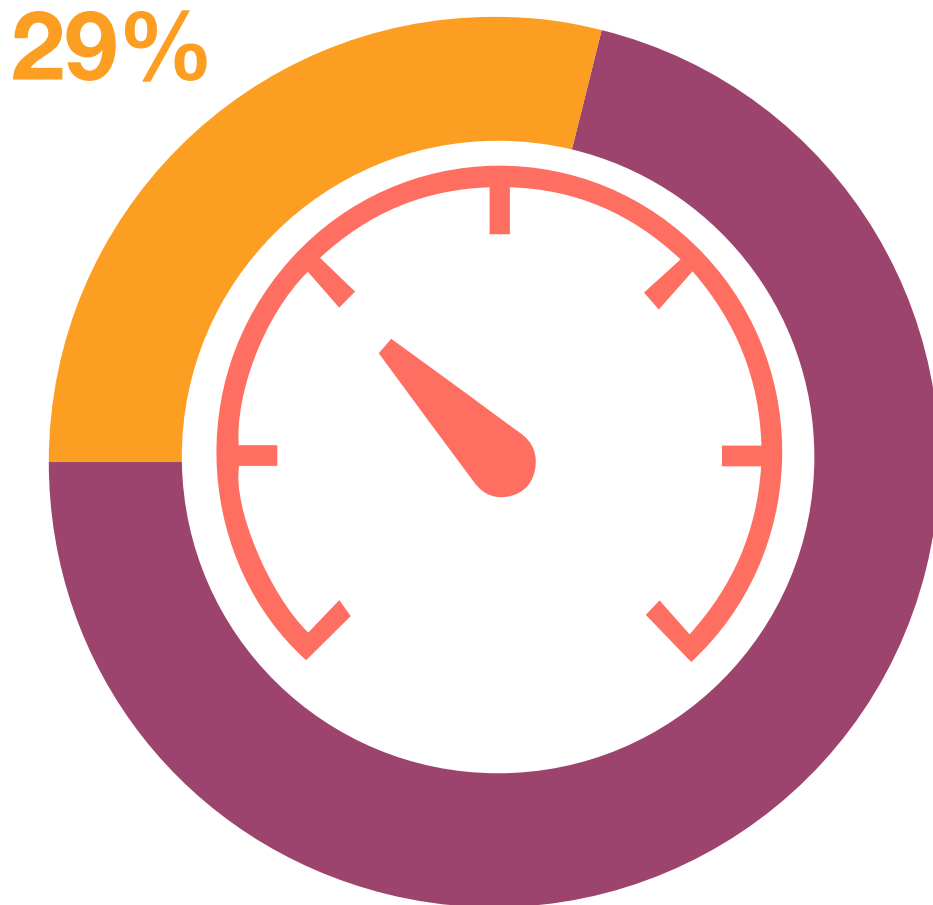




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Speed and Safety in Work Zones

National statistics for 2017



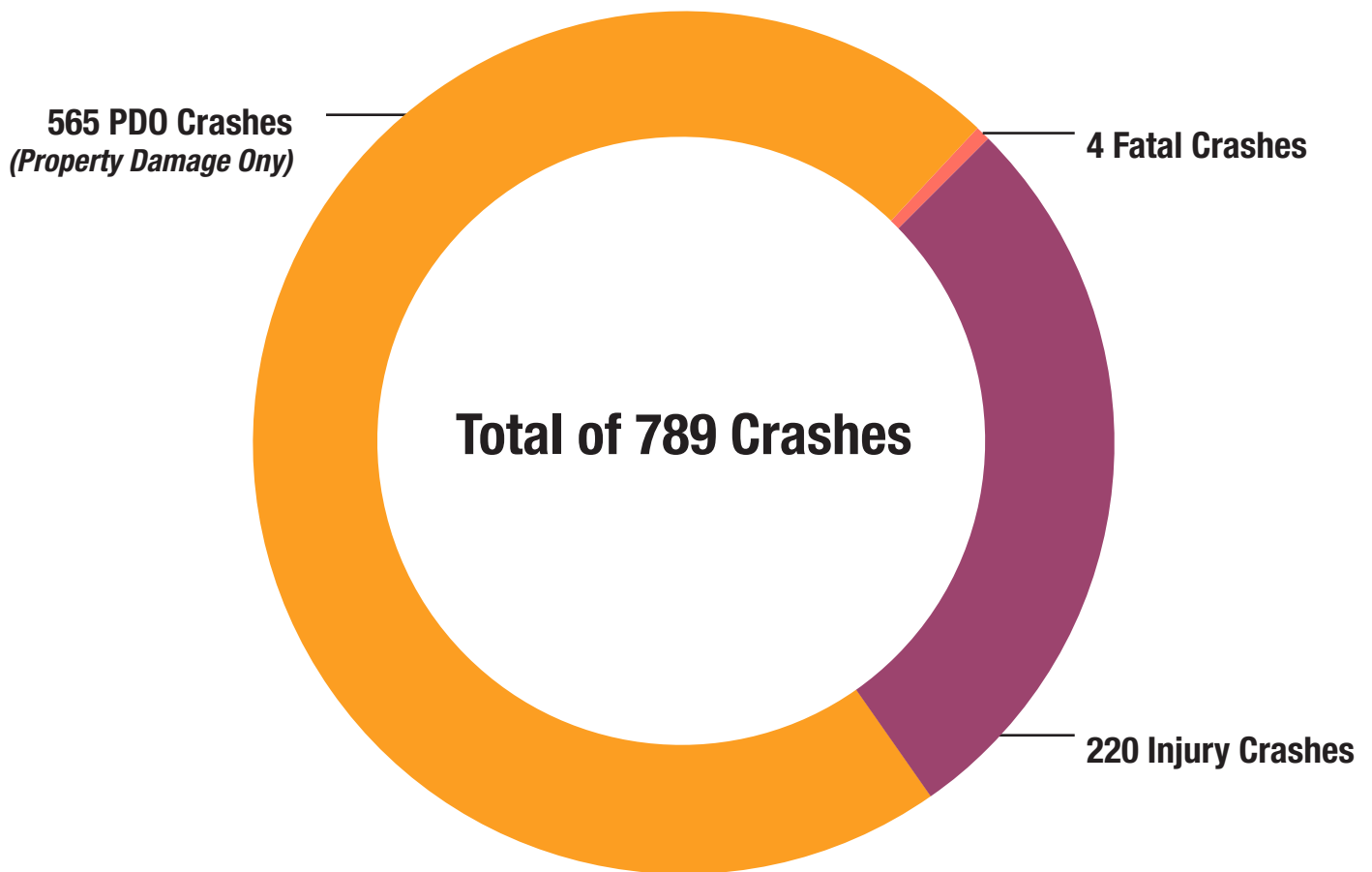
Speed is a contributing factor in almost 29 percent of 2017 fatal work zone crashes.

Speeding endangers everyone on the road, particularly in work zones. Speeding drivers are less likely to respond to traffic control devices or safely navigate the roadway conditions, lane closures, lane shifts, rough surfaces, and other conditions that are common in work zones. To stay safe, you should always slow down and proceed with caution whenever you see signs of highway work.

Source: FHWA National Work Zone Awareness Week—2017 statistics

New Mexico Work Zone Crashes by Crash Severity, 2017

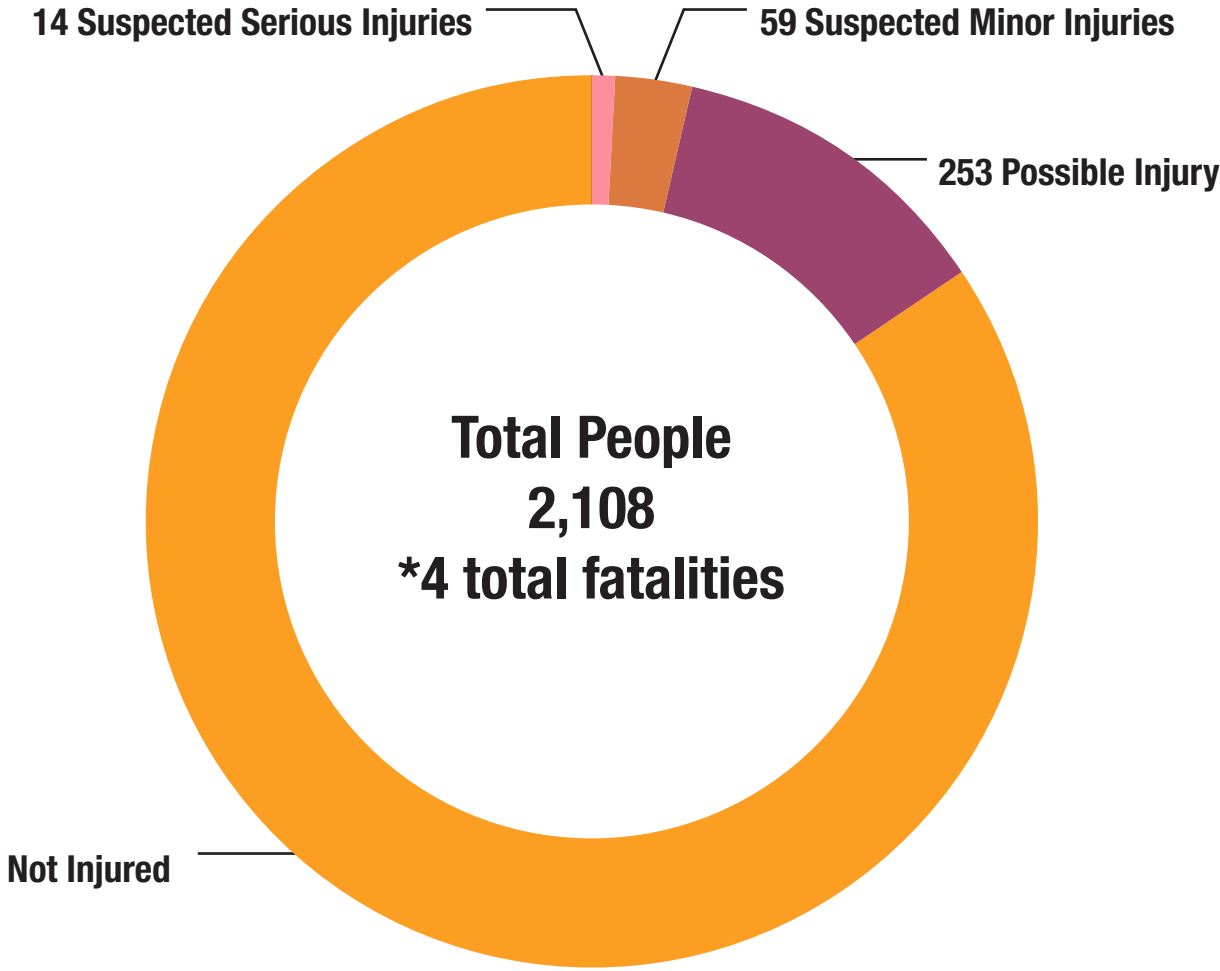
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Source: NMDOT crash database as of January 31, 2019.

Severity of Injuries to People in New Mexico Work Zone Crashes, 2017

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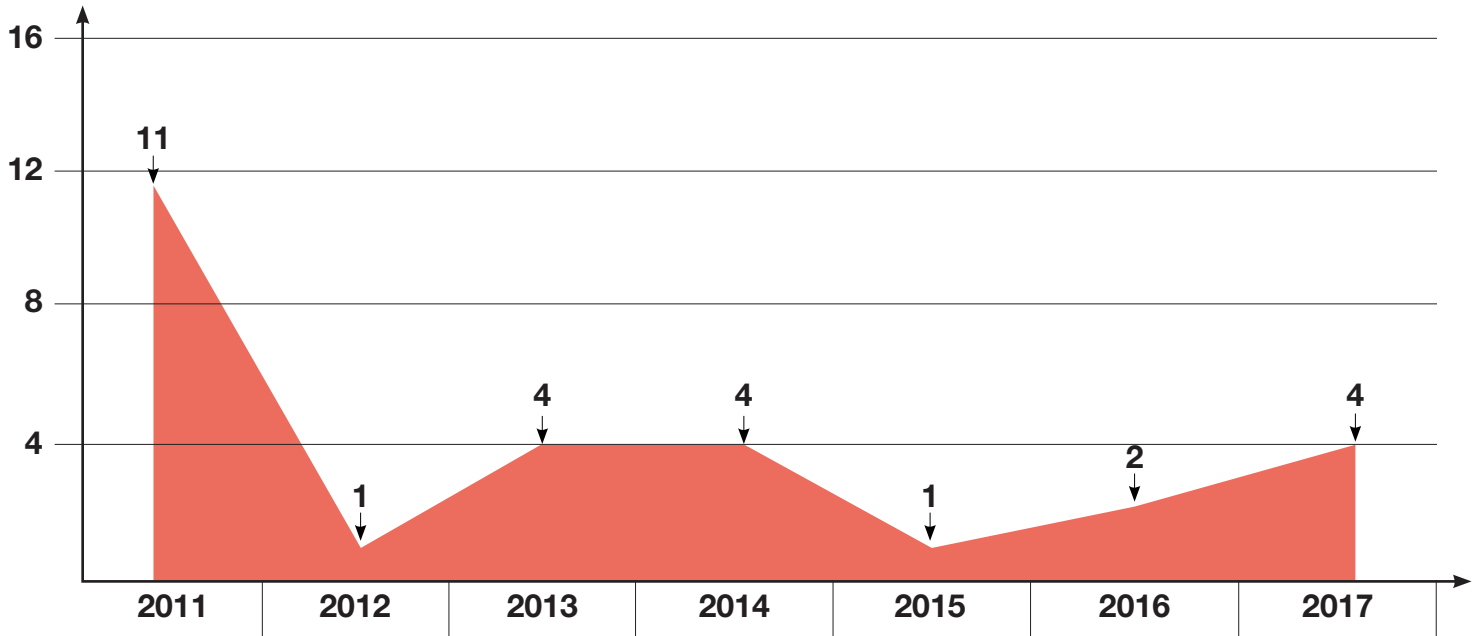


New Mexico Crashes Reported in Construction or Work Zones

Data shows a seven year trend

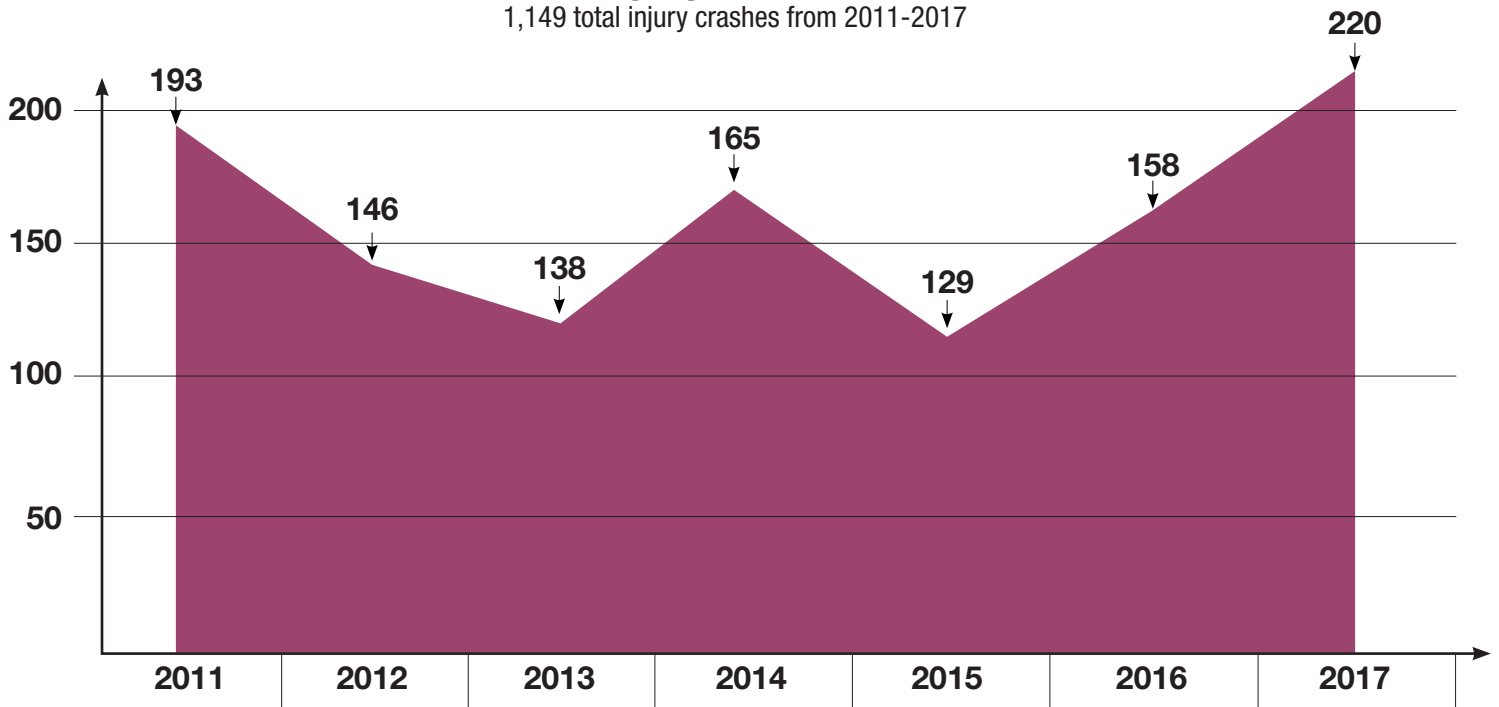
Fatalities

27 total fatalities from 2011-2017



Injury Crashes

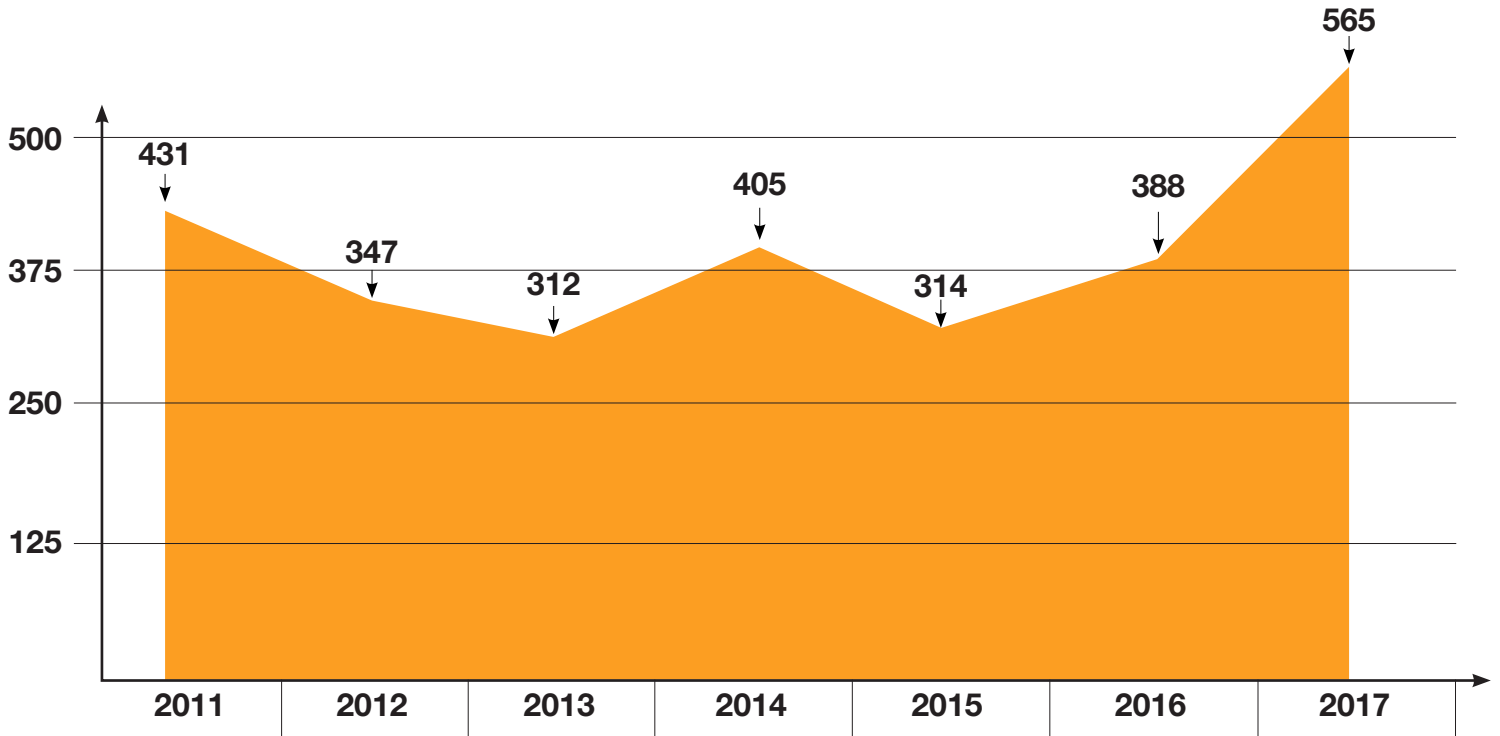
1,149 total injury crashes from 2011-2017



Source: NMDOT crash database as of April 4, 2018.

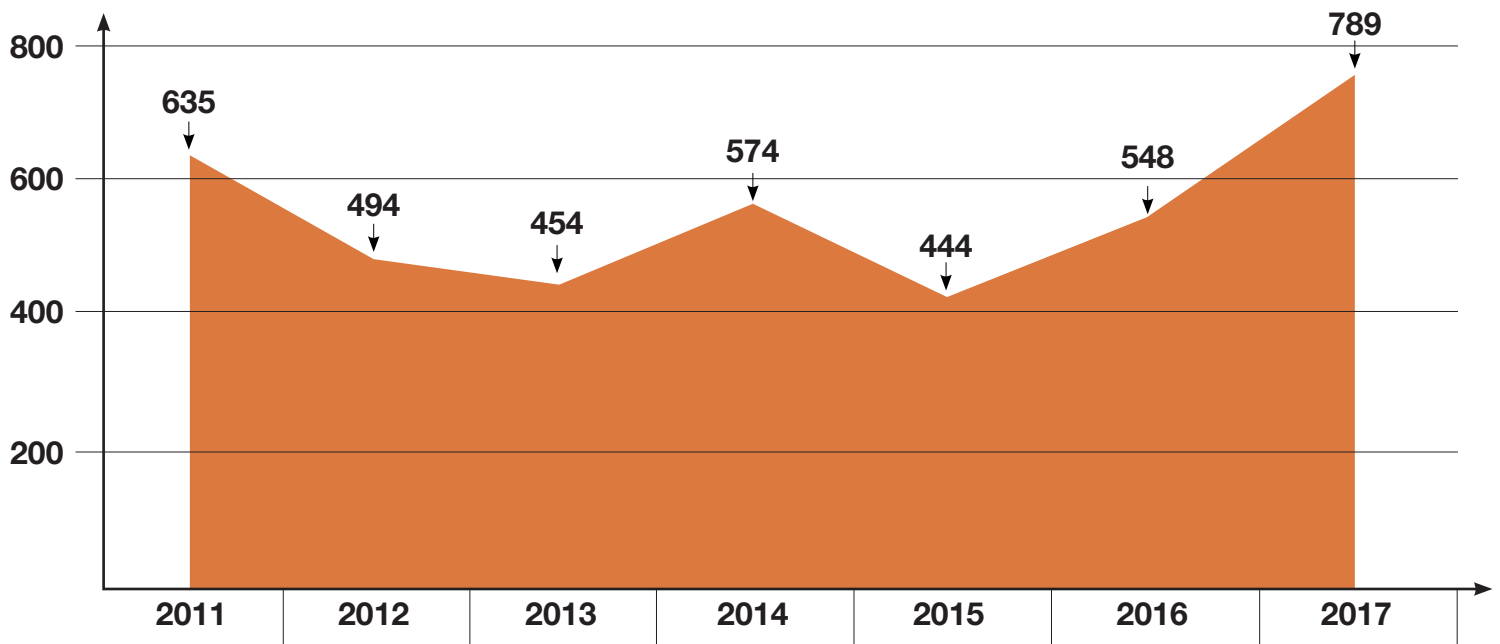
Property Damage Only Crashes

2,765 total property damage only crashes from 2011-2017



Total Crashes




3,938 total crashes from 2011-2017



Source: NMDOT crash database as of April 4, 2018.

National Total Work Zone Fatalities

by transportation mode

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Work Zone Fatalities	782	799	+2%
 Drivers and passengers	652	658	+1%
 Pedestrians and bicyclists	125	136	+9%
 Others Occupants of a Non-Motor Vehicle Transport Device and Persons on Personal Conveyances	5	5	0%

2016 2017



Worker fatalities in road construction sites

143

132



Fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks or buses

189

222



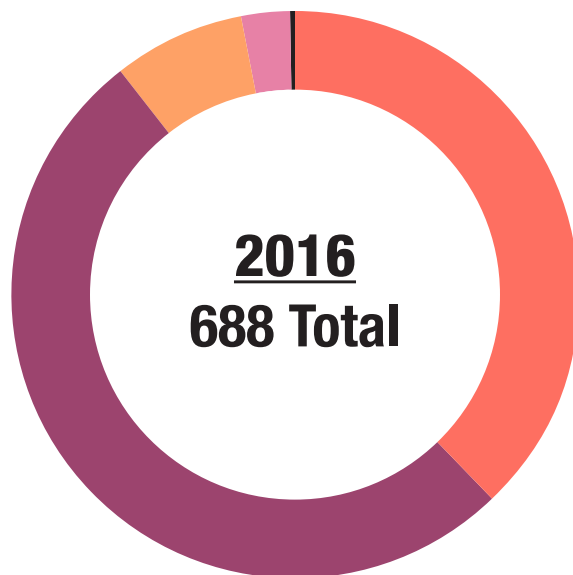
Fatal work zone crashes where speeding was a factor

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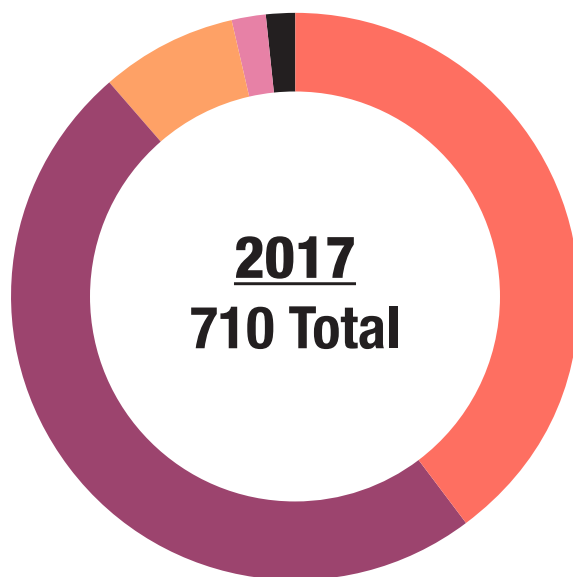
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National Total Work Zone Fatalities

by type of highway



● 261 Interstate ● 355 Arterial ● 51 Collector ● 20 Local ● 1 Other



● 283 Interstate ● 348 Arterial ● 54 Collector ● 15 Local ● 10 Other

Safety Tips for Driving in Work Zones

Plan ahead. Work zones account for an estimated 10 percent of overall congestion and nearly 24 percent of unexpected freeway delays. Expect delays, plan for them, and leave early to reach your destination on time. When you can, avoid work zones altogether by using alternate routes.

Obey road crews and signs. When approaching a work zone, watch for cones, barrels, signs, large vehicles, or workers in bright-colored vests to warn you and direct you where to go.

Slow down. Look for signs indicating the speed limit through the work zone. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you and follow the posted speed limit.

Move over. Most state move-over laws apply when passing work crews and official vehicles parked on the shoulder with flashing warning lights.

Avoid distractions. Keep your eyes on the road and off your phone.

Watch for sudden stoppages. In 2017, 25 percent of fatal work zone crashes involved rear-end collisions.

Watch for large vehicles. Don't make sudden lane changes in front of trucks that are trying to slow down. In 2017, 50 percent of fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks or buses occurred on rural roadways. Between 2013 and 2017, fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks increased by 43 percent.