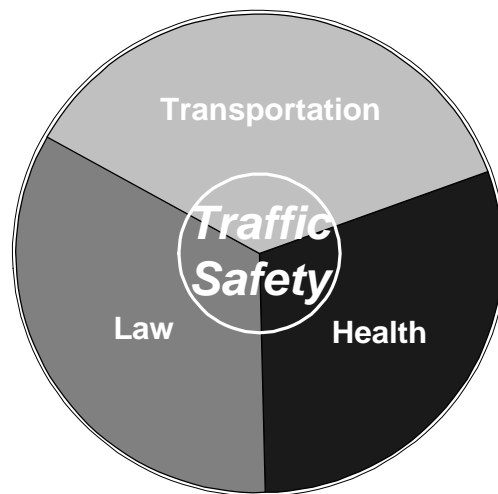


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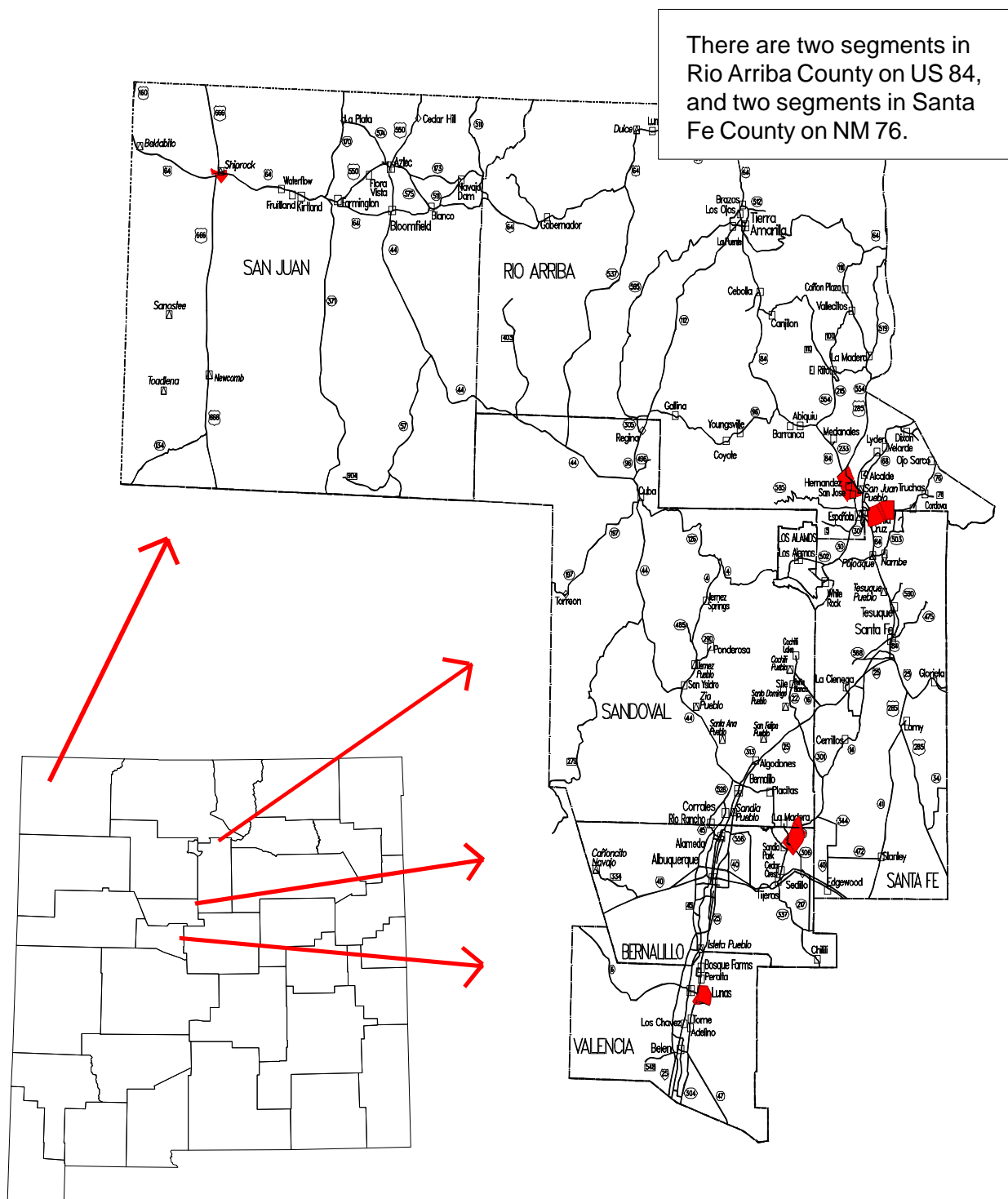
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INTRODUCTION

This edition of *New Mexico Traffic Crash Information* reviews traffic crash data in New Mexico from January through December, 1996. It presents crash data in the form of graphs for those who prefer an impressionistic view and tables for those who require reference information. Maps are provided where a geographic perspective is useful.

The statistics shown in this publication reflect only those crashes that occurred on public roadways and resulted in death, personal injury, or \$500 or more in property damage according to the investigating officer's judgement. No account is kept of unreported crashes or crashes that occurred on private property.

The information found in this report was drawn from the Uniform Accident reports, which are distinct from those required by New Mexico's Financial Responsibility Act: statutes 66-5-201 to 66-5-239. They are compiled and processed by the Transportation Statistics Bureau of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, and reprocessed under contract by the Division of Government Research for statistical analysis and report generation. Since the data are occasionally incomplete or imprecise, discrepancies may be found in a few tables. Estimated and revised figures are indicated where applicable. The tables and graphs which appeared in editions of this report prior to 1993 **only** showed counts of occupants that were involved in fatal or injury crashes. Since 1993, these same tables and graphs display counts of **all** occupants involved in crashes (i.e., this now includes occupants involved in property-damage-only crashes).

A great debt is owed to those hundreds of police officers across the state who made this report possible.

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The following is a list of terms and associated definitions which appear throughout this report.

Alcohol-involved - a crash in which the Uniform Accident report indicated that 1) a DWI citation was issued, 2) alcohol was a contributing factor to the crash, or 3) a driver or pedestrian involved in the crash had been drinking.

Crash Rate - crashes per 100 Million Vehicle Miles unless otherwise specified.

Death Rate - traffic fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles unless otherwise specified.

Drivers - drivers do not include pedalcyclists or pedestrians.

Fatal Crash - a crash in which at least one individual was killed.

Fatalities - see killed.

Injured - the number of people injured in a crash, as opposed to the number of crashes in which people were injured. Counts include people injured but not killed in fatal crashes.

Injury Crash - a crash in which at least one individual was injured. Fatal crashes are not included in this category.

Killed - the number of people killed in a crash, as opposed to the number of crashes in which people were killed. The term fatalities is synonymous with killed.

Local Resident - a person whose residence was within 25 miles of the crash site.

Minor Injuries - a possible non-visible injury, or an injury of unknown severity.

Property Damage Only (Property Damage) - designates a crash that did not involve injuries or fatalities.

Rural - an area with a population of 2,500 or less.

Serious Injuries - 1) an incapacitating injury, 2) a visible but not incapacitating injury.

Traffic Crash - an incident on a public roadway involving one or more motor vehicles that resulted in death, personal injury, or at least \$500 in property damage.

Urban - a town or a city with a population of 2,500 or more.

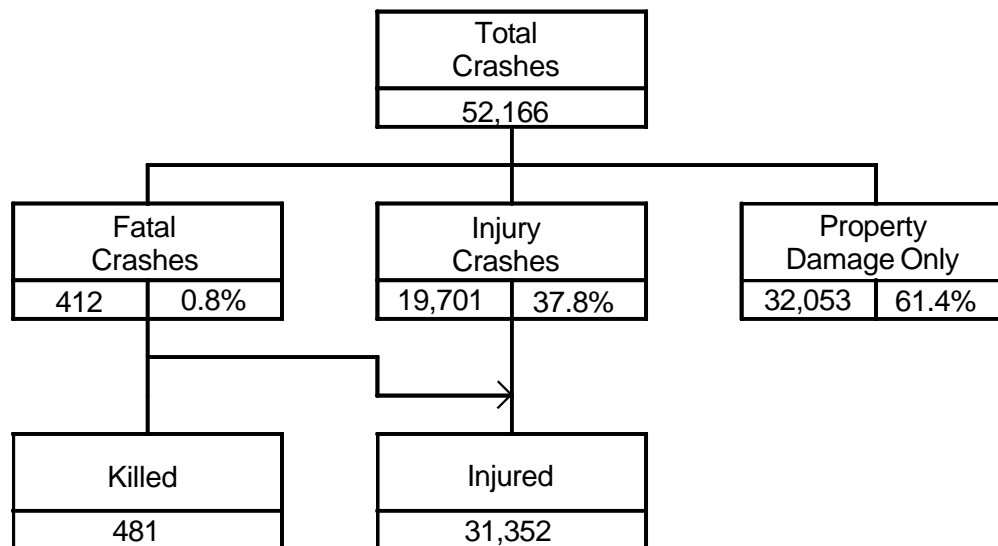
Vehicle Miles - the number of miles traveled annually by motor vehicles. MVM and 100 MVM stand for million and one hundred million vehicle miles, respectively.

OVERVIEW

In 1996 ...

- An individual died in a crash every 18 hours.
- A person was injured in a crash every 17 minutes.
- A traffic crash occurred every 10 minutes.

Crashes in New Mexico by Severity, 1996



New Mexico Roadway Statistics, 1987 - 1996

Calendar Year	New Mexico					Death Rates ¹	
	Motor Vehicle Registrations	MVM ² Traveled	Population	Traffic Fatalities	Traffic Injuries	New Mexico	United States ³
1996	1,655,701	23,253	1,713,407	481	31,352	28.1	15.7
1995	1,513,487	22,817	1,685,401	485	30,996	28.8	16.3
1994	1,484,239	22,201	1,655,172	447	29,910	27.0	15.6
1993	1,450,982	20,791	1,616,427	431	28,032	26.7	15.5
1992	1,376,571	20,070	1,581,481	460	27,195	29.1	15.4
1991	1,280,948	19,017	1,547,307	469	25,019	30.3	16.5
1990	1,289,412	18,478	1,519,908	499	24,904	32.8	17.9
1989	1,242,234	17,586	1,503,901	538	24,960	35.8	18.4
1988	1,277,110	16,620	1,490,337	487	26,369	32.7	19.2
1987	1,331,560	13,809	1,478,520	568	26,144	38.4	19.1

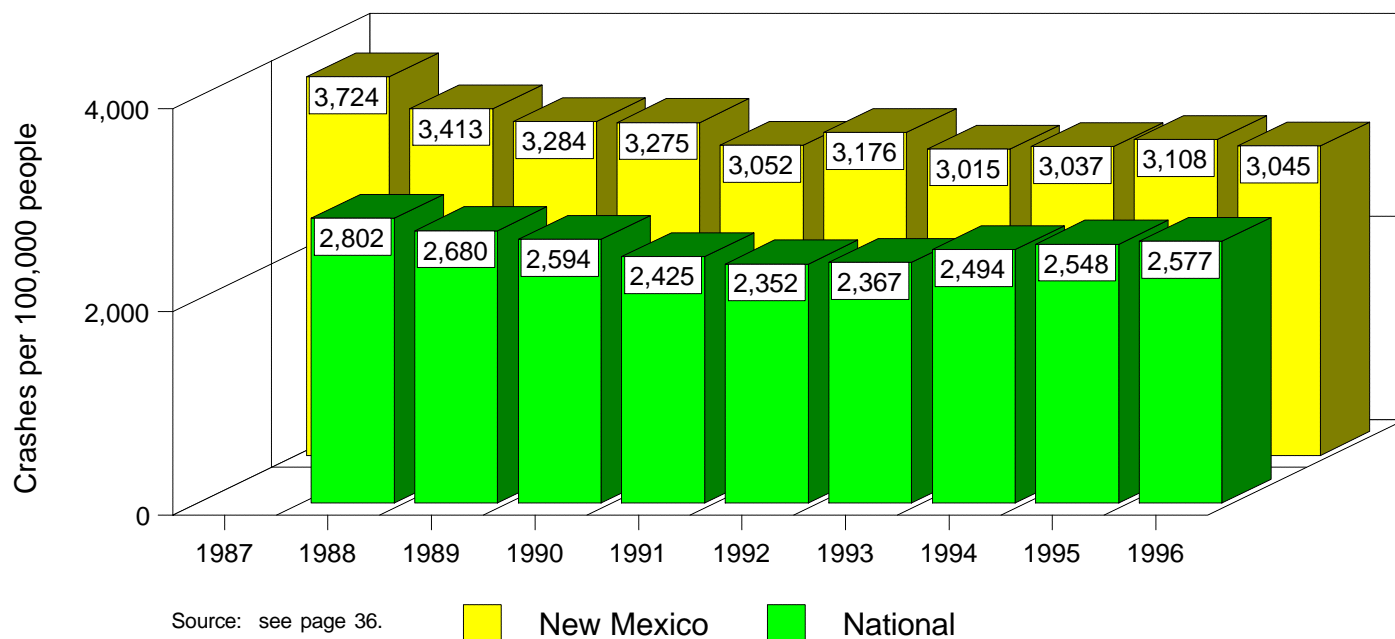
¹ Rates are per 100,000 population.

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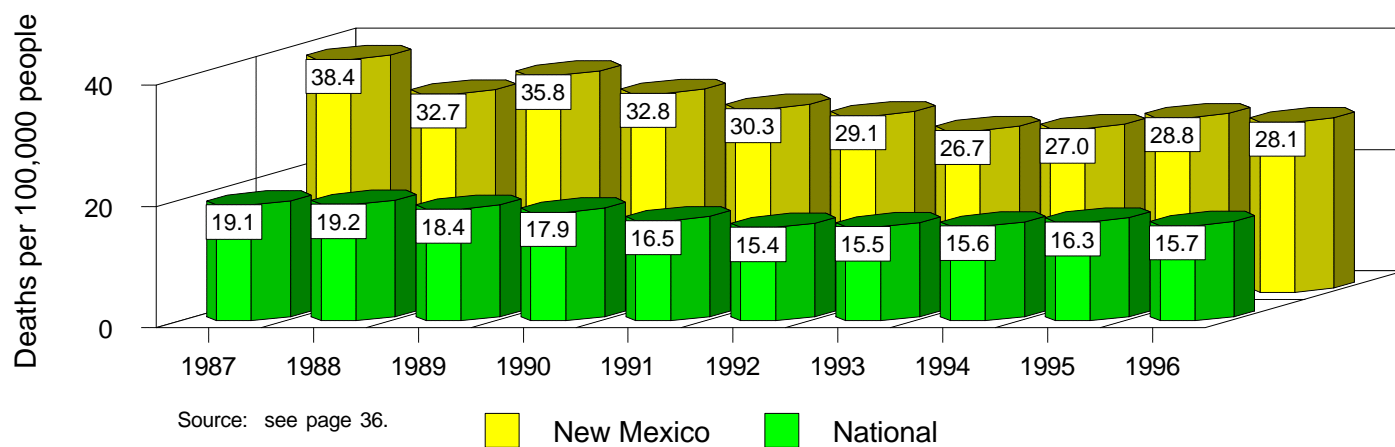
In New Mexico ...

- Overall, the crash death rate decreased 2 percent from 1995 to 1996.

New Mexico and National Crash Rates, 1987 - 1996



New Mexico and National Crash Death Rates, 1987 - 1996

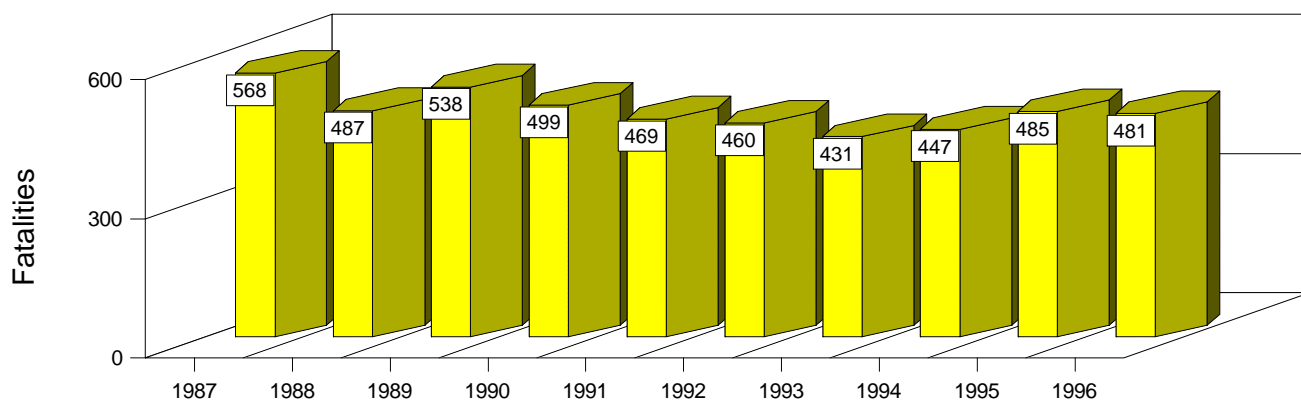


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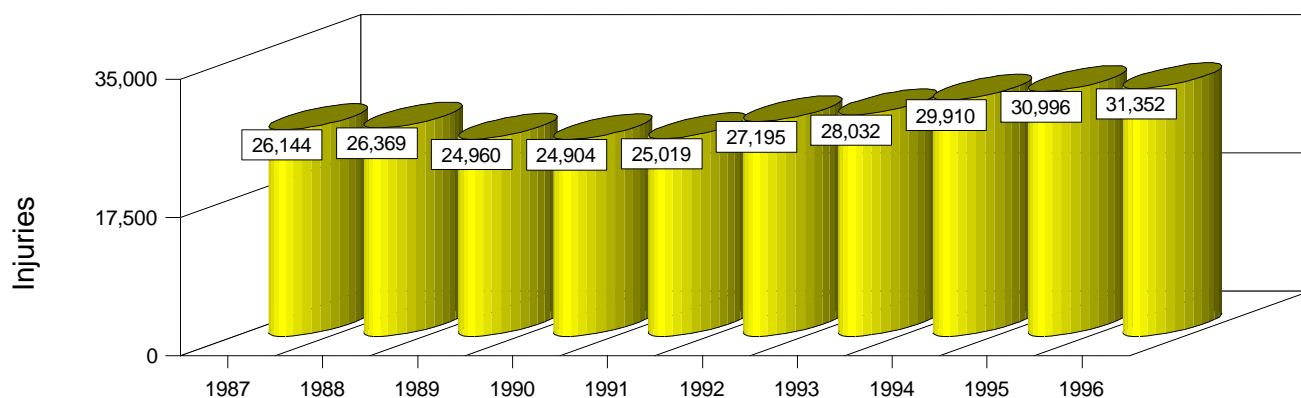
In 1996 compared to 1995, there were ...

- 356 (1 percent) more injuries in crashes.
- 211 (0.4 percent) fewer traffic crashes.

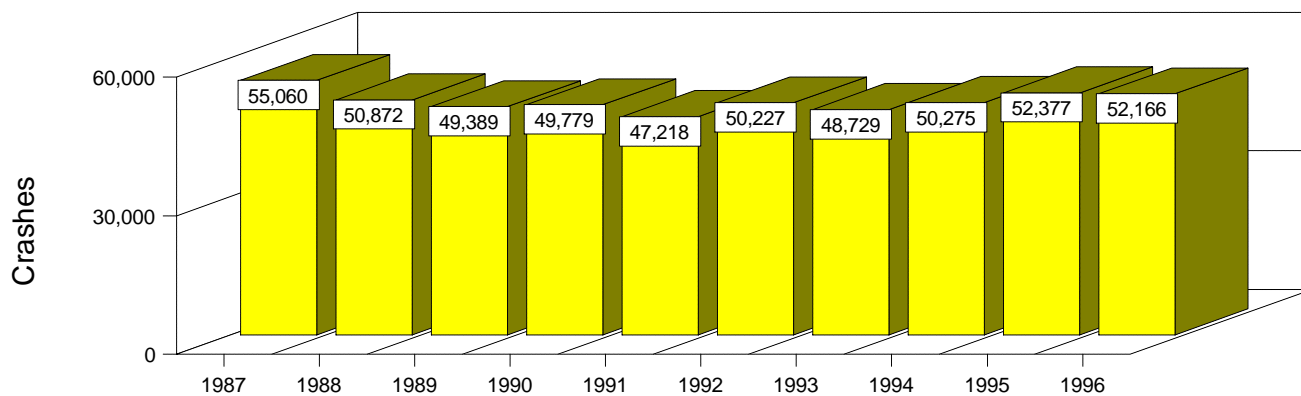
Crash Fatalities in New Mexico by Year, 1987 - 1996



Crash-related Injuries in New Mexico by Year, 1987 - 1996



Crashes in New Mexico by Year, 1987 - 1996



In 1996, there were on average ...

- Eight (24 percent) more fatal crashes during each of June through September than the rest of the year.
- 22 (44 percent) more fatal crashes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday than other days of the week.

Crashes in New Mexico by Month, 1996

Month	Total	Percent	Total	Fatal	Percent	Fatal
January	4,312	8.3		28	6.8	
February	4,043	7.8		29	7.0	
March	4,104	7.9		31	7.5	
April	3,846	7.4		26	6.3	
May	4,395	8.4		35	8.5	
June	4,153	8.0		49	11.9	
July	4,300	8.2		29	7.0	
August	4,646	8.9		42	10.2	
September	4,671	9.0		38	9.2	
October	5,056	9.7		35	8.5	
November	4,421	8.5		30	7.3	
December	4,219	8.1		40	9.7	
Total	52,166	100.0	2,500 5,000	412	100.0	25 50

In 1996 ...

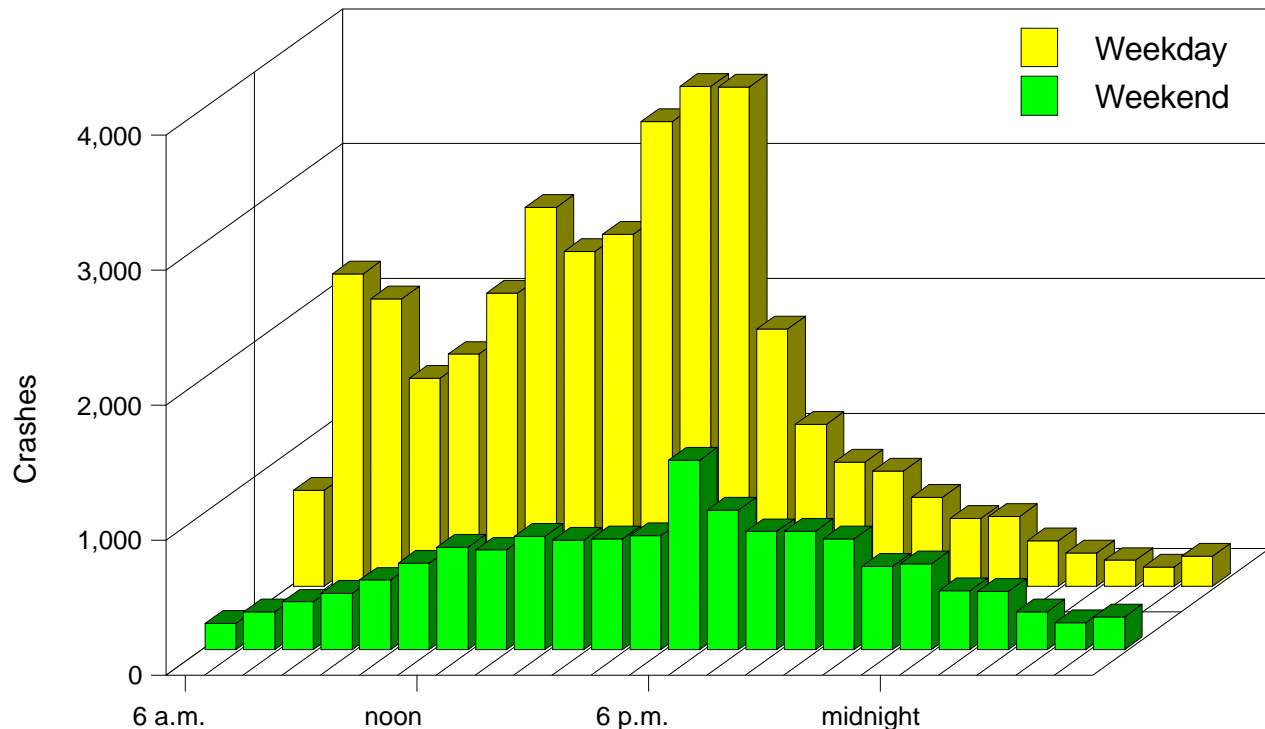
- 52 percent of all fatal crashes occurred during the weekend.

Crashes in New Mexico by Day of the Week, 1996

Day	Total	Percent	Total	Fatal	Percent	Fatal
Sunday	4,639	8.9		62	15.0	
Monday	7,442	14.3		54	13.1	
Tuesday	7,483	14.4		44	10.7	
Wednesday	7,747	14.9		45	10.9	
Thursday	7,758	14.9		55	13.3	
Friday	9,842	18.9		66	16.0	
Saturday	7,157	13.7		86	20.9	
Total	52,068	100.0	3,000 6,000 9,000	412	100.0	45 90

- For this table, each day was considered to run from 6:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. the following morning.

Crashes in New Mexico by Hour of the Day, 1996



- The weekend is defined as beginning on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Monday morning at 5:59 a.m.
- For perspective, the weekend has 60 hours total, while the weekday period consists of 108 hours.

Friday between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. was the least safe time to drive in urban areas.

The Seven Least Safe Hours of the Week in New Mexico, 1996

Urban			
Day	Hour ¹	Crashes	% of Total
Friday	4 p.m.	771	1.9
Friday	3 p.m.	714	1.7
Friday	5 p.m.	698	1.7
Tuesday	4 p.m.	674	1.6
Thursday	5 p.m.	649	1.6
Wednesday	5 p.m.	640	1.6
Tuesday	5 p.m.	608	1.5

Rural			
Day	Hour ¹	Crashes	% of Total
Friday	4 p.m.	123	1.1
Monday	5 p.m.	121	1.1
Monday	4 p.m.	119	1.1
Wednesday	5 p.m.	119	1.1
Saturday	2 p.m.	119	1.1
Friday	9 p.m.	118	1.0
Monday	6 p.m.	115	1.0

¹ An hour begins at :00 and ends at :59; 4 p.m. represents 4:00-4:59.

Crashes in New Mexico During Holiday Periods, 1993 - 1996

Holiday	Total Hours	Beginning (6 p.m.)	Ending (midnight)	Crashes			People	
				Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Easter								
1996	54	4/05	4/07	229	3	85	3	133
1995	54	4/14	4/16	214	2	76	2	126
1994	54	4/01	4/03	277	7	104	8	178
1993	54	4/09	4/11	254	6	100	6	160
Memorial Day								
1996	78	5/24	5/27	345	8	139	8	252
1995	78	5/26	5/29	419	4	174	4	288
1994	78	5/27	5/30	379	2	151	2	257
1993	78	5/28	5/31	347	8	134	10	247
Fourth of July								
1996	30	7/03	7/04	156	1	62	1	117
1995	30	7/03	7/04	146	0	72	0	107
1994	78	7/01	7/04	405	5	174	6	296
1993	78	7/02	7/05	361	4	151	6	264
Labor Day								
1996	78	8/30	9/02	409	7	156	8	265
1995	78	9/01	9/04	395	9	174	9	312
1994	78	9/02	9/05	420	1	186	1	324
1993	78	9/03	9/06	376	6	150	9	252
Thanksgiving								
1996	102	11/27	12/01	675	5	224	6	371
1995	102	11/22	11/26	421	7	152	8	273
1994	102	11/23	11/27	444	7	161	7	275
1993	102	11/24	11/28	399	7	140	9	235
Christmas								
1996	30	12/24	12/25	92	0	39	0	75
1995	78	12/22	12/25	316	2	116	2	205
1994	54	12/23	12/25	331	4	126	4	216
1993	78	12/23	12/26	353	1	140	1	250
New Year's								
1996-1997	30	12/31	1/01/97	-	3	-	3	-
1995-1996	78	12/29	1/01/96	461	7	165	11	253
1994-1995	78	12/30	1/02/95	371	5	130	7	230
1993-1994	78	12/30	1/02/94	303	3	123	4	201

New Mexico Fatalities by Day and Alcohol Involvement, 1996

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November

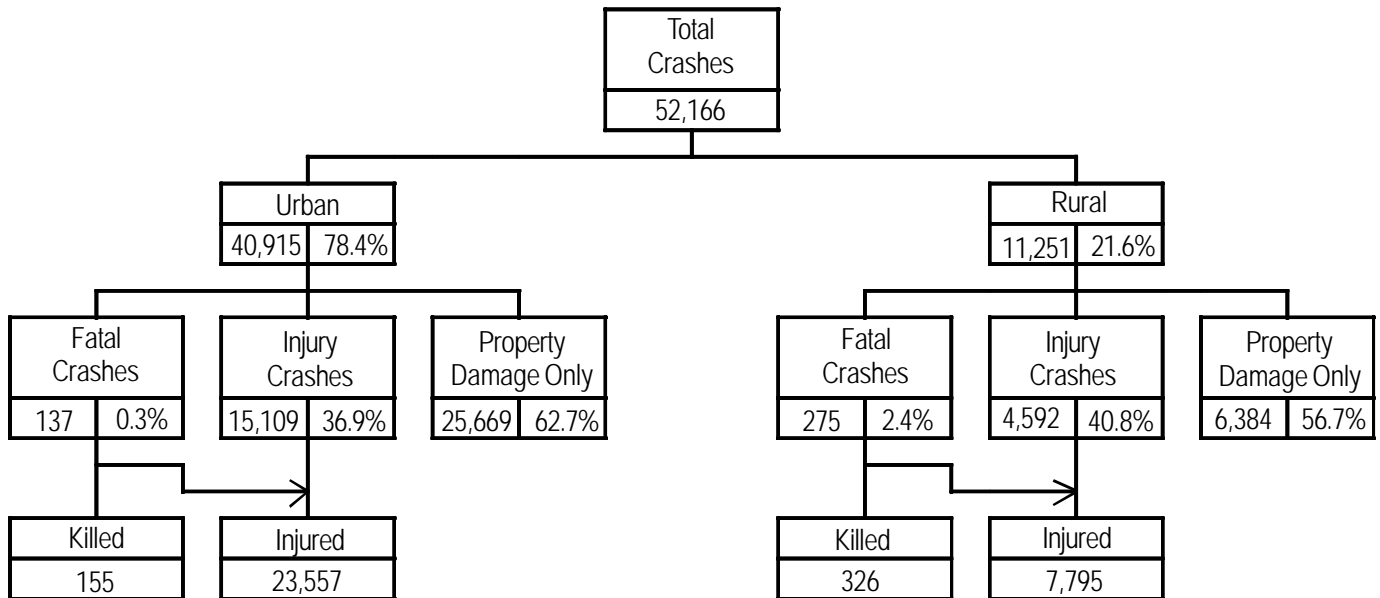
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Alcohol-involved Fatality
- Non Alcohol-involved Fatality
- Unlike other graphs and tables in this section, crashes that occur between midnight and 5:59 am are not shifted to the previous day.

Crashes in New Mexico by Road System, 1996



Crashes on New Mexico Pueblos and Reservations, 1996

Pueblo or Reservation	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
Acoma	61	0	23	38	0	42
Alamo Navajo	4	0	2	2	0	2
Cañoncito Navajo	3	0	2	1	0	4
Cochiti	4	0	4	0	0	5
Isleta	156	3	62	91	5	113
Jemez	15	1	6	8	1	10
Jicarilla Apache	78	3	21	54	3	31
Laguna	149	9	82	58	11	146
Mescalero Apache	71	2	23	46	2	43
Nambe	11	1	3	7	1	4
Navajo	459	27	187	245	33	404
Picuris	23	0	11	12	0	13
Pojoaque	70	1	25	44	1	43
Ramah Navajo	16	0	9	7	0	12
Sandia	74	2	37	35	2	75
San Felipe	77	1	40	36	1	65
San Ildefonso	20	0	5	15	0	6
San Juan	48	3	25	20	3	45
Santa Ana	32	1	12	19	1	18
Santa Clara	29	0	14	15	0	22
Santo Domingo	55	3	20	32	4	26
Taos Pueblo	12	2	1	9	3	3
Tesuque	38	0	13	25	0	23
Zia	14	2	7	5	2	15
Zuni	99	3	35	61	3	62

New Mexico Crashes by County, 1996

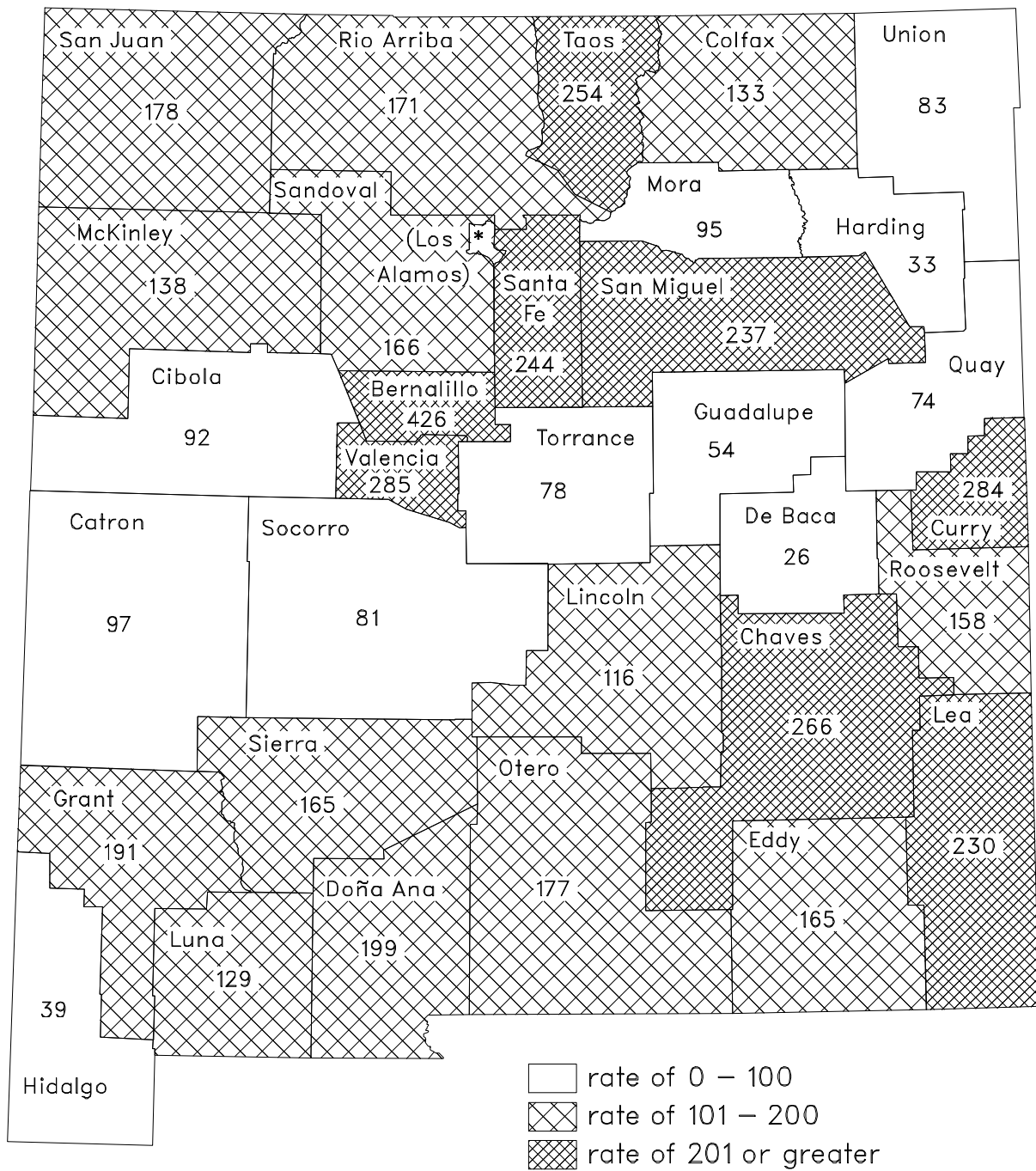
County	Crashes				People		Rates		Economic Loss ¹	100 MVM	Licensed Drivers	Population
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Crash Rate	Death Rate				
Bernalillo	21,728	80	8,444	13,204	90	12,938	426	1.76	1,106,862	51.0	372,725	526,614
Catron	118	3	46	69	3	68	97	2.48	14,892	1.2	2,634	2,657
Chaves	1,585	8	572	1,005	8	917	266	1.34	104,348	6.0	40,863	62,564
Cibola	579	17	217	345	21	386	92	3.35	65,908	6.3	14,715	25,473
Colfax	418	5	123	290	7	193	133	2.23	43,146	3.1	10,495	13,867
Curry	1,037	4	347	686	4	517	284	1.10	59,741	3.7	30,577	47,753
De Baca	56	1	18	37	1	31	26	0.46	4,893	2.2	1,717	2,358
Dona Ana	3,897	21	1,624	2,252	23	2,596	199	1.18	276,028	19.5	107,844	163,849
Eddy	1,403	6	462	935	9	753	165	1.06	90,761	8.5	37,203	53,358
Grant	811	9	272	530	10	423	191	2.36	63,851	4.2	21,839	30,700
Guadalupe	293	10	121	162	14	269	54	2.56	42,949	5.5	3,057	4,195
Harding	10	1	4	5	1	7	33	3.32	1,213	0.3	711	946
Hidalgo	124	2	45	77	2	82	39	0.63	14,925	3.2	4,578	6,328
Lea	1,386	8	492	886	10	777	230	1.66	90,457	6.0	40,236	56,634
Lincoln	596	4	203	389	4	302	116	0.78	48,045	5.1	13,691	15,362
Los Alamos	294	2	85	207	2	129	123	0.84	14,782	2.4	16,389	18,212
Luna	599	10	221	368	10	413	129	2.15	55,381	4.7	16,233	23,089
McKinley	1,763	32	573	1,158	38	984	138	2.98	161,588	12.8	36,099	67,754
Mora	130	2	47	81	3	77	95	2.20	19,210	1.4	3,208	4,798
Otero	1,180	12	423	745	12	683	177	1.80	93,289	6.7	36,819	55,881
Quay	338	12	121	205	16	224	74	3.48	41,204	4.6	8,124	10,291
Rio Arriba	990	21	394	575	24	704	171	4.15	95,673	5.8	25,973	37,580
Roosevelt	407	3	132	272	3	220	158	1.16	31,166	2.6	12,276	18,700
Sandoval	1,451	20	571	860	24	912	166	2.74	118,287	8.8	58,771	83,264
San Juan	2,805	43	1,043	1,719	50	1,779	178	3.17	209,265	15.8	66,415	102,508
San Miguel	945	9	283	653	10	443	237	2.51	74,735	4.0	17,318	28,703
Santa Fe	3,905	27	1,581	2,297	30	2,542	244	1.87	296,450	16.0	86,310	119,011
Sierra	334	4	105	225	4	177	165	1.98	34,302	2.0	9,059	10,953
Socorro	470	7	156	307	12	241	81	2.06	51,049	5.8	11,525	16,155
Taos	874	11	314	549	14	488	254	4.06	83,294	3.4	20,605	25,985
Torrance	355	6	126	223	8	206	78	1.75	44,334	4.6	8,679	13,584
Union	122	3	42	77	3	72	83	2.05	10,383	1.5	3,223	4,067
Valencia	1,163	9	494	660	11	799	285	2.70	101,338	4.1	39,413	60,214
Total	52,166	412	19,701	32,053	481	31,352	224	2.07	3,563,753	232.5	1,179,324	1,713,407

¹ Crash cost estimates are in thousands of dollars, and are based on FHWA Economic Loss Formulae (see page 36).

In 1996 ...

- The overall crash rate in New Mexico was 224.

Crash Rates in New Mexico by County, 1996



* Los Alamos County rate is 123.

Crashes in New Mexico by City, 1996

City	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
Alamogordo	683	1	242	440	1	387
Albuquerque	21,150	68	8,210	12,872	74	12,573
Anthony	80	1	27	52	1	42
Artesia	288	2	58	228	2	94
Aztec	132	0	39	93	0	52
Bayard	56	0	18	38	0	24
Belen	246	1	86	159	1	129
Bernalillo	146	3	51	92	3	80
Bloomfield	124	0	37	87	0	53
Bosque Farms	63	0	22	41	0	27
Capitan	17	0	6	11	0	10
Carlsbad	819	1	305	513	2	483
Carrizozo	12	0	4	8	0	5
Causey	3	0	1	2	0	1
Central	22	1	10	11	1	23
Chama	6	0	2	4	0	4
Cimarron	1	0	1	0	0	1
Clayton	62	1	14	47	1	23
Cloudcroft	24	0	7	17	0	7
Clovis	882	3	266	613	3	375
Columbus	12	1	3	8	1	3
Corona	4	0	1	3	0	1
Corrales	90	0	32	58	0	41
Cuba	16	0	6	10	0	8
Deming	337	1	122	214	1	203
Des Moines	3	0	0	3	0	0
Dexter	1	0	1	0	0	2
Eagle Nest	4	0	0	4	0	0
Elida	2	0	0	2	0	0
Española	583	5	229	349	7	420
Estancia	8	0	1	7	0	2
Eunice	22	0	6	16	0	7
Farmington	1,510	5	533	972	5	844
Floyd	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fort Sumner	29	0	6	23	0	9
Gallup	966	2	266	698	2	459
Grady	1	0	0	1	0	0
Grants	196	2	67	127	2	122
Grenville	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hatch	24	0	5	19	0	6
Hobbs	800	5	288	507	7	460
Hurley	2	0	2	0	0	4
Jal	23	0	4	19	0	7
Jemez Springs	1	0	0	1	0	0

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Crashes in New Mexico by City, 1996 (cont.)

City	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
Lake Arthur	2	0	1	1	0	1
La Mesilla	1	0	1	0	0	1
Las Cruces	2,818	2	1,154	1,662	2	1,839
Las Vegas	663	1	164	498	1	249
Lordsburg	44	0	14	30	0	24
Los Alamos	285	1	80	204	1	119
Los Lunas	329	1	126	202	1	228
Loving	5	0	1	4	0	1
Lovington	240	0	66	174	0	115
Magdalena	5	0	0	5	0	0
Maxwell	3	0	1	2	0	1
Melrose	9	0	6	3	0	14
Milan	38	1	11	26	1	22
Moriarty	90	2	33	55	3	54
Mosquero	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mountainair	6	0	3	3	0	3
Pecos	11	0	5	6	0	6
Portales	259	1	64	194	1	103
Questa	22	0	9	13	0	12
Raton	158	0	34	124	0	55
Red River	15	0	3	12	0	6
Reserve	4	0	2	2	0	2
Rio Rancho	721	1	269	451	1	412
Roswell	1,235	3	428	804	3	670
Ruidoso	299	1	110	188	1	164
Ruidoso Downs	21	0	7	14	0	8
San Jon	3	0	0	3	0	0
San Ysidro	4	0	2	2	0	3
Santa Fe	2,554	12	1,042	1,500	14	1,675
Santa Rosa	57	0	15	42	0	30
Shiprock	119	2	49	68	2	88
Silver City	442	2	128	312	2	177
Socorro	206	1	39	166	5	76
Springer	6	0	2	4	0	4
Sunland Park	76	0	35	41	0	51
Taos	328	1	113	214	1	164
Tatum	9	0	4	5	0	7
Texico	24	0	11	13	0	18
Tijeras	16	0	6	10	0	7
T or C	163	1	45	117	1	74
Tucumcari	126	1	39	86	1	67
Tularosa	20	0	3	17	0	5
Vaughn	6	0	1	5	0	3
Willard	2	0	0	2	0	0
Williamsburg	3	0	0	3	0	0

Crash Rates for Selected¹ New Mexico Cities, 1996

City ¹	Crashes		Rates ²		Estimated
	Total	Fatal and Injury ³	Total	Fatal and Injury ³	1994 Population ⁴
Alamogordo	683	83	23.1	2.80	29,628
Albuquerque	21,150	2,932	51.3	7.12	411,994
Artesia	288	36	24.5	3.07	11,743
Aztec	132	17	20.9	2.69	6,321
Belen	246	33	33.7	4.52	7,295
Bernalillo	146	33	21.6	4.88	6,758
Bloomfield	124	21	18.5	3.14	6,691
Bosque Farms	63	10	13.9	2.21	4,521
Carlsbad	819	119	30.4	4.41	26,974
Clovis	882	102	24.4	2.83	36,091
Corrales	90	17	15.3	2.90	5,871
Deming	337	67	25.1	5.00	13,406
Española	583	66	59.5	6.74	9,797
Farmington	1,510	227	39.6	5.95	38,169
Gallup	966	107	48.4	5.36	19,964
Grants	196	28	22.6	3.23	8,658
Hobbs	800	133	26.9	4.48	29,712
Las Cruces	2,818	482	39.7	6.78	71,043
Las Vegas	663	55	42.5	3.53	15,591
Los Alamos	285	38	15.4	2.05	18,540
Los Lunas	329	58	45.0	7.92	7,319
Lovington	240	38	25.1	3.98	9,545
Portales	259	33	21.1	2.69	12,280
Raton	158	12	20.4	1.55	7,759
Rio Rancho	721	100	17.4	2.41	41,492
Roswell	1,235	234	26.1	4.94	47,395
Ruidoso	299	63	54.3	11.45	5,502
Santa Fe	2,554	366	40.9	5.85	62,514
Silver City	442	36	38.4	3.13	11,508
Socorro	206	16	24.3	1.89	8,472
Sunland Park	76	15	8.4	1.65	9,101
Taos	328	44	74.0	9.93	4,433
T or C	163	25	25.9	3.98	6,285
Tucumcari	126	20	18.8	2.98	6,706

1 Cities selected are those with a population of 4,000 or more.

2 Rates are per 1,000 residents.

3 Fatal and injury crashes include crashes involving fatal, incapacitating, and visible injuries, but exclude crashes where there was only complaint of injury.

4 Population counts are from the Census Bureau (see page 36).

New Mexico's Seven Highest Fatal and Injury Crash Intersections, 1996

Intersection	City	Crashes		
		Total	Fatal	Injury
Airport at Cerrillos	Santa Fe	95	0	49
Montgomery at Wyoming	Albuquerque	113	0	47
Coors at Irving	Albuquerque	88	0	47
Eubank at Montgomery	Albuquerque	92	0	42
Montgomery at San Mateo	Albuquerque	116	0	37
Candelaria at San Mateo	Albuquerque	78	0	37
Osuna at San Mateo	Albuquerque	81	0	33

- Intersections are ranked by the total number of fatal and injury crashes. Busy intersections will tend to have the highest number of crashes, but will not necessarily have the highest number of fatal and injury crashes.

New Mexico's Highest Crash Rate Rural Highway Segments, 1996

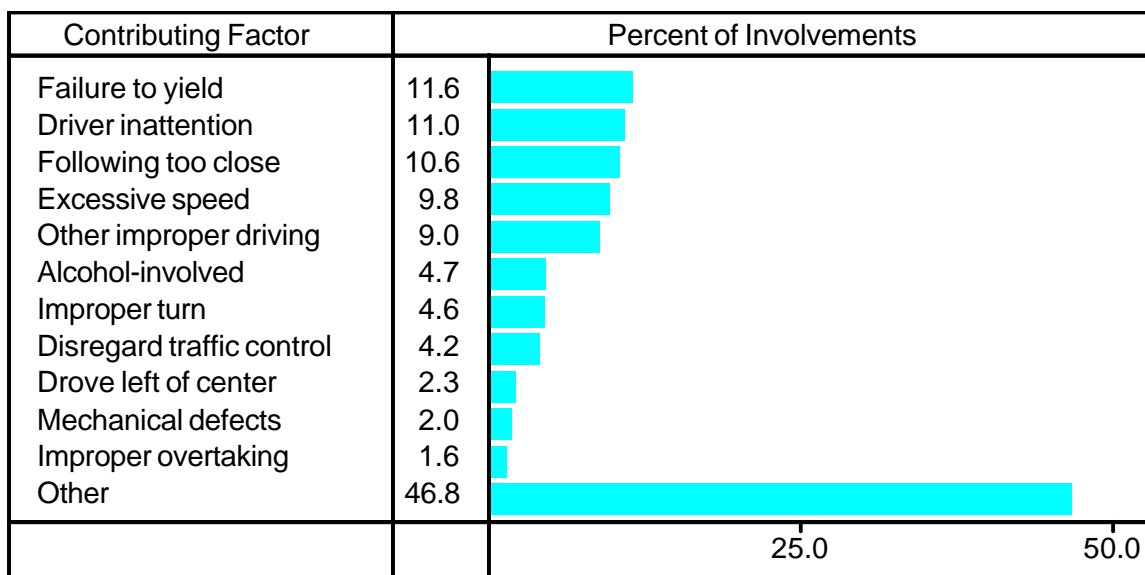
Highway	Mile post	County	Crashes			
			Total	Fatal	Injury	Rate
NM 76	4.6 to 7.8	Santa Fe	56	0	30	1365.3
NM 263	5.2 to 2.3	Valencia	27	0	14	627.1
US 64	21.9 to 22.7	San Juan	16	0	6	585.6
US 84	192.0 to 194.5	Rio Arriba	18	1	12	582.6
NM 14	6.1 to 11.0	Sandoval	21	1	9	496.0
US 84	194.5 to 197.0	Rio Arriba	18	1	10	488.5
NM 76	1.6 to 4.6	Santa Fe	28	0	11	481.2

Map: see inside front cover.

- The highway segment ranking was done on the basis of fatal and injury crashes per million vehicle miles. The most heavily traveled segments are likely to have the most crashes, but will not necessarily have the highest crash rates. Segments selected have high rates compared to segments with similar characteristics.
- The two segments on NM 76 and the two segments on US 84 are adjacent, i.e. they form a single segment on each route. They are presented separately because segments are defined based on similar road characteristics.

CRASH DETAILS

Contributing Factors of Crashes in New Mexico, 1996



- Percent of involvements is the percentage of all vehicles in crashes for which each contributing factor was coded. More than one contributing factor may be coded for each vehicle. For 44 percent of all vehicles, no contributing factors were indicated.

Crash Involvements in New Mexico by Vehicle Type, 1996

Vehicle Type	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total
Passenger Car	53,882	262	21,792	
Pickup	27,755	181	10,183	
Van or 4WD	7,249	68	2,812	
Semi	2,009	43	630	
Motorcycle	882	29	705	
Pedestrian	654	64	571	
Pedalcyclist	431	2	387	
Bus	229	3	58	
Other	4,076	32	868	
Total	97,167	684	38,006	25,000 50,000

Crashes Involving Vehicle or Road Defects in New Mexico, 1990 - 1996

Year	All Crashes	Vehicle Defects	% With Vehicle Defects	Road Defects	%With Road Defects
1996	52,166	1,767	3.4	364	0.7
1995	52,377	1,813	3.5	335	0.6
1994	50,275	1,754	3.5	393	0.8
1993	48,729	1,717	3.5	407	0.8
1992	50,227	1,691	3.4	720	1.4
1991	47,218	1,380	2.9	1,113	2.4
1990	49,779	1,498	3.0	760	1.5

CRASH DETAILS

In 1996 ...

- "Other vehicle" crashes caused the most fatalities.

Crashes in New Mexico by Class, 1996

Class	Crashes					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Other Vehicle	36,306	70	157	38	14,323	195	23,933
Fixed Object	6,297	12	37	9	1,916	41	2,582
Parked Vehicle	3,194	6	3	1	310	3	416
Overturn	3,089	6	142	34	1,822	164	2,910
Animal	1,320	3	2	0	205	2	272
Pedestrian	610	1	62	15	533	62	574
Other Non-collision	576	1	2	0	163	2	197
Pedalcyclist	406	1	2	0	364	2	373
Other Object	325	1	0	0	47	0	63
Railroad Train	30	0	4	1	12	8	21
Vehicle on Other Road	12	0	1	0	6	2	11
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	52,166	100	412	100	19,701	481	31,352

- Crash class is based on the first harmful event in the crash, such as colliding with something or overturning.

Among the fixed object crashes ...

- 23 percent involved fences.
- 32 percent of fatal crashes involved trees or embankments.

Fixed Object Crashes in New Mexico, 1996

Object	Crashes			People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Fence	1,421	7	336	7	446
Sign, Pole, Meter, Hydrant	1,292	9	328	11	428
Guard Rail or Post	827	7	301	8	418
Median or Curb	767	0	213	0	279
Tree	416	6	187	6	264
Embankment	314	6	149	7	220
Barricade	165	0	65	0	78
Building	147	0	40	0	44
Culvert or Drain	68	0	31	0	47
Bridge or Pier	40	0	11	0	17
Cattle Guard	17	0	3	0	3
Other or Unknown	797	2	244	2	328
Total	6,271	37	1,908	41	2,572

CRASH DETAILS

In 1996 ...

- 76 percent of all **hit-and-run** crashes involved property damage only, compared to the 61 percent of **all** crashes which involved property damage only.
- 90 percent of all crashes happened in clear weather.
- 49 percent of the fatal crashes occurred during the night.

Hit and Run Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996

Year	Crashes			People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
1996	7,262	8	1,699	8	2,327
1995	7,467	16	1,732	16	2,382
1994	6,812	16	1,548	17	2,117
1993	6,061	19	1,241	19	1,671
1992	6,342	12	1,225	12	1,698


Crashes by Weather Conditions in New Mexico, 1996

Weather Condition	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
Clear	47,081	370	17,906	28,805	430	28,497
Rain	2,611	19	989	1,603	22	1,561
Snow, Sleet	1,323	5	388	930	5	602
Dust, Wind	703	11	264	428	12	432
Fog	92	0	30	62	0	48
Other	305	5	95	205	9	161
Total	52,115	410	19,672	32,033	478	31,301

Crashes by Lighting Conditions in New Mexico, 1996

Lighting Condition	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
Daylight	37,247	186	14,190	22,871	213	22,266
Dark (Unlighted)	6,463	149	2,314	4,000	176	3,813
Dark (Lighted)	6,242	51	2,404	3,787	59	3,998
Dusk	1,569	13	585	971	18	936
Dawn	492	6	165	321	7	265
Other	96	3	16	77	3	23
Total	52,109	408	19,674	32,027	476	31,301

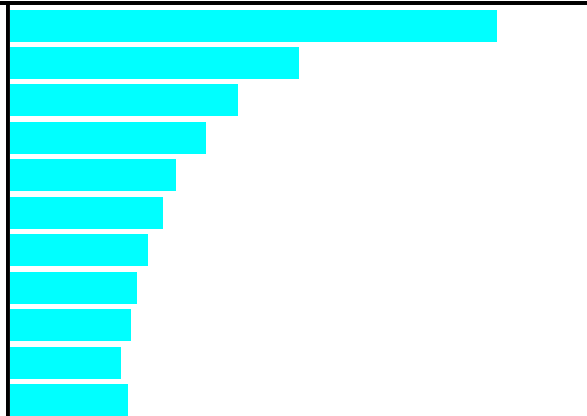
Residence of Drivers in New Mexico Crashes, 1996

Residence	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total
Local	66,811	246	27,942	
Elsewhere in NM	11,132	187	4,580	
Outside NM	6,578	128	2,573	
Unknown	3,179	98	1,254	
Total	87,700	659	36,349	22,000 44,000 66,000

Of drivers ...

- Teenagers ages 15-19 had the highest crash involvement rate.

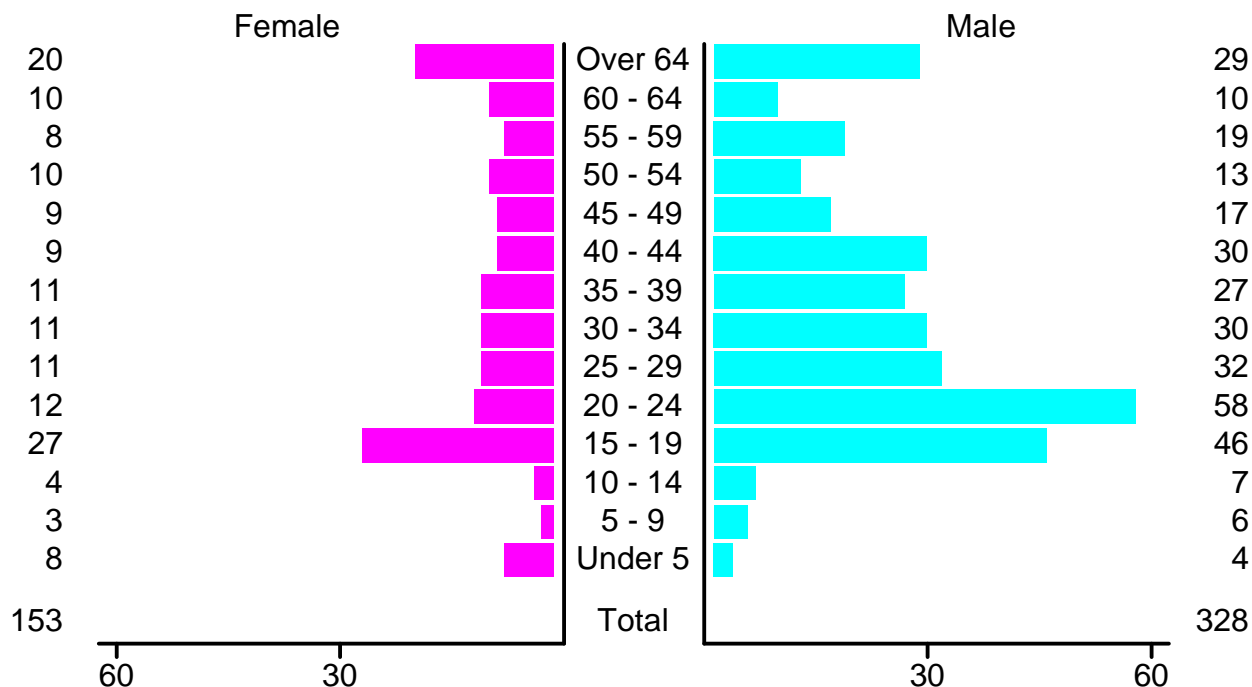
New Mexico Drivers in Crashes, 1996 Involvements by Age

Age	Driver Involvements	July 96 Drivers	Involvements per 1,000 drivers	
15-19	13,651	74,751	182.62	
20-24	11,349	104,093	109.03	
25-29	9,842	114,772	85.75	
30-34	9,459	127,656	74.10	
35-39	8,768	138,599	63.26	
40-44	7,621	130,880	58.23	
45-49	6,285	120,541	52.14	
50-54	4,233	88,245	47.97	
55-59	3,278	71,007	46.16	
60-64	2,555	61,332	41.66	
Over 64	6,637	147,380	45.03	
Total	83,678	1,179,256	70.96	50 100 150 200

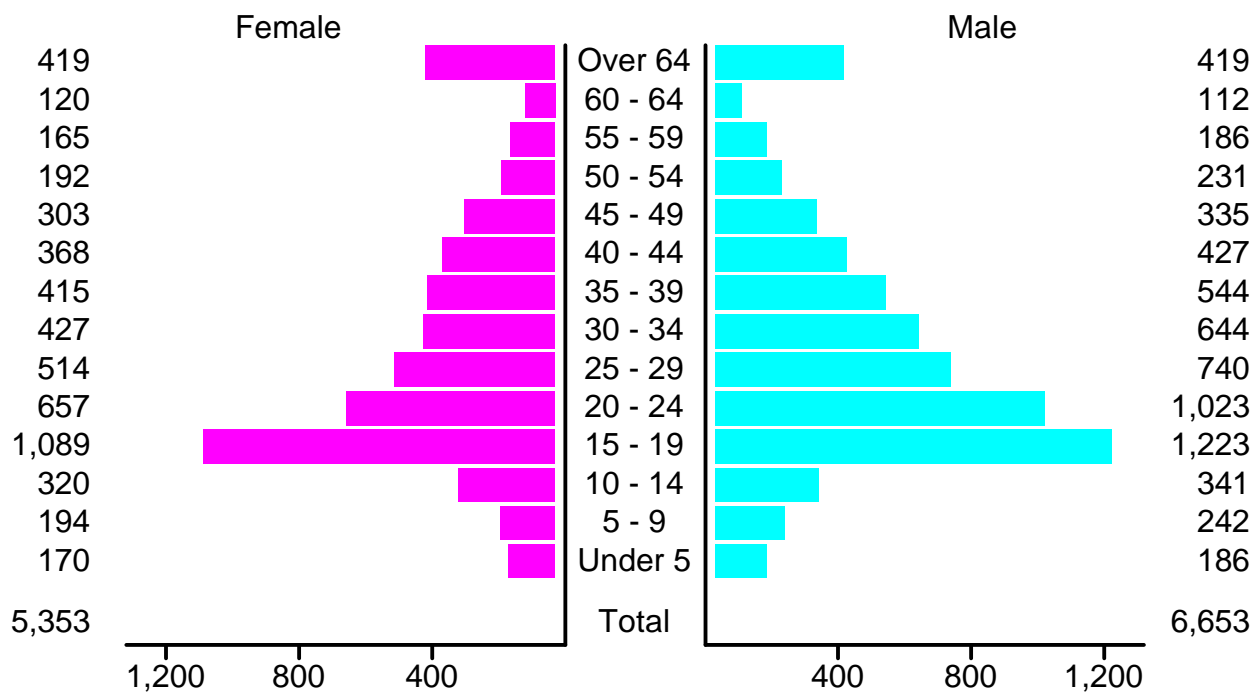
In 1996 ...

- People ages 15 through 19 accounted for 15 percent of all traffic deaths, even though they accounted for only 6 percent of licensed drivers.

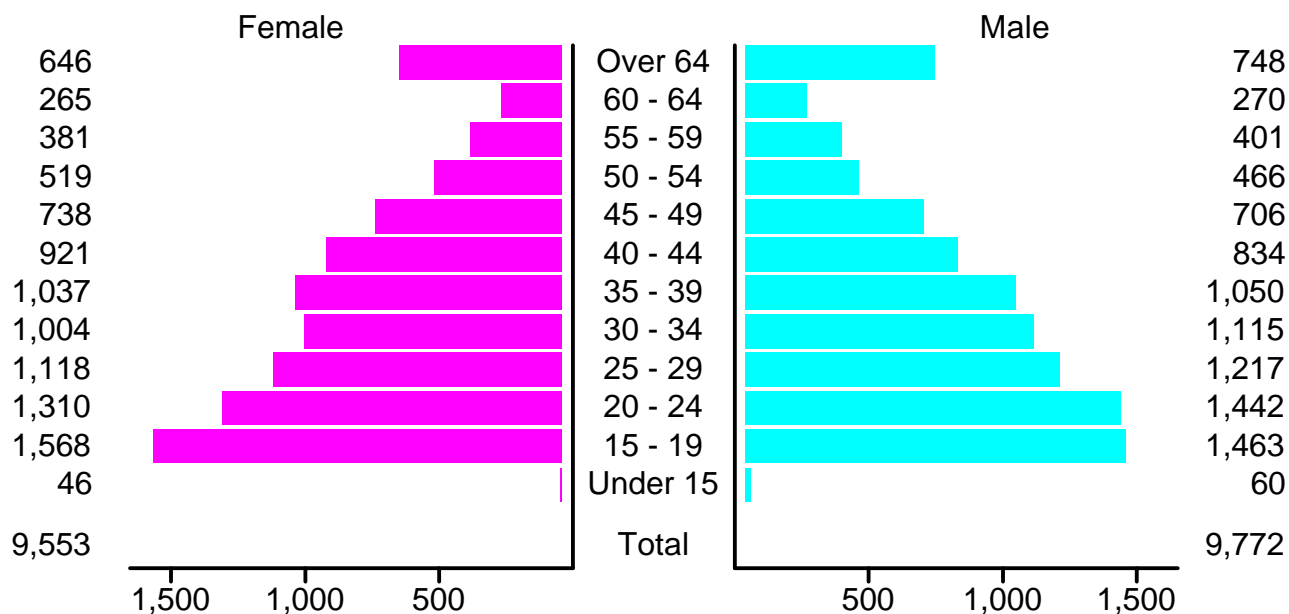
Crash Fatalities in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



Serious Injuries in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



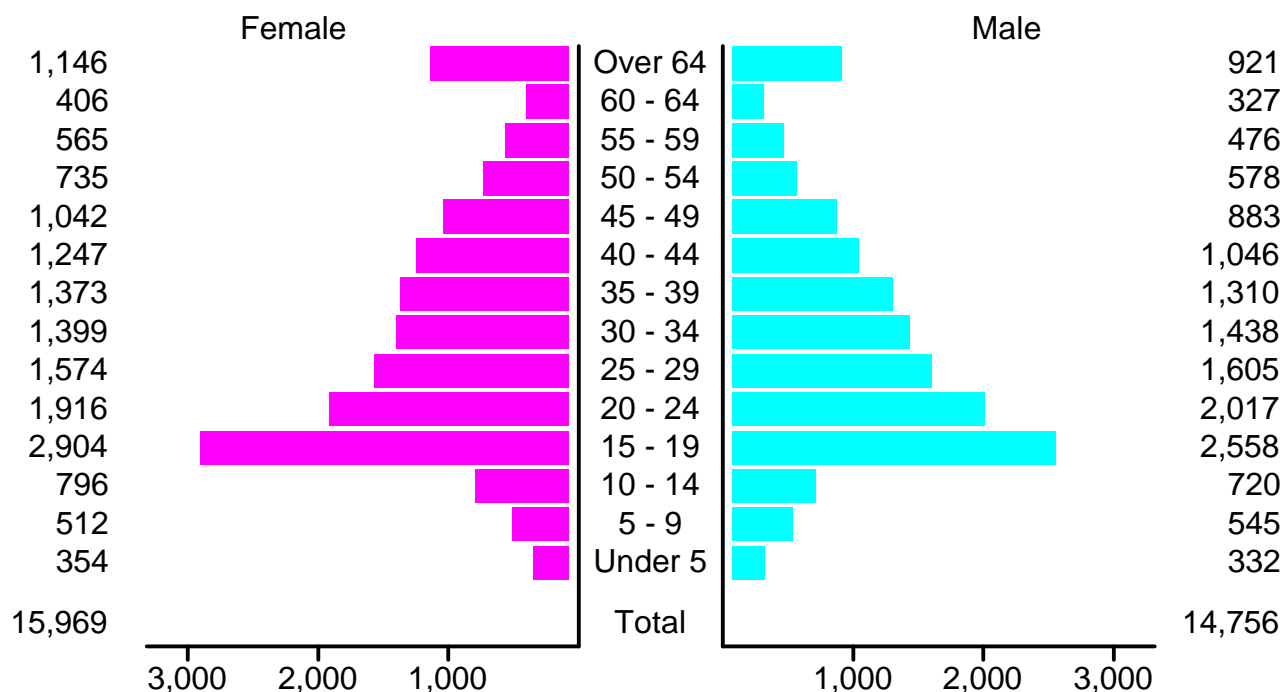
Drivers Injured in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



In 1996 ...

- 27 percent of all females involved in crashes were injured, compared to 20 percent of all males.

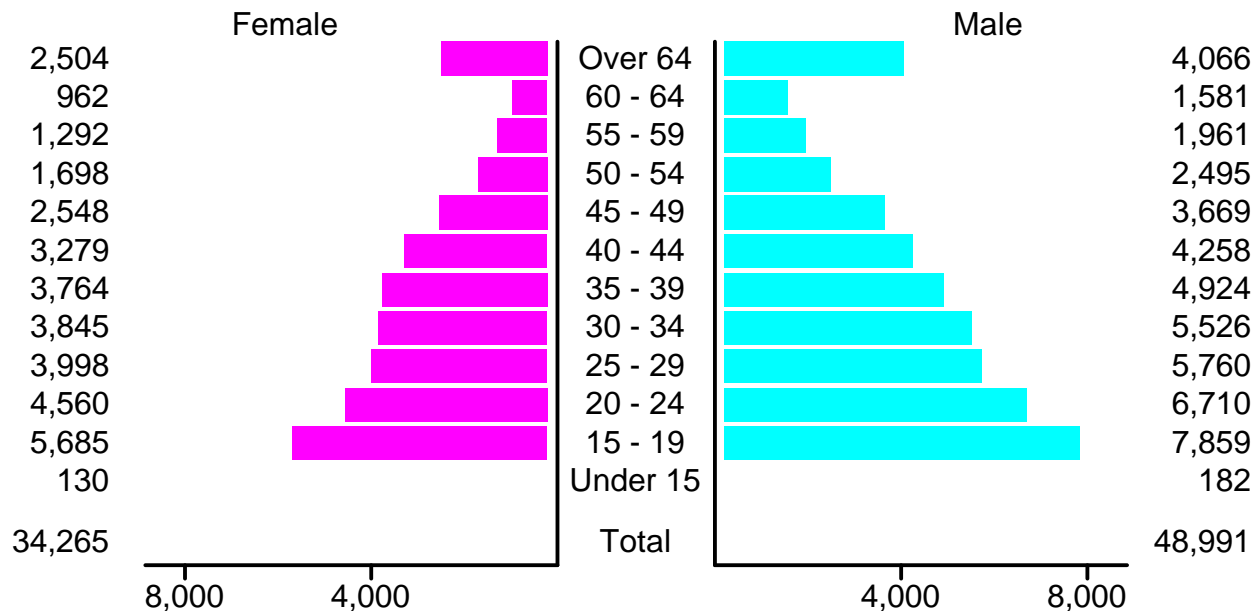
People Injured in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



In 1996 ...

- Males accounted for 59 percent of the drivers in crashes, but they represented only 50 percent of all the licensed drivers.

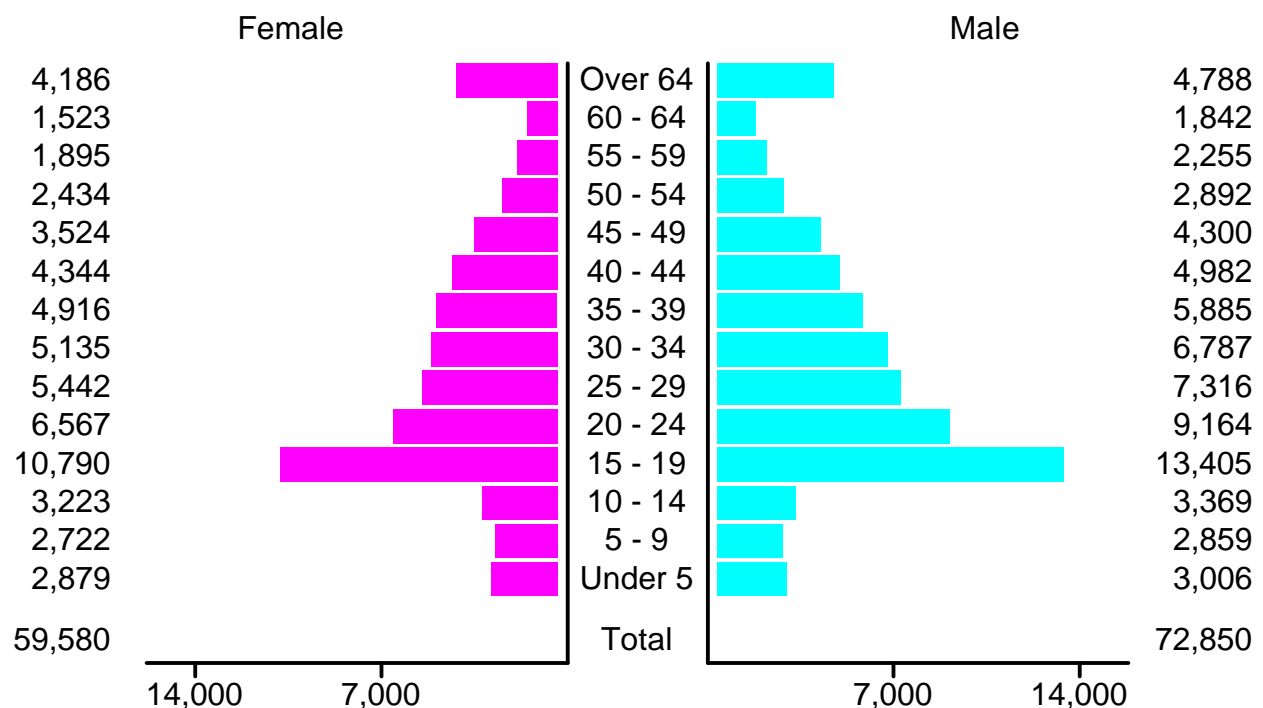
Drivers in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



In 1996 ...

- 55 percent of people in crashes were males.

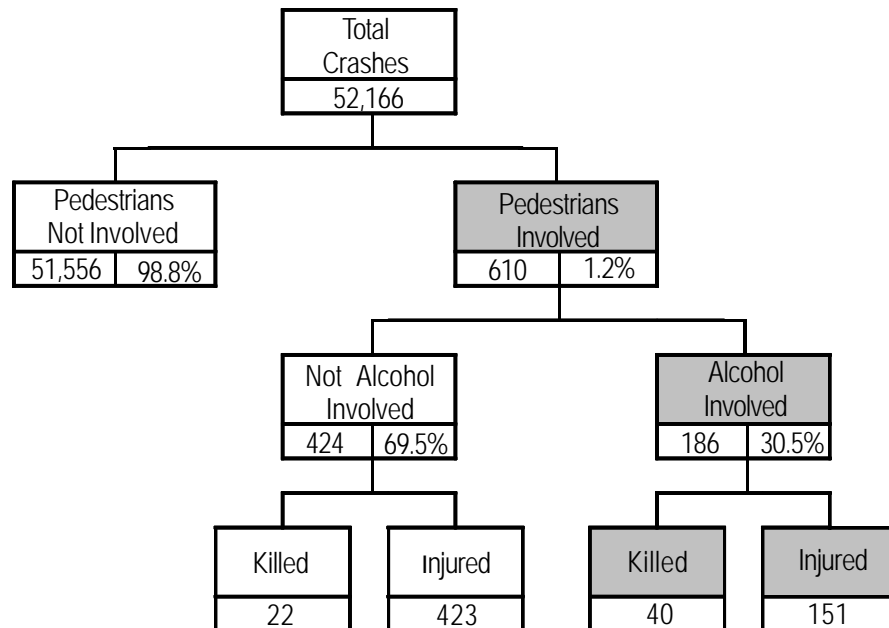
People in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



In 1996 ...

- 65 percent of pedestrian deaths were alcohol-involved.

Alcohol-involved Pedestrian Crashes in New Mexico, 1996



Seven Counties with Highest Pedestrian Death Rates, 1996

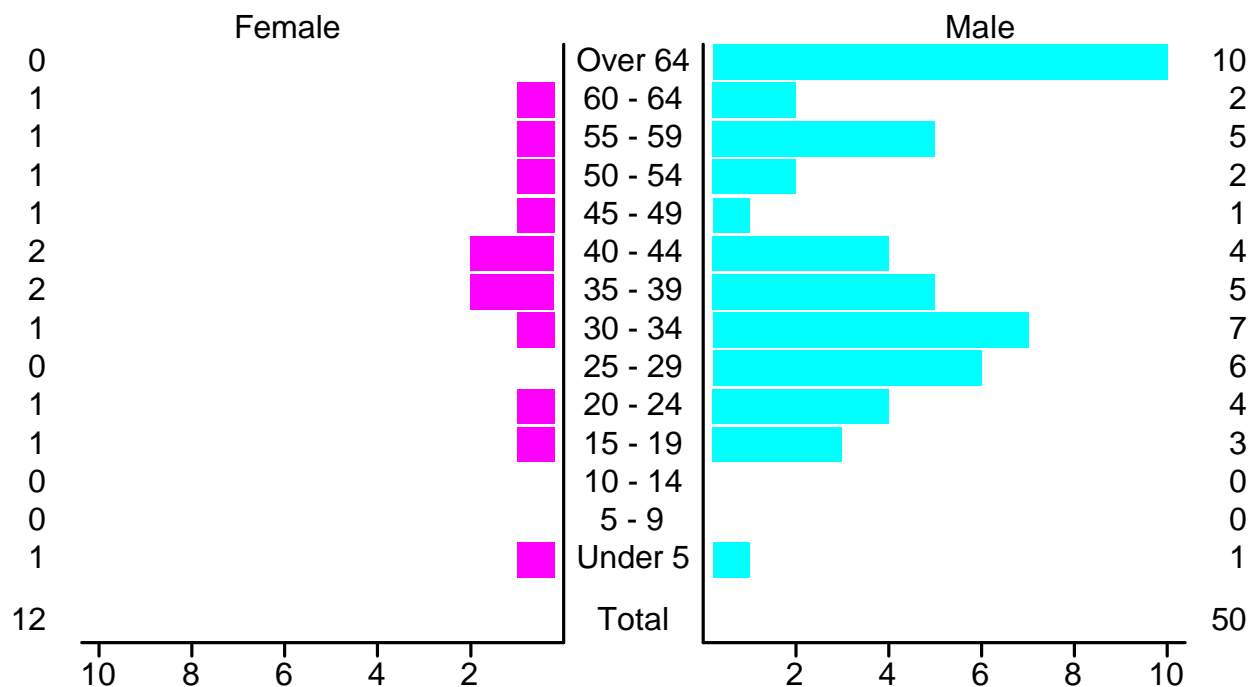
County	Pedestrians in Crashes			Deaths per 100 MVM	
	Total	Killed	Injured		
McKinley	55	10	45	0.78	
San Juan	41	9	32	0.57	
Rio Arriba	10	3	7	0.52	
San Miguel	6	2	4	0.50	
Sierra	8	1	7	0.49	
Luna	12	2	10	0.43	
Bernalillo	309	18	277	0.35	
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PEDESTRIANS

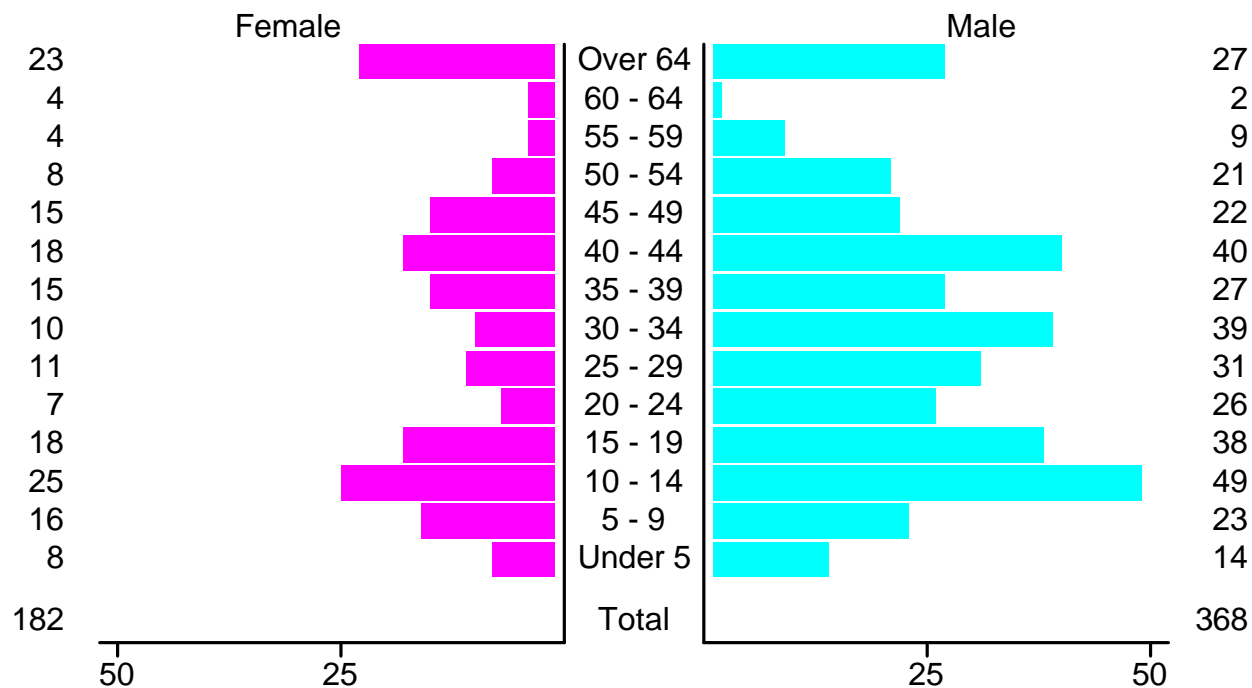
In 1996 ...

- 50 percent of pedestrian deaths involved pedestrian error.

Pedestrians Killed in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996



Pedestrians Injured in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996

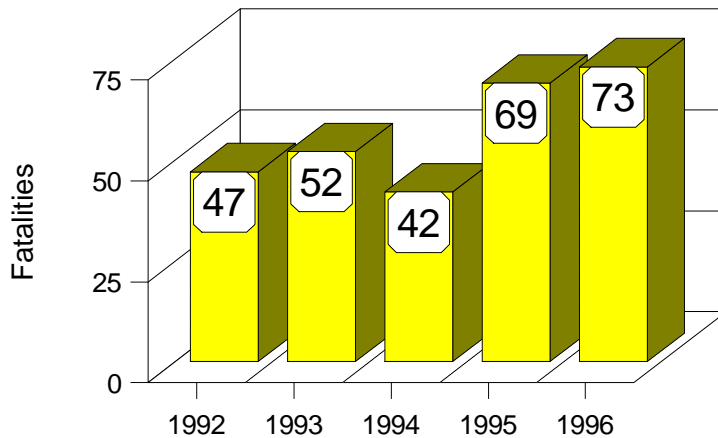


Teenagers in Crashes in New Mexico by Vehicle Type, 1996

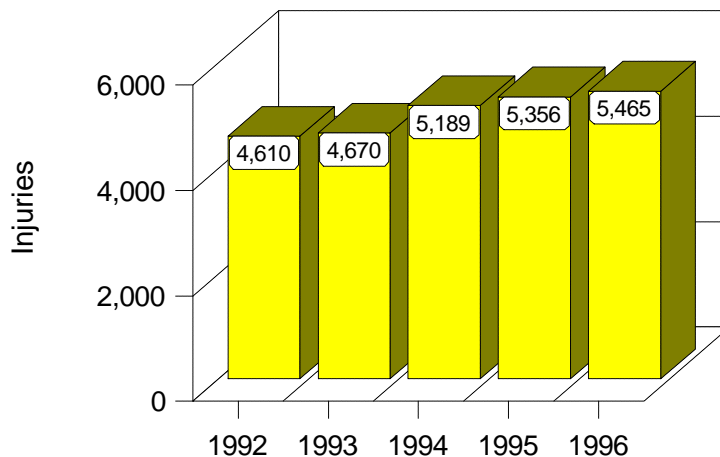
Vehicle Type	Drivers			Victims	
	Total	Crash Severity			
		Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger Car	9,181	36	3,845	41	3,659
Pickup	3,601	17	1,451	11	1,262
Motorcycle	116	3	91	3	122
Van or 4WD	71	3	27	5	37
Pedestrian	62	5	56	4	56
Pedalcyclist	45	0	42	0	42
Semi	5	0	4	0	6
Bus	4	0	0	0	3
Other	571	7	233	9	278
Total	13,656	71	5,749	73	5,465

For this page, drivers and victims are teenagers (people between the ages of 15 and 19). Victims are teenagers killed or injured in crashes regardless of the age of the driver.

Teenagers Killed in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



Teenagers Injured in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



Teenage Crash Facts in New Mexico, 1996

- Of all drivers in crashes, 15 percent were teenagers, although teenagers comprised only 6 percent of New Mexico's drivers.
- The number of teenage fatalities increased from 69 to 73 in 1996.
- Male teenagers died in crashes 70 percent more frequently than did female teenagers.
- 49 percent of teenage crash deaths involved alcohol.
- A teenager was killed in a traffic crash every five days and one was injured every 96 minutes.
- Teenage occupants' self-reported seatbelt use was 88 percent, while that of all occupants was 94 percent.

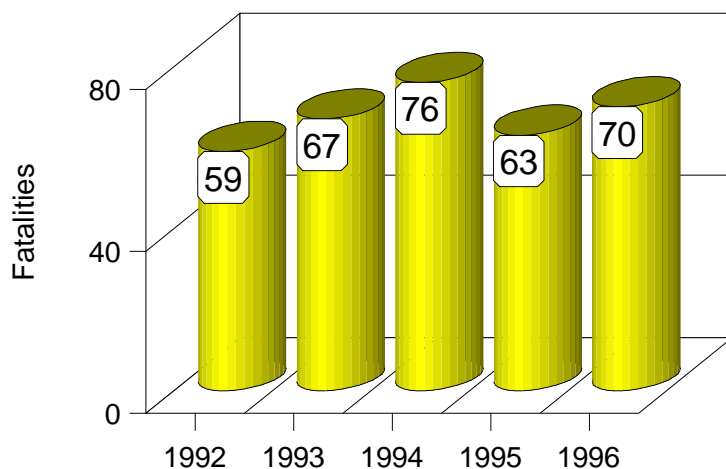
YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults in Crashes in New Mexico by Vehicle Type, 1996

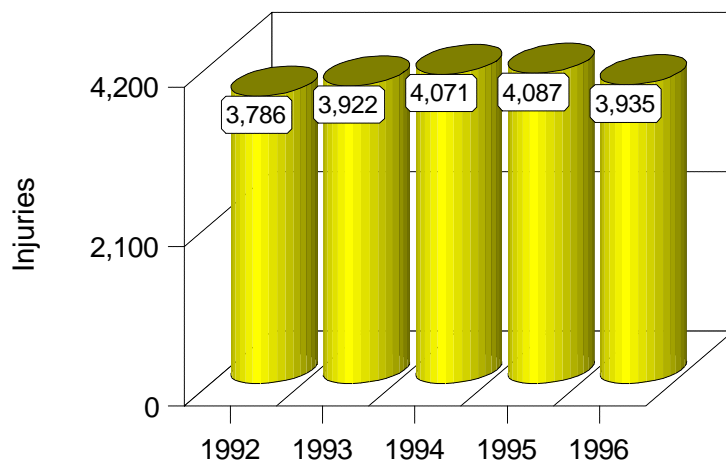
Vehicle Type	Drivers			Victims	
	Total	Crash Severity			
		Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger Car	7,193	46	3,074	33	2,551
Pickup	3,209	30	1,282	18	950
Motorcycle	142	7	119	4	129
Van or 4WD	110	3	28	1	20
Semi	102	1	37	0	25
Pedalcyclist	41	0	37	0	37
Pedestrian	38	5	33	5	33
Bus	14	0	4	0	2
Other	504	7	198	9	188
Total	11,353	99	4,812	70	3,935

For this page, drivers and victims are young adults (people between the ages of 20 and 24). Victims are all young adults killed or injured in crashes regardless of the age of the driver.

Young Adults Killed in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



Young Adults Injured in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



Young Adult Crash Facts in New Mexico, 1996

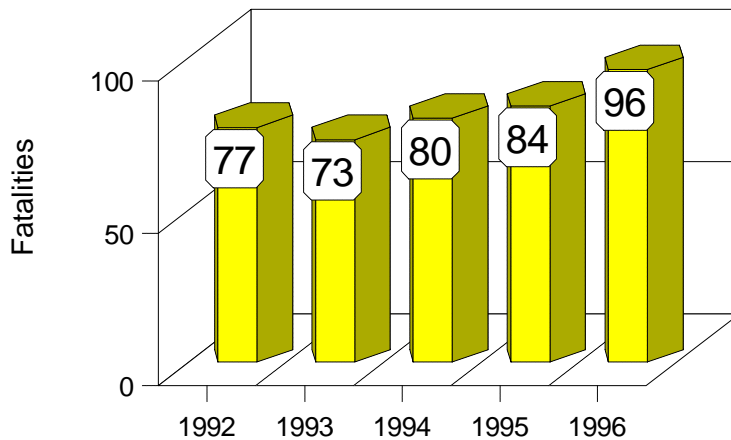
- 14 percent of all drivers in crashes were young adult drivers, although young adults comprised only 9 percent of New Mexico's drivers.
- The number of fatalities among young adults increased from 63 to 70 in 1996.
- Young adult males died in crashes almost five times as often as young adult females.
- 61 percent of crash deaths among young adults involved alcohol.
- A young adult was killed in a traffic crash every five days and one was injured every two hours.
- Young adult occupants self-reported seatbelt use was 88 percent, while that of all occupants was 94 percent.

Senior Citizens in Crashes in New Mexico by Vehicle Type, 1996

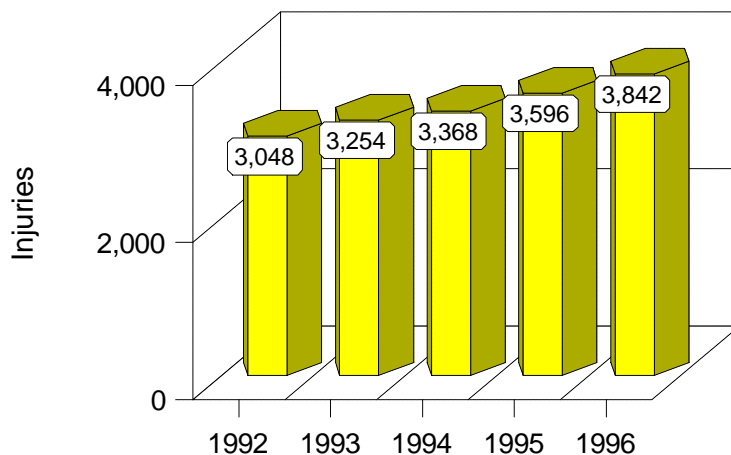
Vehicle Type	Drivers			Victims	
	Total	Crash Severity		Victims	
		Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger Car	7,665	61	3,159	46	2,570
Pickup	3,303	20	1,193	12	771
Semi	254	8	78	2	29
Van or 4WD	154	2	44	0	25
Pedestrian	87	19	67	19	69
Motorcycle	42	4	36	4	37
Bus	31	1	6	0	5
Pedalcyclist	17	0	16	0	16
Other	922	14	363	13	320
Total	12,475	129	4,962	96	3,842

For this page, drivers and victims are senior citizens (people age 55 and older). Victims are all seniors killed or injured in crashes regardless of the age of the driver.

Senior Citizens Killed in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



Senior Citizens Injured in Crashes in New Mexico, 1992 - 1996



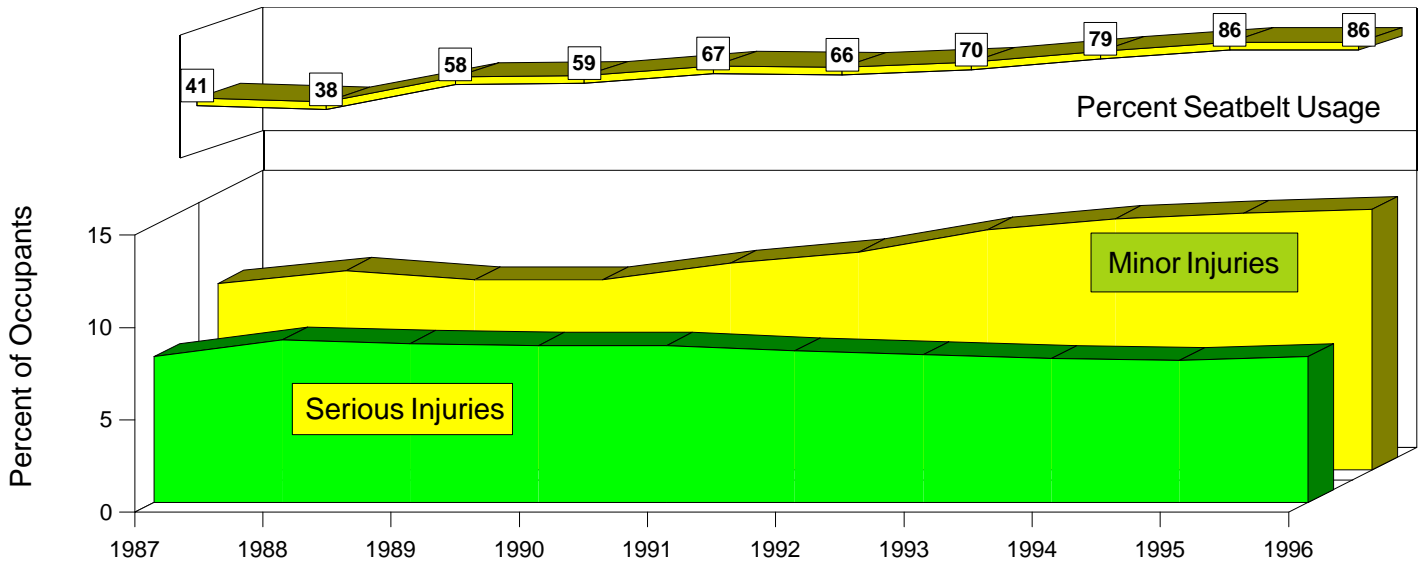
Senior Citizen Crash Facts in New Mexico, 1996

- 15 percent of all drivers in crashes were seniors, although seniors comprised 24 percent of New Mexico's drivers.
- The number of senior fatalities increased from 84 to 96 in 1996.
- Male seniors died in crashes 53 percent more frequently than did female seniors.
- Alcohol was a contributing factor in 26 percent of all crash deaths involving seniors.
- A senior was killed in a traffic crash every four days and one was injured every 137 minutes.
- Senior occupants' self-reported seatbelt use was 94 percent which was the same figure reported for all occupants combined.

SEATBELT

The mandatory seatbelt law for drivers and front-seat passengers in cars became effective on January 1, 1986. A similar law for drivers and front-seat passengers riding in pickups became effective on June 16, 1989. The fine for non-compliance is \$25.00.

Observed Seatbelt Usage and Crash Injury Severity for Front-seat Occupants, 1987 - 1996



Source: see page 36.

Since 1991, the proportion of people injured in crashes has increased, perhaps due to higher driving speeds. However, as observed seatbelt usage has increased there has been a noticeable shift from more severe to less severe injuries. This is particularly evident between 1990 and 1995, where a steady increase in minor injuries coincided with a consistent decrease in serious injuries.

Crash Injuries in New Mexico by Reported Seatbelt Usage, 1996

Severity	Belt worn ¹		Belt not worn		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Killed	112	0.1	233	3.1	345	0.3
Incapacitating injury	3,711	3.2	1,134	15.2	4,845	3.9
Visible injury	4,072	3.5	1,220	16.4	5,292	4.2
Complaint of injury	16,886	14.4	1,081	14.5	17,967	14.4
Unhurt	92,504	78.9	3,793	50.8	96,297	77.2
Total	117,285	100.0	7,461	100.0	124,746	100.0

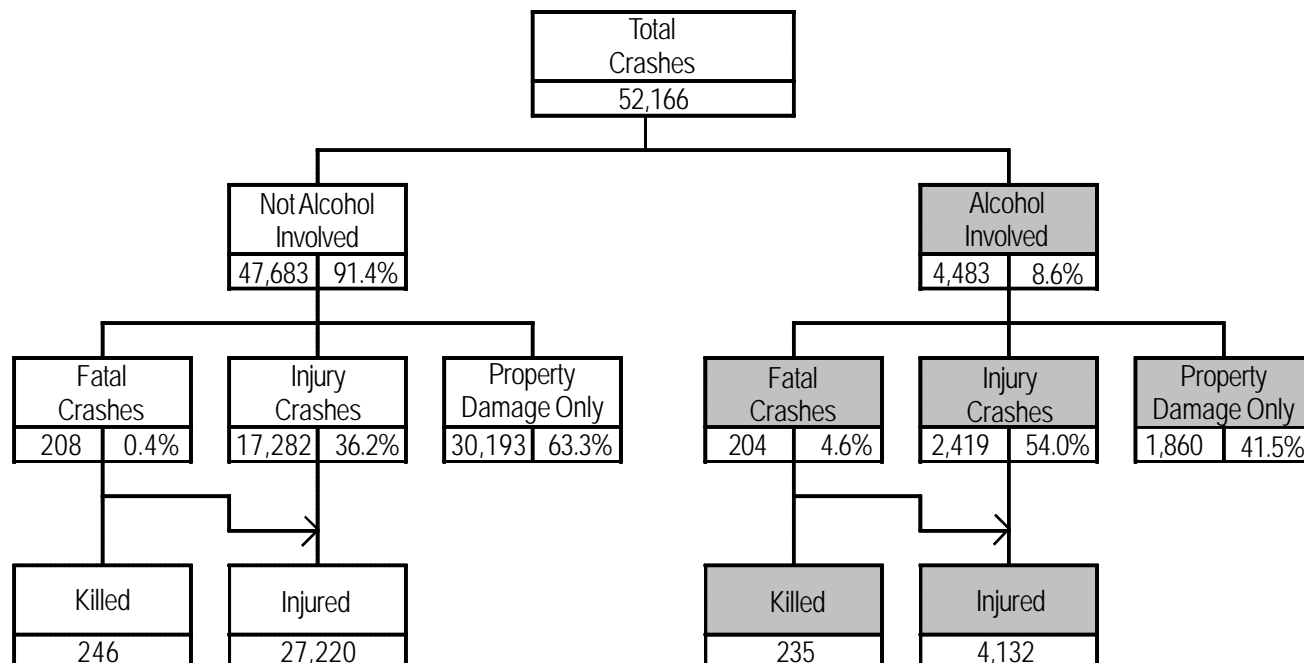
¹ In order to avoid citations, some people in less severe crashes may have reported wearing a seatbelt when they were not.

- Information on this page only includes passenger cars, pickups, and vans or 4WD.

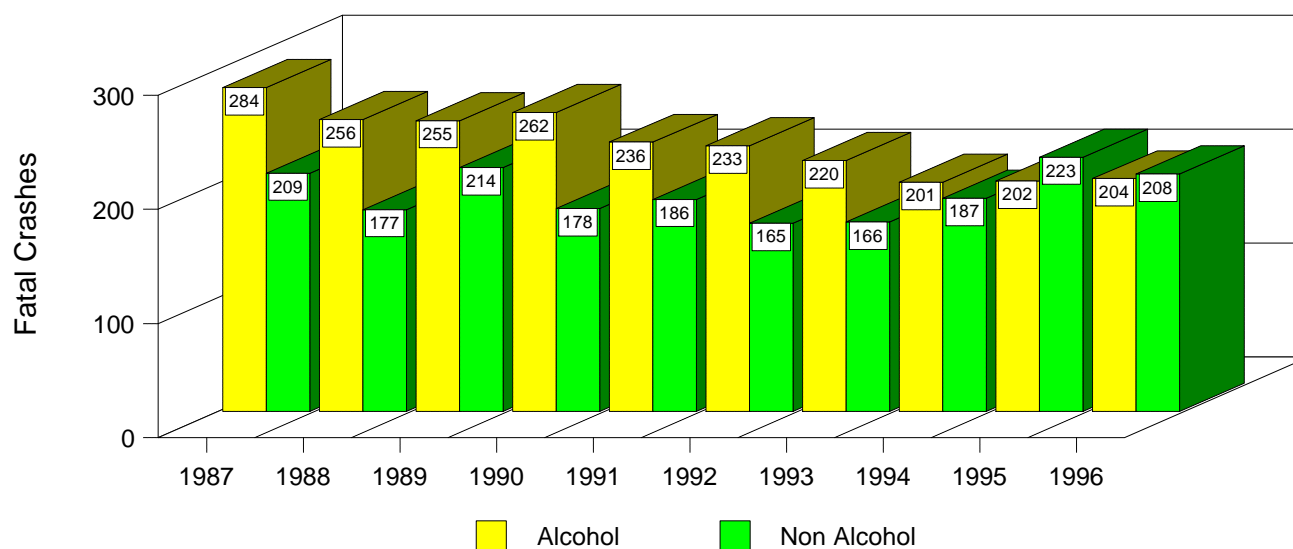
In 1996 ...

- 50 percent of all fatal crashes involved alcohol.
- A person died in an alcohol-involved crash every 37 hours.
- A person was injured in an alcohol-involved crash every 2 hours.
- An alcohol-involved crash occurred every 117 minutes.

Crashes in New Mexico by Alcohol Involvement, 1996



Fatal Crashes in New Mexico by Alcohol Involvement, 1987 - 1996













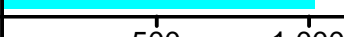

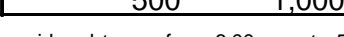
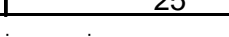


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In 1996 ...

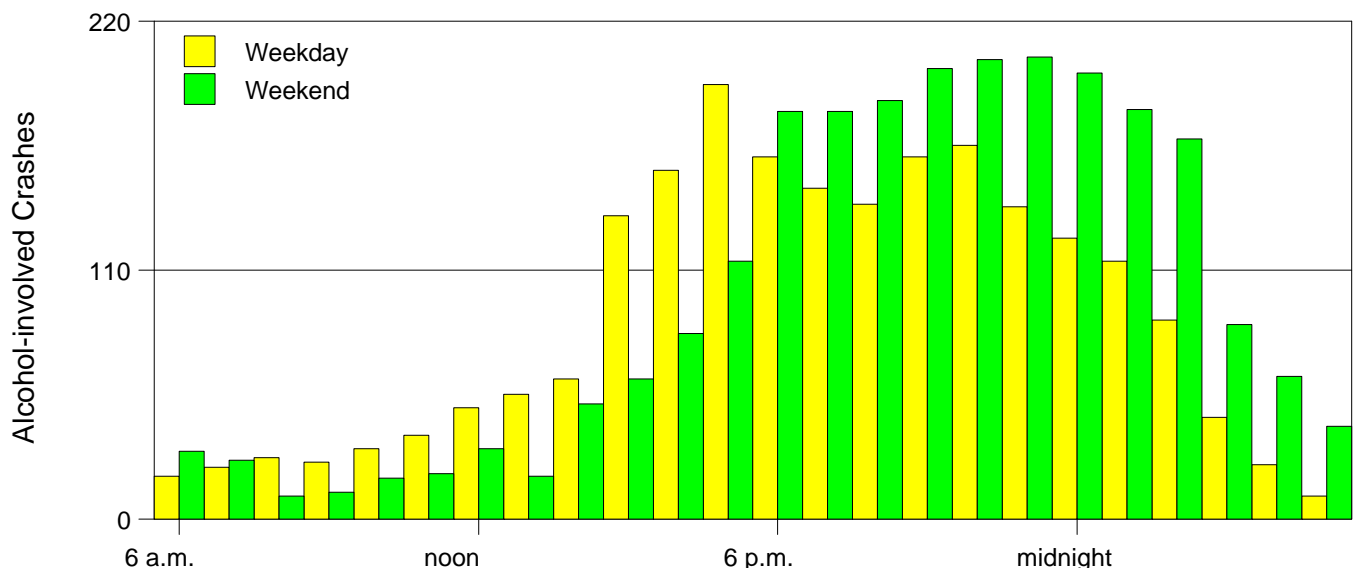
- 59 percent of all alcohol-involved fatal crashes occurred on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
- 44 percent of all alcohol-involved crashes happened on Friday or Saturday.
- More alcohol-involved crashes occurred between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. than any other hour on weekdays.

Alcohol-involved Crashes in New Mexico by Day of the Week, 1996

Day	Total		Fatal	
Sunday	596		34	
Monday	454		23	
Tuesday	434		15	
Wednesday	506		20	
Thursday	535		26	
Friday	934		34	
Saturday	1,022		52	
Total	4,481		204	

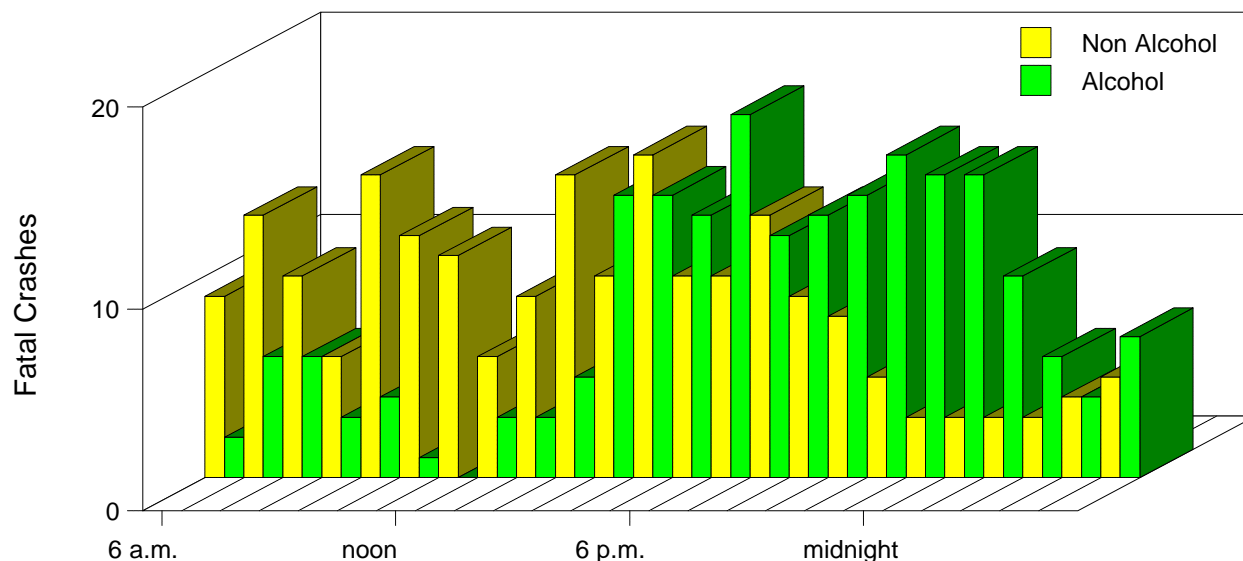
- For this table, each day was considered to run from 6:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. the following morning.

Alcohol-involved Crashes in New Mexico by Hour of the Day, 1996



- The weekend is defined as beginning on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and ending on Monday morning at 5:59 a.m. For perspective, the weekend period has 60 hours total, while the weekday period consists of 108 hours.

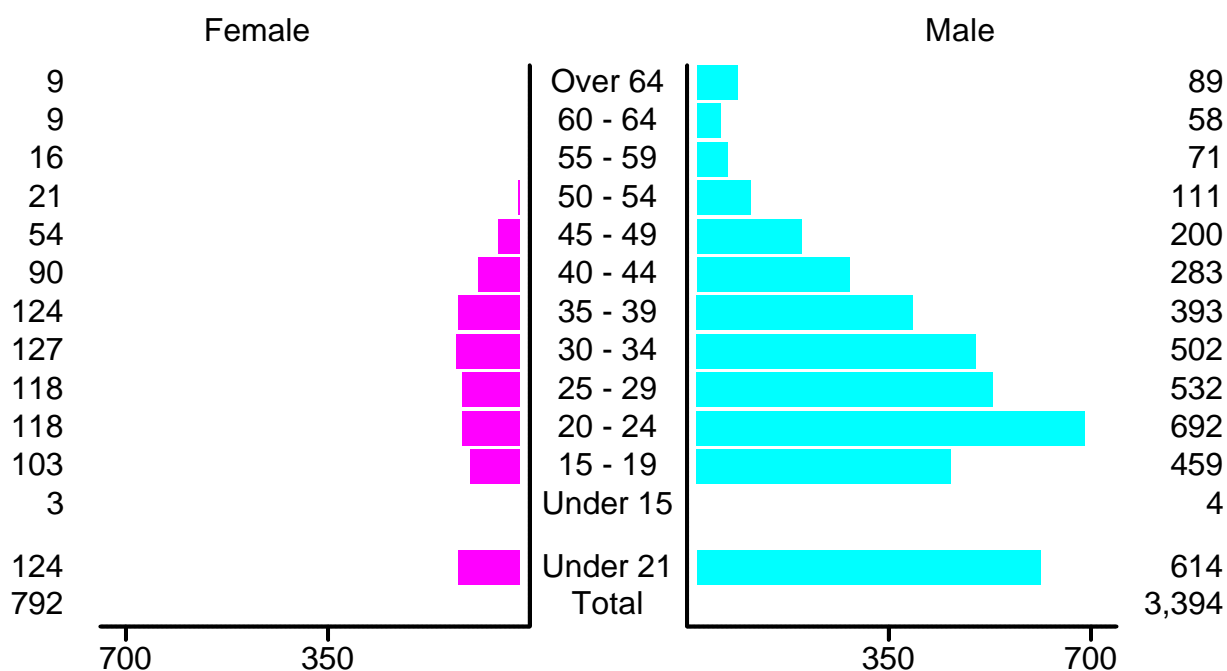
Fatal Crashes in New Mexico by Hour of the Day and Alcohol Involvement, 1996



In 1996 ...

- 18 percent of the alcohol-involved drivers in crashes were less than 21 years old; this percentage is up 4 percent from 1995 and up 3 percent from 1994.
- Male drivers are more than four times as likely as female drivers to be in alcohol-involved crashes.

Alcohol-involved Drivers in Crashes in New Mexico by Age and Sex, 1996

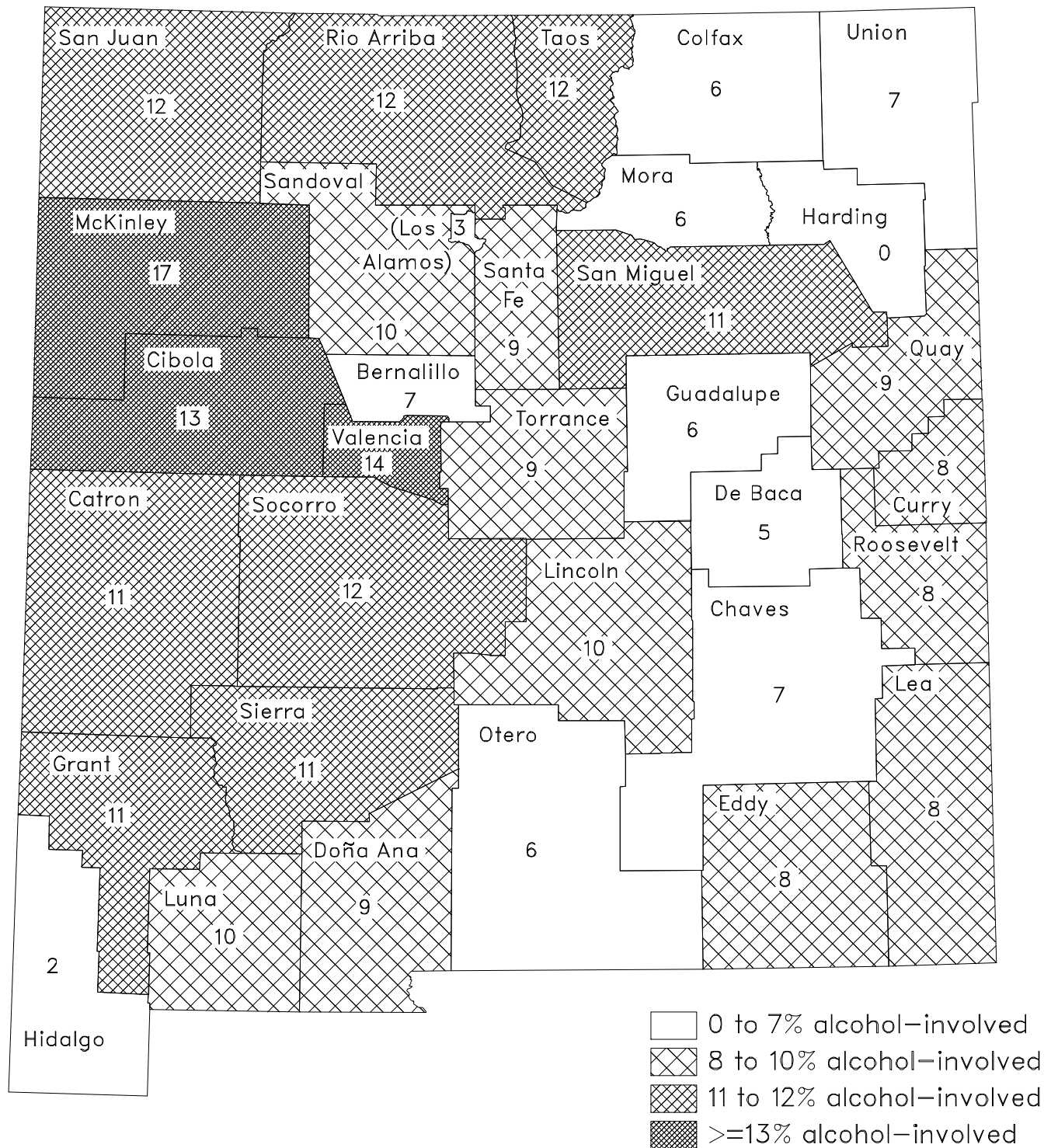


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Percent Alcohol-involved Crashes in New Mexico by County, 1996

In 1996 ...

- 9 percent of the crashes in New Mexico were alcohol-involved crashes.



Motorcyclists in Crashes in New Mexico, 1987 - 1996

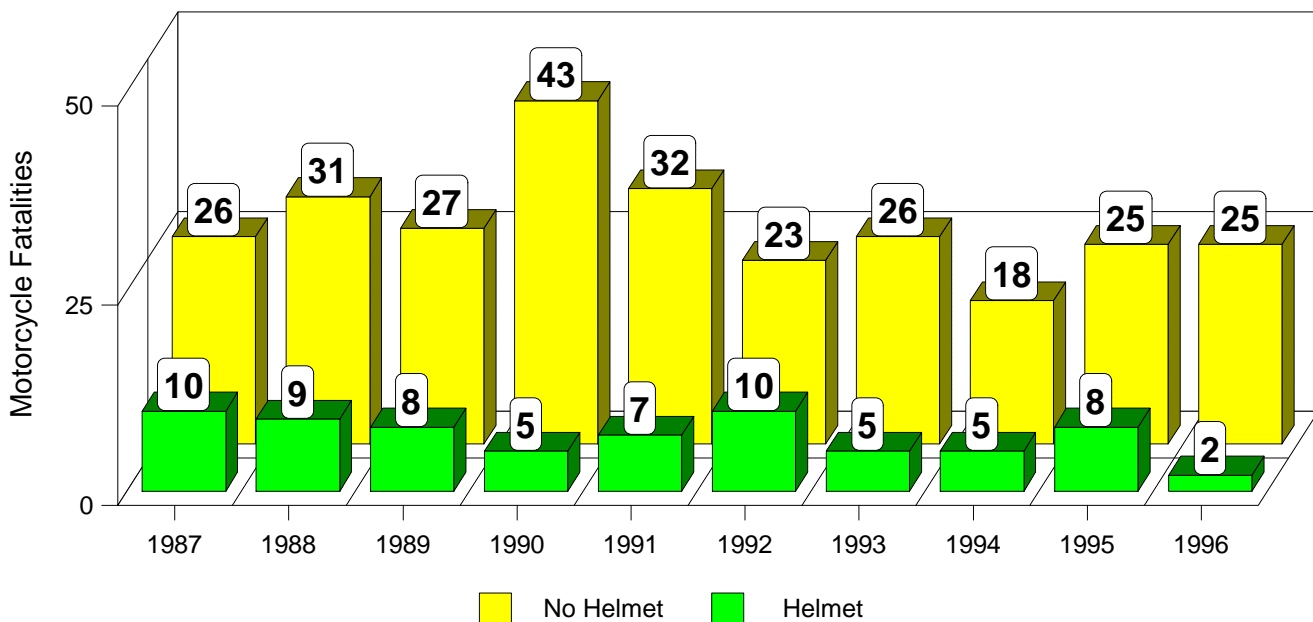
Year	Number of riders ¹	Number of fatalities	Motorcycle registrations
1996	1,007	27	31,341
1995	1,117	33	31,146
1994	1,179	23	31,158
1993	1,273	31	31,217
1992	1,284	33	30,466
1991	1,290	39	31,975
1990	1,339	48	30,696
1989	1,525	35	38,528
1988	1,577	40	35,400
1987	1,811	36	40,127

1 Riders include drivers and passengers on motorcycles.

In 1996 ...

- 93 percent of all the people who died in motorcycle crashes were not wearing helmets.

Motorcycle Fatalities in New Mexico, 1987 - 1996



MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists' Helmet Usage and Injuries in New Mexico, 1996

Injury	With helmet	Without helmet	Total
Killed	2	25	27
Incapacitating	72	186	258
Visible injury	133	258	391
Complaint	52	84	136
Unhurt	68	127	195
Total	327	680	1,007

Motorcyclists in Crashes in New Mexico by Age, 1996

Driver Age	Drivers			Riders ¹	
	Total	Crash Severity			
		Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Under 15	38	0	33	0	46
15-19	116	3	91	3	102
20-24	142	7	119	5	130
25-29	116	2	100	2	113
30-34	109	2	96	2	106
35-39	101	2	80	2	85
40-44	73	7	54	7	61
45-49	57	2	45	2	51
50-54	33	0	30	0	36
55-59	22	1	19	1	19
60-64	5	1	4	1	3
Over 64	15	2	13	2	13
Total	827	29	684	27	765

¹ Riders include drivers and passengers on motorcycles.

Motorcycle Crash Involvements in New Mexico by Class, 1996

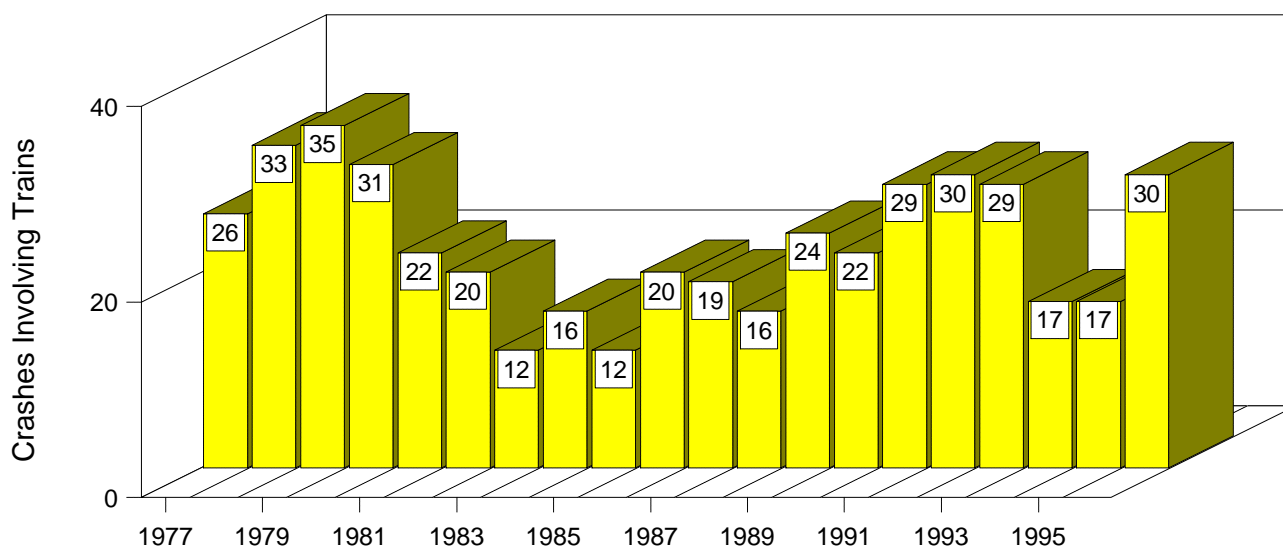
Class	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total
Other Vehicle	479	20	363	
Overturn	207	3	193	
Fixed Object	96	4	77	
Other Non-collision	33	0	30	
Parked Vehicle	31	0	12	
Animal	26	2	21	
Other Object	5	0	4	
Pedestrian	3	0	3	
Pedalcyclist	2	0	2	
Total	882	29	705	

All vehicles: see page 17.

Traffic Crashes Involving Trains by Severity in New Mexico, 1977 - 1996

Year	Crashes				People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
1996	30	4	12	14	8	21
1995	17	4	6	7	4	11
1994	17	2	7	8	2	13
1993	29	3	12	14	4	22
1992	30	1	12	17	1	22
1991	29	3	9	17	3	11
1990	22	1	11	10	1	12
1989	24	6	6	12	7	11
1988	16	2	7	7	2	9
1987	19	4	7	8	4	11
1986	20	2	7	11	2	11
1985	12	2	7	3	3	10
1984	16	1	6	9	1	7
1983	12	1	5	6	1	6
1982	20	2	5	13	2	7
1981	22	3	10	9	4	14
1980	31	4	11	16	5	16
1979	35	8	10	17	8	14
1978	33	7	8	18	8	13
1977	26	2	9	15	3	15

Traffic Crashes Involving Trains in New Mexico, 1977 - 1996



SOURCES

The data sources are:

Crash Files - information from crash reports submitted by the many law enforcement agencies in the state, which are compiled and processed by the Transportation Statistics Bureau and reprocessed by the Division of Government Research, UNM.

Licensed Drivers - driver's license data maintained by the Motor Vehicle Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Counts are current as of July 1996.

Motor Vehicle Registrations - counts are from the Motor Vehicle Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, which are published by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UNM (*Economic Review 1996, Sunwest Bank, 1996*).

Population - counts are from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Branch, July 1996.

Cost Estimates - the cost of crashes in New Mexico is based on Federal Highway Administration estimation formulae (*The Cost of Highway Crashes*, FHWA-RD-91-055, Federal Highway Administration, 1991). These are estimates, not actual dollar amounts. Included are direct costs such as lost wages and medical expenses, and indirect "willingness to pay" estimates of lost quality of life.

Million Vehicle Miles (MVM) - computations are based on the daily average vehicle miles traveled and system mileages by county and functional classification from the Highway Planning and Research Division of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. In 1988, the Highway Planning and Research Division made changes in its traffic monitoring methodology. These changes mean that discretion must be used in directly comparing previous and current years' MVMs and any rates based on MVMs. Also, the MVM figures for 1996 are for the federal fiscal year of 1996.

National Death Rates - figures are calculated using fatalities from *the Monthly Traffic Fatality Report*, the National Center for Statistics & Analysis - Research & Development, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the population counts from the Census Bureau.

National Crash Rates - The data for the national crash rates are derived from the General Estimates System (GES) which began operation in 1988. Care should be taken when comparing National and New Mexico crash rates because the statistics obtained from the GES are estimates based on a sample of crashes.

Seatbelt - data for seatbelts was prepared by the Division of Epidemiology, Evaluation and Planning of the New Mexico Department of Health (*Occupant Protection Survey State of New Mexico, Department of Health, 1996*).

Age	19-22, 24-27, 31, 34	Minor Injuries	28
Alcohol Involvement	1, 23, 25-27, 29-32	Month	5
Alcohol-Involved	(see above)	Motorcycle	33-34
		Motorcyclists	33-34
		Motor Vehicle	
City	12-15	Registrations	2, 33, 36
Class	17, 34		
Contributing Factors	16	Pedestrians	23-24
County	10-11, 23, 32	People	21-22
		Population	10, 14, 36
Day of Week	5-6, 8, 30	Pueblos	9
Deaths	3, 20, 23, 25-27, 33	Property Damage Only	1-2, 9-10, 12-13, 18, 29, 35
Density	15		
Defects	16		
Drivers	19, 20-22, 31		
		Rates	1-3, 10-11, 14-15, 19, 23, 36
Economic Loss	10	Residence of Drivers	19
		Reservations	9
Fatal Crashes	1-2, 5, 7, 9-10, 12-19, 25-27, 29-31, 34-35	Riders	33, 34
Fatalities	1-2, 4, 7-10, 12-13, 17-18, 20, 23-27, 29, 33-35	Road Systems	9
Fixed Objects	17	Rural	1, 9, 15
Helmet Usage	33-34	Seatbelt	28
Highway	15	Senior Citizens	27
Hit and Run	18	Severity	2, 25-27, 28, 34-35
Holidays	7	Sex	20-22, 24-27, 31
Hour(s) of the Day	6, 30-31	Serious Injuries	20, 28
Injured	1-2, 7, 9-10, 12-13, 17-18, 21, 23-27, 29, 34-35	Teenagers	25
Injury Crashes	1-2, 7, 9-10, 12-19, 23, 25-29, 34-35	Trains	35
Intersections	15		
		Urban	1, 6, 9
Killed	(see fatalities)		
		Vehicle Miles	1-2, 10, 23, 36
Lighting	18	Vehicle Registrations	2, 33, 36
Licensed Drivers	10, 36	Vehicle Type	16, 25-27
Local Resident	1		
		Weather	18
		Young Adults	26

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