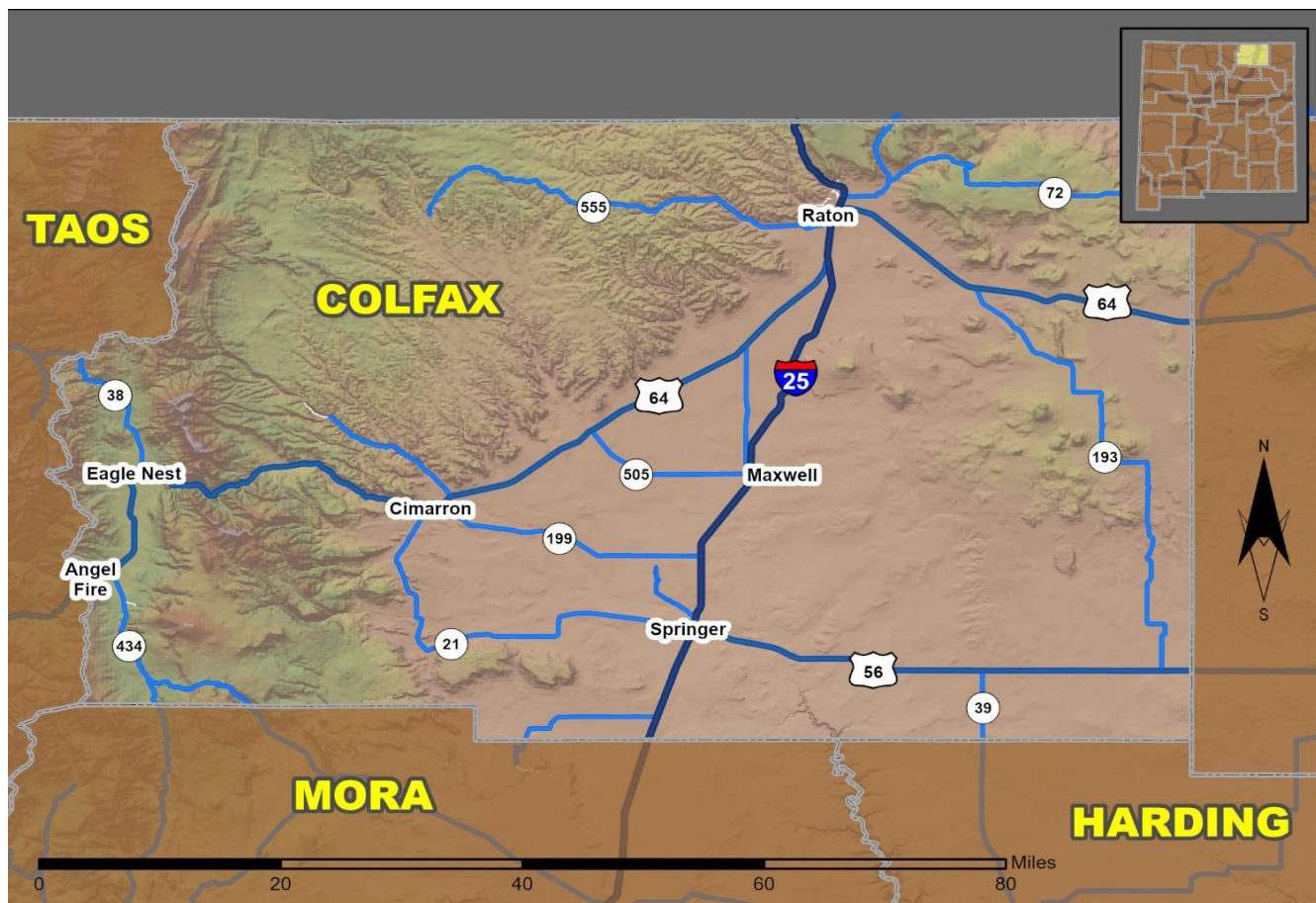


# 2023 Community Report

## Colfax County



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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 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

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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).

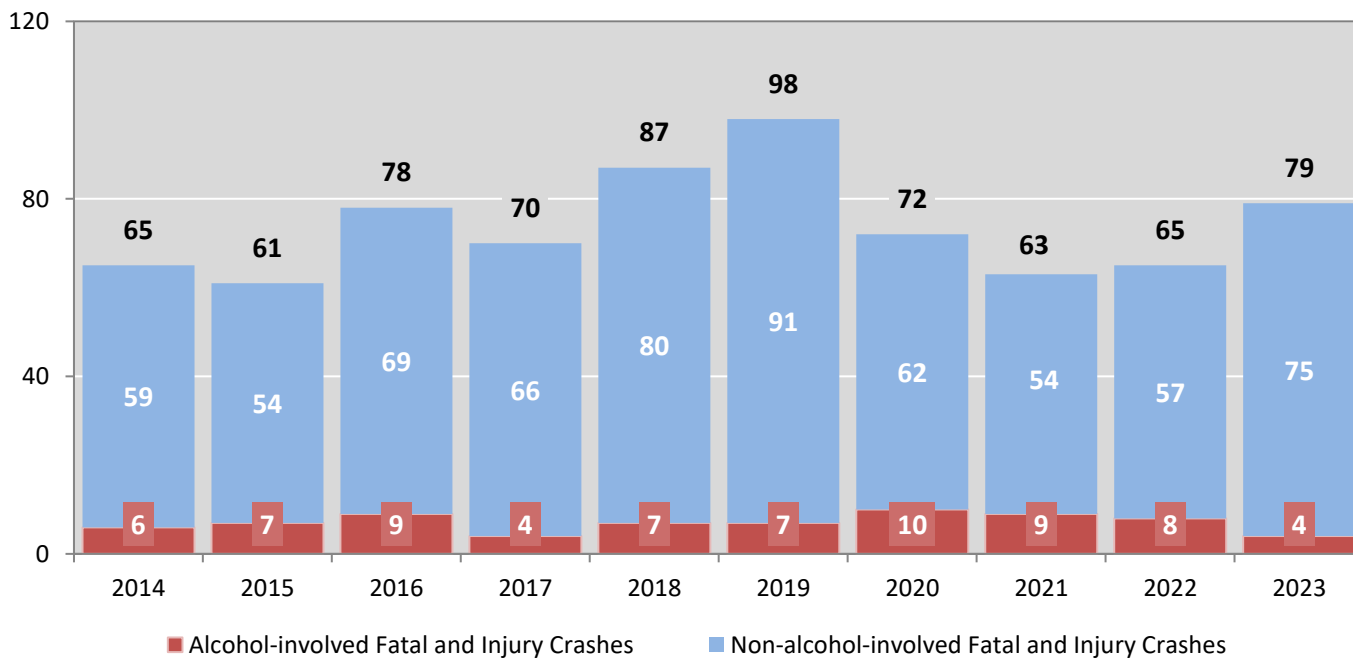
**DWI Arrest Data** – New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, Motor Vehicle Division, DWI File, as of the date listed in the footnote of Table 32. Repeat offenders are identified by the combination of account key, arrest date, and citation number. County data are based upon the county where the arrest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

**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 Colfax County, 2014-2023**

Year	Total Crashes				Alcohol-involved Crashes			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2014	6	59	242	307	2	4	6	12
2015	4	57	223	284	2	5	10	17
2016	5	73	251	329	0	9	12	21
2017	4	66	268	338	0	4	4	8
2018	4	83	283	370	3	4	7	14
2019	4	94	267	365	1	6	4	11
2020	3	69	263	335	2	8	4	14
2021	4	59	257	320	1	8	7	16
2022	3	62	292	357	0	8	8	16
2023	5	74	296	375	2	2	11	15

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



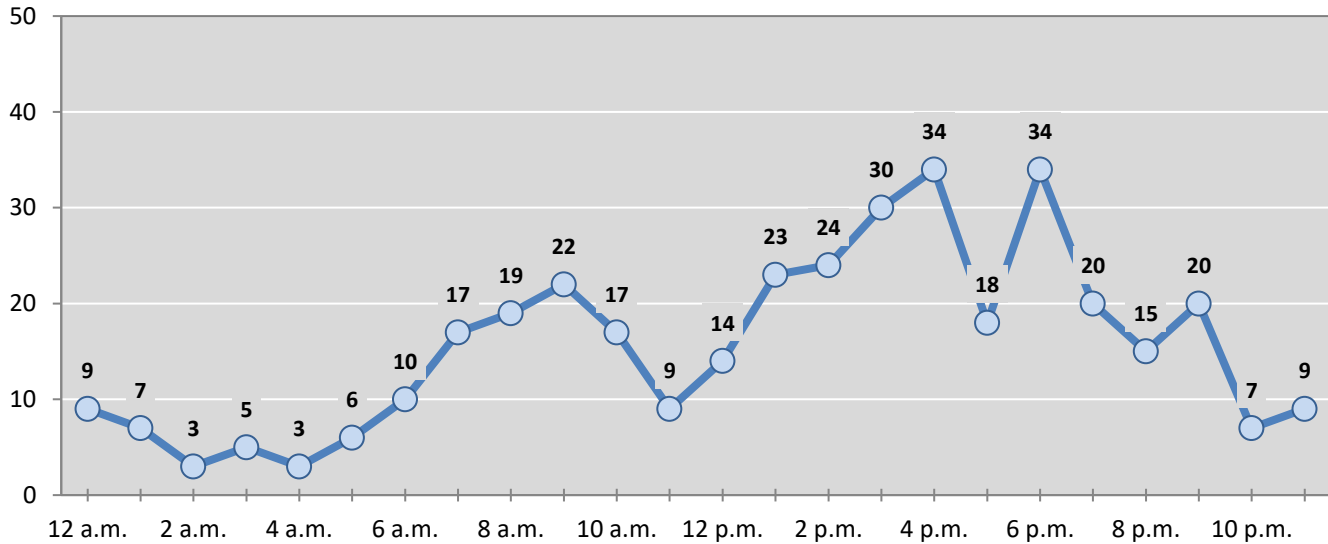
**Table 2: Crashes by Month in Colfax County, 2019-2023**

Month	Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	36	23	25	22	29	27
February	27	23	20	20	21	22
March	31	18	31	41	26	29
April	22	21	14	25	28	22
May	21	23	30	38	28	28
June	28	15	30	32	37	28
July	38	32	30	29	49	36
August	35	40	33	30	34	34
September	30	33	21	24	32	28
October	22	46	32	39	34	35
November	32	26	26	20	29	27
December	43	35	28	37	28	34
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>350</b>

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

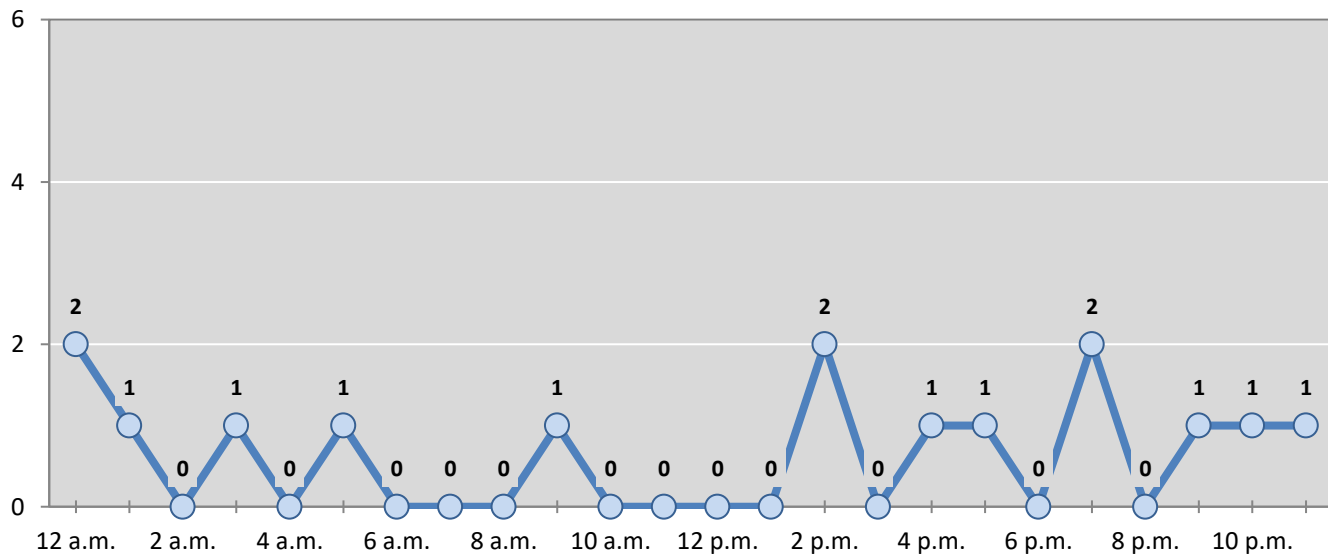
Month	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
January	1	0	1	2	1	1
February	1	1	0	2	0	1
March	1	1	1	2	2	1
April	1	2	4	1	1	2
May	0	2	1	0	3	1
June	0	0	1	0	1	0
July	3	3	1	0	0	1
August	2	1	3	3	2	2
September	2	0	1	1	1	1
October	0	1	1	3	1	1
November	0	1	0	1	2	1
December	0	2	2	1	1	1
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Figure 2: Crashes by Hour in Colfax County, 2023**



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



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

Day of Week	Total Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	45	39	44	47	46	44
Monday	54	33	38	52	41	44
Tuesday	50	55	42	41	49	47
Wednesday	38	45	45	47	51	45
Thursday	55	53	35	61	53	51
Friday	70	53	58	59	78	64
Saturday	53	57	58	50	57	55
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>350</b>

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

Day of Week	Heavy-truck Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	2	3	2	5	4	3
Monday	10	3	2	10	4	6
Tuesday	6	8	4	7	5	6
Wednesday	2	8	10	4	6	6
Thursday	10	4	4	8	7	7
Friday	7	5	6	7	6	6
Saturday	1	4	4	3	2	3
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>

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

Day of Week	Motorcycle Crashes <sup>1</sup>					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	1	0	6	2	2	2
Monday	2	1	1	0	1	1
Tuesday	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wednesday	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thursday	3	1	2	2	1	2
Friday	0	1	0	1	5	1
Saturday	3	5	0	7	1	3
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

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

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

Day of Week	Alcohol-involved Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	1	3	0	3	4	2
Monday	2	2	3	0	1	2
Tuesday	2	0	2	2	3	2
Wednesday	2	1	2	3	0	2
Thursday	1	3	3	2	2	2
Friday	1	1	4	3	2	2
Saturday	2	4	2	3	3	3
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

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

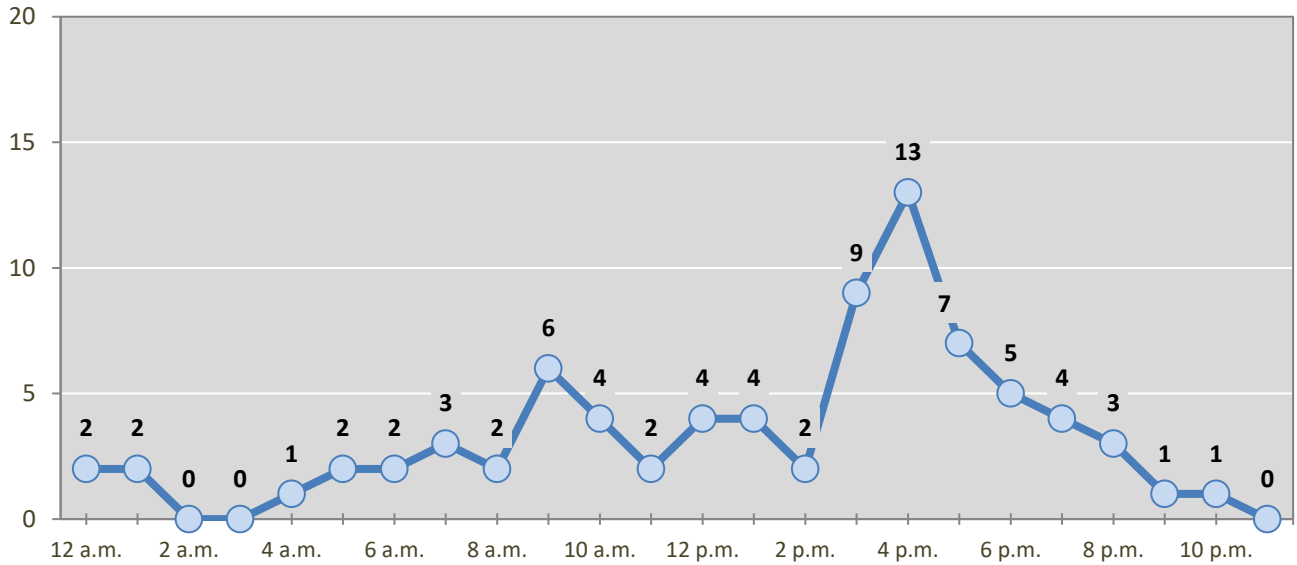
Day of Week	Fatal and Injury Crashes					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	12	7	12	11	9	10
Monday	15	9	11	7	6	10
Tuesday	16	6	4	3	15	9
Wednesday	11	10	9	9	7	9
Thursday	11	15	8	10	12	11
Friday	17	11	12	10	19	14
Saturday	16	14	7	15	11	13
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>

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

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

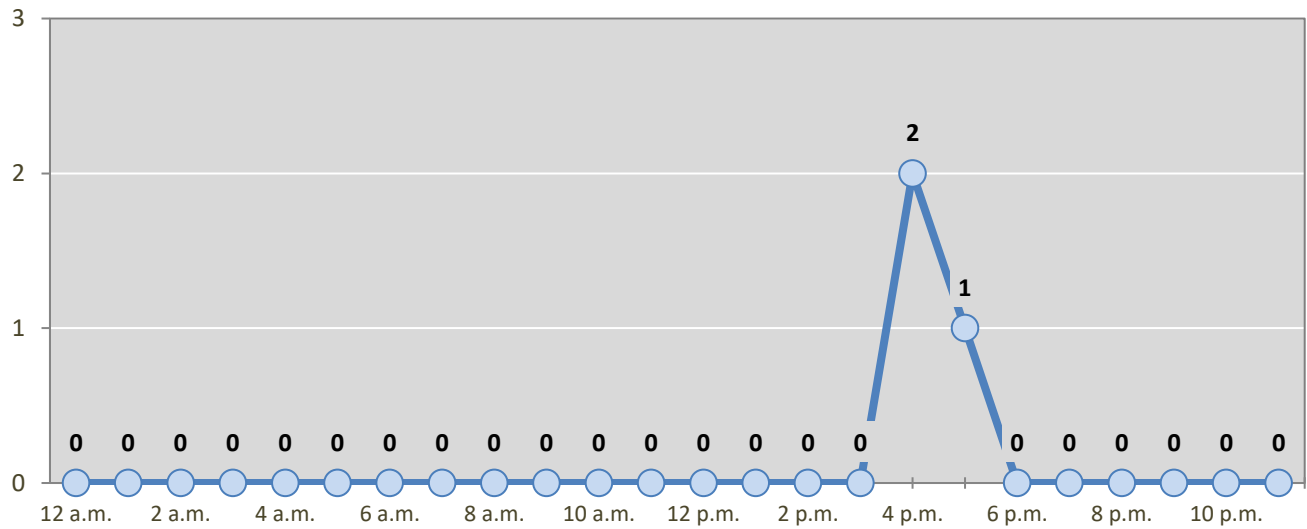


**Figure 4: Fatal and Injury Crashes by Hour in Colfax County, 2023**



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



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**Table 10: Severity of Injuries to People in Crashes by Rural and Urban Locations and Alcohol Involvement in Colfax County, 2023**

Rural and Urban Locations by Alcohol Involvement	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>People in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>
Urban	0	0	1	0	13	14
Rural Non-Interstate	1	0	1	0	6	8
Rural Interstate	1	2	0	0	4	7
<b>People in Crashes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>779</b>
Urban	1	3	8	9	201	222
Rural Non-Interstate	1	1	12	29	310	353
Rural Interstate	3	2	18	12	169	204
<b>Percent in Alcohol-involved Crashes</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>

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

Crash Severity by Rural and Urban Locations	Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Total Rural Interstate</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>92</b>
Fatal Crash	3	2	3	3	3	3
Injury Crash	34	10	11	11	23	18
Property Damage Only Crash	78	74	59	68	77	71
<b>Total Rural Non-Interstate</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>158</b>
Fatal Crash	1	1	1	0	1	1
Injury Crash	40	38	27	33	35	35
Property Damage Only Crash	120	121	88	146	136	122
<b>Total Urban</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>
Fatal Crash	0	0	0	0	1	0
Injury Crash	20	21	21	18	16	19
Property Damage Only Crash	69	68	110	78	83	82

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

First Harmful Event <sup>1</sup>	Total Crashes by Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	88	114	86	109	102	<b>100</b>
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	76	73	58	68	67	<b>68</b>
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	122	90	105	107	116	<b>108</b>
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	22	12	10	10	15	<b>14</b>
<b>Collision with Person</b>	2	1	3	2	3	<b>2</b>
Pedalcycle	1	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Pedestrian	1	1	3	1	3	<b>2</b>
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-Collision</b>	55	34	50	54	60	<b>51</b>
Overturn/Rollover	45	23	33	34	27	<b>32</b>
All Other Non-Collision	10	11	17	20	33	<b>18</b>
<b>Other</b>	0	11	8	7	12	<b>10</b>
<b>Missing Data</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>350</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 Colfax County, 2019-2023**

Vehicle Type <sup>1</sup>	Vehicles in Crashes by Vehicle Type					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Buses	1	1	1	2	1	<b>1</b>
Motorcycles/ATVs	10	10	12	13	12	<b>11</b>
Passenger Cars	202	177	183	181	222	<b>193</b>
Pedalcycles	1	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Pedestrians, All	1	1	3	2	3	<b>2</b>
Pickups	100	82	97	101	134	<b>103</b>
Semis/Heavy Trucks	42	38	34	47	38	<b>40</b>
Vans/SUVs/4WDs	134	111	103	116	88	<b>110</b>
Other Vehicles	3	3	4	4	4	<b>4</b>
Missing Data	7	14	4	4	15	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>473</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 Colfax County, 2023**

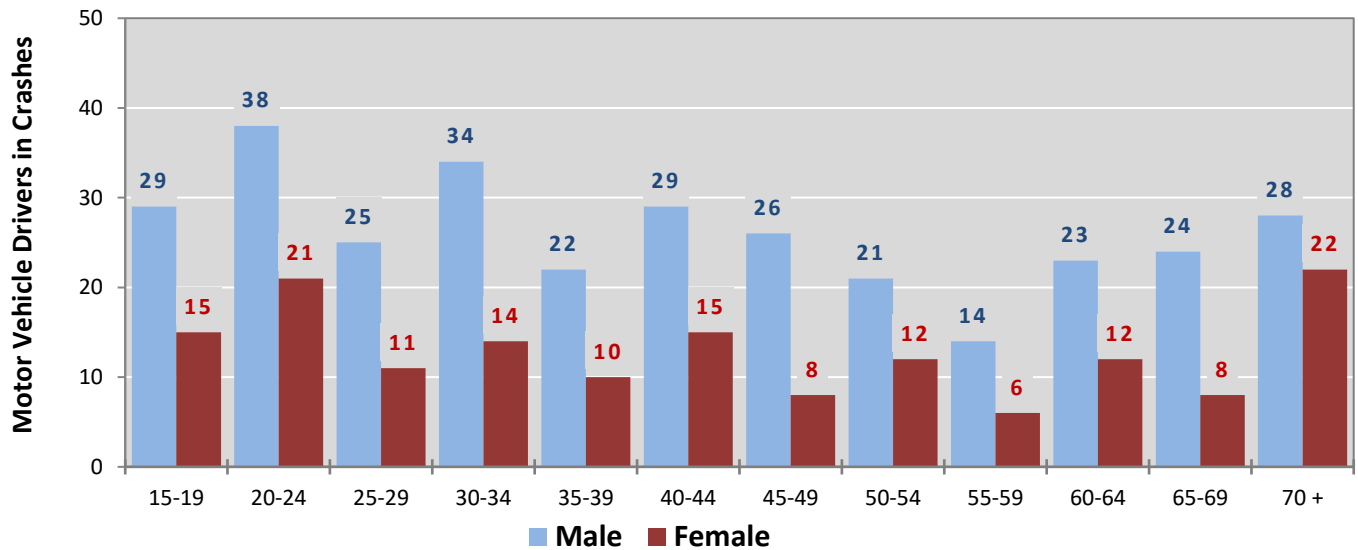
Age Groups	Motor Vehicle <sup>1</sup> Drivers by Vehicle Type and Age Group								Total Drivers
	Bus	Motor-cycle/ATV	Passenger	Pickup	Semi/Heavy Truck	Van 4WD SUV	Other Vehicle	Missing Data	
15-19	0	1	24	12	0	7	0	0	44
20-24	0	2	36	13	0	8	0	1	60
25-29	0	0	13	8	6	9	0	0	36
30-34	1	1	22	12	6	7	0	0	49
35-39	0	0	14	5	5	8	0	0	32
40-44	0	0	20	11	5	8	0	0	44
45-49	0	1	11	11	1	10	0	0	34
50-54	0	1	11	9	7	5	0	0	33
55-59	0	1	9	7	3	1	0	0	21
60-64	0	2	11	14	3	4	1	1	36
65-69	0	2	14	11	0	5	0	0	32
70 +	0	0	25	14	0	8	3	0	50
Missing Data	0	1	12	7	2	8	0	13	43
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>514</b>

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

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	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
20-24	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
25-29	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
30-34	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
50-54	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
55-59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
70 +	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

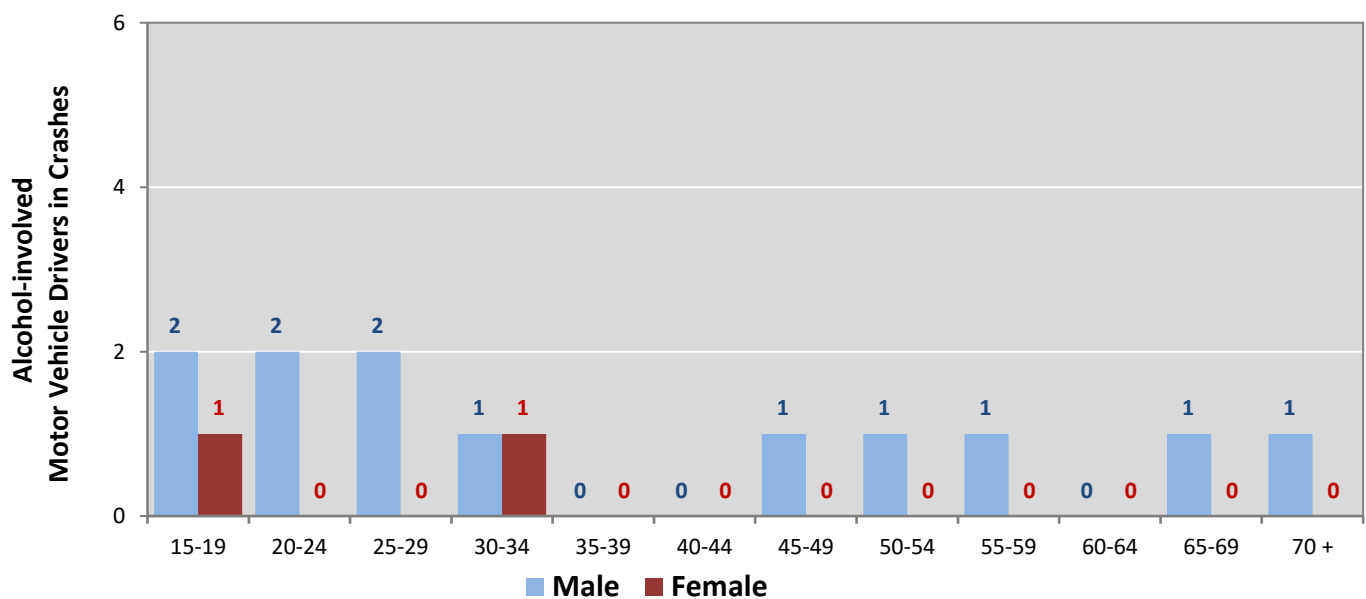
<sup>1</sup> See Page 18 for data on drivers of non-motorized vehicles in crashes (i.e. pedestrians and pedalcyclists).

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



\* In 2023, Colfax County had 47 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 Colfax County, 2023**



\* In 2023, Colfax 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 Colfax County, 2019-2023**

Age <sup>1</sup>	Year					5-Year Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
15	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	1	1	0	0	2
18	0	1	0	1	3	5
19	0	1	0	1	0	2
20	0	1	0	1	0	2
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>

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

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	1	0	1	2%	0	0	0	0%
16	4	2	6	11%	0	0	0	0%
17	6	4	10	18%	0	0	0	0%
18	10	5	15	27%	2	1	3	100%
19	8	4	12	22%	0	0	0	0%
20	4	7	11	20%	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</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 Colfax County, 2023**

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>15</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>424</b>
Driver Inattention	4	26	110	140
Other Improper Driving	2	18	33	53
Speed Too Fast For Conditions	0	11	22	33
Excessive Speed	1	14	12	27
Improper Backing	0	0	23	23
Avoid No Contact Vehicle	1	5	16	22
Drove Left of Center	2	2	15	19
Failed to Yield Right of Way	0	7	12	19
Following Too Closely	0	6	10	16
Under the Influence Of Alcohol	2	2	11	15
Made Improper Turn	0	2	10	12
Avoid No Contact Other	0	4	5	9
Driver Distracted by Other Activity	1	3	4	8
Improper Overtaking	0	0	7	7
Improper Lane Change	0	0	5	5
Disregarded Traffic Signal	0	3	0	3
Passed Stop Sign	0	1	2	3
Driver Distracted by Passenger	0	0	3	3
Under the Influence Of Drugs	2	0	1	3
Cell Phone	0	0	2	2
High-Speed Pursuit	0	0	1	1
Pedestrian Error	0	1	0	1
Driverless Moving Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Emer. Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Failed to Yield For Police Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Hands-Free Device	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted by Talking on Cell Phone	0	0	0	0
Driver Distracted By Texting	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Skidded Before Braking	0	0	0	0
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
Other Mechanical Defect	0	4	3	7
Defective Tires	0	1	3	4
Defective Steering	0	1	1	2
Wheels	0	0	2	2
Exhaust System	0	1	0	1
Lights (Head, Signal, Tail)	0	0	1	1
Coupling Device (Hitch, Chains)	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Brakes	0	0	0	0
Mirrors	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Windows/Windshield	0	0	0	0
Wipers	0	0	0	0
<b>Environment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>205</b>
Animal(s) In Roadway	0	8	83	91
Weather Conditions	0	17	35	52
Road Surface Conditions	0	7	32	39
Obstruction in Road	0	2	3	5
Debris	0	1	3	4
Road Defect	0	2	2	4
Traffic Congestion	0	2	1	3
Backup - Prior Crash	0	0	2	2
Low Visibility Due to Glare	0	1	1	2
Low Visibility Due to Smoke	0	0	2	2
Traffic Control Missing	0	1	0	1
Backup - Prior Incident	0	0	0	0
Other Visual Obstruction(s)	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>135</b>
Other - No Driver Error	1	16	53	70
None	0	8	46	54
Missing Data	1	2	8	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>781</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 Colfax County, 2023**

First Harmful Event (FHE) and Subanalysis	People in Crashes by Severity of Injuries					Total People
	Fatalities (Class K)	Suspected Serious Injuries (Class A)	Suspected Minor Injuries (Class B)	Possible Injuries (Class C)	No Apparent Injuries (Class O)	
<b>Collision with Animal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>174</b>
Deer	0	0	2	1	99	102
Elk	0	0	0	2	42	44
Antelope	0	0	0	1	10	11
Bear	0	0	0	0	6	6
Cattle/Cow	0	0	0	0	3	3
Small Game Animal	0	0	0	0	3	3
Other (Bird, Cougar, Sheep, Goat)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Small Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	1	1
Horse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Large Game Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Collision with Fixed Object</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>108</b>
Guardrail, End or Face	1	0	3	1	27	32
Other Fixed Object	0	0	1	2	14	17
Tree (standing)	0	0	3	2	8	13
Ditch	0	0	0	2	8	10
Median	0	0	0	1	4	5
Bridge Pier, Support, Rail, or Overhead	0	0	0	0	4	4
Fence	0	0	1	0	3	4
Traffic Sign Support	0	0	0	0	4	4
Culvert	0	0	0	1	1	2
Curb	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic Barrier, Concrete	0	0	0	0	2	2
Other Post, Pole or Support	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Barrier, Cable	0	0	0	0	1	1
Embankment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utility Pole/Light Support	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wall or Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (incl. hydrant, box, cattle guard, plant)	0	0	0	0	5	5
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	6	6
<b>Collision with Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>337</b>
MV in Transport	1	4	3	18	233	259
Parked MV	0	0	2	2	56	60
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	0	17	18
<b>Collision with Other Non-Fixed Object</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>
Struck by falling, shifting cargo	0	0	1	0	8	9
Work Zone/Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	0	8	8
Railway Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-fixed Object	0	0	2	1	8	11
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Collision with Person</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
Pedestrian	1	0	1	1	4	7
Pedalcycle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Motorist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Collision</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>106</b>
Overturn/Rollover	2	2	14	6	21	45
Thrown or Falling Object	0	0	0	0	3	3
Jackknife	0	0	0	0	2	2
Fell/Jumped from MV	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cargo/Equipment Loss or Shift	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire/Explosion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immersion, Full or Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Collision	0	0	3	7	45	55
Missing Subanalysis Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Missing FHE and Subanalysis Data</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total People</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>779</b>



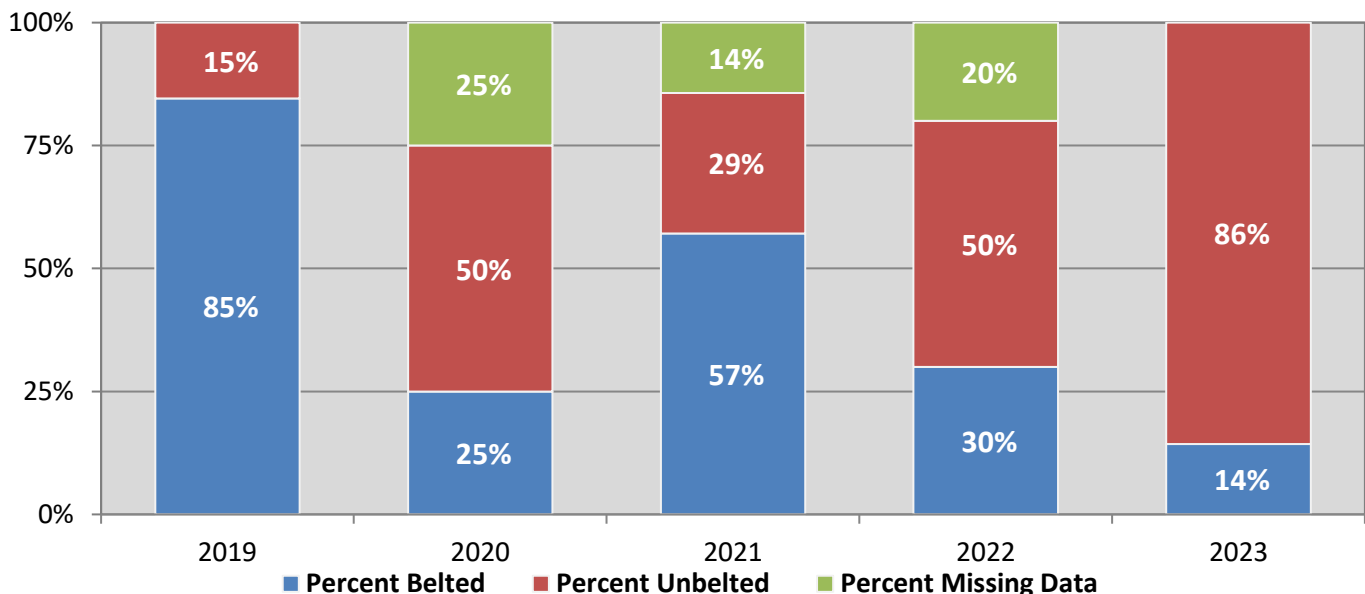
**Table 20: Killed or Injured Unbelted People in Crashes by Sex and Age Group in Colfax County, 2023**

Age Groups	Unbelted People Killed or Injured <sup>1,2</sup>				Total People
	Male	Percent of Male	Female	Percent of Female	
0-4	0	0%	0	0%	0
5-9	0	0%	0	0%	0
10-14	0	0%	0	0%	0
15-19	7	78%	0	0%	7
20-24	0	0%	0	0%	0
25-29	0	0%	0	0%	0
30-34	0	0%	0	0%	0
35-39	0	0%	0	0%	0
40-44	1	11%	0	0%	1
45-49	0	0%	0	0%	0
50-54	0	0%	0	0%	0
55-59	0	0%	1	100%	1
60-64	0	0%	0	0%	0
65-69	0	0%	0	0%	0
70 +	1	11%	0	0%	1
Missing Data	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10</b>

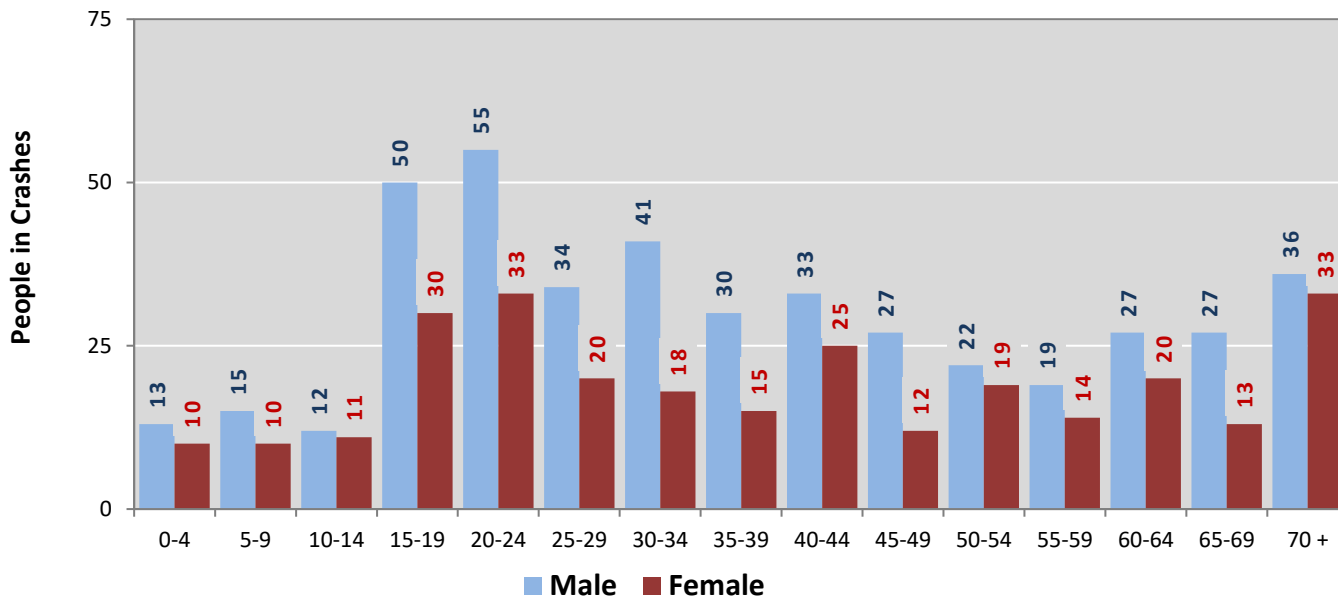
<sup>1</sup> People injured are in one of three categories: suspected serious injury, suspected minor injury, or possible injury.

<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 Colfax County, 2019-2023**

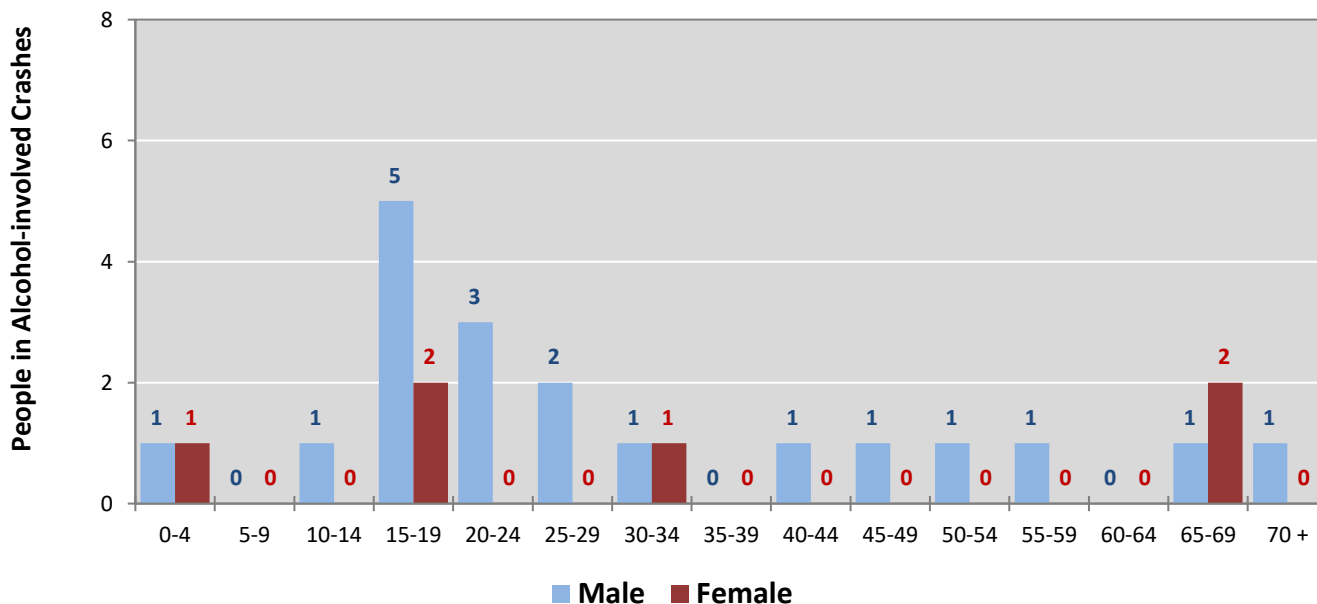


**Figure 9: People in Crashes by Age Group and Sex in Colfax County, 2023**



\* In 2023, Colfax County had 55 people in crashes for which age or sex data were missing.

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



\* In 2023, Colfax County had 4 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 Colfax County, 2019-2023**

Age Groups	All Pedestrians and All Pedalcyclists <sup>1</sup> in Crashes					5-Year Total People
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
0-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-14	0	0	1	0	0	1
15-19	0	0	1	0	0	1
20-24	0	0	0	1	0	1
25-29	0	0	0	0	1	1
30-34	0	0	1	0	0	1
35-39	1	0	0	0	0	1
40-44	1	0	0	0	0	1
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	1	0	0	0	1
65-69	0	0	0	0	1	1
70 +	0	0	0	1	1	2
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total People</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>

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

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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>All Pedestrians</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Involved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Involved	1	0	1	1	0	3
<b>Total People</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</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 Colfax County, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Occupants of Passenger Vehicles <sup>1</sup>			
		Belted	Unbelted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	3	0	3
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	1	3	0	4
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	26	4	2	32
Possible Injuries	C	36	0	5	41
No Apparent Injuries	O	540	4	75	619
<b>Total Occupants of Passenger Vehicles</b>		<b>603</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>699</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 Colfax County, 2023**

Severity of Injuries	Injury Class	Motorcyclists in Crashes <sup>1</sup>			
		Helmeted	Unhelmeted	Missing Data	Total
Fatalities	K	0	0	0	0
Suspected Serious Injuries	A	1	1	0	2
Suspected Minor Injuries	B	3	1	0	4
Possible Injuries	C	4	0	0	4
No Apparent Injuries	O	2	0	1	3
<b>Total Motorcyclists</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>

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

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

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
2019	4	0	0	4	692	16	43	751	0.58%	0.0%
2020	0	2	0	2	457	12	62	531	0.00%	16.7%
2021	3	1	0	4	509	11	63	583	0.59%	9.1%
2022	3	0	0	3	537	13	103	653	0.56%	0.0%
2023	0	3	0	3	603	14	82	699	0.00%	21.4%
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>559.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>643.4</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

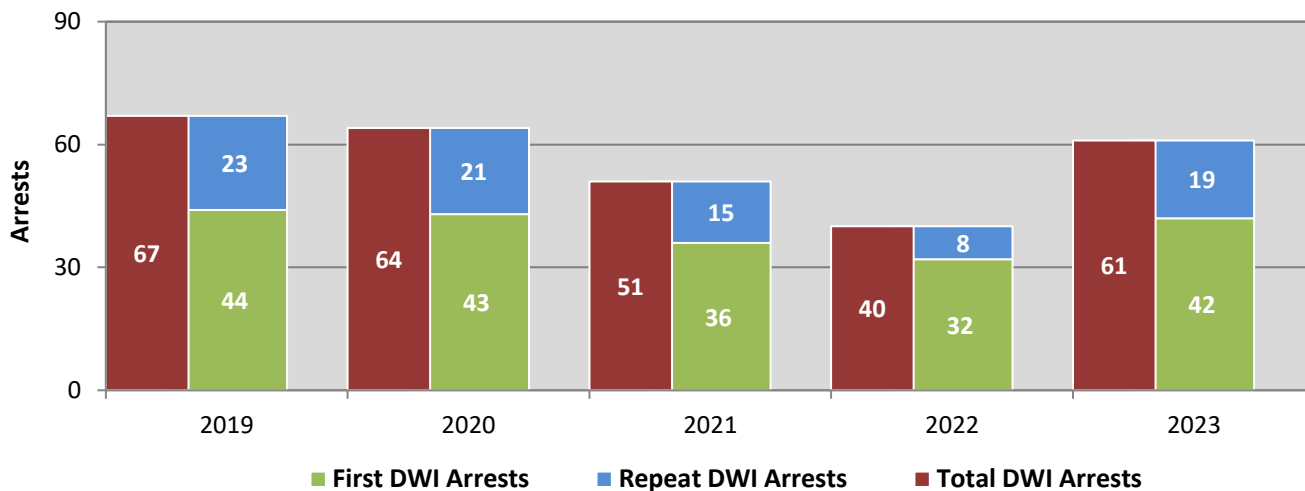
<sup>1</sup> Occupants of passenger cars, SUVs, 4WDs, vans, and pickup trucks only.

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

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
2019	0	1	0	1	3	6	3	12	0.0%	16.7%
2020	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	10	0.0%	0.0%
2021	0	0	0	0	5	3	4	12	0.0%	0.0%
2022	0	0	0	0	3	3	7	13	0.0%	0.0%
2023	0	0	0	0	10	2	1	13	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

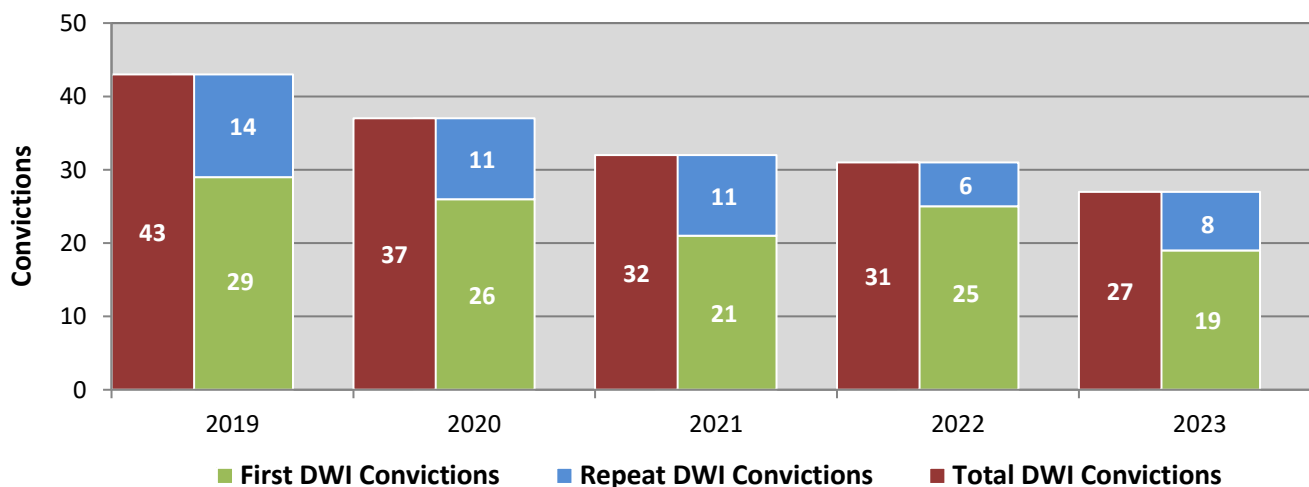
<sup>1</sup> Excludes people on ATVs.

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



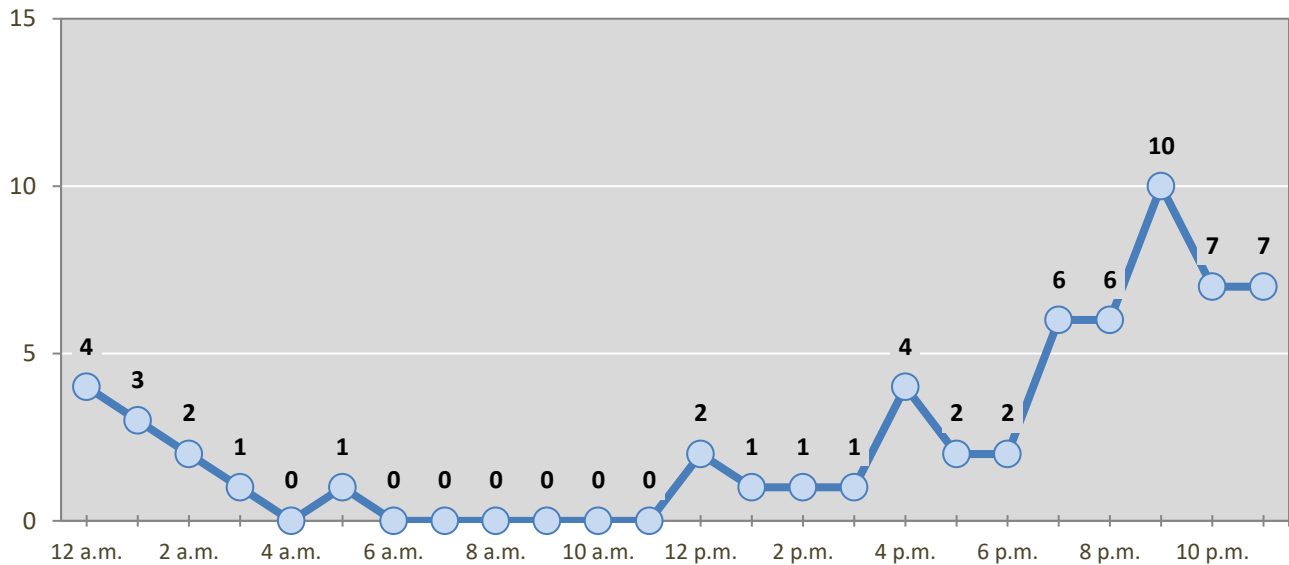
\*Values are based upon the year of the arrest.

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



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

**Figure 13: DWI Arrests by Hour in Colfax County, 2023**



\* In 2023, Colfax County had 1 arrests for which hour data were missing.

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

Day of Week	Year					5-Year Average
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Sunday	8	10	2	9	8	7
Monday	3	4	3	3	9	4
Tuesday	3	5	6	8	8	6
Wednesday	11	12	5	2	6	7
Thursday	9	7	5	7	6	7
Friday	14	9	19	2	12	11
Saturday	19	17	11	9	12	14
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>



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

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	2	5	1	2	3
20-24	4	9	7	7	4
25-29	12	7	6	7	6
30-34	2	5	5	2	9
35-39	3	3	3	3	6
40-44	3	0	0	2	5
45-49	7	4	0	5	3
50-54	2	4	4	2	3
55-59	2	4	3	0	2
60-64	1	1	6	1	0
65-69	4	0	1	0	0
70 +	2	1	0	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>

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

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

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Arrests <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	1	0	0	0	0
20-24	1	3	0	0	2
25-29	2	3	3	1	3
30-34	5	4	0	0	4
35-39	2	0	2	1	1
40-44	1	0	5	1	3
45-49	1	2	2	0	1
50-54	4	6	2	1	4
55-59	3	0	1	2	0
60-64	1	3	0	1	0
65-69	1	0	0	0	0
70 +	1	0	0	1	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>

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

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

Age Groups	Driver First DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	3	1	0	1	1
20-24	5	1	5	5	4
25-29	7	7	6	4	5
30-34	0	2	3	2	3
35-39	3	2	3	2	1
40-44	0	1	0	0	1
45-49	1	4	0	2	3
50-54	3	2	3	1	0
55-59	4	2	1	2	0
60-64	2	2	0	6	0
65-69	1	1	0	0	0
70 +	0	1	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>

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

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

Age Groups	Driver Repeat DWI Convictions <sup>1</sup>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
15-19	1	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	2	1	0	0
25-29	0	2	3	2	0
30-34	4	0	0	1	1
35-39	1	0	0	0	1
40-44	0	1	2	2	2
45-49	1	0	1	0	0
50-54	3	5	2	1	1
55-59	1	0	0	0	2
60-64	2	1	2	0	0
65-69	1	0	0	0	0
70 +	0	0	0	0	1
Missing Data	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Drivers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

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

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

Court Disposition of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Colfax County	Statewide	Percent of Statewide
Total DWI Arrests	61	7,751	<b>0.8%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Convictions	14	2,115	<b>0.7%</b>
DWI Arrests Resulting in Dismissals <sup>2</sup>	1	361	<b>0.3%</b>
DWI Arrests Awaiting Disposition	46	5,275	<b>0.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> These are the number of DWI arrests in 2023 and whether the case resulted in a conviction or dismissal, or is still awaiting court disposition, as reported in the NM MVD DWI File, as of October 2024.

<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  
Date of Court Disposition in Colfax County and the State, 2023**

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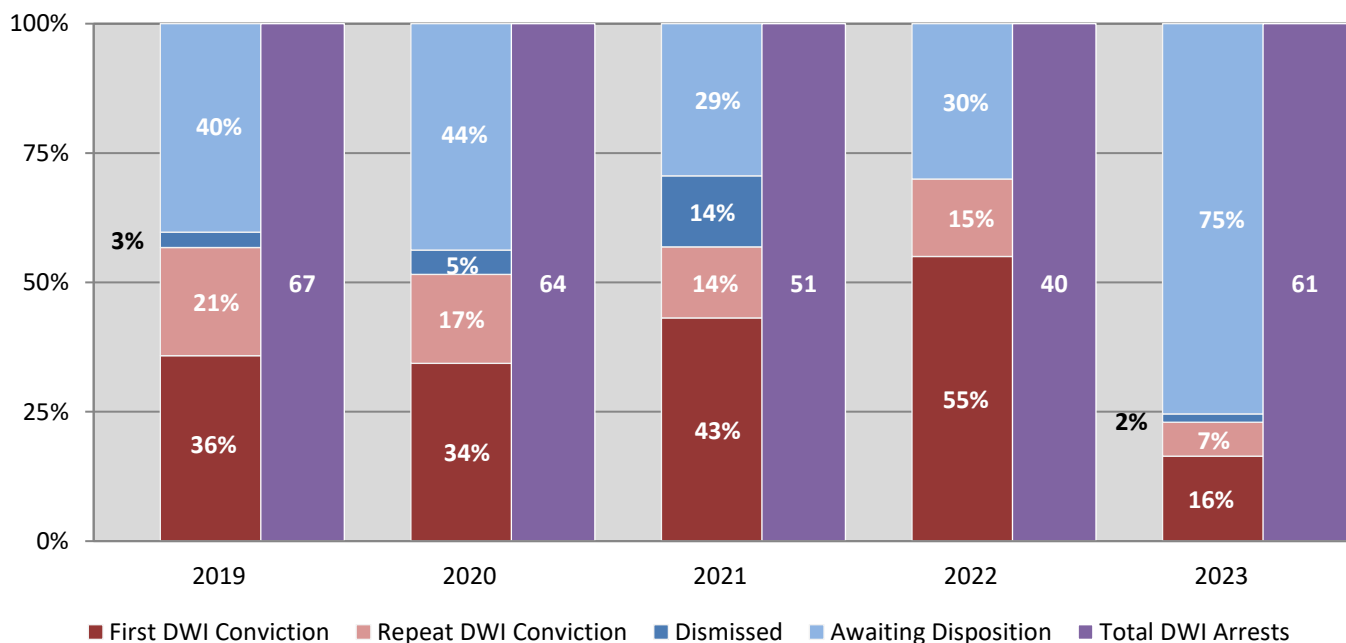
Court Disposition	Average Number of Days		Deviation from Statewide Average
	Colfax County	Statewide	
DWI Conviction	166	128	<b>38</b>
DWI Dismissal	178	78	<b>100</b>

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

Year of DWI Arrest <sup>1</sup>	Court Disposition				Total DWI Arrests
	First DWI Conviction	Repeat DWI Conviction	Dismissed	Awaiting Disposition	
2019	24	14	2	27	67
2020	22	11	3	28	64
2021	22	7	7	15	51
2022	22	6	0	12	40
2023	10	4	1	46	61

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

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



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