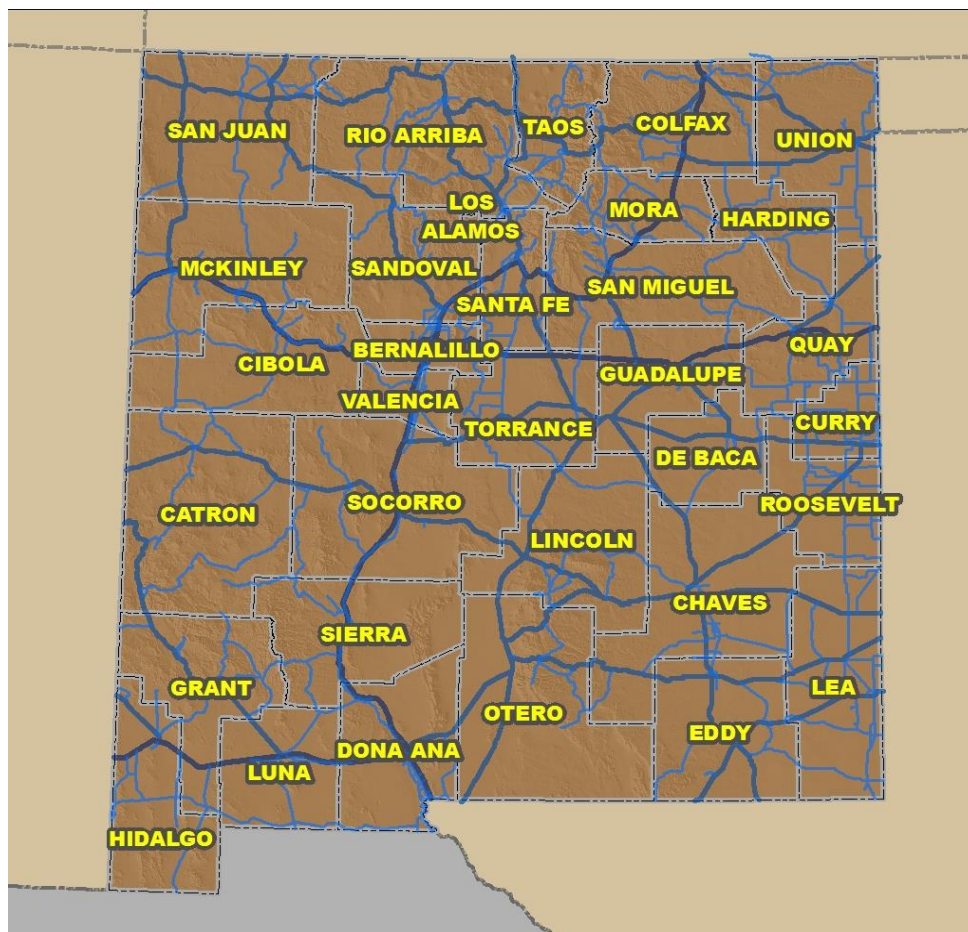


# 2021 Community Report

## New Mexico



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## Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

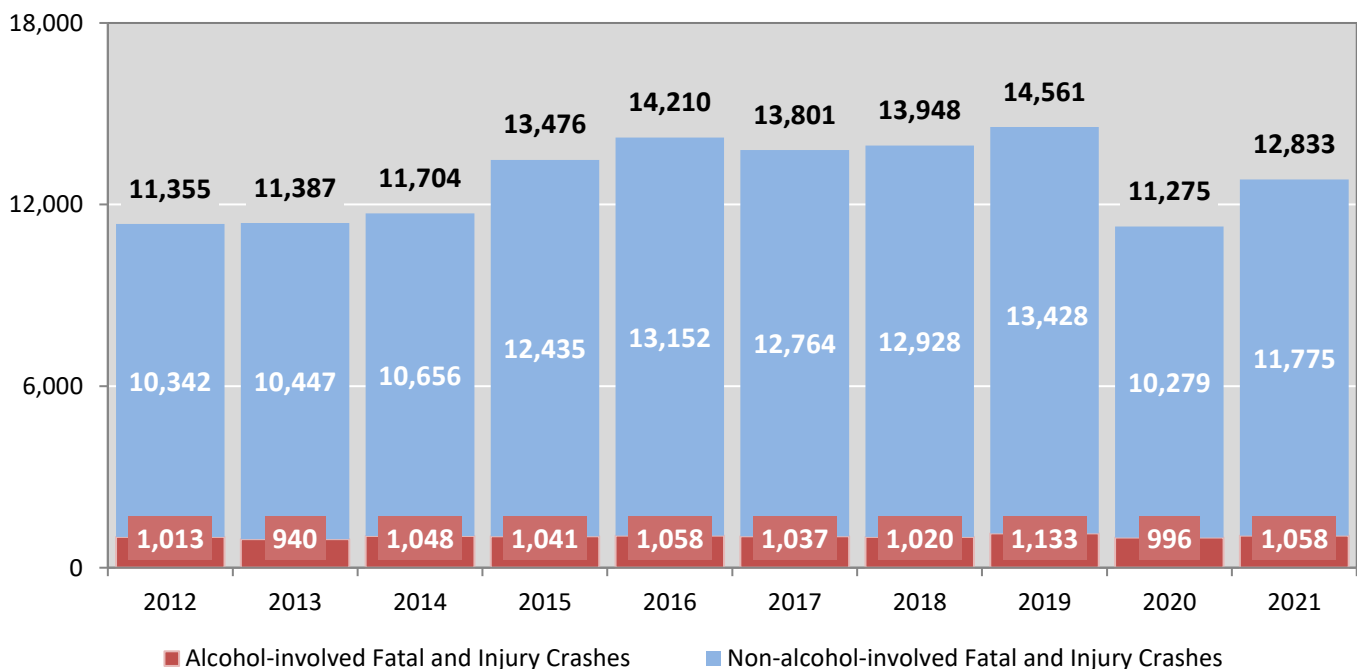
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest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

**Urban Areas** – Areas defined by the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Asset Management and Planning, 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Area Boundaries, NMDOT-Adjusted, and U.S. Census Urban Clusters, August 21, 2013. Urban areas for crash years 2013-2017 include a 1/2 mile buffer extending out from those urban boundaries. In crashes before 2013, “urban” was defined as a town or city with a population of at least 2,500 people.

**Table 1: Total Crashes and Alcohol-involved Crashes by Crash Severity in New Mexico, 2012-2021**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2012	337	11,018	29,728	<b>41,083</b>	139	874	1,163	<b>2,176</b>
2013	275	11,112	27,821	<b>39,208</b>	123	817	997	<b>1,937</b>
2014	340	11,364	28,986	<b>40,690</b>	152	896	993	<b>2,041</b>
2015	269	13,207	31,832	<b>45,308</b>	103	938	1,093	<b>2,134</b>
2016	361	13,849	30,861	<b>45,071</b>	149	909	1,015	<b>2,073</b>
2017	341	13,460	32,105	<b>45,906</b>	131	906	1,013	<b>2,050</b>
2018	351	13,597	32,838	<b>46,786</b>	141	879	1,070	<b>2,090</b>
2019	369	14,192	33,563	<b>48,124</b>	149	984	1,104	<b>2,237</b>
2020	365	10,910	25,280	<b>36,555</b>	134	862	1,024	<b>2,020</b>
2021	429	12,404	27,936	<b>40,769</b>	157	901	1,092	<b>2,150</b>

**Figure 1: Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes Compared with Non-alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes in New Mexico, 2012-2021**



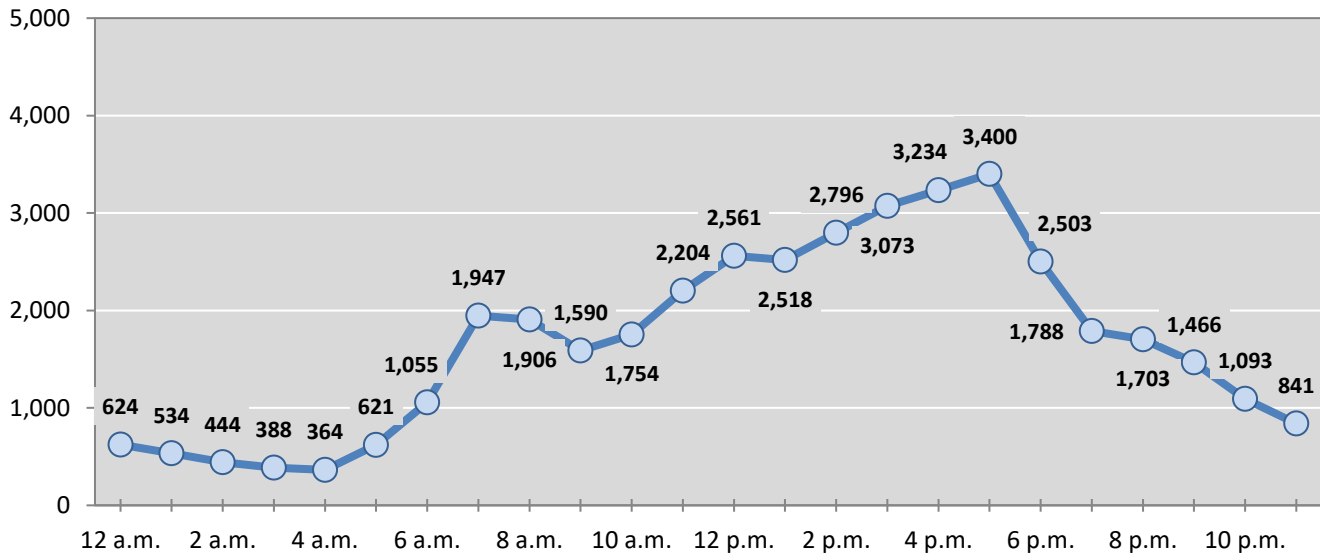
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
January	3,541	3,584	4,013	3,787	2,874	<b>3,560</b>
February	3,255	3,412	3,817	3,936	2,714	<b>3,427</b>
March	3,940	3,884	4,005	2,889	3,169	<b>3,577</b>
April	3,910	3,501	3,812	1,967	3,287	<b>3,295</b>
May	3,972	3,809	3,998	2,578	3,633	<b>3,598</b>
June	3,507	3,553	3,770	2,830	3,313	<b>3,395</b>
July	3,754	3,680	3,803	3,064	3,356	<b>3,531</b>
August	4,055	4,014	4,191	3,189	3,785	<b>3,847</b>
September	4,024	4,212	3,961	3,125	3,792	<b>3,823</b>
October	4,201	4,554	4,352	3,614	3,786	<b>4,101</b>
November	3,753	4,069	4,323	2,584	3,435	<b>3,633</b>
December	3,994	4,514	4,079	2,992	3,625	<b>3,841</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>45,906</b>	<b>46,786</b>	<b>48,124</b>	<b>36,555</b>	<b>40,769</b>	<b>43,628</b>

**Table 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Month in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

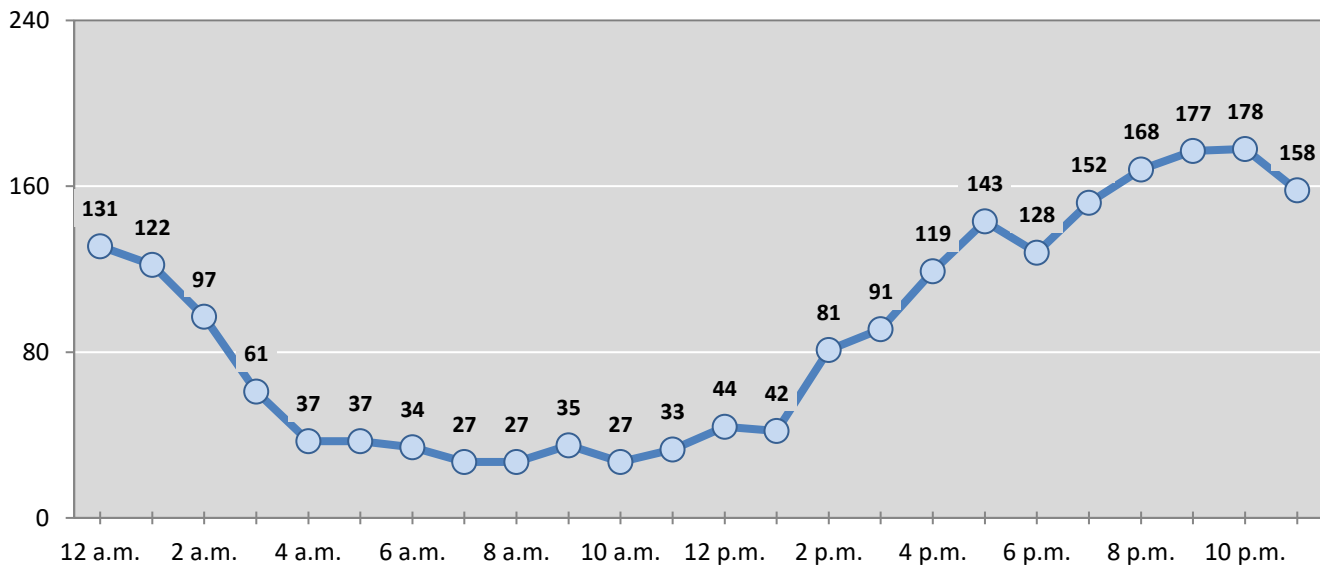
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
January	154	174	164	178	181	<b>170</b>
February	161	167	187	184	138	<b>167</b>
March	175	191	185	163	175	<b>178</b>
April	180	170	161	137	180	<b>166</b>
May	167	133	189	193	188	<b>174</b>
June	160	154	187	156	136	<b>159</b>
July	167	169	209	182	212	<b>188</b>
August	166	173	207	171	192	<b>182</b>
September	179	183	202	172	194	<b>186</b>
October	185	179	186	172	181	<b>181</b>
November	174	176	184	155	177	<b>173</b>
December	182	221	176	157	196	<b>186</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,237</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,109</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 362 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 3: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 1 alcohol-involved crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Table 4: Total Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	4,352	4,458	4,533	3,904	4,450	<b>4,339</b>
Monday	6,406	6,862	6,901	5,270	5,689	<b>6,226</b>
Tuesday	7,158	7,168	7,594	5,557	6,054	<b>6,706</b>
Wednesday	7,235	7,304	7,513	5,508	6,213	<b>6,755</b>
Thursday	6,997	7,241	7,427	5,492	6,190	<b>6,669</b>
Friday	8,006	7,869	8,251	6,065	6,874	<b>7,413</b>
Saturday	5,752	5,884	5,905	4,759	5,299	<b>5,520</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>45,906</b>	<b>46,786</b>	<b>48,124</b>	<b>36,555</b>	<b>40,769</b>	<b>43,628</b>

**Table 5: Heavy-truck Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	208	248	288	263	322	<b>266</b>
Monday	359	413	384	435	370	<b>392</b>
Tuesday	436	441	479	464	453	<b>455</b>
Wednesday	433	400	541	483	563	<b>484</b>
Thursday	407	444	502	442	481	<b>455</b>
Friday	421	435	469	449	437	<b>442</b>
Saturday	252	277	334	310	315	<b>298</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>2,792</b>

**Table 6: Motorcycle Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	152	152	136	167	169	<b>155</b>
Monday	142	109	105	101	129	<b>117</b>
Tuesday	135	115	105	87	106	<b>110</b>
Wednesday	156	134	137	104	99	<b>126</b>
Thursday	145	128	139	130	101	<b>129</b>
Friday	174	155	164	124	160	<b>155</b>
Saturday	178	193	215	167	172	<b>185</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>977</b>

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



**Table 7: Alcohol-involved Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	346	368	409	326	415	<b>373</b>
Monday	200	236	242	212	197	<b>217</b>
Tuesday	226	204	212	240	238	<b>224</b>
Wednesday	252	240	273	241	233	<b>248</b>
Thursday	254	260	255	291	268	<b>266</b>
Friday	338	309	359	309	357	<b>334</b>
Saturday	434	473	487	401	442	<b>447</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,237</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,109</b>

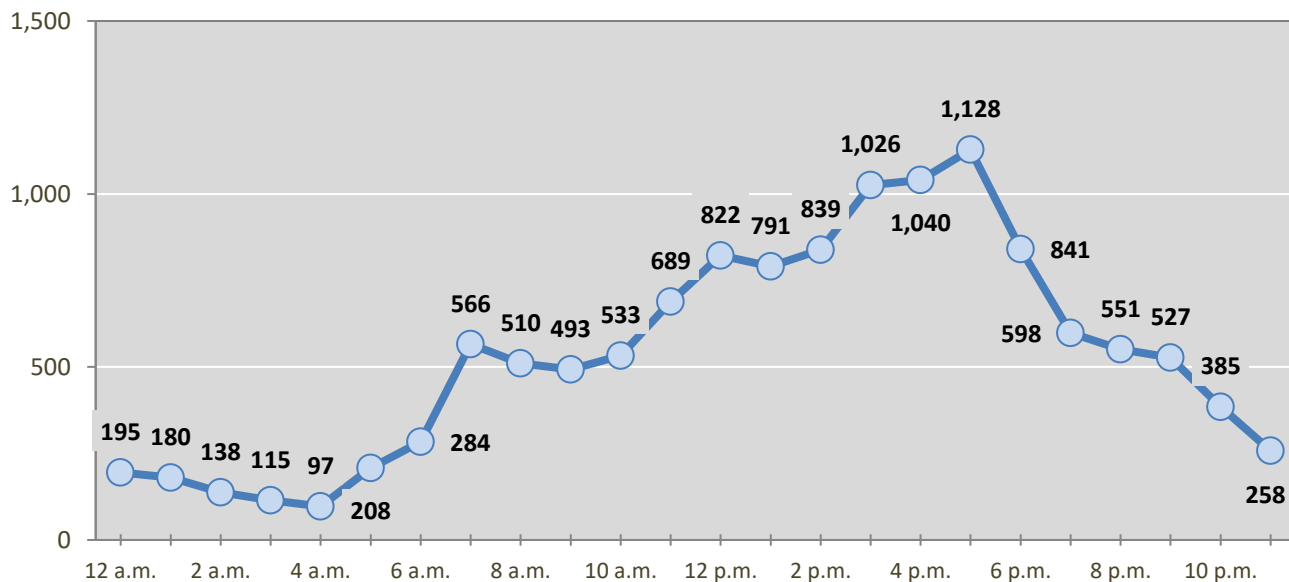
**Table 8: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	1,374	1,396	1,462	1,268	1,471	<b>1,394</b>
Monday	1,967	2,031	2,051	1,566	1,826	<b>1,888</b>
Tuesday	2,112	2,087	2,240	1,662	1,867	<b>1,994</b>
Wednesday	2,139	2,125	2,261	1,670	1,911	<b>2,021</b>
Thursday	2,067	2,082	2,237	1,646	1,932	<b>1,993</b>
Friday	2,369	2,338	2,457	1,876	2,090	<b>2,226</b>
Saturday	1,773	1,889	1,853	1,587	1,736	<b>1,768</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>13,801</b>	<b>13,948</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>13,284</b>

**Table 9: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

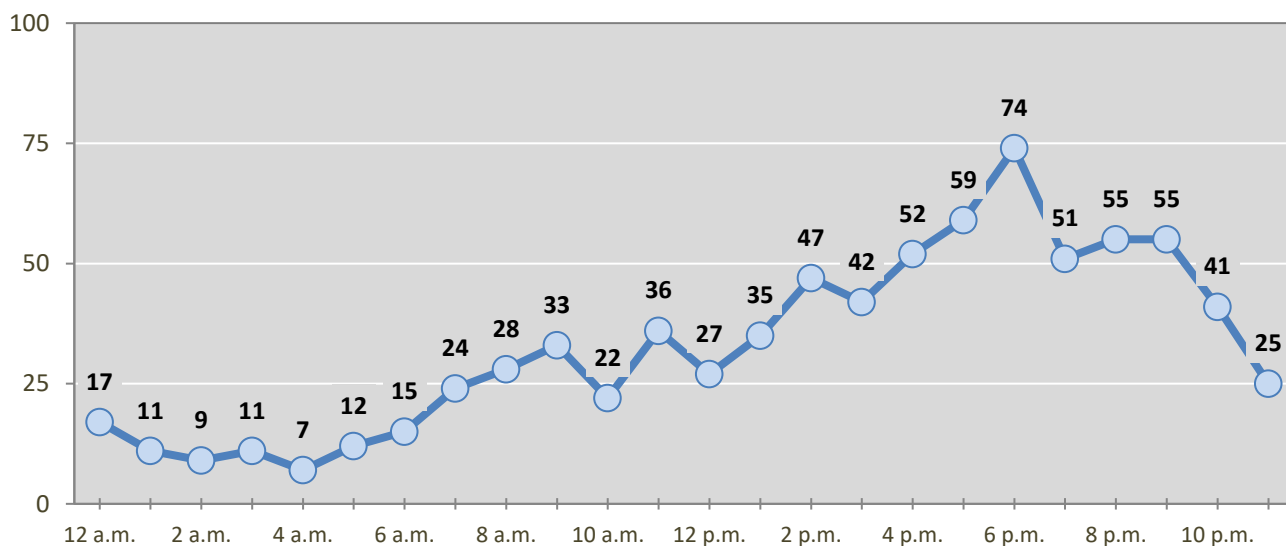
Day of Week	All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	84	92	110	85	93	<b>93</b>
Monday	150	147	151	94	123	<b>133</b>
Tuesday	150	139	165	119	99	<b>134</b>
Wednesday	156	143	149	119	116	<b>137</b>
Thursday	160	148	145	91	116	<b>132</b>
Friday	164	176	147	137	129	<b>151</b>
Saturday	113	146	141	97	112	<b>122</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>901</b>

**Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 19 crashes for which hour data were missing.

**Figure 5: All Pedestrian and Pedalcycle Crashes by Hour in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico 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 New Mexico, 2021**

Rural and Urban Locations by Alcohol Involvement	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>People in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>4,720</b>
Urban	86	108	393	507	2,530	3,624
Rural Non-Interstate	79	48	154	124	535	940
Rural Interstate	13	8	22	21	92	156
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>81,016</b>	<b>99,470</b>
Urban	243	657	3,789	9,871	66,481	81,041
Rural Non-Interstate	178	300	1,095	1,486	11,096	14,155
Rural Interstate	62	87	282	404	3,439	4,274
<b>Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>

**Table 11: Total Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Crash Severity  
in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>Total Rural Interstate</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>1,892</b>
Fatal Crash	41	32	56	44	52	45
Injury Crash	444	506	693	468	485	519
Property Damage Only Crash	1,080	1,299	1,582	1,347	1,332	1,328
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>5,341</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>7,436</b>	<b>6,664</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>6,709</b>
Fatal Crash	124	178	142	148	152	149
Injury Crash	1,532	2,125	2,244	1,943	1,977	1,964
Property Damage Only Crash	3,685	5,008	5,050	4,573	4,664	4,596
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>37,638</b>	<b>38,357</b>	<b>28,032</b>	<b>32,107</b>	<b>35,026</b>
Fatal Crash	176	141	171	173	225	177
Injury Crash	11,484	10,966	11,255	8,499	9,942	10,429
Property Damage Only Crash	27,340	26,531	26,931	19,360	21,940	24,420

**Table 12: Total Crashes by First Harmful Event in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	1,873	1,954	1,964	1,841	1,758	<b>1,878</b>
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	4,226	4,269	4,658	4,425	4,666	<b>4,449</b>
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	35,289	34,740	35,203	25,176	30,050	<b>32,092</b>
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	1,029	1,098	1,023	849	769	<b>954</b>
<b>Collision with Person</b>	977	995	1,008	700	788	<b>894</b>
Pedalcycle	378	365	370	228	241	<b>316</b>
Pedestrian	599	630	638	462	518	<b>569</b>
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	7	29	<b>18</b>
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	3	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Non-Collision</b>	2,494	2,714	2,764	2,246	2,059	<b>2,455</b>
Overturn/Rollover	1,649	1,857	1,952	1,564	1,292	<b>1,663</b>
All Other Non-Collision	845	857	812	682	767	<b>793</b>
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	494	616	<b>555</b>
<b>Missing Data</b>	18	1,016	1,504	824	63	<b>685</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>45,906</b>	<b>46,786</b>	<b>48,124</b>	<b>36,555</b>	<b>40,769</b>	<b>43,628</b>

<sup>1</sup> The options of “Other Non-Motorist” and “Other” were not available before 2020. The addition of options in 2020 decreases the use of previously available options.

**Table 13: Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Buses	346	356	363	249	307	<b>324</b>
Motorcycles/ATVs	1,179	1,090	1,128	1,093	1,126	<b>1,123</b>
Passenger Cars	46,767	47,470	48,484	35,510	39,495	<b>43,545</b>
Pedalcycles	385	371	374	266	243	<b>328</b>
Pedestrians, All	620	651	661	495	573	<b>600</b>
Pickups	15,333	15,724	16,430	12,956	14,423	<b>14,973</b>
Semis/Heavy Trucks	2,738	2,939	3,310	3,176	3,418	<b>3,116</b>
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	14,824	14,289	14,850	10,186	12,163	<b>13,262</b>
Other Vehicles	208	605	125	106	165	<b>242</b>
Missing Data	3,822	3,584	4,213	1,988	3,307	<b>3,383</b>
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>86,222</b>	<b>87,079</b>	<b>89,938</b>	<b>66,025</b>	<b>75,220</b>	<b>80,897</b>

<sup>1</sup> Pedestrians and pedalcycles are counted as non-motorized vehicles, when involved in a crash with a motor vehicle. "All pedestrians" encompasses pedestrians with or without personal conveyance (e.g., wheelchair, skateboard). See Page 18 for more data on non-motorized vehicles in crashes.

**Table 14: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in New Mexico, 2021**

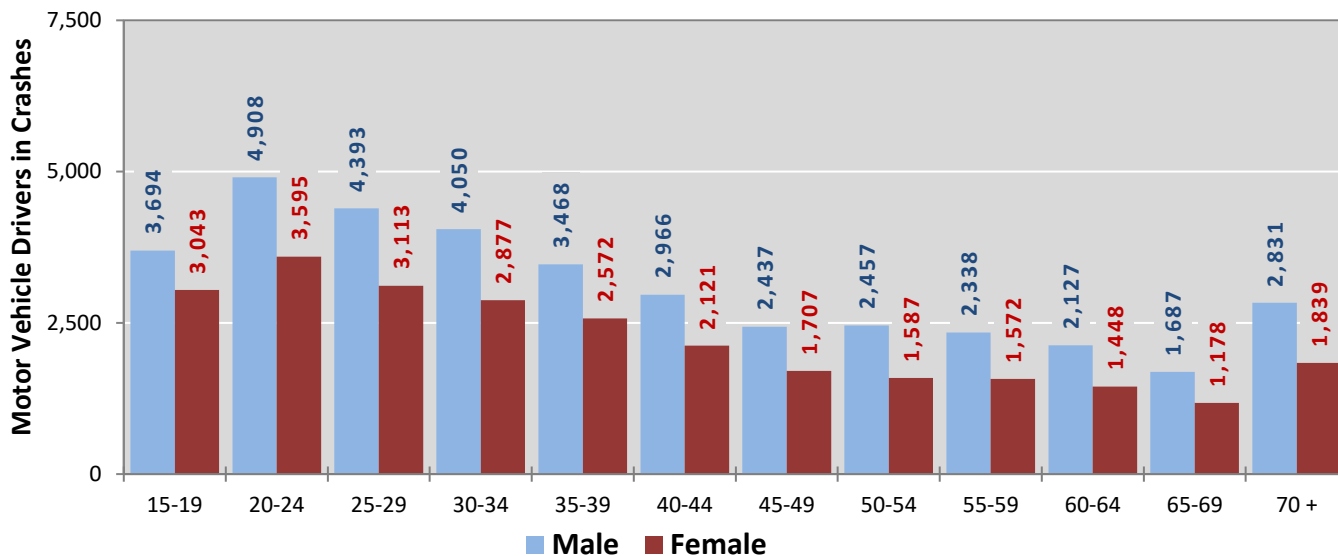
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi / Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	1	84	4,884	1,029	12	749	1	47	<b>6,807</b>
20-24	8	140	5,916	1,260	206	1,016	5	101	<b>8,652</b>
25-29	20	138	4,525	1,259	360	1,211	4	71	<b>7,588</b>
30-34	27	120	3,784	1,291	421	1,278	4	77	<b>7,002</b>
35-39	19	93	3,111	1,270	358	1,169	7	70	<b>6,097</b>
40-44	16	99	2,538	1,107	353	969	8	57	<b>5,147</b>
45-49	27	84	1,907	988	342	788	6	56	<b>4,198</b>
50-54	32	92	1,896	965	342	732	9	30	<b>4,098</b>
55-59	50	62	1,757	963	333	735	16	37	<b>3,953</b>
60-64	46	55	1,615	907	263	667	13	35	<b>3,601</b>
65-69	25	38	1,396	697	117	567	14	35	<b>2,889</b>
70 +	17	36	2,472	986	78	1,038	34	50	<b>4,711</b>
Missing Data	19	85	3,694	1,701	233	1,244	44	2,641	<b>9,661</b>
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>39,495</b>	<b>14,423</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3,307</b>	<b>74,404</b>

**Table 15: Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Vehicle Type and Age Group in New Mexico, 2021**

Age Groups	Alcohol-involved Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi / Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	0	92	31	0	16	0	1	<b>140</b>
20-24	0	8	290	76	0	31	0	1	<b>406</b>
25-29	0	16	256	80	2	53	0	1	<b>408</b>
30-34	0	10	181	65	2	53	0	1	<b>312</b>
35-39	0	9	120	53	2	34	0	0	<b>218</b>
40-44	0	1	76	27	1	23	1	1	<b>130</b>
45-49	0	7	45	24	1	18	1	0	<b>96</b>
50-54	0	9	46	18	1	16	0	0	<b>90</b>
55-59	0	3	44	21	0	11	0	0	<b>79</b>
60-64	0	0	29	18	1	11	0	0	<b>59</b>
65-69	0	0	23	12	0	4	0	0	<b>39</b>
70 +	0	0	5	12	0	3	0	0	<b>20</b>
Missing Data	0	3	48	14	1	16	0	6	<b>88</b>
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,085</b>

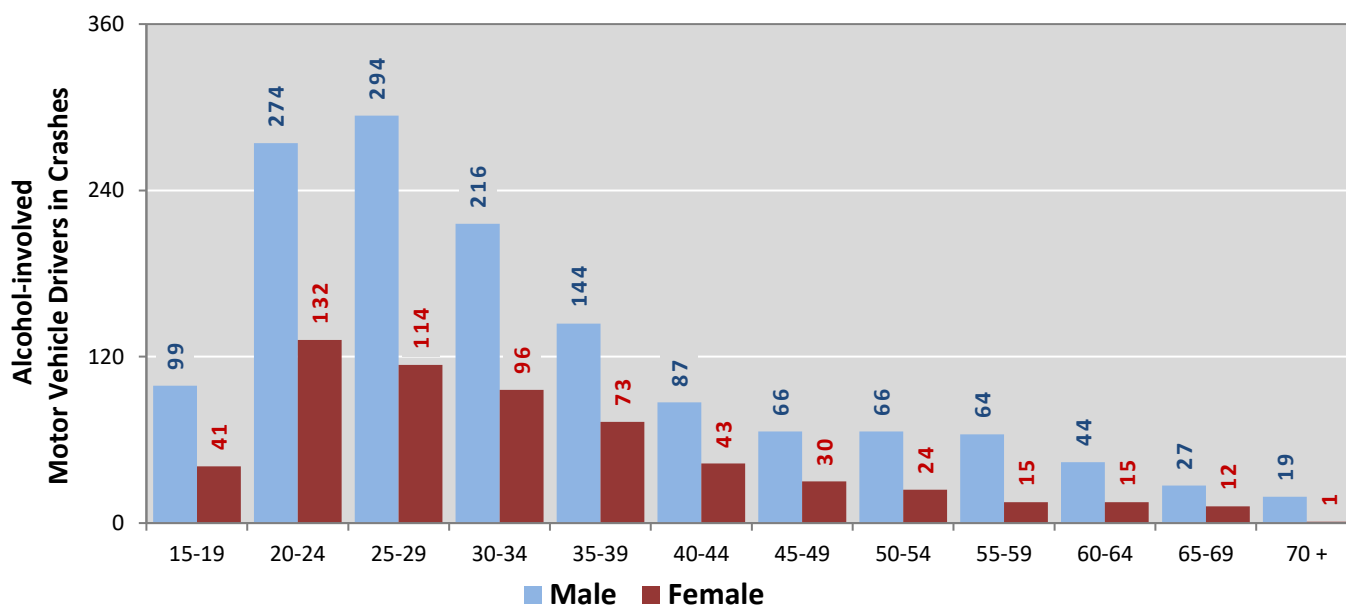
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

**Figure 6: Motor Vehicle Drivers in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 10396 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, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 89 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 New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
15	1	0	7	7	1	16
16	6	5	6	17	7	41
17	15	16	30	20	28	109
18	33	28	40	43	55	199
19	32	53	49	58	49	241
20	54	54	63	64	63	298
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>904</b>

**Table 17: Motor Vehicle Drivers Under 21 (Ages 15-20) in Crashes by Age, Sex and Alcohol Involvement in New Mexico, 2021**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Total Drivers				Alcohol-involved Drivers			
	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total	Sex		Total Drivers	Percent of Total
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
15	179	136	315	4%	1	0	1	0%
16	566	479	1,045	12%	5	2	7	3%
17	866	697	1,563	18%	20	8	28	14%
18	1,037	847	1,884	22%	38	17	55	27%
19	1,046	884	1,930	23%	35	14	49	24%
20	1,014	808	1,822	21%	40	23	63	31%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>8,559</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> For analysis of drivers under age 21, when the driver age or sex are not identified on the crash report (typically hit-and-run drivers), the driver data are considered unreliable and are excluded from the analysis.

**Table 18: Frequency of Contributing Factors in Crashes  
by Crash Severity in New Mexico, 2021**

Contributing Factors	Frequency of Contributing Factor <sup>1</sup> by Crash Severity			
	Frequency in Fatal Crashes	Frequency in Injury Crashes	Frequency in Property Damage Only Crashes	Frequency in All Crashes
<b>Human</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>19,826</b>	<b>34,909</b>	<b>55,794</b>
Driver Inattention	174	6,393	11,335	17,902
Failed to Yield Right of Way	42	2,650	3,621	6,313
Other Improper Driving	108	1,471	2,772	4,351
Following Too Closely	9	1,386	2,938	4,333
Excessive Speed	125	1,349	1,936	3,410
Disregarded Traffic Signal	21	1,048	1,125	2,194
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	160	914	1,098	2,172
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	17	605	1,326	1,948
Made Improper Turn	10	477	1,327	1,814
Improper Lane Change	6	326	1,373	1,705
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	35	579	1,068	1,682
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	16	533	1,054	1,603
Drove Left of Center	50	361	589	1,000
Improper Overtaking	9	228	730	967
Passed Stop Sign	9	375	509	893
Avoid No Contact Other	14	211	468	693
Improper Backing	0	51	601	652
Under the Influence Of Drugs	168	174	184	526
Cell Phone	8	189	294	491
Pedestrian Error	68	197	28	293
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	73	99	172
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	34	121	155
High-Speed Pursuit	4	47	68	119
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	1	40	69	110
Driver Distracted By Texting	2	40	63	105
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	40	48	88
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	19	39	58
Driverless Moving Vehicle	3	11	12	26
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	5	14	19
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,735</b>
Other Mechanical Defect	7	154	362	523
Inadequate Brakes	2	148	308	458
Defective Tires	12	79	231	322
Defective Steering	1	61	96	158
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	5	51	39	95
Wheels	1	18	46	65
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	3	32	35
Windows/Windshield	1	5	18	24
Wipers	0	7	12	19
Mirrors	0	2	14	16
Suspension	0	4	11	15
Exhaust System	0	0	5	5
<b>Environment</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>4,606</b>
Animal(s) In Roadway	3	133	991	1,127
Traffic Congestion	6	313	466	785
Weather Conditions	4	175	495	674
Road Surface Conditions	0	187	427	614
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	1	139	177	317
Obstruction in Road	4	67	170	241
Backup - Prior Crash	1	37	190	228
Low Visibility Due to Glare	2	80	129	211
Debris	2	41	163	206
Road Defect	1	28	53	82
Backup - Prior Incident	2	8	46	56
Traffic Control Missing	0	15	39	54
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	7	4	11
<b>Other</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>11,317</b>	<b>25,713</b>	<b>37,315</b>
Other - No Driver Error	202	9,118	15,565	24,885
Missing Data	18	507	6,078	6,603
None	65	1,692	4,070	5,827
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>32,905</b>	<b>65,146</b>	<b>99,450</b>

<sup>1</sup> Multiple contributing factors may be reported for any vehicle in a crash.

**Table 19: People in Crashes by First Harmful Event and Severity of Injuries in New Mexico, 2021**

First Harmful Event (FHE) and Subanalysis	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>2,671</b>
Deer	0	3	31	50	1,384	1,468
Elk	0	2	15	27	449	493
Cattle/Cow	2	2	11	25	207	247
Small Domestic Animal	0	3	7	6	132	148
Small Game Animal	0	0	1	1	75	77
Antelope	0	0	4	2	55	61
Horse	0	0	3	1	44	48
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	3	2	31	36
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	1	0	1	0	16	18
Bear	0	0	1	0	16	17
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	14	14
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	2	41	44
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>6,364</b>
Curb	2	16	71	76	621	786
Guardrail, End or Face	11	14	98	63	535	721
Fence	8	19	63	58	519	667
Other Fixed Object	2	11	50	64	425	552
Other Post, Pole or Support	1	7	36	34	375	453
Utility Pole/Light Support	3	10	41	41	354	449
Median	5	8	35	23	240	311
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	4	40	58	205	307
Tree (standing)	16	13	60	34	163	286
Traffic Sign Support	1	3	16	9	216	245
Embankment	3	12	46	37	144	242
Ditch	2	3	34	31	133	203
Traffic Barrier, Cable	1	2	8	11	152	174
Wall or Building	1	5	25	21	116	168
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	2	4	12	11	95	124
Culvert	2	4	6	6	36	54
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	2	7	36	31	515	591
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	4	2	25	31
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>10,194</b>	<b>68,864</b>	<b>82,932</b>
MV in Transport	190	519	3,042	10,076	65,072	78,899
Parked MV	4	12	107	117	3,772	4,012
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	1	20	21
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>1,356</b>
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	1	1	11	273	286
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	1	2	3	33	39
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	1	4	5
Other Non-fixed Object	1	15	57	58	869	1,000
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	1	1	0	24	26
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,849</b>
Pedestrian	104	90	221	143	688	1,246
Pedalcycle	6	22	117	77	318	540
Other Non-Motorist	2	3	13	9	36	63
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>3,296</b>
Overturn/Rollover	104	155	511	330	970	2,070
Jackknife	0	0	2	5	102	109
Fell/Jumped from MV	1	5	23	8	18	55
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	1	3	1	37	42
Fire/Explosion	0	1	0	0	35	36
Immersion, Full or Partial	1	1	2	6	16	26
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	3	0	15	18
Other Non-Collision	5	19	114	71	545	754
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	3	11	15	157	186
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>883</b>
<b>Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Total People</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>81,016</b>	<b>99,470</b>



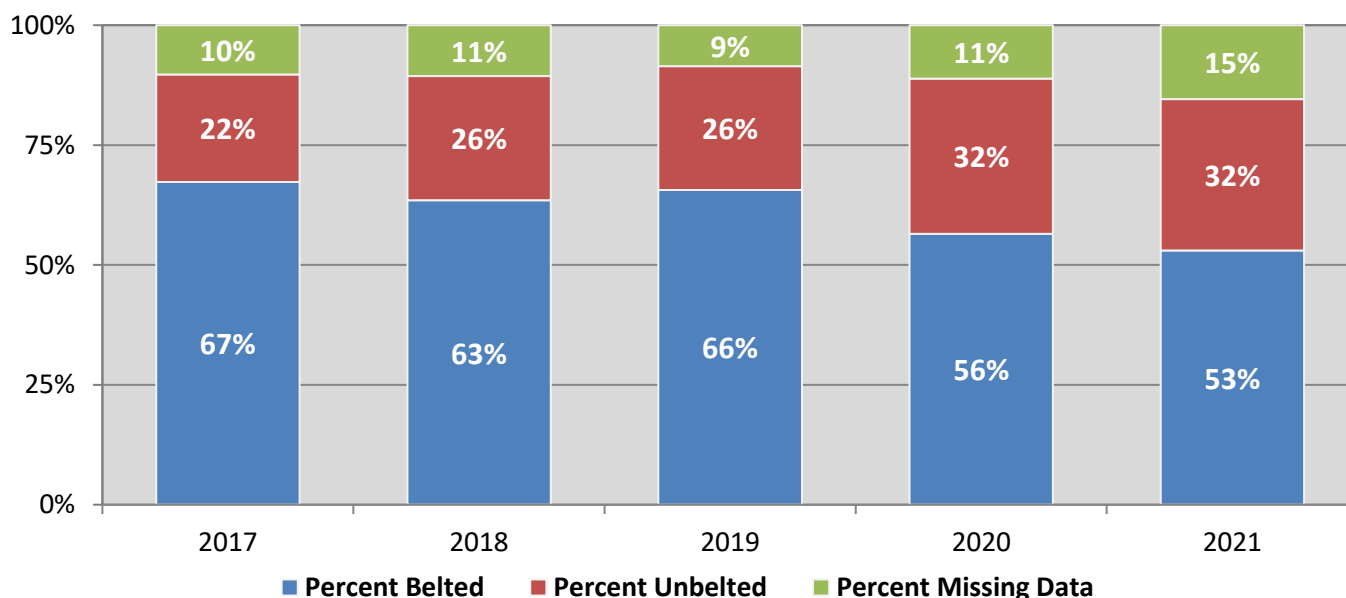
**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes by Sex and Age Group in New Mexico, 2021**

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured <sup>1,2</sup>				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	8	2%	4	1%	12
5-9	11	2%	16	5%	27
10-14	11	2%	12	3%	23
15-19	84	16%	55	16%	139
20-24	102	20%	60	17%	162
25-29	82	16%	39	11%	121
30-34	63	12%	39	11%	102
35-39	35	7%	32	9%	67
40-44	30	6%	17	5%	47
45-49	16	3%	9	3%	25
50-54	21	4%	12	3%	33
55-59	15	3%	11	3%	26
60-64	14	3%	7	2%	21
65-69	11	2%	6	2%	17
70 +	14	3%	15	4%	29
Missing Data	5	1%	11	3%	16
<b>Total People</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>867</b>

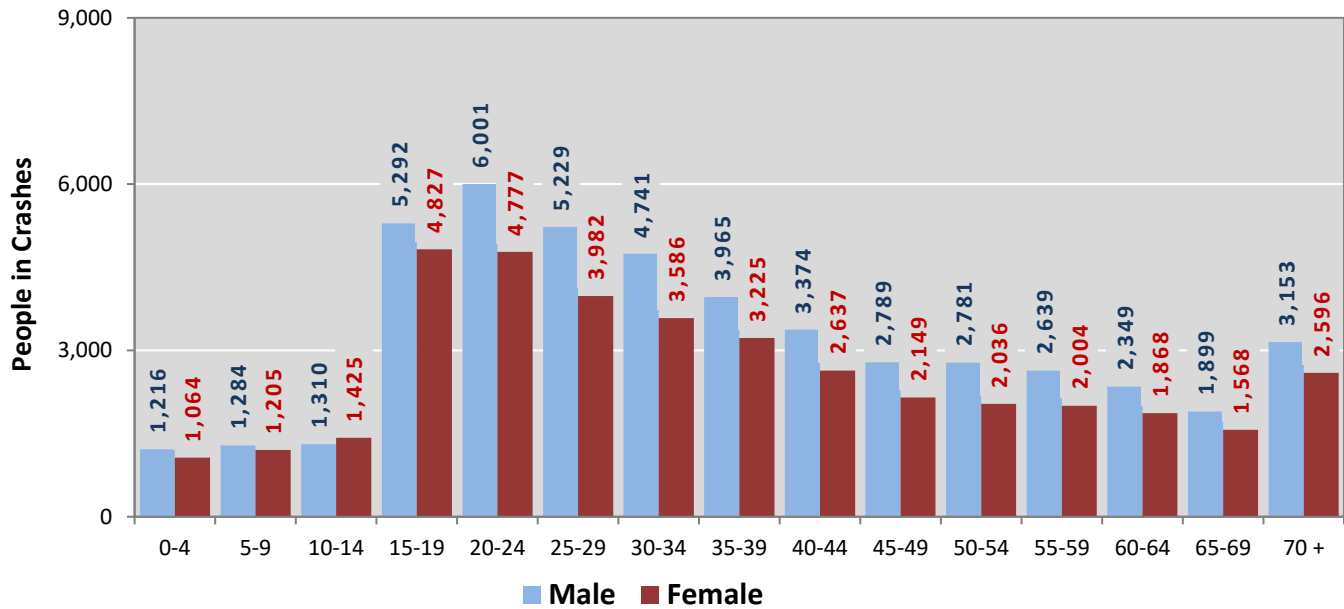
<sup>1</sup> People injured are in one of three categories: suspected serious injury, suspected minor injury, or possible injury.

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

**Figure 8: Seatbelt Use by People in Crashes with Fatal or Suspected Serious Injuries in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

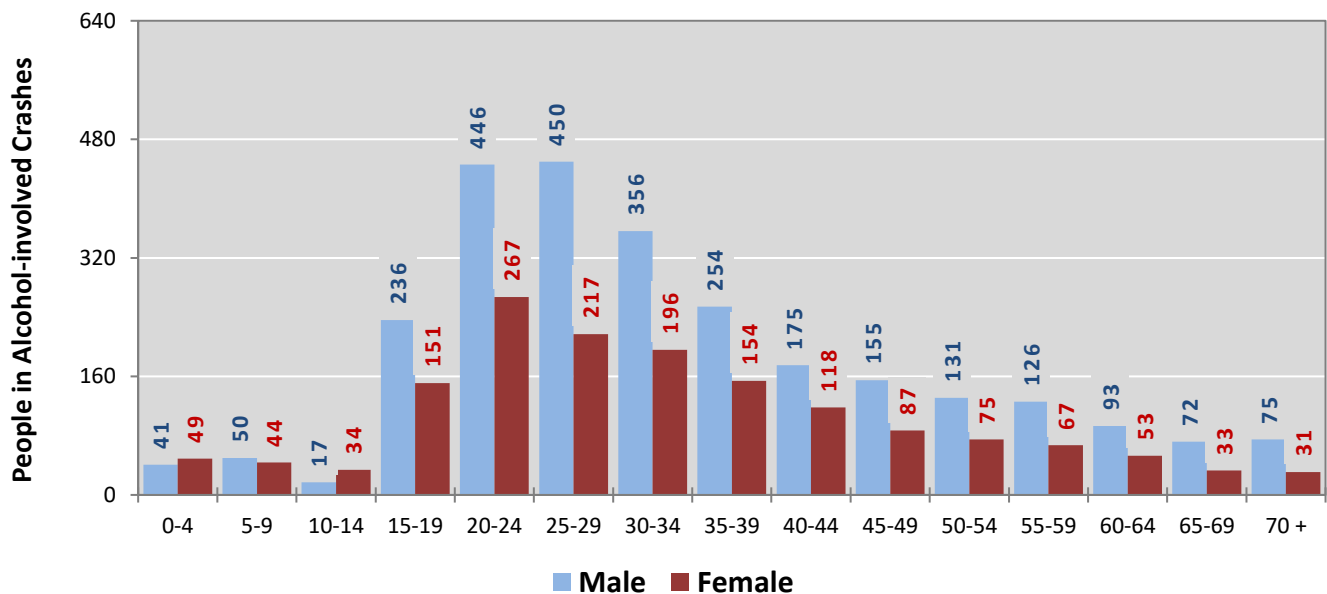


**Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 12499 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, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 467 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 New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
0-4	8	7	6	8	5	34
5-9	30	23	19	9	13	94
10-14	56	60	48	26	38	228
15-19	81	88	78	48	56	351
20-24	72	80	71	41	63	327
25-29	108	111	109	66	88	482
30-34	99	107	81	76	84	447
35-39	79	78	105	71	80	413
40-44	70	58	79	53	51	311
45-49	86	62	57	56	54	315
50-54	66	73	76	63	55	333
55-59	52	75	79	73	65	344
60-64	58	47	72	55	52	284
65-69	43	37	43	33	30	186
70 +	43	45	53	36	44	221
Missing Data	54	71	59	47	39	270
<b>Total People</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>4,640</b>

**Table 22: All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators in Crashes by Alcohol Involvement and Severity of Injuries in New Mexico, 2021**

Alcohol Involvement	All Pedestrians and Pedalcycle Operators <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injury (Class O)	
<b>Pedalcycle Operators</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>243</b>
Involved	0	0	2	1	1	4
Not Involved	6	22	112	76	23	239
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>573</b>
Involved	39	12	26	11	0	88
Not Involved	66	77	187	122	33	485
<b>Total People</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>816</b>

<sup>1</sup> "All pedestrians" encompasses pedestrians with and without personal conveyance (e.g., wheelchair, skateboard). "All pedalcyclists" encompasses both pedalcycle operators and pedalcycle passengers. All pedestrians and pedalcycle operators are counted as non-motorized vehicles when involved in a crash with a motor vehicle.

**Table 23: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes  
by Severity of Injuries and Belt Usage in New Mexico, 2021**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	103	184	0	287
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	433	137	156	726
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	3,129	318	581	4,028
Possible Injuries	C	9,587	225	1,328	11,140
No Apparent Injuries	O	52,541	460	19,815	72,816
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>65,793</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>21,880</b>	<b>88,997</b>

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

**Table 24: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Severity of Injuries and Helmet Usage in New Mexico, 2021**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	20	35	0	55
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	46	66	29	141
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	208	212	116	536
Possible Injuries	C	73	37	32	142
No Apparent Injuries	O	66	19	83	168
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>413</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1,042</b>

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

**Table 25: Occupants of Passenger Vehicles in Crashes  
by Year, Belt Usage, and Percent Killed in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Year	Occupant Fatalities of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>				Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed	
	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Belted	Unbelted
2017	108	120	2	230	82,973	1,155	21,001	105,129	0.13%	10.4%
2018	95	135	0	230	85,644	1,227	18,155	105,026	0.11%	11.0%
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%
<b>Average</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>249.2</b>	<b>75,601.0</b>	<b>1,189.0</b>	<b>20,024.2</b>	<b>96,814.2</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

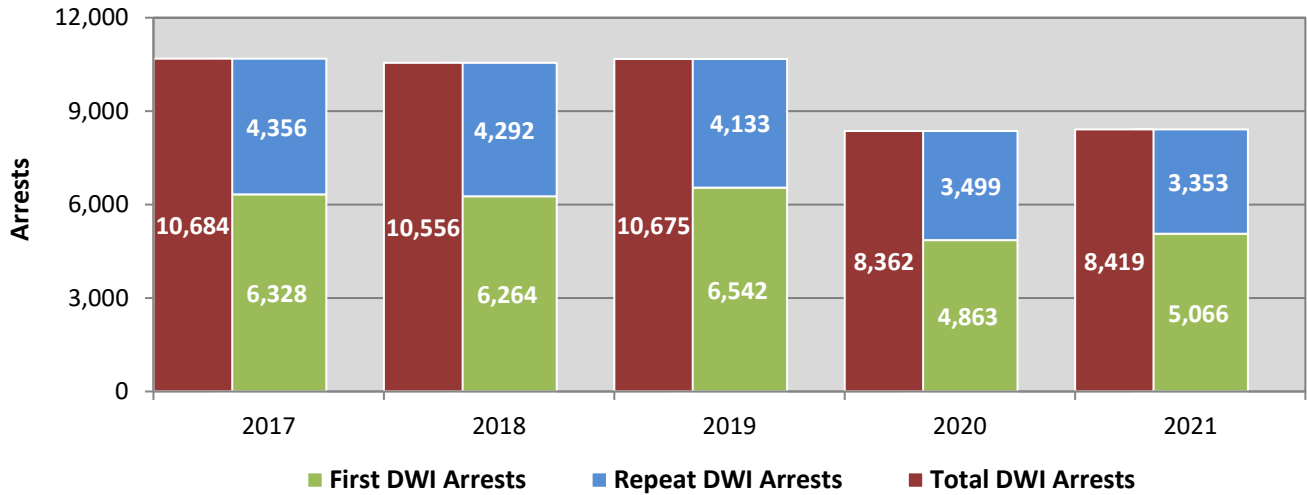
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

**Table 26: Motorcyclists in Crashes  
by Year, Helmet Usage, and Percent Killed in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Year	Motorcyclist Fatalities <sup>1</sup>				Total Motorcyclists <sup>1</sup>				Percent Killed	
	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Fatalities	Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total Occupants	Helmeted	Unhelmeted
2017	18	35	0	53	477	382	339	1,198	3.8%	9.2%
2018	19	26	2	47	430	327	336	1,093	4.4%	8.0%
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%
<b>Average</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>427.6</b>	<b>347.0</b>	<b>306.6</b>	<b>1,081.2</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

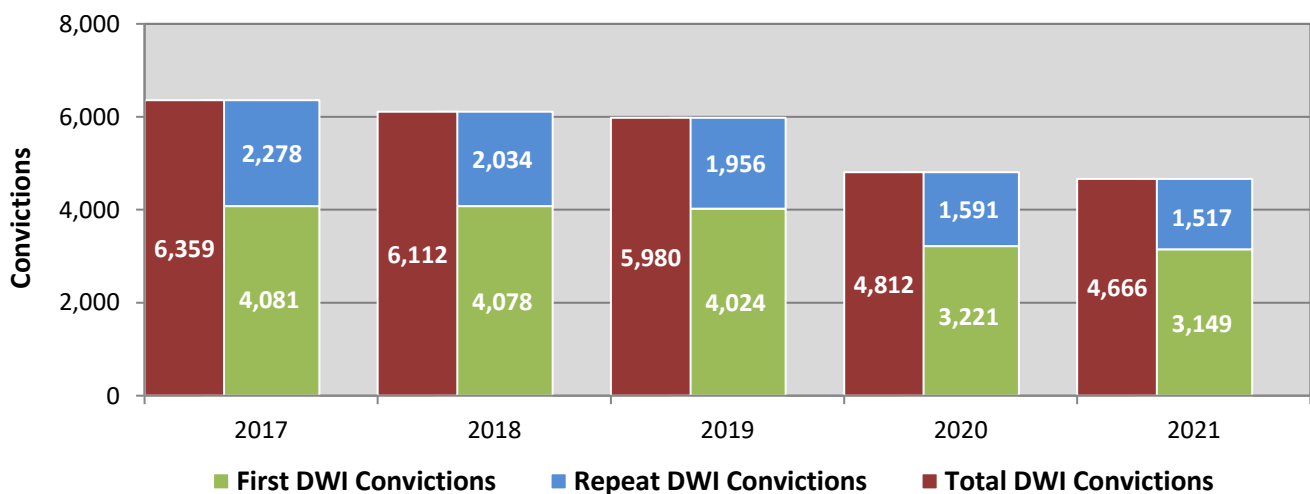
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

**Figure 11: DWI Arrests in New Mexico Showing First and Repeat DWI Arrests, 2017-2021**



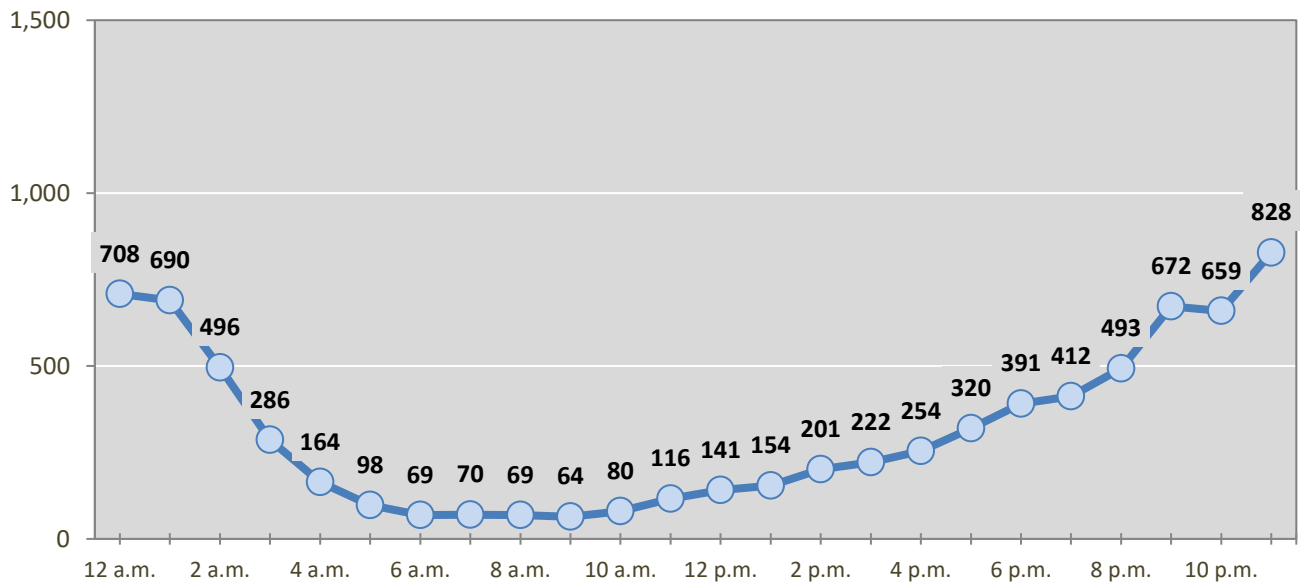
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

**Figure 12: DWI Convictions in New Mexico Showing First and Repeat DWI Convictions, 2017-2021**



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

**Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in New Mexico, 2021**



\* In 2021, New Mexico had 762 arrests for which hour data were missing.

**Table 27: DWI Arrests by Day of Week in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Sunday	2,070	1,913	2,001	1,451	1,535	<b>1,794</b>
Monday	899	923	890	732	789	<b>847</b>
Tuesday	838	823	874	774	798	<b>821</b>
Wednesday	1,026	1,084	1,070	982	897	<b>1,012</b>
Thursday	1,363	1,342	1,387	1,184	1,057	<b>1,267</b>
Friday	1,877	1,836	1,859	1,462	1,521	<b>1,711</b>
Saturday	2,611	2,635	2,594	1,777	1,822	<b>2,288</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>10,684</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>10,675</b>	<b>8,362</b>	<b>8,419</b>	<b>9,739</b>



**Table 28: Driver First DWI Arrests by Age Group in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
15-19	393	387	445	412	377
20-24	1,533	1,637	1,628	1,224	1,188
25-29	1,406	1,355	1,432	1,040	1,080
30-34	909	850	910	691	783
35-39	626	568	640	489	549
40-44	406	385	454	293	331
45-49	323	362	336	243	251
50-54	262	266	239	167	168
55-59	210	225	176	138	147
60-64	134	120	132	103	113
65-69	75	64	87	36	55
70 +	49	44	60	24	24
Missing Data	2	1	3	3	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>6,328</b>	<b>6,264</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>5,066</b>

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

**Table 29: Driver Repeat DWI Arrests by Age Group in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
15-19	34	29	33	45	33
20-24	310	338	396	297	308
25-29	748	685	611	580	510
30-34	766	740	707	599	606
35-39	646	673	638	519	552
40-44	485	494	501	449	440
45-49	423	427	400	297	272
50-54	359	330	308	290	209
55-59	316	302	268	207	193
60-64	146	162	169	136	136
65-69	85	73	66	49	58
70 +	38	39	36	31	36
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>4,133</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>3,353</b>

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

**Table 30: Driver First DWI Convictions by Age Group in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
15-19	188	208	206	189	201
20-24	998	1,044	1,009	813	761
25-29	959	907	908	680	698
30-34	599	576	567	463	482
35-39	420	371	384	328	341
40-44	269	269	273	214	206
45-49	180	245	214	175	164
50-54	176	156	170	138	100
55-59	138	133	128	83	89
60-64	73	81	87	85	69
65-69	53	63	50	33	28
70 +	28	24	28	20	10
Missing Data	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>4,078</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>3,149</b>

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

**Table 31: Driver Repeat DWI Convictions by Age Group in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
15-19	12	12	11	4	8
20-24	149	140	144	131	101
25-29	363	343	271	248	241
30-34	397	378	347	280	262
35-39	326	293	329	261	235
40-44	259	244	235	179	222
45-49	269	179	200	134	146
50-54	230	172	148	141	114
55-59	138	147	156	122	89
60-64	72	78	65	66	64
65-69	41	33	36	15	24
70 +	22	15	14	10	11
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,517</b>

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

**Table 32: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2021**

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Statewide Totals
Total DWI Arrests	8,419
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	3,755
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	1,173
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	3,491

<sup>1</sup> These are the number of DWI arrests in 2021 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 2022.

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

**Table 33: Average Number of Days from Date of DWI Arrest to Date of Court Disposition in New Mexico, 2021**

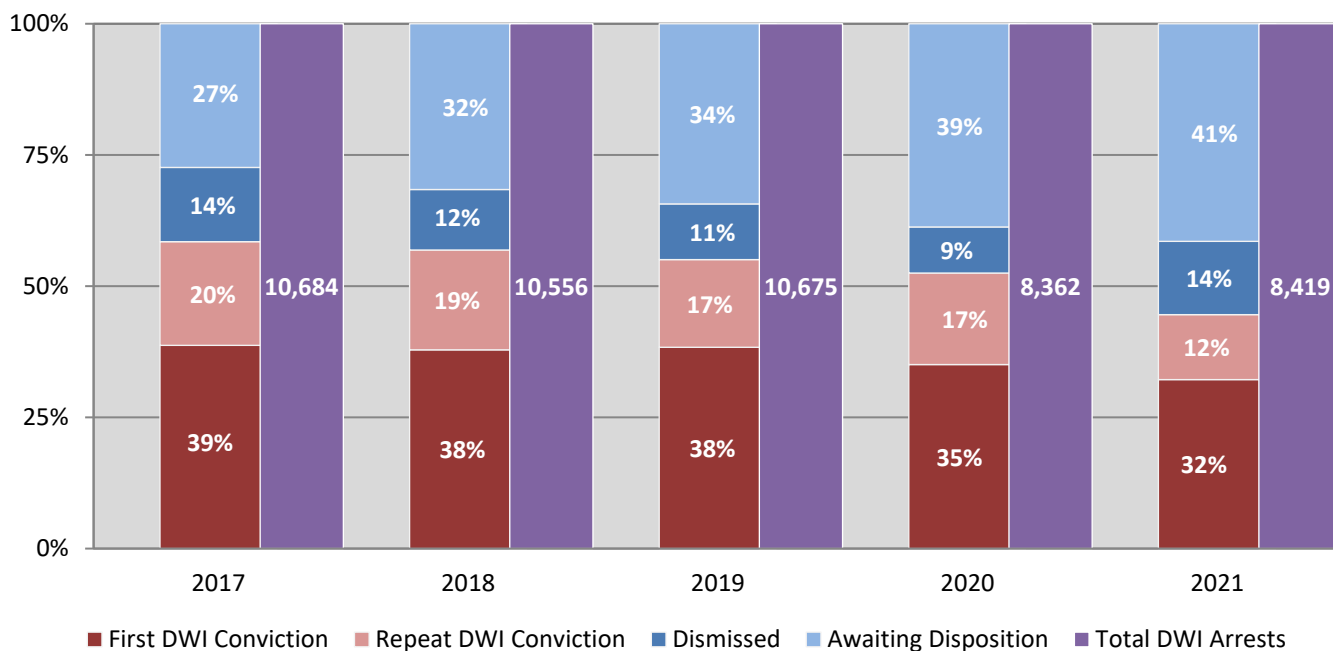
Court Disposition	Statewide
DWI Conviction	177
DWI Dismissal	144

**Table 34: Court Disposition of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2017-2021**

Year of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2017	4,137	2,110	1,512	2,925	10,684
2018	3,999	2,004	1,222	3,331	10,556
2019	4,093	1,786	1,133	3,663	10,675
2020	2,933	1,455	735	3,239	8,362
2021	2,713	1,042	1,173	3,491	8,419

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

**Figure 14: Court Dispositions by Percentage of DWI Arrests in New Mexico, 2017-2021**



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