

Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Drivers Age 65+

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Demographics (2001)

In Oklahoma, 13.2% of the population was comprised of persons age 65+ while, 16.3% of the licensed drivers were in this same age group. In addition, 8.1% of the persons involved in crashes were age 65+ and 8.4% of the drivers were in this same group.

Demographics Persons Age 65+		
Population Age 65+ in 2000*		
Total	Age 65+	Age 65+ Percentage
3,456,654	455,700	13.2%
Licensed Drivers Age 65+ in 2001		
2,336,304	379,697	16.3%
Persons Age 65+ in 2001 Crashes		
156,562	12,722	8.1%
Drivers Age 65+ in 2001 Crashes		
140,647	11,762	8.4%
*2001 is the latest available population numbers from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.		

Persons 65+ in Crashes

In 2001, there were 11,478 crashes involving 12,722 persons age 65+. There were eight bicyclists, 11,762 drivers, 32 pedestrians, and 920 passengers that were age 65+.

Among the persons age 65+, there were 96 fatalities and 3,249 persons injured.

Drivers 65+ in Crashes

There were 11,122 crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. This was 14.4% of the total crashes in 2001. There were 104 fatal crashes with 116 fatalities and 4,196 injury crashes with 6,749 persons injured.

Fatalities

Of the 96 fatalities age 65+, 70 were drivers, 23 were passengers, and three were pedestrians.

Fatalities in 2001 Crashes

Vehicle Type	Drive	Pedestria	Passenge	Tota
Not Applicable		3		3
Passenger	52		20	72
Tractor/Semi	2			2
Motor Home	1			1
Pickup Truck	15		3	18
Total	70	3	23	96

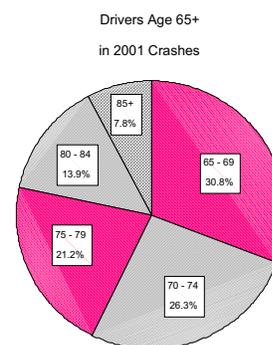
Safety Belt Use Among Fatalities Age 65+

Some 50.8% of the fatalities in a passenger vehicle/pickup truck were not properly restrained. Some 67.6% of the unrestrained fatalities in a passenger vehicle/pickup truck were male.

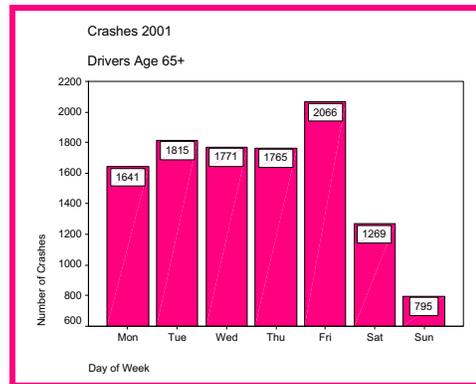
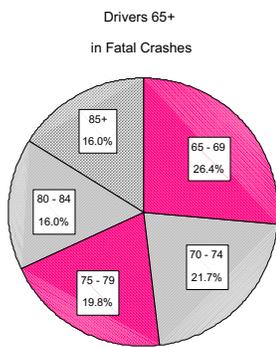
Driver Age & Gender

There were 11,762 drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2001. Some 57.1% of the drivers were age 65-74. Some 58.1% of the drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2001 were male.

There were 106 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes in



2001. Some 48.1% of the drivers were age 65-74. Of the 106 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes, 67.9% were male.

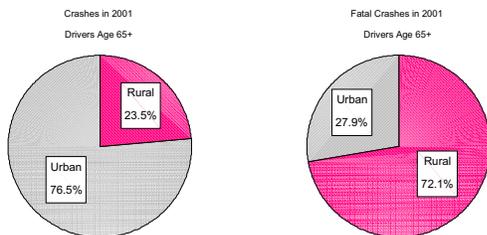


Causes

The primary causes for crashes involving at least one driver age 65+ were Failed To Yield (22.1%), Improper Turn (17.2%), Other Improper/Act Movement (10.9%), and Followed Too Closely (10.8%).

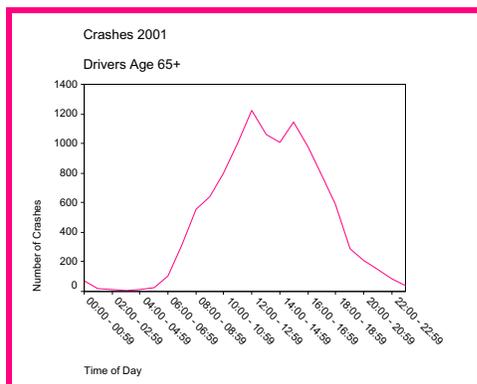
Rural vs. Urban

Some 76.5% of the crashes in 2001 involving at least one driver age 65+ occurred in urban areas. However, fatal crashes occurred in rural areas almost three times more often than in urban areas.



Time & Day

The peak hours of crashes involving drivers age 65+ occurred between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Friday had the highest incidence of crashes involving drivers age 65+.

Alcohol/Drug-Related

Of the 11,762 drivers age 65+, 1.0% had an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition. Of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition, 79.8% were male.

Additional Statistics

- 38.5% of the crashes were at an intersection.
- 48.4% of the crashes were in clear weather.
- 87.6% of the crashes occurred in daylight.
- 82.8% of the crashes involved two vehicles.
- 54.7% of the crashes occurred on city streets.
- 94.3% of the drivers age 65+ involved in crashes were Oklahoma licensed drivers.

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