



Performance Measure 1 Safety Targets 2026

Highway Safety Improvement Program

This document outlines the 2026 Safety Targets (PM 1) for New Mexico, as required by the 23 CFR 490. The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau (MPPB) and the Traffic Safety Division (TSD) are responsible for coordinating the setting of PM 1 targets.

Overview of PM 1 Measures

NMDOT is required to set annual targets for five performance measures:

1. Number of Total Fatalities
2. Number of Serious Injuries
3. Fatality rate: fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled (HMVMT)
4. Serious injury rate: serious injuries per HMVMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

The first three are considered “common measures” and ordinarily must be identical to the targets established in the Highway Safety Plan (HSP), produced by the NMDOT Traffic Safety Division. However, on January 12, 2025, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued the “Common Measure Safety Target Waiver for CY 2026.” This memorandum allows the common measure targets for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Highway Safety Plan (HSP) to be different:

“States have been provided flexibility in establishing identical safety performance targets for the three common measures (number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of serious injuries) between the HSIP and the State’s Highway Safety Plan (HSP) by waiving the requirement under 23 CFR 490.209(a)(1).”

Coordination with Stakeholders

The NMDOT’s work implementing the Target Zero 2050 initiative is still underway so the Department determined it was practical to hold the Calendar Year (CY) 2026 HSIP targets steady from CY 2025. As the NMDOT’s Target Zero 2050 initiative advances the expectations, HSIP safety targets will be set to reflect the decline in fatal and serious injury crashes that NMDOT is working towards.

The NMDOT Traffic Safety Division’s Highway Safety Plan (HSP) (required by NHTSA) is in the third and final year of the three-year cycle, so the HSP targets, including the common measure targets, are already set for CY 2026. Only the CY 2026 Safety Targets for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (an FHWA program) need to be set. Therefore, the 2026 Safety Targets stakeholder coordination involved fewer groups than in prior years. The annual data stakeholders meeting to review the crash data was not held due to the HSP targets being set for CY 2026. For the CY 2027 target setting a larger stakeholder process is planned in order to review the crash data and identify HSP and HSIP safety targets. This year’s efforts included:

1. On August 1, 2025, the MPPB sent the draft PM 1 target methodology memo, containing targets for all five measures listed above, to the MPOs, NMDOT Special Director for Target Zero, FHWA-NM, and NMDOT Traffic Safety Division Director, with a request for comments by August 15, 2025.
2. On August 25, 2025, MPPB submitted the 2025 HSIP Annual Report to FHWA, which contains the final targets for the five measures listed above.
3. The MPOs have until February 28, 2026, to formally adopt the NMDOT PM 1 targets or set their own quantifiable targets.

New Mexico Safety Performance Target Assessment

The FHWA conducts an annual safety performance assessment for each state’s HSIP. The FHWA NM issued the safety performance assessment on May 19, 2025. The assessment covers the CY 2023 safety targets, but the penalties are applied in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026. The table below shows the results of the safety performance assessment.

Performance Measure	5-Year Moving Averages			Met Target?	Better Than Baseline?	Met or Made Significant Progress?
	2019-2023 Target	2019-2023 Actual	2017-2021 Baseline			
1. Number of Fatalities	446.6	441.8	415.6	Yes	N/A	No
2. Rate of Fatalities (HMVMT)	1.695	1.660	1.564	Yes	N/A	
3. Number of Serious Injuries	995.4	1,058.0	1,040.2	No	No	
4. Rate of Serious Injuries (HMVMT)	3.801	3.960	3.892	No	No	
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	199.4	215.0	203.0	No	No	

New Mexico Safety Performance Target Assessment 5/19/25- FHWA NM

Data Methodologies

In setting the 2026 safety targets, NMDOT held steady the CY 2025 targets. NMDOT data methodologies are listed in the bullets below:

- The 'forecast.linear' function was used in Excel, based on 6-years of actual crash data, to obtain projected values for years 2025 and 2026.
- The preliminary Annual VMT for 2024 was provided by the Data Management Bureau of the NMDOT Planning Division.
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) from 2019 through 2024, excluding 2020, was used to calculate projected VMT values for 2025 and 2026.
- Crash data for 2024 is preliminary and was provided by the University of New Mexico (UNM).
- The source data table is attached as Appendix A. This data was used in each of the 'forecast.linear' functions in Excel to calculate the 2025 and 2026 projections. Appendix A also contains the data that was used to calculate the five-year moving averages.

The graphs below show the linear forecast projections, the five-year moving average, and the CY 2026 targets. These graphs are provided to show the CY 2026 targets in relationship to the standard methodology for setting targets. The total fatalities and rate of fatalities show achievable targets and the serious injuries; rate of serious injuries and non-motorized targets show opportunity for improvement.

NMDOT PM 1 (Safety) 2026 Targets

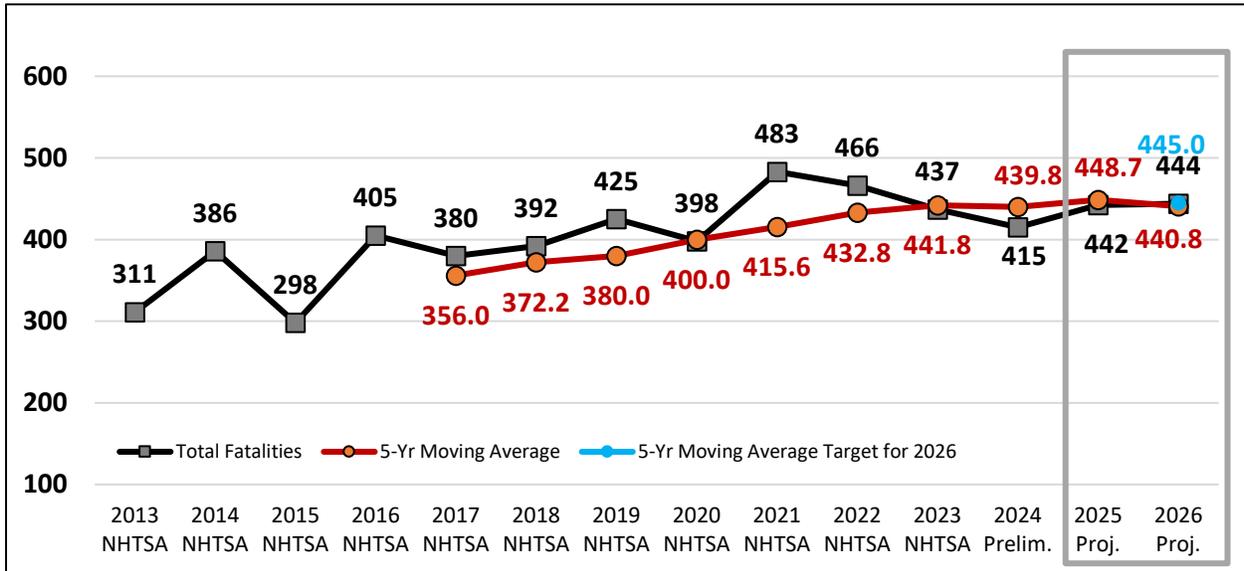


Figure 1 Total Fatalities

NMDOT 2026 Target for Total Fatalities: **445.0**

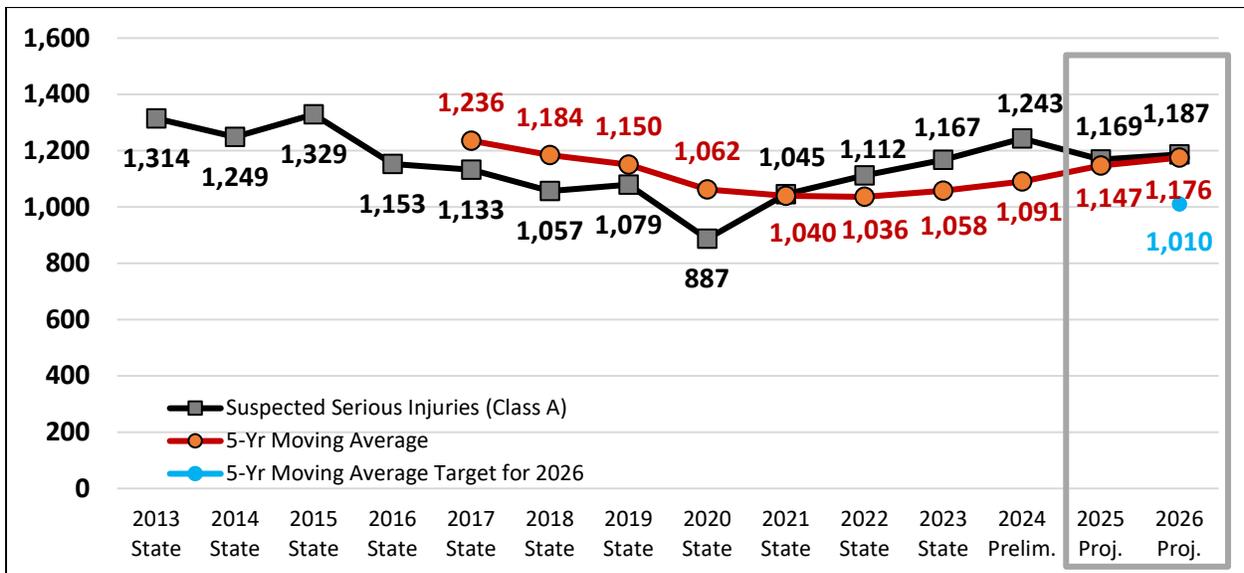


Figure 2 Total Serious Injuries

NMDOT 2026 Target for Serious Injuries: **1,010.0**

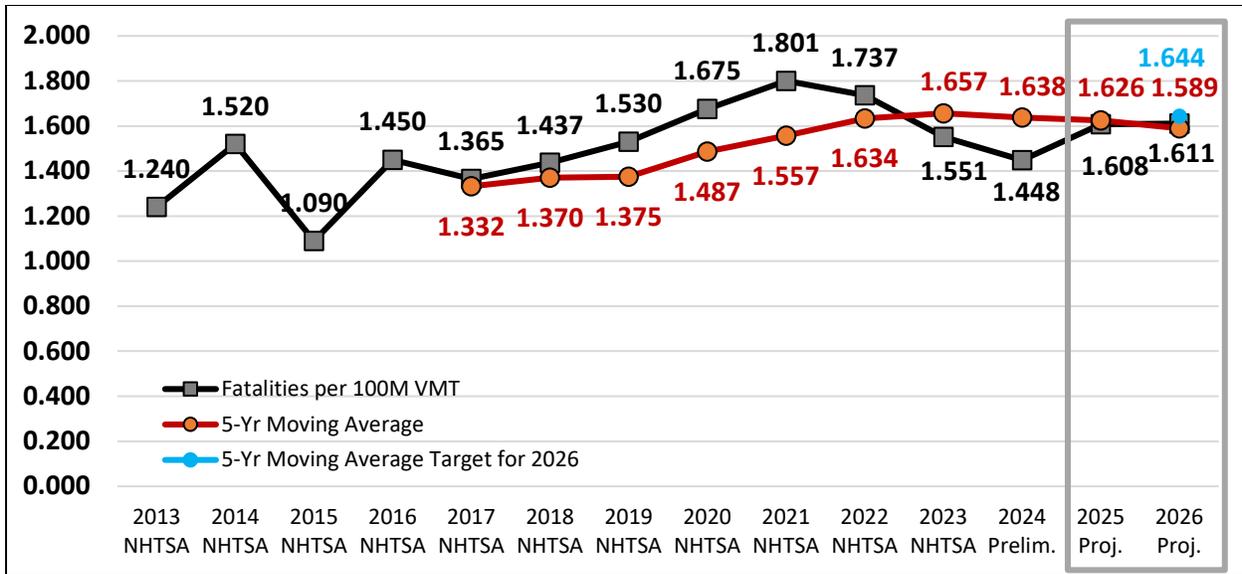


Figure 3 Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

NMDOT 2026 Target for Rate of Fatalities: **1.644**

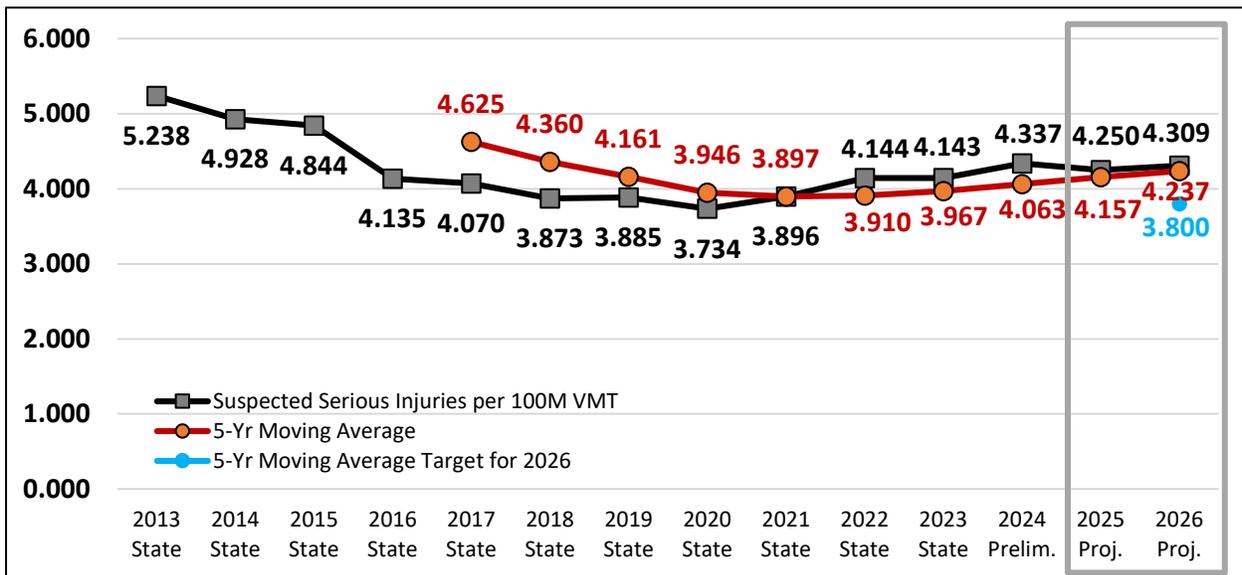


Figure 4 Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

NMDOT 2026 Target for Rate of Serious Injuries: **3.800**

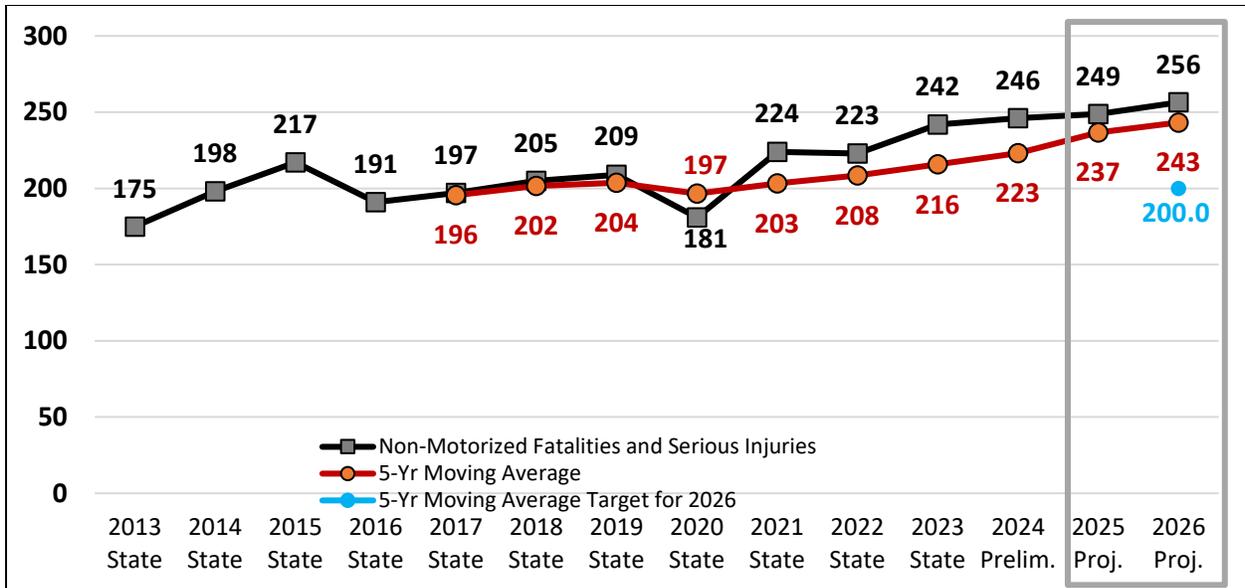


Figure 5 Total Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

NMDOT 2026 Target for Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 200.0

APPENDIX A – SOURCE DATA USED FOR CALCULATIONS

Performance Measure	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Fatalities*	311	386	298	405	380	392	425	398	483	466	437	415	442	444
Serious Injuries**	1,314	1,249	1,329	1,153	1,133	1,057	1,079	887	1,045	1,112	1,167	1,243	1,169	1,187
HMVMT***	250.86	253.47	274.35	278.86	278.36	272.88	277.72	237.56	268.23	268.31	281.69	286.60	275.08	275.38
Fatality Rate (per HMVMT)	1.240	1.520	1.090	1.450	1.365	1.437	1.530	1.675	1.801	1.737	1.551	1.448	1.608	1.611
Serious Injury Rate (per HMVMT)	5.238	4.928	4.844	4.135	4.070	3.873	3.885	3.734	3.896	4.144	4.143	4.337	4.250	4.309
Number of Non-motorized fatalities*	53	80	61	78	77	94	92	88	111	98	117	106	115	119
Number of non-motorized serious injuries**	122	118	156	113	120	111	117	93	113	125	125	140	134	137
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries****	175	198	217	191	197	205	209	181	224	223	242	246	249	256
Fatalities 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					356	372	380	400	416	433	442	440	449	441
Serious Injury Rate 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					1,235.6	1,184.2	1,150.2	1,061.8	1,040.2	1,036.0	1,058.0	1,090.8	1,147.2	1,175.5
Fatality Rate (per HMVMT) 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					1.332	1.370	1.375	1.487	1.557	1.634	1.657	1.638	1.626	1.589
Serious Injury Rate (per HMVMT) 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					4.625	4.360	4.161	3.946	3.897	3.910	3.967	4.063	4.157	4.237
Number of Non-motorized fatalities 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					69.8	78.0	80.4	85.8	92.4	96.6	101.2	104.0	109.4	111.0
Number of non-motorized serious injuries 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					125.8	123.6	123.4	110.8	110.8	111.8	114.6	119.2	127.3	132.2
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					195.6	201.6	203.8	196.6	203.2	208.4	215.8	223.2	236.7	243.2
HMVMT 5-Year Moving Average start @ 2017					267.2	271.6	276.4	269.1	267.0	264.9	266.7	268.5	275.7	277.1
Fatalities 2026 Target 5-Year Moving Average														445.0
Serious Injuries 2026 Target 5-Year Moving Average														1010.0
Fatality Rate (per HMVMT) 2026 Target 5-Year Moving Average														1.6
Serious Injury Rate (per HMVMT) 2026 Target 5-Year Moving Average														3.800
Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries 2026 Target 5-Year Moving Average														200.0

*Source: Data for 2013-2023 fatalities is from NHTSA FARS: <https://cdan.dot.gov/query>

**Source: Data for 2013-2024 serious injuries is from previous summer 2024 target setting effort and most current State data

***Source: VMT data from 2013-2023 is from FHWA: (replace four-digit year to desired calendar year in link): <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2023/vm2.cfm>

****Non-motorized definition per FHWA: pedalcyclists, pedestrians, other cyclists or person on personal conveyance.

2024 crash data is preliminary and originates from latest NMDOT data file "DR2942 Preliminary2024_CVO.xlsx" received on 8/1/2025

2025 and 2026 fatality and serious injury data are based on forecasts using 2019 to 2024 data, using "forecast.linear" Excel unction. 2024 and 2025 VMT forecasts excluded 2020