# Traffic Safety in New Mexico: A Closer Look

## 2025 Data Shows Traffic Safety Outcomes Remain a Public Health Crisis



**47,297**
total crashes

**454**
fatalities
#**1** per Vehicle Miles Travelled

### Crash Breakdown

- 4.8% of all crashes were alcohol involved. This has shown little change since 2021.
- 2.3% of crashes were pedestrian/ pedalcycle involved.
- On average, the highest number of crashes occurs at 5pm.
- The first harmful event in 76% of crashes was colliding with another vehicle.
- 20% of crashes involved a driver under 21.

### What's causing these fatalities?

- **Driver inattention** is the most frequently reported factor in all crashes, fatal or otherwise.
- **Drug/alcohol impairment and speeding** are prominent contributing factors in fatal crashes.



**Last**
in vulnerable road user safety

**$18 billion**
in societal harm

### VRUs experience higher risk

- 1,148 VRUs were involved in crashes in 2025.
- VRU fatalities accounted for **22.5%** of **traffic fatalities,** despite being part of only 2.3% of crashes.
- **89 pedestrian fatalities** and **14 bicyclist fatalities** occurred in 2025. Pedestrian fatalities are down, but bicyclist fatalities **doubled.**
- **Bernalillo County** accounted for 31% of the population, but 44% of pedestrian deaths.

### 2027 Legislative Proposals

- Allowing municipalities to keep **100% of fines** collected from speed cameras, and requiring the net revenue to be spent on **pro-active infrastructure improvements.**
- Mandating **electronic** universal crash reports.
- Clarifying that vehicles shall **stop** for VRUs in crosswalks.
- Creating an **intelligent speed assistance** program for those convicted of racing.
- **$10 million appropriation** to VRU infrastructure.
- Modernizing motor vehicle code terminology from "accident" to **"crash."**

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