



New Mexico Courts

DWI Court Dispositions Annual Statistical Report 2025

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Introduction

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is pleased to present the 2025 annual statistical report on dispositions of drunken driving cases in New Mexico's district and magistrate courts and the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court. The report covers calendar years 1997 through 2025, and tracks how the state courts resolve cases involving charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, often referred to as driving while intoxicated or DWI.

Calendar Year 2025 Statistical Summary

State courts in New Mexico adjudicated 10,741 felony and misdemeanor DWI cases in calendar year 2025, and 72.4 percent of those cases statewide resulted in convictions. Total DWI dispositions increased 7 percent from 2024. District courts disposed of 1,214 DWI cases, magistrate courts disposed of 6,162 DWI cases and the Metropolitan Court disposed of 3,365 DWI cases. Overall, 26.2 percent of the DWI cases adjudicated statewide were dismissed, 1.2 percent resulted in an acquittal and other dispositions occurred in 0.2 percent of the cases. The reasons for dismissals vary widely. Charges may be dropped, for example, because the arresting law enforcement officer fails to appear in court or evidence has been ruled inadmissible at trial. If a defendant completes terms of probation in compliance with a deferred sentence, a judge may dismiss the charges and the sentence. If a DWI case is dismissed and then reopened or refiled in the same year against the defendant, the initial dismissal is not reflected as a disposition in this report. The disposition will occur in the year of the final adjudication of the case. For example, some cases dismissed in 2025 may be reopened by prosecutors in the following year and the disposition could occur then.

Reporting of DWI Bind-Overs and Transferred Cases

The case totals in this report for magistrate courts and the Metropolitan Court do not include DWI cases that are eventually transferred to district courts for adjudication. These cases are part of the total dispositions in district courts. Some cases, often called "bind-overs," are transferred when a magistrate or metropolitan court judge rules there is probable cause to believe that a defendant has committed an offense. In other instances, a prosecutor may transfer a case to a district court by filing a criminal information or through a grand jury indictment.

Methodology

Total convictions in this report represent the percentage of case dispositions in the calendar year by state courts that result in a conviction on a drunken driving charge. The case dispositions may involve DWI charges that were filed in a previous year.

Convictions in this report include plea bargains in which a defendant pleads guilty or no contest to a drunken driving charge – whether lesser or greater than the original arresting offense and even if other charges are dismissed. When all DWI charges are dismissed as part of a plea bargain, the disposition is considered a dismissal regardless of whether the defendant is convicted of a non-DWI offense stemming from the same arrest.

DWI Cases Disposed For Calendar Year 2025
District Courts By Location

County	Total Cases	Disposition by Category				Dismissals by Category			
		Total Convictions	Total Acquittals	Other Dispositions	Total Dismissals	Dismissed by Prosecutor	Dismissed By Court	Dismissed Six Month Rule	Other Dismissals
BERNALILLO	221	70.6%	0.0%	3.2%	26.2%	16.3%	1.4%	0.0%	8.6%
CATRON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHAVES	47	57.5%	0.0%	0.0%	42.6%	38.3%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%
CIBOLA	25	76.0%	0.0%	4.0%	20.0%	16.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%
COLFAX	8	87.5%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRY	34	70.6%	0.0%	0.0%	29.4%	11.8%	5.9%	2.9%	8.8%
DE BACA	2	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
DONA ANA	68	52.9%	0.0%	1.5%	45.6%	32.4%	4.4%	0.0%	8.8%
EDDY	25	64.0%	8.0%	0.0%	28.0%	8.0%	8.0%	0.0%	12.0%
GRANT	20	45.0%	0.0%	5.0%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%
GUADALUPE	6	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%
HARDING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HIDALGO	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
LEA	63	63.5%	3.2%	3.2%	30.2%	22.2%	6.4%	0.0%	1.6%
LINCOLN	19	63.2%	0.0%	0.0%	36.8%	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	21.1%
LOS ALAMOS	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
LUNA	14	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%
MCKINLEY	141	67.4%	1.4%	1.4%	29.8%	26.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0.7%
MORA	3	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%
OTERO	37	67.6%	0.0%	0.0%	32.4%	27.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%
QUAY	7	71.4%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
RIO ARRIBA	27	44.4%	3.7%	3.7%	48.2%	25.9%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%
ROOSEVELT	14	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%
SAN JUAN	184	79.4%	1.6%	0.0%	19.0%	15.8%	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%
SAN MIGUEL	34	61.8%	0.0%	0.0%	38.2%	35.3%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
SANDOVAL	49	81.6%	0.0%	0.0%	18.4%	14.3%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%
SANTA FE	82	63.4%	2.4%	4.9%	29.3%	18.3%	1.2%	0.0%	9.8%
SIERRA	11	63.6%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	18.2%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%
SOCORRO	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TAOS	19	47.4%	5.3%	0.0%	47.4%	31.6%	5.3%	0.0%	10.5%
TORRANCE	5	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UNION	6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
VALENCIA	40	52.5%	0.0%	2.5%	45.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%
Statewide	1,214	67.6%	1.1%	1.7%	29.7%	21.2%	2.5%	0.2%	5.9%

DWI Cases Disposed For Calendar Year 2025
Magistrate Courts By Location

County	Total Cases	Disposition by Category				Dismissals by Category			
		Total Convictions	Total Acquittals	Other Dispositions	Total Dismissals	Dismissed by Prosecutor	Dismissed By Court	Dismissed Six Month Rule	Other Dismissals
CATRON	8	62.5%	12.5%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CHAVES	324	71.9%	0.0%	0.0%	28.1%	25.6%	1.9%	0.3%	0.3%
CIBOLA	156	84.0%	0.6%	0.6%	14.7%	10.3%	3.9%	0.0%	0.6%
COLFAX	55	72.7%	1.8%	0.0%	25.5%	18.2%	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%
CURRY	142	82.4%	1.4%	0.0%	16.2%	9.2%	1.4%	0.0%	5.6%
DE BACA	6	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%
DONA ANA	662	57.6%	1.4%	0.0%	41.1%	20.5%	19.0%	0.6%	0.9%
EDDY	230	66.1%	0.0%	0.0%	33.9%	32.2%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%
GRANT	131	74.1%	0.8%	0.0%	25.2%	18.3%	6.1%	0.0%	0.8%
GUADALUPE	45	77.8%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	15.6%	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%
HARDING	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
HIDALGO	19	79.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.1%	10.5%	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%
LEA	242	73.1%	1.7%	0.0%	25.2%	25.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
LINCOLN	127	78.7%	0.8%	0.0%	20.5%	15.8%	1.6%	0.0%	3.2%
LOS ALAMOS	12	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	16.7%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%
LUNA	116	85.3%	1.7%	0.0%	12.9%	9.5%	2.6%	0.0%	0.9%
MCKINLEY	396	82.3%	0.8%	0.0%	16.9%	13.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%
MORA	23	56.5%	4.4%	0.0%	39.1%	39.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
OTERO	139	63.3%	1.4%	0.0%	35.3%	30.2%	2.9%	0.0%	2.2%
QUAY	41	73.2%	0.0%	0.0%	26.8%	22.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%
RIO ARRIBA	229	72.5%	2.6%	0.4%	24.5%	19.2%	2.6%	0.9%	1.8%
ROOSEVELT	51	92.2%	0.0%	0.0%	7.8%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%
SAN JUAN	587	80.4%	1.0%	0.0%	18.6%	16.9%	0.5%	0.0%	1.2%
SAN MIGUEL	174	63.2%	1.7%	0.0%	35.1%	27.0%	2.3%	1.7%	4.0%
SANDOVAL	901	82.0%	0.3%	0.0%	17.7%	7.1%	9.4%	0.7%	0.4%
SANTA FE	571	56.9%	0.9%	0.0%	42.2%	42.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
SIERRA	101	76.2%	2.0%	0.0%	21.8%	16.8%	4.0%	1.0%	0.0%
SOCORRO	72	69.4%	0.0%	0.0%	30.6%	20.8%	6.9%	0.0%	2.8%
TAOS	106	64.2%	2.8%	0.9%	32.1%	28.3%	2.8%	0.9%	0.0%
TORRANCE	49	59.2%	2.0%	0.0%	38.8%	34.7%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UNION	11	72.7%	9.1%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	9.1%
VALENCIA	435	56.3%	0.9%	0.2%	42.5%	34.3%	7.1%	0.5%	0.7%
Statewide	6,162	71.2%	1.0%	0.1%	27.8%	21.2%	5.0%	0.4%	1.2%

DWI Cases Disposed For Calendar Years 1997 Through 2025
District Courts By Year

Year	Total Cases	Disposition by Category				Dismissals by Category			
		Total Convictions	Total Acquittals	Other Dispositions	Total Dismissals	Dismissed by Prosecutor	Dismissed By Court	Dismissed Six Month Rule	Other Dismissals
1997	1,224	84.6%	0.4%	3.8%	11.2%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%
1998	1,460	82.2%	0.3%	2.7%	14.9%	8.9%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%
1999	1,705	83.6%	0.5%	2.8%	13.1%	8.3%	0.0%	0.2%	4.6%
2000	1,753	78.4%	0.5%	1.1%	20.0%	9.1%	0.1%	0.3%	10.4%
2001	1,687	84.7%	0.4%	0.7%	14.3%	7.3%	0.0%	0.2%	6.8%
2002	1,936	84.4%	0.5%	2.1%	13.0%	5.7%	0.0%	0.3%	6.9%
2003	1,960	85.2%	0.6%	0.9%	13.4%	10.3%	0.6%	0.3%	2.2%
2004	2,218	86.4%	0.5%	0.8%	12.4%	10.3%	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%
2005	2,326	83.4%	0.9%	0.7%	15.0%	11.7%	2.5%	0.5%	0.4%
2006	2,416	82.3%	1.2%	1.0%	15.5%	12.9%	1.8%	0.5%	0.3%
2007	2,725	83.5%	1.1%	0.4%	15.0%	12.5%	1.8%	0.4%	0.3%
2008	3,111	82.3%	1.0%	0.2%	16.4%	14.2%	1.6%	0.5%	0.2%
2009	2,826	82.5%	0.9%	0.5%	16.1%	13.0%	2.3%	0.5%	0.2%
2010	2,276	80.6%	1.4%	0.0%	17.9%	14.4%	2.6%	0.6%	0.3%
2011	2,303	82.2%	1.5%	0.2%	16.2%	13.0%	2.4%	0.6%	0.2%
2012	1,955	83.0%	1.2%	0.2%	15.5%	12.2%	2.9%	0.5%	0.1%
2013	1,939	81.2%	0.8%	0.7%	18.0%	13.1%	3.4%	0.9%	0.0%
2014	1,891	78.2%	1.4%	0.8%	20.4%	14.5%	3.2%	0.9%	1.0%
2015	1,761	75.8%	1.3%	0.7%	22.9%	15.3%	2.5%	2.3%	2.0%
2016	1,665	74.4%	1.3%	0.7%	23.6%	18.3%	1.2%	1.0%	3.1%
2017	1,579	74.1%	1.7%	0.6%	23.6%	17.4%	1.0%	1.0%	4.1%
2018	1,566	69.5%	2.1%	1.3%	27.1%	20.2%	2.9%	1.0%	3.1%
2019	1,624	70.2%	1.3%	1.4%	27.2%	20.9%	2.2%	0.6%	3.5%
2020	1,018	69.9%	0.7%	2.1%	27.1%	18.1%	3.6%	0.7%	4.7%
2021	1,144	65.7%	1.1%	1.1%	32.1%	25.0%	2.5%	0.5%	4.1%
2022	1,028	69.6%	0.9%	2.0%	27.5%	22.1%	2.1%	0.6%	2.7%
2023	1,085	63.0%	1.7%	1.3%	34.0%	27.1%	2.6%	0.9%	3.4%
2024	1,056	66.9%	1.1%	2.0%	30.0%	21.2%	2.5%	0.5%	5.9%
2025	1,214	67.6%	1.1%	1.7%	29.7%	21.2%	2.5%	0.2%	5.9%

DWI Cases Disposed For Calendar Years 1997 Through 2025
Magistrate Courts By Year

		Disposition by Category				Dismissals by Category			
Year	Total Cases	Total Convictions	Total Acquittals	Other Dispositions	Total Dismissals	Dismissed by Prosecutor	Dismissed By Court	Dismissed Six Month Rule	Other Dismissals
1997	7,458	80.1%	0.8%	0.6%	18.5%	5.8%	0.0%	0.8%	11.9%
1998	7,161	77.5%	0.6%	0.8%	21.2%	6.1%	0.1%	0.6%	14.4%
1999	7,412	77.0%	0.7%	1.0%	21.3%	7.6%	0.1%	1.0%	12.6%
2000	7,415	76.5%	0.5%	0.6%	22.5%	8.1%	0.1%	0.8%	13.4%
2001	7,119	76.1%	0.6%	0.8%	22.5%	9.1%	0.2%	0.9%	12.3%
2002	6,713	77.7%	0.8%	1.1%	20.3%	8.5%	0.1%	0.9%	10.8%
2003	7,529	76.8%	0.6%	1.3%	21.3%	10.0%	0.2%	0.8%	10.3%
2004	8,181	75.5%	0.9%	1.0%	22.6%	12.9%	0.4%	1.3%	7.9%
2005	7,633	72.4%	0.7%	0.0%	26.8%	22.6%	1.5%	0.9%	1.8%
2006	7,571	69.6%	0.8%	0.1%	29.6%	26.0%	1.2%	0.8%	1.6%
2007	7,914	71.3%	0.9%	0.0%	27.7%	23.7%	1.8%	1.0%	1.1%
2008	8,034	70.7%	0.7%	0.1%	28.5%	24.1%	1.9%	1.0%	1.6%
2009	9,032	69.3%	1.2%	0.1%	29.4%	25.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%
2010	8,324	68.7%	1.3%	0.1%	29.9%	25.0%	2.5%	1.1%	1.4%
2011	7,532	67.2%	1.4%	0.1%	31.3%	27.6%	2.3%	0.8%	0.6%
2012	6,656	72.6%	1.6%	0.1%	25.8%	18.4%	3.4%	0.7%	0.2%
2013	6,598	68.9%	1.5%	0.0%	29.7%	20.3%	4.1%	1.7%	3.5%
2014	6,524	70.1%	1.4%	0.0%	28.6%	20.2%	4.0%	1.3%	3.1%
2015	6,699	67.5%	1.7%	0.0%	30.8%	21.7%	4.7%	1.1%	3.3%
2016	6,275	68.0%	1.9%	0.1%	30.1%	25.7%	1.9%	1.2%	1.3%
2017	5,889	66.0%	1.7%	0.1%	32.2%	28.0%	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
2018	5,872	62.9%	1.7%	0.1%	35.3%	29.7%	3.0%	1.1%	1.5%
2019	5,587	61.4%	1.6%	0.1%	36.9%	28.6%	5.9%	0.7%	1.6%
2020	4,814	60.4%	1.6%	0.1%	38.0%	29.9%	5.9%	0.5%	1.7%
2021	5,203	58.2%	1.4%	0.1%	40.4%	29.5%	8.7%	0.7%	1.4%
2022	5,226	58.2%	1.4%	0.1%	40.4%	28.8%	8.8%	1.0%	1.7%
2023	5,375	65.9%	1.1%	0.1%	32.9%	25.4%	5.6%	0.6%	1.3%
2024	6,118	64.3%	0.9%	0.1%	34.6%	28.1%	4.6%	0.3%	1.7%
2025	6,162	71.2%	1.0%	0.1%	27.8%	21.2%	5.0%	0.4%	1.2%

DWI Cases Disposed For Calendar Years 1997 Through 2025
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court By Year

Year	Total Cases	Disposition by Category				Dismissals by Category			
		Total Convictions	Total Acquittals	Other Dispositions	Total Dismissals	Dismissed by Prosecutor	Dismissed By Court	Dismissed Six Month Rule	Other Dismissals
1997	2,869	58.3%	1.9%	0.1%	39.7%	28.5%	5.0%	3.1%	3.1%
1998	5,119	67.0%	2.0%	0.0%	31.0%	21.2%	5.2%	2.1%	2.6%
1999	4,980	64.4%	2.6%	0.1%	33.0%	20.5%	5.0%	4.1%	3.4%
2000	4,899	69.5%	1.6%	0.0%	28.9%	19.0%	3.9%	3.7%	2.3%
2001	6,073	70.6%	1.4%	0.1%	28.0%	17.6%	3.9%	4.0%	2.5%
2002	6,144	66.1%	1.6%	0.0%	32.2%	20.0%	5.0%	4.6%	2.7%
2003	6,706	62.6%	1.8%	0.0%	35.7%	21.8%	5.9%	5.5%	2.5%
2004	6,407	60.0%	2.0%	0.0%	38.0%	23.8%	5.5%	5.3%	3.3%
2005	6,536	64.2%	2.0%	0.0%	33.7%	24.1%	4.5%	2.8%	2.3%
2006	5,940	69.1%	2.0%	0.0%	28.9%	26.2%	1.0%	1.3%	0.4%
2007	6,851	71.8%	1.3%	0.0%	26.8%	24.0%	0.7%	1.4%	0.7%
2008	7,135	69.4%	0.7%	0.0%	29.9%	27.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%
2009	6,648	66.6%	0.7%	0.0%	32.7%	29.7%	0.5%	0.7%	1.8%
2010	5,497	65.4%	2.0%	0.0%	32.6%	29.7%	0.9%	0.3%	1.7%
2011	4,650	65.5%	1.6%	0.0%	32.9%	29.9%	1.5%	0.4%	1.1%
2012	4,732	67.9%	2.4%	0.0%	25.9%	23.7%	1.6%	0.3%	0.3%
2013	4,534	57.9%	3.5%	0.3%	38.4%	33.4%	1.0%	0.6%	3.4%
2014	3,853	47.5%	2.4%	0.2%	49.9%	45.5%	1.6%	1.1%	1.7%
2015	3,171	46.7%	2.7%	0.1%	50.7%	46.1%	1.7%	1.6%	1.3%
2016	2,678	44.9%	2.4%	0.3%	52.4%	43.1%	7.4%	0.3%	1.6%
2017	2,628	49.1%	2.1%	0.0%	48.9%	41.7%	5.6%	0.4%	1.1%
2018	2,821	56.8%	1.4%	0.0%	41.8%	35.1%	5.1%	0.5%	1.1%
2019	3,469	55.0%	1.9%	0.6%	42.5%	32.8%	8.1%	0.5%	1.1%
2020	3,676	55.3%	1.3%	0.0%	43.4%	21.9%	3.8%	0.2%	17.4%
2021	2,915	59.4%	1.3%	2.3%	37.0%	22.2%	3.8%	0.3%	10.8%
2022	2,611	62.0%	0.9%	0.0%	37.2%	24.2%	2.2%	0.3%	10.4%
2023	2,349	78.0%	2.1%	0.3%	19.6%	16.0%	2.8%	0.0%	0.9%
2024	2,866	77.0%	2.1%	0.0%	20.9%	18.7%	1.0%	0.3%	0.9%
2025	3,365	76.1%	1.5%	0.0%	22.4%	14.1%	1.9%	0.0%	6.5%*

* Includes dismissals as part of the court's periodic review and cleanup of aged cases, including final dispositions of cases in which the defendant is now deceased or that have been dismissed (nolle'd) by the prosecution because the defendant died.

GLOSSARY

Disposition: The court's final determination of a DWI case, such as conviction, acquittal or dismissal.

Dispositions by Category

Total Cases: Number of case dispositions. This is **not** the number of DWI cases **filed** in a year.

Total Convictions: % of disposed cases resulting in a conviction.

Total Acquittals: % of disposed cases resulting in acquittal.

Other dispositions: Cases not dismissed but which do not fit into column heading categories.

Total Dismissals: % of disposed cases that were dismissed.

Dismissals by Category

Dismissed by Prosecutor: % of disposed cases dismissed based on a prosecutor's motion or as a sanction against the state. Examples include cases in which the prosecutor files a nolle prosequi, a dismissal as part of a plea agreement, when the district attorney or officers fail to appear in court and when the state is sanctioned for failing to complete discovery.

Dismissed by Court: % of disposed cases dismissed by a judge, such as rulings on motions by the defense. Examples include cases in which evidence is suppressed and the state was unable to proceed to trial, a conviction dismissed on appeal, a mistrial and when a court determines there is no probable cause for the charge.

Dismissed 6 Month Rule: % of disposed cases dismissed under rules of criminal procedure imposing time limits on bringing a case to trial: Rule 6-506 for the magistrate courts; Rule 7-506 for the Metropolitan Court; Rule 5-604 for the district courts; and Rule 10-243 for the adjudication of delinquency proceedings.

Other Dismissals: % of disposed cases dismissed for reasons other than in the category headings. Examples include a consent decree in a case involving a juvenile, a deferred sentence, and dismissals because a defendant died or was found incompetent to stand trial.

The sum of percentages in Dismissals by Category represents Total Dismissals, but they may differ slightly because of the rounding of decimals. Percentages in the Disposition by Category columns may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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