

# Drivers Age 65+ in 2006 Crashes

## Fact Sheet

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### Demographics

In Oklahoma in 2006, 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, 9.2% of the total drivers involved in crashes were age 65+.

Demographics Drivers Age 65+		
Population Age 65+ in 2006		
Total	Age 65+	% Age 65+
3,579,200	473,545	13.2%
Licensed Drivers Age 65+		
2,445,267	424,544	17.4%
Drivers Age 65+ in 2006 Crashes		
123,050	11,299	9.2%
2006 Crashes		
75,408	10,713	14.2%

### Crashes, Fatalities & Injuries

In 2006, there were 10,713 crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. This was 14.2% of the total crashes in 2006. There were 96 fatal crashes and 3,767 injury crashes where at least one driver was age 65+. Of the 11,299 drivers age 65+ involved in 2006 crashes, 70 were killed and 2,127 were injured.

### Driver Fatality Restraints

Of the 65 drivers killed in passenger vehicles/pickup trucks, 38.5% were not using restraints.

### Type of Vehicle

Some 65.7% of the driver fatalities age 65+ in 2006 crashes were in passenger vehicles and 27.1% were in pickup trucks.

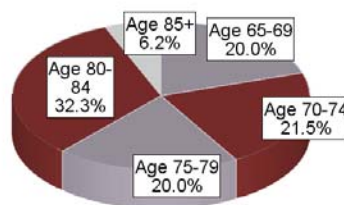
Fatalities in 2006 Crashes Drivers Age 65+	
Vehicle Type	Driver
Passenger	46
Truck-tractor/Semi-trailer	2
Motorcycle	2
Highway Equipment	1
Pickup Truck	19
Total	70

### Driver Age & Gender

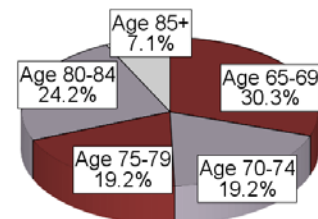
Of the 11,299 drivers age 65+ in crashes in 2006, 20.0% were age 65-69, 21.5% were age 70-74, 20.0% were age 75-79, 32.3% were age 80-84 and 6.2% were age 85+.

There were 99 drivers age 65+ in fatal crashes in 2006. Some 30.3% were age 65-69, 19.2% were age 70-74, 19.2% were age 75-79, 24.4% were age 80-84 and 7.1% were age 85+.

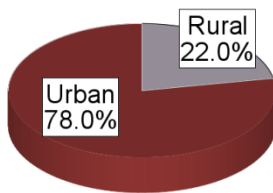
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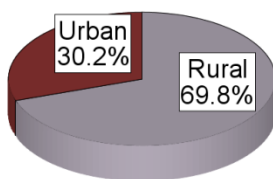
Drivers Age 65+ in Fatal Crashes (2006)



**Crashes (2006)  
Drivers Age 65+**



**Fatal Crashes (2006)  
Drivers Age 65+**



## Causes

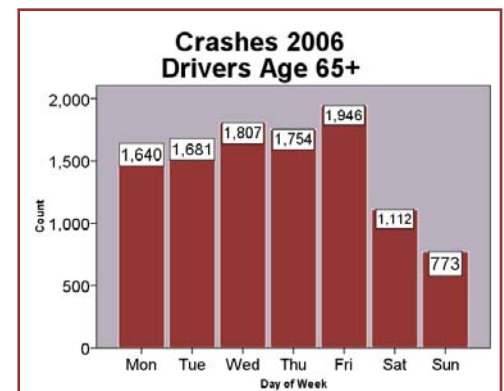
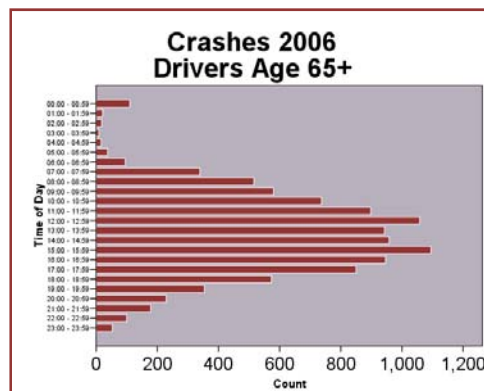
The primary causes for crashes where at least one driver was age 65+ were: Failed to Yield (24.4%), Improper Turn (13.2%), Other Improper Act/Movement (11.4%), Inattention (11.2%) and Followed Too Closely (10.8%).

## Rural vs. Urban

In the 10,713 crashes involving at least one driver age 65+, 78.0% of the crashes occurred in urban areas. However, fatal crashes occurred in rural areas more than 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 18.2% of the total crashes.



## Additional Information

- ✘ 54.9% of the crashes were intersection related.
- ✘ 1.4% of the crashes occurred in a Work Zone.
- ✘ 93.4% of the crashes occurred in clear/cloudy weather.
- ✘ 85.9% of the crashes occurred in daylight.
- ✘ 82.4% of the crashes involved two vehicles.
- ✘ 53.2% of the crashes occurred on city streets.
- ✘ 15.3% of the crashes occurred on urban U.S. Highways and 10.3% occurred on urban State Highways.
- ✘ There were a total of 113 fatalities in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.
- ✘ There were a total of 5,869 persons injured in crashes where at least one driver was age 65+.