

2023 Community Report

Sierra County



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<https://gps.unm.edu/tru/reports/community-reports/index.html>

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Harmful Event – The event of the crash that produced the first injury or damage. First harmful event (FHE) replaced Crash Classification starting in 2020. FHE and its' subanalysis data are derived from Crash Classification and Analysis for crashes that occurred prior to 2020 and for any agencies not using the E 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

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 Sierra County, 2014-2023**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2014	2	25	58	85	2	2	4	8
2015	3	65	137	205	1	8	4	13
2016	2	64	123	189	0	3	9	12
2017	7	64	155	226	2	6	10	18
2018	1	60	157	218	1	3	8	12
2019	1	55	163	219	1	6	9	16
2020	2	52	112	166	0	6	2	8
2021	8	71	133	212	1	7	5	13
2022	2	58	139	199	1	3	8	12
2023	3	56	165	224	1	8	4	13

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

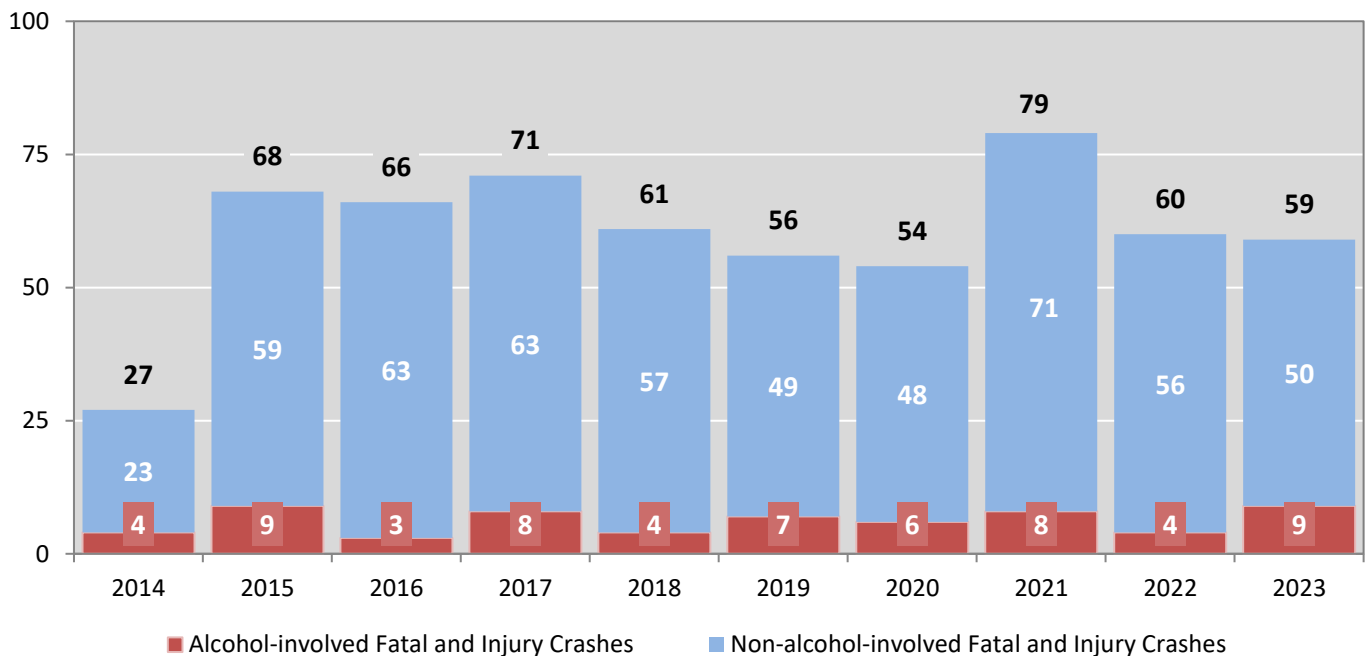


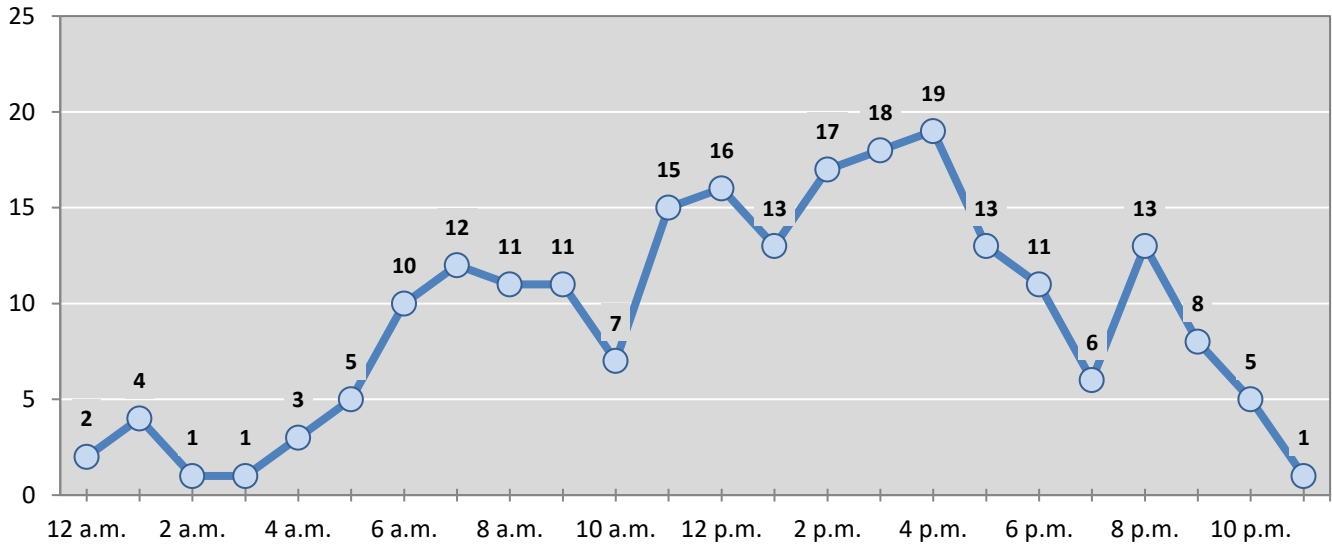
Table 2: Crashes by Month in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	10	23	18	14	14	16
February	12	15	21	9	16	15
March	22	11	18	20	23	19
April	12	13	25	13	25	18
May	23	16	14	20	21	19
June	19	18	23	15	9	17
July	21	22	20	15	17	19
August	25	13	16	23	23	20
September	14	13	14	8	19	14
October	19	7	14	21	16	15
November	23	4	17	19	20	17
December	19	11	12	22	21	17
Total Crashes	219	166	212	199	224	204

Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Sierra County, 2019-2023

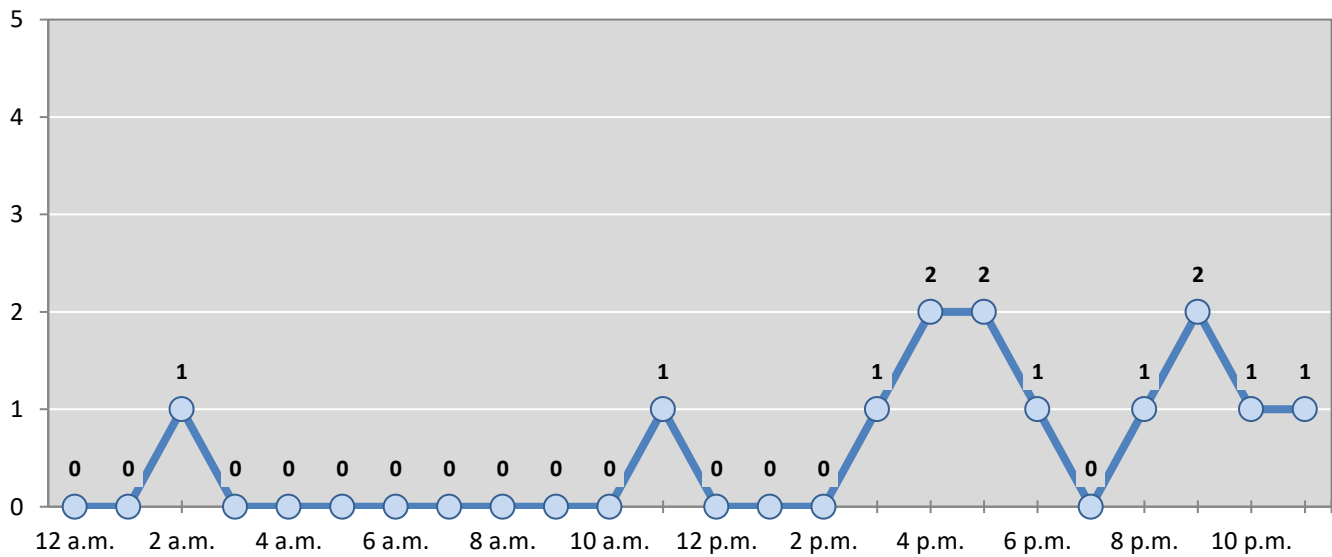
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	0	1	2	2	0	1
February	1	0	1	1	0	1
March	2	0	2	2	4	2
April	1	2	2	0	0	1
May	0	2	0	1	4	1
June	2	0	1	1	0	1
July	3	1	1	1	2	2
August	1	0	0	1	1	1
September	0	1	0	1	0	0
October	2	1	1	2	1	1
November	2	0	2	0	1	1
December	2	0	1	0	0	1
Total Crashes	16	8	13	12	13	12

Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County had 2 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Sierra County, 2023



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

Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	36	22	27	22	23	26
Monday	22	21	27	28	28	25
Tuesday	29	22	29	24	26	26
Wednesday	26	30	32	33	26	29
Thursday	28	16	29	26	35	27
Friday	38	30	28	39	52	37
Saturday	40	25	40	27	34	33
Total Crashes	219	166	212	199	224	204

Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	4	2	0	2	1	2
Monday	1	1	1	1	2	1
Tuesday	3	1	5	2	1	2
Wednesday	2	6	7	4	5	5
Thursday	3	4	1	5	2	3
Friday	4	1	3	2	5	3
Saturday	1	3	2	1	2	2
Total Crashes	18	18	19	17	18	18

Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes ¹					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	0	0	2	0	4	1
Monday	0	2	0	1	1	1
Tuesday	2	1	1	0	2	1
Wednesday	2	0	1	2	0	1
Thursday	2	0	0	2	0	1
Friday	1	1	2	3	0	1
Saturday	0	0	4	1	1	1
Total Crashes	7	4	10	9	8	8

¹ "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.

Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	1	0	4	2	3	2
Monday	2	0	0	2	2	1
Tuesday	2	0	2	1	0	1
Wednesday	2	1	0	0	1	1
Thursday	2	2	1	1	0	1
Friday	0	4	3	3	2	2
Saturday	7	1	3	3	5	4
Total Crashes	16	8	13	12	13	12

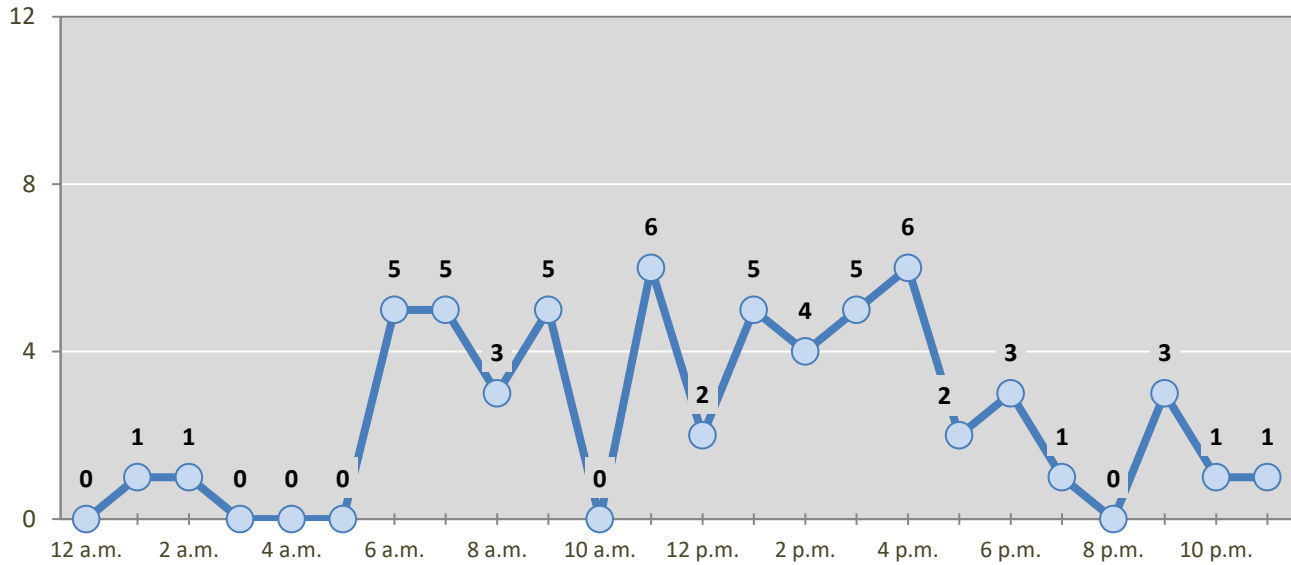
Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	9	9	13	3	8	8
Monday	5	7	8	8	9	7
Tuesday	8	6	8	7	7	7
Wednesday	3	6	13	15	7	9
Thursday	9	5	8	6	5	7
Friday	11	13	10	14	13	12
Saturday	11	8	19	7	10	11
Total Crashes	56	54	79	60	59	62

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

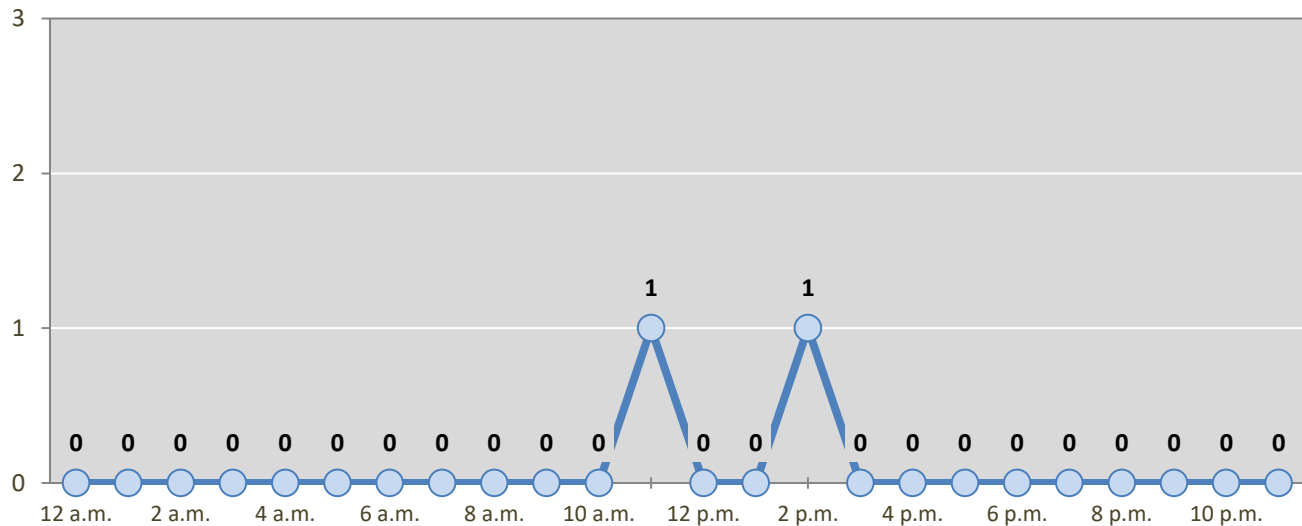
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	0	0	1	1	0	0
Monday	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tuesday	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wednesday	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thursday	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friday	1	1	2	0	0	1
Saturday	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total Crashes	2	4	5	3	2	3

Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Sierra County, 2023



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Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Sierra County, 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)	
People in Alcohol-involved Crashes	1	6	6	0	9	22
Urban	0	3	3	0	5	11
Rural Non-Interstate	1	3	2	0	3	9
Rural Interstate	0	0	1	0	1	2
People in Crashes	5	20	26	38	372	461
Urban	0	8	11	26	205	250
Rural Non-Interstate	2	5	7	8	59	81
Rural Interstate	3	7	8	4	108	130
Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes	20%	30%	23%	0%	2%	5%

Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Total Rural Interstate	74	58	74	68	62	68
Fatal Crash	0	1	3	0	1	1
Injury Crash	21	21	21	11	9	17
Property Damage Only Crash	53	36	50	57	52	50
Total Rural Non-Interstate	55	44	61	52	49	52
Fatal Crash	0	0	4	1	2	1
Injury Crash	18	15	24	21	18	19
Property Damage Only Crash	37	29	33	30	29	32
Total Urban	90	64	77	79	113	85
Fatal Crash	1	1	1	1	0	1
Injury Crash	16	16	26	26	29	23
Property Damage Only Crash	73	47	50	52	84	61

Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Sierra County, 2019-2023

First Harmful Event ¹	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Collision with Animal	29	24	26	22	28	26
Collision with Fixed Object	60	38	59	63	51	54
Collision with Motor Vehicle	86	62	69	70	97	77
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	8	12	9	6	13	10
Collision with Person	2	4	5	3	2	3
Pedalcycle	0	1	3	0	0	1
Pedestrian	2	3	2	3	2	2
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	33	25	37	25	26	29
Overturn/Rollover	21	20	27	17	12	19
All Other Non-Collision	12	5	10	8	14	10
Other	0	0	6	10	7	6
Missing Data	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total Crashes	219	166	212	199	224	204

¹ 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 Sierra County, 2019-2023

Vehicle Type ¹	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Buses	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycles/ATVs	10	4	14	10	10	10
Passenger Cars	135	112	127	142	173	138
Pedalcycles	0	1	3	0	0	1
Pedestrians, All	2	3	2	3	2	2
Pickups	76	57	62	52	65	62
Semis/Heavy Trucks	21	20	21	19	18	20
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	62	42	62	54	51	54
Other Vehicles	3	0	2	0	0	1
Missing Data	11	3	2	4	9	6
Total Vehicles	321	242	295	284	328	294

¹ 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 Sierra County, 2023

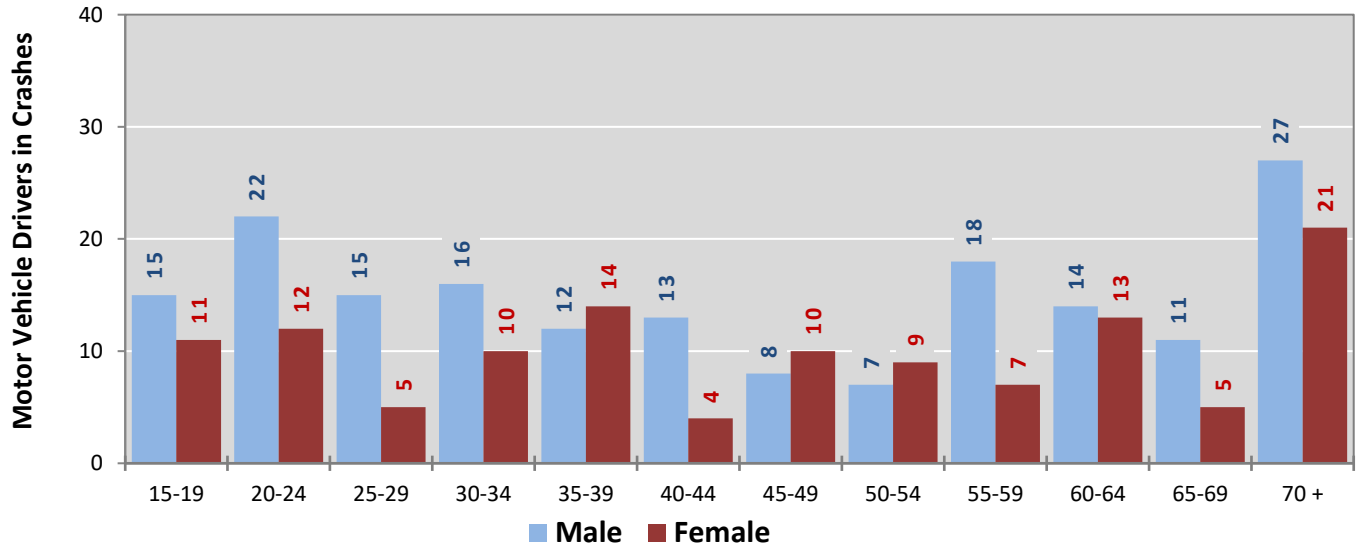
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle ¹ Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	1	20	3	0	3	0	0	27
20-24	0	2	18	6	2	6	0	0	34
25-29	0	0	12	4	1	3	0	0	20
30-34	0	1	13	5	2	5	0	0	26
35-39	0	0	12	8	2	4	0	0	26
40-44	0	0	10	4	3	0	0	0	17
45-49	0	0	10	3	1	4	0	0	18
50-54	0	0	10	0	3	3	0	0	16
55-59	0	2	11	7	1	3	0	1	25
60-64	0	2	13	6	1	5	0	0	27
65-69	0	2	6	4	1	3	0	0	16
70 +	0	0	25	11	1	10	0	1	48
Missing Data	0	0	13	4	0	2	0	7	26
Total Drivers	0	10	173	65	18	51	0	9	326

Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in Sierra County, 2023

Age Groups	Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle ¹ 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	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
25-29	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
30-34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
60-64	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
70 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	0	1	8	2	0	1	0	0	12

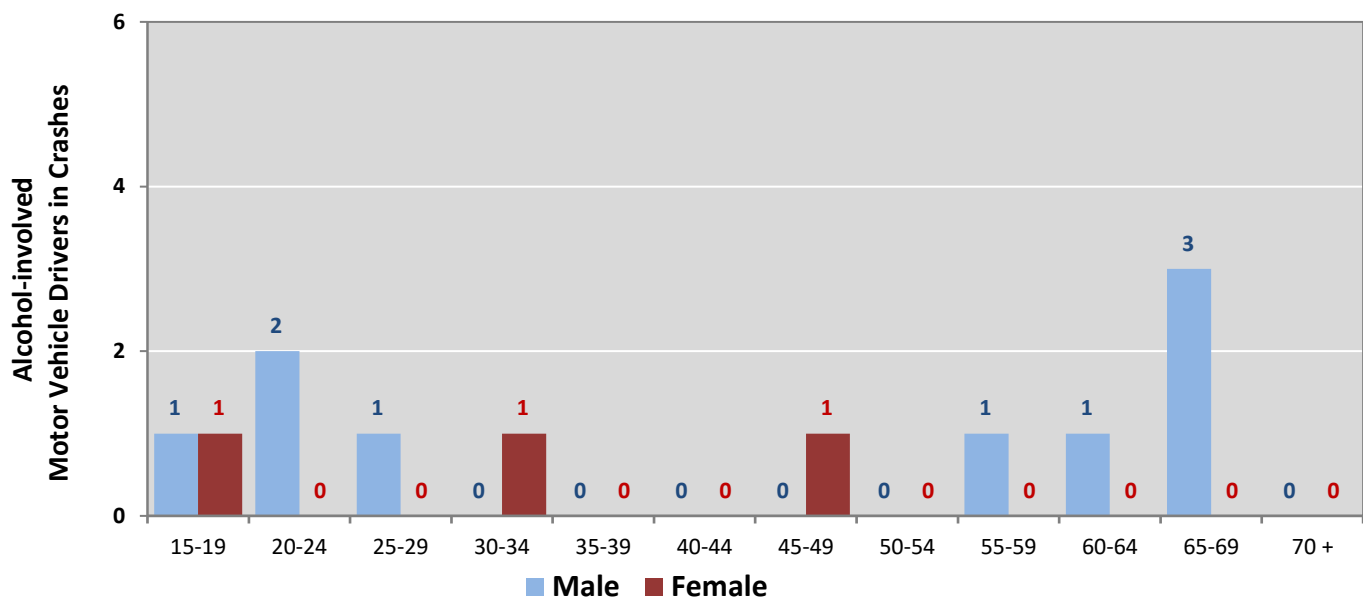
¹ See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County had 27 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 Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County 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 Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age ¹	Year					5-Year Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	0	1	0	0	2
18	0	1	2	0	1	4
19	0	0	0	0	1	1
20	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total Drivers	2	1	3	0	2	8

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

Age ¹	Total Drivers				Alcohol-involved Drivers			
	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
15	1	1	2	7%	0	0	0	0%
16	3	1	4	13%	0	0	0	0%
17	2	3	5	17%	0	0	0	0%
18	5	2	7	23%	1	0	1	50%
19	4	4	8	27%	0	1	1	50%
20	2	2	4	13%	0	0	0	0%
Total Drivers	17	13	30	100%	1	1	2	100%

¹ 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 Sierra County, 2023**

Contributing Factors	Frequency of Contributing Factor ¹ by Crash Severity			
	Frequency in Fatal Crashes	Frequency in Injury Crashes	Frequency in Property Damage Only Crashes	Frequency in All Crashes
Human	5	98	166	269
Driver Inattention	1	32	71	104
Excessive Speed	2	16	10	28
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	11	15	26
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	1	8	8	17
Other Improper Driving	0	7	8	15
Improper Lane Change	0	4	9	13
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	1	8	4	13
Made Improper Turn	0	3	6	9
Avoid No Contact Other	0	2	5	7
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	1	6	7
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	1	5	6
Drove Left of Center	0	0	5	5
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	1	3	4
Improper Backing	0	0	4	4
Following Too Closely	0	0	3	3
Cell Phone	0	1	1	2
Under the Influence Of Drugs	0	2	0	2
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	1	1
Improper Overtaking	0	1	0	1
Passed Stop Sign	0	0	1	1
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	0	1	1
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	0	0	0
High-Speed Pursuit	0	0	0	0
Pedestrian Error	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
Vehicle	1	5	14	20
Defective Tires	1	2	7	10
Other Mechanical Defect	0	0	3	3
Wipers	0	1	2	3
Inadequate Brakes	0	2	0	2
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	0	1	1
Wheels	0	0	1	1
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	0	0
Defective Steering	0	0	0	0
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Windows/Windshield	0	0	0	0
Environment	0	13	47	60
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	2	23	25
Debris	0	0	7	7
Road Surface Conditions	0	2	5	7
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	6	1	7
Weather Conditions	0	2	4	6
Obstruction in Road	0	1	2	3
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	2	2
Traffic Congestion	0	0	1	1
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	0	1	1
Road Defect	0	0	1	1
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	0	0
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
Other	0	23	92	115
Other - No Driver Error	0	23	87	110
Missing Data	0	0	5	5
None	0	0	0	0
Total	6	139	319	464

¹ 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 Sierra County, 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)	
Collision with Animal	0	1	1	0	46	48
Deer	0	0	1	0	32	33
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	5	5
Cattle/Cow	0	1	0	0	3	4
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	3	3
Antelope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse	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
Collision with Fixed Object	1	2	6	12	50	71
Guardrail, End or Face	0	1	1	1	11	14
Other Fixed Object	0	0	1	0	9	10
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	0	9	1	10
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	1	9	10
Curb	0	0	0	0	6	6
Fence	1	0	1	0	2	4
Ditch	0	0	0	0	3	3
Traffic Sign Support	0	1	0	0	2	3
Embankment	0	0	0	0	2	2
Median	0	0	0	1	1	2
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	2	2
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	1	0	1	2
Tree (standing)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Culvert	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wall or Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	1	0	1	2
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision with Motor Vehicle	0	6	6	18	223	253
MV in Transport	0	5	6	12	196	219
Parked MV	0	1	0	0	12	13
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	6	15	21
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	0	0	2	0	23	25
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	1	0	1	2
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	0	0	0	22	22
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	0	0	1
Collision with Person	0	1	0	1	6	8
Pedestrian	0	1	0	1	6	8
Pedalcycle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	4	10	11	7	13	45
Overturn/Rollover	4	9	8	4	3	28
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	4	4
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	1	0	0	1
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	1	2	2	6	11
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	11	11
Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People	5	20	26	38	372	461

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

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured ^{1,2}				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	5	36%	1	17%	6
20-24	2	14%	2	33%	4
25-29	2	14%	0	0%	2
30-34	0	0%	1	17%	1
35-39	2	14%	0	0%	2
40-44	1	7%	0	0%	1
45-49	1	7%	0	0%	1
50-54	0	0%	0	0%	0
55-59	0	0%	0	0%	0
60-64	0	0%	1	17%	1
65-69	1	7%	0	0%	1
70 +	0	0%	1	17%	1
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
Total People	14	100%	6	100%	20

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

² 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 Sierra County, 2019-2023**

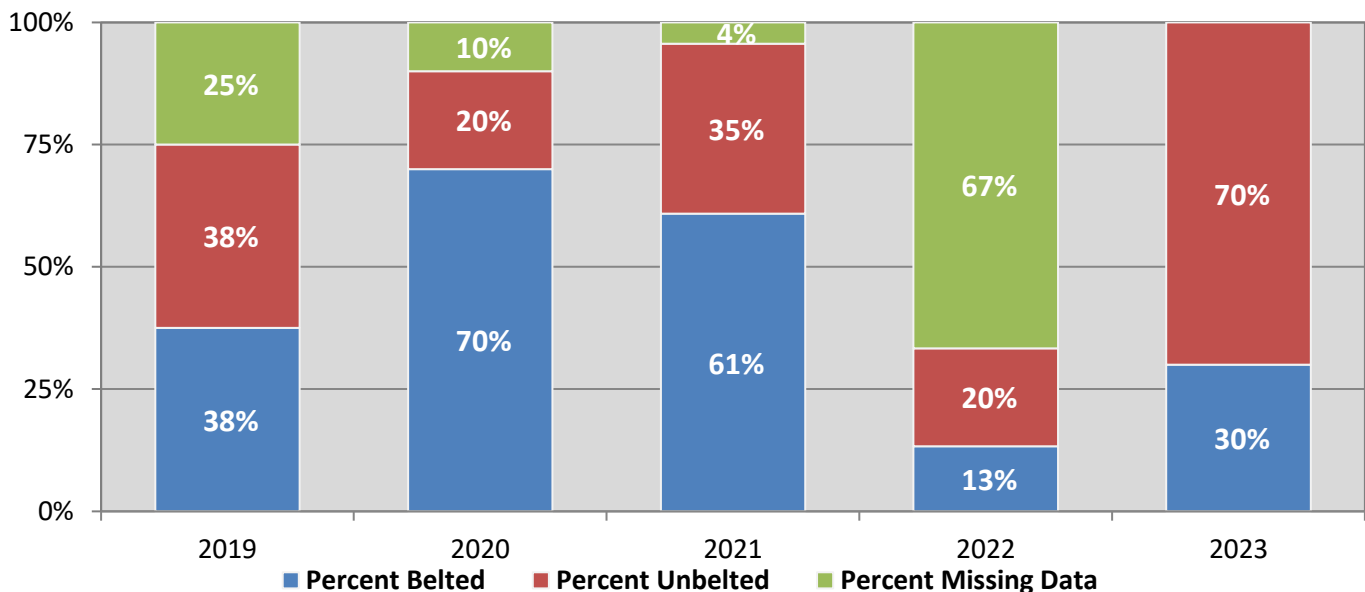
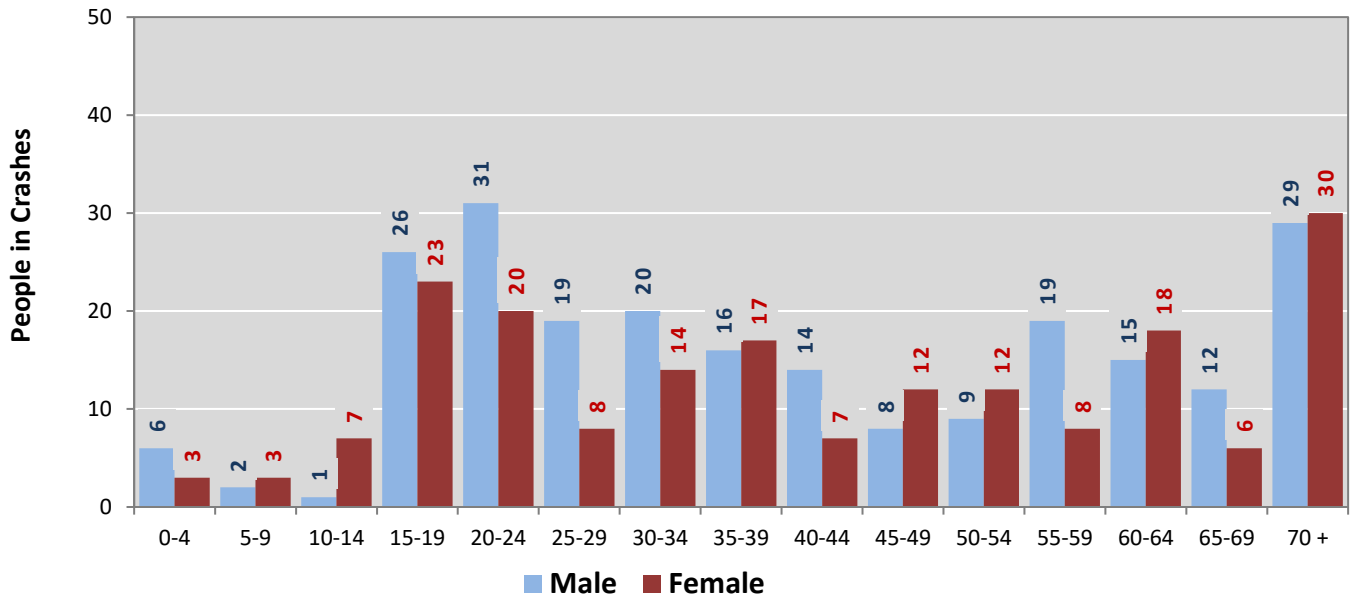
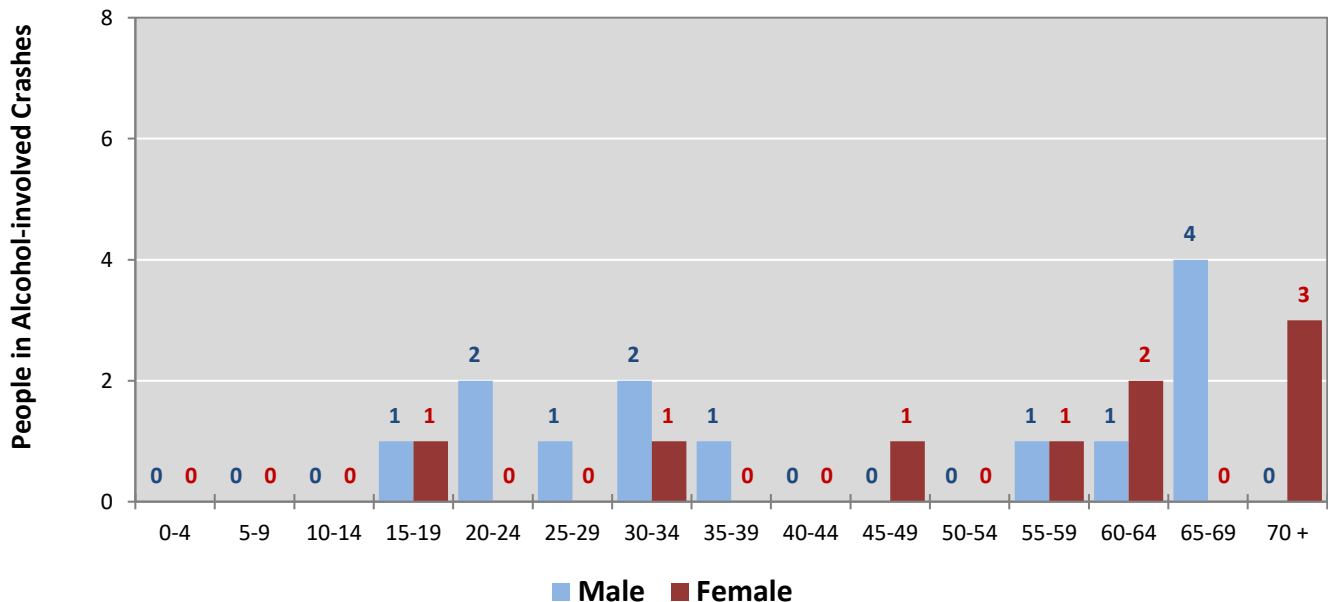


Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County had 46 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

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



* In 2023, Sierra County had 0 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 Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists ¹ 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	1	1	0	0	2
15-19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	1	0	0	1
25-29	0	0	0	0	1	1
30-34	0	1	0	0	0	1
35-39	0	2	1	0	0	3
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	1	0	0	1
55-59	1	0	1	1	0	3
60-64	0	0	0	1	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	0	1	1
70 +	1	0	0	1	0	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People	2	4	5	3	2	16

Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Sierra County, 2023

Alcohol Involvement	All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators ¹ 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)	
Pedalcycle Operators	0	0	0	0	0	0
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Pedestrians	0	1	0	1	0	2
Involved	0	1	0	0	0	1
Not Involved	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total People	0	1	0	1	0	2

¹ "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 Sierra County, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles ¹			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	5	0	5
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	6	9	0	15
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	16	5	3	24
Possible Injuries	C	20	1	12	33
No Apparent Injuries	O	277	2	65	344
Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles		319	22	80	421

¹ Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 24: Motorcyclists in Crashes
by Severity of Injuries and Helmet Usage in Sierra County, 2023**

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

¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Sierra County, 2019-2023**

Year	Occupant Fatalities of Passenger Vehicles ¹				Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles ¹				Percent Killed	
	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Belted	Unbelted
2019	0	1	0	1	350	11	35	396	0.00%	9.1%
2020	0	1	0	1	207	6	65	278	0.00%	16.7%
2021	0	6	0	6	269	15	58	342	0.00%	40.0%
2022	0	1	0	1	282	7	57	346	0.00%	14.3%
2023	0	5	0	5	319	22	80	421	0.00%	22.7%
Average	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	285.4	12.2	59.0	356.6	0.00%	23.0%

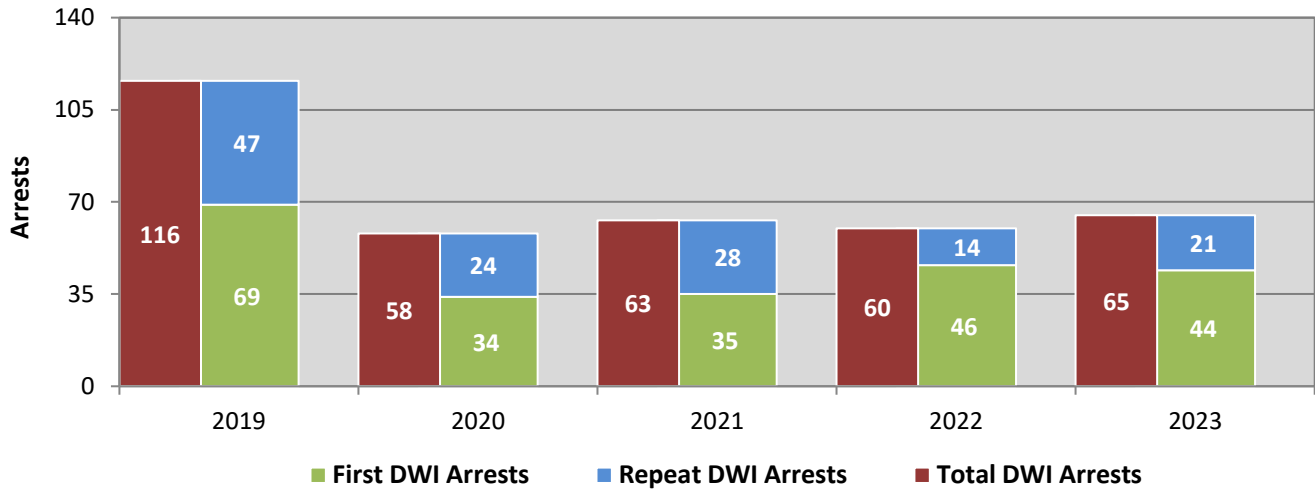
¹ Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

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

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities ¹				Total Motorcyclists ¹				Percent Killed	
	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
2019	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	7	0.0%	0.0%
2020	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0.0%	0.0%
2021	0	1	0	1	5	4	2	11	0.0%	25.0%
2022	1	0	0	1	8	2	1	11	12.5%	0.0%
2023	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	9	0.0%	0.0%
Average	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	4.0	2.8	1.6	8.4	5.0%	7.1%

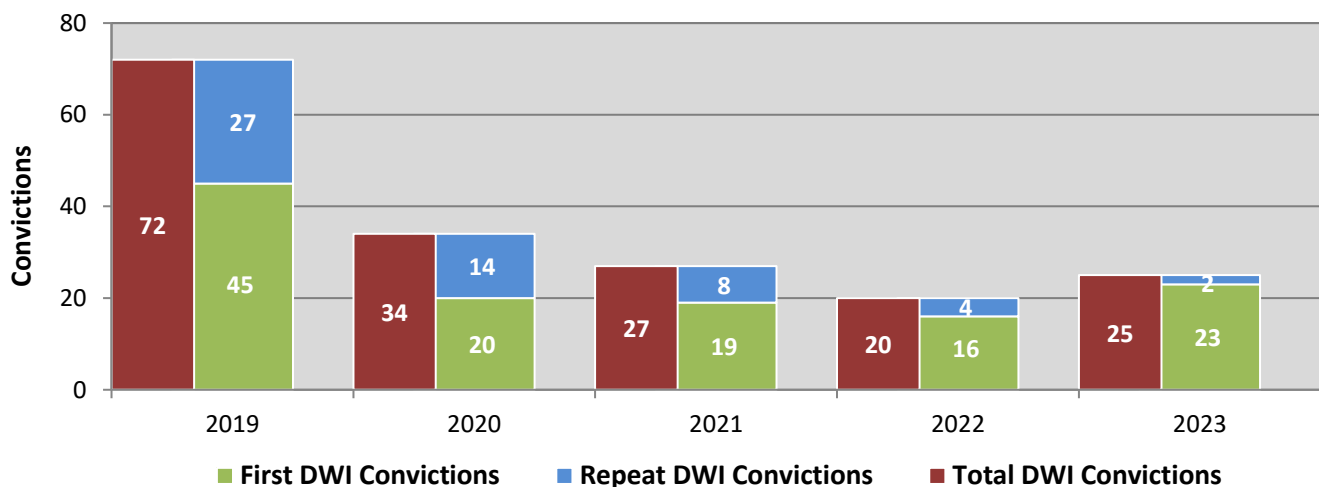
¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests in Sierra County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2019-2023**



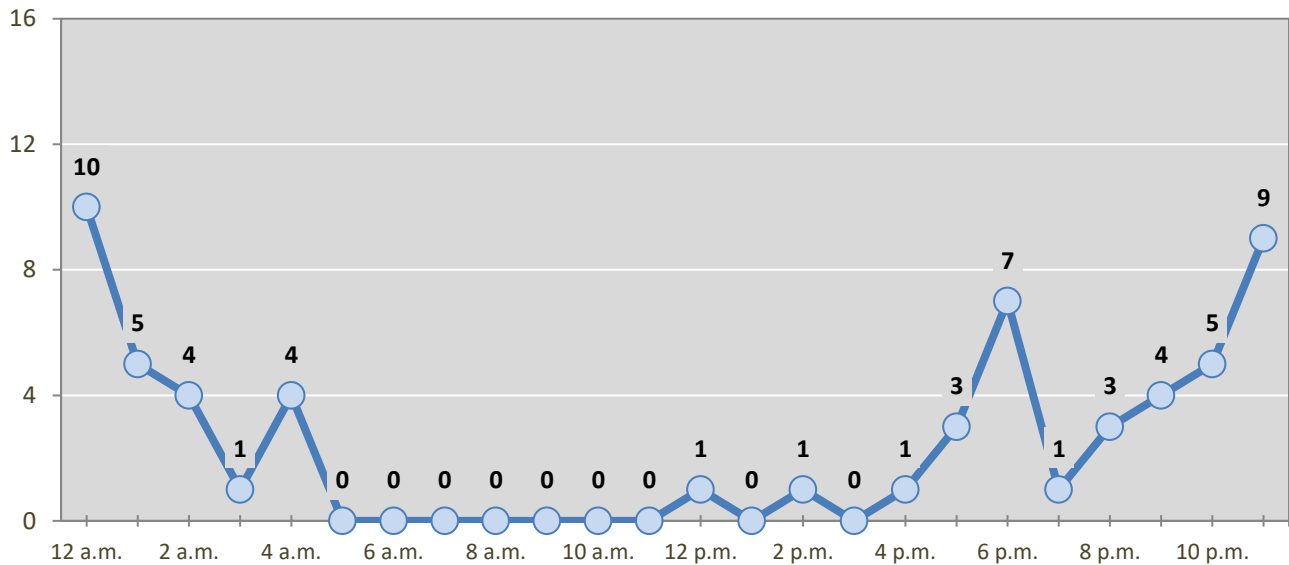
*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions in Sierra County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2019-2023**



*Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in Sierra County, 2023



* In 2023, Sierra County had 6 arrests for which hour data were missing.

Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	22	10	12	20	16	16
Monday	9	6	6	3	6	6
Tuesday	14	5	9	4	7	8
Wednesday	8	8	9	5	4	7
Thursday	12	8	5	4	5	7
Friday	18	15	10	11	7	12
Saturday	33	6	12	13	20	17
Total Arrests	116	58	63	60	65	72

Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests ¹				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	2	2	0	0	5
20-24	10	7	8	3	6
25-29	12	3	7	6	4
30-34	8	3	5	5	6
35-39	7	6	3	8	3
40-44	7	0	4	8	3
45-49	6	2	4	5	6
50-54	5	2	0	1	5
55-59	1	5	2	5	4
60-64	5	3	0	3	0
65-69	3	1	1	2	0
70 +	3	0	1	0	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	69	34	35	46	44

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests ¹				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	0	0	0	1	0
20-24	3	0	3	0	3
25-29	6	3	3	1	1
30-34	3	3	4	2	4
35-39	6	2	2	1	1
40-44	9	6	4	4	2
45-49	7	1	4	2	2
50-54	5	7	0	0	1
55-59	6	2	4	2	1
60-64	1	0	2	0	5
65-69	0	0	1	1	1
70 +	1	0	1	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	47	24	28	14	21

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions ¹				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	1	2	0	0	1
20-24	11	3	4	3	2
25-29	9	3	2	0	5
30-34	3	2	1	4	3
35-39	2	3	2	3	2
40-44	3	2	1	0	6
45-49	2	1	0	3	0
50-54	8	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	1	7	1	2
60-64	2	2	2	0	2
65-69	3	1	0	2	0
70 +	1	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	45	20	19	16	23

¹Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions ¹				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	2	0	0	0
25-29	4	0	1	0	1
30-34	2	2	0	1	0
35-39	2	1	1	0	0
40-44	8	2	2	2	0
45-49	2	1	2	1	0
50-54	4	4	1	0	0
55-59	4	2	1	0	0
60-64	1	0	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	0	0
70 +	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	27	14	8	4	2

¹Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests for Sierra County and the State, 2023

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest ¹	Sierra County	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	65	8,928	0.7%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	18	4,782	0.4%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals ²	2	790	0.3%
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	45	3,356	1.3%

¹ 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.

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

Table 33: Average Number of Days from Date of DWI Arrest to Date of Court Disposition in Sierra County and the State, 2023

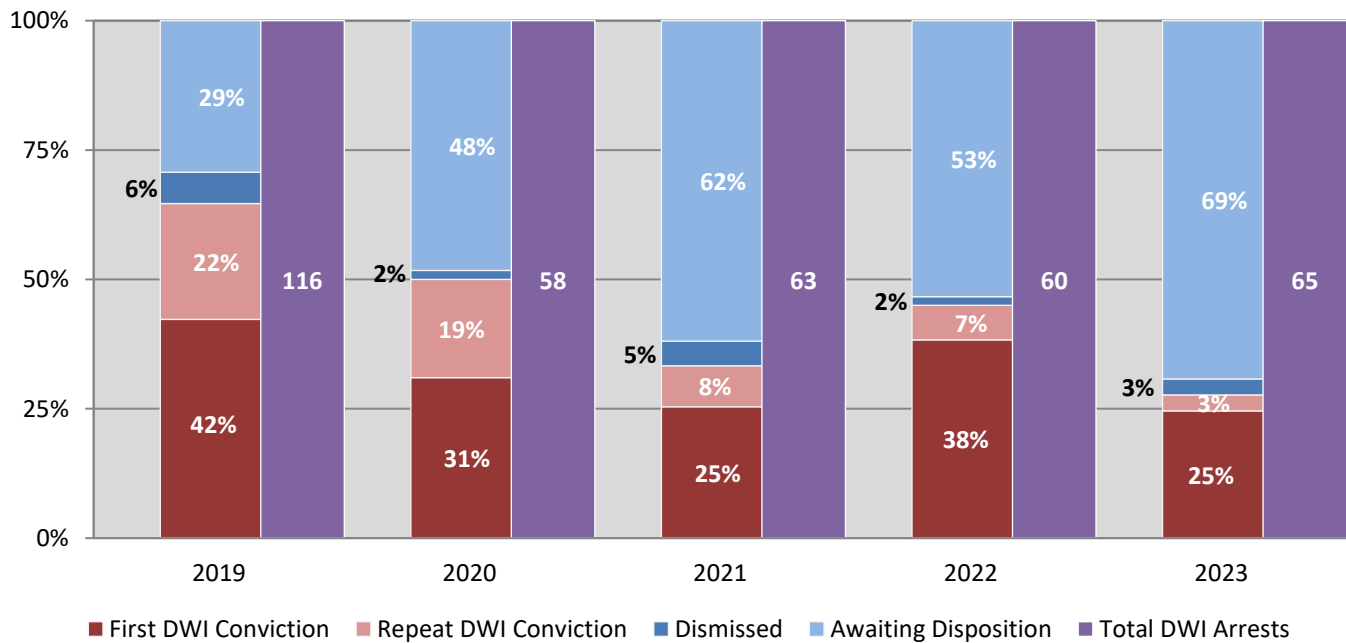
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Sierra County	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	227	172	55
DWI Dismissal	143	149	-6

Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in Sierra County, 2019-2023

Year of DWI Arrest ¹	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2019	49	26	7	34	116
2020	18	11	1	28	58
2021	16	5	3	39	63
2022	23	4	1	32	60
2023	16	2	2	45	65

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in Sierra County, 2019-2023



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