

2020 Highway Safety Fact Sheet: New Year's Day Crash Facts

The 2020 New Year's Day holiday included a total of 30 hours, beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, and ending at 11:59pm on Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Crashes & Fatalities

During the New Year's Day holiday, 2020, there were a total of 148 crashes throughout the state of Oklahoma**. Two of these crashes were fatal, resulting in the deaths of two persons. It is unknown at the time of this report whether either of these fatal crashes involved alcohol or drugs.

Of the 148 total crashes, at least 24 were alcohol and/or drug related. This means that over 16% of the holiday crashes on Oklahoma roads involved a potentially impaired driver.

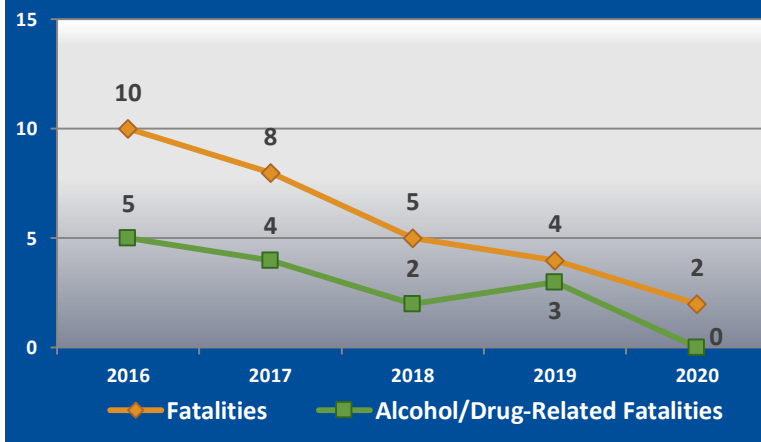
New Year's Day 2020 Crashes in Oklahoma

Crash Severity	All Crashes		Alcohol/Drug Related Crashes	
	Crashes	Persons	Crashes	Persons
Fatal	2	2	**	**
Injury	40	67	8	13
Non-Injury	106	262	3	38
Total	148	331	24	47

Injury includes serious, minor, and possible injuries.

Total includes all crashes (fatal, injury, and property damage only crashes)

New Year's Day Holiday Fatalities, 2016 - 2020



New Year's Day Fatality Trends

Fatalities on Oklahoma roads over the New Year's Day holiday decreased from the previous years and 2020 saw the lowest number of fatalities over the holiday period out of any of the past five years.

The number of alcohol/drug related fatalities over the New Year's holiday has also been on the decline over the last five years. At the time of this reporting, alcohol/drug results on the two fatal crashes are still unknown, however.

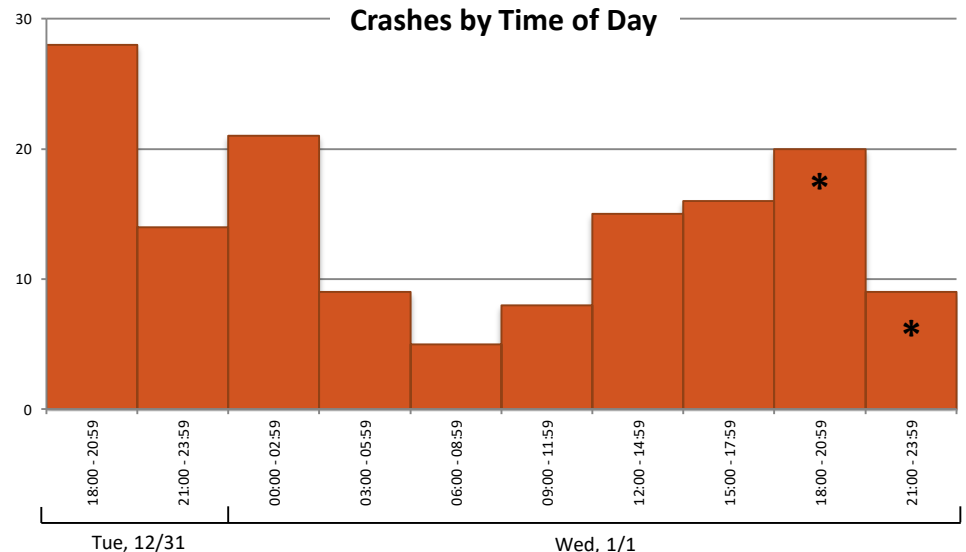
Both of the fatalities that occurred over the 2020 holiday period were drivers in passenger vehicles and both were wearing their seat belts.

Crash Timeline

As seen in the chart to the right, a large number of crashes occurred on Tuesday evening after work hours and again, just after midnight. Both of the holiday's fatal crashes occurred on New Year's Day in the evening/late night hours.

It should be noted that since New Year's Day fell on a Wednesday in 2020, the holiday reporting period is shorter than in previous years and did not include any weekend days.

Crashes by Time of Day



** At the time of reporting, all data from 2020 are still preliminary and are subject to change as reports get finalized.

* Fatal crashes