

# Albuquerque Community Report, 2004

## Demographics

In 2004, there were 394,997 licensed drivers in Albuquerque. Of these, there were 201,830 females and 193,167 males. The population of Albuquerque was 489,741. The total number of crashes in 2004 was 20,940, yielding a crash rate of 43 per thousand people (total number of crashes 20,940 divided by total population 489,741 times 1,000). The corresponding rate for the state was 27 per thousand people.

## General Crash Information

Since 1995 the number of crashes has shown no consistent pattern. Fatal and injury crashes have shown no consistent pattern since 1995. Belt usage (as a percentage) has increased from last year, while belt usage in crashes involving visible and incapacitating injuries has also increased. There were no fatalities in the seven intersections with the most crashes in 2004. Of these intersections, four involve Coors Blvd. NW.

## Alcohol-related Crash Information

Information about alcohol-involved crashes is included in all sections of this report. Of the 2,129 people convicted of DWI in Albuquerque, 75 percent were first-time DWI convictions (number of first convictions 1,601 divided by the total number of people convicted 2,129 times 100). The corresponding percent for the state is 62.

## Crash Specifics

Crashes involving other vehicles were the most common class, accounting for 84 percent of all crashes. Crashes involving other vehicles, fixed objects, and pedestrians were the most common crash classes which resulted in fatalities. Passenger cars were the vehicle type most often involved in crashes, accounting for 54 percent of all vehicles in crashes. Pickups accounted for 20 percent of vehicles involved in crashes. Together these two vehicle types comprised 74 percent of the vehicles involved in injury crashes. The three most common top contributing factors were driver inattention, following too close, and failing to yield. There were 69 fatal crashes in 2004. The most common top contributing factor for the fatal crashes was alcohol involvement.

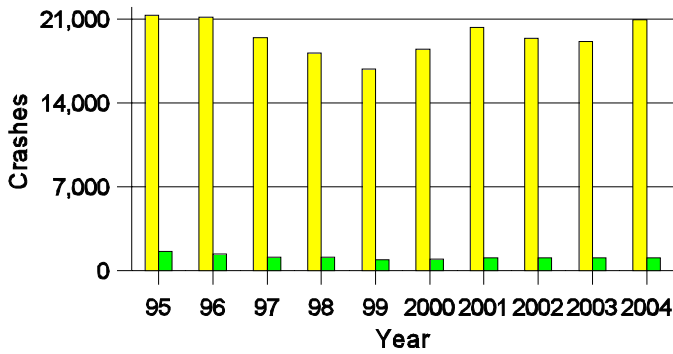
## People in Crashes

Overall, males were 54 percent of drivers in crashes, although they account for only 49 percent of licensed drivers in Albuquerque. There were 229 pedestrians involved in crashes. In 2004, nine 'teenagers' and eight young adults were killed in crashes in Albuquerque. Statewide 18 percent of alcohol-involved drivers were under 21; in Albuquerque 17 percent were under 21.

**Note:** The 1999 crash file contains 15% fewer crashes than the 1998 file. This may be due to problems implementing the new system after the old system failed, or to under reporting. Care should be used in interpreting differences between 1999 and other years in this report.

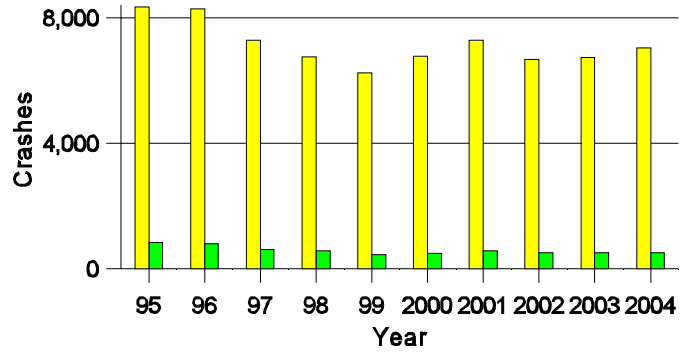
- Location of arrest/conviction was determined by police agency/court location, not driver residence.
- Crashes and drivers were counted by the city of occurrence/residence.
- Population was counted according to the Census definition.  
The city population data is from the most current 2004 estimates.
- Young adults are people between the ages of 20 and 24.
- 'Teenagers' are people between the ages of 15 and 19.
- Tables only include variable values for which there are data.

**Crashes in Albuquerque  
by Alcohol Involvement**



■ All Crashes  
■ Alcohol-involved Crashes

**Fatal and Injury Crashes in Albuquerque  
by Alcohol Involvement**



■ All Fatal and Injury Crashes  
■ Alcohol-involved Fatal and Injury Crashes

**Passenger Vehicle Seatbelt Usage and Injuries in Albuquerque, 2002-2004**

Injury Level	2004		2003		2002	
	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt
Killed	35	13	23	13	29	15
Incapacitating injury	638	69	598	67	663	68
Visible injury	1,180	86	1,133	97	1,098	87
Complaint of injury	7,281	72	6,971	88	6,942	107
Unhurt	38,215	260	33,823	309	34,661	352
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,349</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>42,548</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>43,393</b>	<b>629</b>

**The Seven Intersections in Albuquerque with the Most Crashes, 2004**

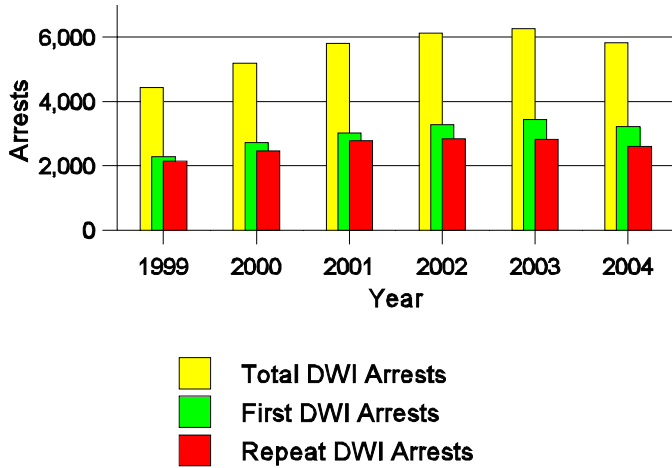
Intersection	Crashes			People	
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Coors Blvd By-pass NW @ Ellison Dr NW	95	0	22	0	51
Coors Blvd NW @ Irving Blvd NW	104	0	34	0	55
Coors Blvd NW @ Paseo Del Norte Blvd NE	187	0	64	0	88
Coors Blvd NW @ Quail Rd NW	103	0	37	0	50
Eubank Blvd NE @ Montgomery Blvd NE	83	0	34	0	53
Jefferson St NE @ Paseo Del Norte Blvd NE	129	0	41	0	52
Montgomery Blvd NE @ San Mateo Blvd NE	99	0	40	0	57

**Lifetime DWI Convictions for Drivers  
Convicted of DWI Violations in Albuquerque, 2004**

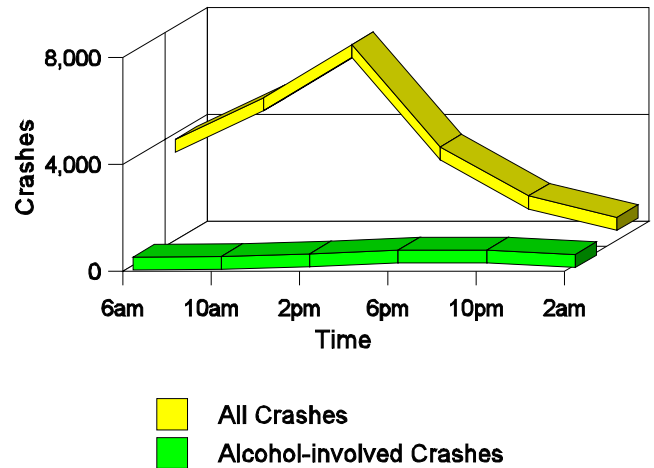
Convictions	Since 1999	Since 1980
1st	1,827	1,601
2nd	250	325
3rd	44	126
4th	7	42
5th	1	23
6th	0	6
7th	0	0
8th	0	1
9th	0	3
10 or more	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>2,129</b>

Convictions are counts of people convicted of DWI by 7/2005 for violations in 2004 in Albuquerque. Convictions are not comparable to arrests.

**DWI Arrests in Albuquerque**  
Showing First Arrests and Repeat Offenders



**Crashes in Albuquerque**  
by Hour and Alcohol Involvement



**Crashes in Albuquerque by Class, 2004**

Class	Crashes				People		
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Other vehicle	17,594	84	31	45	5,943	31	9,040
Pedestrian	217	1	13	19	188	13	207
Fixed object	1,515	7	14	20	383	16	461
Veh. on other roadway	11	0	0	0	1	0	1
Parked vehicle	967	5	0	0	99	0	122
Overturn	255	1	10	14	141	10	202
Other non-collision	98	0	0	0	39	0	40
Pedalcyclist	176	1	1	1	146	1	147
Animal	14	0	0	0	4	0	4
Other object	93	0	0	0	13	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,940</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,957</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10,239</b>

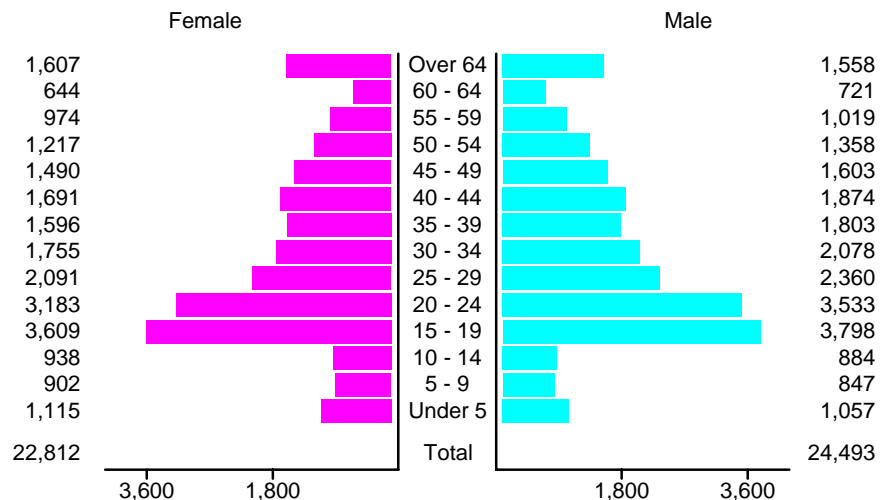
### Crashes in Albuquerque by Vehicle Type, 2004

Vehicle Type	Vehicles				People		
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger car	22,735	54	58	45	8,099	30	6,289
Pickup	8,524	20	26	20	2,781	10	1,551
Semi	664	2	1	1	159	0	26
Bus	150	0	1	1	29	1	22
Motorcycle	348	1	11	8	248	12	258
Pedalcyclist	185	0	1	1	153	1	150
Pedestrian	229	1	14	11	199	13	195
Van/4 WD	7,141	17	17	13	2,500	4	1,657
Other	135	0	0	0	45	0	9
Unknown	2,223	5	1	1	485	0	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,698</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10,239</b>

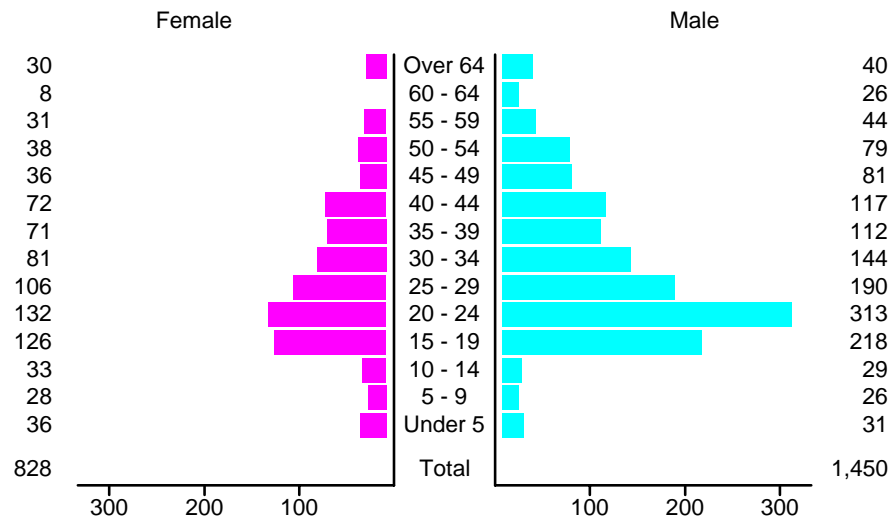
### Crashes in Albuquerque by Top Contributing Factor, 2004

Contributing	Crashes				People		
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Alcohol involvement	1,071	5	29	42	477	31	747
Red light running	1,513	7	7	10	692	7	1,114
Failing to yield	3,288	16	11	16	1,285	11	1,979
Excessive speed	1,775	8	4	6	592	4	843
Driving left of center	160	1	0	0	34	0	44
Following too close	4,812	23	2	3	1,671	2	2,431
Improper turning	849	4	0	0	198	0	289
Improper overtaking	396	2	0	0	62	0	85
Improper backing	571	3	0	0	29	0	37
Inop. traffic control	10	0	0	0	2	0	3
Mechanical defect	262	1	0	0	80	0	110
Driver inattention	5,191	25	4	6	1,561	4	2,224
Improper driving	5	0	2	3	2	2	4
Other	1,037	5	10	14	272	10	329
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,940</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,957</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10,239</b>

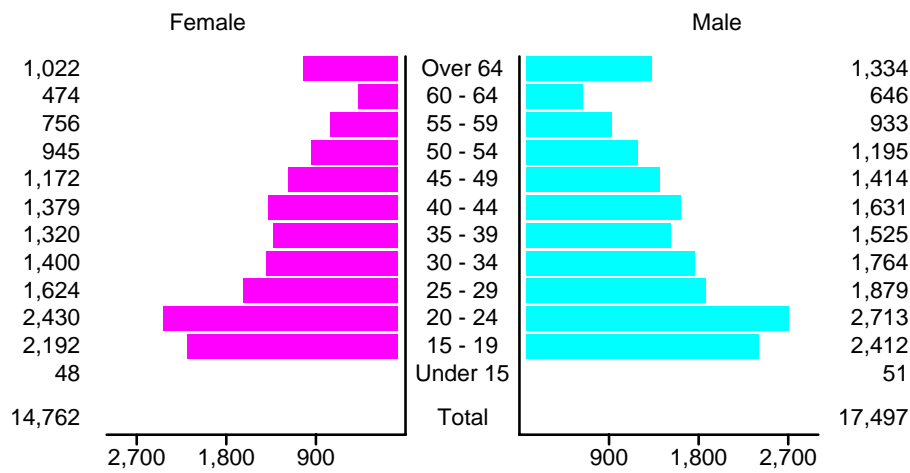
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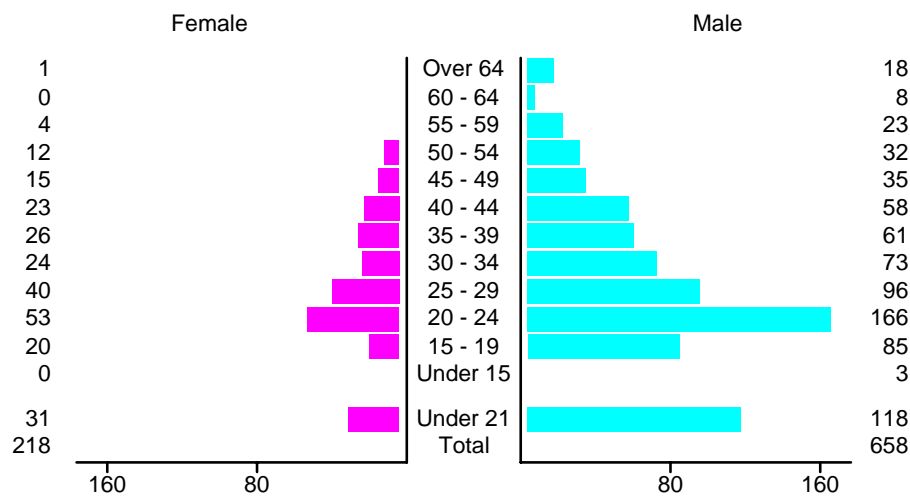
### People in Alcohol-Involved Crashes in Albuquerque, 2004 by Age and Sex



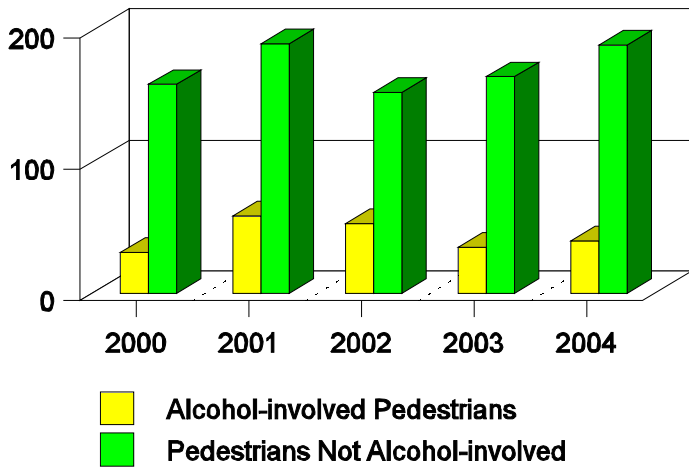
### Drivers in Crashes by Age and Sex in Albuquerque, 2004



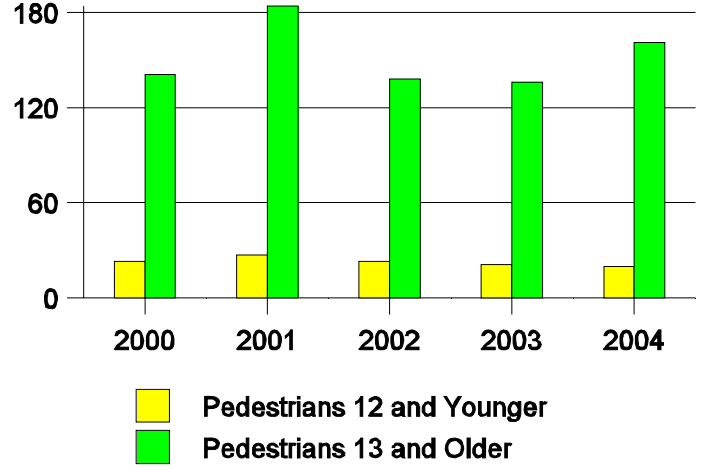
### Alcohol-Involved Drivers in Crashes in Albuquerque, 2004 by Age and Sex



**Pedestrian in Crashes in Albuquerque  
by Pedestrian Alcohol-involvement, 2000-2004**



**Pedestrian in Crashes in Albuquerque  
by Age Group, 2000-2004**



**'Teenagers' and Young Adults in Crashes in Albuquerque by Vehicle Type, 2004**

Vehicle	'Teenage' Drivers			Young Adult Drivers		
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury
Passenger car	3,237	9	1,210	3,447	11	1,278
Pickup	698	1	248	907	5	320
Semi	5	0	2	31	0	9
Bus	1	0	1	2	0	0
Motorcycle	31	2	25	55	2	40
Pedalcyclist	17	0	17	14	0	12
Pedestrian	24	0	23	15	0	15
Van/4 WD	585	2	197	671	2	269
Other	4	0	2	7	0	1
Unknown	56	0	22	39	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,658</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>5,188</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,958</b>

**'Teenagers' and Young Adults Killed and Injured in Crashes by Year in Albuquerque, 1995-2004**

Year	'Teenagers'				Young Adults			
	All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes		All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
2004	9	1,361	7	96	8	1,337	4	132
2003	6	1,355	5	123	6	1,354	1	134
2002	4	1,369	3	102	7	1,296	3	127
2001	6	1,555	3	135	4	1,441	2	139
2000	5	1,508	1	105	10	1,247	6	110
1999	11	1,405	6	113	7	1,166	4	129
1998	0	1,558	0	142	6	1,251	4	141
1997	6	1,574	4	162	3	1,307	1	146
1996	8	1,837	3	174	7	1,540	4	236
1995	8	1,936	5	207	6	1,649	3	235