

Curry County Report, 2005

Demographics

In 2005, there were 30,218 licensed drivers in Curry County. Of these, there were 15,472 females and 14,746 males. The population in Curry County was 45,846. The total number of crashes in 2005 was 1,088, yielding a crash rate of 24 per thousand people (the total number of crashes 1,088 divided by the population 45,846 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 shown a downward trend since 2002. Belt usage (as a percentage) has increased 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 123 people convicted of DWI in Curry County in 2005, 75 percent were first-time DWI convictions (number of first convictions 92 divided by the total number of people convicted 123 multiplied by 100). The corresponding percentage for the state was 61.

Crash Specifics

Crashes involving other vehicles were the most common class, accounting for 70 percent of all crashes. Crashes involving other vehicles 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 47 percent of all vehicles in crashes. Pickups accounted for 26 percent of vehicles involved in crashes. Together these two vehicle types comprised 70 percent of the vehicles involved in injury crashes. The three most common top contributing factors were failing to yield, following too close, and driver inattention. There were 13 fatal crashes in 2005. The most common top contributing factor for the fatal crashes was alcohol involvement.

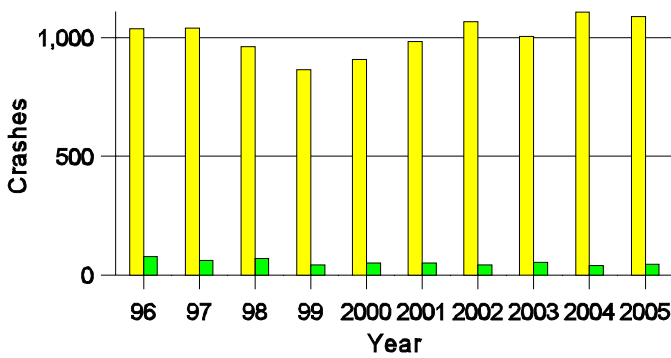
People in Crashes

Overall, males were 54 percent of drivers in crashes, although they account for only 49 percent of licensed drivers in Curry County. There were 12 pedestrians involved in crashes. In 2005, four 'teenagers' and one young adult were killed in crashes in Curry County. Statewide 17 percent of alcohol-involved drivers were under 21; in Curry 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.

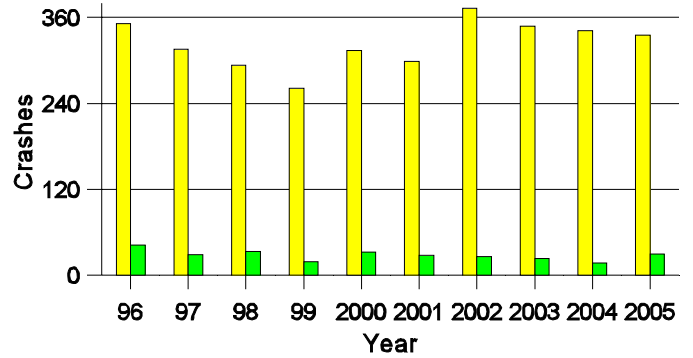
- Location of arrest/conviction was determined by police agency/court location, not driver residence.
- Crashes and drivers were counted by the city of occurrence/residence.
- Population was counted according to the Census definition, using 2005 estimates.
- Young adults are people between the ages of 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 Curry County by Alcohol Involvement



■ All Crashes
■ Alcohol-involved Crashes

Fatal and Injury Crashes in Curry County by Alcohol Involvement



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

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

Injury Level	2005		2004		2003	
	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt	Total	No Belt
Killed	8	3	2	1	2	1
Incapacitating injury	38	0	41	7	37	8
Visible injury	85	6	76	12	93	16
Complaint of injury	241	5	358	11	308	14
Unhurt	2,121	17	2,326	20	2,111	37
Total	2,493	31	2,803	51	2,551	76

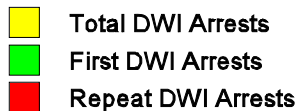
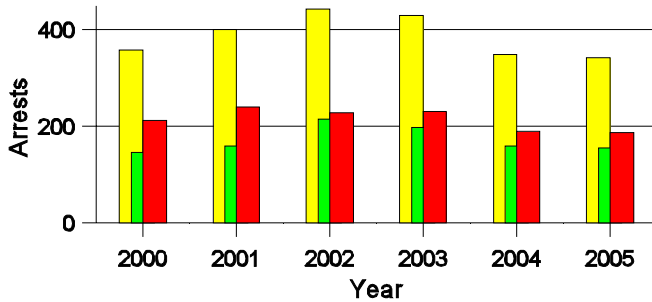
Lifetime DWI Convictions for Drivers Convicted of DWI Violations in Curry County, 2005

Convictions	Since 2000	Since 1981
1st	101	92
2nd	20	23
3rd	2	6
4th	0	0
5th	0	2
6th	0	0
7th	0	0
8th	0	0
9th	0	0
10 or more	0	0
Total	123	123

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

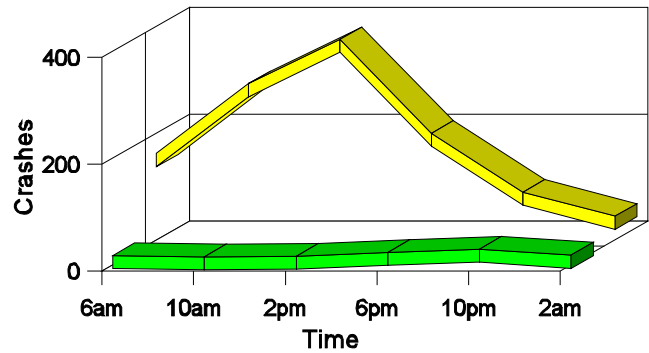
DWI Arrests in Curry County

Showing First Arrests and Repeat Offenders



Crashes in Curry County

by Hour and Alcohol Involvement



Crashes in Curry County by Class, 2005

Class	Crashes					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Other vehicle	758	70	4	31	244	4	346
Pedestrian	12	1	4	31	7	4	7
Fixed object	106	10	1	8	25	1	31
Veh. on other roadway	1	0	1	8	0	1	5
Parked vehicle	140	13	0	0	13	0	15
Overturn	27	2	3	23	16	3	24
Other non-collision	10	1	0	0	5	0	7
Pedalcyclist	10	1	0	0	9	0	10
Railroad train	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
Animal	19	2	0	0	1	0	1
Other object	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,088	100	13	100	322	13	448

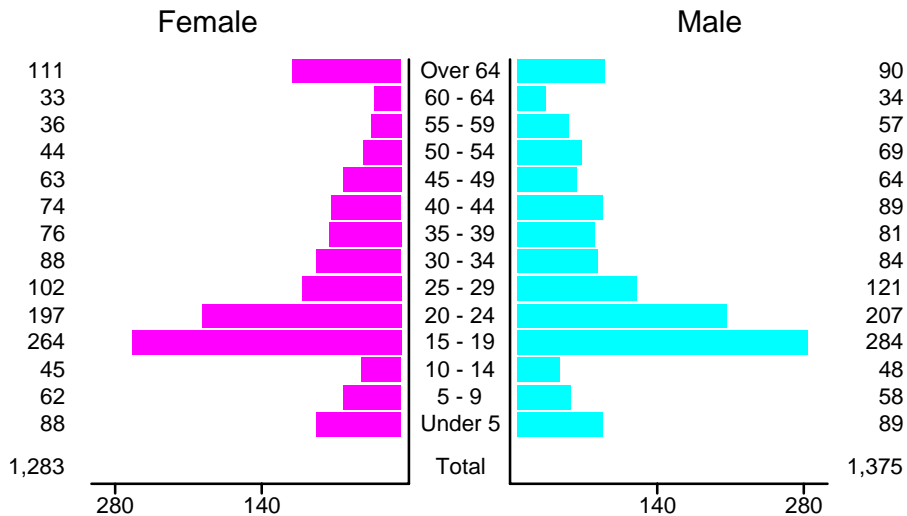
Crashes in Curry County by Vehicle Type, 2005

Vehicle Type	Vehicles					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Passenger car	970	47	7	32	289	5	237
Pickup	533	26	4	18	145	2	79
Semi	43	2	3	14	11	0	2
Bus	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Motorcycle	33	2	0	0	30	0	30
Pedalcyclist	12	1	0	0	11	0	12
Pedestrian	12	1	4	18	7	4	7
Van/4 WD	319	15	3	14	97	2	62
Other	6	0	1	5	0	0	0
Unknown	133	6	0	0	29	0	18
Total	2,064	100	22	100	620	13	448

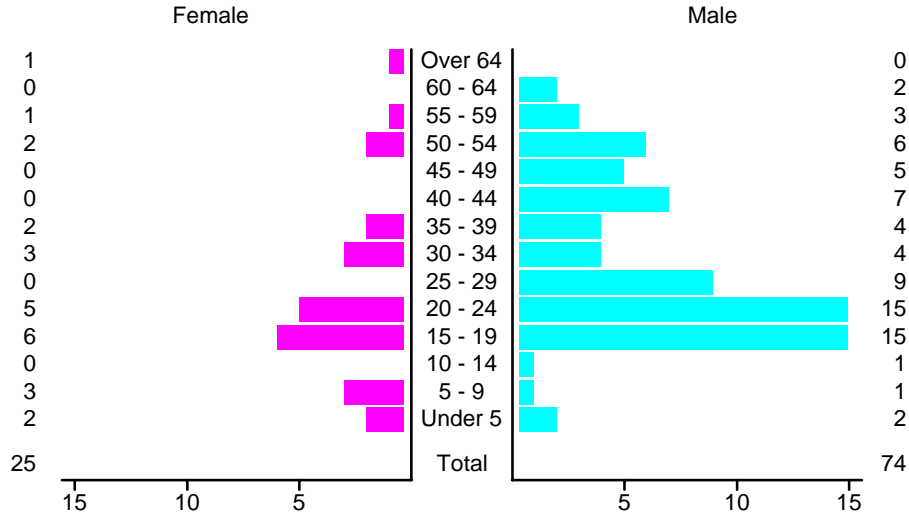
Crashes in Curry County by Top Contributing Factor, 2005

Contributing Factor	Crashes					People	
	Total	% of Total	Fatal	% of Fatal	Injury	Killed	Injured
Alcohol involvement	48	4	5	38	26	5	39
Red light running	113	10	2	15	47	2	69
Failing to yield	218	20	0	0	86	0	122
Excessive speed	71	7	0	0	18	0	26
Driving left of center	22	2	0	0	8	0	11
Following too close	181	17	0	0	53	0	76
Improper turning	39	4	0	0	8	0	12
Improper overtaking	12	1	0	0	3	0	4
Improper backing	93	9	0	0	1	0	1
Inop. traffic control	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mechanical defect	15	1	1	8	5	1	7
Driver inattention	179	16	0	0	52	0	63
Improper driving	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
Other	92	8	5	38	14	5	16
Total	1,088	100	13	100	322	13	448

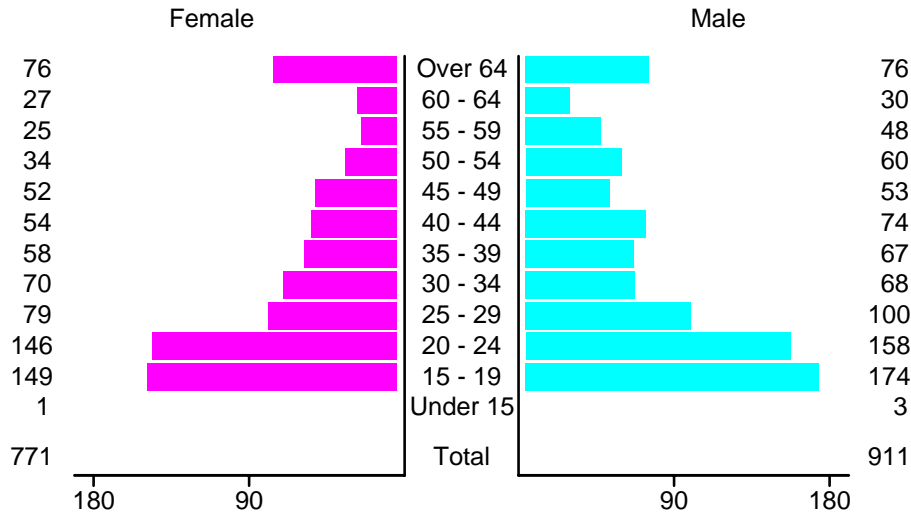
People in Crashes by Age and Sex in Curry County, 2005



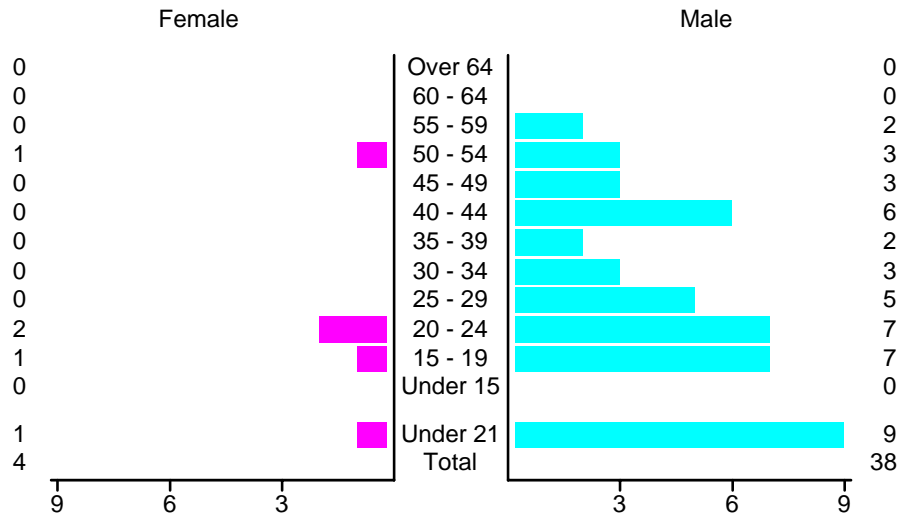
People in Alcohol-Involved Crashes in Curry County, 2005 by Age and Sex



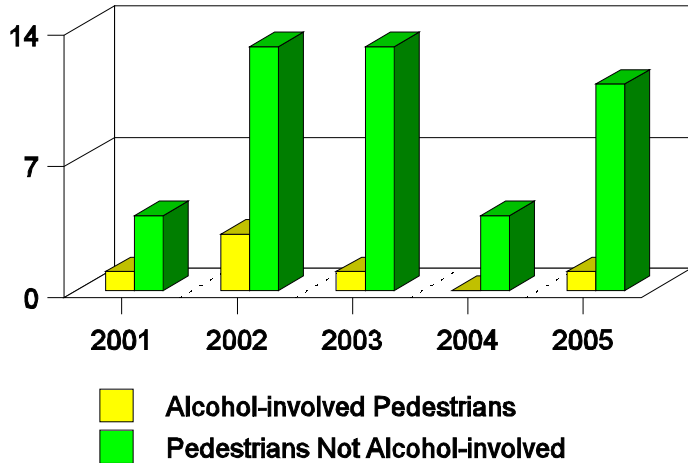
Drivers in Crashes by Age and Sex in Curry County, 2005



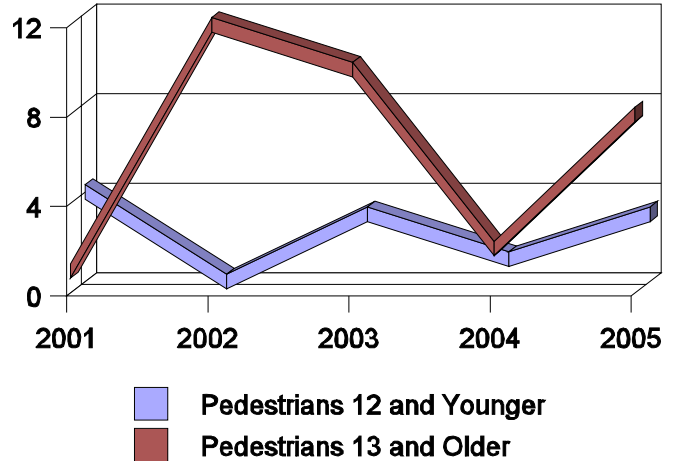
Alcohol-Involved Drivers in Crashes in Curry County, 2005 by Age and Sex



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



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



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

Vehicle	'Teenage' Drivers			Young Adult Drivers		
	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total	Fatal	Injury
Passenger car	199	3	60	174	0	64
Pickup	79	0	29	73	0	14
Semi	0	0	0	3	1	0
Motorcycle	2	0	2	9	0	9
Pedalcyclist	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pedestrian	1	0	1	0	0	0
Van/4 WD	36	2	8	31	0	13
Other	0	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown	7	0	5	14	0	5
Total	325	5	106	305	1	105

'Teenagers' and Young Adults in Crashes in Curry 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	95	2	10	1	67	1	8
2004	1	111	0	8	0	70	0	5
2003	1	101	0	7	1	68	0	4
2002	1	110	1	0	1	73	0	8
2001	0	104	0	11	1	58	0	6
2000	0	108	0	11	1	62	1	7
1999	0	93	0	5	1	50	0	7
1998	0	99	0	10	0	62	0	13
1997	1	112	1	8	1	66	1	11
1996	0	105	0	11	0	79	0	12