



Overview of Driving While Intoxicated Data in El Paso

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cCC Agenda Item #26



Recap of Council Direction

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1
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Statistics

First, provide a comprehensive data presentation on DWI's

Citywide Anti-DWI Strategy
2

Next, (based on data-informed approach) develop a city-wide anti-DWI strategy within 90 days (Summer)

3
Anti-DWI advocacy priorities

Amend the city of El Paso's 90th session state legislative agenda to include anti-DWI advocacy priorities (partnership with Strategic and Legislative Affairs)

What we will cover

- **Crash Records Information System (CRIS)**
Data Review
 - Alcohol related fatalities, traffic fatalities, alcohol related accidents, traffic accidents
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- **When and Where:** *Heat map of alcohol related motor Vehicle Accidents*
- **DWI Arrests**
 - Taskforce Staffing
 - Key Data Review
 - Process, Penal Code Overview
- **Summary**
- **Next Steps**

CRIS Data Snapshot

| Year | Alcohol Related Fatalities | Other Fatalities | All Fatalities | Alcohol Related Accidents | All Accidents |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| CY 2023 | 30 | 52 | 82 | 575 | 19,377 |
| CY 2024 | 22 | 46 | 68 | 531 | 18,841 |
| CY 2025 | 22 | 40 | 62 | 558 | 18,718 |
| CY 2026* | 7 | 12 | 19 | 225 | 6,146 |
| Total | 81 | 150 | 231 | 1,889 | 63,082 |

*Through April 2026

What the data is telling us:

- Alcohol related fatalities are about **35% of total fatalities**
- And account for .02% or > 1% of all accidents
- **Speeding is the top contributing factor** for all other fatalities and accidents



Total Fatalities and Accidents *by Year*

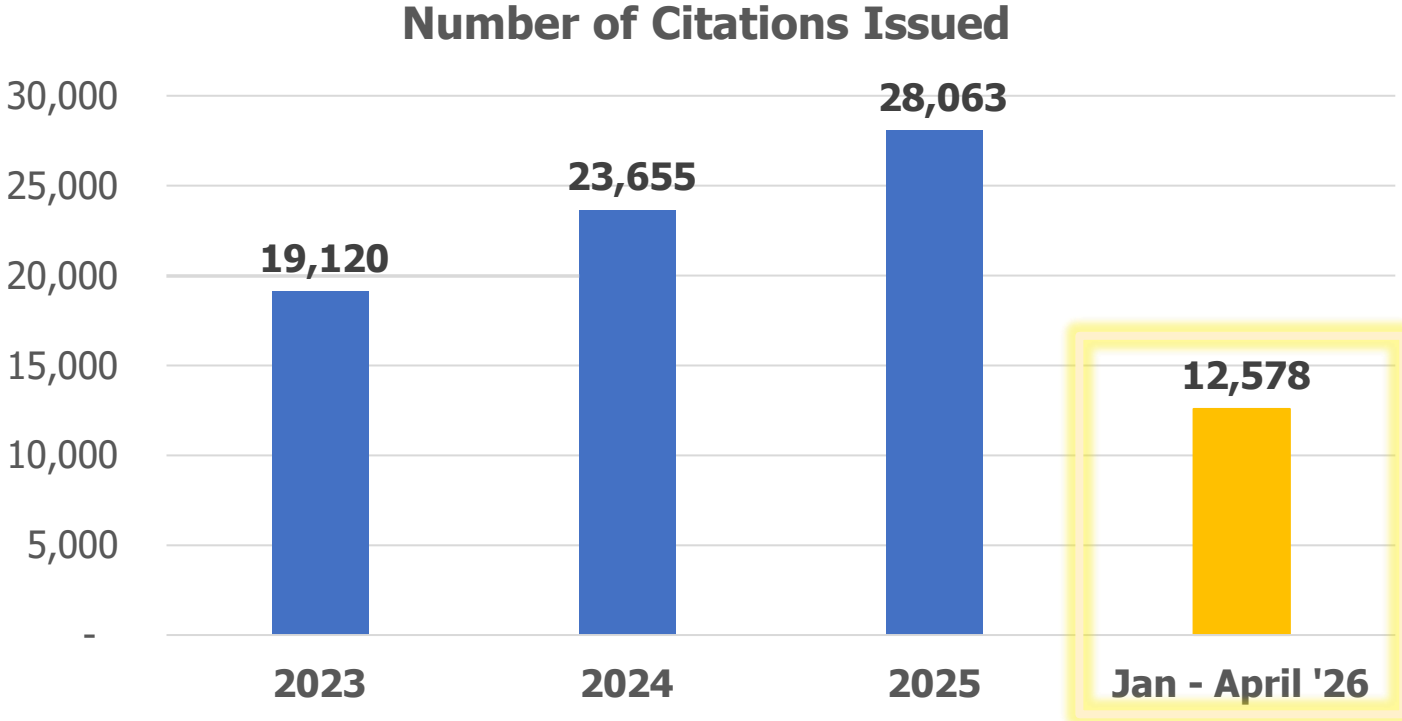
| Year | All Accidents | All Fatalities | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| CY 2023 | 19,377 | 82 | 0.4232% |
| CY 2024 | 18,841 | 68 | 0.3609% |
| CY 2025 | 18,718 | 62 | 0.3312% |
| CY 2026* | 6,146 | 19 | 0.3091% |

**Through April 2026*

All fatalities make up less than 1% of all accidents



Speeding Citations



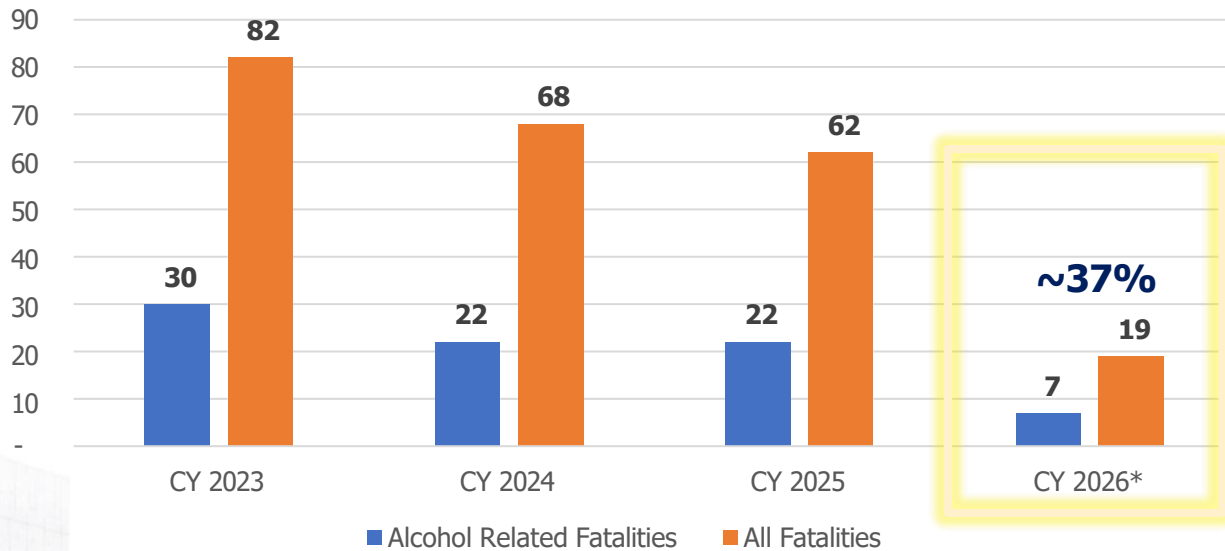
What the data is telling us:

- **Projected to show a 34% increase** as compared with previous Calendar Year



Alcohol Related Fatalities

Alcohol Related Fatalities vs Total Fatalities
CY 2023 - April 2026



Alcohol related fatalities account for
~35% of total fatalities (all years)



Alcohol related accidents and injuries

Alcohol Related Accidents

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| CY23 | 575 |
| CY24 | 531 |
| CY25 | 558 |
| CY26 | 225 |
| Total | 1889 |

Injuries that resulted from alcohol related accidents

| INJURIES | CY2023 | CY2024 | CY2025 | CY2026* | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY | 222 | 183 | 227 | 99 | 731 |
| POSSIBLE INJURY | 109 | 75 | 97 | 18 | 299 |
| SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY | 42 | 33 | 29 | 19 | 123 |
| TOTAL | 373 | 291 | 353 | 136 | 1,153 |

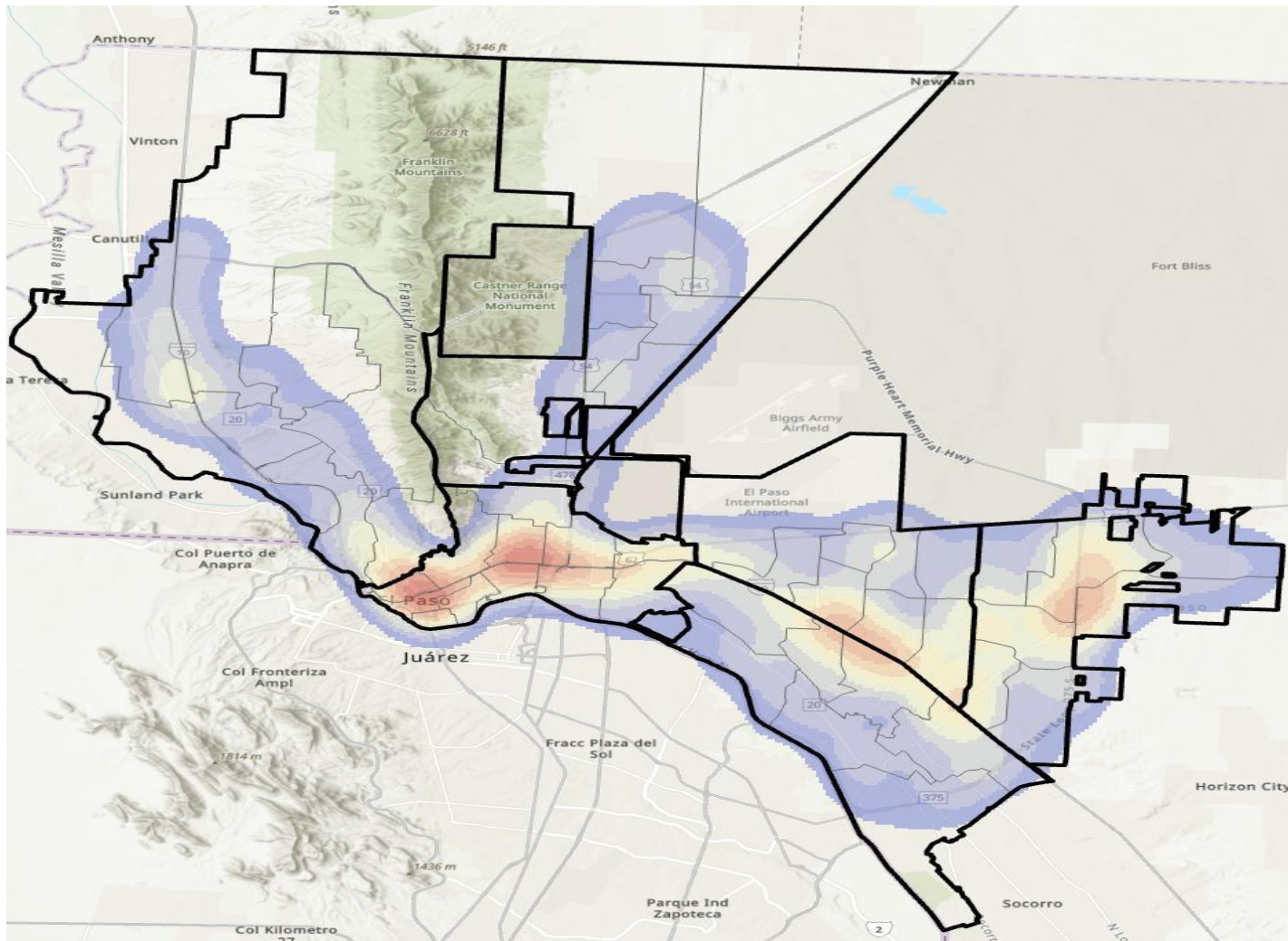
*Through 4/30/2026

Alcohol related fatalities 81

WHEN and WHERE

Peak times for Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Accidents are:

Friday 10:00pm to Saturday 2:59am and the same times Saturday into Sunday



Geographic Hotspots

- I10 is the most common arterial
- Common locations:
 - Downtown – Stanton near I10
 - Downtown – Stanton near Paisano
 - Five Points – Piedras near Tularosa
 - Five Points – Piedras near I10
 - I10 Corridor – I10 between Yarbrough and Lee Trevino
 - Zaragoza Corridor – Zaragoza At I10
 - Zaragoza Corridor – Zaragoza between Montwood and Sun Fire

HIGH COLLISION INTERSECTIONS MAY 2026



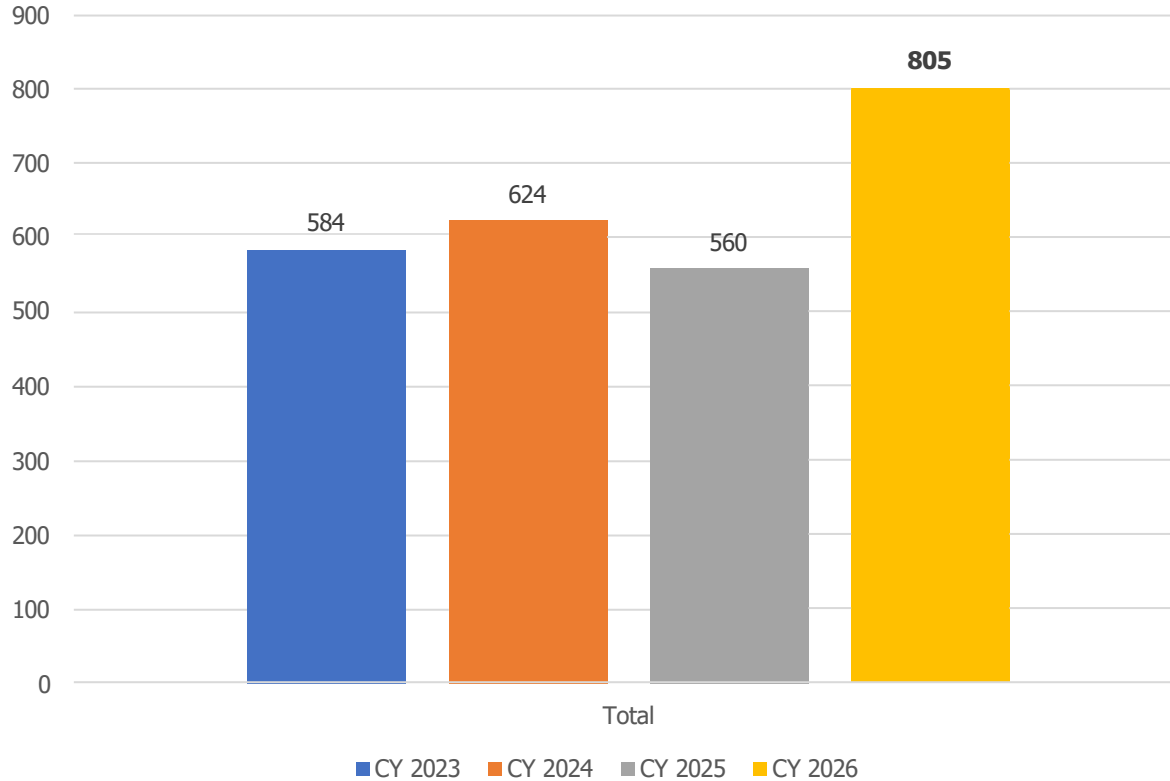
| Intersections with the Most Crashes (5 or more Crashes) | |
|---|---------|
| Intersection | Crashes |
| CRCC | |
| Wyoming – Saint Vrain | 5 |
| Paisano – I10 | 8 |
| MVRC | |
| Alameda – Loop 375 | 7 |
| North Loop – Loop 375 | 10 |
| NERC | |
| Dyer – US 54 | 7 |
| PHRC | |
| Americas – North Loop | 5 |
| UERC | |
| Joe Battle – Edgemere | 8 |
| Joe Battle – Pebble Hills | 7 |
| Tierra Este – Zaragoza | 6 |
| Montwood – Zaragoza | 12 |
| Joe Battle – Zaragoza | 9 |
| Rich Beem - Edgemere | 9 |
| WSRC | |
| Transmountain – Desert Blvd | 8 |
| Artcraft – I10 | 12 |
| Mesa – Executive | 5 |
| Cincinnati Ave – Mesa | 5 |

Intersections/Highway Areas with the Most Crashes (5 or more Crashes)

| Highway Areas with the Most Crashes (5 or more Crashes) | |
|---|---------|
| Highway and MM | Crashes |
| CRCC | |
| I10 at MM24 (Trowbridge) | 5 |
| UERC | |
| Zaragoza – I10 | 13 |
| Shared by 2 Regions on I10 | |
| I10 at MM25 (Geronimo) | 9 |
| I10 at MM27 (Hawkins) | 9 |
| I10 at MM28 (McRae) | 11 |
| I10 at MM29 (Yarbrough) | 13 |
| I10 at MM30.5 (Lee Trevino) | 6 |
| I10 at MM32 (Zaragoza) | 13 |

DWI Arrests

DWI Arrests, Jan–April CYTD Comparison

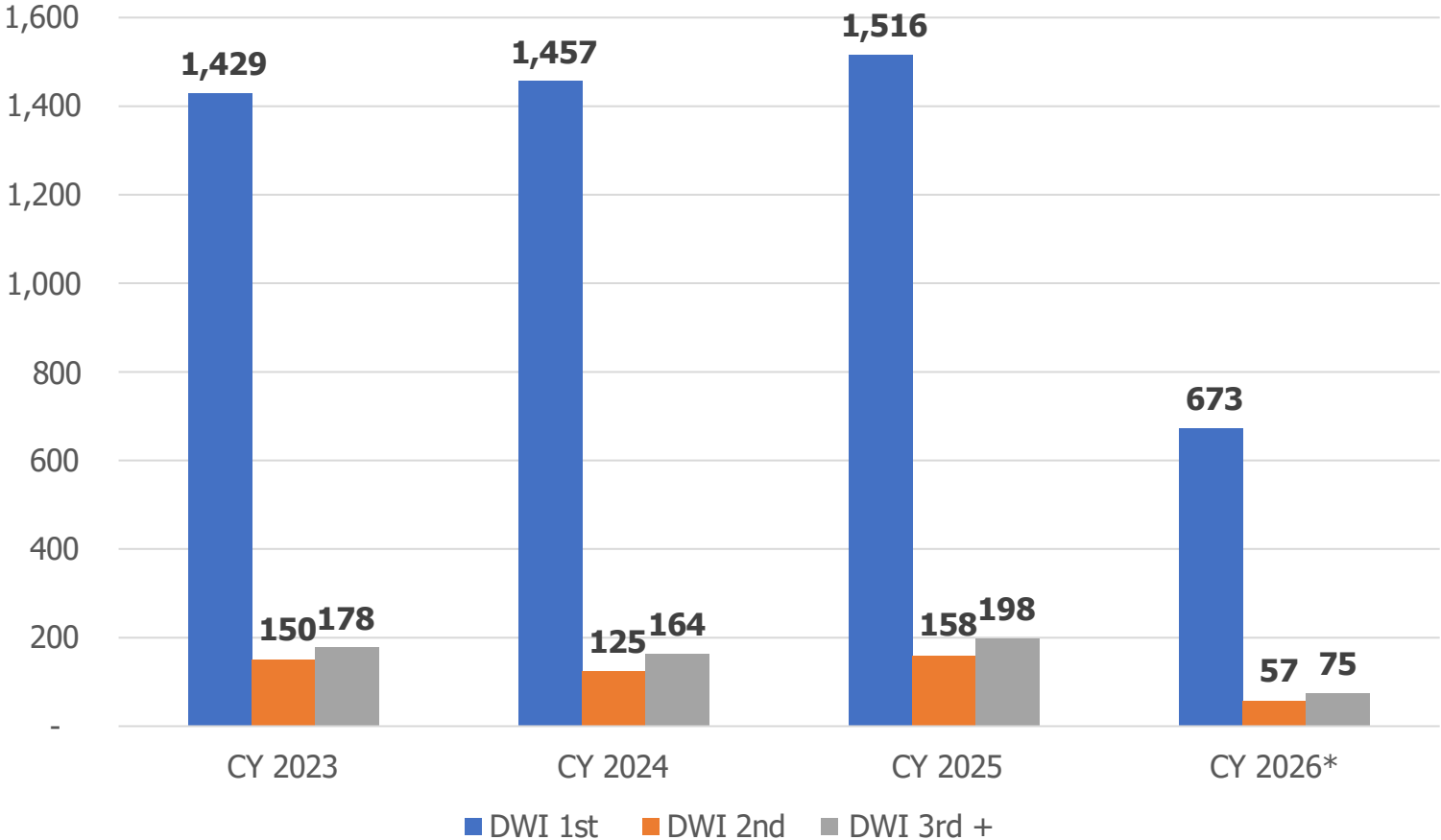


What the data is telling us:

- CY2026 DWI arrests through April are outpacing the previous three years
- **potential increase of 28% from the prior year**

DWI Arrests

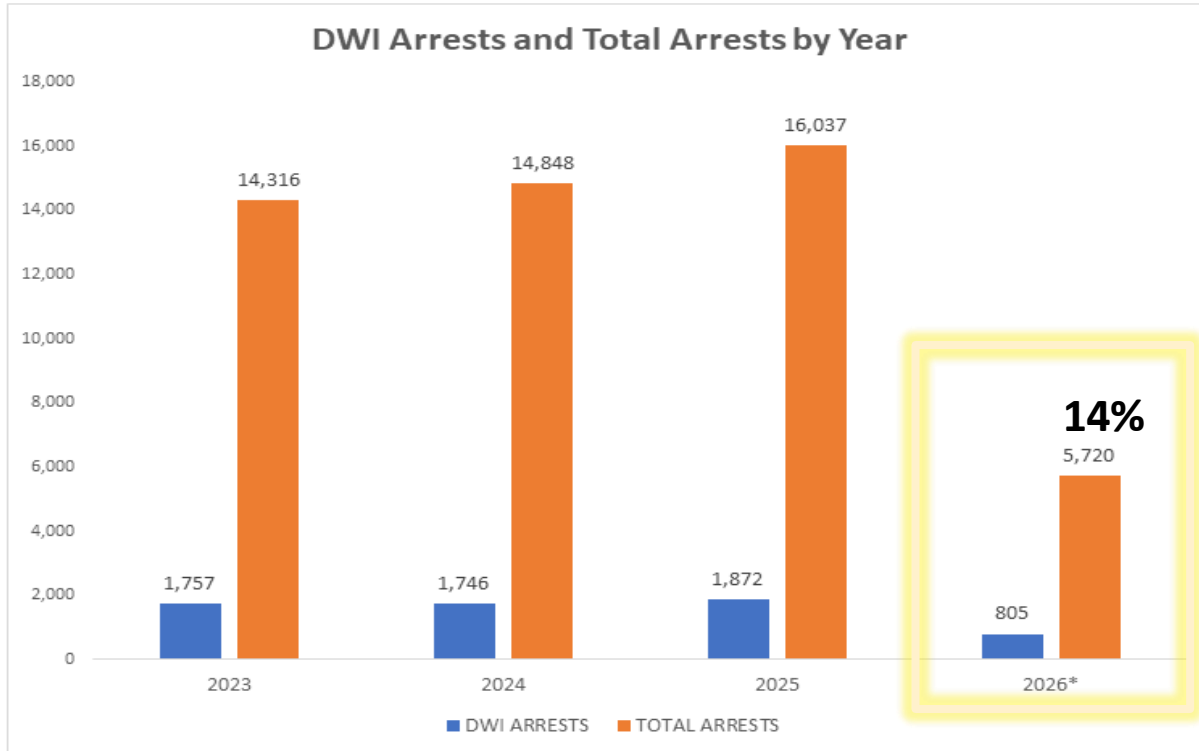
by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Offense



What the data is telling us:

- Approximately 90% of all offenders are first-time offenders
- Between 7-10% of those arrested are repeat offenders

DWI ARRESTS AND TOTAL ARRESTS

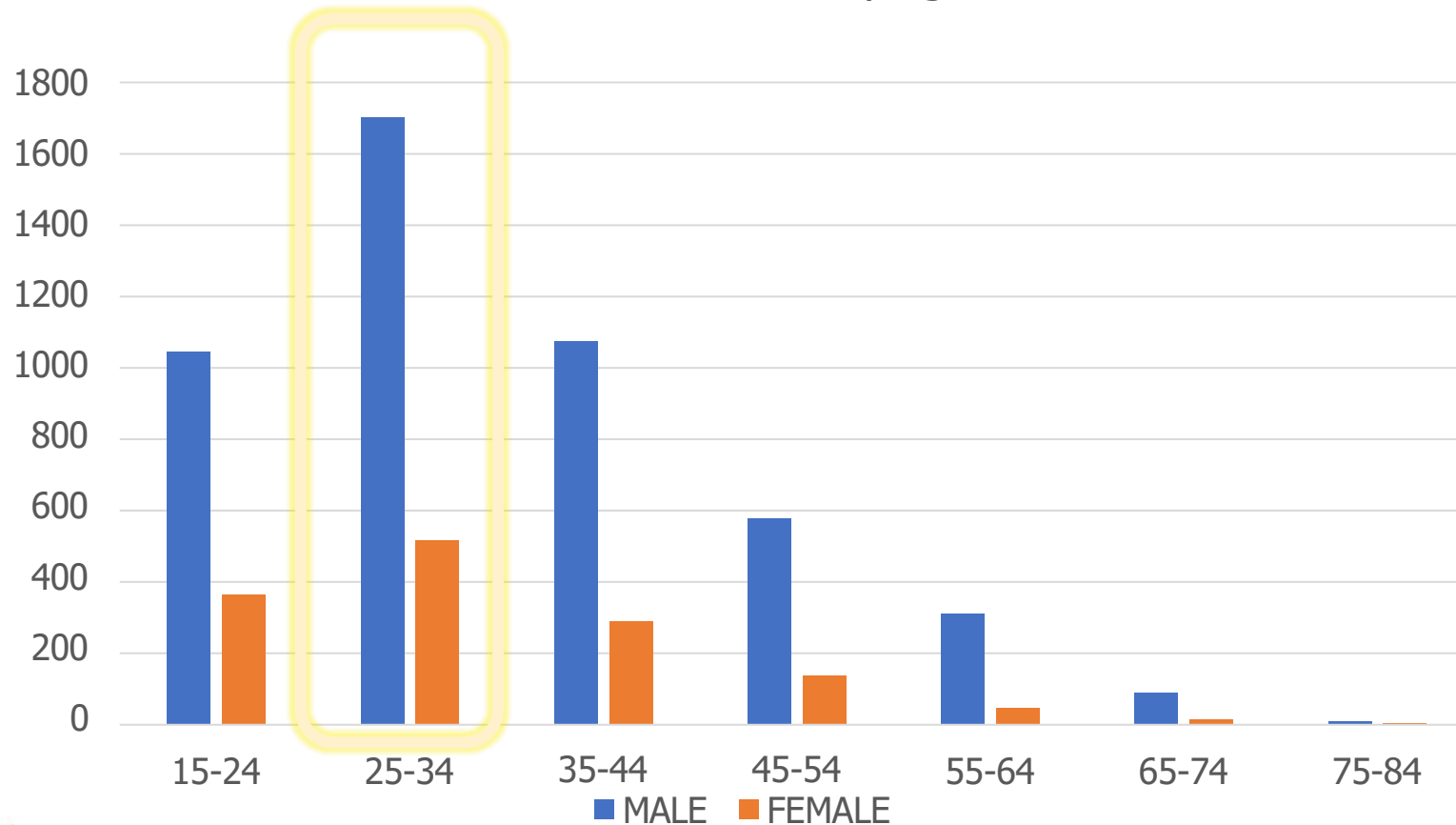


**Through April 2026*

- DWI arrests represent ~12% of total arrests for all years
- For 2026 it represents ~14%

DWI Arrests

DWI Arrests 2023-2026* by Age and Gender



What the data is telling us:

- Males account for the majority of DWI arrests across all age groups
- The 25–34 age group represents the largest share
- Ages 15–44 account for approximately 81% of all arrests

Hit and Run Data

| Year | Hit and Run Accidents | All Accidents | Hit and Run Fatalities | All Fatalities |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| CY2023 | 5,687 | 19,377 | 6 | 82 |
| CY2024 | 5,445 | 18,841 | 11 | 68 |
| CY2025 | 5,289 | 18,718 | 8 | 62 |
| CY2026* | 1,658 | 6,146 | 0 | 19 |
| Total | 18,079 | 63,082 | 25 | 231 |

*Through 4/30/2026

Data queried from CRIS 6/18/2026

- Hit and Runs make up approx. 29% of all accidents

Self Reported Place of Last Drink



Bar/Nightclub
36.49%



Private Residence
30.60%



**Bar & Grill/
Restaurant**
22.12%

Public Place
4.84%

Private Property
4.16%

Vehicle
1.00%

Special Event
0.79%

DWI Task Force Staffing

| DWI TASK FORCE | LT | SGT | OFC | TOTAL | DEPT TOTAL |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|-------|---------------|
| As of 12/30/2023 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 1112 |
| As of 12/28/2024 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 1097 |
| As of 12/27/2025 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 1127 |
| As of 06/10/2026 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 1137 |

**Staffing level increase of 10 as of May 2026*



Texas DWI Offense Penalties 49.045

The person is intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle in a public place

- Blood Alcohol Concentration of .08 or more

First Offense Penalties

- Class B Misdemeanor
- Maximum confinement of 180 days
- Up to \$2,000 fine

Second Offense A – up to 1 year \$4,000 fine

Felony Triggers

- DWI Third (Three or more convictions)
- Third degree felony
- Prison time for 2-10 years
- Up to \$10,000 fine



DWI Penal Code Offenses 49.04
Driving While Intoxicated

DWI Arrest Process

1. Traffic Stop



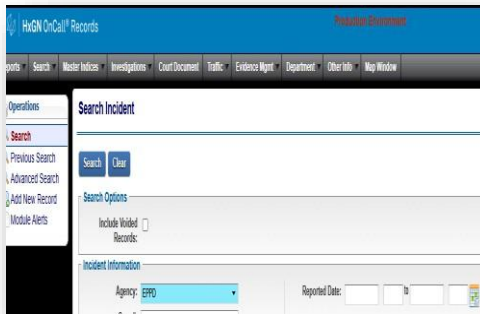
2. Field Sobriety Tests



3. Breath or Blood Sample



4. Incident Report



5. DPS Forms

PEACE OFFICER'S SWORN REPORT DIC-23 (Rev. 10/25)

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

My name is _____ and I am a Texas Peace Officer. I certify that the following information is true and correct. I had probable cause to believe and do believe that _____ Subject's Name

STATUTORY WARNING DIC-24 (Rev. 9/2021)

SUBJECT'S NAME _____ DL NO. / STATE _____ DOB _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (if unlicensed) Race: _____ Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

DATE OF ARREST: _____ TIME OF ARREST: _____ COUNTY OF ARREST: _____

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION DIC-25 (Rev. 09/23)

SUBJECT'S NAME _____ DL/DL NO./STATE _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (if unlicensed) Race: _____ Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

DATE OF ARREST: _____ TIME OF ARREST: _____ COUNTY OF ARREST: _____

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6. Booking



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- **Speeding** is the top contributing factor for all other fatalities and accidents
- Speeding citations for 2026 may increase by 34% based on current trajectory
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- Bars represents 36% of place of last drink with homes representing 30%



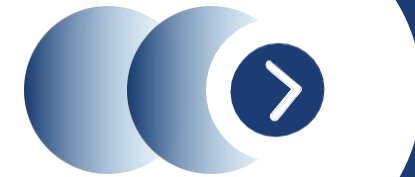
**One Traffic Death Is
Too Many**

**Traffic Accidents and Traffic
Related Fatalities, are a**

Community Problem

and

ARE PREVENTABLE



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