

San Miguel County Report, 2005

Demographics

In 2005, there were 18,343 licensed drivers in San Miguel County. Of these, there were 9,364 females and 8,979 males. The population in San Miguel County was 29,530. The total number of crashes in 2005 was 514, yielding a crash rate of 17 per thousand people (the total number of crashes 514 divided by the population 29,530 multiplied by 1,000). The corresponding rate for the state was 25 per thousand people.

General Crash Information

Since 1996 the number of crashes has shown no consistent pattern. Fatal and injury crashes have also shown no consistent pattern since 1996. Belt usage (as a percentage) has decreased from last year, while belt usage in crashes involving visible and incapacitating injuries has also increased.

Alcohol-related Crash Information

Information about alcohol-involved crashes is included in all sections of this report. Of the 196 people convicted of DWI in San Miguel County in 2005, 50 percent were first-time DWI convictions (number of first convictions 98 divided by the total number of people convicted 196 multiplied by 100). The corresponding percentage for the state was 61.

Crash Specifics

Crashes involving other vehicles were the most common class, accounting for 57 percent of all crashes. Crashes involving overturns and fixed objects 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 23 percent of vehicles involved in crashes. Together these two vehicle types comprised 75 percent of the vehicles involved in injury crashes. The three most common top contributing factors were driver inattention, excessive speed, and failing to yield. There were 12 fatal crashes in 2005. The most common top contributing factor for the fatal crashes was alcohol involvement.

People in Crashes

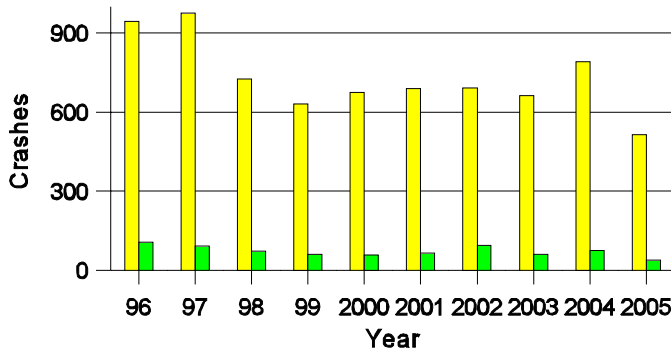
Overall, males were 53 percent of drivers in crashes, although they account for only 49 percent of licensed drivers in San Miguel County. There were four pedestrians involved in crashes. In 2005, four 'teenagers' and two young adults were killed in crashes in San Miguel County. Statewide 17 percent of alcohol-involved drivers were under 21; in San Miguel County 24 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, using 2005 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 San Miguel County

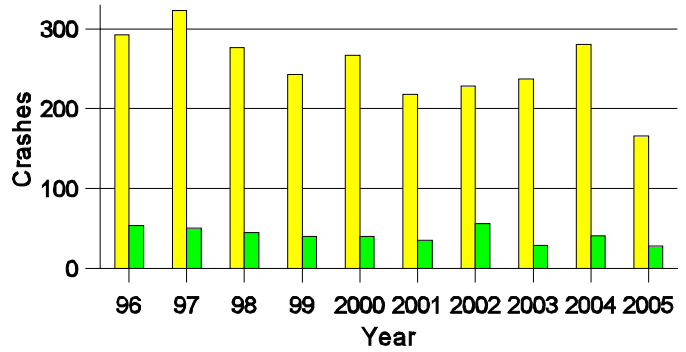
by Alcohol Involvement



■ All Crashes
■ Alcohol-involved Crashes

Fatal and Injury Crashes in San Miguel

by Alcohol Involvement



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

Passenger Vehicle Seatbelt Usage and Injuries in San Miguel County, 2003-2005

Injury Level	2005		2004		2003	
	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt
Killed	11	8	8	4	9	7
Incapacitating injury	34	2	27	6	36	7
Visible injury	62	12	101	19	75	17
Complaint of injury	134	1	237	3	195	6
Unhurt	847	3	1,309	6	1,096	17
Total	1,088	26	1,682	38	1,411	54

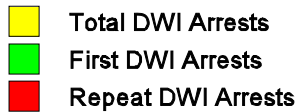
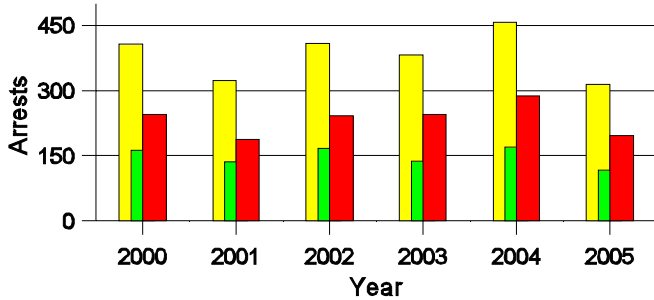
Lifetime DWI Convictions for Drivers Convicted of DWI Violations in San Miguel County, 2005

Convictions	Since 2000	Since 1981
1st	145	98
2nd	38	35
3rd	11	24
4th	1	18
5th	1	10
6th	0	7
7th	0	3
8th	0	0
9th	0	1
10 or more	0	0
Total	196	196

Convictions are counts of people convicted of DWI by 7/2006 for violations in 2005 in San Miguel County. Convictions are not comparable to arrests.

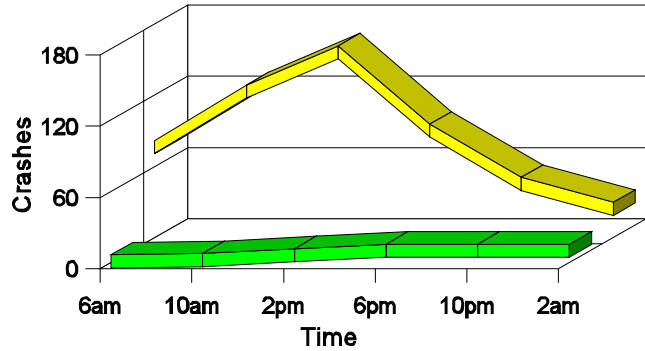
DWI Arrests in San Miguel County

Showing First Arrests and Repeat Offenders



Crashes in San Miguel County

by Hour and Alcohol Involvement



Crashes in San Miguel County by Class, 2005

Class	Crashes					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Other vehicle	293	57	1	8	94	1	158
Pedestrian	4	1	0	0	4	0	4
Fixed object	74	14	2	17	16	3	21
Parked vehicle	58	11	0	0	6	0	10
Overturn	53	10	8	67	25	8	46
Other non-collision	10	2	1	8	4	1	6
Pedalcyclist	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal	17	3	0	0	5	0	10
Other object	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	514	100	12	100	154	13	255

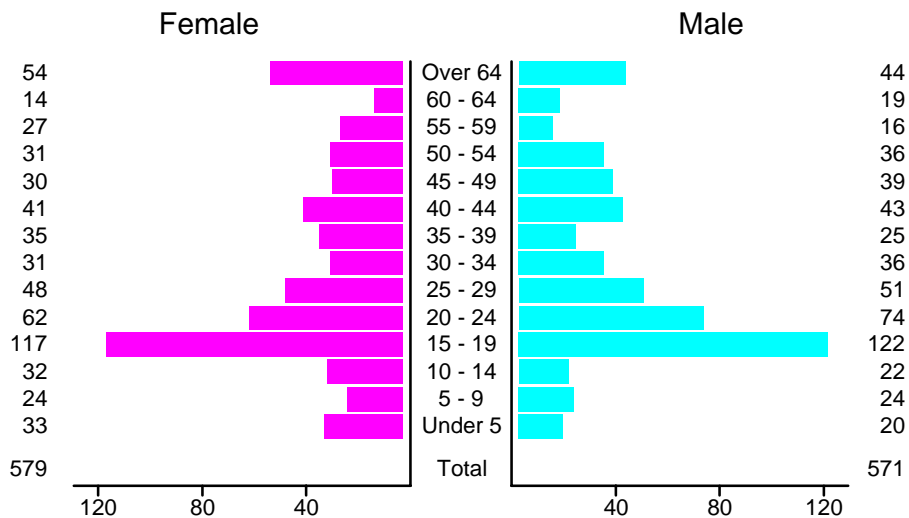
Crashes in San Miguel County by Vehicle Type, 2005

Vehicle Type	Vehicles					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger car	481	54	6	46	137	6	132
Pickup	208	23	4	31	68	4	51
Semi	13	1	0	0	5	0	2
Bus	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle	10	1	2	15	7	2	9
Pedalcyclist	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pedestrian	4	0	0	0	4	0	4
Van/4 WD	142	16	1	8	48	1	54
Other	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	29	3	0	0	4	0	2
Total	894	100	13	100	274	13	255

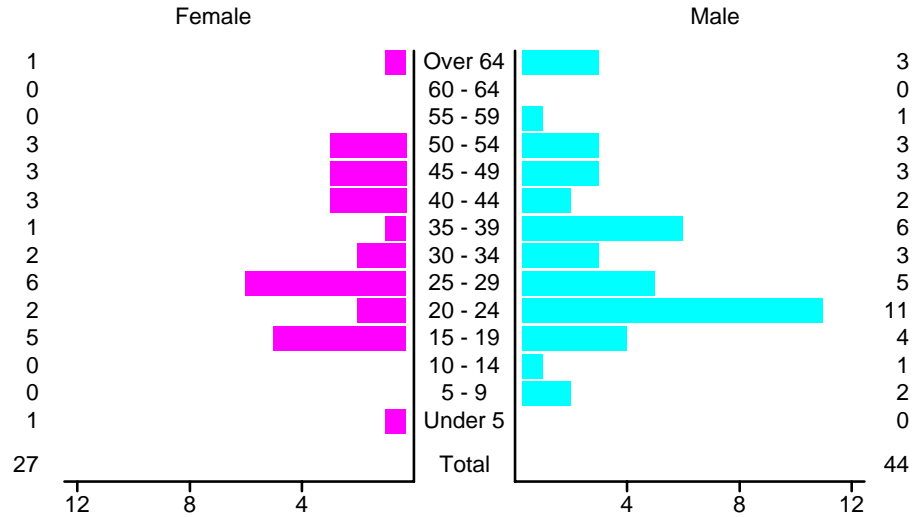
Crashes in San Miguel County by Top Contributing Factor, 2005

Contributing Factor	Crashes				People		
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Alcohol involvement	41	8	5	42	23	5	36
Red light running	18	4	0	0	3	0	4
Failing to yield	72	14	0	0	25	0	44
Excessive speed	90	18	3	25	30	3	54
Driving left of center	8	2	0	0	3	0	15
Following too close	43	8	0	0	11	0	16
Improper turning	11	2	0	0	3	0	4
Improper overtaking	6	1	0	0	1	0	2
Improper backing	29	6	0	0	2	0	3
Inop. traffic control	2	0	0	0	2	0	4
Mechanical defect	21	4	0	0	9	0	11
Driver inattention	126	25	3	25	33	4	47
Improper driving	1	0	1	8	0	1	0
Other	46	9	0	0	9	0	15
Total	514	100	12	100	154	13	255

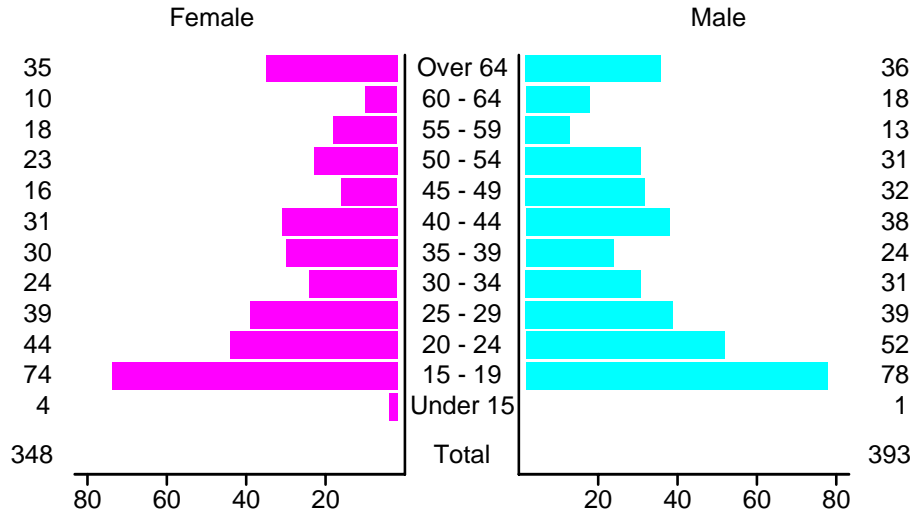
People in Crashes by Age and Sex in San Miguel County, 2005



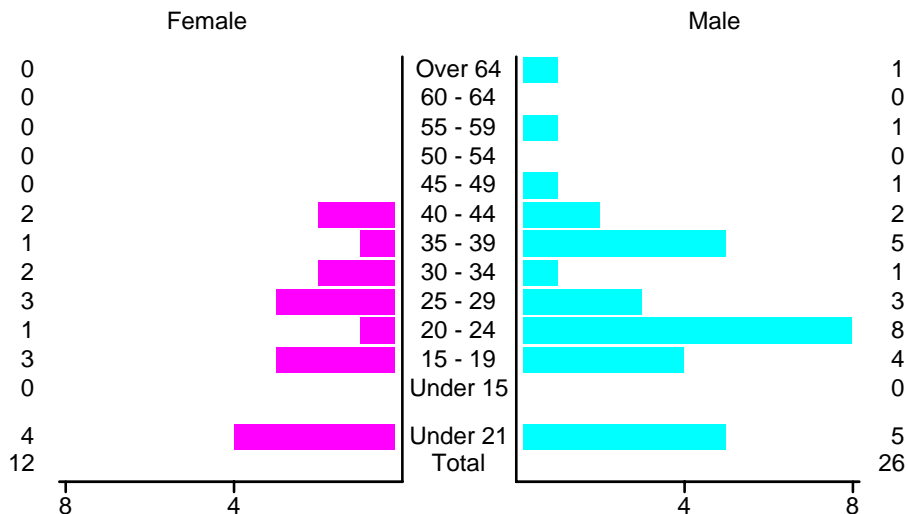
People in Alcohol-Involved Crashes in San Miguel County, 2005 by Age and Sex



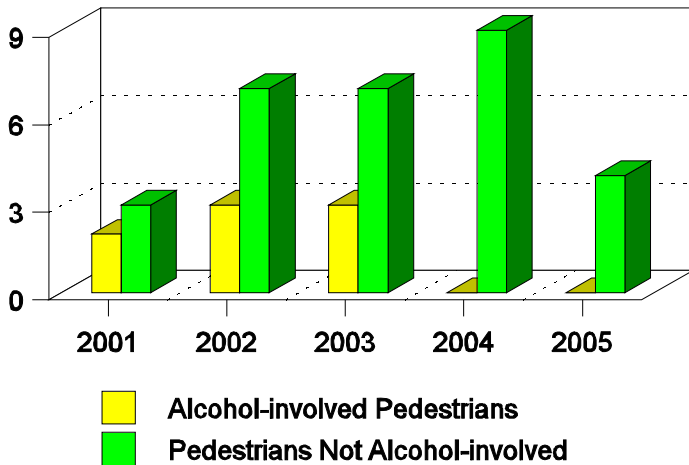
Drivers in Crashes by Age and Sex in San Miguel County, 2005



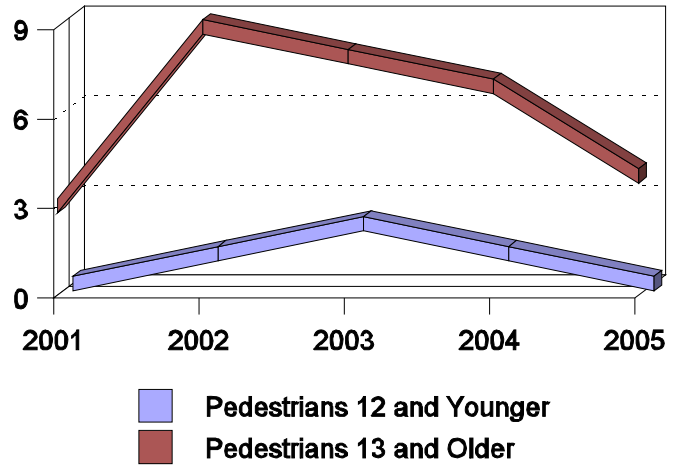
Alcohol-Involved Drivers in Crashes in San Miguel County, 2005 by Age and Sex



**Pedestrian Crashes in San Miguel County
by Pedestrian Alcohol Involvement**



**Pedestrian Crashes in San Miguel County
by Age Group**



'Teenagers' and Young Adults in Crashes in San Miguel County by Vehicle Type, 2005

Vehicle	'Teenage' Drivers			Young Adult Drivers		
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury
Passenger car	106	2	38	63	3	17
Pickup	29	1	10	15	1	3
Motorcycle	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pedestrian	1	0	1	0	0	0
Van/4 WD	17	0	4	15	0	4
Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	153	3	53	96	4	27

'Teenagers' and Young Adults in Crashes in San Miguel County, 1996-2005

Year	'Teenagers'				Young Adults			
	All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes		All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
2005	4	47	1	4	2	30	2	4
2004	2	72	2	6	0	64	0	12
2003	0	63	0	7	1	39	1	8
2002	2	65	2	14	1	50	1	13
2001	0	59	0	4	1	43	0	8
2000	0	89	0	9	1	53	1	11
1999	1	68	1	4	2	40	1	10
1998	3	80	2	12	4	61	4	17
1997	0	86	0	14	2	72	0	18
1996	0	106	0	17	1	59	1	18