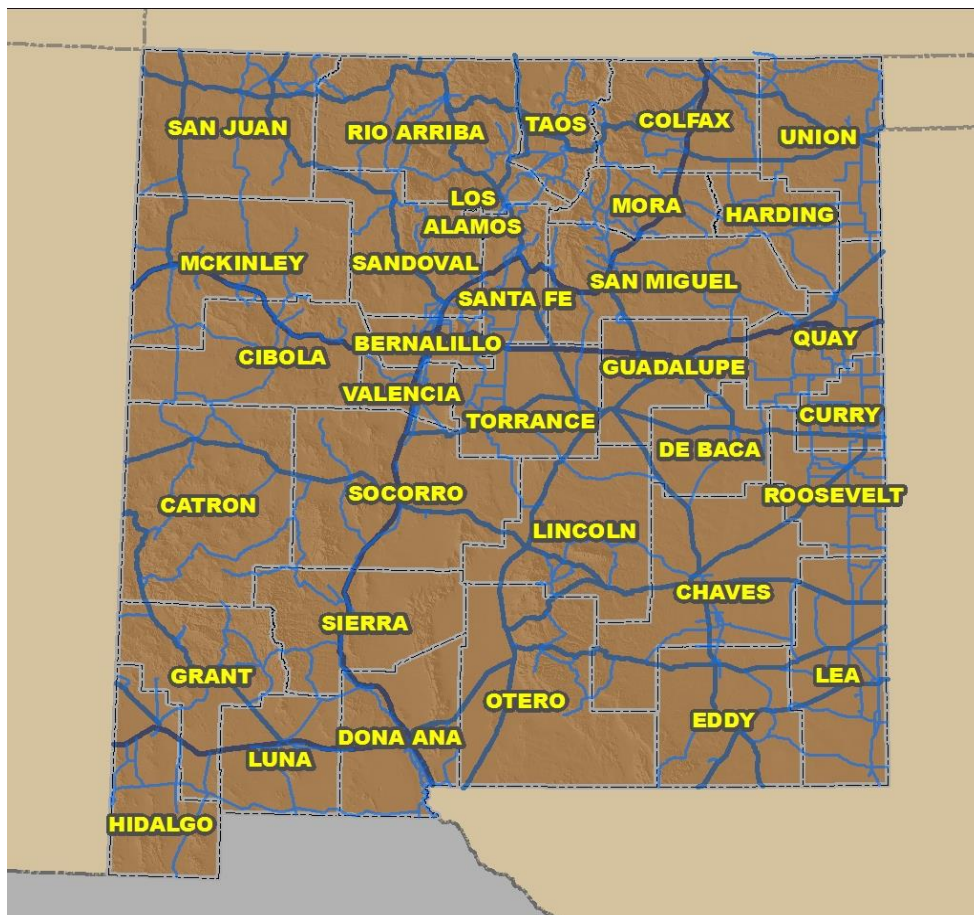# 2023 Community Report
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Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Harmful Event – The event of the crash that produced the first injury or damage. First harmful event (FHE) replaced Crash Classification starting in 2020. FHE and its' subanalysis data are derived from Crash Classification and Analysis for crashes that occurred prior to 2020 and for any agencies not using the E Juy 2018 Uniform Crash Report, which became available in 2020. Statistics for the categories of "Other Non-Motorist" and "Other" are not available prior to 2020.

Injury Crash – A reported crash in which at least one person was injured. Injury crashes each involve at least one suspected serious injury (Class A), suspected minor injury (Class B), or possible injury (Class C). Fatal crashes are not included.

Missing Data – An indication that the applicable field on the UCR form was left blank or contained an invalid code. Starting with crashes that occurred in 2012, improvements in the identification of missing data in the NMDOT crash database led to an increase in the reported amount of missing data.

Pedalcyclists, All – All people on any pedalcycle or in any pedalcycle trailer, and who are involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. Consists of pedalcycle operators and pedalcycle passengers. Historically, "pedalcyclists" included both pedalcycle operators and passengers. A pedalcycle is a mechanism of transport that is powered solely by pedals.

Pedestrians, All – All persons not occupying either a motor vehicle or a pedalcycle, and who are involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. Historically, "pedestrians" have also included people on personal conveyances (e.g., wheelchair or skateboard).

Sources

Crash Data – New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Division, Traffic Records Bureau, Traffic Crash Database, as of the report date below. Crash data are compiled using NMDOT Uniform Crash Reports (UCR), submitted by law enforcement agencies in the state, for any incident on a public roadway involving one or more motor vehicles that resulted in death, injury, or at least $500 in property damage. These reports are processed by the NMDOT Traffic Records Bureau and analyzed by the University of New Mexico, Geospatial and Population Studies, Traffic Research Unit (TRU).

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

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.

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Table 1: Total Crashes and Alcohol-involved Crashes by Crash Severity in New Mexico, 2014-2023

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2014	340	11,364	28,986	**40,690**	152	896	993	**2,041**
2015	269	13,207	31,832	**45,308**	103	938	1,093	**2,134**
2016	361	13,849	30,861	**45,071**	149	909	1,015	**2,073**
2017	341	13,460	32,105	**45,906**	131	906	1,013	**2,050**
2018	351	13,597	32,838	**46,786**	141	879	1,070	**2,090**
2019	369	14,192	33,563	**48,124**	149	984	1,104	**2,237**
2020	365	10,910	25,280	**36,555**	134	862	1,024	**2,020**
2021	429	12,404	27,936	**40,769**	157	901	1,092	**2,150**
2022	419	12,670	27,795	**40,884**	160	948	1,125	**2,233**
2023	402	13,150	29,284	**42,836**	149	971	1,148	**2,268**

Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in New Mexico, 2014-2023
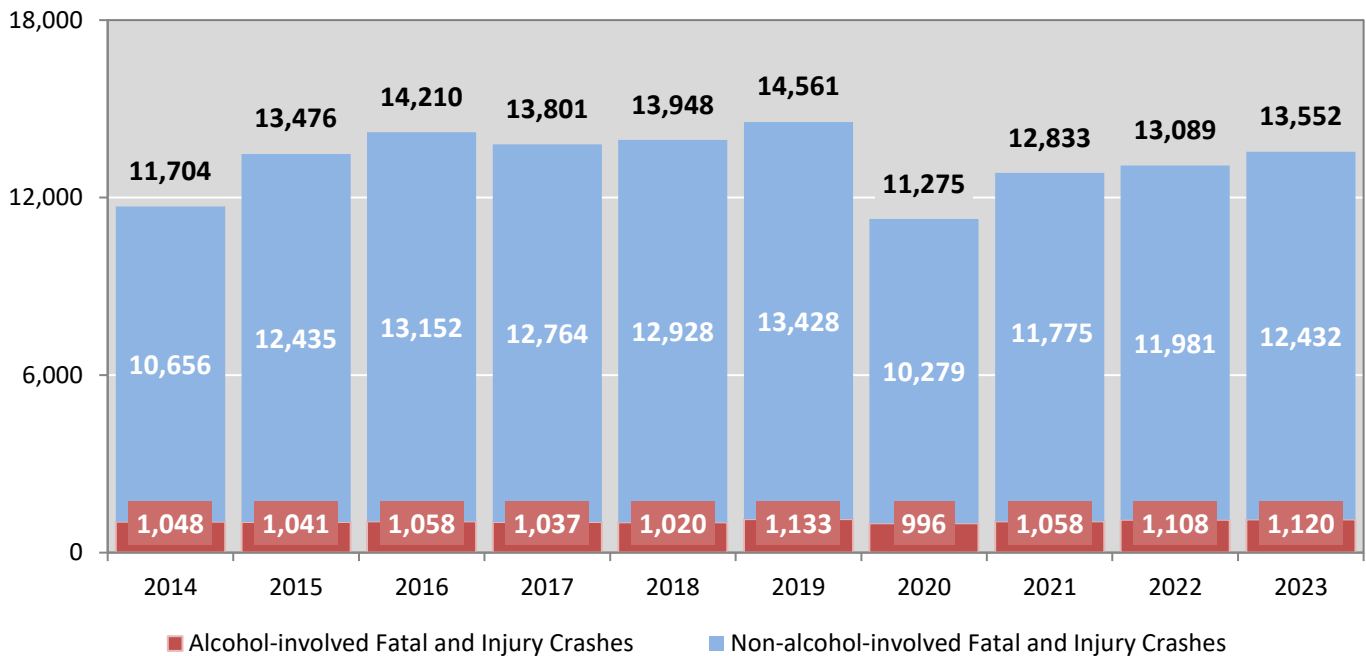
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Table 2: Crashes by Month in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	4,013	3,787	2,874	3,273	3,434	**3,476**
February	3,817	3,936	2,714	3,136	3,229	**3,366**
March	4,005	2,889	3,169	3,292	3,412	**3,353**
April	3,812	1,967	3,287	3,415	3,579	**3,212**
May	3,998	2,578	3,633	3,613	3,643	**3,493**
June	3,770	2,830	3,313	3,245	3,267	**3,285**
July	3,803	3,064	3,356	3,348	3,484	**3,411**
August	4,191	3,189	3,785	3,538	3,848	**3,710**
September	3,961	3,125	3,792	3,332	3,655	**3,573**
October	4,352	3,614	3,786	3,517	3,863	**3,826**
November	4,323	2,584	3,435	3,443	3,718	**3,501**
December	4,079	2,992	3,625	3,732	3,704	**3,626**
Total Crashes	**48,124**	**36,555**	**40,769**	**40,884**	**42,836**	**41,834**

Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	164	178	181	177	156	**171**
February	187	184	138	178	189	**175**
March	185	163	175	180	171	**175**
April	161	137	180	185	212	**175**
May	189	193	188	191	196	**191**
June	187	156	136	155	189	**165**
July	209	182	212	217	189	**202**
August	207	171	192	203	204	**195**
September	202	172	194	165	167	**180**
October	186	172	181	207	197	**189**
November	184	155	177	171	173	**172**
December	176	157	196	204	225	**192**
Total Crashes	**2,237**	**2,020**	**2,150**	**2,233**	**2,268**	**2,182**

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Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2023
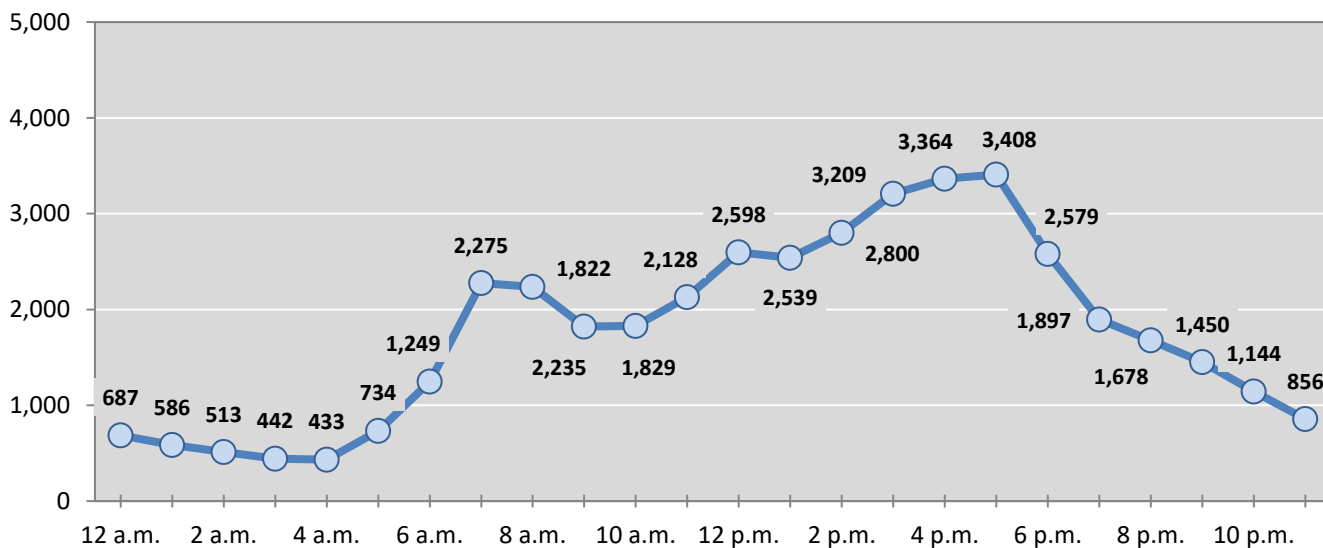
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Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2023
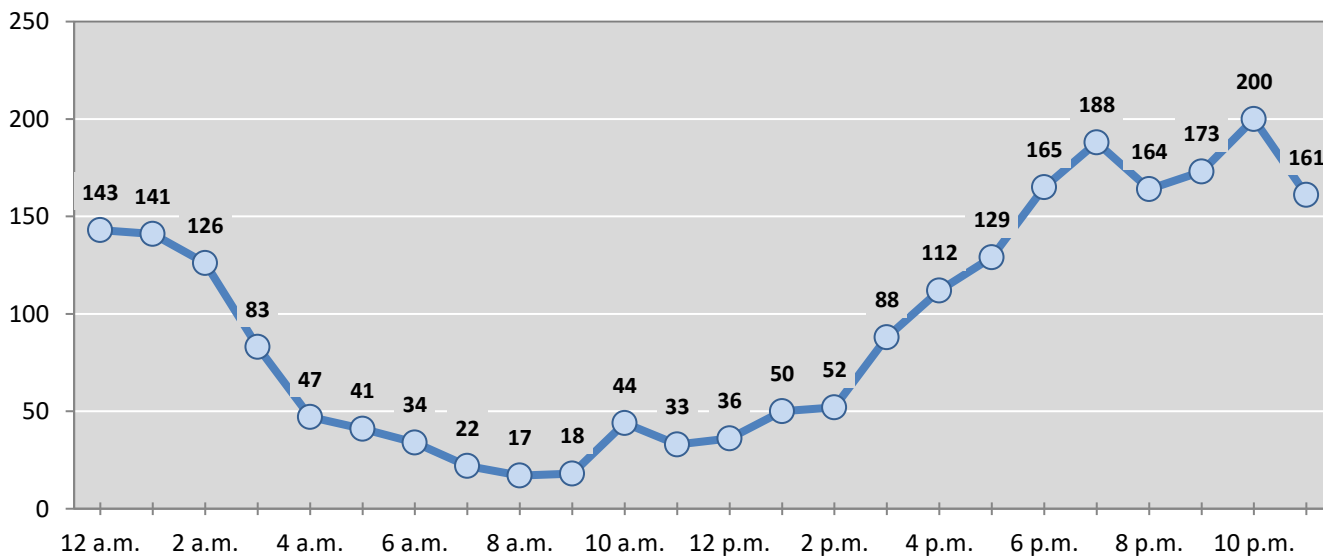
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Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
Sunday	4,533	3,904	4,450	4,265	4,519	**4,334**
Monday	6,901	5,270	5,689	5,595	5,914	**5,874**
Tuesday	7,594	5,557	6,054	6,049	6,475	**6,346**
Wednesday	7,513	5,508	6,213	6,423	6,535	**6,438**
Thursday	7,427	5,492	6,190	6,378	6,514	**6,400**
Friday	8,251	6,065	6,874	6,761	7,280	**7,046**
Saturday	5,905	4,759	5,299	5,413	5,599	**5,395**
Total Crashes	**48,124**	**36,555**	**40,769**	**40,884**	**42,836**	**41,834**

Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
Sunday	288	263	322	273	286	**286**
Monday	384	435	370	408	432	**406**
Tuesday	479	464	453	478	506	**476**
Wednesday	541	483	563	619	586	**558**
Thursday	502	442	481	579	504	**502**
Friday	469	449	437	464	500	**464**
Saturday	334	310	315	414	347	**344**
Total Crashes	**2,997**	**2,846**	**2,941**	**3,235**	**3,161**	**3,036**

Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes[1]					5-Year Average
	2019	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
Sunday	136	167	169	138	169	**156**
Monday	105	101	129	97	116	**110**
Tuesday	105	87	106	112	116	**105**
Wednesday	137	104	99	118	123	**116**
Thursday	139	130	101	123	116	**122**
Friday	164	124	160	162	161	**154**
Saturday	215	167	172	183	178	**183**
Total Crashes	**1,001**	**880**	**936**	**933**	**979**	**946**

[1] "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.

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Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	409	326	415	362	434	**389**
Monday	242	212	197	236	258	**229**
Tuesday	212	240	238	228	231	**230**
Wednesday	273	241	233	228	251	**245**
Thursday	255	291	268	297	307	**284**
Friday	359	309	357	358	311	**339**
Saturday	487	401	442	524	476	**466**
Total Crashes	**2,237**	**2,020**	**2,150**	**2,233**	**2,268**	**2,182**

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

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	1,462	1,268	1,471	1,383	1,510	**1,419**
Monday	2,051	1,566	1,826	1,800	1,864	**1,821**
Tuesday	2,240	1,662	1,867	1,991	2,048	**1,962**
Wednesday	2,261	1,670	1,911	1,951	2,038	**1,966**
Thursday	2,237	1,646	1,932	1,994	1,974	**1,957**
Friday	2,457	1,876	2,090	2,169	2,320	**2,182**
Saturday	1,853	1,587	1,736	1,801	1,798	**1,755**
Total Crashes	**14,561**	**11,275**	**12,833**	**13,089**	**13,552**	**13,062**

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

Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	110	85	93	84	110	**96**
Monday	151	94	123	124	140	**126**
Tuesday	165	119	99	151	143	**135**
Wednesday	149	119	116	133	127	**129**
Thursday	145	91	116	144	141	**127**
Friday	147	137	129	127	154	**139**
Saturday	141	97	112	119	129	**120**
Total Crashes	**1,008**	**742**	**788**	**882**	**944**	**873**

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Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2023
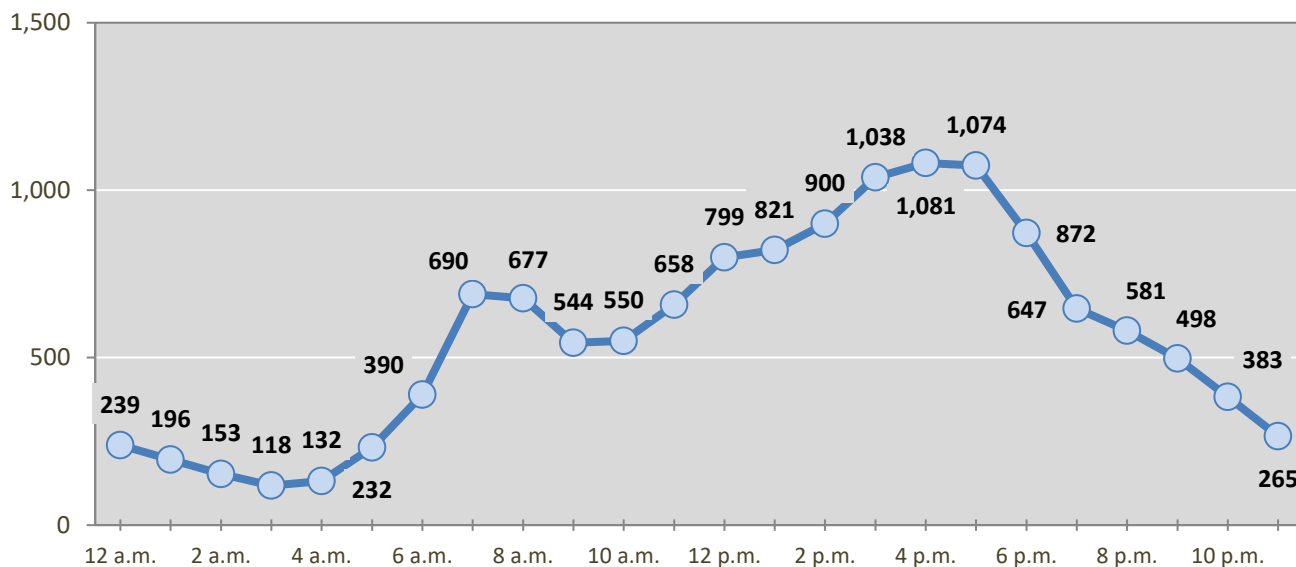
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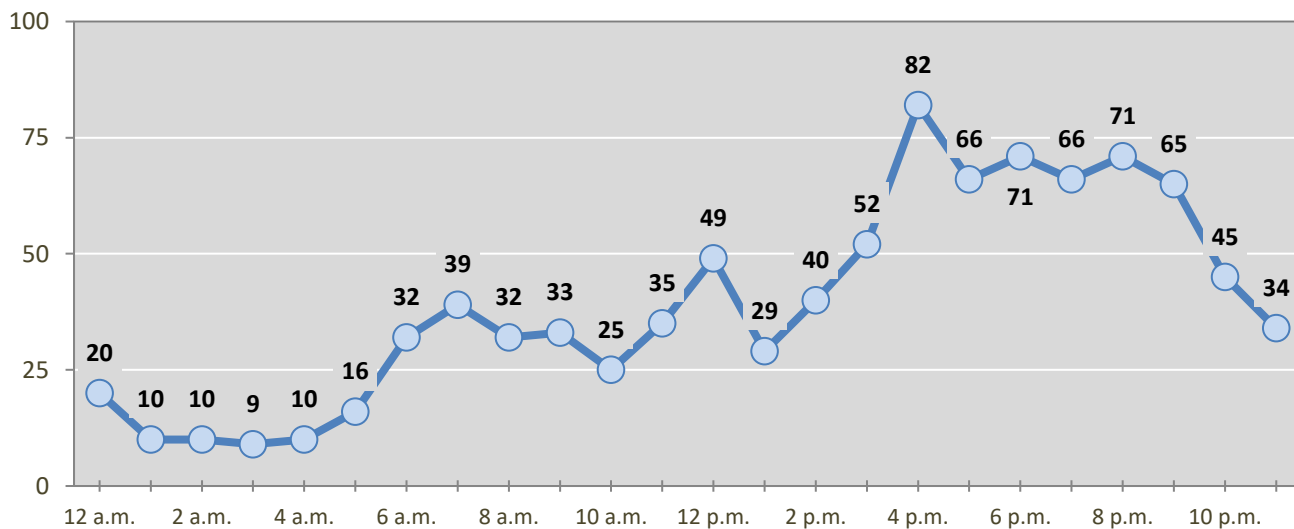
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Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes
by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in New Mexico, 2023

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	**164**	**202**	**603**	**628**	**3,213**	**4,810**
Urban	94	124	414	493	2,683	3,808
Rural Non-Interstate	62	65	167	114	406	814
Rural Interstate	8	13	22	21	124	188
People in Crashes	**436**	**1,227**	**5,700**	**12,096**	**84,317**	**103,776**
Urban	213	771	4,174	10,349	70,885	86,392
Rural Non-Interstate	154	332	1,197	1,309	9,433	12,425
Rural Interstate	69	124	329	438	3,999	4,959
Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes	**38%**	**16%**	**11%**	**5%**	**4%**	**5%**

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

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Total Rural Interstate	**2,331**	**1,859**	**1,869**	**1,870**	**2,290**	**2,044**
Fatal Crash	56	44	52	49	62	53
Injury Crash	693	468	485	456	559	532
Property Damage Only Crash	1,582	1,347	1,332	1,365	1,669	1,459
Total Rural Non-Interstate	**7,436**	**6,664**	**6,793**	**6,926**	**6,378**	**6,839**
Fatal Crash	142	148	152	177	133	150
Injury Crash	2,244	1,943	1,977	2,153	1,967	2,057
Property Damage Only Crash	5,050	4,573	4,664	4,596	4,278	4,632
Total Urban	**38,357**	**28,032**	**32,107**	**32,088**	**34,168**	**32,950**
Fatal Crash	171	173	225	193	207	194
Injury Crash	11,255	8,499	9,942	10,061	10,624	10,076
Property Damage Only Crash	26,931	19,360	21,940	21,834	23,337	22,680

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Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in New Mexico, 2019-2023

First Harmful Event[1]	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Collision with Animal	1,964	1,841	1,758	1,763	1,908	**1,847**
Collision with Fixed Object	4,658	4,425	4,666	5,002	5,007	**4,752**
Collision with Motor Vehicle	35,203	25,176	30,050	29,283	31,030	**30,148**
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	1,023	849	769	814	896	**870**
Collision with Person	1,008	700	788	886	948	**866**
Pedalcycle	370	228	241	272	301	**282**
Pedestrian	638	462	518	585	607	**562**
Other Non-Motorist	0	7	29	29	35	**25**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	3	0	0	5	**2**
Non-Collision	2,764	2,246	2,059	1,833	2,031	**2,187**
Overturn/Rollover	1,952	1,564	1,292	1,088	1,191	**1,417**
All Other Non-Collision	812	682	767	745	840	**769**
Other	0	494	616	897	437	**611**
Missing Data	1,504	824	63	406	579	**675**
Total Crashes	48,124	36,555	40,769	40,884	42,836	41,834

[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 New Mexico, 2019-2023

Vehicle Type [1]	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Buses	363	249	307	322	347	**318**
Motorcycles/ATVs	1,128	1,093	1,126	1,094	1,138	**1,116**
Passenger Cars	48,484	35,510	39,495	39,933	39,978	**40,680**
Pedalcycles	374	266	243	271	303	**291**
Pedestrians, All	661	495	573	630	679	**608**
Pickups	16,430	12,956	14,423	14,669	15,520	**14,800**
Semis/Heavy Trucks	3,310	3,176	3,418	3,727	3,646	**3,455**
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	14,850	10,186	12,163	12,816	13,733	**12,750**
Other Vehicles	125	106	165	181	114	**138**
Missing Data	4,213	1,988	3,307	1,634	3,675	**2,963**
Total Vehicles	89,938	66,025	75,220	75,277	79,133	77,119

[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.

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Table 14: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in New Mexico, 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	114	4,842	1,165	16	817	4	49	**7,007**
20-24	10	186	5,913	1,360	209	1,070	1	102	**8,851**
25-29	18	110	4,381	1,295	398	1,274	2	91	**7,569**
30-34	15	113	3,801	1,412	456	1,445	3	75	**7,320**
35-39	31	86	3,141	1,468	416	1,477	3	81	**6,703**
40-44	18	102	2,740	1,291	406	1,110	7	74	**5,748**
45-49	27	65	2,084	1,085	390	983	2	60	**4,696**
50-54	44	65	1,946	996	328	832	10	55	**4,276**
55-59	66	60	1,744	997	337	726	7	54	**3,991**
60-64	55	57	1,727	932	234	824	7	39	**3,875**
65-69	29	47	1,455	750	151	724	16	41	**3,213**
70 +	24	41	2,865	1,134	67	1,328	25	76	**5,560**
Missing Data	10	92	3,339	1,635	238	1,123	27	2,878	**9,342**
Total Drivers	**347**	**1,138**	**39,978**	**15,520**	**3,646**	**13,733**	**114**	**3,675**	**78,151**

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

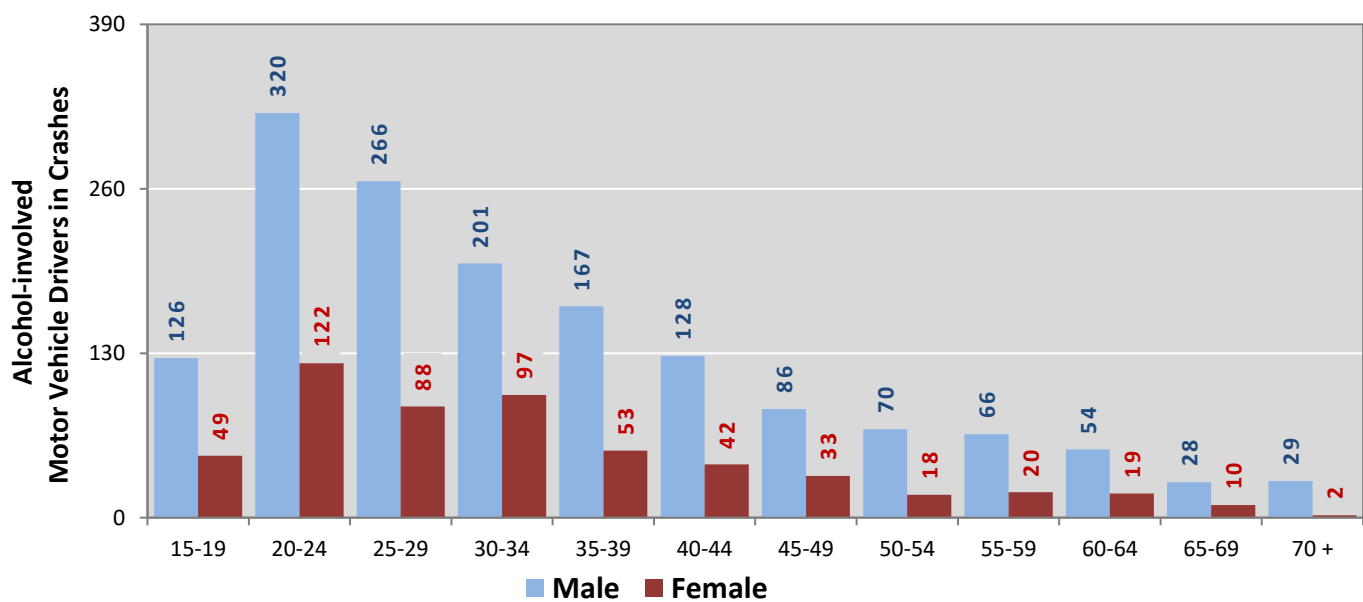| Age Groups	Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle[1] Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi / Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	4	124	33	0	15	0	0	**176**
20-24	0	15	306	71	1	51	0	1	**445**
25-29	0	13	217	66	1	58	0	0	**355**
30-34	0	9	165	64	5	56	0	1	**300**
35-39	0	8	104	66	3	39	0	0	**220**
40-44	0	10	83	44	1	31	1	0	**170**
45-49	0	4	55	30	0	30	0	0	**119**
50-54	0	6	39	20	2	21	0	0	**88**
55-59	1	5	46	25	1	7	0	1	**86**
60-64	0	1	34	15	1	22	0	0	**73**
65-69	0	1	14	14	1	8	0	0	**38**
70 +	0	0	15	11	0	5	0	0	**31**
Missing Data	0	2	50	18	1	11	0	2	**84**
Total Drivers	**1**	**78**	**1,252**	**477**	**17**	**354**	**1**	**5**	**2,185**

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

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Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in New Mexico, 2023

Age Group	Male	Female
15-19	3,975	2,935
20-24	5,106	3,549
25-29	4,364	3,040
30-34	4,201	3,003
35-39	3,846	2,752
40-44	3,348	2,306
45-49	2,774	1,843
50-54	2,470	1,741
55-59	2,400	1,533
60-64	2,265	1,563
65-69	1,830	1,343
70 +	3,172	2,321
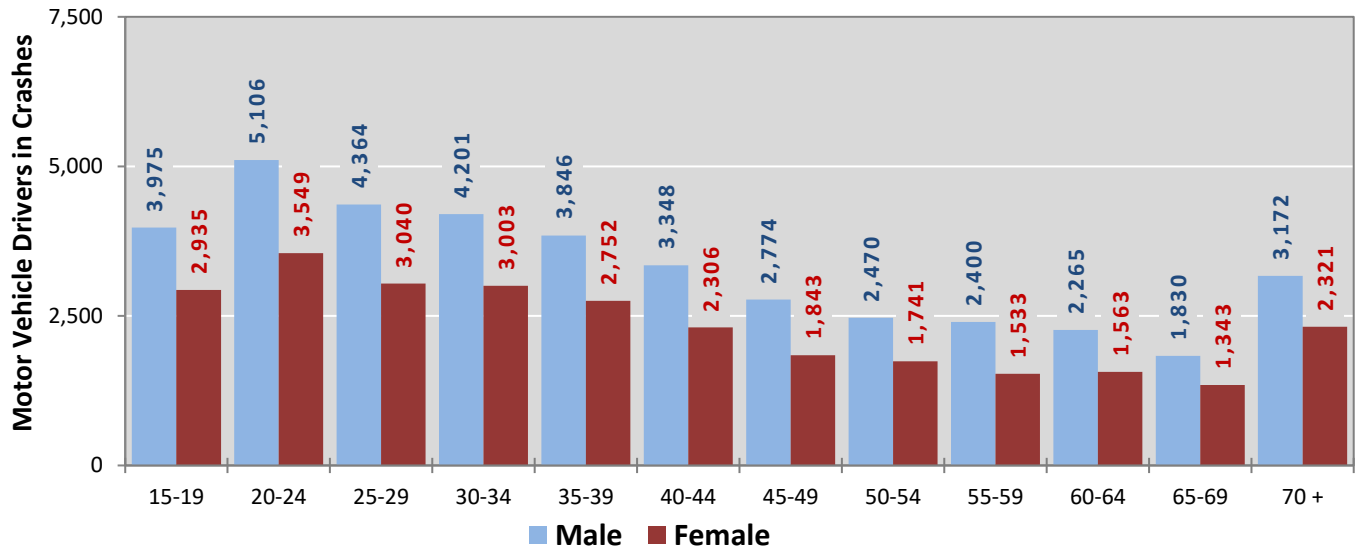
* In 2023, New Mexico had 10471 drivers in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

Figure 7: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in New Mexico, 2023

Age Group	Male	Female
15-19	126	49
20-24	320	122
25-29	266	88
30-34	201	97
35-39	167	53
40-44	128	42
45-49	86	33
50-54	70	18
55-59	66	20
60-64	54	19
65-69	28	10
70 +	29	2

* In 2023, New Mexico had 91 drivers in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

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**Table 16: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers
Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes in New Mexico, 2019-2023**

Age[1]	Year					5-Year Total
	2019	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
15	7	7	1	4	2	**21**
16	6	17	7	10	17	**57**
17	30	20	28	21	29	**128**
18	40	43	55	41	57	**236**
19	49	58	49	65	70	**291**
20	63	64	63	66	73	**329**
Total Drivers	**195**	**209**	**203**	**207**	**248**	**1,062**

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes
by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in New Mexico, 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	229	158	387	**4%**	1	1	2	**1%**
16	690	507	1,197	**14%**	12	5	17	**7%**
17	890	679	1,569	**18%**	21	8	29	**12%**
18	1,052	811	1,863	**21%**	45	12	57	**23%**
19	1,114	780	1,894	**22%**	47	23	70	**28%**
20	1,101	779	1,880	**21%**	57	16	73	**29%**
Total Drivers	**5,076**	**3,714**	**8,790**	**100%**	**183**	**65**	**248**	**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.

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Table 18: Frequency of Contributing Factors in Crashes by Crash Severity in New Mexico, 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	**968**	**20,125**	**34,345**	**55,438**
Driver Inattention	161	6,128	10,977	**17,266**
Failed to Yield Right of Way	28	2,722	3,649	**6,399**
Other Improper Driving	89	1,498	2,951	**4,538**
Following Too Closely	7	1,440	3,038	**4,485**
Excessive Speed	99	1,348	1,562	**3,009**
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	158	989	1,157	**2,304**
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	20	657	1,346	**2,023**
Disregarded Traffic Signal	14	983	1,007	**2,004**
Improper Lane Change	11	402	1,579	**1,992**
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	15	708	1,050	**1,773**
Made Improper Turn	11	519	1,220	**1,750**
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	34	620	1,028	**1,682**
Drove Left of Center	49	360	649	**1,058**
Improper Overtaking	5	211	596	**812**
Passed Stop Sign	6	371	415	**792**
Avoid No Contact Other	10	231	500	**741**
Improper Backing	1	52	649	**702**
Cell Phone	5	189	339	**533**
Under the Influence Of Drugs	166	180	183	**529**
Pedestrian Error	59	218	18	**295**
Driver Distracted by Passenger	2	85	77	**164**
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	6	41	79	**126**
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	2	49	68	**119**
Driver Distracted By Texting	3	40	69	**112**
High-Speed Pursuit	5	37	46	**88**
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	1	21	37	**59**
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	1	15	23	**39**
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	9	30	**39**
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	2	3	**5**
Vehicle	**32**	**621**	**1,280**	**1,933**
Other Mechanical Defect	8	152	336	**496**
Inadequate Brakes	1	176	292	**469**
Defective Tires	10	86	240	**336**
Defective Steering	2	56	117	**175**
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	7	69	75	**151**
Wheels	1	25	59	**85**
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	1	8	59	**68**
Wipers	1	17	31	**49**
Windows/Windshield	0	15	23	**38**
Mirrors	0	10	24	**34**
Exhaust System	1	4	15	**20**
Suspension	0	3	9	**12**
Environment	**54**	**1,826**	**4,731**	**6,611**
Animal(s) In Roadway	4	226	1,381	**1,611**
Traffic Congestion	15	416	682	**1,113**
Weather Conditions	11	363	730	**1,104**
Road Surface Conditions	7	265	585	**857**
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	1	155	240	**396**
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	146	197	**343**
Obstruction in Road	12	105	217	**334**
Backup - Prior Crash	1	49	281	**331**
Debris	3	44	228	**275**
Road Defect	0	27	100	**127**
Backup - Prior Incident	0	7	55	**62**
Traffic Control Missing	0	22	30	**52**
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	1	5	**6**
Other	**312**	**11,822**	**26,804**	**38,938**
Other - No Driver Error	293	10,718	19,064	**30,075**
Missing Data	16	678	6,681	**7,375**
None	3	426	1,059	**1,488**
Total	**1,366**	**34,394**	**67,160**	**102,920**

[1] Multiple contributing factors may be reported for any vehicle in a crash.

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Table 19: People in Crashes by First Harmful Event and Severity of Injuries in New Mexico, 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	**3**	**8**	**94**	**124**	**2,624**	**2,853**
Deer	0	4	34	48	1,352	**1,438**
Elk	2	1	24	36	516	**579**
Cattle/Cow	1	1	19	23	317	**361**
Small Domestic Animal	0	1	6	3	146	**156**
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	2	69	**71**
Horse	0	1	2	4	37	**44**
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	4	2	37	**43**
Antelope	0	0	0	1	32	**33**
Bear	0	0	2	0	16	**18**
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	1	0	15	**16**
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	5	**5**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	2	5	82	**89**
Collision with Fixed Object	**53**	**172**	**865**	**708**	**4,894**	**6,692**
Guardrail, End or Face	9	17	90	103	650	**869**
Curb	5	18	94	82	660	**859**
Fence	4	20	87	59	517	**687**
Other Fixed Object	5	15	67	58	457	**602**
Other Post, Pole or Support	1	8	45	45	393	**492**
Utility Pole/Light Support	3	5	64	37	301	**410**
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	3	10	70	56	239	**378**
Tree (standing)	7	23	76	49	200	**355**
Wall or Building	2	9	42	40	168	**261**
Traffic Sign Support	1	8	20	13	200	**242**
Median	0	5	25	26	185	**241**
Embankment	6	7	45	16	123	**197**
Ditch	6	6	29	35	115	**191**
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	2	8	10	113	**133**
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	1	2	16	13	75	**107**
Culvert	0	6	10	15	27	**58**
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	7	66	47	382	**502**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	4	11	4	89	**108**
Collision with Motor Vehicle	**180**	**682**	**3,555**	**10,526**	**70,590**	**85,533**
MV in Transport	176	641	3,444	10,288	63,191	**77,740**
Parked MV	4	19	77	107	3,254	**3,461**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	22	34	131	4,145	**4,332**
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	**5**	**19**	**87**	**77**	**1,320**	**1,508**
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	1	4	4	244	**253**
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	1	0	1	3	42	**47**
Railway Vehicle	0	1	0	0	14	**15**
Other Non-fixed Object	4	16	78	65	909	**1,072**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	4	5	111	**121**
Collision with Person	**121**	**161**	**437**	**253**	**1,264**	**2,236**
Pedestrian	107	129	256	165	827	**1,484**
Pedalcycle	12	27	162	77	385	**663**
Other Non-Motorist	2	5	17	9	45	**78**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	2	2	7	**11**
Non-Collision	**74**	**185**	**647**	**400**	**1,763**	**3,069**
Overturn/Rollover	73	143	474	295	746	**1,731**
Jackknife	0	1	1	5	111	**118**
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	5	2	76	**83**
Fell/Jumped from MV	1	5	40	8	26	**80**
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	5	1	61	**67**
Fire/Explosion	0	0	1	0	46	**47**
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	2	1	3	5	**11**
Other Non-Collision	0	33	112	80	628	**853**
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	8	6	64	**79**
Other	**0**	**0**	**15**	**7**	**601**	**623**
Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1,261**	**1,262**
Total People	**436**	**1,227**	**5,700**	**12,096**	**84,317**	**103,776**

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

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured [1,2]				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	6	1%	9	3%	15
5-9	18	4%	15	5%	33
10-14	13	3%	16	5%	29
15-19	77	15%	54	17%	131
20-24	77	15%	49	15%	126
25-29	63	12%	32	10%	95
30-34	49	10%	38	12%	87
35-39	42	8%	28	9%	70
40-44	45	9%	15	5%	60
45-49	20	4%	11	3%	31
50-54	20	4%	11	3%	31
55-59	21	4%	9	3%	30
60-64	17	3%	13	4%	30
65-69	12	2%	7	2%	19
70 +	22	4%	12	4%	34
Missing Data	3	1%	3	1%	6
Total People	505	100%	322	100%	827

[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 New Mexico, 2019-2023

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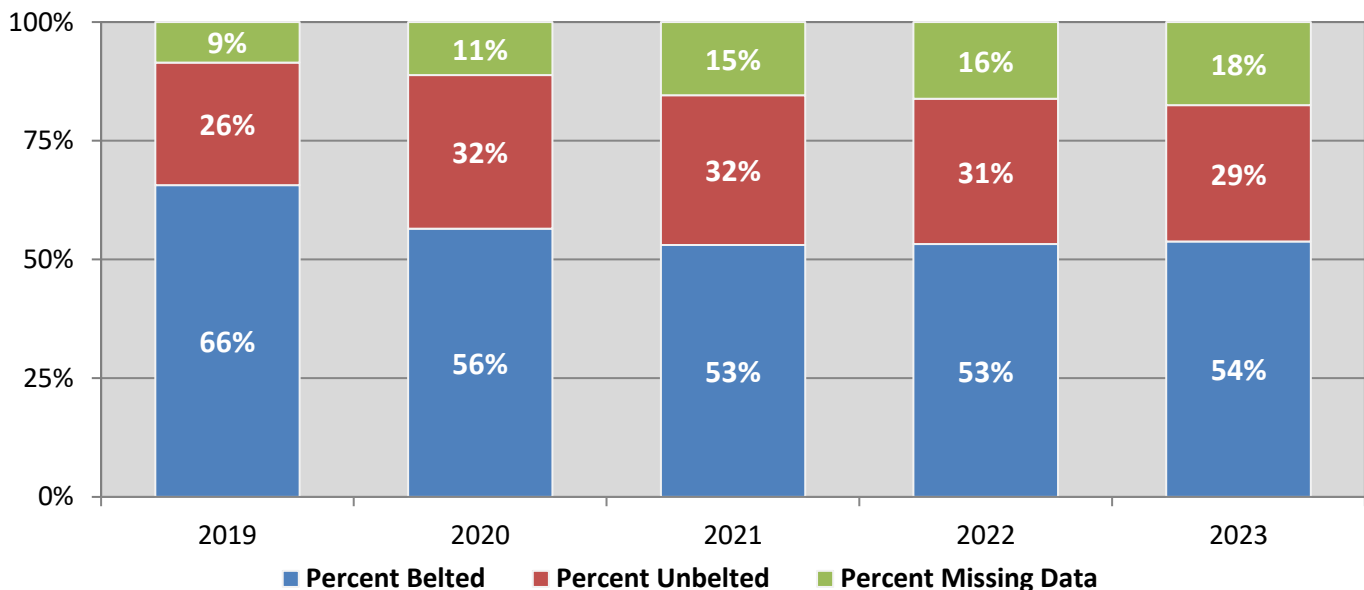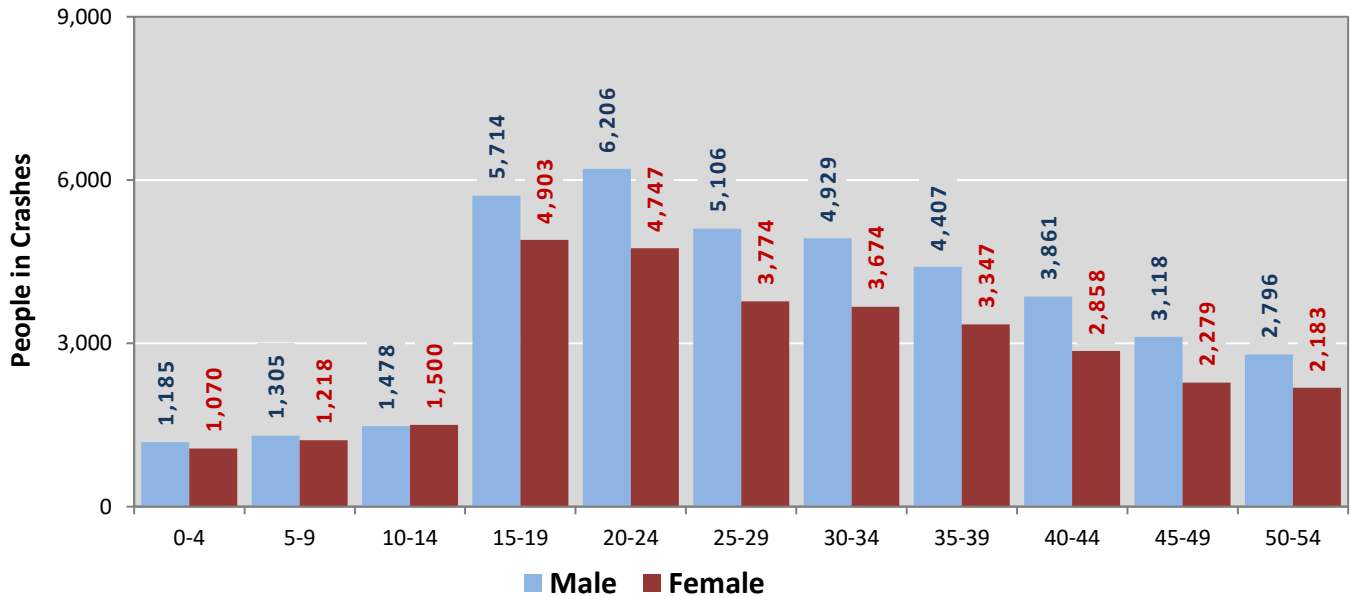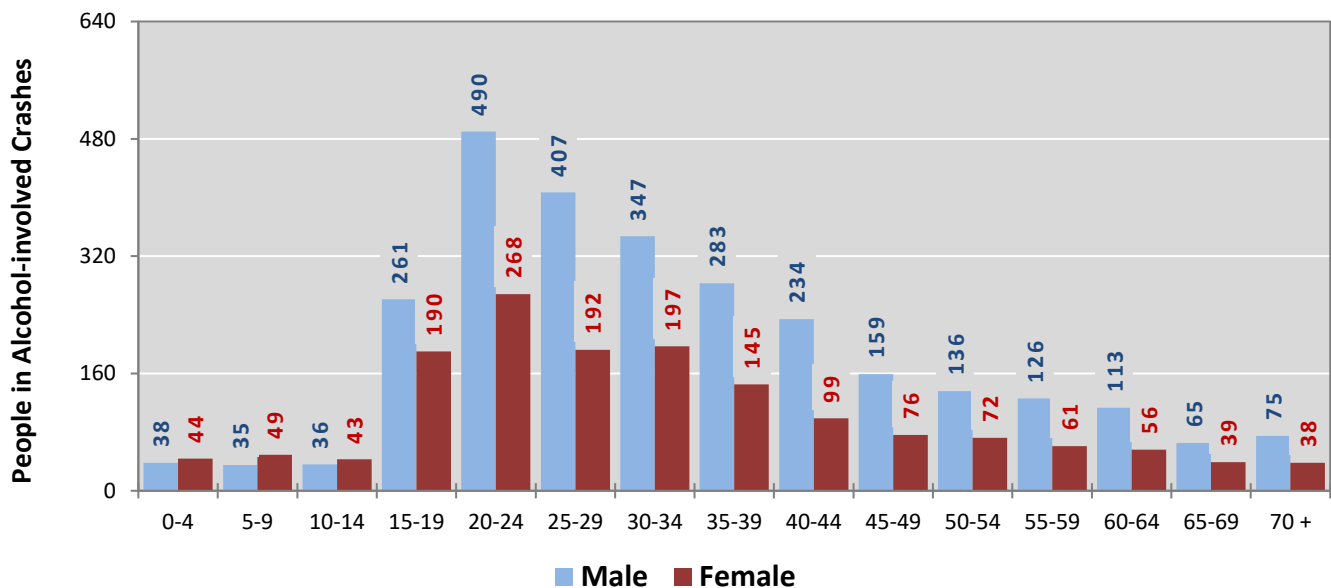
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Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in New Mexico, 2023

* In 2023, New Mexico had 8543 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

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

* In 2023, New Mexico had 436 people in alcohol-involved crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

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Table 21: All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists in Crashes by Age Group in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists[1] in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
0-4	6	8	5	10	3	32
5-9	19	9	13	14	8	63
10-14	48	26	38	39	28	179
15-19	78	48	56	64	68	314
20-24	71	41	63	73	74	322
25-29	109	66	88	81	84	428
30-34	81	76	84	92	112	445
35-39	105	71	80	80	115	451
40-44	79	53	51	77	82	342
45-49	57	56	54	49	57	273
50-54	76	63	55	67	63	324
55-59	79	73	65	66	45	328
60-64	72	55	52	49	63	291
65-69	43	33	30	33	47	186
70 +	53	36	44	56	75	264
Missing Data	59	47	39	51	58	254
Total People	**1,035**	**761**	**817**	**901**	**982**	**4,496**

Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in New Mexico, 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	**12**	**25**	**162**	**74**	**30**	**303**
Involved	5	0	6	1	0	**12**
Not Involved	7	25	156	73	30	**291**
All Pedestrians	**108**	**122**	**262**	**157**	**30**	**679**
Involved	53	17	25	12	3	**110**
Not Involved	55	105	237	145	27	**569**
Total People	**120**	**147**	**424**	**231**	**60**	**982**

[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.

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Table 23: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes by Severity of Injuries and Belt Usage in New Mexico, 2023

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles[1]			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	83	151	1	235
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	494	156	187	837
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	3,519	310	681	4,510
Possible Injuries	C	9,643	213	1,524	11,380
No Apparent Injuries	O	55,285	421	19,550	75,256
Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles		**69,024**	**1,251**	**21,943**	**92,218**

[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 New Mexico, 2023

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes[1]			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	27	28	0	55
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	74	59	37	170
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	236	148	116	500
Possible Injuries	C	77	20	48	145
No Apparent Injuries	O	60	25	103	188
Total Motorcyclists		**474**	**280**	**304**	**1,058**

[1] Excludes people on ATVs.

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

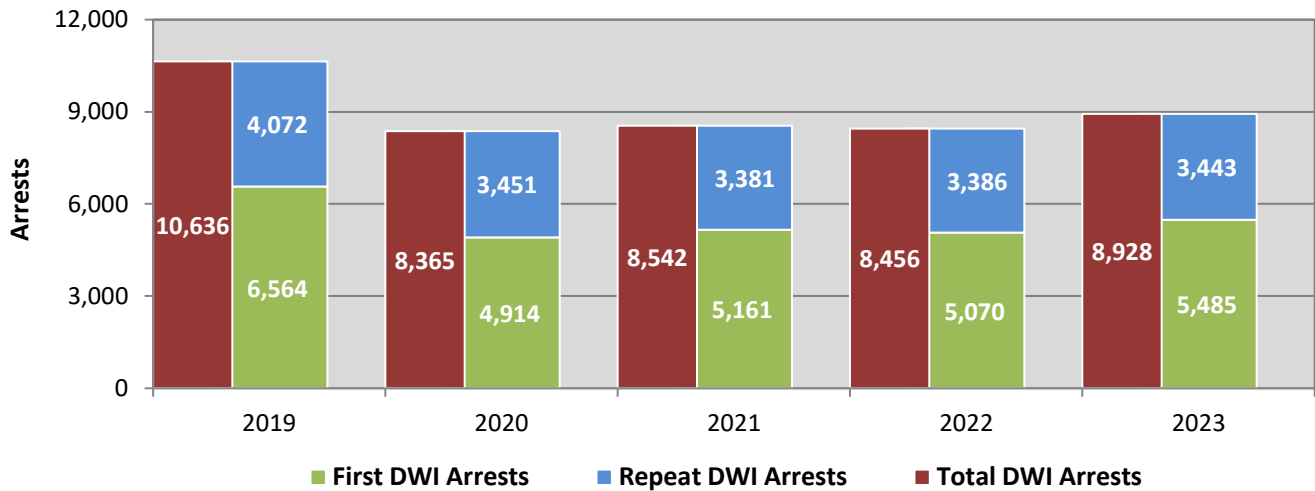| Year	Occupant Fatalities of Passenger Vehicles[1]				Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles[1]				Percent Killed	
	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Belted	Unbelted
2019	114	141	0	255	84,892	1,132	21,607	107,631	0.13%	12.5%
2020	85	159	0	244	58,703	1,107	17,478	77,288	0.14%	14.4%
2021	103	184	0	287	65,793	1,324	21,880	88,997	0.16%	13.9%
2022	106	180	0	286	68,410	1,280	20,869	90,559	0.15%	14.1%
2023	83	151	1	235	69,024	1,251	21,943	92,218	0.12%	12.1%
Average	98.2	163.0	0.2	261.4	69,364.4	1,218.8	20,755.4	91,338.6	0.14%	13.4%

[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 New Mexico, 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	18	37	0	55	431	318	355	1,104	4.2%	11.6%
2020	19	27	0	46	387	339	243	969	4.9%	8.0%
2021	20	35	0	55	413	369	260	1,042	4.8%	9.5%
2022	25	29	0	54	462	295	264	1,021	5.4%	9.8%
2023	27	28	0	55	474	280	304	1,058	5.7%	10.0%
Average	21.8	31.2	0.0	53.0	433.4	320.2	285.2	1,038.8	5.0%	9.7%

[1] Excludes people on ATVs.

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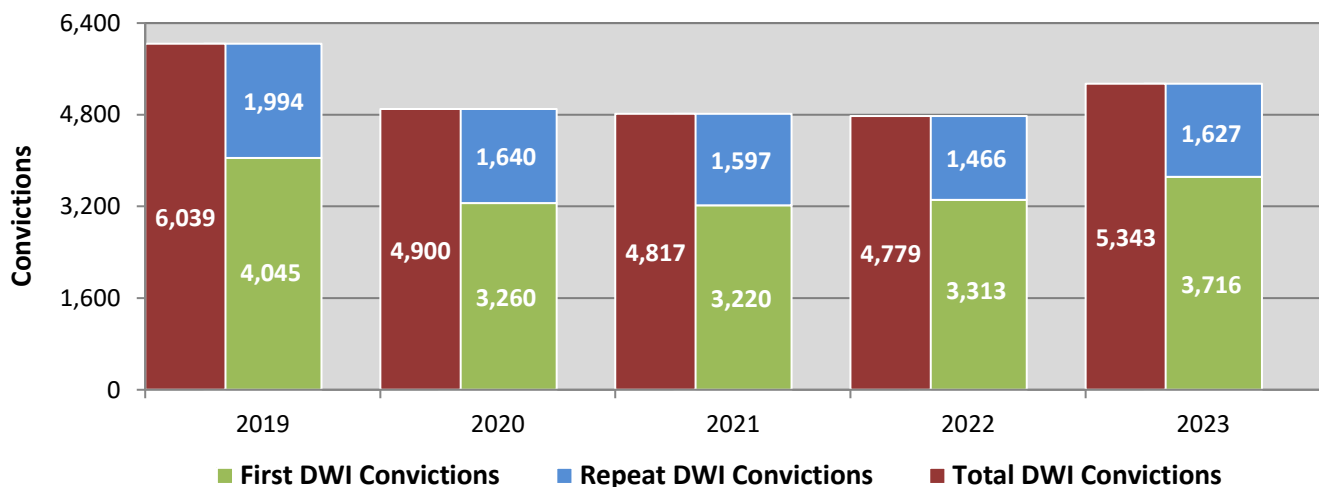### Figure 11: DWI Arrests in New Mexico Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2019-2023
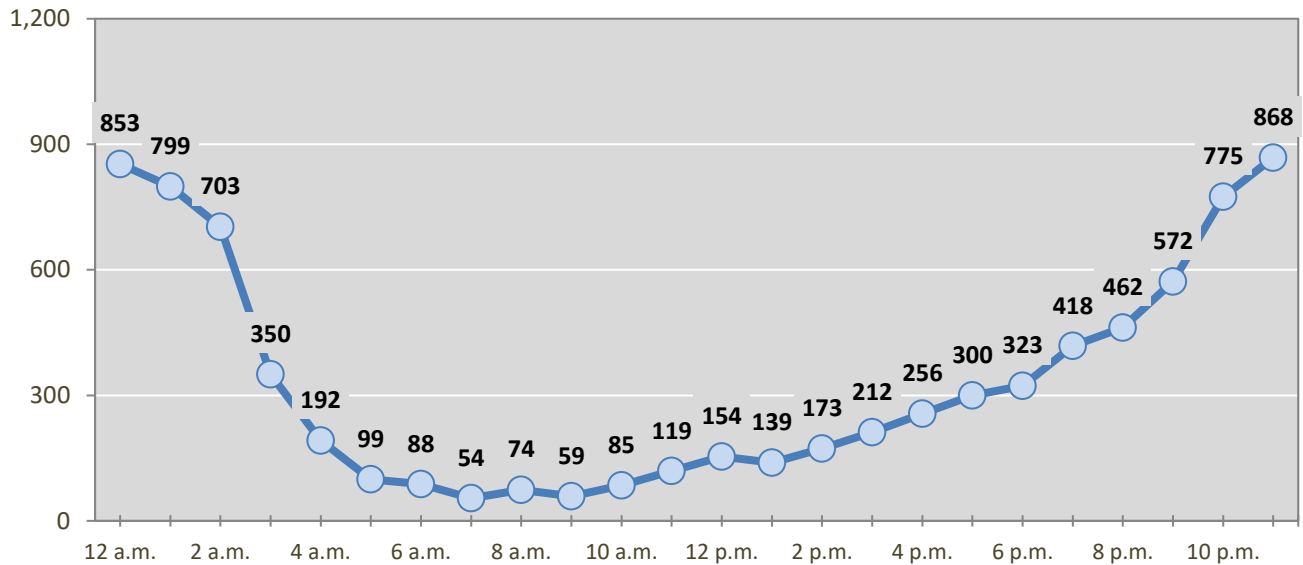

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Figure 12: DWI Convictions in New Mexico Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2019-2023

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Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in New Mexico, 2023

* In 2023, New Mexico had 801 arrests for which hour data were missing.

Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	1,996	1,454	1,547	1,563	1,750	**1,662**
Monday	885	733	803	790	839	**810**
Tuesday	864	779	822	775	797	**807**
Wednesday	1,062	984	922	820	911	**940**
Thursday	1,387	1,191	1,058	1,129	1,144	**1,182**
Friday	1,849	1,452	1,547	1,452	1,479	**1,556**
Saturday	2,593	1,772	1,843	1,927	2,008	**2,029**
Total Arrests	**10,636**	**8,365**	**8,542**	**8,456**	**8,928**	**8,985**

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Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests[1]				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	451	415	385	371	421
20-24	1,636	1,230	1,215	1,185	1,323
25-29	1,440	1,055	1,100	991	1,045
30-34	911	697	797	821	911
35-39	636	490	557	540	584
40-44	456	297	337	362	375
45-49	336	251	255	253	265
50-54	239	168	168	175	202
55-59	177	141	151	172	156
60-64	133	106	115	108	92
65-69	86	36	56	52	64
70 +	60	25	25	39	43
Missing Data	3	3	0	1	4
Total Drivers	**6,564**	**4,914**	**5,161**	**5,070**	**5,485**

[1] Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests[1]				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	29	39	30	28	32
20-24	380	279	305	247	276
25-29	606	574	511	497	484
30-34	694	597	611	608	593
35-39	635	509	570	555	540
40-44	495	442	438	448	427
45-49	394	296	273	288	346
50-54	306	290	215	237	263
55-59	267	206	196	209	212
60-64	166	138	137	147	153
65-69	64	50	58	80	77
70 +	36	31	37	42	40
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	**4,072**	**3,451**	**3,381**	**3,386**	**3,443**

[1] Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

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Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions[1]				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	206	193	208	180	186
20-24	1,011	825	782	789	924
25-29	913	687	714	731	738
30-34	571	468	489	522	641
35-39	385	328	349	369	394
40-44	274	218	209	227	273
45-49	216	176	169	171	193
50-54	173	140	102	96	123
55-59	130	86	90	105	109
60-64	88	85	70	76	69
65-69	50	34	28	29	31
70 +	28	20	10	18	35
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	**4,045**	**3,260**	**3,220**	**3,313**	**3,716**

[1] Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions[1]				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	11	4	7	8	4
20-24	148	137	109	93	105
25-29	276	261	255	219	227
30-34	354	287	279	300	288
35-39	334	269	244	225	284
40-44	239	182	238	221	201
45-49	203	138	154	119	142
50-54	152	143	115	105	142
55-59	158	127	93	79	109
60-64	69	67	67	51	79
65-69	36	15	25	36	34
70 +	14	10	11	10	12
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	**1,994**	**1,640**	**1,597**	**1,466**	**1,627**

[1] Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2023

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest[1]	Statewide Totals
Total DWI Arrests	8,928
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	4,782
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals[2]	790
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	3,356

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 New Mexico, 2023
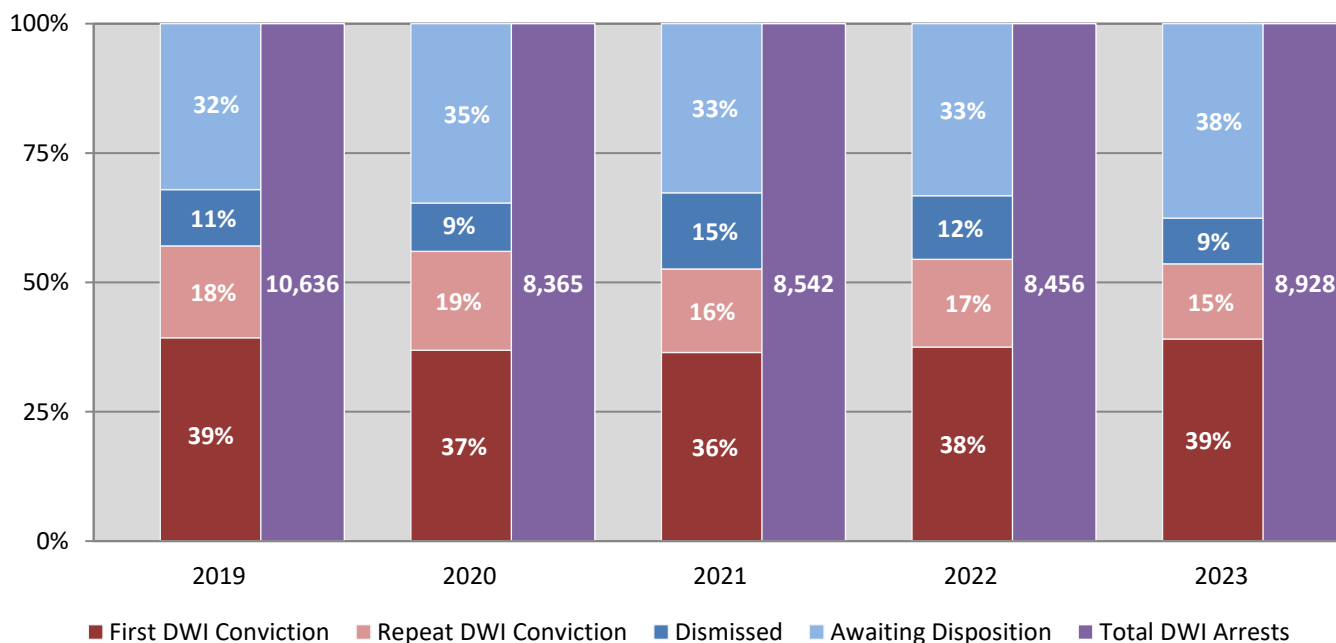
Court Disposition	Statewide
DWI Conviction	172
DWI Dismissal	149

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Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2019-2023

Year of DWI Arrest[1]	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	**Repeat DWI Conviction**	**Dismissed**	**Awaiting Disposition**	
2019	4,183	1,884	1,158	3,411	10,636
2020	3,084	1,601	779	2,901	8,365
2021	3,114	1,378	1,257	2,793	8,542
2022	3,174	1,430	1,041	2,811	8,456
2023	3,486	1,296	790	3,356	8,928

[1] Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2019-2023

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

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