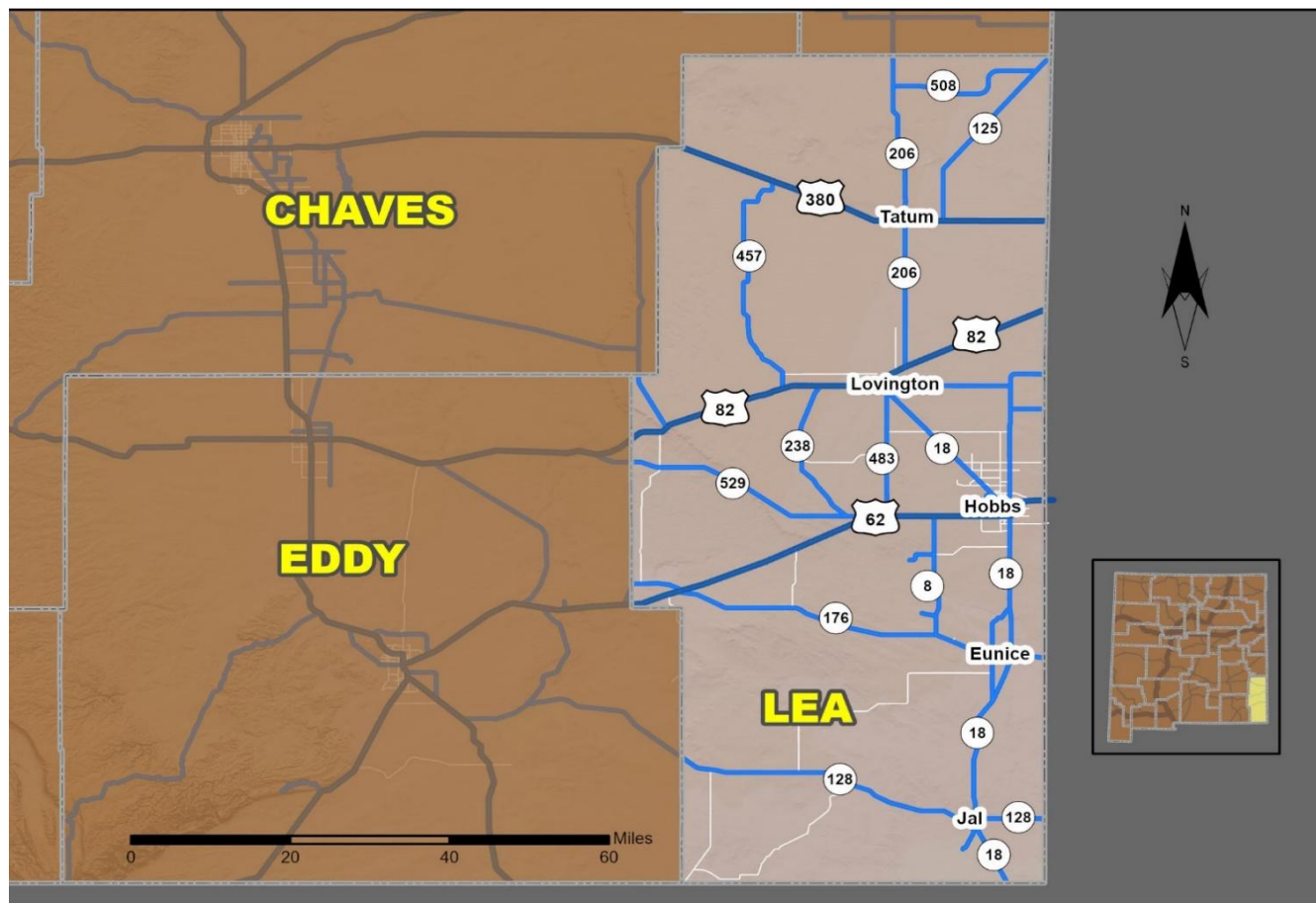


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Lea County



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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>.

**Table 1: Total Crashes and Alcohol-involved Crashes by
Crash Severity in Lea County, 2015-2024**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2015	12	316	692	1,020	4	28	18	50
2016	11	307	689	1,007	5	13	21	39
2017	14	337	702	1,053	3	15	19	37
2018	26	535	1,202	1,763	11	31	35	77
2019	18	590	1,329	1,937	9	31	42	82
2020	13	418	971	1,402	3	30	32	65
2021	13	466	1,017	1,496	4	29	27	60
2022	17	599	1,124	1,740	5	27	28	60
2023	14	670	1,290	1,974	2	29	49	80
2024	30	674	1,360	2,064	8	36	28	72

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with
Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Lea County, 2015-2024**

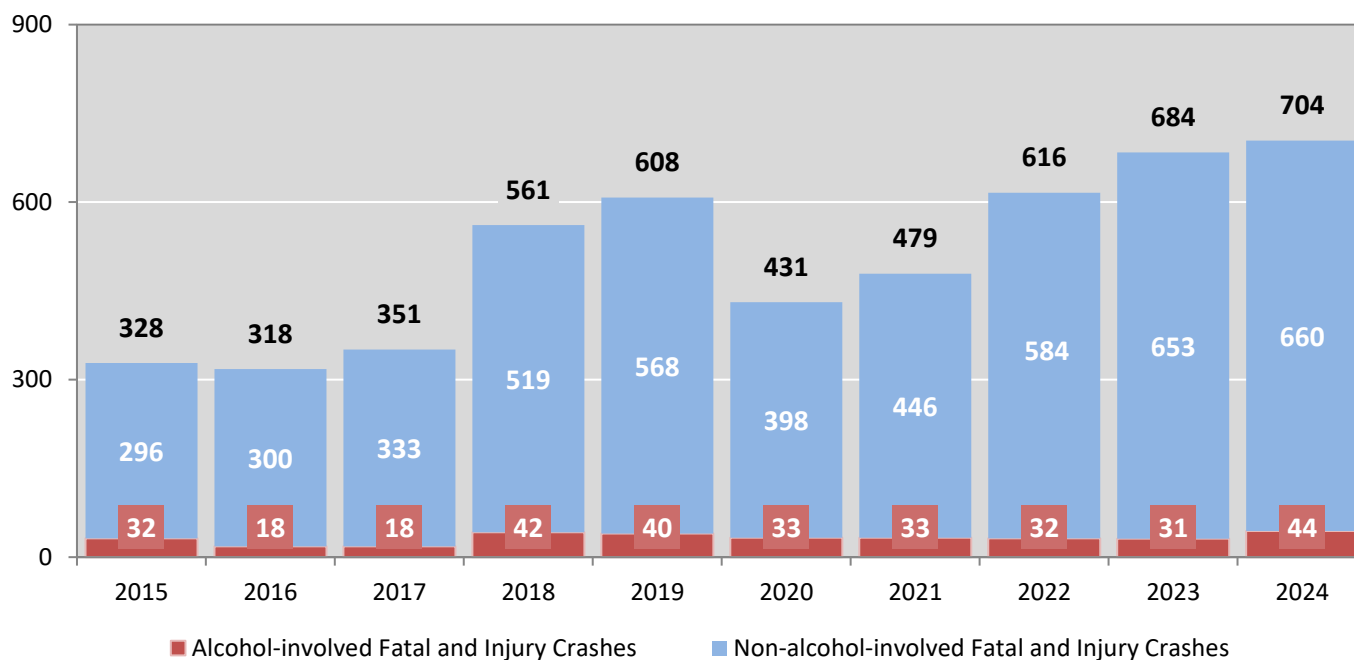


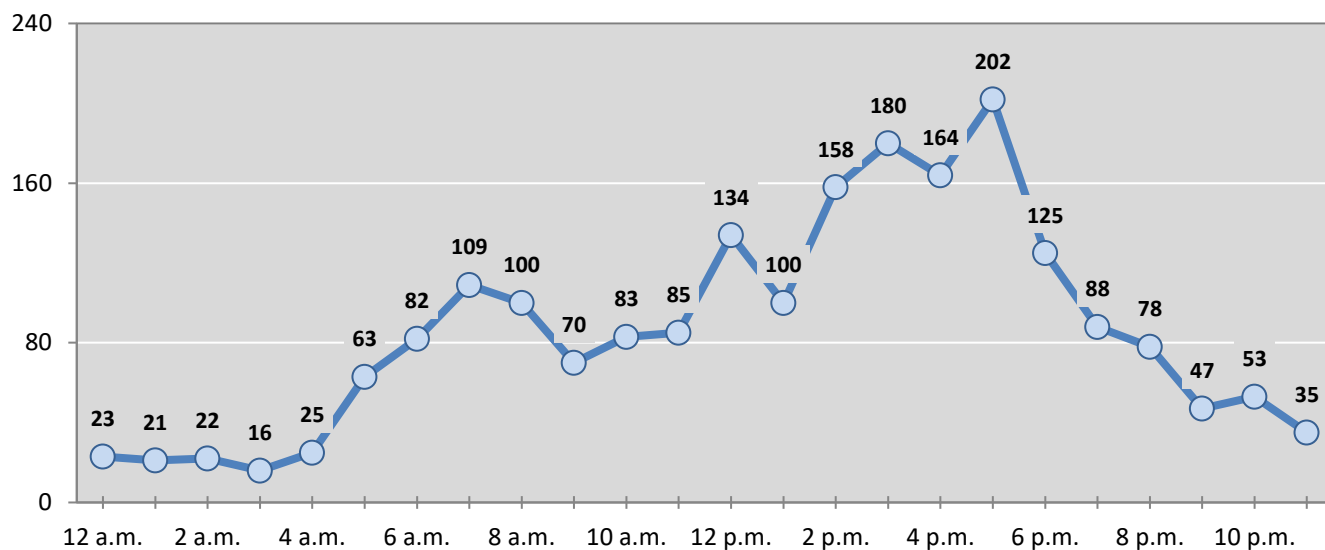
Table 2: Crashes by Month in Lea County, 2020-2024

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
January	170	94	150	152	158	145
February	146	94	113	131	160	129
March	145	127	146	141	166	145
April	88	111	139	167	192	139
May	89	129	163	199	169	150
June	109	129	121	149	168	135
July	91	108	137	144	149	126
August	153	159	156	189	173	166
September	123	156	150	149	161	148
October	98	143	144	177	196	152
November	94	112	171	179	186	148
December	96	134	150	197	186	153
Total Crashes	1,402	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	1,735

Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Lea County, 2020-2024

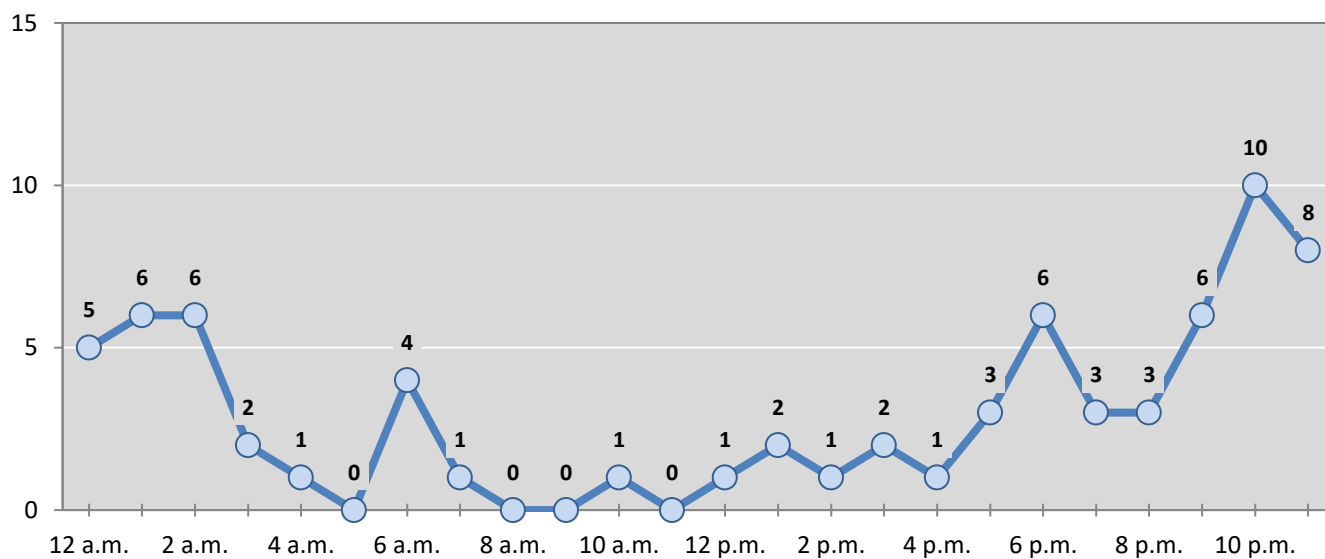
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
January	6	3	6	1	7	5
February	6	2	3	2	4	3
March	7	5	4	6	7	6
April	3	7	4	8	3	5
May	10	6	5	7	3	6
June	2	6	4	11	11	7
July	4	4	9	6	6	6
August	6	5	7	10	5	7
September	5	6	5	9	9	7
October	2	7	7	4	5	5
November	8	5	4	2	7	5
December	6	4	2	14	5	6
Total Crashes	65	60	60	80	72	67

Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 1 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 0 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.

Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	154	173	175	203	217	184
Monday	227	245	232	299	316	264
Tuesday	189	267	242	338	336	274
Wednesday	230	216	317	295	297	271
Thursday	224	214	273	279	318	262
Friday	228	217	279	345	361	286
Saturday	150	164	222	215	219	194
Total Crashes	1,402	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	1,735

Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	9	25	20	27	16	19
Monday	47	31	33	53	64	46
Tuesday	25	32	43	47	58	41
Wednesday	35	38	60	46	55	47
Thursday	31	29	51	37	57	41
Friday	29	19	31	42	49	34
Saturday	19	15	18	28	24	21
Total Crashes	195	189	256	280	323	249

Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes ¹					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	6	6	4	5	7	6
Monday	0	4	2	7	2	3
Tuesday	2	5	1	3	8	4
Wednesday	5	2	2	1	5	3
Thursday	6	3	5	3	5	4
Friday	3	3	5	4	4	4
Saturday	5	3	3	6	6	5
Total Crashes	27	26	22	29	37	28

¹ "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.

Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	13	12	13	23	23	17
Monday	11	4	9	9	4	7
Tuesday	5	5	4	4	4	4
Wednesday	7	6	4	5	3	5
Thursday	9	5	8	10	1	7
Friday	9	13	9	8	15	11
Saturday	11	15	13	21	22	16
Total Crashes	65	60	60	80	72	67

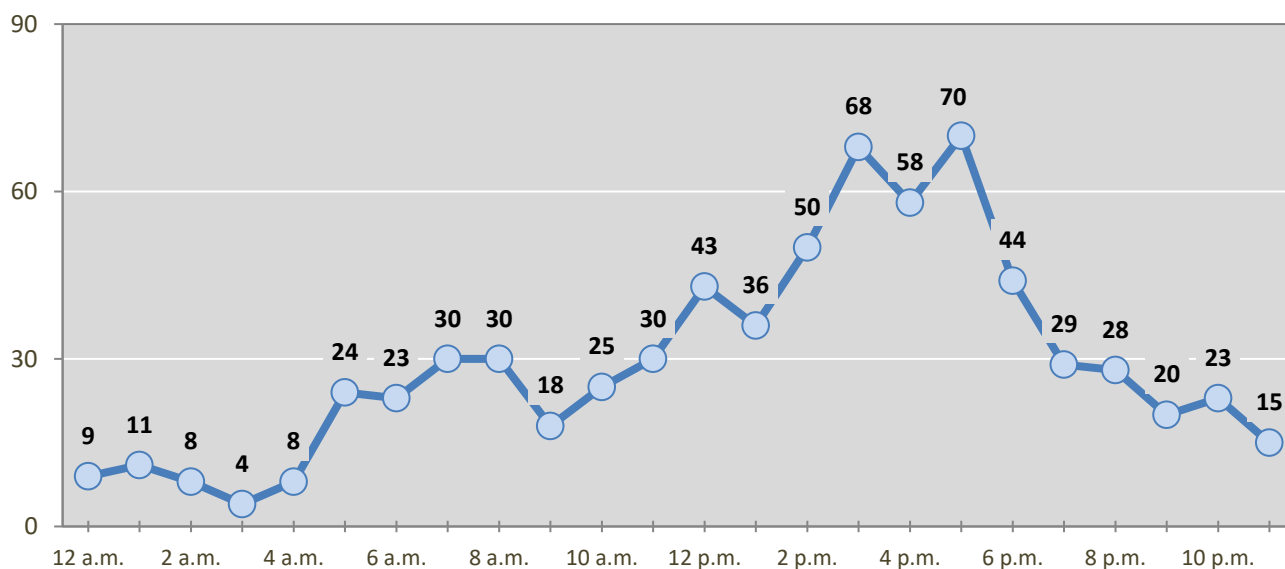
Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	43	55	60	71	73	60
Monday	72	86	93	120	91	92
Tuesday	57	83	82	112	116	90
Wednesday	63	73	107	103	112	92
Thursday	76	59	103	86	105	86
Friday	72	63	97	124	123	96
Saturday	48	60	74	68	84	67
Total Crashes	431	479	616	684	704	583

Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

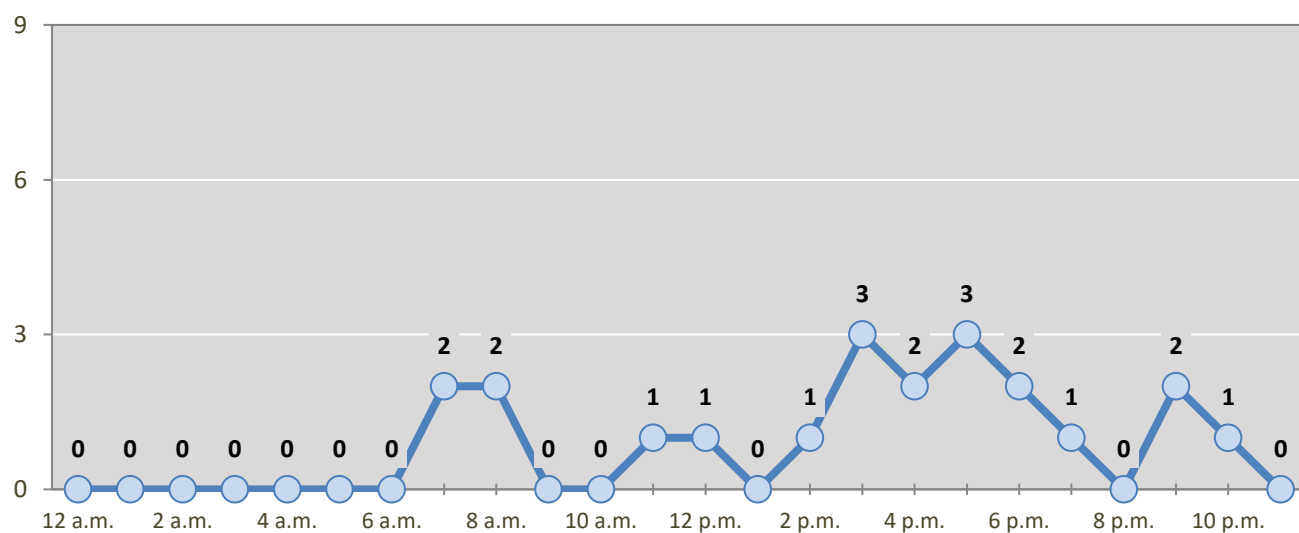
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	1	1	4	3	4	3
Monday	3	3	2	3	1	2
Tuesday	3	3	4	2	5	3
Wednesday	0	1	6	2	1	2
Thursday	1	3	7	3	3	3
Friday	8	1	2	5	4	4
Saturday	4	3	3	3	3	3
Total Crashes	20	15	28	21	21	21

Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County 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 Lea County, 2024

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	8	9	22	34	88	161
Urban	4	5	12	30	79	130
Rural Non-Interstate	4	4	10	4	9	31
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
People in Crashes	31	78	316	625	4,211	5,261
Urban	9	25	201	502	3,218	3,955
Rural Non-Interstate	22	53	115	123	993	1,306
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes	26%	12%	7%	5%	2%	3%

Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity in Lea County, 2020-2024

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Total Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Total Rural Non-Interstate	470	435	581	580	607	534
Fatal Crash	11	10	14	11	21	13
Injury Crash	140	135	205	185	191	171
Property Damage Only Crash	319	290	362	384	395	350
Total Urban	932	1,061	1,159	1,394	1,457	1,200
Fatal Crash	2	3	3	3	9	4
Injury Crash	278	331	394	485	483	394
Property Damage Only Crash	652	727	762	906	965	802

Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Lea County, 2020-2024

First Harmful Event ¹	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Collision with Animal	72	54	55	70	44	59
Collision with Fixed Object	156	147	154	146	159	152
Collision with Motor Vehicle	1,020	1,146	1,350	1,582	1,687	1,357
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	40	26	25	25	38	31
Collision with Person	16	15	28	22	21	20
Pedalcycle	6	6	8	9	7	7
Pedestrian	10	7	19	10	14	12
Other Non-Motorist	0	2	1	2	0	1
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	1	0	0
Non-Collision	85	91	93	115	115	100
Overturn/Rollover	68	66	70	75	62	68
All Other Non-Collision	17	25	23	40	53	32
Other	7	17	35	14	0	15
Missing Data	6	0	0	0	0	1
Total Crashes	1,402	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	1,735

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 Lea County, 2020-2024

Vehicle Type ¹	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Buses	3	5	1	7	6	4
Motorcycles/ATVs	35	32	28	37	42	35
Passenger Cars	1,076	1,139	1,329	1,558	1,593	1,339
Pedalcycles	10	6	8	9	7	8
Pedestrians, All	10	9	20	15	14	14
Pickups	794	822	1,077	1,219	1,320	1,046
Semis/Heavy Trucks	215	214	307	302	381	284
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	361	444	396	449	422	414
Other Vehicles	2	3	5	1	2	3
Missing Data	24	81	82	137	127	90
Total Vehicles	2,530	2,755	3,253	3,734	3,914	3,237

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 Lea County, 2024**

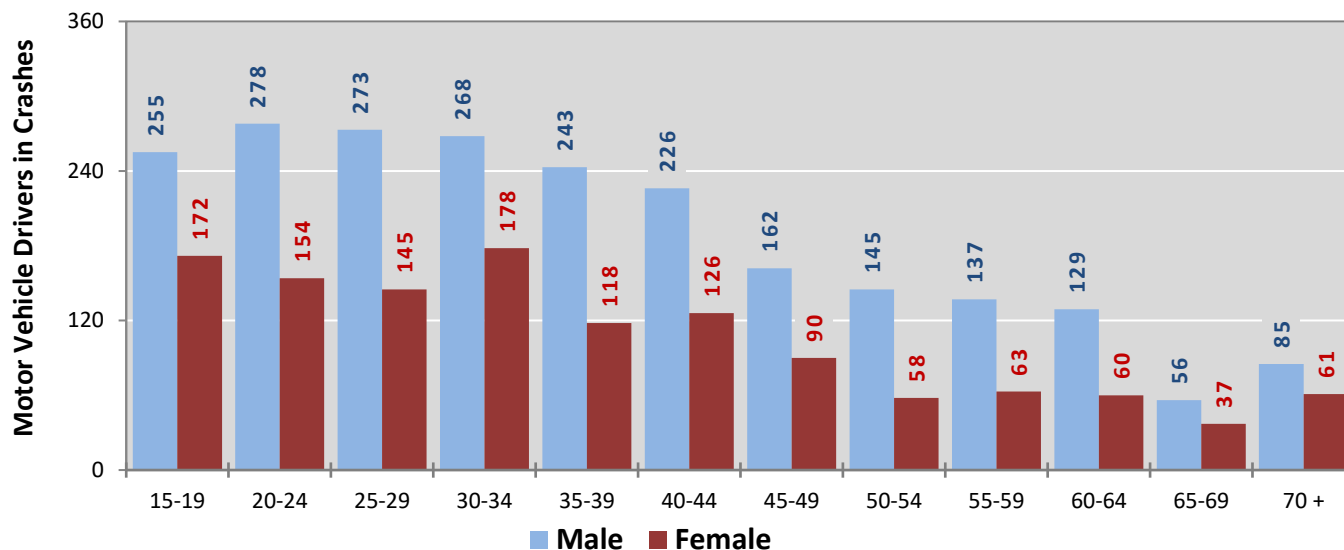
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle ¹ Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	4	272	115	3	34	0	0	428
20-24	0	8	231	140	23	31	0	1	434
25-29	1	4	179	160	41	35	0	0	420
30-34	0	5	183	155	43	61	0	0	447
35-39	0	3	115	137	49	57	0	0	361
40-44	1	4	139	123	47	38	0	0	352
45-49	1	4	86	97	30	33	0	1	252
50-54	0	3	65	73	40	25	0	0	206
55-59	2	1	56	92	31	18	0	0	200
60-64	0	2	68	66	29	26	0	0	191
65-69	0	2	37	33	9	12	0	0	93
70 +	0	0	62	44	8	33	0	0	147
Missing Data	1	2	100	85	28	19	2	125	362
Total Drivers	6	42	1,593	1,320	381	422	2	127	3,893

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type
and Age Group in Lea County, 2024**

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	7	2	0	0	0	0	9
20-24	0	1	11	7	0	1	0	0	20
25-29	0	0	11	7	0	2	0	0	20
30-34	0	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	10
35-39	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	7
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
50-54	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total Drivers	0	3	36	21	1	12	0	0	73

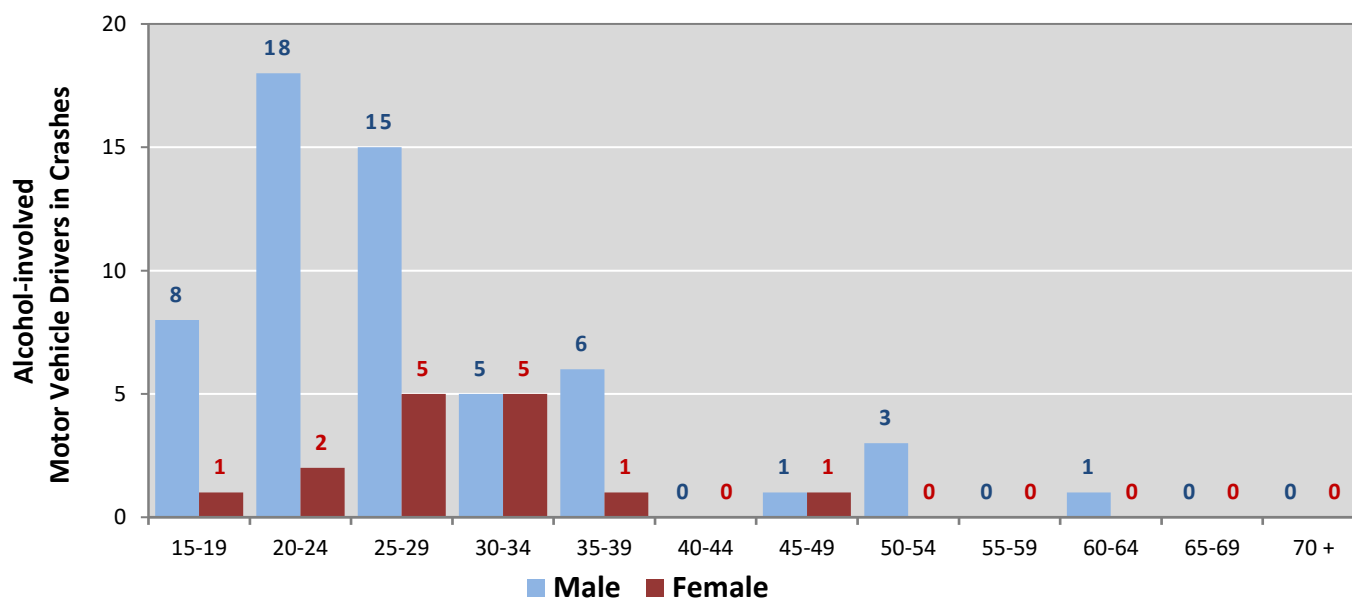
¹ See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 374 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 Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 1 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 Lea County, 2020-2024

Age ¹	Year					5-Year Total
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	1	1
17	2	1	0	3	2	8
18	2	4	0	2	2	10
19	2	1	1	2	4	10
20	1	1	3	3	4	12
Total Drivers	7	7	4	10	13	41

Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Lea County, 2024

Age ¹	Total Drivers				Alcohol-involved Drivers			
	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
15	26	14	40	8%	0	0	0	0%
16	52	33	85	17%	1	0	1	8%
17	58	39	97	19%	2	0	2	15%
18	60	45	105	21%	2	0	2	15%
19	59	41	100	20%	3	1	4	31%
20	52	26	78	15%	4	0	4	31%
Total Drivers	307	198	505	100%	12	1	13	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 Lea County, 2024**

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	90	989	1,564	2,643
Driver Inattention	16	186	339	541
Failed to Yield Right of Way	6	192	239	437
Following Too Closely	2	124	233	359
Other Improper Driving	7	79	170	256
Made Improper Turn	1	33	86	120
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	0	39	56	95
Improper Lane Change	2	19	69	90
Excessive Speed	10	45	33	88
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	7	36	44	87
Passed Stop Sign	3	47	31	81
Improper Backing	0	7	70	77
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	8	37	28	73
Drove Left of Center	8	33	31	72
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	43	22	65
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	2	16	31	49
Improper Overtaking	2	6	30	38
Cell Phone	1	14	18	33
Under the Influence Of Drugs	14	5	4	23
Avoid No Contact Other	0	4	8	12
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	6	6	12
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	1	8	9
Pedestrian Error	1	7	0	8
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	3	5	8
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	5	1	6
High-Speed Pursuit	0	1	1	2
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	1	1
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
Vehicle	0	24	64	88
Other Mechanical Defect	0	4	27	31
Inadequate Brakes	0	9	7	16
Defective Tires	0	2	13	15
Defective Steering	0	2	6	8
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	4	4	8
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	3	3
Windows/Windshield	0	1	2	3
Wheels	0	0	2	2
Exhaust System	0	1	0	1
Suspension	0	1	0	1
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
Environment	0	46	186	232
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	8	53	61
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	11	25	36
Weather Conditions	0	7	25	32
Traffic Congestion	0	7	15	22
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	20	20
Debris	0	3	10	13
Obstruction in Road	0	4	9	13
Road Surface Conditions	0	2	11	13
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	0	9	9
Backup - Prior Incident	0	3	2	5
Road Defect	0	1	4	5
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	3	3
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
Other	30	619	1,282	1,931
Other - No Driver Error	30	612	1,176	1,818
Missing Data	0	7	106	113
None	0	0	0	0
Total	120	1,678	3,096	4,894

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 Lea County, 2024**

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	0	0	4	54	58
Deer	0	0	0	0	26	26
Cattle/Cow	0	0	0	3	16	19
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	1	5	6
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	2	2
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	2	2
Antelope	0	0	0	0	1	1
Horse	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk	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	0	5	27	14	162	208
Fence	0	3	15	4	38	60
Other Fixed Object	0	0	0	1	30	31
Curb	0	0	2	1	22	25
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	1	0	23	24
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	1	3	19	23
Median	0	0	2	1	3	6
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	0	6	6
Wall or Building	0	0	2	0	4	6
Tree (standing)	0	0	1	0	4	5
Ditch	0	0	0	0	3	3
Guardrail, End or Face	0	0	0	1	1	2
Culvert	0	1	0	0	0	1
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	1	0	3	7	11
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	3	0	1	4
Collision with Motor Vehicle	25	53	239	580	3,824	4,721
MV in Transport	25	53	231	576	3,605	4,490
Parked MV	0	0	8	4	212	224
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	7	7
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	0	2	9	4	56	71
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	1	0	13	14
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	1	1
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	2	8	4	42	56
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision with Person	1	4	10	8	27	50
Pedestrian	1	3	6	6	14	30
Pedalcycle	0	1	4	2	13	20
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	5	14	31	15	88	153
Overturn/Rollover	5	10	17	5	43	80
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	9	9
Fire/Explosion	0	1	0	0	8	9
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	4	0	0	4
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	1	1
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	3	10	10	26	49
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People	31	78	316	625	4,211	5,261

**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes
by Sex and Age Group in Lea County, 2024**

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured ^{1,2}				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	1	2%	1	3%	2
5-9	1	2%	4	13%	5
10-14	2	4%	2	7%	4
15-19	5	10%	4	13%	9
20-24	7	14%	4	13%	11
25-29	8	16%	8	27%	16
30-34	7	14%	1	3%	8
35-39	8	16%	1	3%	9
40-44	0	0%	0	0%	0
45-49	4	8%	2	7%	6
50-54	4	8%	0	0%	4
55-59	0	0%	0	0%	0
60-64	1	2%	1	3%	2
65-69	1	2%	0	0%	1
70 +	0	0%	2	7%	2
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
Total People	49	100%	30	100%	79

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 Lea County, 2020-2024**

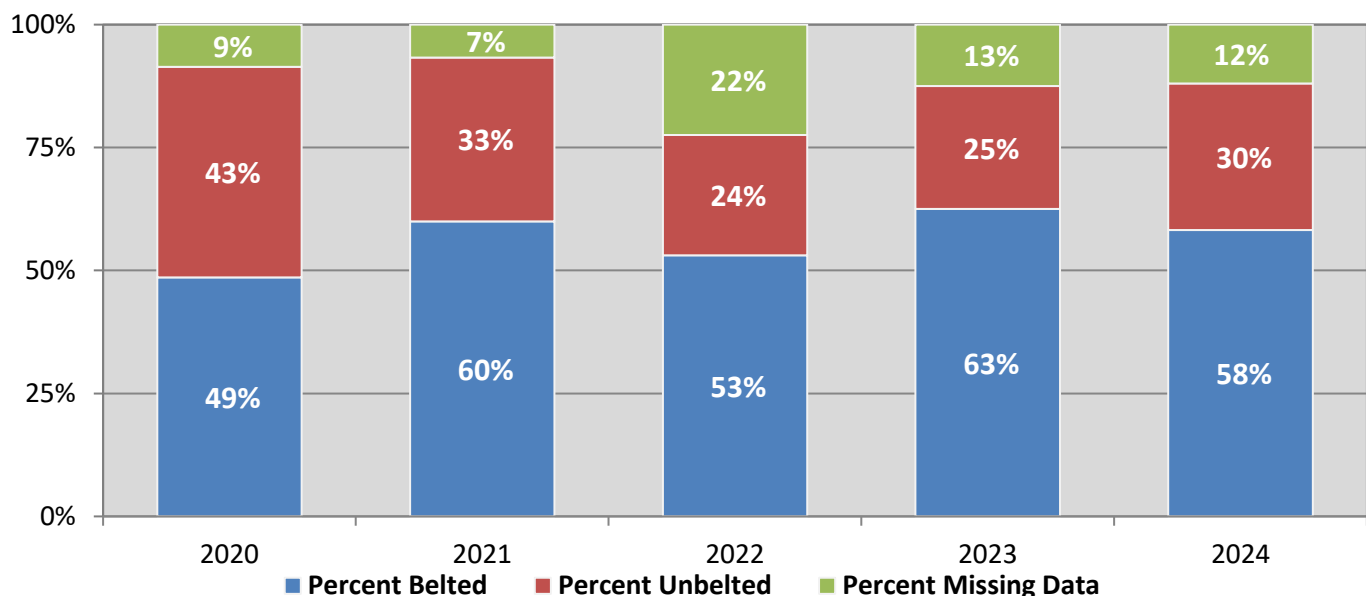
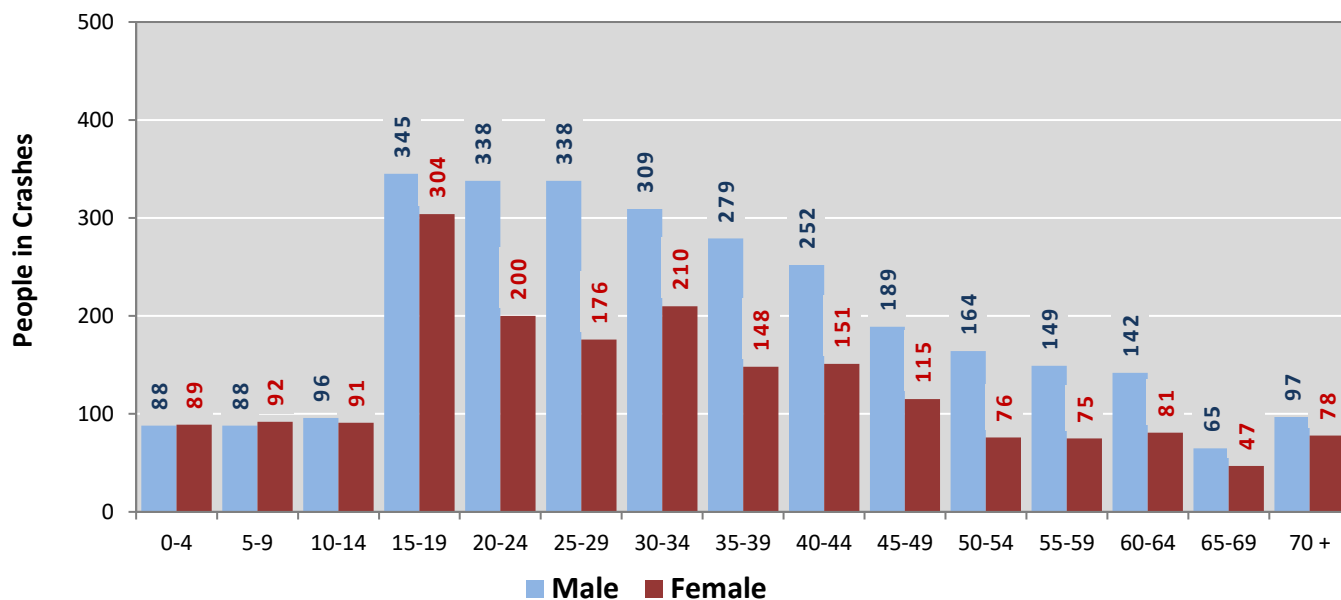
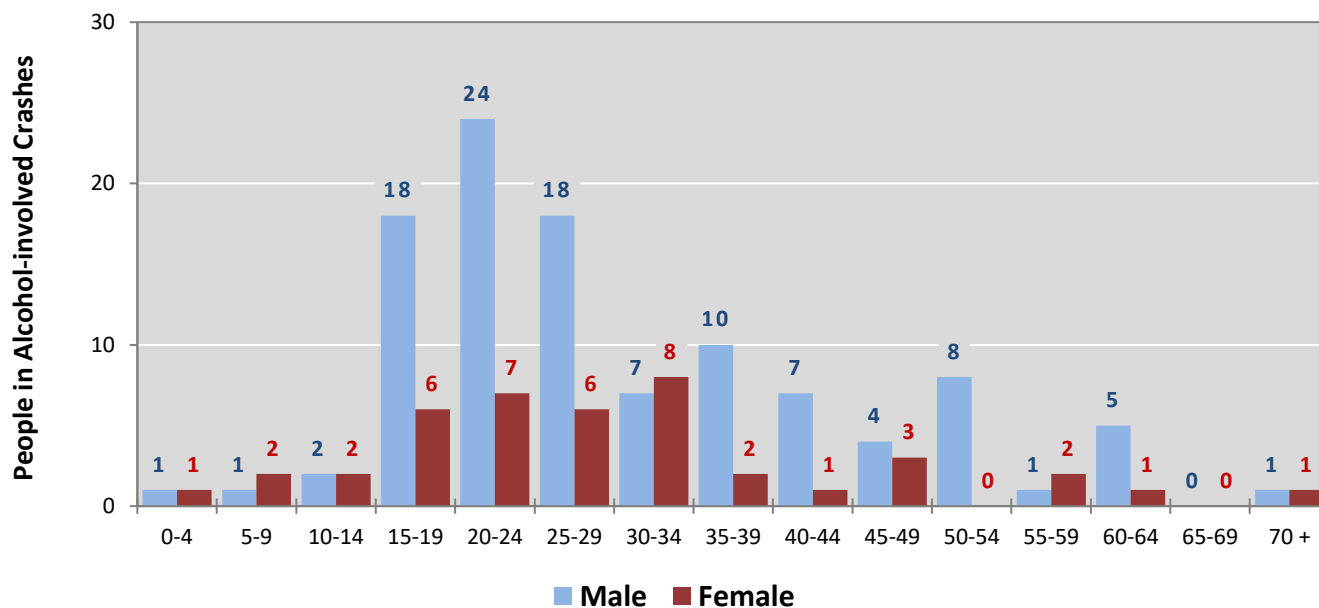


Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 389 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

Figure 10: People in Alcohol-involved Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 12 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 Lea County, 2020-2024

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists ¹ in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
0-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	1	1	1	0	1	4
10-14	1	3	3	2	4	13
15-19	2	2	2	3	1	10
20-24	2	0	4	2	0	8
25-29	0	0	3	1	0	4
30-34	1	1	2	2	1	7
35-39	2	2	3	3	2	12
40-44	2	0	1	0	3	6
45-49	4	1	1	1	1	8
50-54	1	0	5	5	2	13
55-59	1	1	2	2	1	7
60-64	0	3	0	2	4	9
65-69	1	1	0	1	0	3
70 +	1	0	0	0	1	2
Missing Data	1	0	1	0	0	2
Total People	20	15	28	24	21	108

Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Lea County, 2024

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	1	4	2	0	7
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	1	4	2	0	7
All Pedestrians	1	3	5	5	0	14
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	1	3	5	5	0	14
Total People	1	4	9	7	0	21

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 Lea County, 2024**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles ¹			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	7	12	0	19
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	32	8	8	48
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	215	29	20	264
Possible Injuries	C	545	30	19	594
No Apparent Injuries	O	3,240	52	392	3,684
Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles		4,039	131	439	4,609

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 Lea County, 2024**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes ¹			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	3	4	0	7
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	2	4	2	8
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	4	7	8	19
Possible Injuries	C	2	0	0	2
No Apparent Injuries	O	3	2	0	5
Total Motorcyclists		14	17	10	41

¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Lea County, 2020-2024**

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
2020	3	7	0	10	2,457	93	402	2,952	0.12%	7.5%
2021	5	6	0	11	2,811	105	446	3,362	0.18%	5.7%
2022	7	6	0	13	3,343	93	442	3,878	0.21%	6.5%
2023	8	5	0	13	3,897	94	471	4,462	0.21%	5.3%
2024	7	12	0	19	4,039	131	439	4,609	0.17%	9.2%
Average	6.0	7.2	0.0	13.2	3,309.4	103.2	440.0	3,852.6	0.18%	7.0%

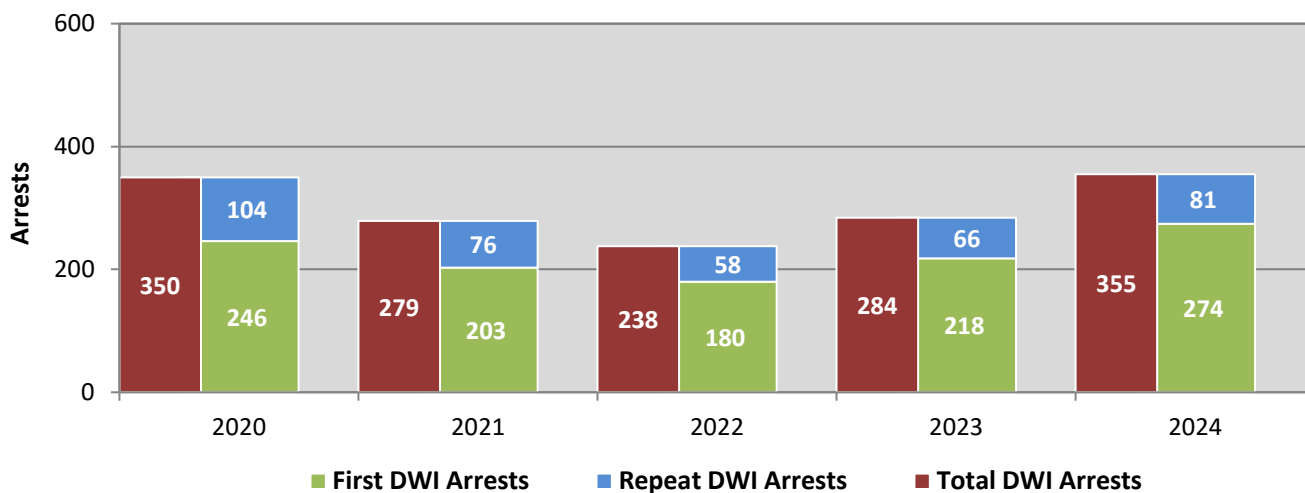
¹ Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Lea County, 2020-2024**

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities ¹				Total Motorcyclists ¹				Percent Killed	
	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
2020	0	0	0	0	5	18	7	30	0.0%	0.0%
2021	0	0	0	0	6	12	9	27	0.0%	0.0%
2022	1	2	0	3	11	7	6	24	9.1%	28.6%
2023	1	0	0	1	12	8	11	31	8.3%	0.0%
2024	3	4	0	7	14	17	10	41	21.4%	23.5%
Average	1.0	1.2	0.0	2.2	9.6	12.4	8.6	30.6	10.4%	9.7%

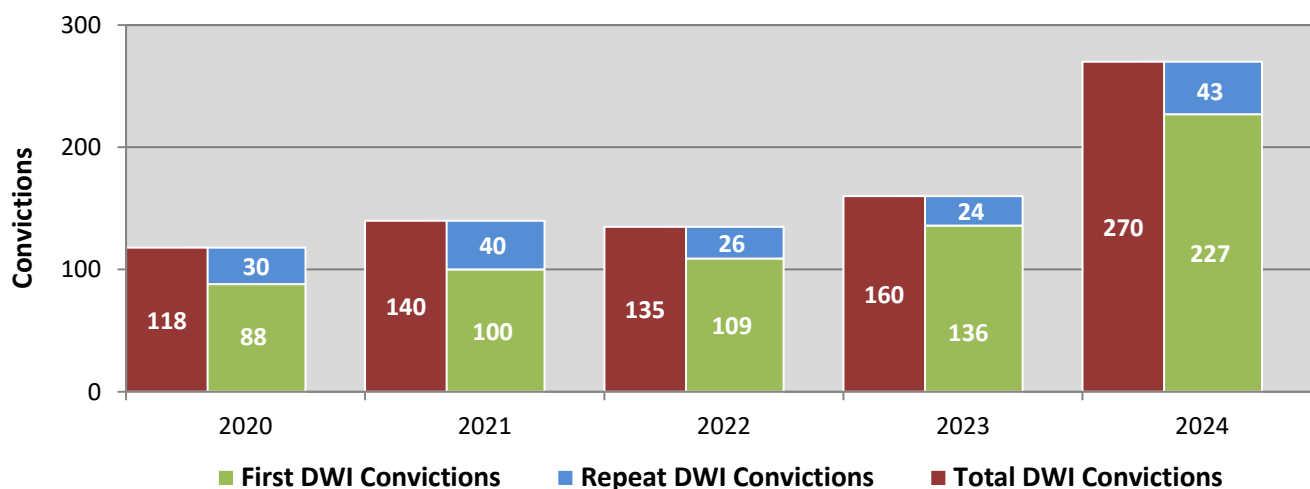
¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests in Lea County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2020-2024**



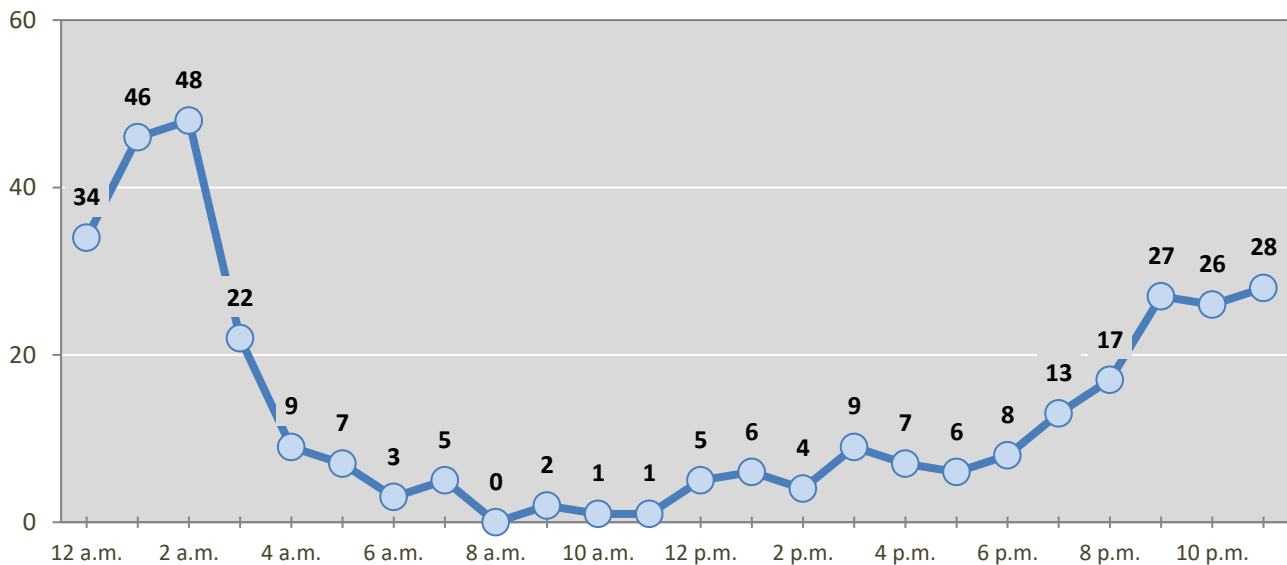
*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions in Lea County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2020-2024**



*Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in Lea County, 2024



* In 2024, Lea County had 21 arrests for which hour data were missing.

Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in Lea County, 2020-2024

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Sunday	89	68	69	81	99	81
Monday	35	29	28	23	42	31
Tuesday	28	25	11	16	25	21
Wednesday	39	22	19	29	33	28
Thursday	41	27	29	25	30	30
Friday	54	40	32	36	46	42
Saturday	64	68	50	74	80	67
Total Arrests	350	279	238	284	355	301

Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in Lea County, 2020-2024

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests ¹				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15-19	29	17	17	21	21
20-24	54	43	35	56	54
25-29	41	42	37	40	54
30-34	40	25	29	30	53
35-39	28	28	23	25	38
40-44	20	14	13	16	21
45-49	15	15	10	14	9
50-54	8	5	7	8	9
55-59	8	5	6	2	9
60-64	2	7	2	3	3
65-69	1	2	0	2	3
70 +	0	0	1	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	246	203	180	218	274

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in Lea County, 2020-2024

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests ¹				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15-19	5	2	1	0	0
20-24	16	6	3	5	11
25-29	23	13	12	17	15
30-34	12	10	7	9	14
35-39	8	12	12	6	9
40-44	13	10	8	11	9
45-49	10	7	5	8	6
50-54	7	3	7	5	7
55-59	7	3	0	3	3
60-64	2	9	2	1	5
65-69	1	0	1	1	1
70 +	0	1	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	104	76	58	66	81

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in Lea County, 2020-2024

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions ¹				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15-19	5	11	8	11	17
20-24	21	25	18	30	54
25-29	16	18	22	32	48
30-34	15	23	9	25	37
35-39	7	9	19	16	27
40-44	11	3	11	6	15
45-49	4	5	12	10	8
50-54	4	5	3	2	5
55-59	5	0	3	2	9
60-64	0	1	4	0	4
65-69	0	0	0	0	3
70 +	0	0	0	2	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	88	100	109	136	227

¹ Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in Lea County, 2020-2024

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions ¹				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	4	3	1	1	4
25-29	6	11	6	4	8
30-34	3	7	2	3	8
35-39	3	4	4	8	6
40-44	8	7	5	2	6
45-49	3	1	1	3	5
50-54	0	2	3	2	5
55-59	1	2	0	0	0
60-64	2	2	3	1	0
65-69	0	1	1	0	0
70 +	0	0	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	30	40	26	24	43

¹ Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests for Lea County and the State, 2024

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest¹	Lea County	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	355	9,465	3.8%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	226	5,274	4.3%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals ²	8	666	1.2%
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	121	3,525	3.4%

¹ These are the number of DWI arrests in 2024 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 November 2025.

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 Lea County and the State, 2024**

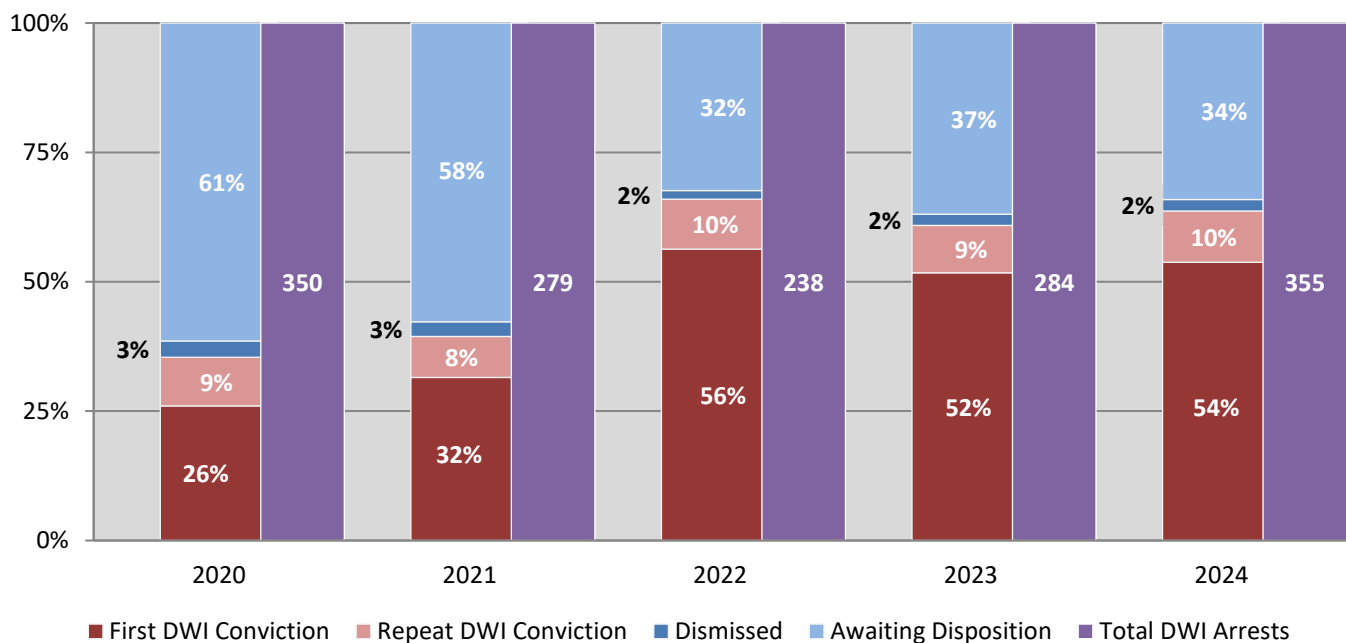
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Lea County	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	151	170	-19
DWI Dismissal	193	163	30

Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in Lea County, 2020-2024

Year of DWI Arrest ¹	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2020	91	33	11	215	350
2021	88	22	8	161	279
2022	134	23	4	77	238
2023	147	26	6	105	284
2024	191	35	8	121	355

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in Lea County, 2020-2024



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