

Colfax County Report, 2005

Demographics

In 2005, there were 10,666 licensed drivers in Colfax County. Of these, there were 5,312 females and 5,354 males. The population in Colfax County was 13,755. The total number of crashes in 2005 was 424, yielding a crash rate of 31 per thousand people (the total number of crashes 424 divided by the population 13,755 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 a no consistent pattern. Fatal and injury crashes have also shown no consistent pattern since 1996. Belt usage (as a percentage) has increased from last year, while belt usage in crashes involving visible and incapacitating injuries has also increased from last year.

Alcohol-related Crash Information

Information about alcohol-involved crashes is included in all sections of this report. Of the 51 people convicted of DWI in Colfax County in 2005, 59 percent were first-time DWI convictions (number of first convictions 30 divided by the total number of people convicted 51 multiplied by 100). The corresponding percentage for the state was 61.

Crash Specifics

Crashes involving other vehicles were the most common class, accounting for 39 percent of all crashes. Crashes involving overturns, other vehicles, and a pedestrian resulted in fatalities. Passenger cars were the vehicle type most often involved in crashes, accounting for 46 percent of all vehicles in crashes. Pickups accounted for 25 percent of vehicles involved in crashes. Together these two vehicle types comprised 68 percent of the vehicles involved in injury crashes. The two most common top contributing factors were driver inattention and excessive speed. There were eight fatal crashes in 2005. The most common top contributing factor for the fatal crashes was alcohol involvement.

People in Crashes

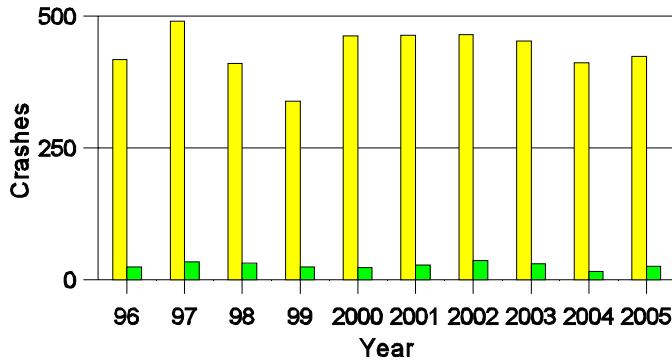
Overall, males were 57 percent of drivers in crashes, although they account for only 50 percent of licensed drivers in Colfax County. There were four pedestrians involved in crashes in 2005. In 2005, no 'teenagers' and one young adult were killed in crashes in Colfax County. Statewide 17 percent of alcohol-involved drivers were under 21; in Colfax County 14 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 Colfax County

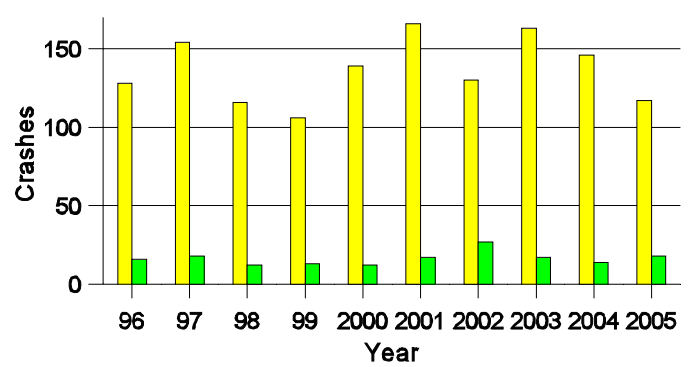
by Alcohol Involvement



■ All Crashes
■ Alcohol-involved Crashes

Fatal and Injury Crashes in Colfax County

by Alcohol Involvement



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

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

Injury Level	2005		2004		2003	
	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt
Killed	8	4	4	2	13	8
Incapacitating injury	25	2	30	6	26	7
Visible injury	46	2	51	6	70	10
Complaint of injury	84	1	98	6	133	15
Unhurt	706	4	681	18	659	11
Total	869	13	864	38	901	51

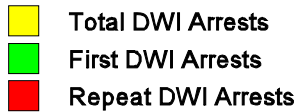
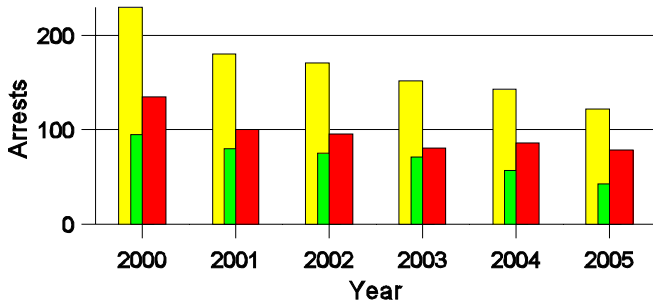
Lifetime DWI Convictions for Drivers Convicted of DWI Violations in Colfax County, 2005

Convictions	Since 2000	Since 1981
1st	41	30
2nd	10	11
3rd	0	3
4th	0	5
5th	0	0
6th	0	1
7th	0	1
8th	0	0
9th	0	0
10 or more	0	0
Total	51	51

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

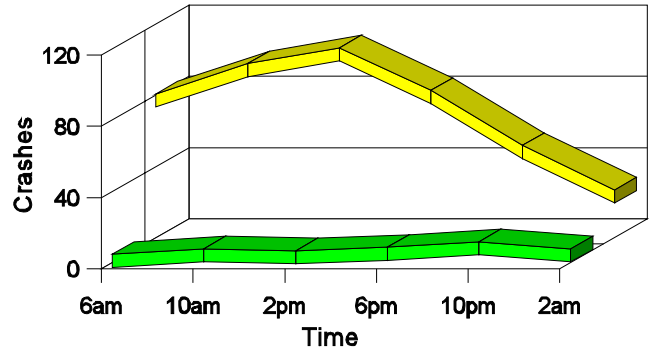
DWI Arrests in Colfax County

Showing First Arrests and Repeat Offenders



Crashes in Colfax County

by Hour and Alcohol Involvement



Crashes in Colfax County by Class, 2005

Class	Crashes					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Other vehicle	165	39	2	25	49	2	80
Pedestrian	4	1	1	13	3	1	3
Fixed object	83	20	0	0	21	0	32
Parked vehicle	36	8	0	0	2	0	2
Overturn	54	13	5	63	26	6	48
Other non-collision	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pedalcyclist	4	1	0	0	4	0	4
Animal	68	16	0	0	4	0	5
Other object	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	424	100	8	100	109	9	174

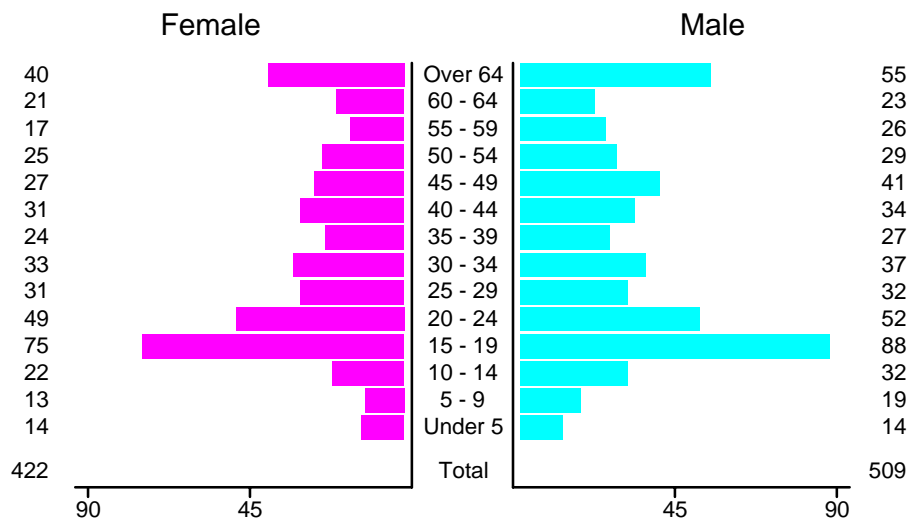
Crashes in Colfax County by Vehicle Type, 2005

Vehicle Type	Vehicles					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger car	295	46	1	9	76	1	76
Pickup	162	25	4	36	42	2	32
Semi	20	3	0	0	2	0	0
Bus	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle	8	1	0	0	7	0	7
Pedalcyclist	4	1	0	0	4	0	4
Pedestrian	4	1	1	9	3	1	3
Van/4 WD	113	18	5	45	36	5	49
Other	6	1	0	0	1	0	2
Unknown	26	4	0	0	3	0	1
Total	642	100	11	100	174	9	174

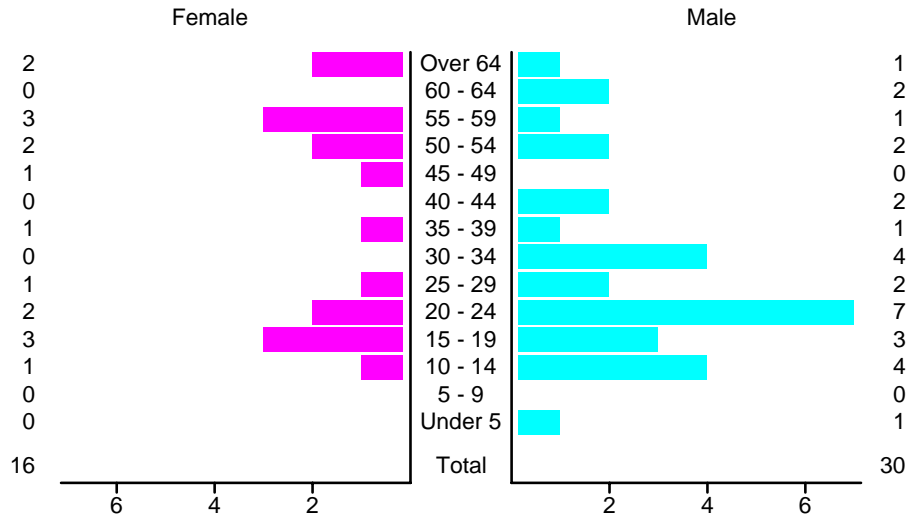
Crashes in Colfax County by Top Contributing Factor, 2005

Contributing Factor	Crashes				People		
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Alcohol involvement	25	6	5	63	13	5	17
Red light running	20	5	0	0	8	0	11
Failing to yield	24	6	0	0	10	0	19
Excessive speed	68	16	1	13	23	1	46
Driving left of center	15	4	1	13	7	1	17
Following too close	20	5	0	0	3	0	3
Improper turning	15	4	0	0	3	0	4
Improper overtaking	4	1	0	0	2	0	2
Improper backing	32	8	0	0	2	0	2
Mechanical defect	19	4	0	0	4	0	6
Driver inattention	75	18	1	13	19	2	26
Other	107	25	0	0	15	0	21
Total	424	100	8	100	109	9	174

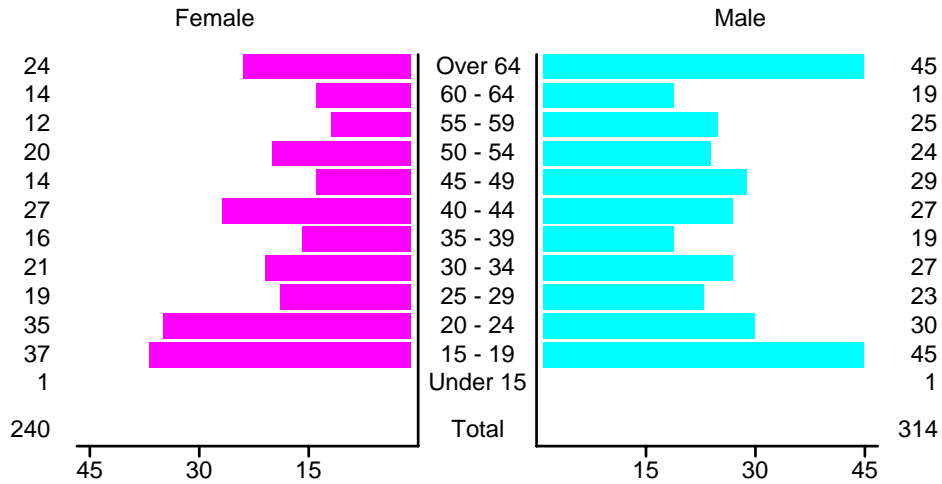
People in Crashes by Age and Sex in Colfax County, 2005



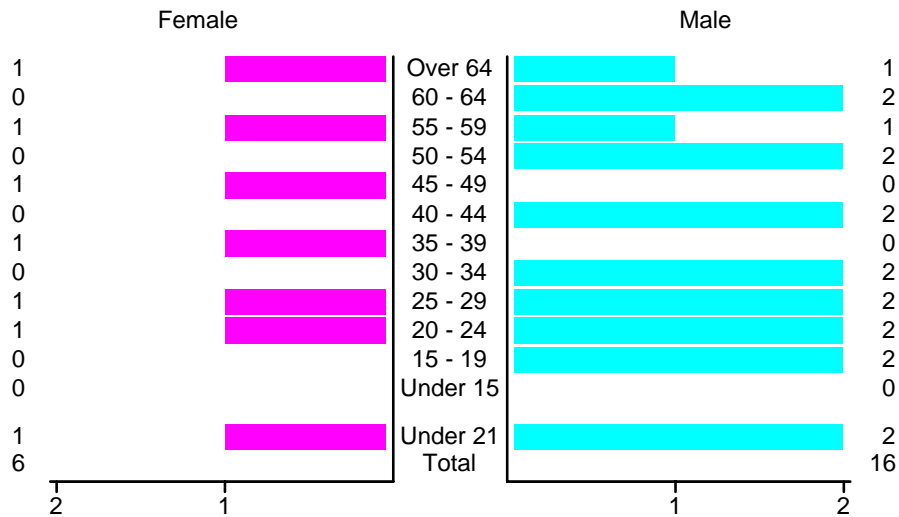
People in Alcohol-Involved Crashes in Colfax County, 2005 by Age and Sex



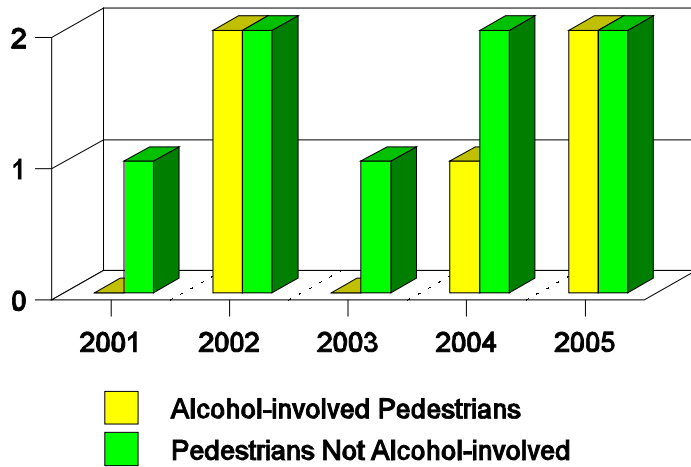
Drivers in Crashes by Age and Sex in Colfax County, 2005



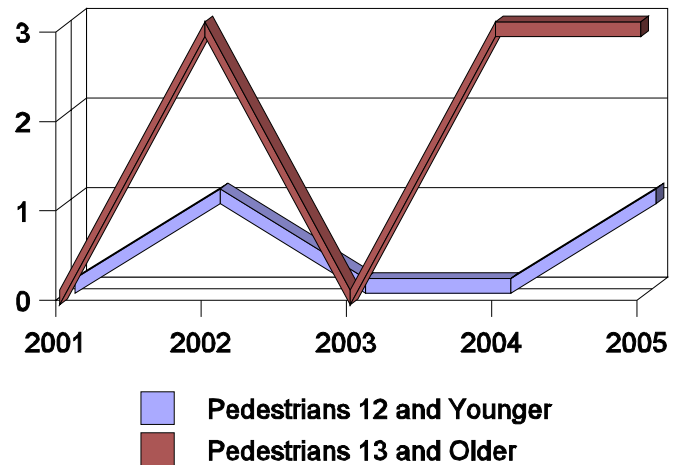
Alcohol-Involved Drivers in Crashes in Colfax County, 2005 by Age and Sex



**Pedestrians in Crashes in Colfax County
by Pedestrian Alcohol Involvement**



**Pedestrians in Crashes in Colfax County
by Age Group**



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

Vehicle	'Teenage' Drivers			Young Adult Drivers		
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury
Passenger car	56	0	7	37	0	12
Pickup	13	0	5	14	1	5
Motorcycle	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	1	0	1
Van/4 WD	12	0	6	12	0	2
Unknown	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	82	0	19	66	1	20

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

Year	'Teenagers'				Young Adults			
	All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes		All Crashes		Alcohol Crashes	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
2005	0	23	0	3	1	20	0	2
2004	0	38	0	4	0	26	0	2
2003	1	35	1	7	0	45	0	6
2002	0	26	0	2	0	27	0	8
2001	1	33	0	8	0	35	0	7
2000	1	28	0	2	1	25	0	2
1999	0	34	0	3	0	21	0	2
1998	0	39	0	3	1	17	0	2
1997	0	49	0	0	1	21	0	3
1996	2	32	0	0	1	23	0	2