70 +	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Missing Data	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>

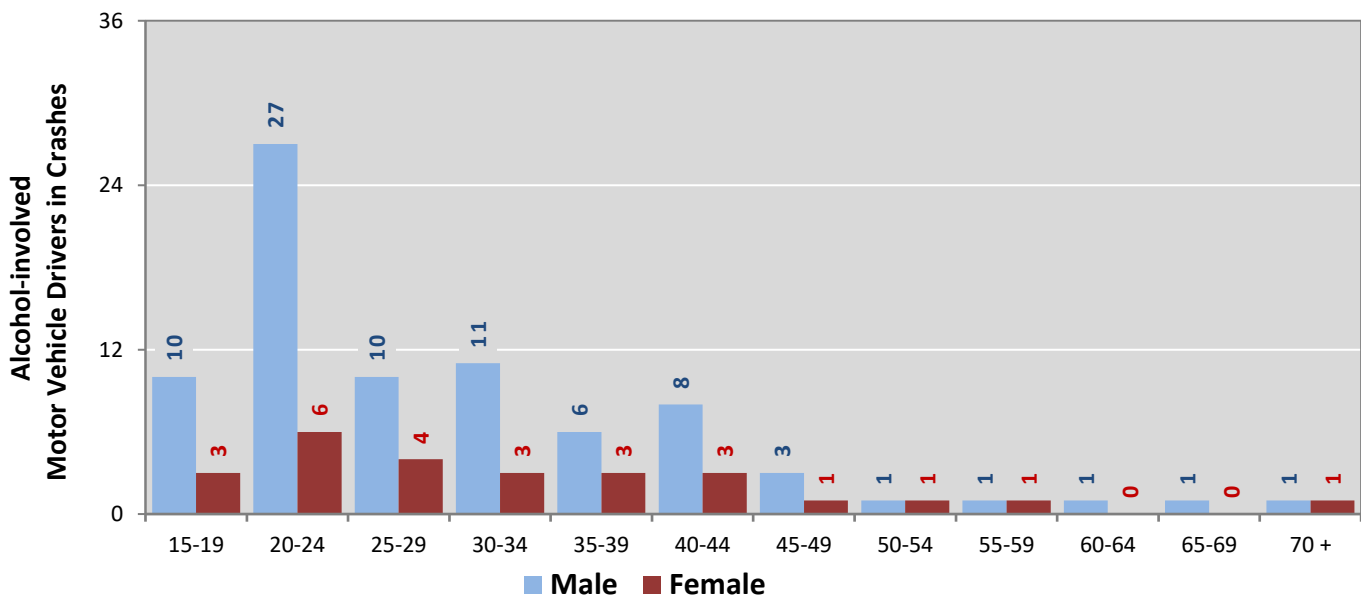
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

**Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 806 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, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 3 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, 2019-2023**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
15	0	1	0	0	0	1
16	0	1	0	1	0	2
17	3	1	1	2	4	11
18	2	1	2	2	5	12
19	6	4	4	3	4	21
20	3	2	6	5	5	21
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>68</b>

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes  
by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Las Cruces, 2023**

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	20	14	34	4%	0	0	0	0%
16	50	56	106	11%	0	0	0	0%
17	77	67	144	15%	3	1	4	22%
18	110	107	217	23%	3	2	5	28%
19	108	114	222	24%	4	0	4	22%
20	110	108	218	23%	5	0	5	28%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</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, 2023**

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>37</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>4,065</b>
Driver Inattention	3	313	616	932
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	257	398	655
Other Improper Driving	7	112	437	556
Following Too Closely	0	106	269	375
Improper Lane Change	0	35	191	226
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	66	141	207
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	37	115	152
Disregarded Traffic Signal	2	80	64	146
Made Improper Turn	0	25	112	137
Excessive Speed	6	61	66	133
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	3	43	65	111
Improper Backing	0	2	79	81
Cell Phone	0	23	28	51
Avoid No Contact Other	0	15	31	46
Drove Left of Center	2	9	34	45
Improper Overtaking	0	18	27	45
Passed Stop Sign	0	29	16	45
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	1	13	31	45
Under the Influence Of Drugs	6	6	10	22
Driver Distracted by Passenger	1	9	4	14
Pedestrian Error	5	8	1	14
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	4	4	8
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	1	4	2	7
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	1	5	6
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	0	3	3
High-Speed Pursuit	0	0	3	3
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>111</b>
Other Mechanical Defect	0	12	28	40
Inadequate Brakes	0	13	24	37
Defective Tires	0	3	10	13
Defective Steering	0	3	5	8
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	2	2	4
Wheels	0	2	2	4
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	2	1	3
Mirrors	0	1	0	1
Windows/Windshield	0	0	1	1
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
<b>Environment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>183</b>
Traffic Congestion	0	22	41	63
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	7	15	22
Weather Conditions	0	6	15	21
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	5	15	20
Backup - Prior Crash	0	1	13	14
Road Surface Conditions	0	3	9	12
Debris	0	1	10	11
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	1	9	10
Obstruction in Road	0	2	3	5
Backup - Prior Incident	0	1	3	4
Road Defect	0	0	1	1
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>3,465</b>
Other - No Driver Error	13	975	2,169	3,157
Missing Data	0	38	270	308
None	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>7,824</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, 2023**

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>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	4	4
Cattle/Cow	0	0	0	1	1	2
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>380</b>
Curb	3	1	10	11	63	88
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	2	3	35	40
Wall or Building	0	2	6	3	23	34
Guardrail, End or Face	0	0	0	2	29	31
Fence	0	0	1	1	26	28
Other Fixed Object	0	0	4	2	21	27
Utility Pole/Light Support	2	0	3	1	15	21
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	2	16	18
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	4	1	12	17
Median	0	0	0	1	13	14
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	1	1	7	9
Ditch	0	0	0	0	7	7
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	1	0	6	7
Tree (standing)	0	0	1	0	2	3
Culvert	0	0	1	0	0	1
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	3	5	27	35
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>7,062</b>	<b>8,280</b>
MV in Transport	2	19	275	912	6,695	7,903
Parked MV	0	1	3	6	367	377
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>76</b>
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	1	21	22
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	2	2
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	0	5	1	46	52
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>173</b>
Pedestrian	5	9	10	16	52	92
Pedalcycle	3	2	18	5	43	71
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	2	8	10
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>74</b>
Overturn/Rollover	0	1	13	10	10	34
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	7	7
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	1	3	4
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	1	1	1	3
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	2	2
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	0	6	2	16	24
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</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>35</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>7,599</b>	<b>9,008</b>

**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes  
by Sex and Age Group in Las Cruces, 2023**

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%	2	13%	2
5-9	0	0%	2	13%	2
10-14	0	0%	1	7%	1
15-19	2	12%	2	13%	4
20-24	5	29%	3	20%	8
25-29	1	6%	1	7%	2
30-34	3	18%	1	7%	4
35-39	1	6%	1	7%	2
40-44	1	6%	0	0%	1
45-49	2	12%	1	7%	3
50-54	0	0%	0	0%	0
55-59	0	0%	1	7%	1
60-64	0	0%	0	0%	0
65-69	2	12%	0	0%	2
70 +	0	0%	0	0%	0
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>32</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, 2019-2023**

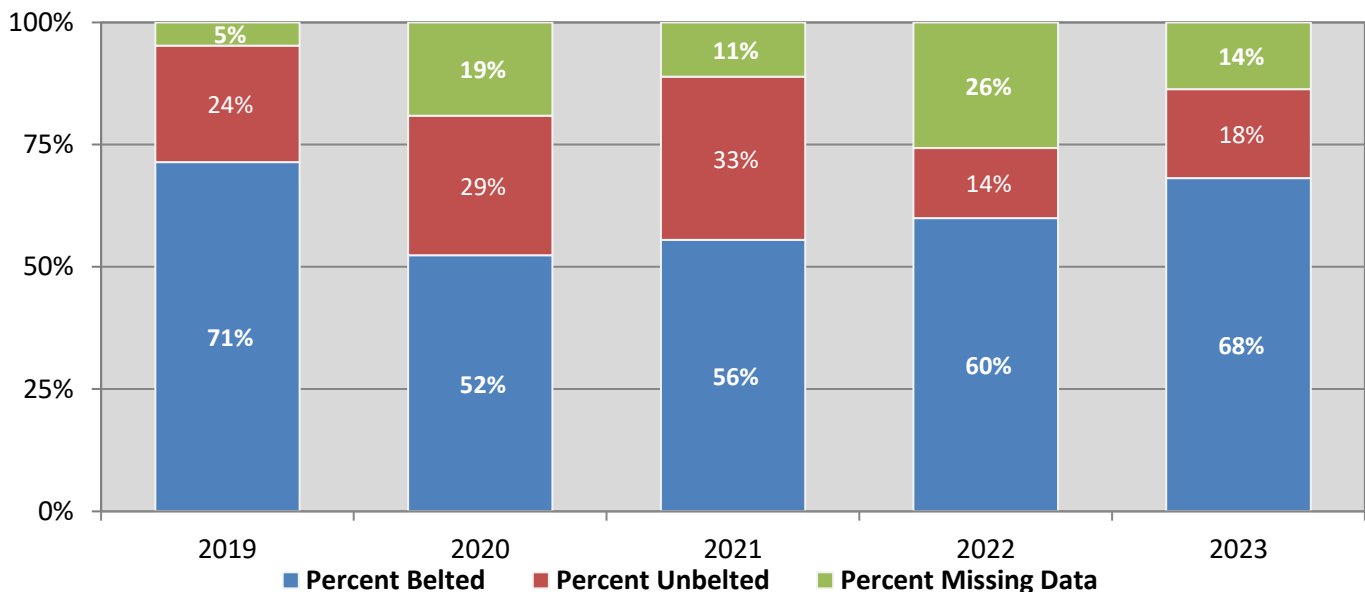
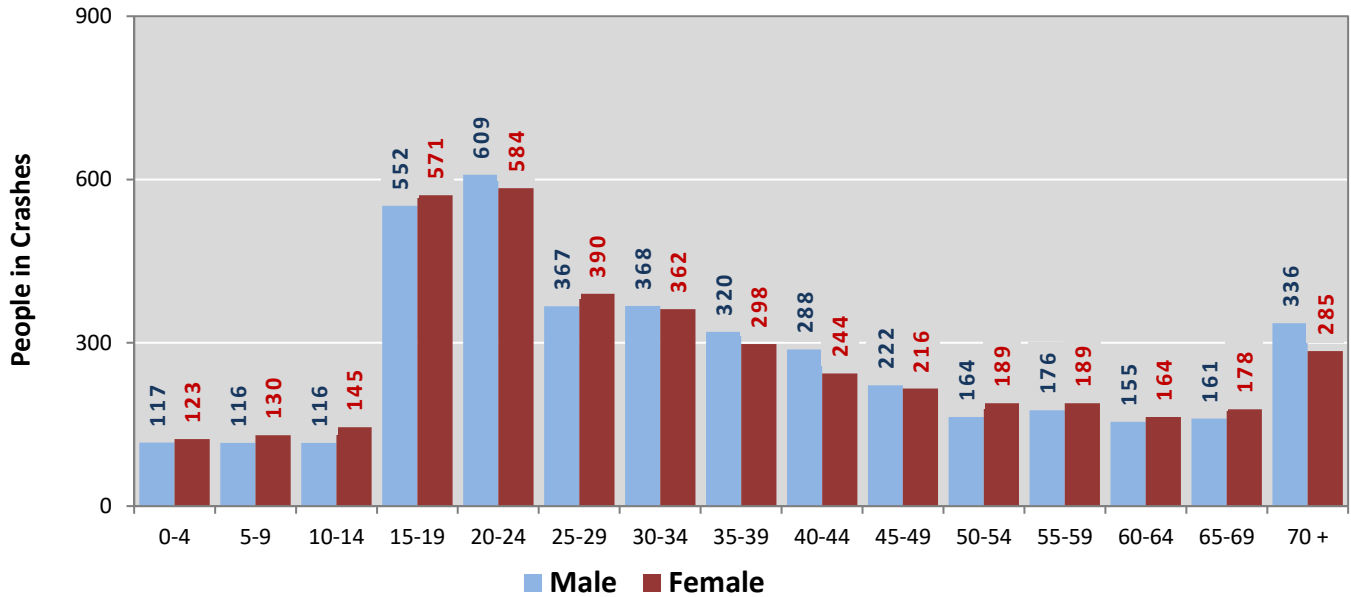


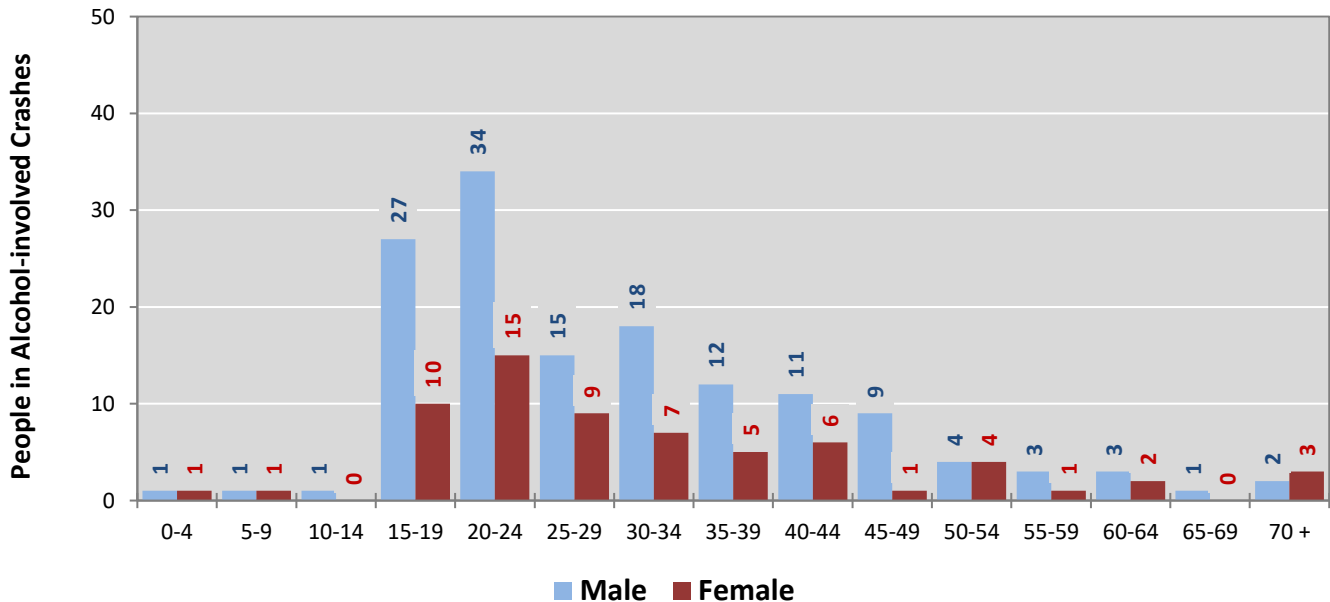


Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Las Cruces, 2023



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 873 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, 2023



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 25 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, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
0-4	0	0	1	2	0	3
5-9	3	0	1	0	0	4
10-14	3	3	5	1	1	13
15-19	5	2	6	4	3	20
20-24	5	4	5	10	6	30
25-29	10	5	7	12	2	36
30-34	2	3	8	8	9	30
35-39	6	6	6	2	12	32
40-44	3	5	6	2	4	20
45-49	4	6	3	5	10	28
50-54	3	6	4	4	1	18
55-59	7	6	4	4	1	22
60-64	5	4	3	6	6	24
65-69	3	5	4	3	5	20
70 +	5	4	3	2	5	19
Missing Data	3	3	2	2	4	14
<b>Total People</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>333</b>

**Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Las Cruces, 2023**

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>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	3	2	18	5	1	29
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>
Involved	0	1	1	0	0	2
Not Involved	5	8	9	12	4	38
<b>Total People</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>69</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, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	1	3	0	4
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	14	1	3	18
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	240	19	34	293
Possible Injuries	C	882	9	56	947
No Apparent Injuries	O	6,216	20	806	7,042
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>7,353</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>8,304</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, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	3	0	0	3
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	2	1	1	4
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	21	11	5	37
Possible Injuries	C	4	0	5	9
No Apparent Injuries	O	6	2	2	10
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>63</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, 2019-2023**

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
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%
2023	1	3	0	4	7,353	52	899	8,304	0.01%	5.8%
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>6,919.4</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>838.8</b>	<b>7,801.6</b>	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

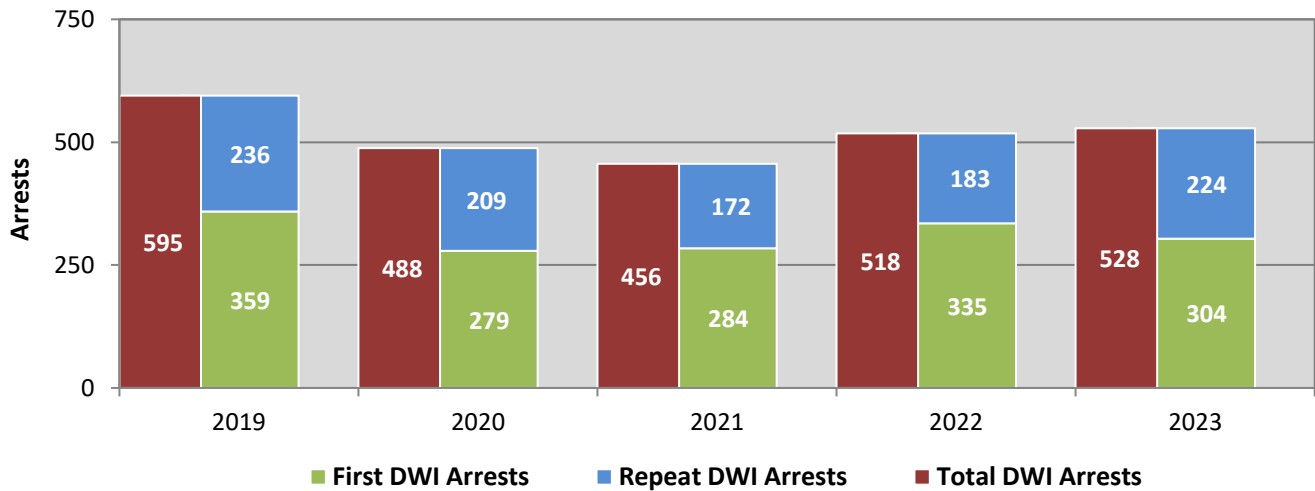
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Las Cruces, 2019-2023**

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
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%
2023	3	0	0	3	36	14	13	63	8.3%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

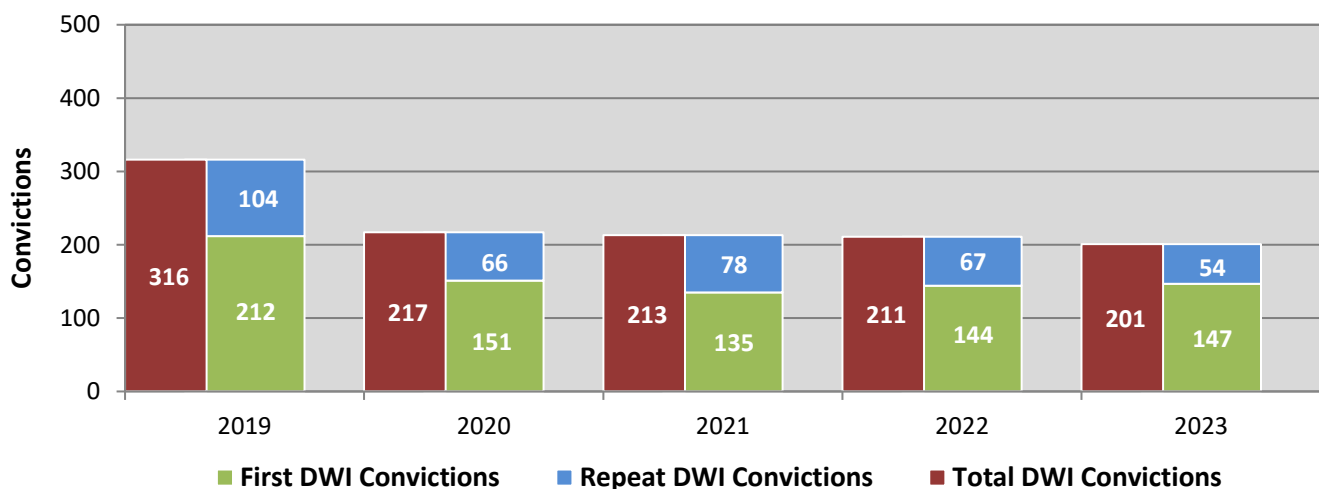
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2019-2023**



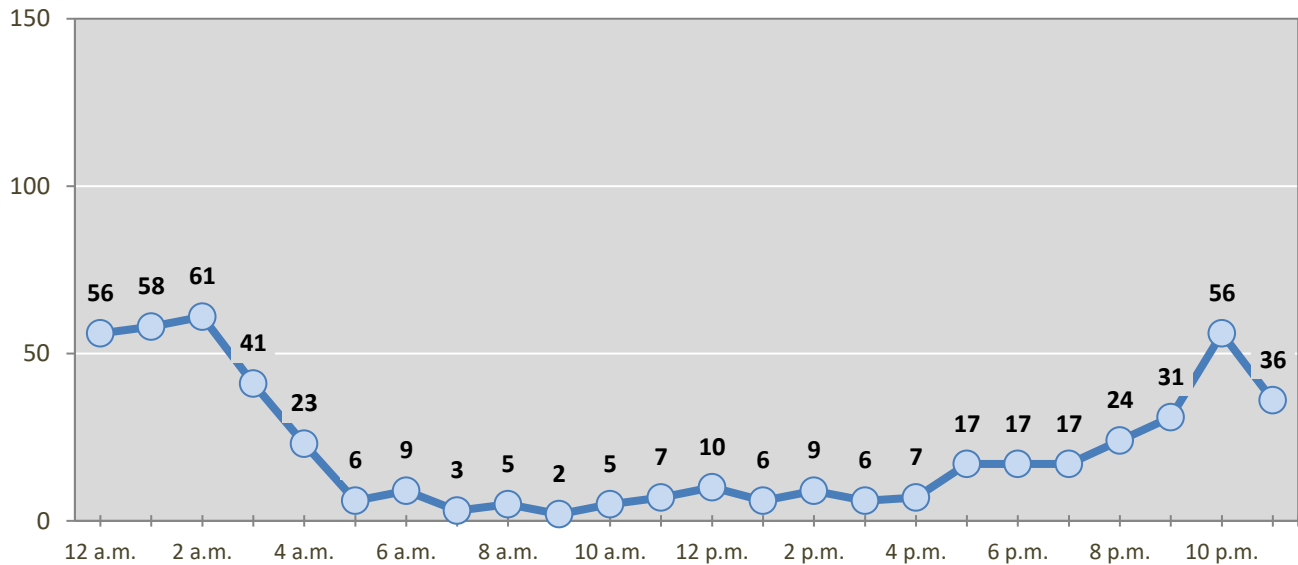
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2019-2023**



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

**Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2023**



\* In 2023, Las Cruces had 16 arrests for which hour data were missing.

**Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	121	103	85	116	125	110
Monday	48	43	38	42	50	44
Tuesday	43	36	32	34	45	38
Wednesday	47	61	48	34	39	46
Thursday	75	76	50	78	67	69
Friday	112	67	101	85	87	90
Saturday	149	102	102	129	115	119
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>517</b>

**Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group  
of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	34	34	27	34	35
20-24	89	79	72	82	82
25-29	76	54	55	59	68
30-34	38	40	39	62	40
35-39	29	20	29	26	26
40-44	21	18	24	20	20
45-49	18	12	11	14	11
50-54	23	6	9	16	9
55-59	8	9	7	12	4
60-64	10	5	5	7	4
65-69	6	0	5	1	2
70 +	7	2	1	2	3
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>304</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, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	2	1	1	1	0
20-24	25	18	17	13	14
25-29	41	34	28	19	40
30-34	42	29	30	36	41
35-39	27	27	24	32	29
40-44	26	29	18	24	26
45-49	15	19	14	20	21
50-54	15	21	17	11	20
55-59	20	15	9	6	17
60-64	15	11	9	12	9
65-69	3	2	2	7	3
70 +	5	3	3	2	4
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>224</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, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	6	14	9	12	6
20-24	68	37	42	47	41
25-29	45	34	20	30	29
30-34	29	18	18	13	30
35-39	18	15	13	14	10
40-44	10	6	11	9	8
45-49	5	11	8	8	8
50-54	8	6	6	4	6
55-59	9	5	3	2	3
60-64	8	3	3	4	3
65-69	1	0	1	0	2
70 +	5	2	1	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>147</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, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	7	8	4	4	3
25-29	14	11	14	13	6
30-34	21	9	12	15	10
35-39	19	11	14	11	9
40-44	12	8	14	6	8
45-49	5	3	4	2	4
50-54	6	5	7	7	7
55-59	12	5	3	3	2
60-64	6	6	4	3	4
65-69	2	0	1	2	1
70 +	0	0	1	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</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, 2023**

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Las Cruces	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	528	8,928	<b>5.9%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	161	4,782	<b>3.4%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	48	790	<b>6.1%</b>
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	319	3,356	<b>9.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> These are the number of DWI arrests in 2023 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 2024.

<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, 2023**

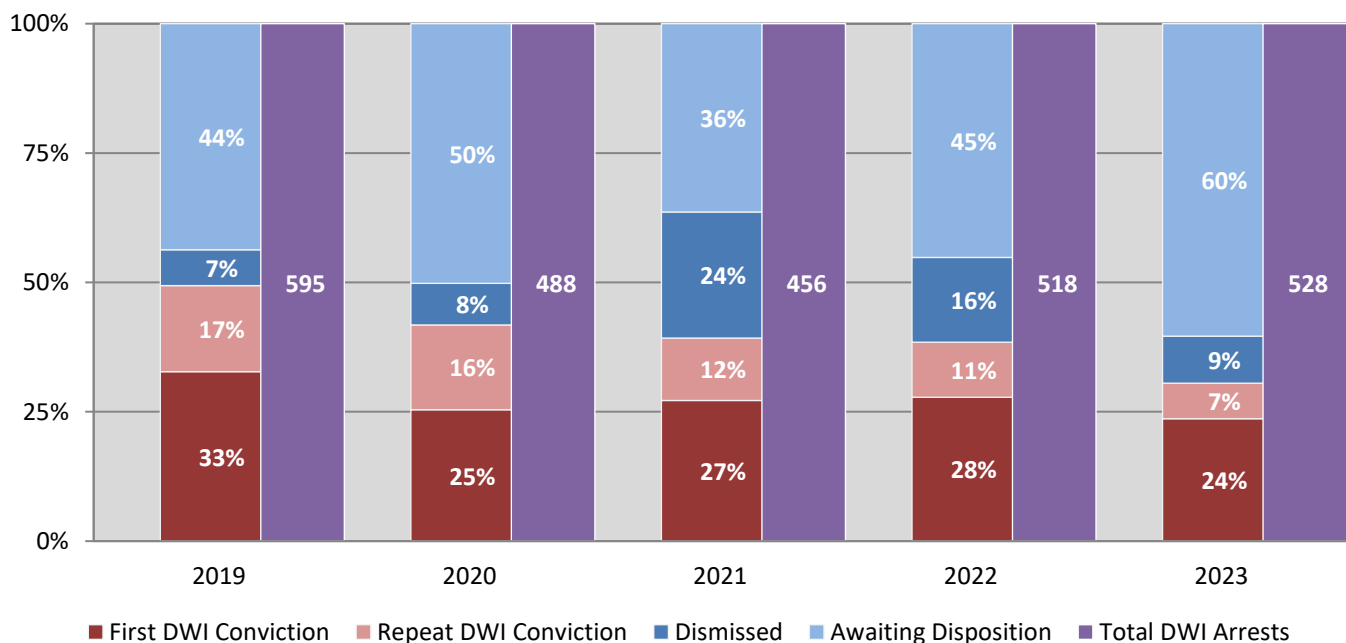
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Las Cruces	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	205	172	<b>34</b>
DWI Dismissal	172	149	<b>23</b>

**Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests  
of Las Cruces Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**

Year of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2019	195	99	41	260	595
2020	124	80	39	245	488
2021	124	55	111	166	456
2022	144	55	85	234	518
2023	125	36	48	319	528

<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, 2019-2023**



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