

Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

Thanksgiving 2001

November 1, 2002

Thanksgiving Holiday 2001 November 21, 2001 (6 p.m.) through November 25, 2001 (Midnight)							
	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related		Seat Belt Use Among Fatality Victims		
	Crashes	*Persons	Crashes	*Persons	Person Type	In Use	Not in Use
Fatal	8	9	3	4	Drivers	1	4
Injury	257	430	33	49	Passengers	1	2
Total	694	1,392	74	125	One motorcyclist - not applicable		

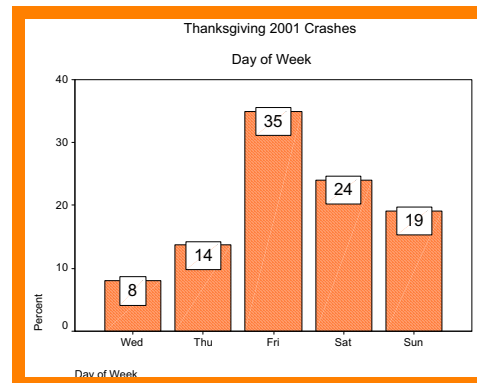
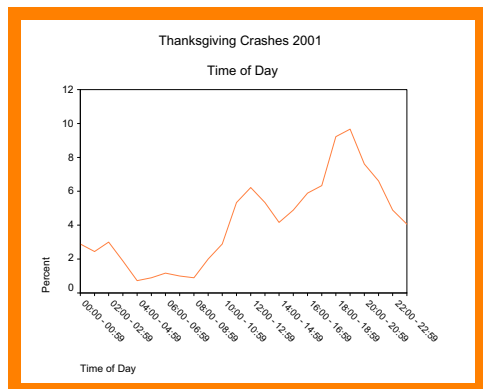
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Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

The Thanksgiving Holiday period for 2001 was a total of 102 hours and began at 6 p.m. on November 21, 2001 and ended at midnight on November 25, 2001. During this time period, there were 1,329 persons¹ involved in 694 crashes, nine persons killed in eight fatal crashes, and 430 injured in 257 injury crashes.

Crashes by Time & Day

Crashes occurred more frequently in the afternoon and evening hours with 35% of the holiday crashes occurring on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.



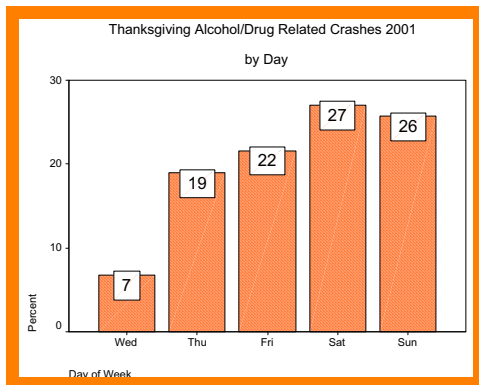
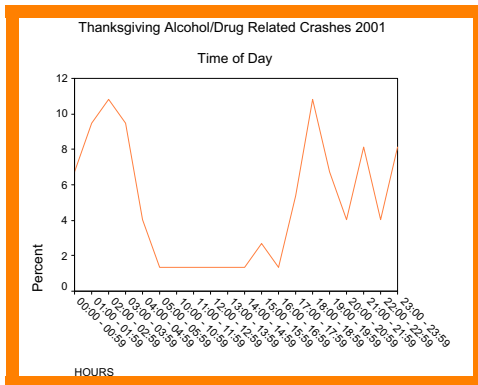
Alcohol/Drug Related Crashes, Fatalities, & Injuries

There were a total of 74 Alcohol/Drug Related crashes, three which were fatal and 33 which involved an injury. A total of four persons were killed and 49 were injured.

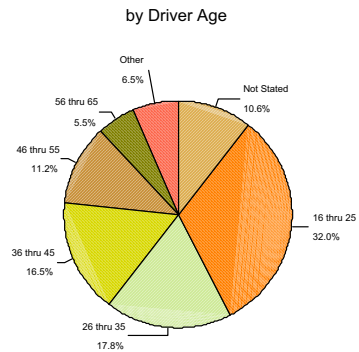
Alcohol/Drug Related Crashes by Time & Day

As is common with Alcohol/Drug Related crashes, the most frequent occurrence begins around 6 p.m., continues during the late evening hours with a sharp increase in the early morning hours.

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Drivers in Thanksgiving 2001 Crashes



Age groups with less than 5% are grouped into Other.

Cause of Crashes

The primary cause of crashes was Unsafe Speed (13.8%), followed by Other Improper Act/Movement (13.0%), Inattention and Followed Too Closely (10.2% each),

Some 47.3% of the Alcohol/Drug Related crashes were caused by DUI-Alcohol, 12.2% by Unsafe Speed, and 10.8% by Failed To Stop.

Driver Age

Drivers age 16-25 (32.0%) were involved in crashes during the Thanksgiving Holiday period more than any other age group. Unsafe Speed (14.6%) was the primary cause of crashes involving this age group followed by Inattention (13.1%) and Followed Too Closely (12.6%). Of the drivers in this age group, 55.9% were male.

Driving Tips

Remember these points when driving not only during the Thanksgiving Holiday period but any time you are driving:

- I Obey the posted speed limit. Allow plenty of time for your trip so you don't feel rushed.
- I Be prepared for inclement weather. Oklahoma's November weather can be unpredictable.
- I Don't drive while fatigued. Start the trip rested and make frequent stops.
- I Always stay focused on the operation of the vehicle. Don't allow cell phones, radios, CD players, passengers, etc. to distract your driving.
- I Plan your route to and from your destination. Plan an alternate route for unexpected detours or inclement weather.
- I Always be courteous to other drivers.

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