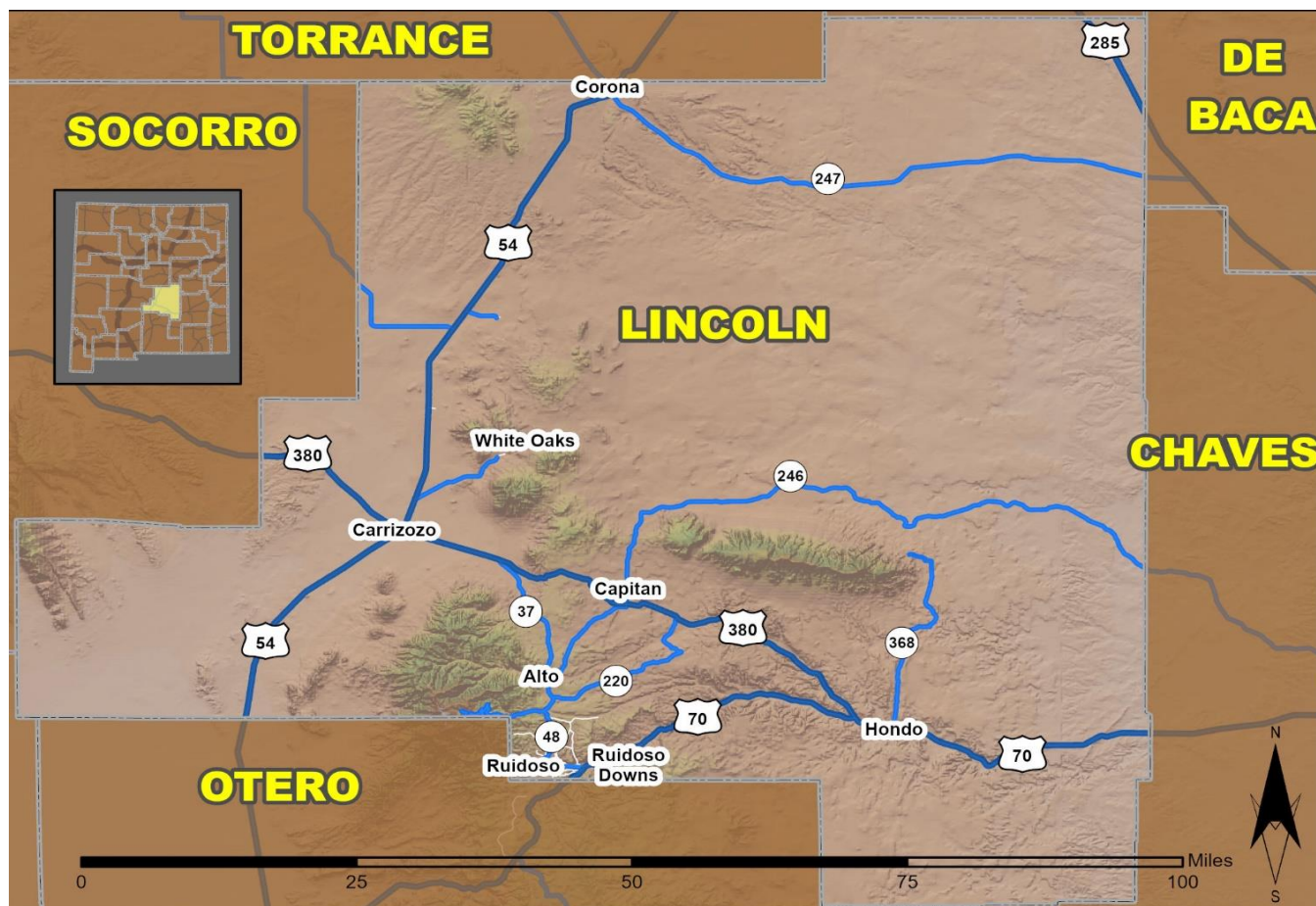


# 2023 Community Report

## Ruidoso



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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).

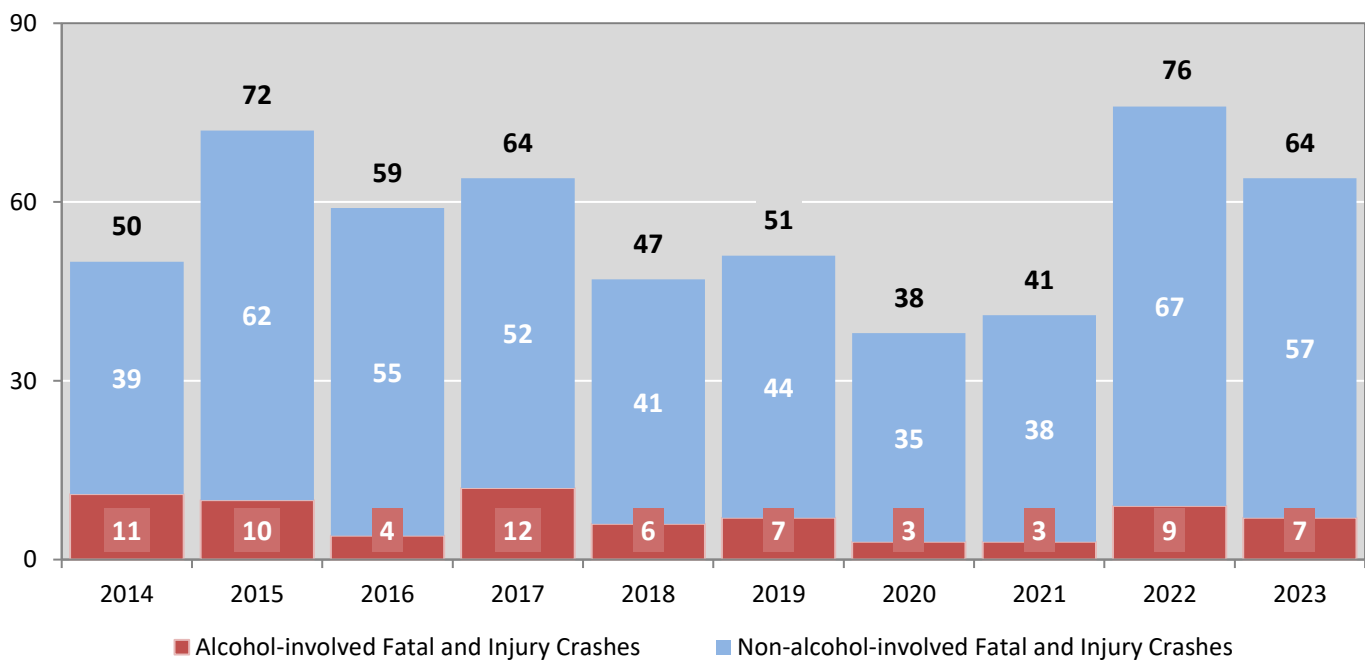
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest 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 Ruidoso, 2014-2023**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2014	0	50	144	194	0	11	6	17
2015	0	72	200	272	0	10	9	19
2016	0	59	175	234	0	4	9	13
2017	2	62	192	256	1	11	13	25
2018	0	47	175	222	0	6	11	17
2019	1	50	201	252	0	7	8	15
2020	0	38	148	186	0	3	7	10
2021	0	41	165	206	0	3	6	9
2022	0	76	194	270	0	9	9	18
2023	0	64	138	202	0	7	8	15

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



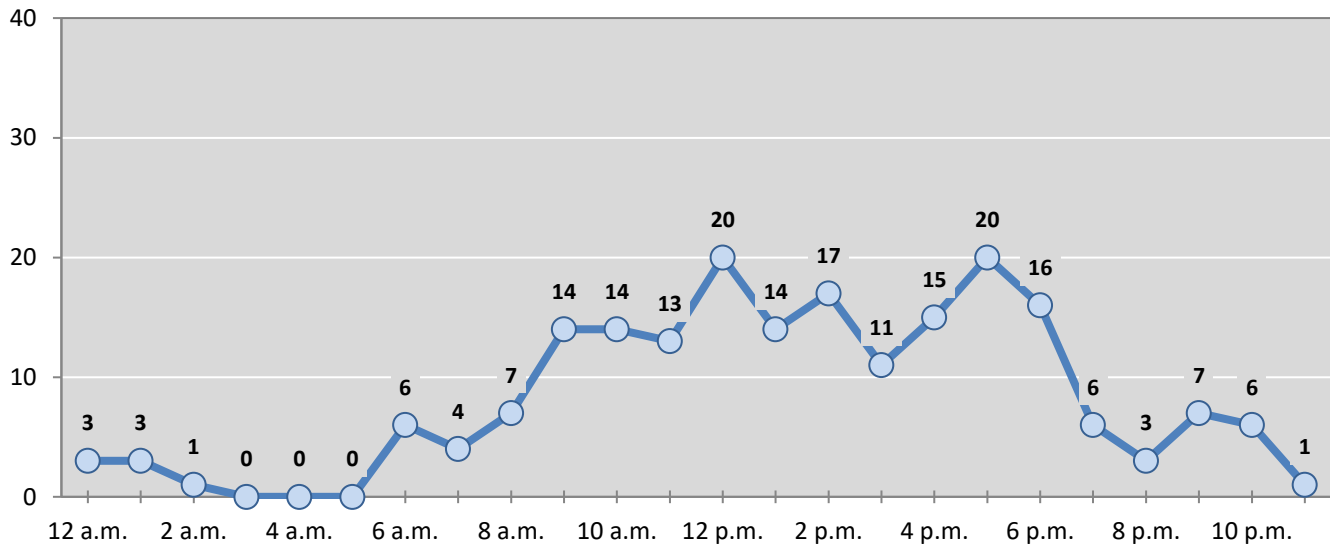
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in Ruidoso, 2019-2023**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	16	21	10	28	19	19
February	19	22	10	12	20	17
March	23	11	14	16	8	14
April	7	9	10	26	18	14
May	23	10	17	24	24	20
June	29	13	10	17	17	17
July	28	17	19	31	15	22
August	26	13	21	28	23	22
September	21	19	24	15	19	20
October	18	11	24	19	12	17
November	15	13	23	25	10	17
December	27	27	24	29	17	25
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>223</b>

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

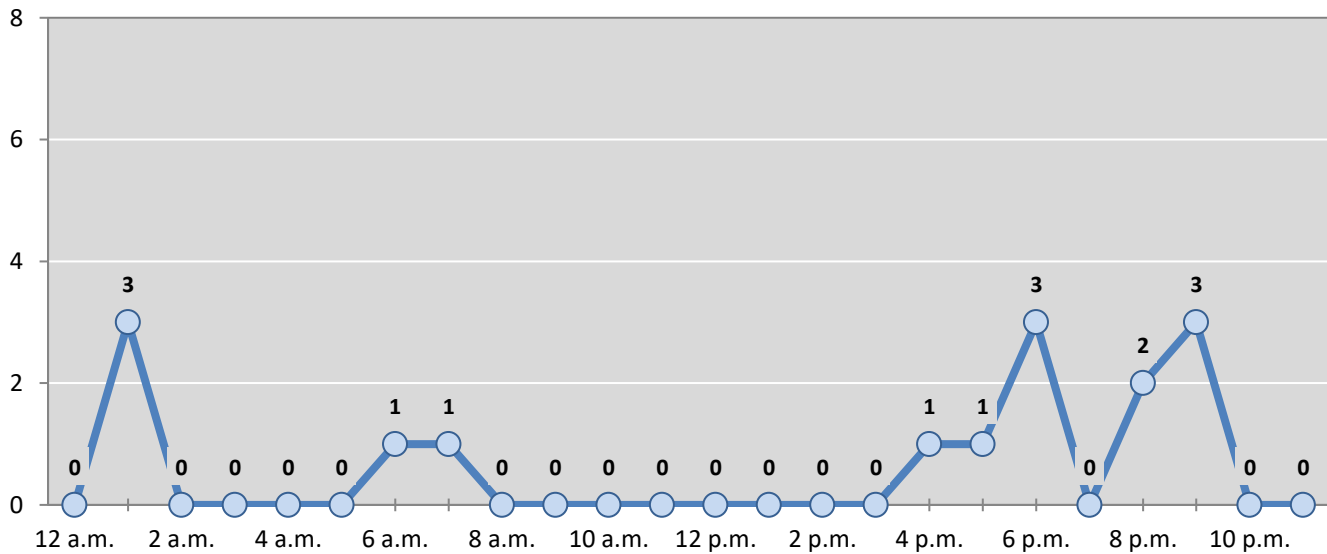
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	0	3	0	2	1	1
February	2	2	0	1	3	2
March	1	2	1	2	1	1
April	0	2	0	2	3	1
May	0	0	0	0	3	1
June	1	1	0	1	0	1
July	3	0	1	1	0	1
August	1	0	3	3	1	2
September	2	0	1	0	2	1
October	0	0	0	4	1	1
November	4	0	3	0	0	1
December	1	0	0	2	0	1
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Ruidoso, 2023**



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 1 crashes for which hour data were missing.

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



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

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

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	35	21	22	25	26	26
Monday	30	18	35	32	24	28
Tuesday	41	28	28	33	34	33
Wednesday	34	21	21	42	28	29
Thursday	35	28	27	38	31	32
Friday	34	30	43	43	29	36
Saturday	43	40	30	57	30	40
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>223</b>

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

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monday	1	0	2	2	1	1
Tuesday	1	2	5	1	2	2
Wednesday	1	1	0	2	2	1
Thursday	1	1	1	1	0	1
Friday	0	0	1	2	1	1
Saturday	0	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

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

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	0	0	1	1	1	1
Monday	0	1	1	0	0	0
Tuesday	0	0	0	2	0	0
Wednesday	0	1	1	1	2	1
Thursday	1	2	0	2	2	1
Friday	3	0	1	2	2	2
Saturday	1	1	2	5	1	2
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>

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

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

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	3	1	3	2	4	3
Monday	1	0	1	4	0	1
Tuesday	1	1	0	2	1	1
Wednesday	2	0	1	1	2	1
Thursday	1	3	0	1	3	2
Friday	2	0	3	3	1	2
Saturday	5	5	1	5	4	4
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>

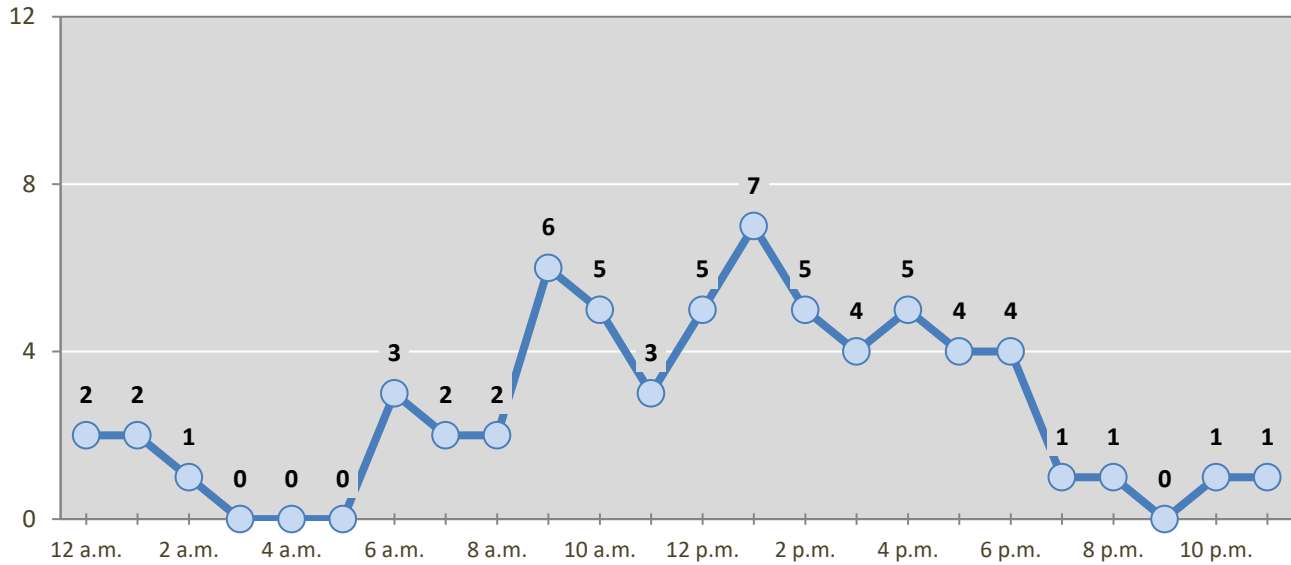
**Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Ruidoso, 2019-2023**

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	6	2	3	7	10	6
Monday	9	5	8	7	8	7
Tuesday	10	3	5	8	9	7
Wednesday	4	6	8	11	8	7
Thursday	6	5	2	15	10	8
Friday	7	6	6	11	13	9
Saturday	9	11	9	17	6	10
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>

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

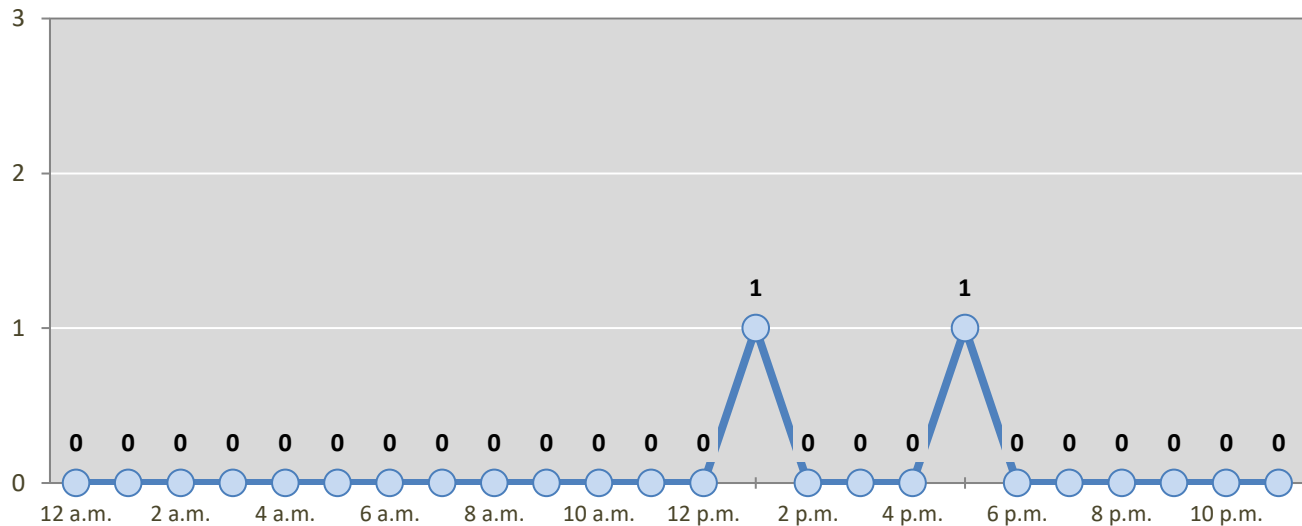
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	0	0	1	0	1	0
Monday	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuesday	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wednesday	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thursday	1	0	1	1	0	1
Friday	0	0	1	0	0	0
Saturday	0	0	1	2	0	1
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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



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

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



\* In 2023, Ruidoso 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 Ruidoso, 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>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>
Urban	0	1	4	4	23	32
Rural Non-Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>497</b>
Urban	0	8	27	44	418	497
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>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Table 11: Total Crashes by Roadway System and Crash Severity in Ruidoso, 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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage Only Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
Fatal Crash	1	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	11	10	5	7	0	7
Property Damage Only Crash	31	29	43	8	0	22
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>194</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Crash	39	28	36	69	64	47
Property Damage Only Crash	170	119	122	186	138	147

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

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	29	21	26	16	26	<b>24</b>
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	30	32	30	55	23	<b>34</b>
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	166	109	128	173	118	<b>139</b>
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	9	11	6	11	11	<b>10</b>
<b>Collision with Person</b>	2	0	5	3	2	<b>2</b>
Pedalcycle	2	0	2	0	2	<b>1</b>
Pedestrian	0	0	3	3	0	<b>1</b>
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-Collision</b>	16	13	4	8	12	<b>11</b>
Overturn/Rollover	13	7	3	2	5	<b>6</b>
All Other Non-Collision	3	6	1	6	7	<b>5</b>
<b>Other</b>	0	0	7	4	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Missing Data</b>	0	0	0	0	10	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>223</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 Ruidoso, 2019-2023**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Buses	1	0	1	1	0	<b>1</b>
Motorcycles/ATVs	5	6	8	17	9	<b>9</b>
Passenger Cars	170	123	143	158	129	<b>145</b>
Pedalcycles	2	0	2	0	2	<b>1</b>
Pedestrians, All	0	0	3	3	0	<b>1</b>
Pickups	124	85	94	128	97	<b>106</b>
Semis/Heavy Trucks	4	5	9	9	6	<b>7</b>
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	102	75	72	143	92	<b>97</b>
Other Vehicles	0	0	0	5	1	<b>1</b>
Missing Data	16	3	10	2	7	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>374</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 Ruidoso, 2023**

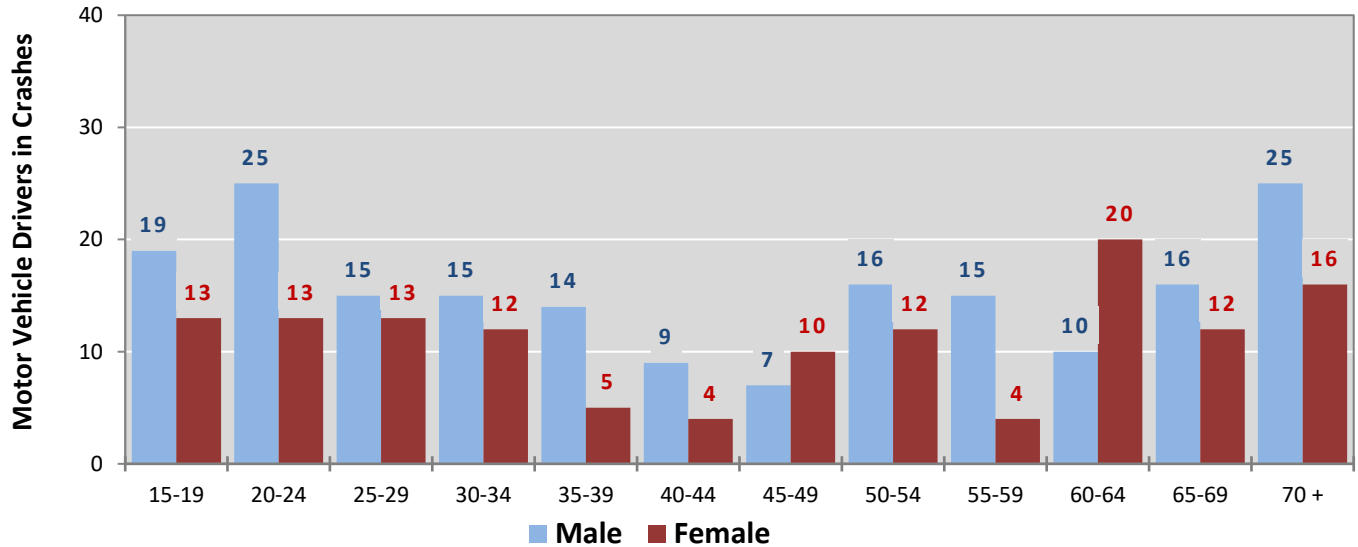
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	1	15	8	0	8	0	0	32
20-24	0	1	20	13	0	4	0	0	38
25-29	0	0	14	6	0	8	0	0	28
30-34	0	0	11	6	3	7	0	0	27
35-39	0	2	3	9	1	4	0	0	19
40-44	0	0	4	4	1	4	0	0	13
45-49	0	0	5	7	0	5	0	0	17
50-54	0	2	14	7	0	5	0	0	28
55-59	0	0	5	8	0	6	0	0	19
60-64	0	0	14	3	1	12	0	0	30
65-69	0	2	8	9	0	9	0	0	28
70 +	0	0	13	12	0	16	0	0	41
Missing Data	0	1	3	5	0	4	1	7	21
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>341</b>

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in Ruidoso, 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	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
20-24	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
25-29	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
30-34	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
35-39	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
70 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>

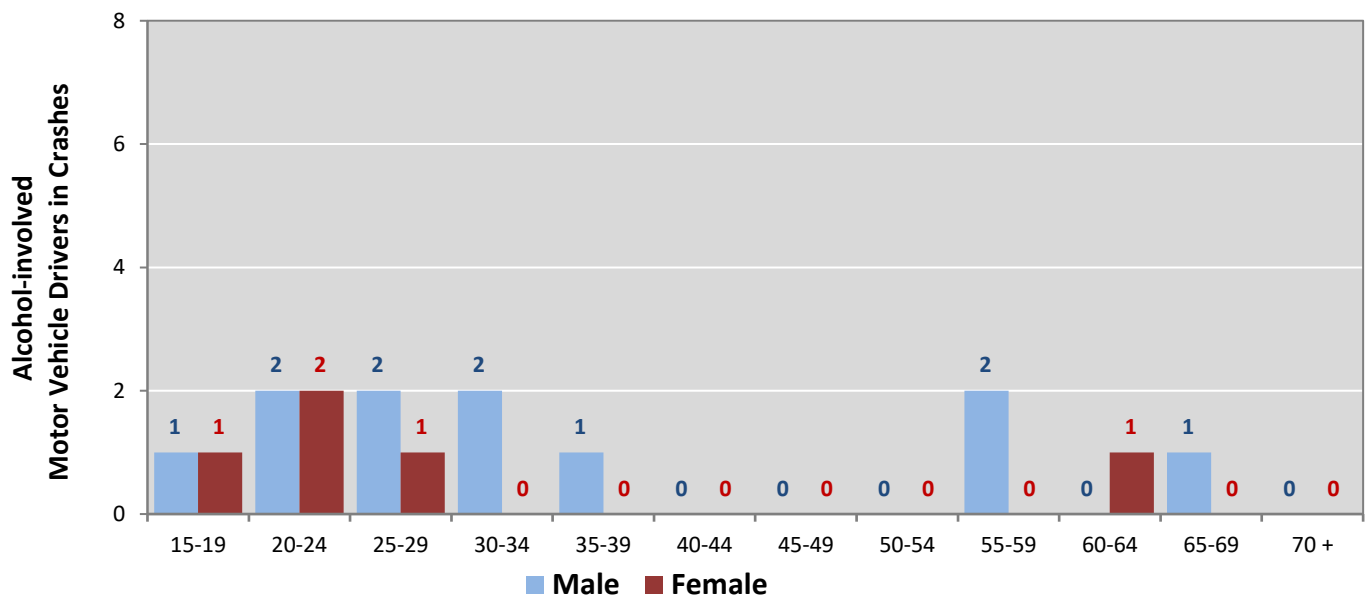
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

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



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 21 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 Ruidoso, 2023**



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 0 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 Ruidoso, 2019-2023**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	1	1
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	1	1	1	1	4
20	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Ruidoso, 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	1	2	3	8%	0	0	0	0%
16	4	4	8	20%	0	0	0	0%
17	2	3	5	13%	0	1	1	33%
18	4	2	6	15%	0	0	0	0%
19	8	2	10	25%	1	0	1	33%
20	5	3	8	20%	1	0	1	33%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</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 Ruidoso, 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>0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>296</b>
Driver Inattention	0	17	50	67
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	19	25	44
Other Improper Driving	0	13	16	29
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	6	11	17
Following Too Closely	0	5	11	16
Made Improper Turn	0	7	9	16
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	0	8	8	16
Avoid No Contact Other	0	4	10	14
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	0	5	9	14
Drove Left of Center	0	8	5	13
Excessive Speed	0	7	5	12
Improper Lane Change	0	0	8	8
Improper Backing	0	0	7	7
Cell Phone	0	0	4	4
Improper Overtaking	0	1	3	4
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	0	3	3
Under the Influence Of Drugs	0	2	1	3
High-Speed Pursuit	0	1	1	2
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	1	1	2
Passed Stop Sign	0	2	0	2
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	0	2	2
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	0	1	1
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	0	0	0
Pedestrian Error	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
Defective Steering	0	2	1	3
Inadequate Brakes	0	1	1	2
Other Mechanical Defect	0	1	1	2
Defective Tires	0	0	1	1
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	0	0
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Wheels	0	0	0	0
Windows/Windshield	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
<b>Environment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	0	1	1
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	1	1
Obstruction in Road	0	0	1	1
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	1	0	1
Weather Conditions	0	0	1	1
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	0	0
Traffic Congestion	0	0	0	0
Debris	0	0	0	0
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	0	0	0
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Road Defect	0	0	0	0
Road Surface Conditions	0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>179</b>
None	0	27	56	83
Other - No Driver Error	0	13	44	57
Missing Data	0	11	28	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>488</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 Ruidoso, 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>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>
Deer	0	0	1	1	15	17
Elk	0	0	0	1	5	6
Horse	0	0	0	0	4	4
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	2	2
Antelope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cattle/Cow	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
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	15	15
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>
Other Fixed Object	0	0	3	1	3	7
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	0	1	5	6
Fence	0	0	0	0	5	5
Guardrail, End or Face	0	0	0	0	5	5
Tree (standing)	0	2	0	1	0	3
Culvert	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curb	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ditch	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wall or Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	2	0	7	9
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>339</b>
MV in Transport	0	5	11	30	231	277
Parked MV	0	0	0	0	6	6
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	2	3	50	56
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	1	0	1
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	0	3	2	11	16
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Pedalcycle	0	0	1	1	2	4
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>
Overturn/Rollover	0	0	3	1	5	9
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	6	6
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	1	0	2	3
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	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	0	1	1	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total People</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>497</b>

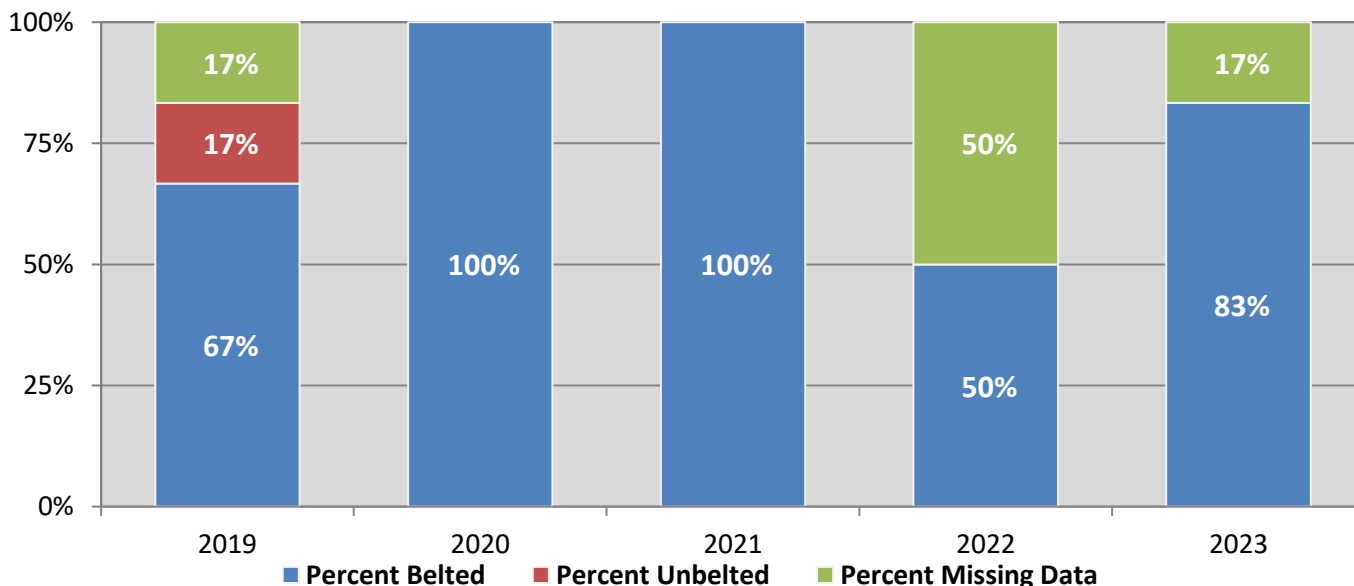
**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes  
by Sex and Age Group in Ruidoso, 2023**

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%	0	0%	0
5-9	0	0%	0	0%	0
10-14	0	0%	0	0%	0
15-19	0	0%	0	0%	0
20-24	0	0%	0	0%	0
25-29	0	0%	0	0%	0
30-34	0	0%	0	0%	0
35-39	0	0%	0	0%	0
40-44	0	0%	0	0%	0
45-49	0	0%	0	0%	0
50-54	0	0%	1	100%	1
55-59	0	0%	0	0%	0
60-64	0	0%	0	0%	0
65-69	0	0%	0	0%	0
70 +	0	0%	0	0%	0
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>

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

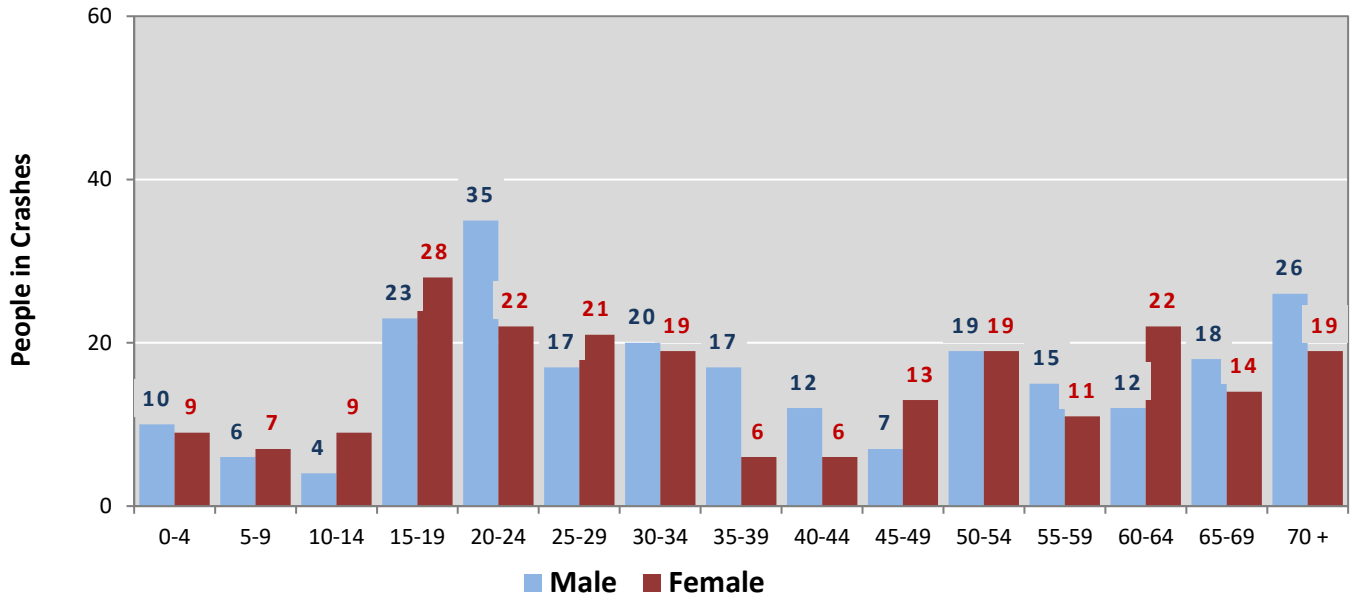
<sup>2</sup> Excludes people in or on buses, heavy trucks, motorcycles, or ATVs.

**Figure 8: Seatbelt Use by People in Crashes with Fatal  
or Suspected Serious Injuries in Ruidoso, 2019-2023**



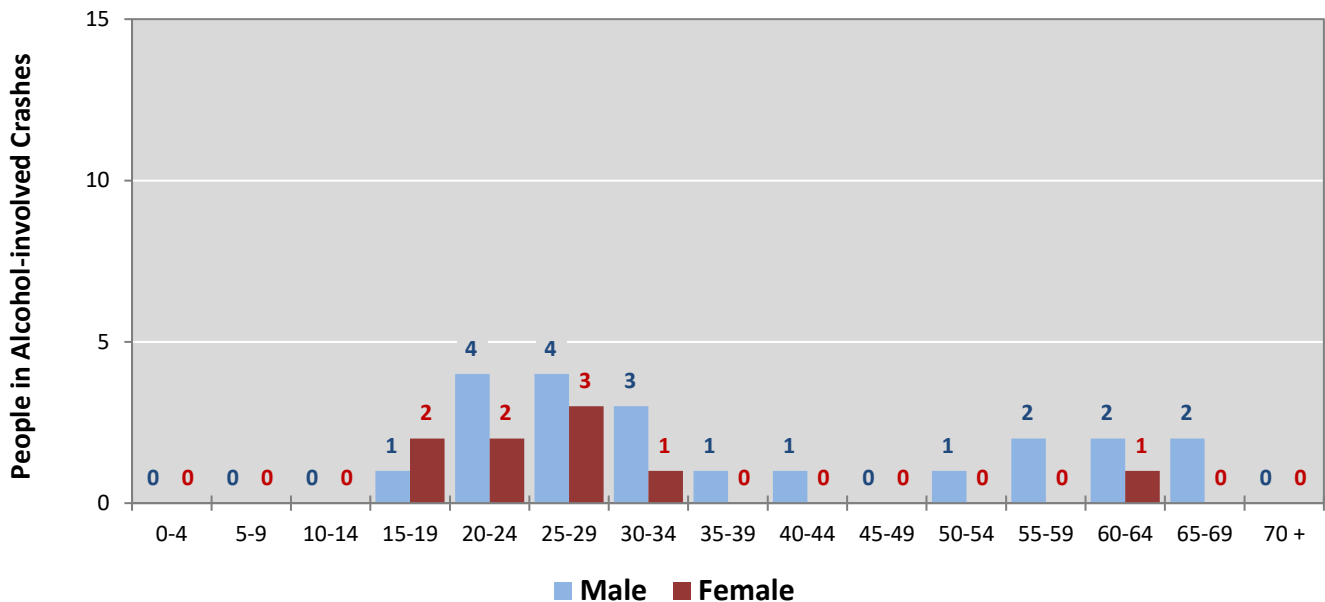


**Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Ruidoso, 2023**



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 31 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

**Figure 10: People in Alcohol-involved Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Ruidoso, 2023**



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 2 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 Ruidoso, 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	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	1	0	0	1
30-34	0	0	1	1	0	2
35-39	0	0	0	0	2	2
40-44	0	0	0	1	0	1
45-49	1	0	0	0	0	1
50-54	0	0	0	1	0	1
55-59	0	0	2	0	0	2
60-64	0	0	1	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 +	1	0	0	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

**Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Ruidoso, 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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	0	1	1	0	2
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</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 Ruidoso, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	0	0	0
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	5	0	1	6
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	21	0	0	21
Possible Injuries	C	39	1	0	40
No Apparent Injuries	O	375	2	25	402
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>440</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>469</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 Ruidoso, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	0	0	0
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	1	0	0	1
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	2	0	3	5
Possible Injuries	C	0	0	1	1
No Apparent Injuries	O	0	0	2	2
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

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

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes  
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Ruidoso, 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	1	0	1	517	3	33	553	0.00%	33.3%
2020	0	0	0	0	400	2	24	426	0.00%	0.0%
2021	0	0	0	0	378	0	66	444	0.00%	0.0%
2022	0	0	0	0	599	1	55	655	0.00%	0.0%
2023	0	0	0	0	440	3	26	469	0.00%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>466.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>509.4</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

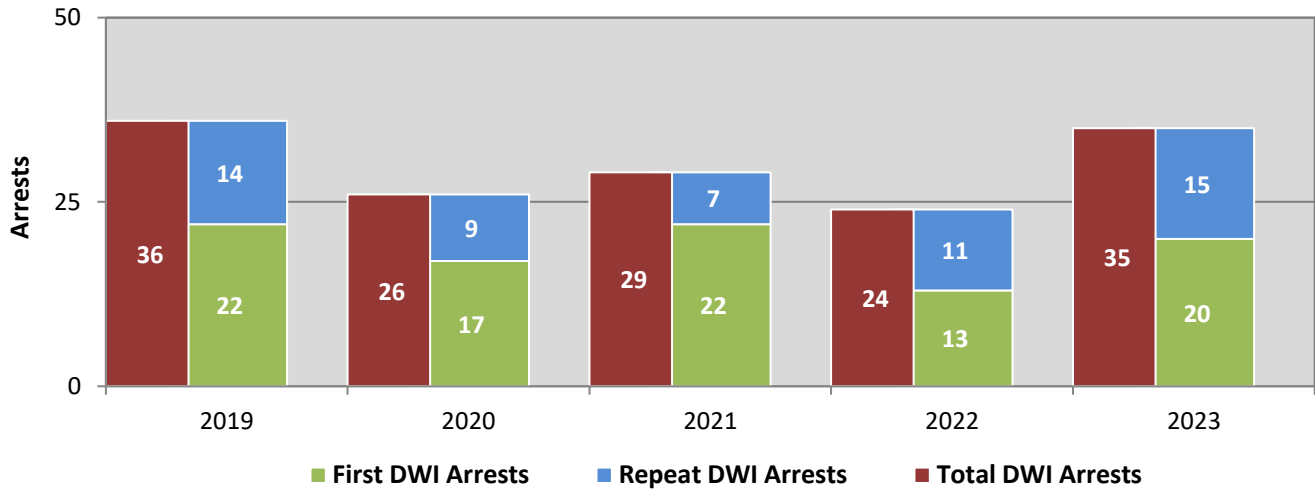
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Ruidoso, 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	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	0.0%	0.0%
2020	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	0.0%	0.0%
2021	0	0	0	0	1	3	6	10	0.0%	0.0%
2022	0	0	0	0	3	7	6	16	0.0%	0.0%
2023	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	9	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

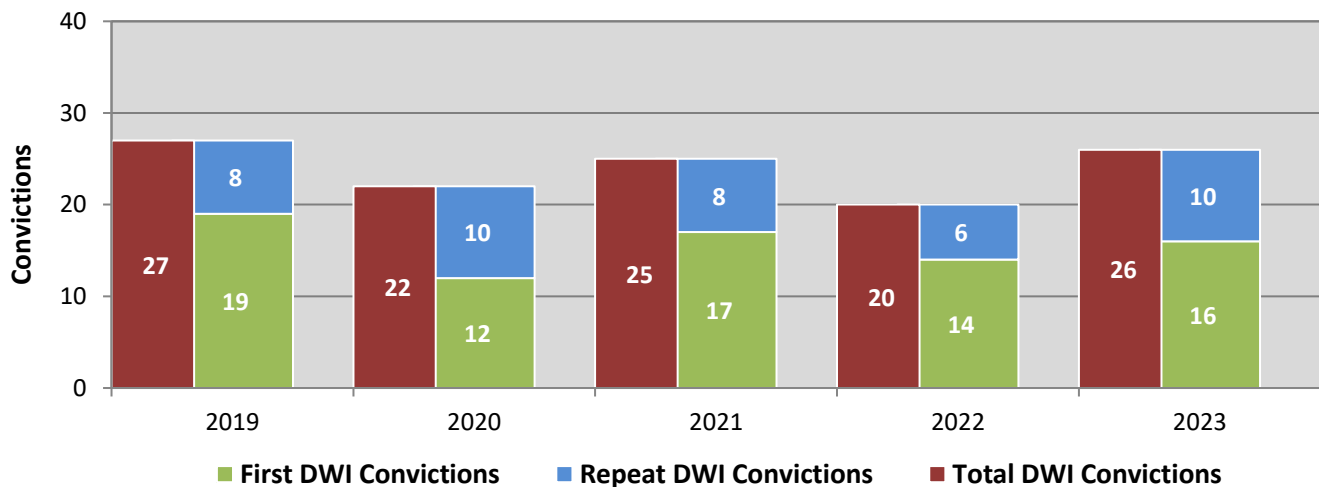
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

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



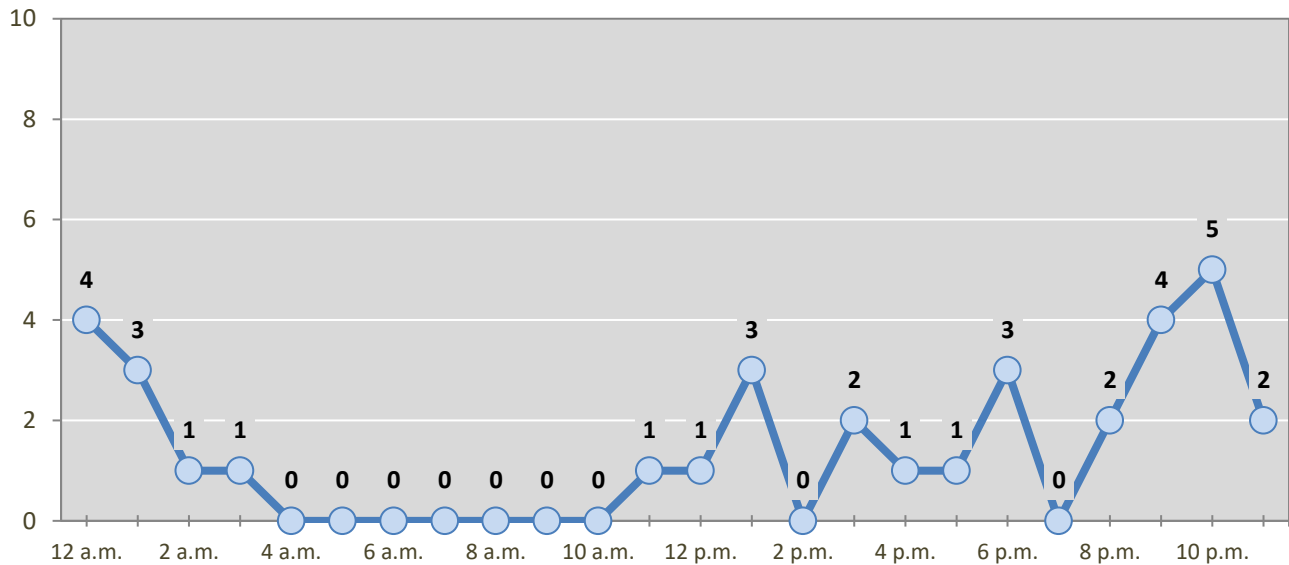
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions of Ruidoso 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 Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2023**



\* In 2023, Ruidoso had 1 arrests for which hour data were missing.

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

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	3	3	2	8	7	5
Monday	4	2	3	7	3	4
Tuesday	5	3	3	2	8	4
Wednesday	2	4	4	1	2	3
Thursday	8	6	1	0	6	4
Friday	6	4	11	5	5	6
Saturday	8	4	5	1	4	4
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>

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

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	1	2	0	2	0
20-24	7	1	2	2	3
25-29	2	1	3	2	2
30-34	3	0	6	4	2
35-39	0	3	4	0	3
40-44	1	2	1	1	1
45-49	3	3	1	0	2
50-54	2	2	1	1	3
55-59	1	1	2	0	1
60-64	1	2	1	1	2
65-69	1	0	1	0	1
70 +	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>

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

**Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group  
of Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	1	1	1	0	1
25-29	0	0	0	0	1
30-34	3	1	0	4	0
35-39	1	1	0	1	3
40-44	1	2	2	0	0
45-49	3	1	0	1	1
50-54	1	2	1	0	4
55-59	2	0	2	0	1
60-64	2	1	0	3	4
65-69	0	0	0	1	0
70 +	0	0	1	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>

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

**Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group of Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	0	0	1	0	1
20-24	5	2	2	0	3
25-29	1	0	1	3	1
30-34	6	0	2	3	2
35-39	0	0	4	3	0
40-44	0	1	1	0	0
45-49	1	3	3	2	2
50-54	2	2	0	1	2
55-59	1	1	1	2	2
60-64	1	3	1	0	3
65-69	1	0	1	0	0
70 +	1	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>

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

**Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group of Ruidoso 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	0	2	0	0	1
25-29	0	0	0	1	0
30-34	0	0	2	1	1
35-39	0	3	0	0	0
40-44	3	0	3	2	0
45-49	1	0	0	0	1
50-54	0	1	1	1	1
55-59	1	2	2	0	1
60-64	2	2	0	1	4
65-69	0	0	0	0	1
70 +	1	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</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 Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2023**

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Ruidoso	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	35	8,928	<b>0.4%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	24	4,782	<b>0.5%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	2	790	<b>0.3%</b>
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	9	3,356	<b>0.3%</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 Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2023**

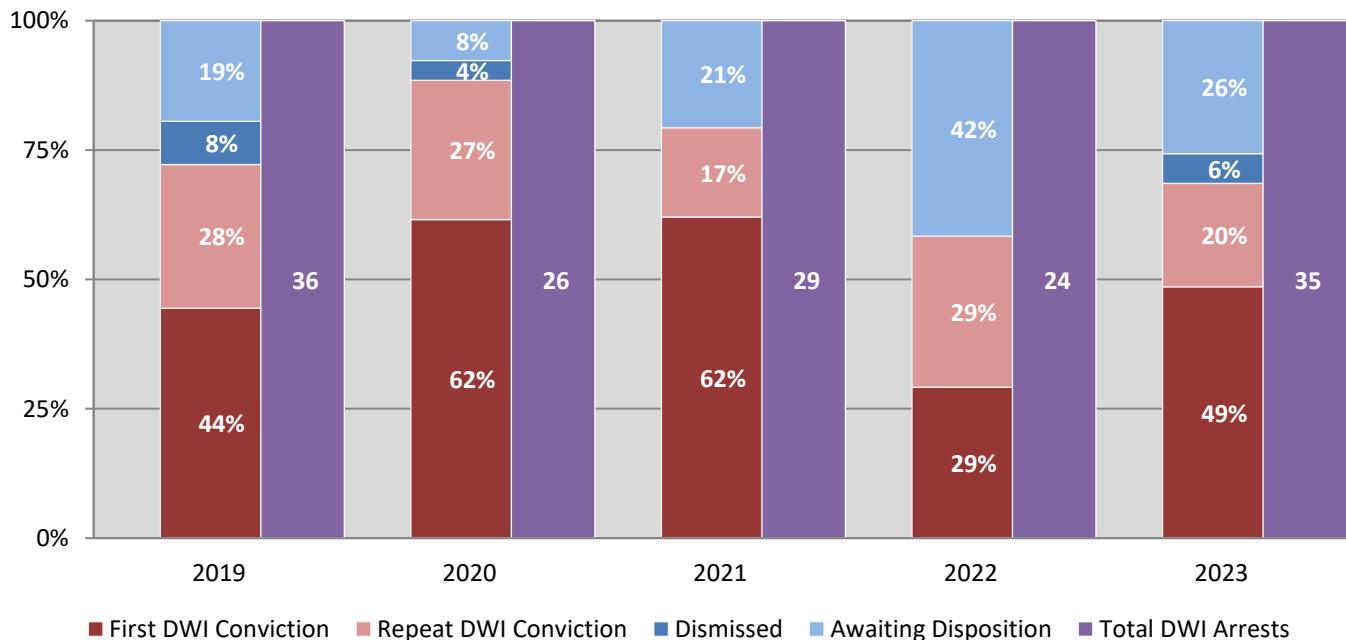
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Ruidoso	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	189	172	<b>18</b>
DWI Dismissal	96	149	<b>-53</b>

**Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests  
of Ruidoso 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	16	10	3	7	36
2020	16	7	1	2	26
2021	18	5	0	6	29
2022	7	7	0	10	24
2023	17	7	2	9	35

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

**Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests  
of Ruidoso Residents Throughout the State, 2019-2023**



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