



Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

New Year's 2002-2003

December 19, 2003

New Year's Holiday 2002-2003 December 31, 2002 (6 p.m.) through January 1, 2003 (Midnight)									
	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related		Seat Belt Use Among Fatality Victims				
	Crashes	*Persons	Crashes	*Persons	Person Type	Unknown	In Use	Not in Use	Total
Fatal	4	4	3	3	Driver		1	1	2
Injury	58	84	16	23	Passenger			1	1
Total	150	264	32	51	1 Pedestrian - Not Applicable				

*Uninjured passengers are not entered into the DPS crash database.

Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

The New Year's Holiday period for 2002-2003 was a total of 30 hours which began at 6 p.m. on December 31, 2002 and ended at midnight on January 1, 2003. During this time period, there were 264 persons¹ involved in 150 crashes, four fatalities in four fatal crashes, and 84 injured in 58 injury crashes.

Fatalities & Safety Equipment

Of the four fatalities, two were drivers, one was a passenger, and one was a pedestrian. One driver and one passenger were in a passenger vehicle and the other driver was in a pickup truck.

Of the two drivers, the passenger vehicle driver was using safety equipment and the pickup truck driver was not. The one passenger in the passenger vehicle was not using safety equipment.

Driver Age & Gender

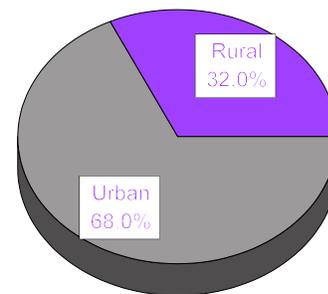
There were 231 drivers involved in crashes during the 2002-2003 New Year's Holiday. The top three driver age groups involved in crashes were: 16-20 (15.1%), 21-25 (11.7%), and 26-30 (9.6%). Some 57.6% of the drivers were male.

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Rural vs. Urban

Some 68.0% of the crashes during the New Year's Holiday occurred in urban areas and 30.3% occurred in rural areas.

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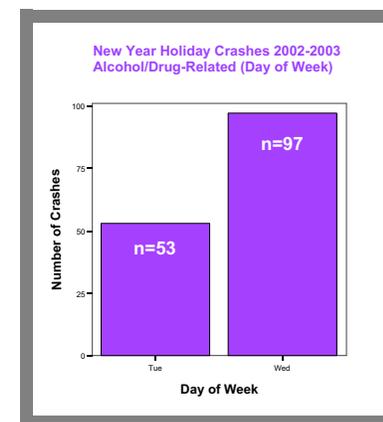
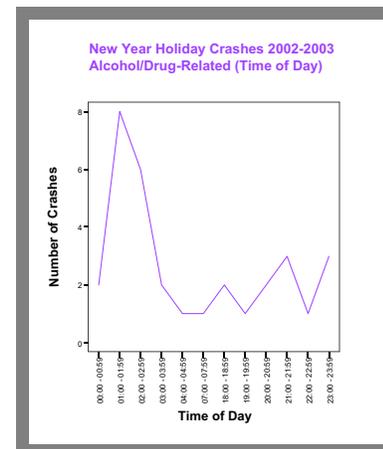
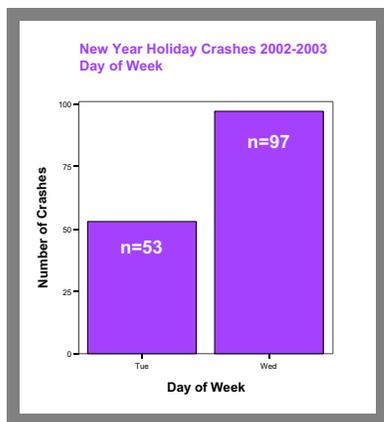
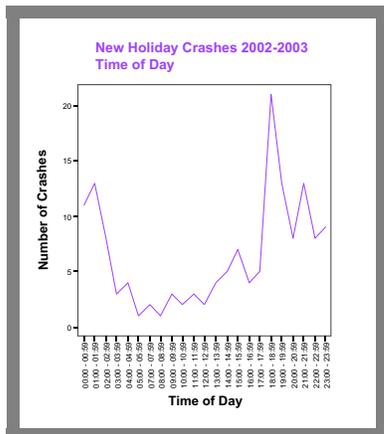
Causes

The three primary causes of crashes in rural areas were Unsafe Speed (33.3%), DUI-Alcohol (16.7%), and Other Improper Act/Movement (14.6%).

The three primary causes of crashes in urban areas were Improper Turn (14.7%), DUI-Alcohol (13.7%), and Other Improper/Act Movement (12.7%).

Time & Day

Crashes occurred more frequently in the evening and early morning hours with 64.7% of the holiday crashes occurring on New Year's Day.



Alcohol/Drug-Related Crashes

Some 21.3% (32 of 150) of the total crashes were Alcohol/Drug-Related during the Christmas Holiday. This resulted in three fatalities and 23 persons injured.

Of the four fatal crashes during the New Year's Holiday, three (75.0%) were Alcohol/Drug-Related.

Alcohol/Drug-Related Crashes by Time & Day

Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes occurred more frequently in the early morning hours with 83.4% of the crashes occurring on New Year's Day.

Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Age & Gender

There were 42 drivers involved in 32 Alcohol/Drug-Related crashes. The top three age groups for drivers were age 21-25 (23.8%), age 16-20 (21.4%), and age 26-30 (9.5%). Some 78.6% of the drivers were male.

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