

2025 Highway Crash Data Update

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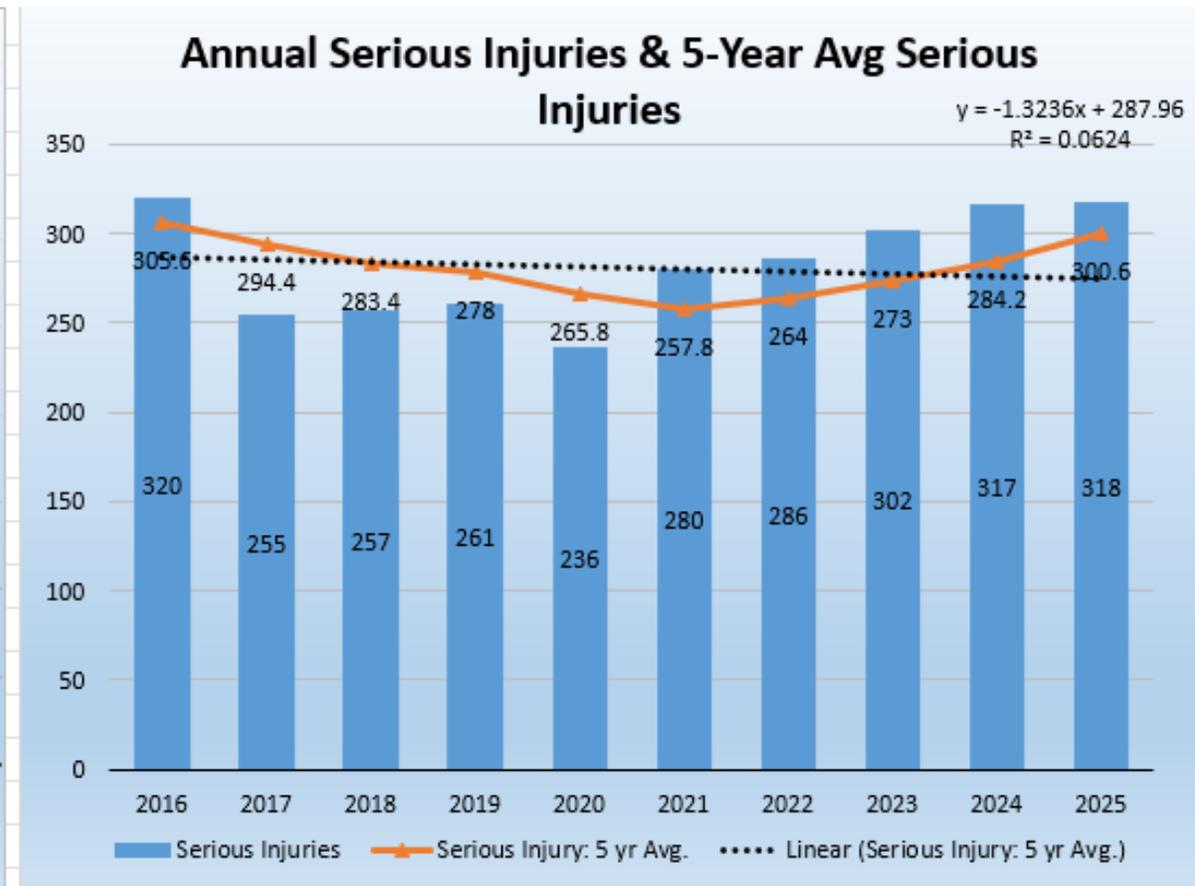
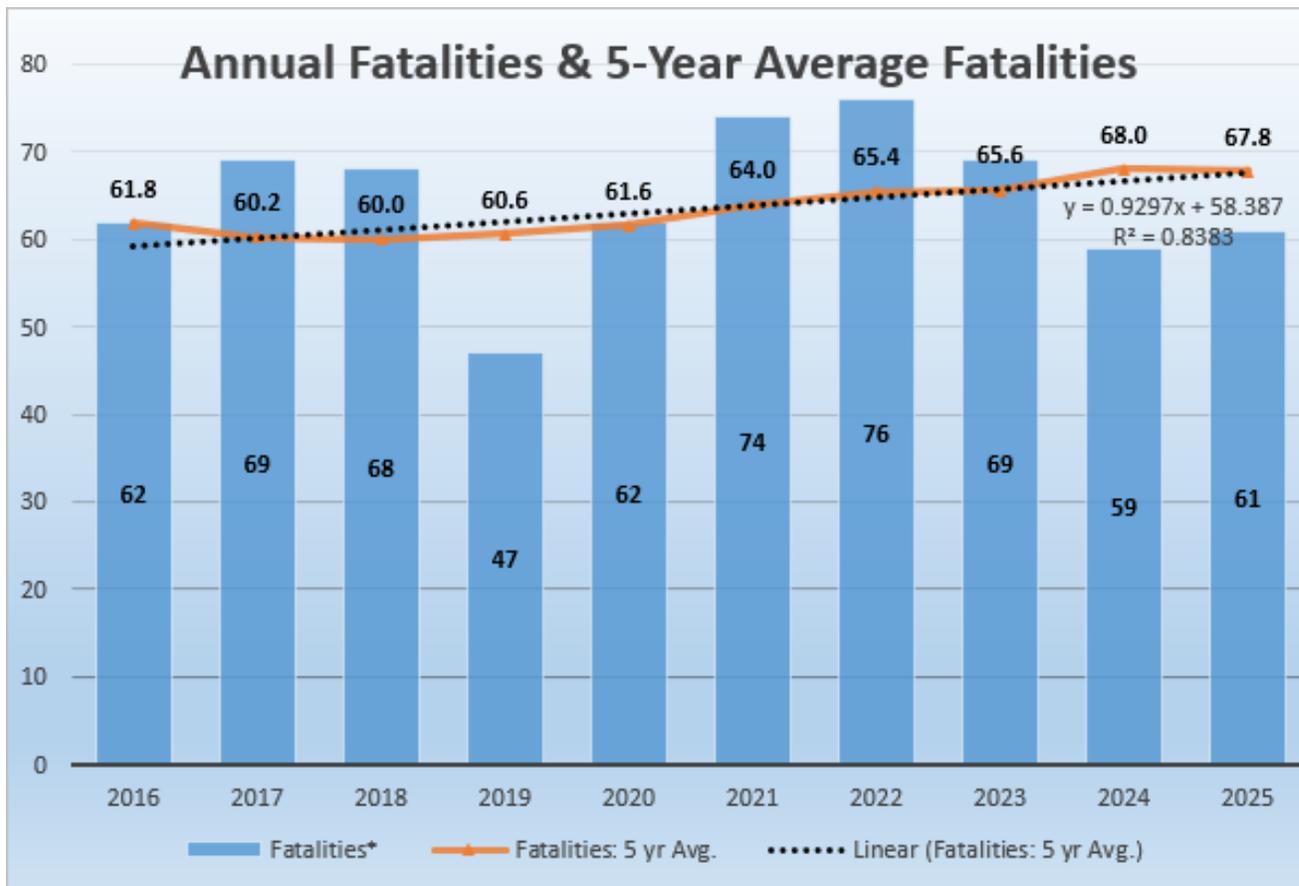
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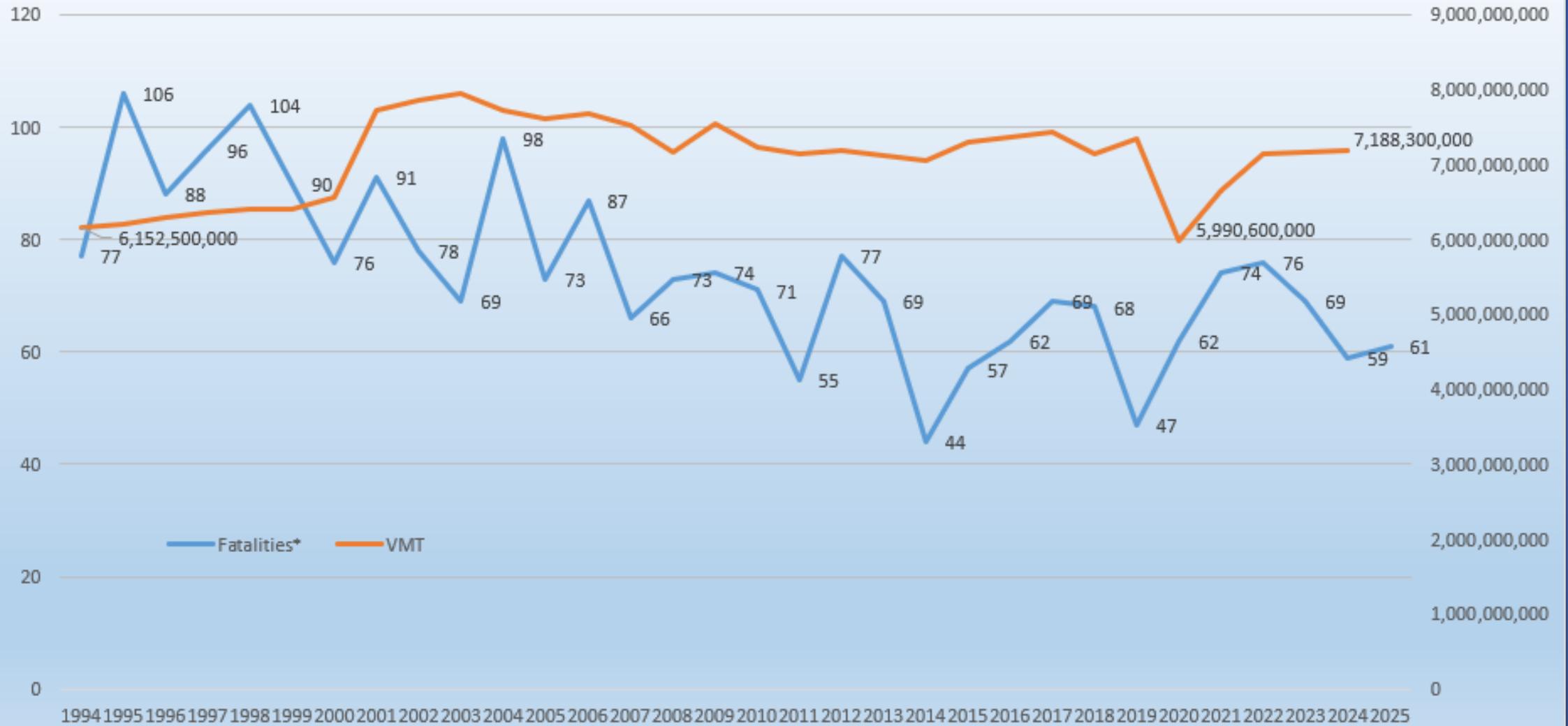
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Annual Fatalities & Serious Injuries

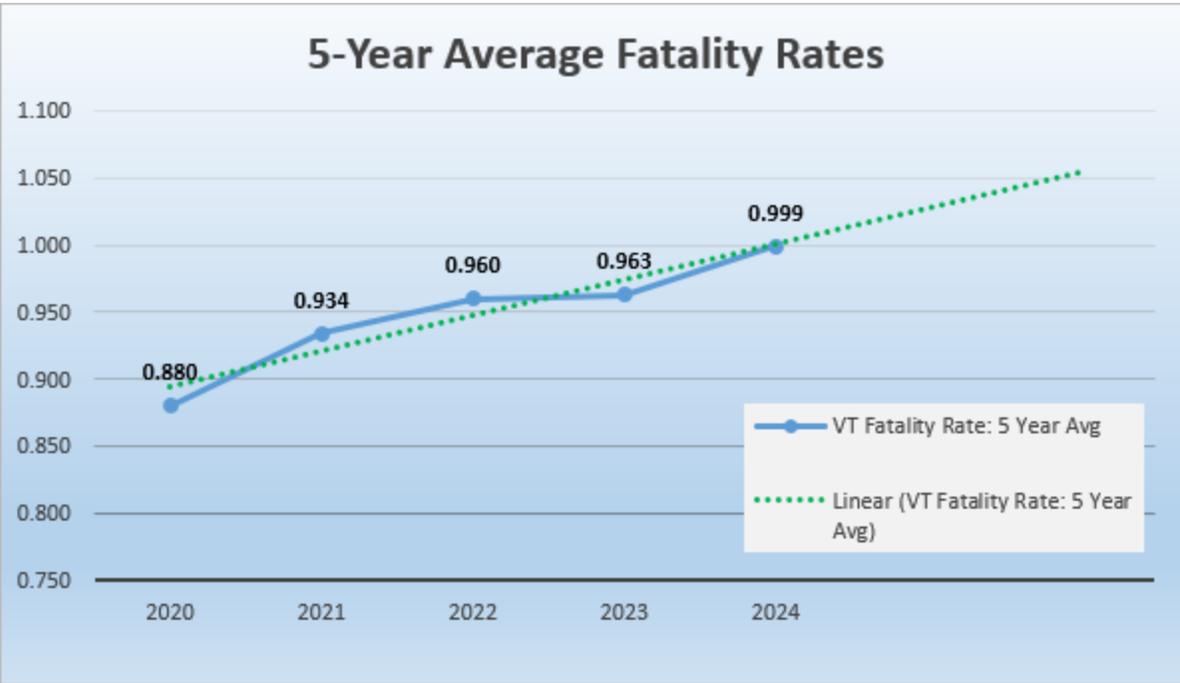
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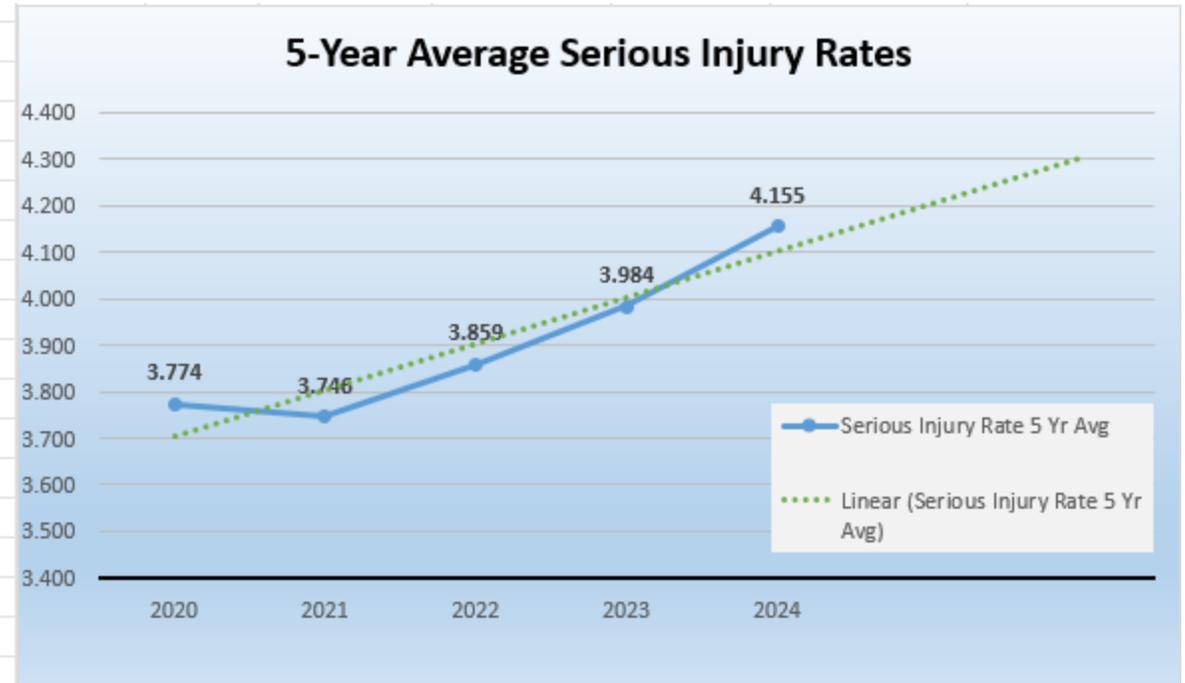
Fatalities and Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled



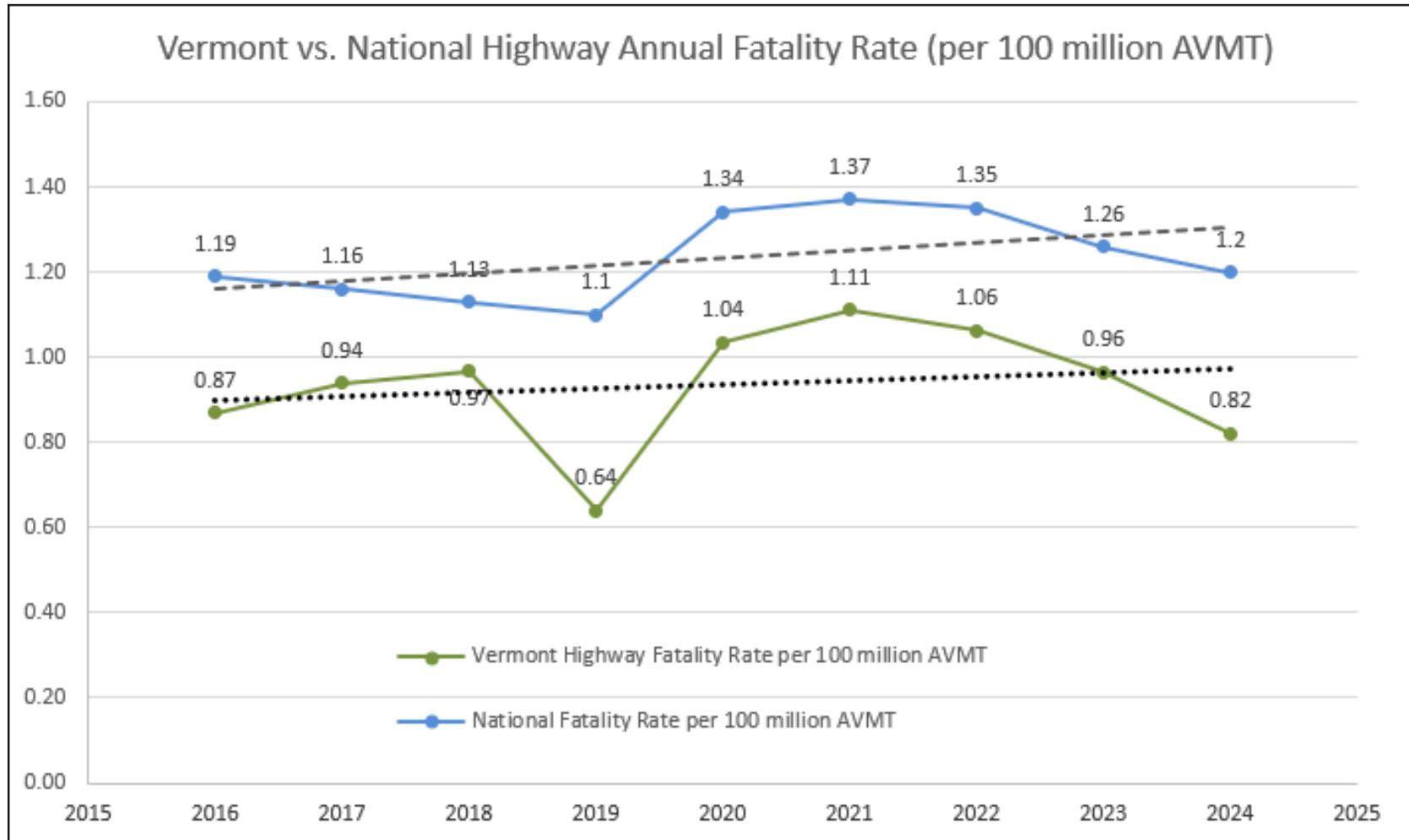
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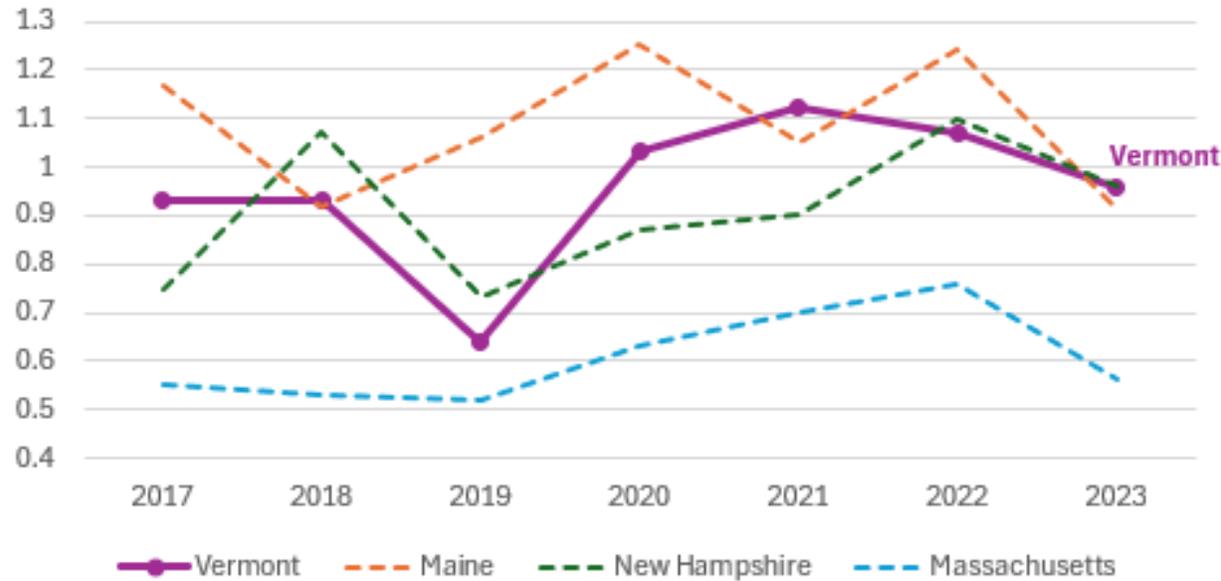
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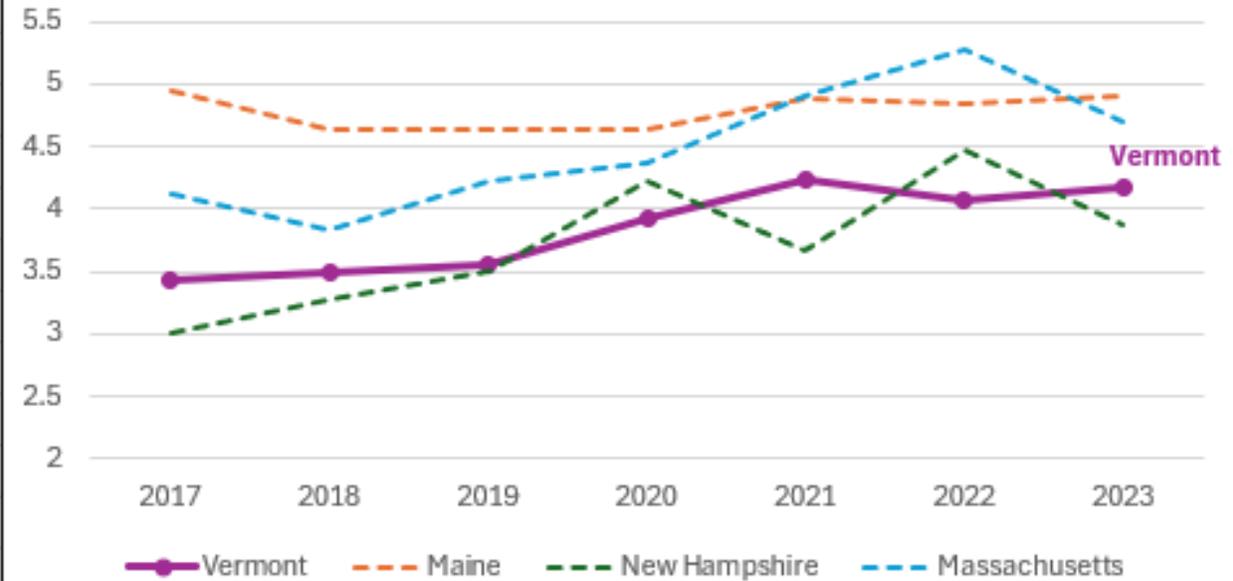
National Fatality Rates vs. Vermont Fatality Rates



Annual Fatality Rates:
Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire & Massachusetts



Annual Serious Injury Rates:
Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire & Massachusetts



Vermont Fatality and Serious Injury Rates compared to New England Neighbors

Fatality Trends by Category

2023 – 2024
Comparison*

- Overall Fatalities: 14% Decrease
- Driver Impaired Fatal Crashes: 22% Decrease
- Unbelted Fatalities: 19% Decrease
- Speed Related Fatalities: 50% **Increase**
- Pedestrian Fatalities: 20% **Increase**
- Motorcyclist Fatalities: 67% Decrease

*2023 had the highest percentage of fatalities since we started tracking in 2004

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2024 – 2025 Comparison*

Overall
Fatalities: 3%
Increase

Driver Impaired
Fatal Crashes:
20% **Increase**

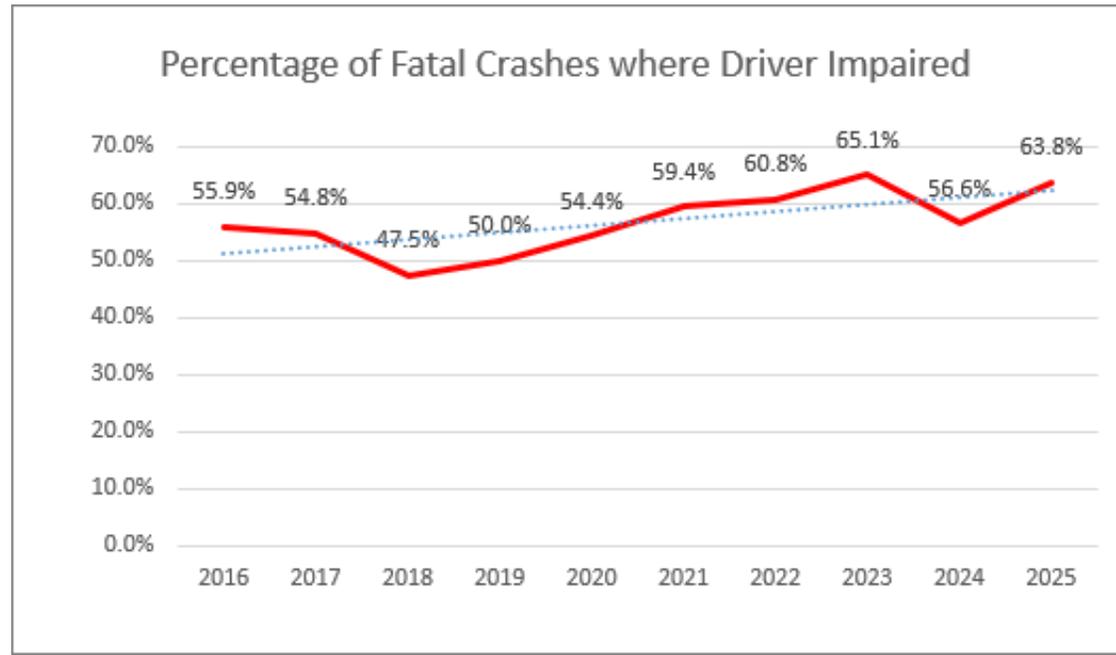
Unbelted
Fatalities: 5%
Increase

Speed Related
Fatalities: 26%
Decrease

Pedestrian
Fatalities: 50%
Increase

Motorcyclist
Fatalities: 50%
Increase

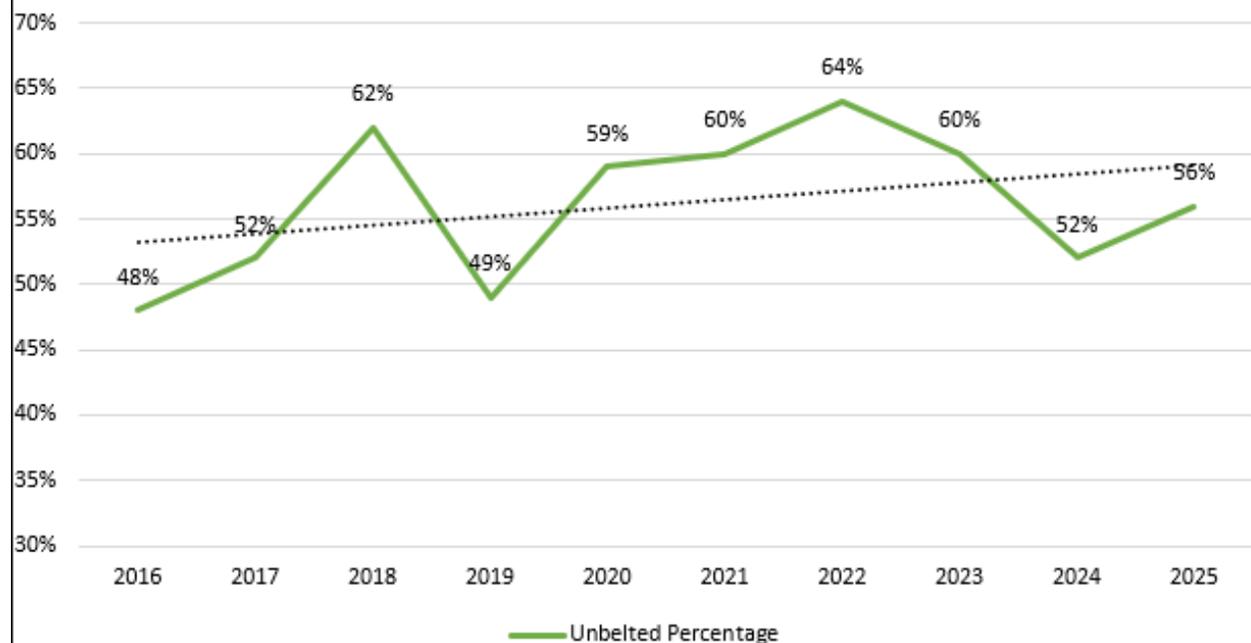
Impaired Fatal Crashes



Fatal Crashes with Impairment 2016-2025										
Categories	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Alcohol Only (0.08+)	14	7	4	5	11	10	11	10	5	2
Alcohol (0.08+) & Delta-9 THC Only	7	3	6	1	2	7	5	2	6	1
Alcohol (0.08+) & Other Drugs (inc. Delta-9 THC)	3	6	2	1	6	6	7	6	7	11
Drug: Delta-9 THC Only	5	8	7	6	4	3	4	3	1	1
Drug: Other* (includes Delta-9 THC)	4	10	10	9	8	15	18	20	11	22
Total Impaired Fatal Crashes	33	34	29	22	31	41	45	41	30	37
Total Fatal Crashes	59	62	61	44	57	69	74	63	53	58
Impaired Percentage of Fatal Crashes	55.9%	54.8%	47.5%	50.0%	54.4%	59.4%	60.8%	65.1%	56.6%	63.8%
*Other Drug categories include: Central Nervous System Depressants, Central Nervous System Stimulants, Hallucinogens, Dissociative Anesthetics, Narcotic Analgesics, Inhalants, & Cannabis.										

Unbelted Fatalities

Unbelted Percentage for Motor Vehicle Occupant Fatalities



Fatalities by Vehicle Type and Restraint/Safety Equipment Used

Road User Type	Restraint/Safety Equipment	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Motor Vehicle Occupant	Unbelted		21	20	24	31	28
	- Driver		18	16	18	25	25
	- Passenger		3	4	6	6	3
	- UTV Driver		0	0	0		
	Belted		17	18	17	18	18
	- Driver		14	16	14	17	13
	- Passenger		3	2	3	1	5
	Improper Belt Use/Child Restraint		0	0	1	1	
Motorcyclist/ATV	Wearing Helmet		8	7	14	14	13
	Non-DOT Compliant Helmet/Improper		0	0	3		2
	No Helmet		3	1	1	2	2
Vulnerable Users	Pedestrians		9	6	5	6	8
	Bicyclists		1	2	1	1	
Unknown	Unknown Belt/Helmet Use		2	5	3	3	3
% Unbelted*		#DIV/0!	56%	52%	60%	64%	60%
Total Fatalities		0	61	59	69	76	74

*Of all fatalities: only occupants in vehicles equipped with seatbelts are used in the calculation for unbelted percentage. Excludes: motorcycles, ATVs, pedestrians, bicyclists and unknowns. (Sum of Belted" & "Unbelted", divided into sum of "Unbelted" & "Improper Belt/Restraint")

VERMONT VS. NATIONAL SEAT BELT USE 2008- 2025 (WEIGHTED)

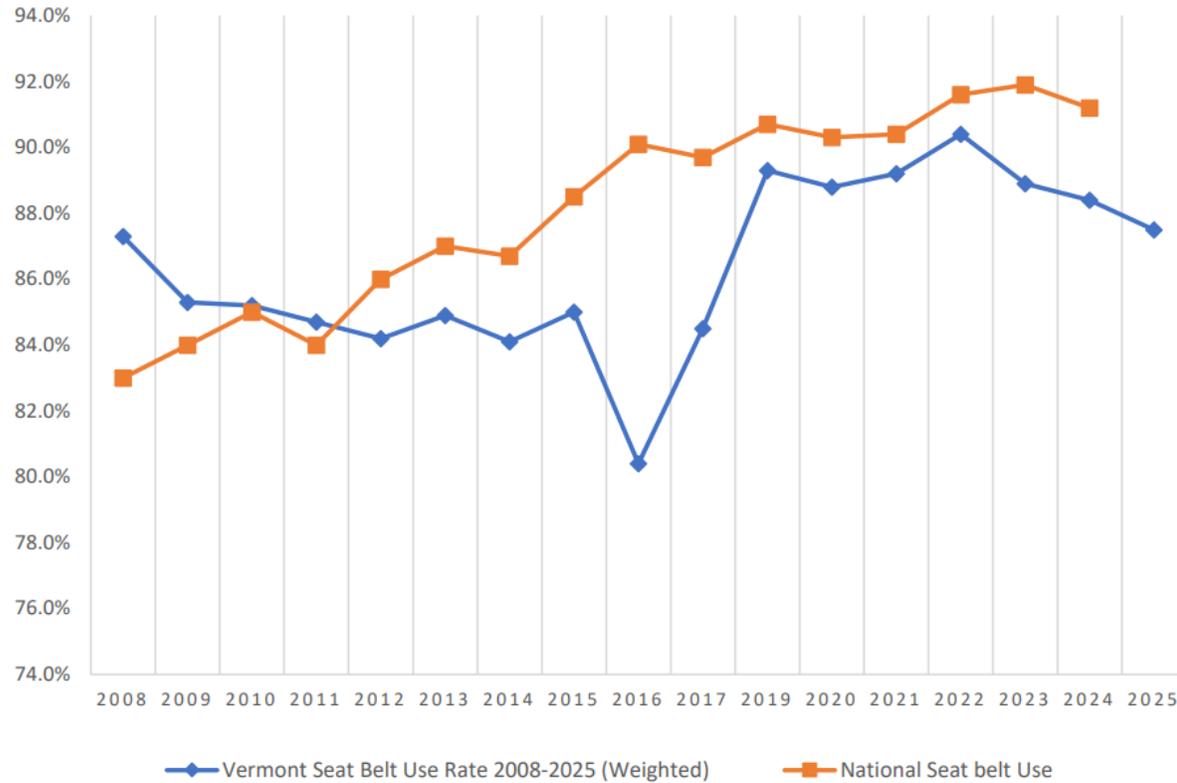


Figure 2. Vermont Statewide vs. National Seat Belt Use (2008 – 2025)

Note: the 2025 national rate was unavailable at the time of this report.

Table 2 *New England Seat Belt Usage Rates by State, 2024-2025*

State	Adult Seat Belt Law	2024	2025
Connecticut	Primary	95.0%	93.8%
Maine	Primary	93.8%	92.2%
Massachusetts	Secondary	84.4%	85.5%
New Hampshire	None	78.2%	82.3%
Rhode Island	Primary	90.5%	93.1%
Vermont	Secondary	88.4%	87.5%

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- <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations/OSB/data>
- [Vehicle Crashes in Vermont, 2024](#)
- [SHSP Website](#)

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