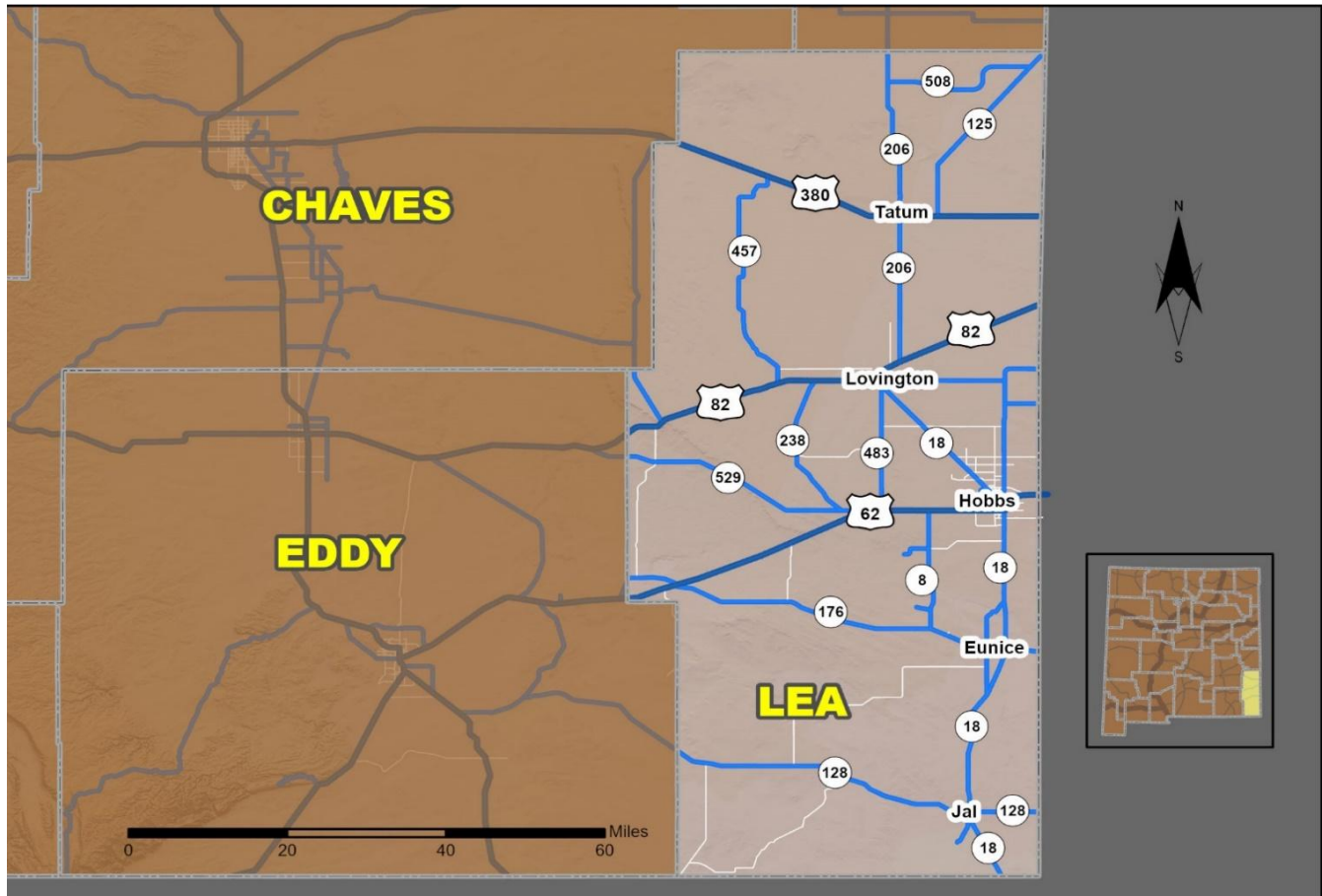


2025 Community Report

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 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 Lea County, 2016-2025**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
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
2025	22	690	1,398	2,110	7	34	63	104

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with
Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in Lea County, 2016-2025**

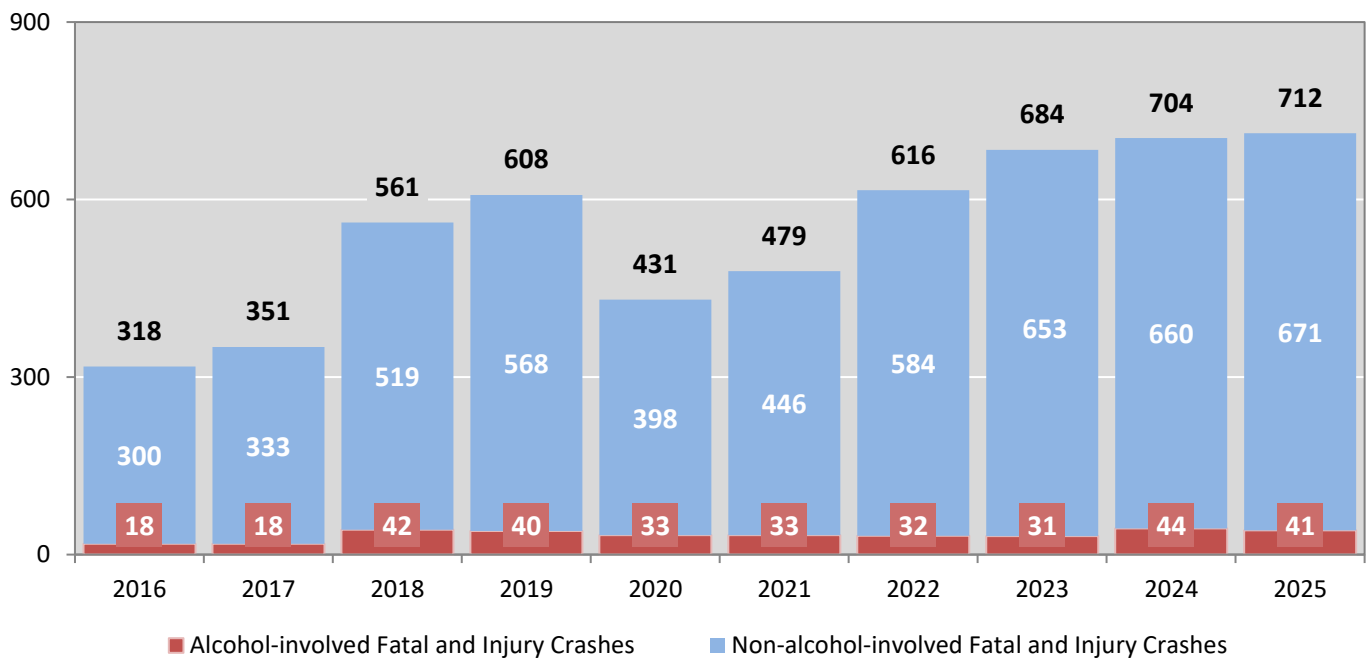


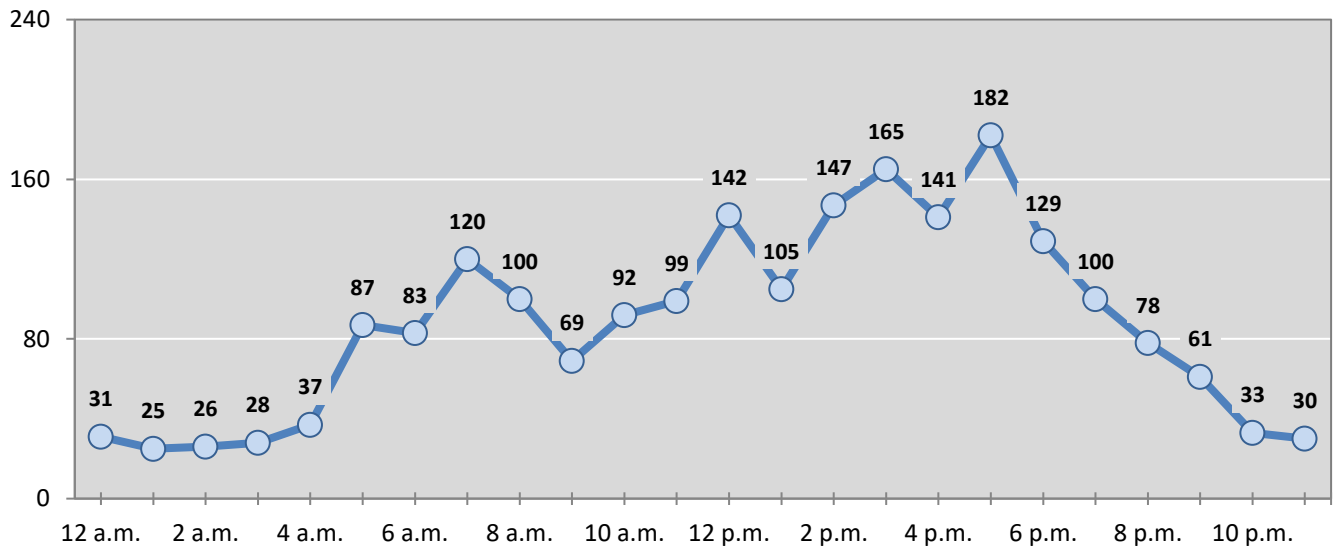
Table 2: Crashes by Month in Lea County, 2021-2025

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
January	94	150	152	158	172	145
February	94	113	131	160	170	134
March	127	146	141	166	184	153
April	111	139	167	192	209	164
May	129	163	199	169	164	165
June	129	121	149	168	136	141
July	108	137	144	149	152	138
August	159	156	189	173	205	176
September	156	150	149	161	170	157
October	143	144	177	196	176	167
November	112	171	179	186	169	163
December	134	150	197	186	203	174
Total Crashes	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	2,110	1,877

Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in Lea County, 2021-2025

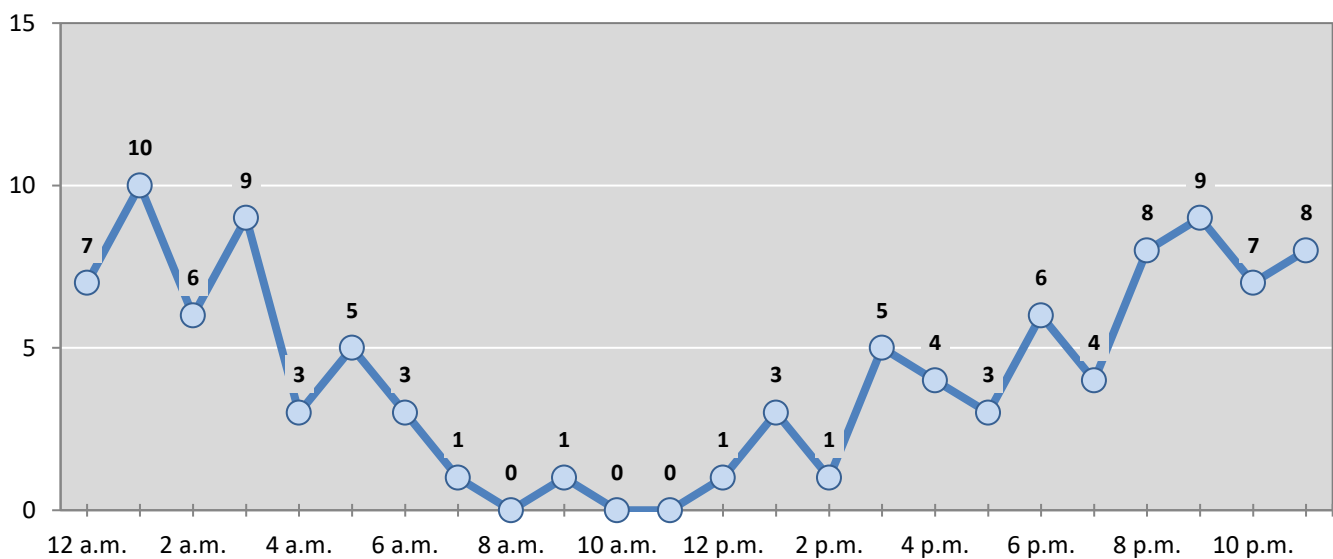
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
January	3	6	1	7	3	4
February	2	3	2	4	11	4
March	5	4	6	7	8	6
April	7	4	8	3	14	7
May	6	5	7	3	4	5
June	6	4	11	11	9	8
July	4	9	6	6	12	7
August	5	7	10	5	11	8
September	6	5	9	9	5	7
October	7	7	4	5	8	6
November	5	4	2	7	6	5
December	4	2	14	5	13	8
Total Crashes	60	60	80	72	104	75

Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 0 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.

Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	173	175	203	217	218	197
Monday	245	232	299	316	312	281
Tuesday	267	242	338	336	320	301
Wednesday	216	317	295	297	343	294
Thursday	214	273	279	318	327	282
Friday	217	279	345	361	351	311
Saturday	164	222	215	219	239	212
Total Crashes	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	2,110	1,877

Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	25	20	27	16	23	22
Monday	31	33	53	64	53	47
Tuesday	32	43	47	58	50	46
Wednesday	38	60	46	55	55	51
Thursday	29	51	37	57	50	45
Friday	19	31	42	49	40	36
Saturday	15	18	28	24	28	23
Total Crashes	189	256	280	323	299	269

Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes ¹					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	6	4	5	7	7	6
Monday	4	2	7	2	2	3
Tuesday	5	1	3	8	2	4
Wednesday	2	2	1	5	9	4
Thursday	3	5	3	5	4	4
Friday	3	5	4	4	3	4
Saturday	3	3	6	6	10	6
Total Crashes	26	22	29	37	37	30

¹ "Motorcycles" exclude ATVs.

Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	12	13	23	23	23	19
Monday	4	9	9	4	10	7
Tuesday	5	4	4	4	6	5
Wednesday	6	4	5	3	13	6
Thursday	5	8	10	1	8	6
Friday	13	9	8	15	16	12
Saturday	15	13	21	22	28	20
Total Crashes	60	60	80	72	104	75

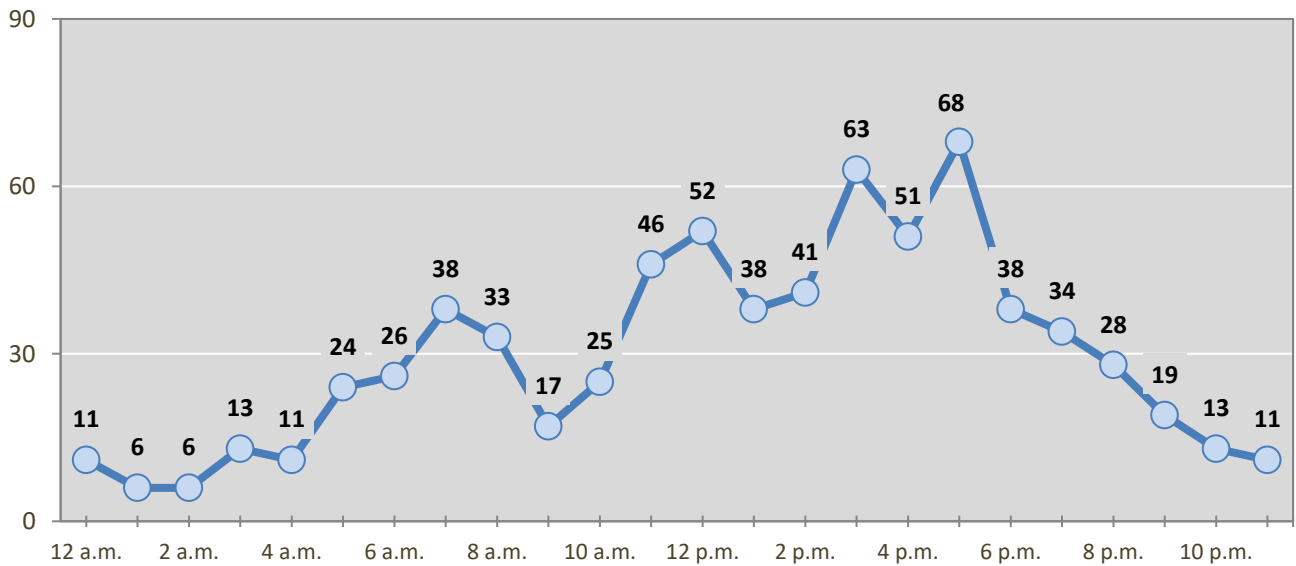
Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	55	60	71	73	75	67
Monday	86	93	120	91	107	99
Tuesday	83	82	112	116	101	99
Wednesday	73	107	103	112	121	103
Thursday	59	103	86	105	106	92
Friday	63	97	124	123	119	105
Saturday	60	74	68	84	83	74
Total Crashes	479	616	684	704	712	639

Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

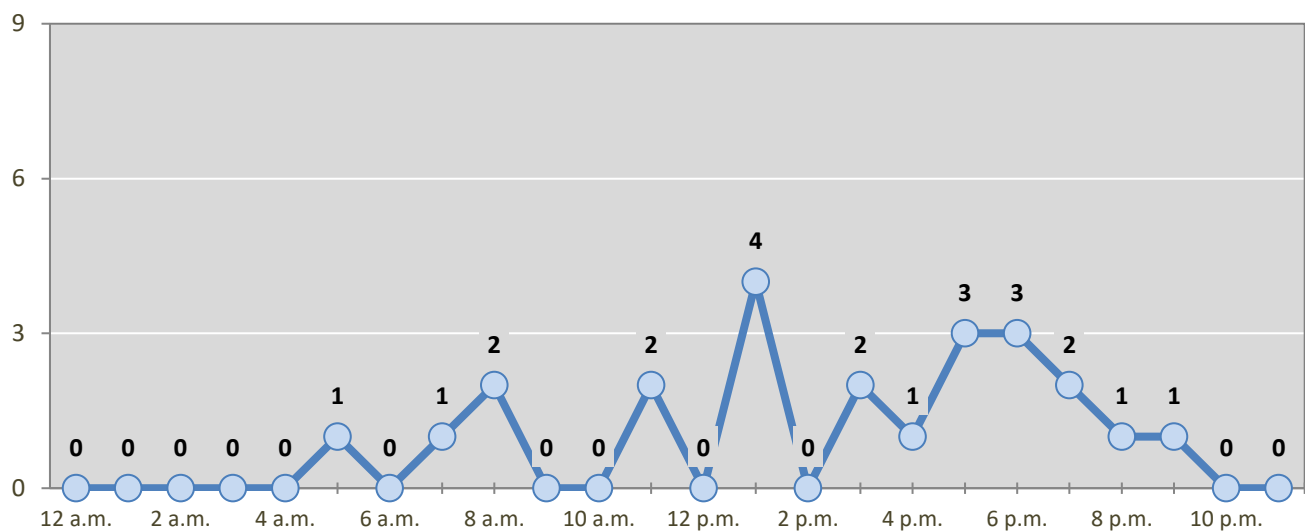
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	1	4	3	4	2	3
Monday	3	2	3	1	4	3
Tuesday	3	4	2	5	7	4
Wednesday	1	6	2	1	4	3
Thursday	3	7	3	3	2	4
Friday	1	2	5	4	2	3
Saturday	3	3	3	3	2	3
Total Crashes	15	28	21	21	23	22

Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 0 crashes for which hour data were missing.

Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in Lea County, 2025



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**Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by
Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Lea County, 2025**

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	7	17	20	19	171	234
Urban	3	4	14	17	139	177
Rural Non-Interstate	4	13	6	2	32	57
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
People in Crashes	25	81	262	674	4,255	5,297
Urban	6	25	153	551	3,160	3,895
Rural Non-Interstate	19	56	109	123	1,095	1,402
Rural Interstate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes	28%	21%	8%	3%	4%	4%

**Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity
in Lea County, 2021-2025**

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
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	435	581	580	607	654	571
Fatal Crash	10	14	11	21	16	14
Injury Crash	135	205	185	191	195	182
Property Damage Only Crash	290	362	384	395	443	375
Total Urban	1,061	1,159	1,394	1,457	1,456	1,306
Fatal Crash	3	3	3	9	6	5
Injury Crash	331	394	485	483	495	438
Property Damage Only Crash	727	762	906	965	955	863

Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in Lea County, 2021-2025

First Harmful Event ¹	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Collision with Animal	54	55	70	44	47	54
Collision with Fixed Object	147	154	146	159	182	158
Collision with Motor Vehicle	1,146	1,350	1,582	1,687	1,706	1,494
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	26	25	25	38	49	33
Collision with Person	15	28	22	21	23	22
Pedalcycle	6	8	9	7	4	7
Pedestrian	7	19	10	14	17	13
Other Non-Motorist	2	1	2	0	2	1
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	0	0	0
Non-Collision	91	93	115	115	102	103
Overturn/Rollover	66	70	75	62	36	62
All Other Non-Collision	25	23	40	53	66	41
Other	17	35	14	0	1	13
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Crashes	1,496	1,740	1,974	2,064	2,110	1,877

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, 2021-2025

Vehicle Type ¹	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Buses	5	1	7	6	5	5
Motorcycles/ATVs	32	28	37	42	43	36
Passenger Cars	1,139	1,329	1,558	1,593	1,643	1,452
Pedalcycles	6	8	9	7	4	7
Pedestrians, All	9	20	15	14	19	15
Pickups	822	1,077	1,219	1,320	1,324	1,152
Semis/Heavy Trucks	214	307	302	381	342	309
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	444	396	449	422	479	438
Other Vehicles	3	5	1	2	4	3
Missing Data	81	82	137	127	108	107
Total Vehicles	2,755	3,253	3,734	3,914	3,971	3,525

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, 2025**

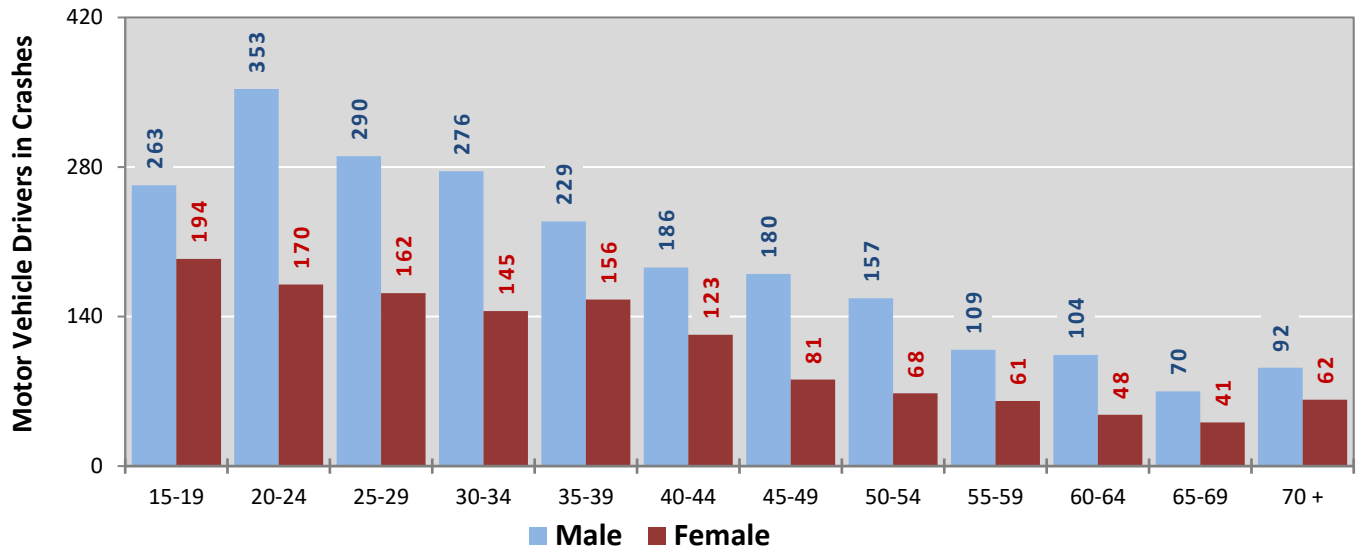
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle ¹ Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	8	282	124	4	39	1	0	458
20-24	0	12	280	186	17	33	0	0	528
25-29	0	7	195	150	39	63	0	0	454
30-34	1	3	167	143	43	65	0	0	422
35-39	0	3	141	131	47	65	0	0	387
40-44	0	2	124	111	29	45	0	0	311
45-49	0	1	91	101	37	31	0	0	261
50-54	0	2	58	87	45	33	0	0	225
55-59	0	1	65	52	29	25	0	0	172
60-64	0	1	47	60	23	20	1	0	152
65-69	2	1	35	48	10	16	0	0	112
70 +	0	0	66	58	2	28	0	0	154
Missing Data	2	2	92	73	17	16	2	108	312
Total Drivers	5	43	1,643	1,324	342	479	4	108	3,948

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type
and Age Group in Lea County, 2025**

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	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
20-24	0	1	13	6	0	0	0	0	20
25-29	0	1	11	2	0	4	0	0	18
30-34	0	0	9	2	0	1	0	0	12
35-39	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	7
40-44	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	5
45-49	0	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	11
50-54	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
55-59	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
60-64	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	5
65-69	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
70 +	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Missing Data	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	5
Total Drivers	0	3	65	23	1	15	0	0	107

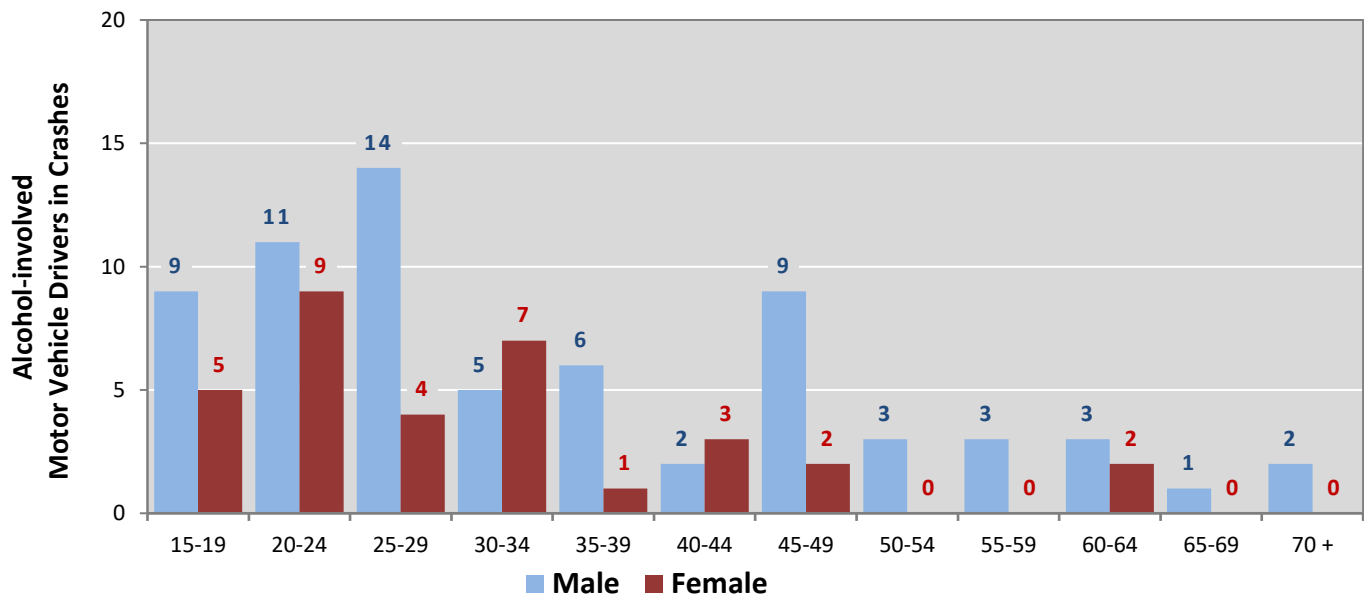
¹ See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 328 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, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 6 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, 2021-2025

Age ¹	Year					5-Year Total
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	1	2	3
17	1	0	3	2	3	9
18	4	0	2	2	2	10
19	1	1	2	4	7	15
20	1	3	3	4	5	16
Total Drivers	7	4	10	13	19	53

Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in Lea County, 2025

Age ¹	Total Drivers				Alcohol-involved Drivers			
	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
15	9	17	26	5%	0	0	0	0%
16	53	42	95	17%	0	2	2	11%
17	68	48	116	20%	2	1	3	16%
18	68	46	114	20%	1	1	2	11%
19	65	41	106	18%	6	1	7	37%
20	78	40	118	21%	4	1	5	26%
Total Drivers	341	234	575	100%	13	6	19	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, 2025**

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	51	985	1,714	2,750
Driver Inattention	8	196	378	582
Failed to Yield Right of Way	2	227	278	507
Following Too Closely	0	121	205	326
Other Improper Driving	6	80	174	260
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	3	78	73	154
Made Improper Turn	0	40	98	138
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	7	35	65	107
Improper Lane Change	1	17	84	102
Drove Left of Center	6	26	41	73
Excessive Speed	5	28	36	69
Improper Backing	0	3	62	65
Improper Overtaking	3	13	47	63
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	2	25	34	61
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	28	30	58
Passed Stop Sign	2	24	30	56
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	0	6	27	33
Cell Phone	0	6	14	20
Under the Influence Of Drugs	4	7	6	17
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	6	9	15
Avoid No Contact Other	0	1	10	11
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	4	5	9
Pedestrian Error	0	7	0	7
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	3	3	6
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	3	1	4
High-Speed Pursuit	1	1	1	3
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	2	2
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	1	0	1	2
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
Vehicle	1	34	64	99
Other Mechanical Defect	0	8	27	35
Inadequate Brakes	0	8	12	20
Defective Tires	0	5	9	14
Defective Steering	0	2	6	8
Windows/Windshield	1	4	2	7
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	4	2	6
Wheels	0	2	3	5
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	1	3	4
Exhaust System	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
Environment	3	84	183	270
Weather Conditions	1	24	30	55
Traffic Congestion	0	18	34	52
Animal(s) In Roadway	1	6	42	49
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	1	14	12	27
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	10	10	20
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	19	19
Road Surface Conditions	0	6	12	18
Obstruction in Road	0	5	8	13
Debris	0	0	11	11
Road Defect	0	1	4	5
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	1	1
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	0	0
Traffic Control Missing	0	0	0	0
Other	20	656	1,267	1,943
Other - No Driver Error	20	635	1,178	1,833
Missing Data	0	21	87	108
None	0	0	2	2
Total	75	1,759	3,228	5,062

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, 2025

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	1	0	2	7	65	75
Cattle/Cow	1	0	2	3	7	13
Deer	0	0	0	0	6	6
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
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 (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	4	47	51
Collision with Fixed Object	1	15	33	20	178	247
Fence	1	4	1	2	26	34
Curb	0	0	1	6	20	27
Other Fixed Object	0	0	0	0	20	20
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	3	2	15	20
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	2	2	14	18
Wall or Building	0	2	0	1	6	9
Ditch	0	1	2	0	2	5
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	2	1	2	5
Median	0	0	1	0	2	3
Tree (standing)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	0	1	1
Culvert	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guardrail, End or Face	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	2	3	0	11	16
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	6	18	6	54	84
Collision with Motor Vehicle	20	44	188	626	3,838	4,716
MV in Transport	20	27	142	568	3,185	3,942
Parked MV	0	1	4	12	178	195
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	16	42	46	475	579
Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object	1	4	3	4	71	83
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	1	0	12	13
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	4	4
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	1	3	0	2	29	35
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	2	2	26	31
Collision with Person	1	7	9	7	32	56
Pedestrian	1	7	6	4	21	39
Pedalcycle	0	0	2	2	7	11
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	1	1	4	6
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Collision	1	11	27	10	70	119
Overturn/Rollover	1	8	12	5	15	41
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	4	4
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	3	3
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	2	0	0	2
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	2	2
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	1	1
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	0	5	1	10	16
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	3	8	4	35	50
Other	0	0	0	0	1	1
Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total People	25	81	262	674	4,255	5,297

**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes
by Sex and Age Group in Lea County, 2025**

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured ^{1,2}				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	0	0%	1	4%	1
5-9	1	2%	2	7%	3
10-14	1	2%	0	0%	1
15-19	4	10%	9	33%	13
20-24	8	19%	1	4%	9
25-29	7	17%	2	7%	9
30-34	4	10%	4	15%	8
35-39	5	12%	3	11%	8
40-44	1	2%	0	0%	1
45-49	0	0%	2	7%	2
50-54	3	7%	0	0%	3
55-59	0	0%	0	0%	0
60-64	2	5%	0	0%	2
65-69	4	10%	1	4%	5
70 +	2	5%	2	7%	4
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
Total People	42	100%	27	100%	69

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, 2021-2025**

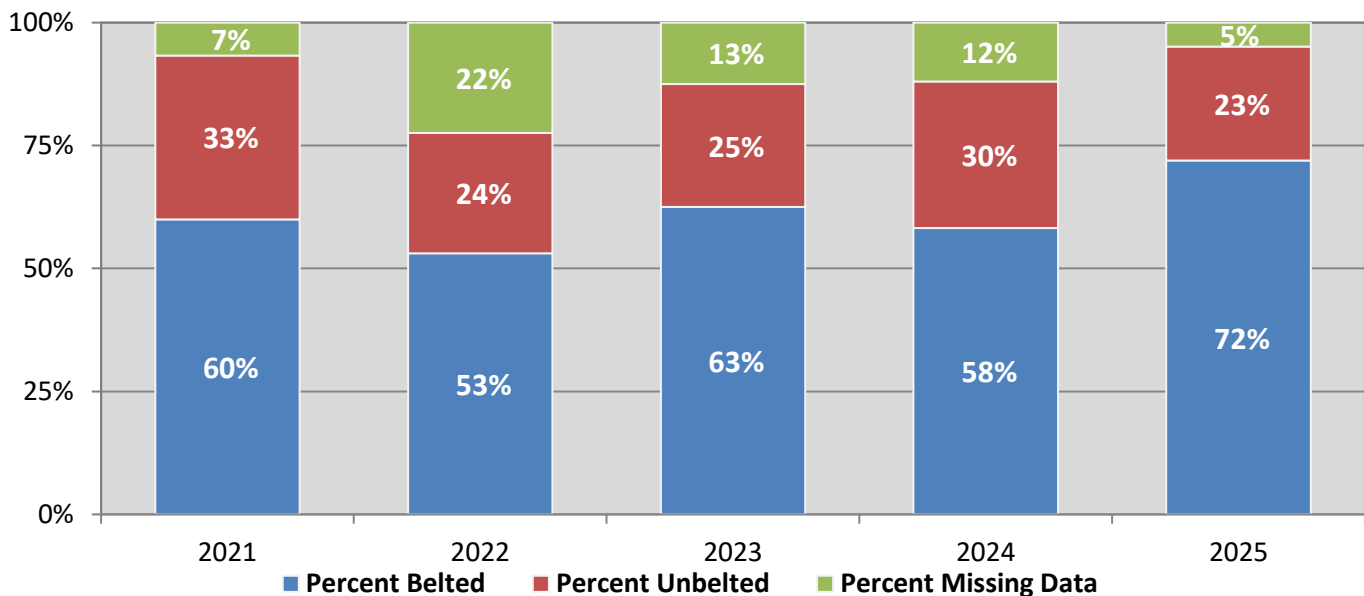
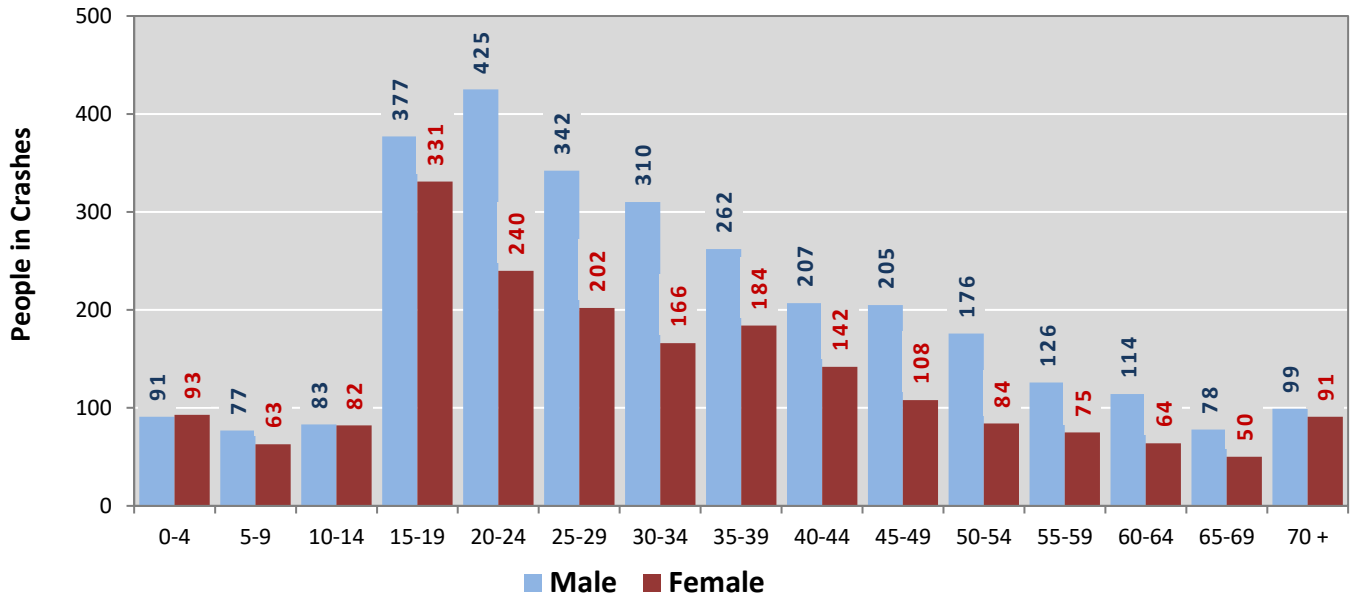
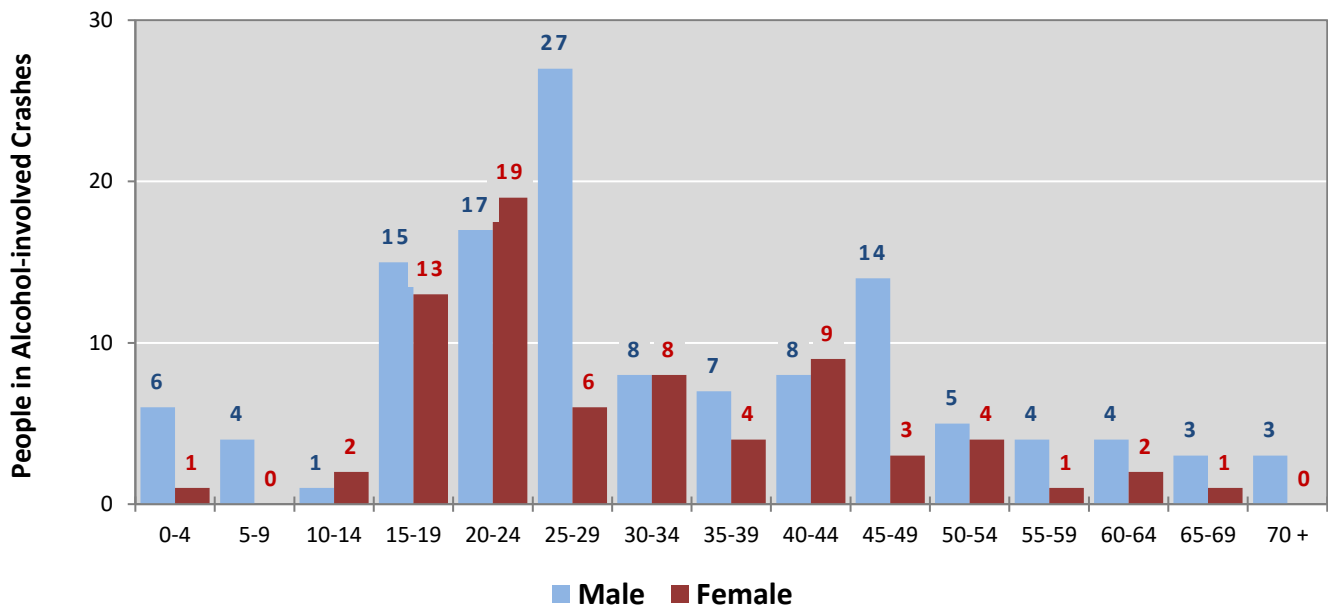


Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 350 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, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 35 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, 2021-2025

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists ¹ in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
0-4	0	0	0	0	1	1
5-9	1	1	0	1	0	3
10-14	3	3	2	4	4	16
15-19	2	2	3	1	0	8
20-24	0	4	2	0	1	7
25-29	0	3	1	0	1	5
30-34	1	2	2	1	1	7
35-39	2	3	3	2	4	14
40-44	0	1	0	3	1	5
45-49	1	1	1	1	2	6
50-54	0	5	5	2	1	13
55-59	1	2	2	1	1	7
60-64	3	0	2	4	4	13
65-69	1	0	1	0	2	4
70 +	0	0	0	1	0	1
Missing Data	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total People	15	28	24	21	23	111

Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in Lea County, 2025

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	2	2	0	4
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	0	2	2	0	4
All Pedestrians	1	6	7	5	0	19
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	1	6	7	5	0	19
Total People	1	6	9	7	0	23

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, 2025**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles ¹			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	13	7	0	20
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	46	12	4	62
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	167	30	18	215
Possible Injuries	C	605	20	12	637
No Apparent Injuries	O	3,401	70	331	3,802
Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles		4,232	139	365	4,736

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, 2025**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes ¹			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	1	0	1
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	6	1	0	7
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	9	7	4	20
Possible Injuries	C	1	1	2	4
No Apparent Injuries	O	3	2	3	8
Total Motorcyclists		19	12	9	40

¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in Lea County, 2021-2025**

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
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%
2025	13	7	0	20	4,232	139	365	4,736	0.31%	5.0%
Average	8.0	7.2	0.0	15.2	3,664.4	112.4	432.6	4,209.4	0.22%	6.4%

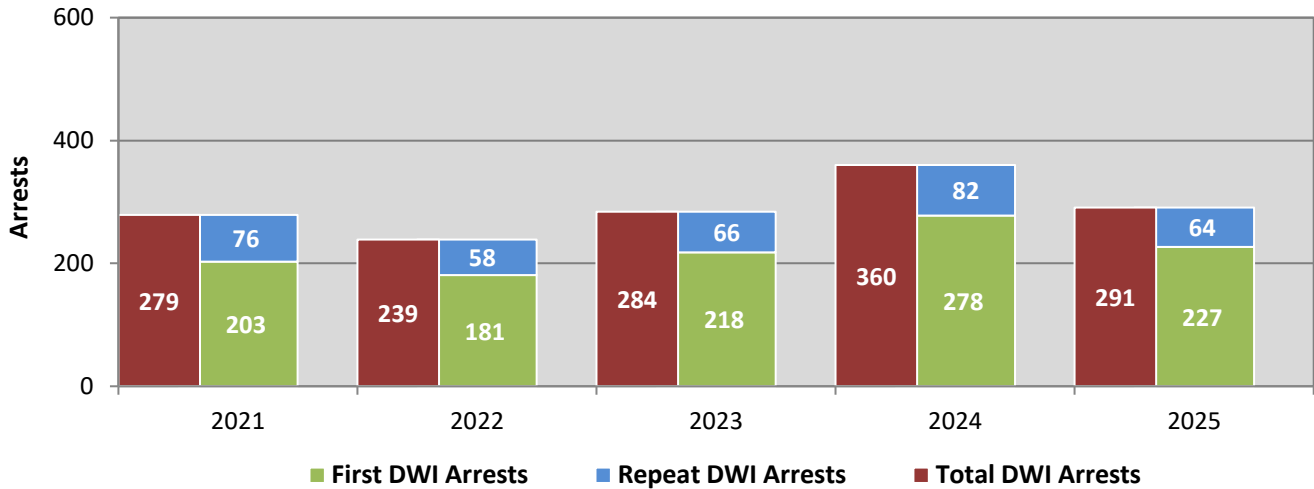
¹ Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in Lea County, 2021-2025**

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities ¹				Total Motorcyclists ¹				Percent Killed	
	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
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%
2025	0	1	0	1	19	12	9	40	0.0%	8.3%
Average	1.0	1.4	0.0	2.4	12.4	11.2	9.0	32.6	8.1%	12.5%

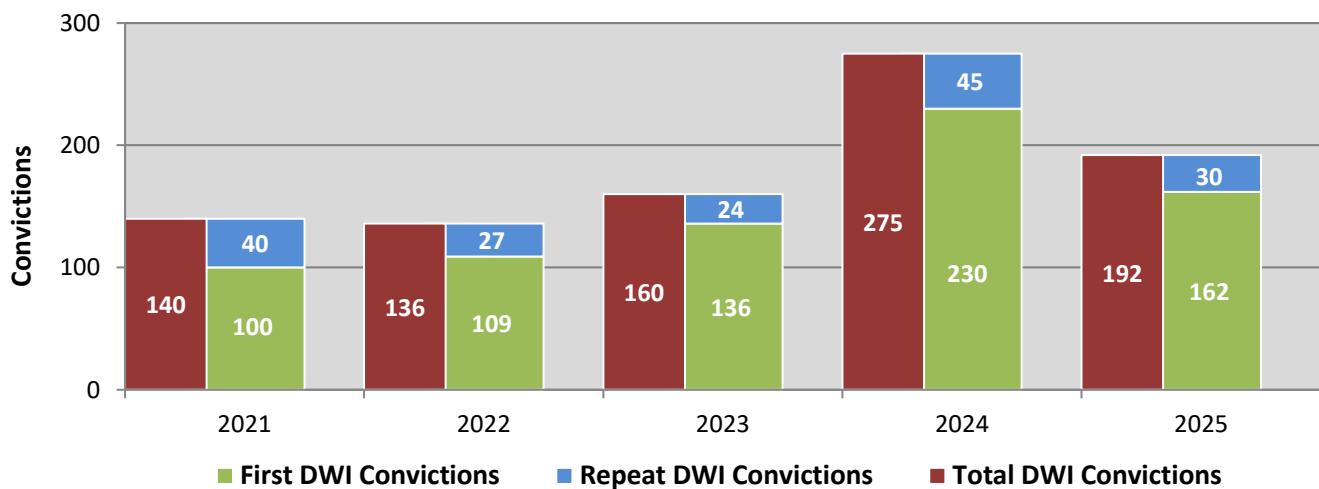
¹ Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests in Lea County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2021-2025**



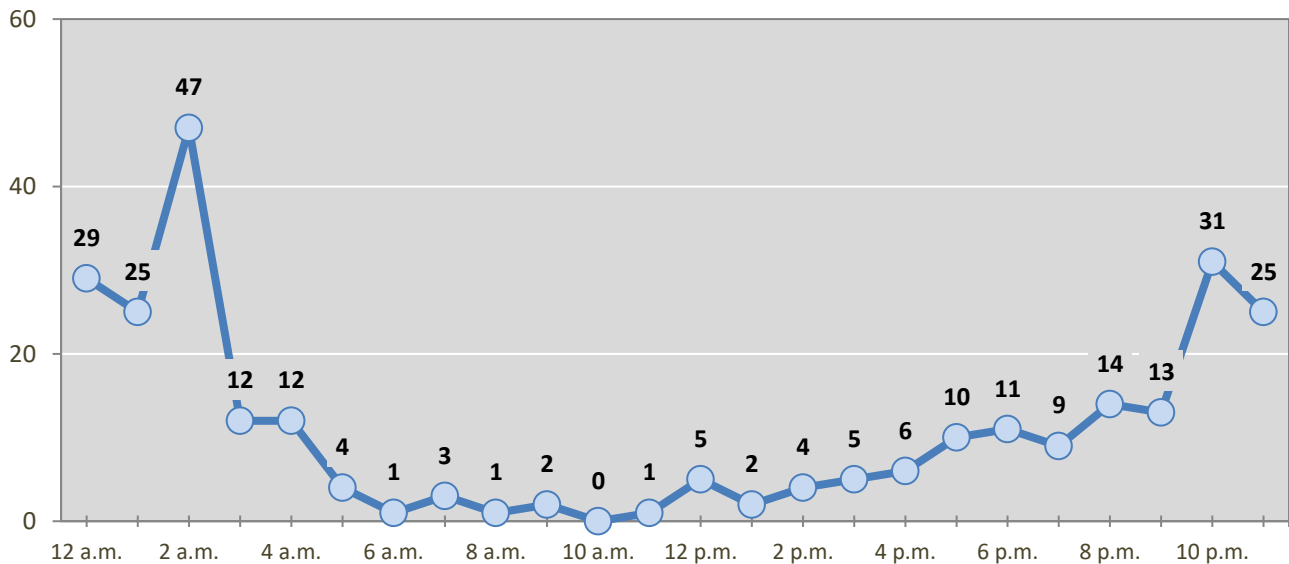
*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions in Lea County,
Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2021-2025**



*Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in Lea County, 2025



* In 2025, Lea County had 19 arrests for which hour data were missing.

Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in Lea County, 2021-2025

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Sunday	68	69	81	100	65	77
Monday	29	29	23	42	26	30
Tuesday	25	11	16	26	28	21
Wednesday	22	19	29	33	29	26
Thursday	27	29	25	30	27	28
Friday	40	32	36	47	45	40
Saturday	68	50	74	82	71	69
Total Arrests	279	239	284	360	291	291

Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in Lea County, 2021-2025

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests ¹				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
15-19	17	17	21	21	24
20-24	43	35	56	55	52
25-29	42	38	40	56	41
30-34	25	29	30	53	34
35-39	28	23	25	38	24
40-44	14	13	16	21	16
45-49	15	10	14	9	18
50-54	5	7	8	9	6
55-59	5	6	2	10	6
60-64	7	2	3	3	3
65-69	2	0	2	3	3
70 +	0	1	1	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	203	181	218	278	227

¹Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in Lea County, 2021-2025

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests ¹				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
15-19	2	1	0	0	2
20-24	6	3	5	11	8
25-29	13	12	17	15	14
30-34	10	7	9	14	8
35-39	12	12	6	9	7
40-44	10	8	11	9	9
45-49	7	5	8	6	6
50-54	3	7	5	7	1
55-59	3	0	3	3	2
60-64	9	2	1	6	6
65-69	0	1	1	1	1
70 +	1	0	0	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	76	58	66	82	64

¹Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in Lea County, 2021-2025

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions ¹				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
15-19	11	8	11	17	11
20-24	25	18	30	55	33
25-29	18	22	32	49	37
30-34	23	9	25	37	34
35-39	9	19	16	28	17
40-44	3	11	6	15	9
45-49	5	12	10	8	9
50-54	5	3	2	5	4
55-59	0	3	2	9	6
60-64	1	4	0	4	1
65-69	0	0	0	3	1
70 +	0	0	2	0	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	100	109	136	230	162

¹ Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in Lea County, 2021-2025

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions ¹				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
15-19	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	3	1	1	4	7
25-29	11	6	4	8	8
30-34	7	3	3	9	2
35-39	4	4	8	7	3
40-44	7	5	2	6	3
45-49	1	1	3	5	3
50-54	2	3	2	5	1
55-59	2	0	0	0	0
60-64	2	3	1	0	3
65-69	1	1	0	0	0
70 +	0	0	0	1	0
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drivers	40	27	24	45	30

¹ Values are based upon the year of the conviction.

Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests for Lea County and the State, 2025

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest ¹	Lea County	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	291	9,586	3.0%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	154	5,417	2.8%
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals ²	4	604	0.7%
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	133	3,565	3.7%

¹ These are the number of DWI arrests in 2025 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 October 2026.

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, 2025

Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Lea County	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	125	162	-36
DWI Dismissal	104	162	-58

Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in Lea County, 2021-2025

Year of DWI Arrest ¹	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2021	89	23	8	159	279
2022	135	23	4	77	239
2023	148	26	7	103	284
2024	201	41	8	110	360
2025	130	24	4	133	291

¹ Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in Lea County, 2021-2025

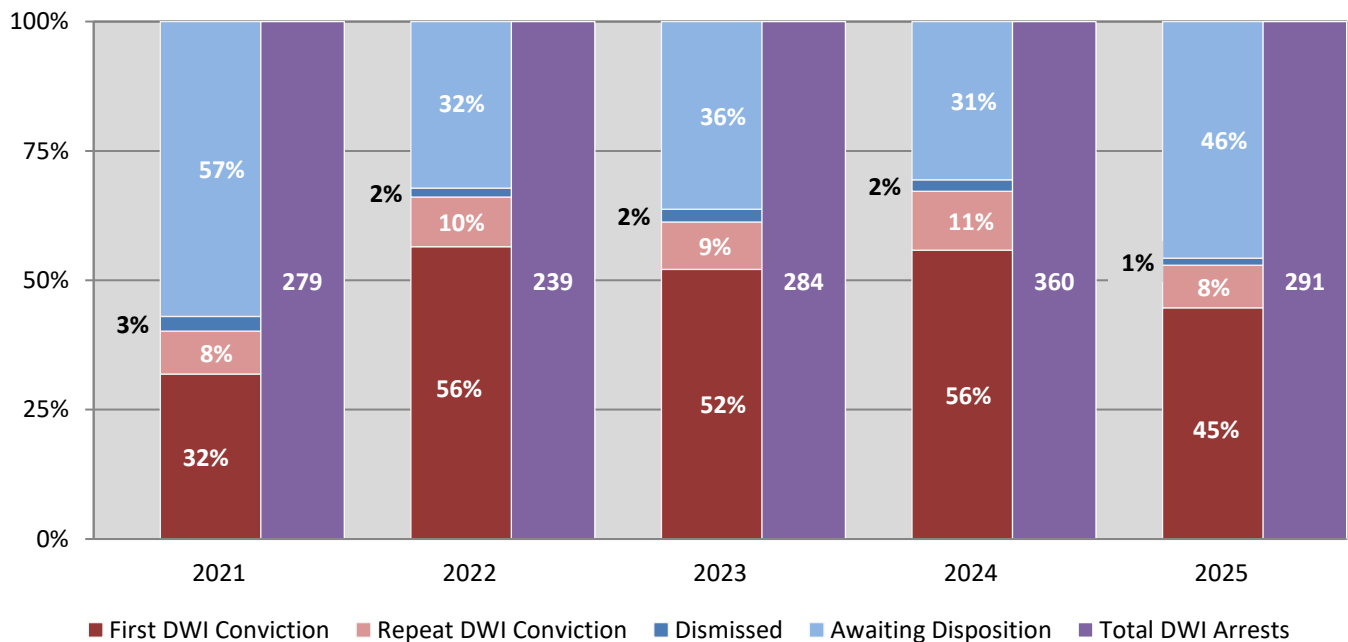


*Table 34 contains the values used to calculate percentages shown in Figure 14.