

Drivers Age 65+ in 2008 Crashes

Fact Sheet

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Demographics

In Oklahoma in 2008, 13.5% of the population was comprised of persons age 65+, while 17.1% of the licensed drivers were in this same age group. In addition, 8.4% of the total drivers involved in crashes were age 65+.

Demographics (2008) Drivers Age 65+		
Population Age 65+		
Total	Age 65+	% Age 65+
3,642,361	490,637	13.5%
Licensed Drivers Age 65+		
2,481,472	424,027	17.1%
Drivers Age 65+		
129,472	10,841	8.4%
Crashes		
72,667	10,247	14.1%

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

In 2008, there were 10,247 crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. This was 14.1% of the total crashes in 2008. There were 125 fatal crashes and 3,521 injury crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. Of the 10,841 drivers age 65+ involved in 2008 crashes, 85 were killed and 2,120 were injured.

Driver Fatality Restraints

Of the 69 drivers killed in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 44.9% were not using restraints; restraint use for 10.1% was unknown.

Type of Vehicle

Some 57.6% of the driver fatalities age 65+ in 2008 crashes were in passenger vehicles; 29.4% were in pickup trucks.

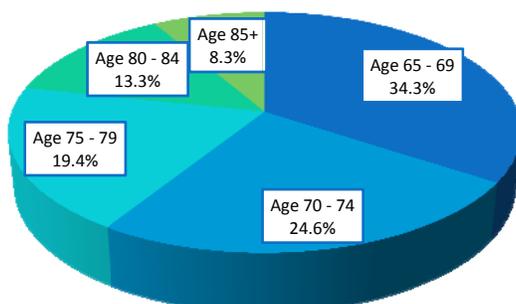
Fatalities in 2008 Crashes Drivers Age 65+	
Vehicle Type	Driver
Passenger	44
Pickup Truck	25
Truck/Trailer	1
Truck-tractor/Semi-trailer	2
Motorcycle	5
Motor Scooter/Moped	1
Other	7
Total	85

Driver Age & Gender

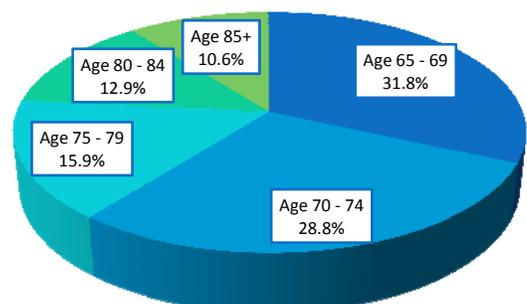
Of the 10,247 drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2008, 34.3% were age 65-69, 24.6% were age 70-74, 19.4% were age 75-79, 13.3% were age 80-84 and 8.3% were age 85+.

There were 132 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes in 2008. Some 31.8% were age 65-69, 28.8% were age 70-74, 15.9% were age 75-79, 12.9% were age 80-84 and 10.6% were age 85+.

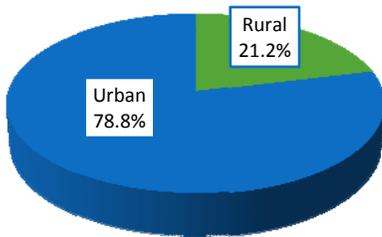
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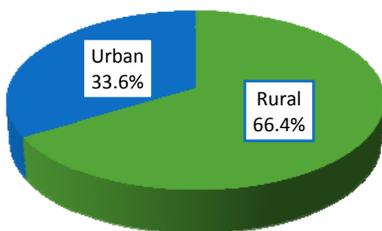
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**Crashes (2008)
Drives Age 65+**



**Fatal Crashes (2008)
Drives Age 65+**



Contributing Factor

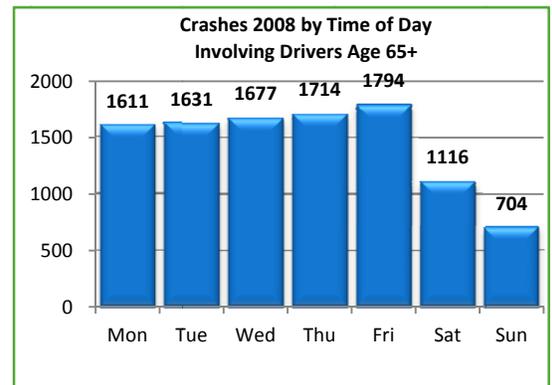
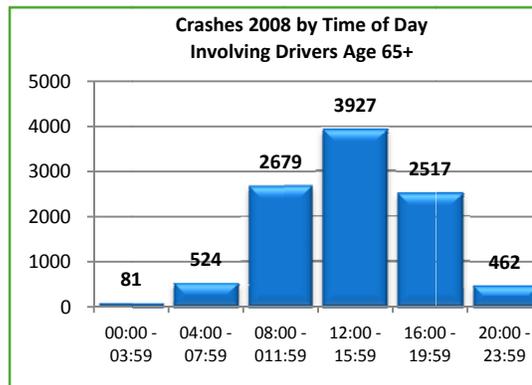
The primary contributing factors of drivers age 65+ in crashes were: Failed to Yield (17.0%), Other Improper Act/Movement (9.4%), Improper Turn (7.0%), Inattention (6.7%) and Unsafe Speed (4.0%).

Rural vs. Urban

Of the 10,247 crashes involving at least one driver age 65+, 78.8% occurred in urban areas. However, fatal crashes occurred twice as often in rural areas as they did in urban areas.

Time & Day

Crashes involving at least one driver age 65+ peaked between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Friday had the highest incidence of crashes involving drivers age 65+.



More Facts

- 52.5% of the crashes in 2008 were intersection related.
- 2.3% of the crashes in 2008 occurred in a Work Zone.
- 90.4% of the crashes occurred in clear/cloudy weather.
- 87.5% of the crashes occurred in daylight.
- 82.9% of the crashes involved two vehicles.
- 53.8% of the crashes occurred on city streets.
- 15.0% of the crashes occurred on urban U.S. Highways and 11.1% occurred on urban State Highways.
- A total of 137 fatalities occurred in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.
- A total of 5,393 persons were injured in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.