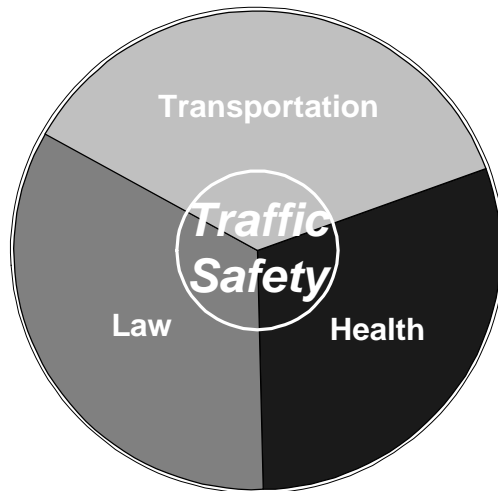


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## INTRODUCTION

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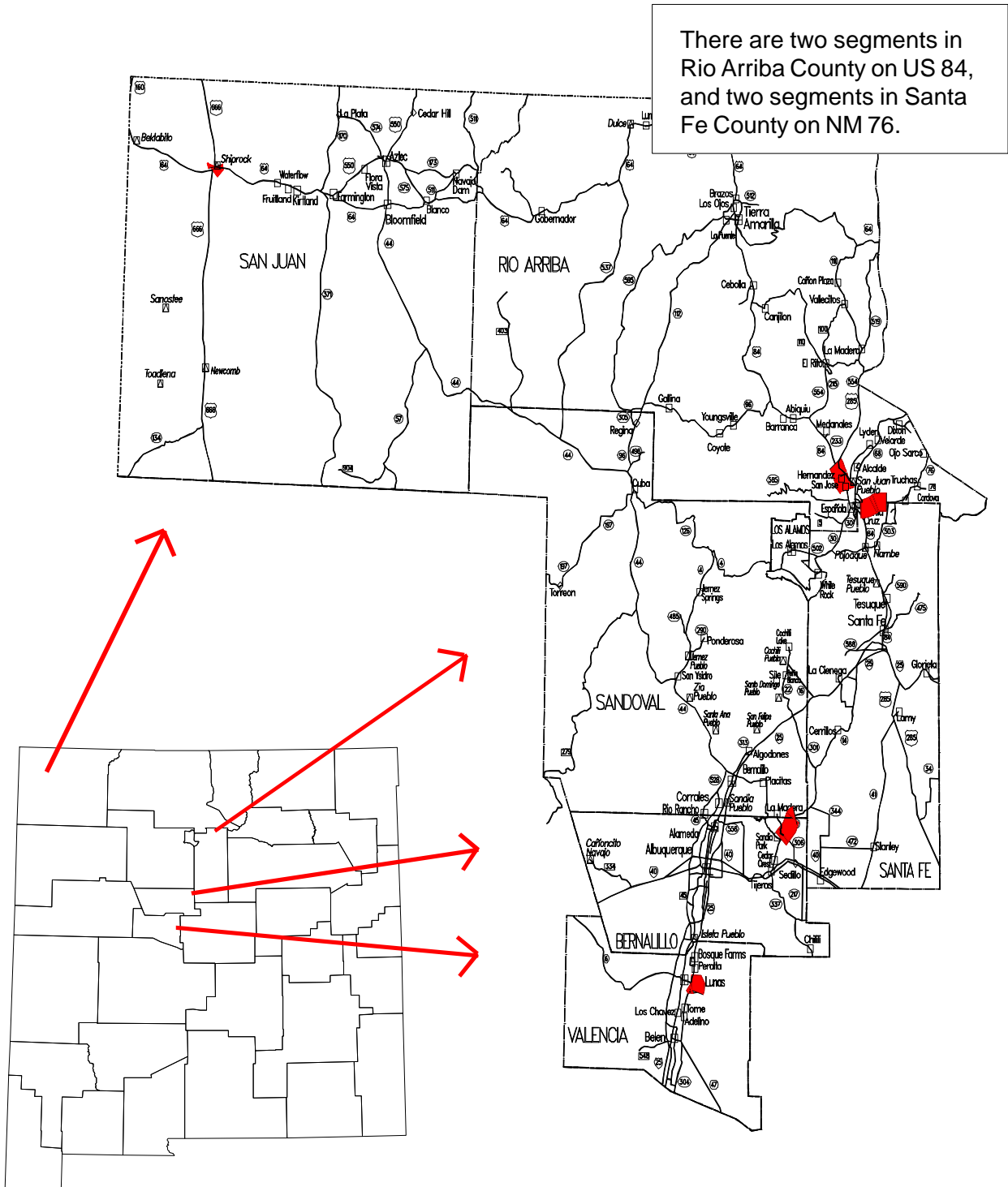
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# New Mexico's Highest Crash Rate Rural Highway Segments, 1996

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There are two segments in Rio Arriba County on US 84, and two segments in Santa Fe County on NM 76.



# Traffic Fatalities in New Mexico by County, 1996

