

Drivers Age 65+ in 2005 Crashes

Fact Sheet

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Demographics

Demographics Drivers Age 65+		
Population Age 65+ in 2005		
Total	Age 65+	% Age 65+
3,547,884	468,968	13.2%
Licensed Drivers Age 65+		
2,445,267	424,544	17.4%
Drivers Age 65+ in 2005 Crashes		
137,294	11,173	8.1%
2005 Crashes		
75,511	10,565	14.0%

In Oklahoma in 2005, 13.2% of the population was comprised of persons age 65+, while 17.4% of the licensed drivers were in this same age group. In addition, 8.1% of the total drivers involved in crashes were age 65+.

Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

In 2005, there were 10,565 crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. This was 14.0% of the total crashes in 2005. There were 118 fatal crashes and 3,803 injury crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. Of the 11,173 drivers age 65+ involved in 2005 crashes, 76 were killed and 2,205 were injured.

Seat Belt Use Among Driver Fatalities

Of the 72 drivers killed in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 30.6% were not using a safety belt.

Type of Vehicle

Some 75.0% of the driver fatalities age 65+ in 2005 crashes were in passenger vehicles and 19.7% were in pickup trucks.

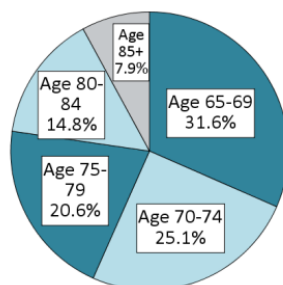
Fatalities in 2005 Crashes Drivers Age 65+	
Vehicle Type	Driver
Passenger	57
Single Unit Truck	1
Motorcycle	2
Pickup Truck	15
Other Public Owned	1
Total	76

Driver Age & Gender

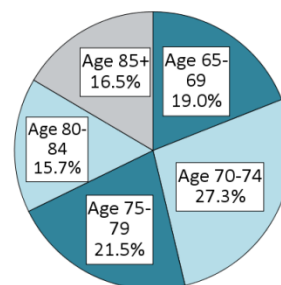
Of the 11,173 drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2005, 31.6% were age 65-69, 25.1% were age 70-74, 20.6% were age 75-79, 14.8% were age 80-84 and 7.9% were age 85+.

There were 121 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes in 2005. Some 19.0% were age 65-69, 27.3% were age 70-74, 21.5% were age 75-79, 15.7% were age 80-84 and 16.5% were age 85+.

Driver Age 65+ in Crashes 2005



Driver Age 65+ in Fatal Crashes 2005

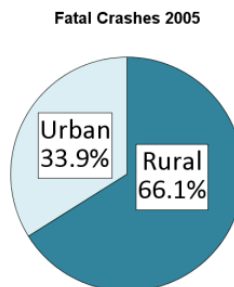
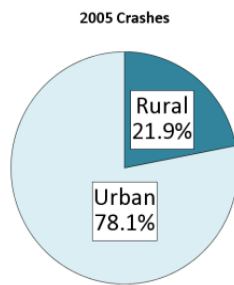


Causes

The three primary causes for crashes where at least one driver was age 65+ were: Failed to Yield (25.7%), Improper Turn (13.7%) and Failed to Stop (12.2%).

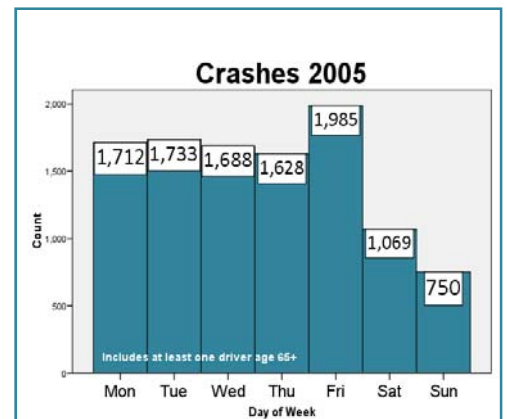
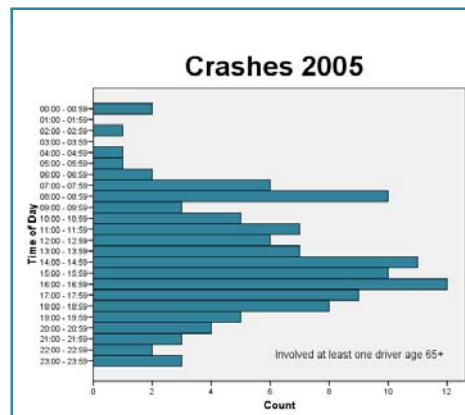
Rural vs. Urban

In the 10,565 crashes involving at least one driver age 65+, 78.1% of the crashes occurred in urban areas. However, fatal crashes occurred in rural areas twice as often 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+ with 18.8% of the total crashes.



Additional Information

- 56.2% of the crashes were intersection related.
- 1.4% of the crashes occurred in a Work Zone.
- 48.4% of the crashes occurred in clear weather.
- 43.7% of the crashes occurred in cloudy weather.
- 86.4% of the crashes occurred in daylight.
- 83.2% of the crashes involved two vehicles.
- 53.2% of the crashes occurred on city streets.
- 26.2% of the crashes occurred on urban US highways or urban State highways.
- There were a total of 136 fatalities in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.
- There were a total of 5,993 persons injured in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.
- 8.1% of the total drivers involved in crashes in 2005 were age 65+.