

Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Drivers Age 65+

June 6, 2005

Persons Age 65+ in 2003 Crashes

Demographics

In Oklahoma in 2003, 13.1% of the population was comprised of persons age 65+, while 16.4% 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 total drivers were in this same age group.

Demographics Persons Age 65+		
Population Age 65+ in 2003		
Total	Age 65+	Age 65+ Percentage
3,511,532	461,133	13.1%
Licensed Drivers Age 65+ in 2003		
2,366,011	387,564	16.4%
Persons Age 65+ in 2003 Crashes		
149,503	12,178	8.1%
Drivers Age 65+ in 2003 Crashes		
134,649	11,265	8.4%
2003 Crashes		
73,926	10,649	14.4%

Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

In 2003, there were 10,649 crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. This was 14.4% of the total crashes in 2003. There were 124 fatal crashes and 4,242 injury crashes.

Among the drivers and passengers age 65+, there were 101 fatalities and 3,151 persons injured.

There were three bicyclists, 11,265 drivers, 28 pedestrians, and 882 passengers¹ that were age 65+.

Fatalities

Of the 101 fatalities age 65+, 69 were drivers, 28 were passengers, and four were pedestrians.

Fatalities in 2003 Crashes Persons Age 65+			
Vehicle Type	Driver	Passengerr	Total
Passenger	51	25	76
Motorcycle	1		1
Pickup Truck	17	3	20
Total	69	28	97

Four pedestrians not included in above totals.

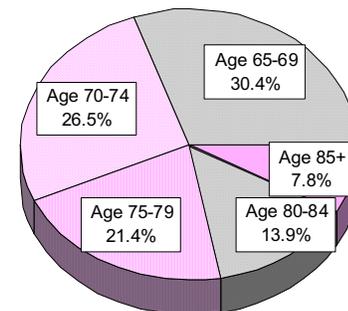
Safety Belt Use Among Fatalities Age 65+

Of the 68 drivers killed in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 36.8% were not using safety belts and 50.0% of the passengers were not using safety belts.

Driver Age & Gender

There were 11,265 drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2003. Some 56.9% of the drivers were age 65-74. Some 57.6% of the drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2003 were male.

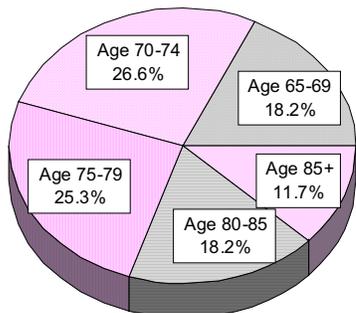
Driver Age 65+ in 2003 Crashes



There were 154 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes in 2003. Some 54.8% of the drivers were age 65-74. Of the 154 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes, 56.5% were male.

¹ Only injured passengers are entered into the DPS database.

Driver Age 65+ in 2003 Fatal Crashes

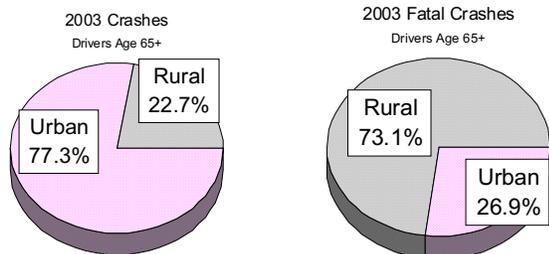


Causes

The primary causes for crashes where at least one driver was age 65+ were: Failed To Yield (24.2%), Improper Turn (14.4%), Other Improper/Act Movement (11.5%), and Followed Too Closely (10.6%).

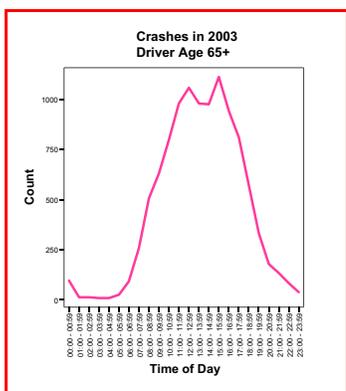
Rural vs. Urban

Some 77.3% of the crashes in 2003 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.

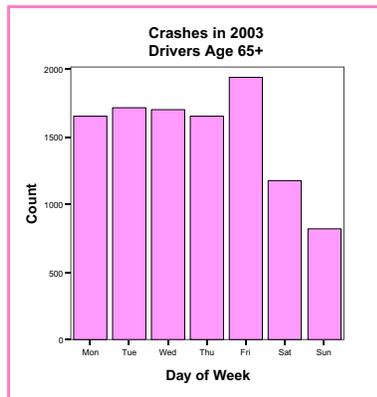


Time & Day

Crashes involving drivers age 65+ peaked between 12 noon and 3 p.m.



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



Alcohol/Drug-Related

Of the 11,265 drivers age 65+, 1.0% had an Alcohol/Drug-Related driver condition. Of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug-Related driver condition, 79.2% were male.

Additional Statistics

- 42.6% of the crashes were in an intersection.
- 46.8% of the crashes were in clear weather and 45.0% were in cloudy weather.
- 87.2% of the crashes occurred in daylight.
- 82.8% of the crashes involved two vehicles.
- 54.5% of the crashes occurred on city streets.
- 94.2% of the drivers age 65+ involved in crashes were Oklahoma licensed drivers.
- 16.4% of the licensed drivers in Oklahoma were age 65+.
- 8.4% of the drivers in 2003 crashes were age 65+.

Oklahoma Highway Safety Office
 3223 N. Lincoln Blvd.
 Okla. City, OK 73105-5403
 Phone: 405/523-1570
 Fax: 405/523-1586
 Web Site: www.dps.state.ok.us/ohso