Safe Transportation System

Tangible Result Driver – Don Hillis,
Director of System Management

MoDOT works closely with other safety advocates to make our roads and work zones safer. The department supports educational programs which encourage safe driving practices and enforcement efforts which increase adherence to traffic laws. MoDOT will not compromise safety because it believes in the well-being of its employees and customers.

Safe Transportation System

Number of fatalities and disabling injuries

Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injuries resulting from traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

Measurement and Data Collection:
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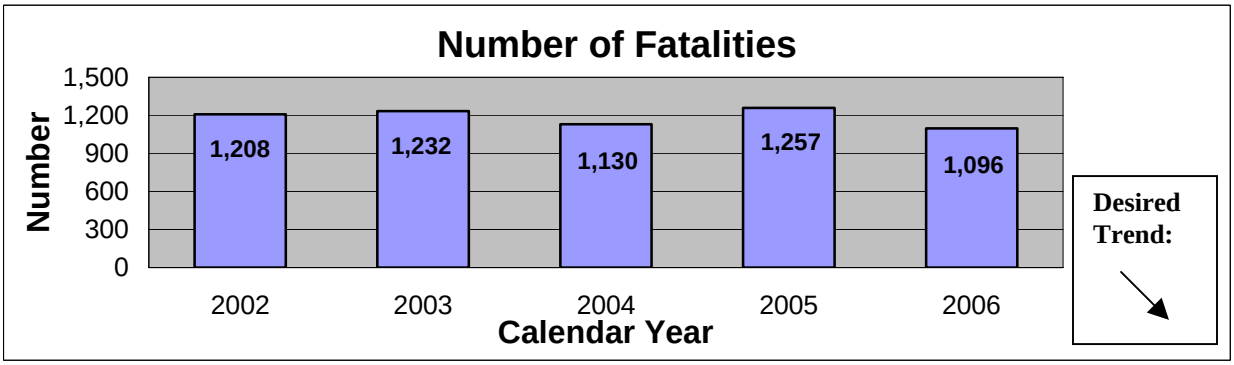
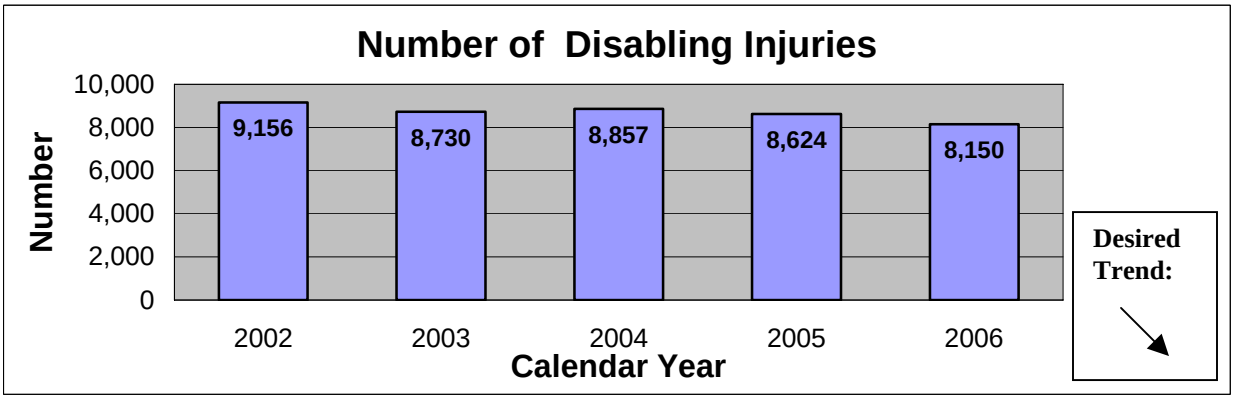
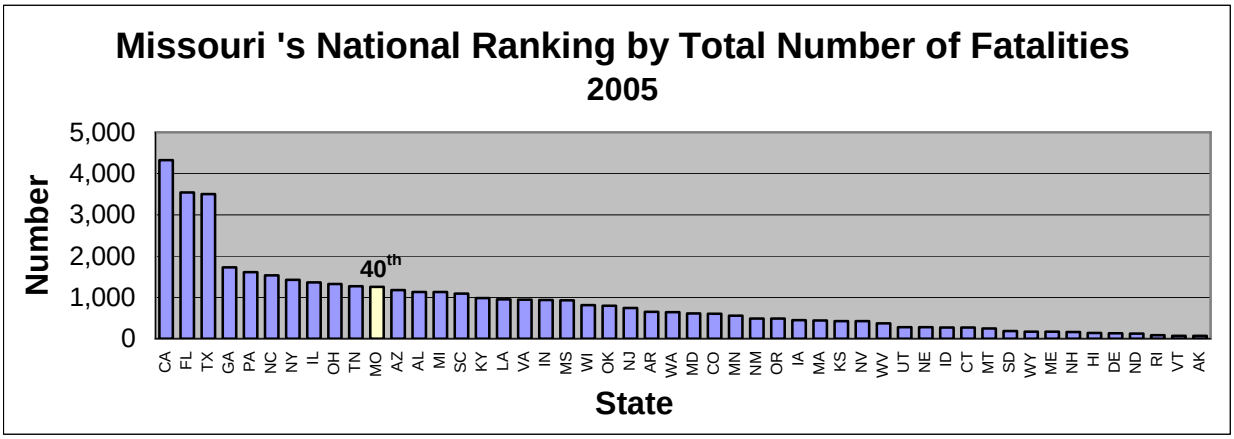
Improvement Status:
Fatalities decreased by 13 percent in 2006 after experiencing a significant increase in 2005. Fewer Missourians lost their lives in 2006 than have since 1999. Disabling injuries continue to show a decreasing trend. There were nearly 500 fewer disabling injuries in 2006 compared to 2005 and over 700 fewer when compared to 2004. The national data is not currently available for a 2006 comparison. Fatalities and disabling injuries are decreasing due in part to engineering enhancements such as three-stand guard cable, rumble strips and enhanced delineation. Also contributing are strong safety belt public information campaigns combined with increased law enforcement participation in statewide campaigns.



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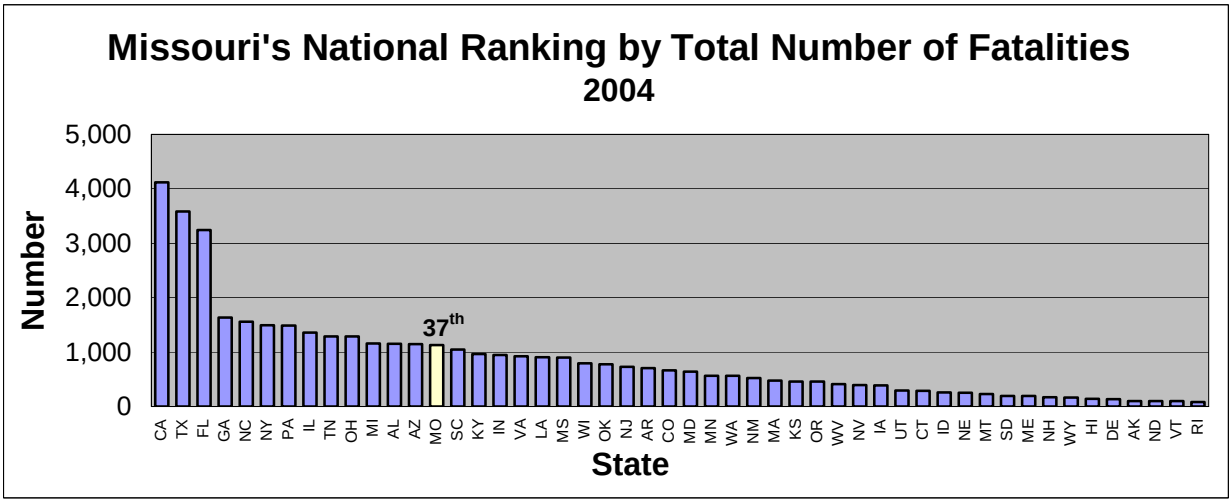
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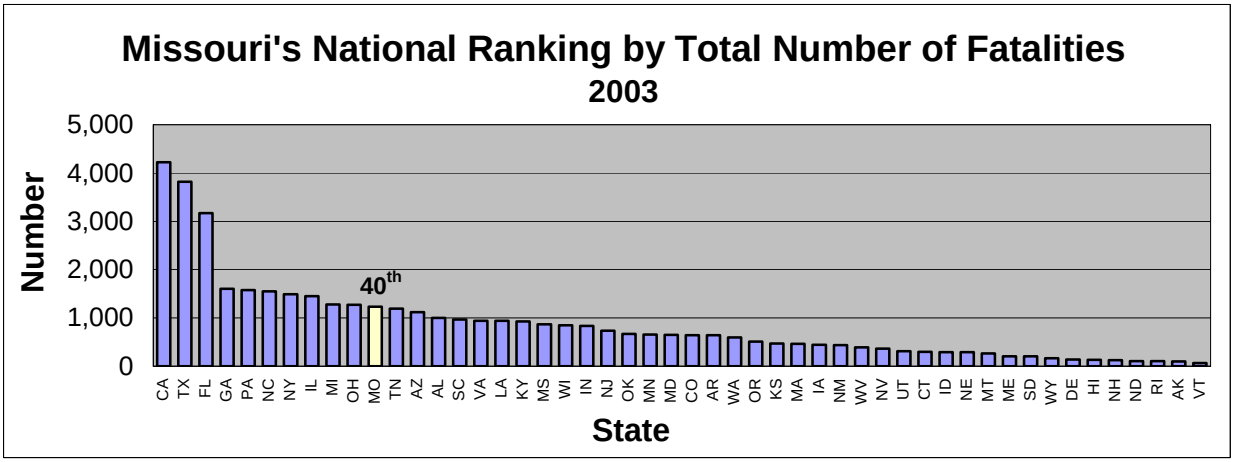
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State

Safe Transportation System

Number of impaired driver-related fatalities and disabling injuries

Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and injuries resulting from traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways involving drivers who are impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

Measurement and Data Collection:
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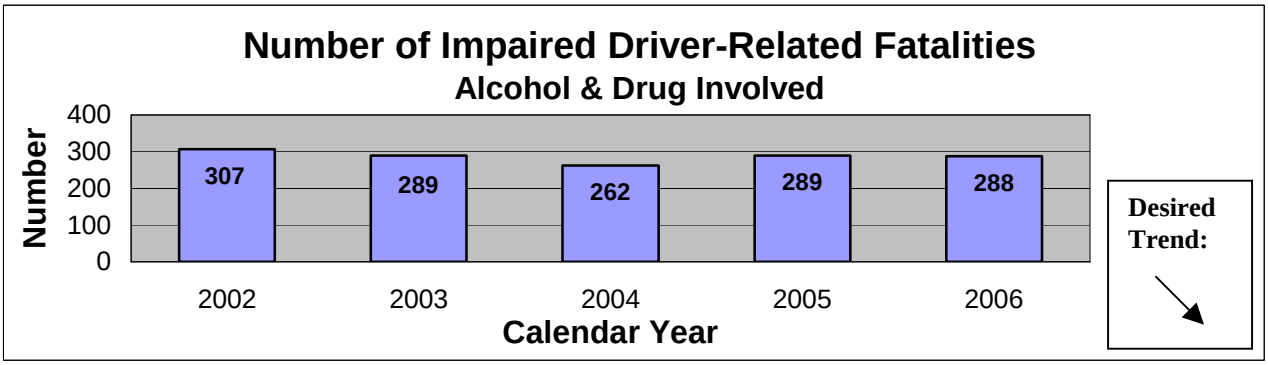
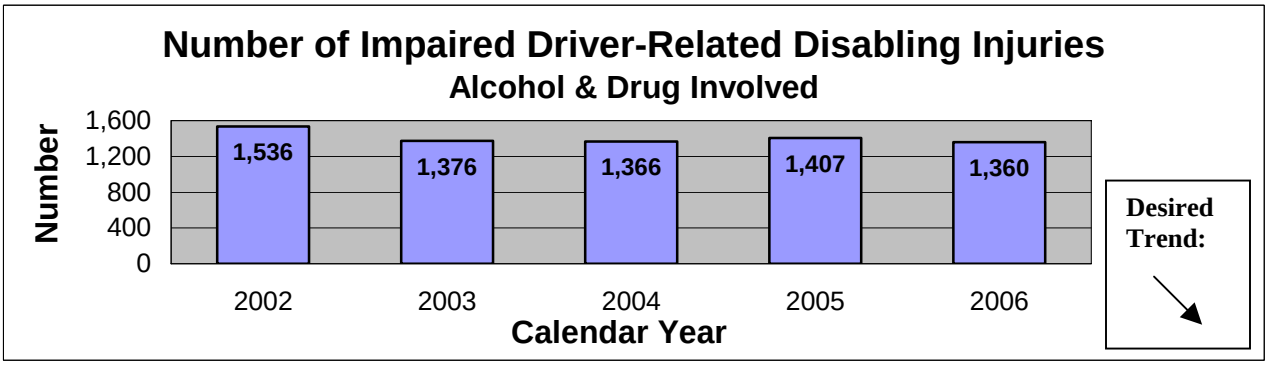
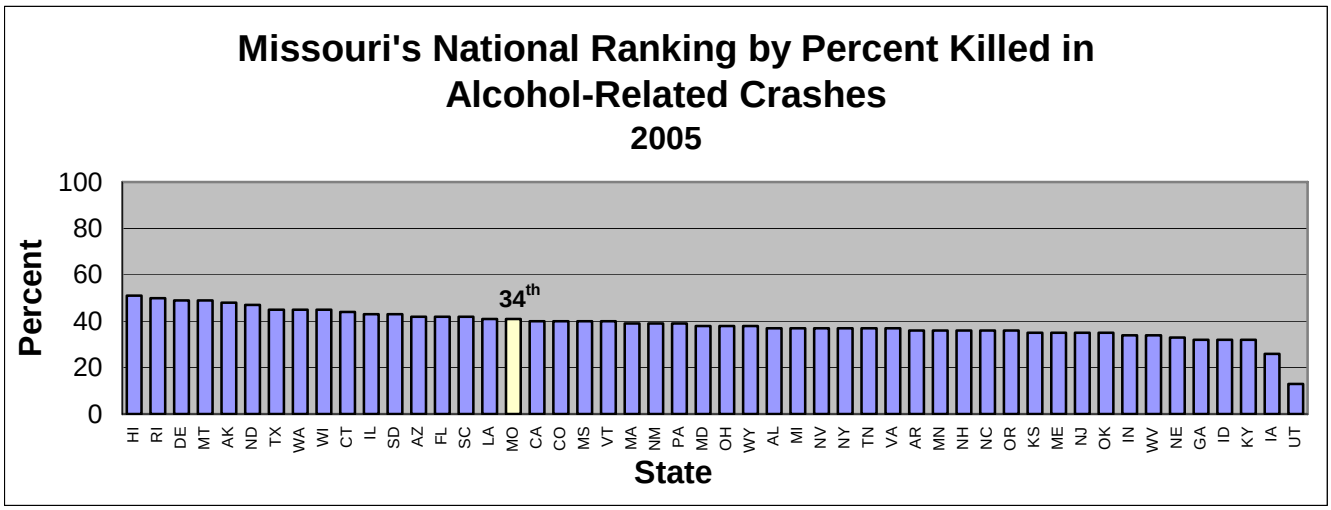
Improvement Status:
Alcohol- and drug-related fatalities and disabling injuries have remained constant for the past five years. The national data is not currently available for a 2006 comparison. In the previous national ranking, Missouri is moving away from the desired downward trend in percent of persons killed in alcohol-related crashes. In addition to Missouri participating in the national "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council selected specific days to increase law enforcement activity through December 2008. Public information and education has been directed at high-risk drivers ages 21 to 35. Law enforcement efforts have been concentrated on high-crash corridors and increasing the number of sobriety checkpoints. Although these efforts have helped reduce impaired driving crashes overall, impaired driving fatalities have not been impacted.



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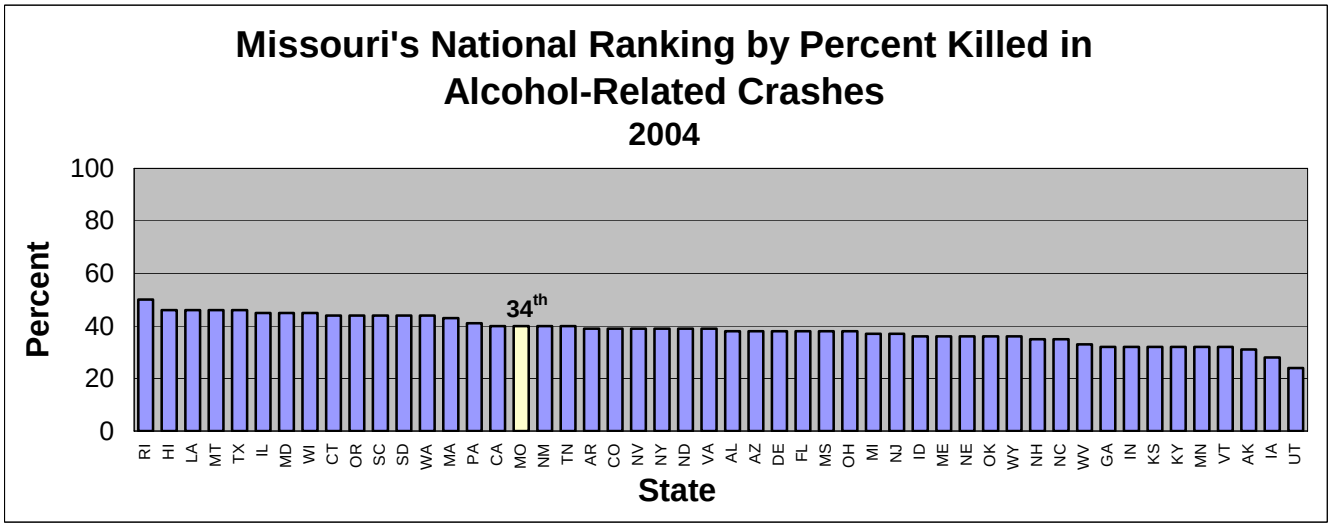
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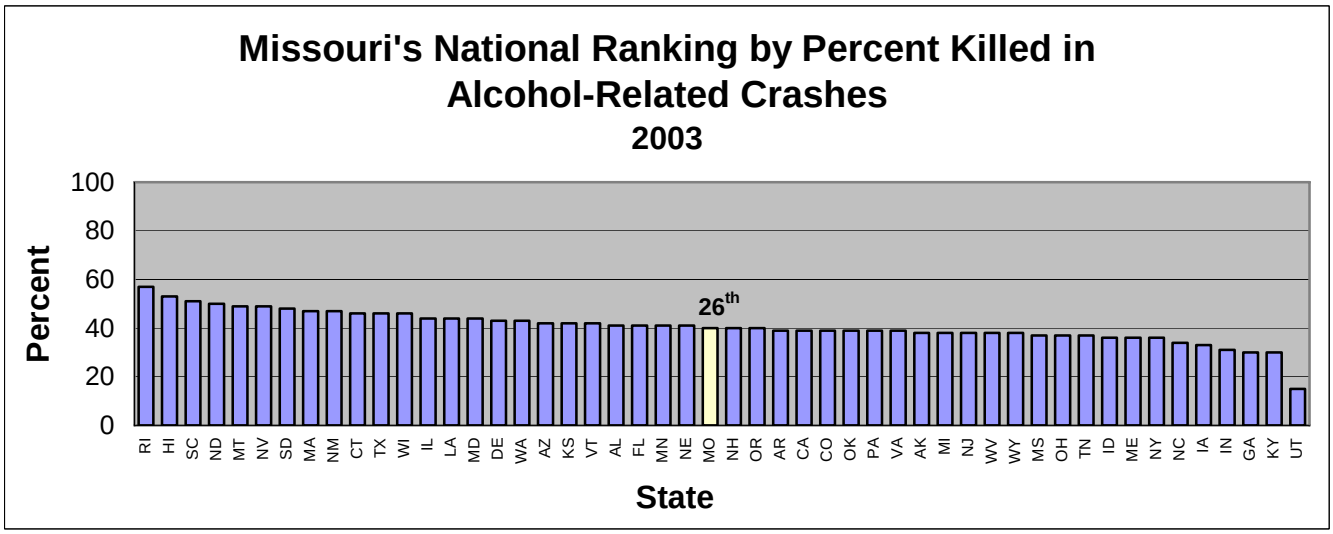
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State

Safe Transportation System

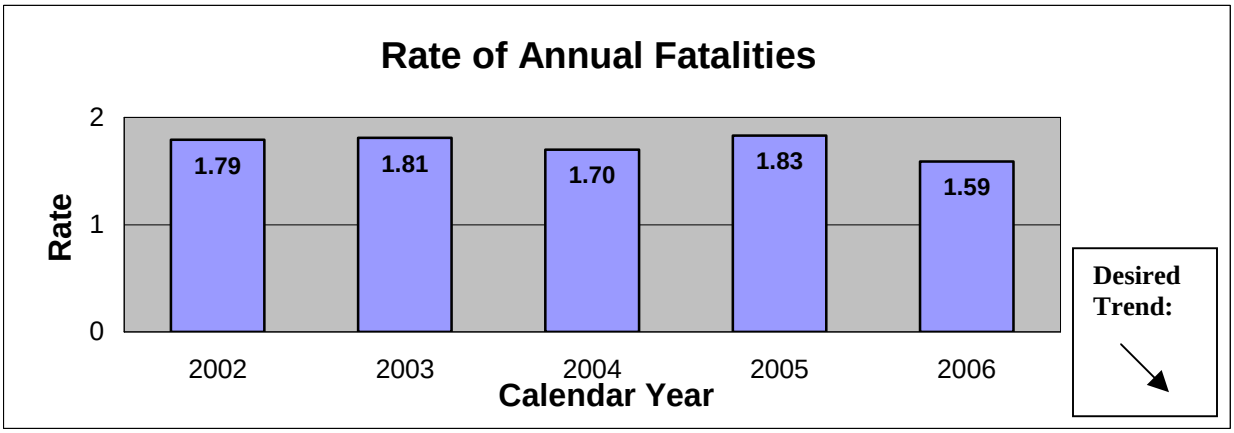
Rate of annual fatalities and disabling injuries

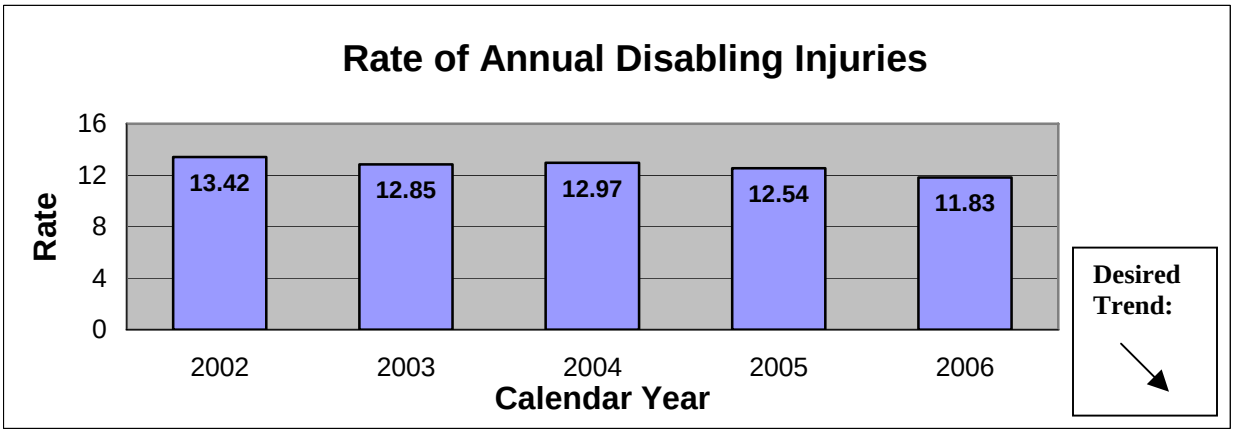
Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

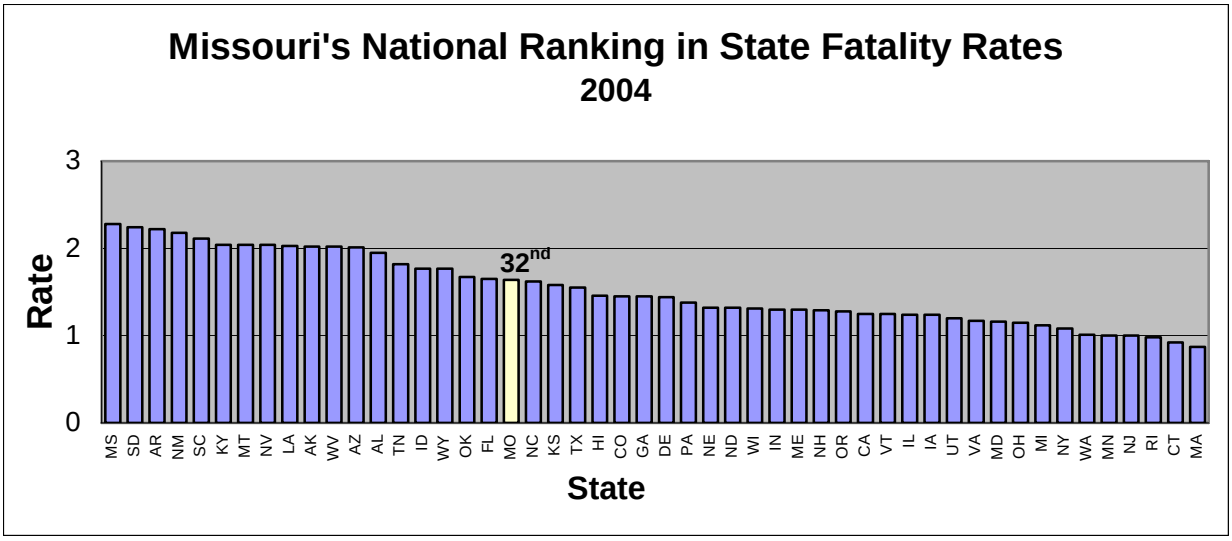
Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injury rates per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (HMVM) in Missouri. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

Measurement and Data Collection:
Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT's traffic management system. Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through both databases. Data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in July of the following year.

Improvement Status:
The fatality rate in Missouri is the lowest in six years. The national data is not currently available for a 2005 or 2006 comparison. Based on the national goal of a 1.0 fatality rate, Missouri is moving in the right direction. Focused law enforcement efforts, engineering safety enhancements and increased public awareness all contribute to the decrease.



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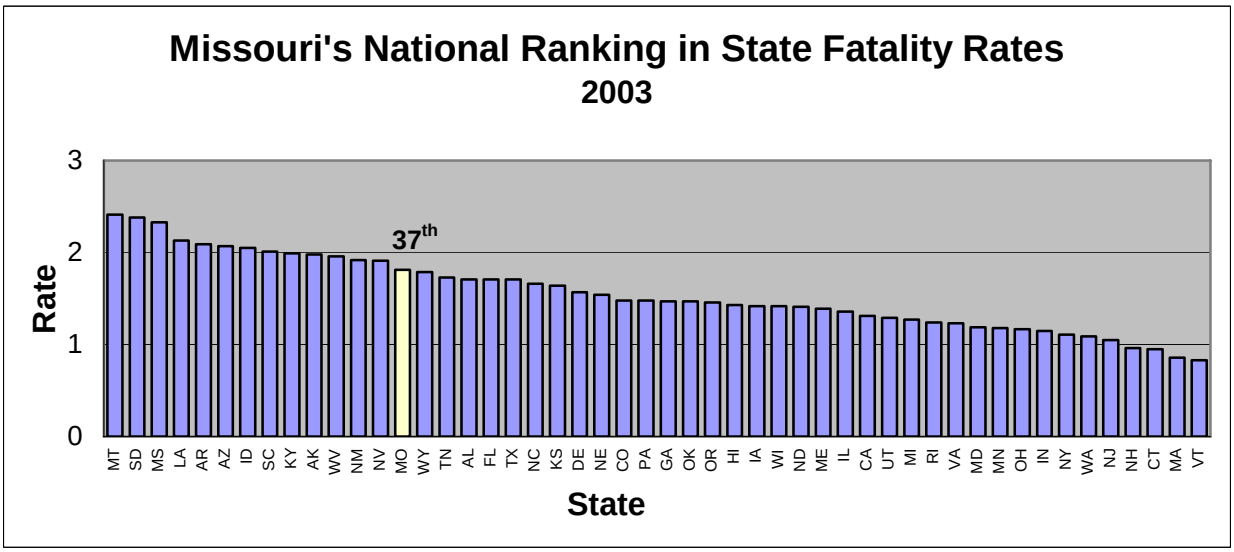
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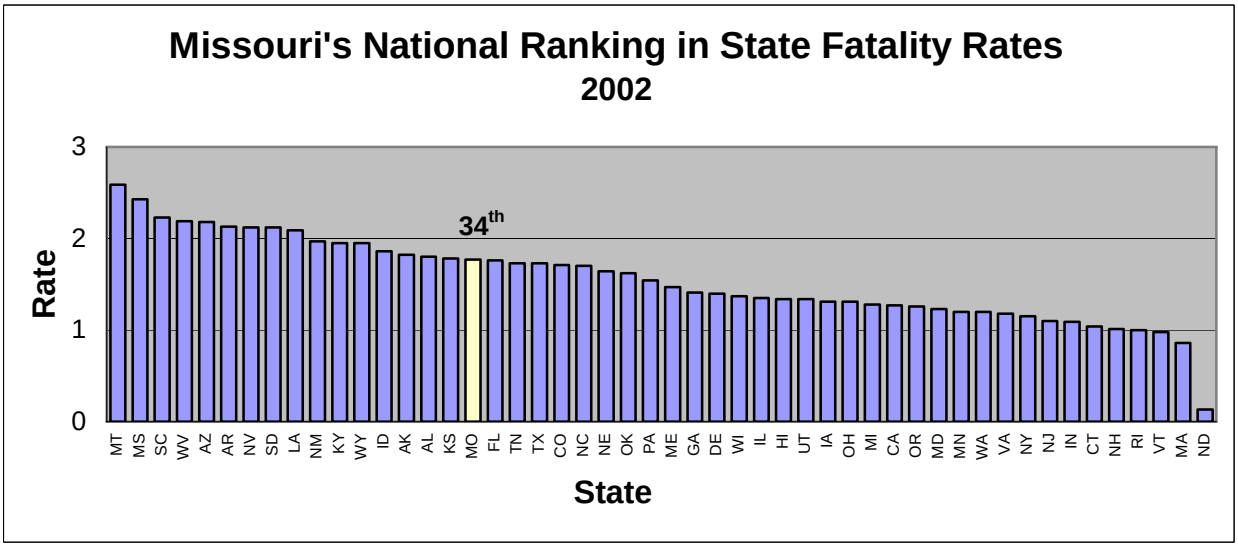
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State

Safe Transportation System

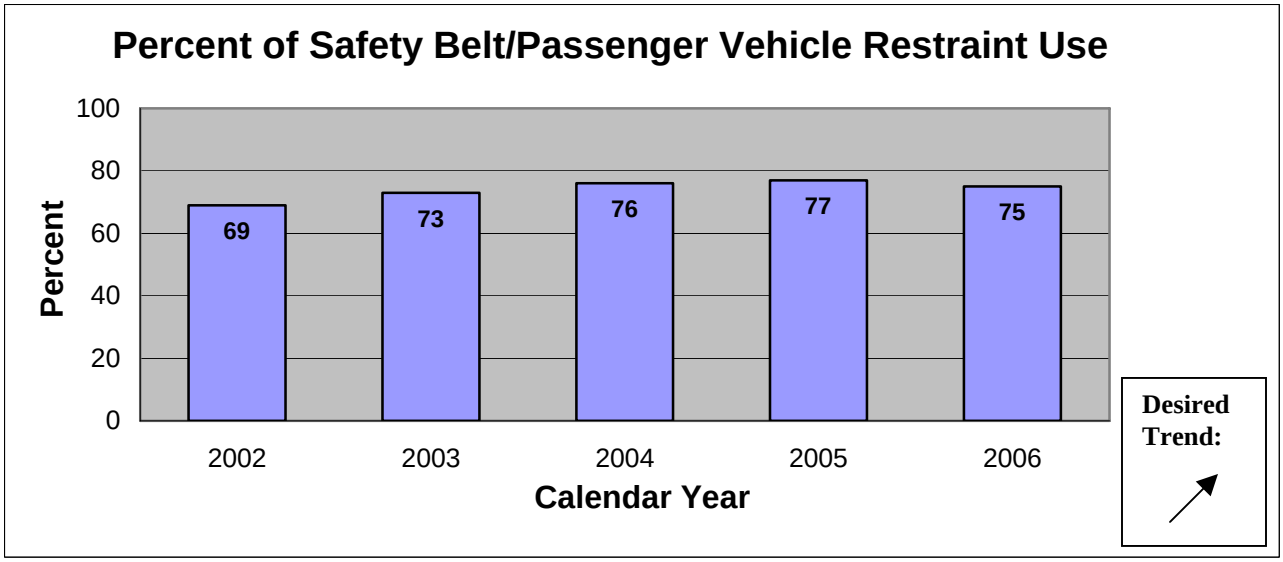
Percent of safety belt/passenger vehicle restraint use

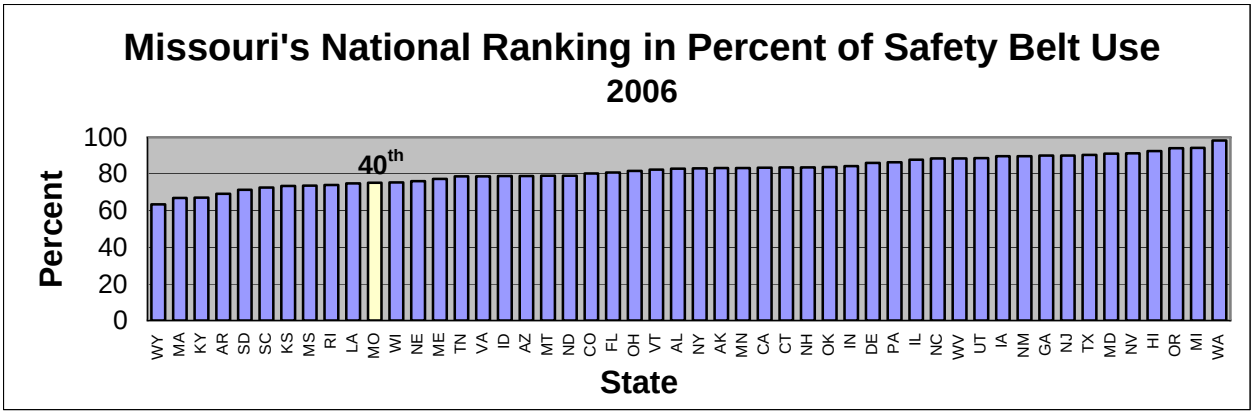
Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in safety belt usage by persons in passenger vehicles. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

Measurement and Data Collection:
Each June, a statewide survey is conducted at 460 pre-selected locations in 20 counties. The data collected at these sites is calculated into a safety belt usage rate by using a formula approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The safety belt usage survey enables data collection from locations representative of 85 percent of the state's population. The data collection plan is the same each year for consistency and compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration guidelines. Data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in August of the following year. Annual information for the national rankings is not available from all 50 states.

Improvement Status:
Safety belt use in Missouri increased 8 percent from 2002 through 2005 but decreased by 2 percent in 2006. In the 2006 national comparison, Missouri ranked 40th in safety belt usage. Missouri's 8 percent increase from 2002 to 2005 is largely due to increased public awareness and law enforcement participation in the national "Click it or Ticket" campaign. A program beginning in 2005, focused on teen safety belt usage, also proved to be successful in increasing usage among teenagers. MoDOT continues to promote the need for a primary safety belt law in Missouri.

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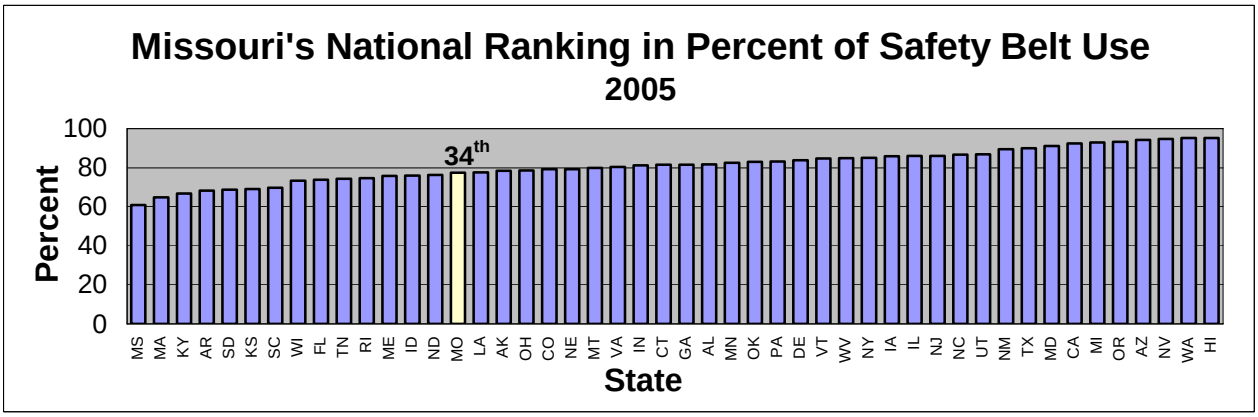
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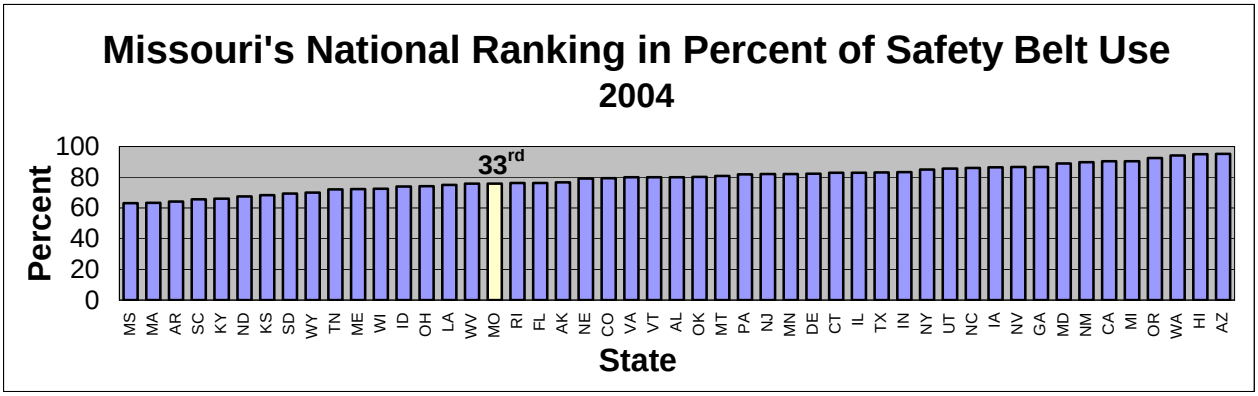
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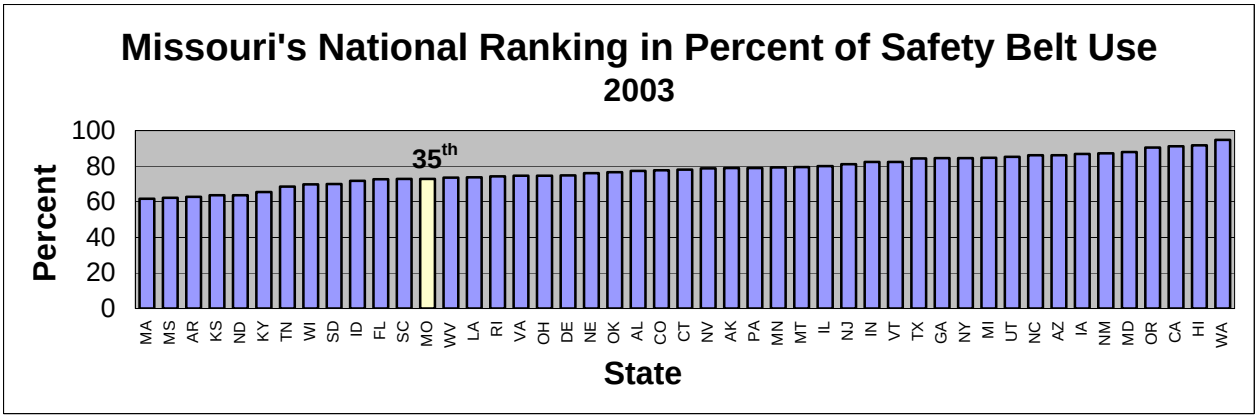
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Safe Transportation System

Number of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and disabling injuries

Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and disabling injuries resulting from traffic crashes with bicycles and pedestrians on Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

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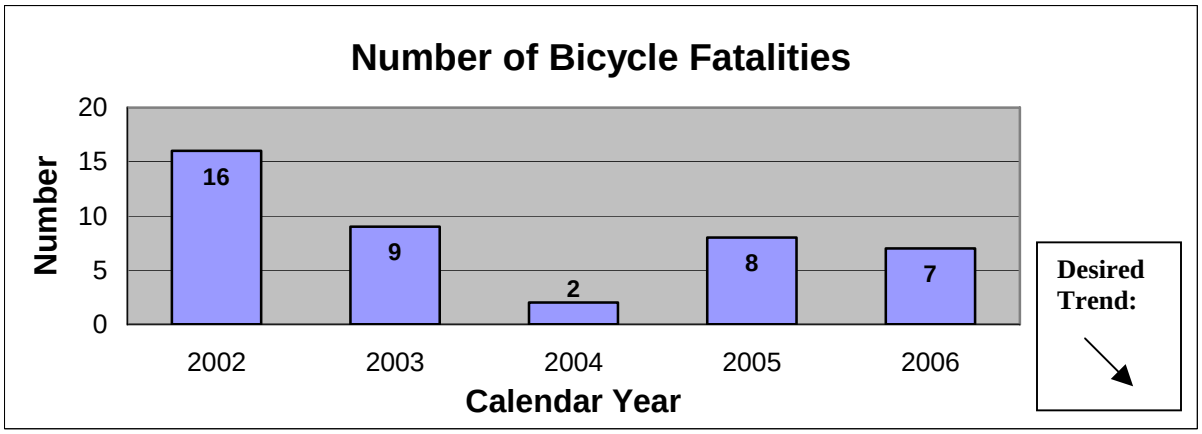
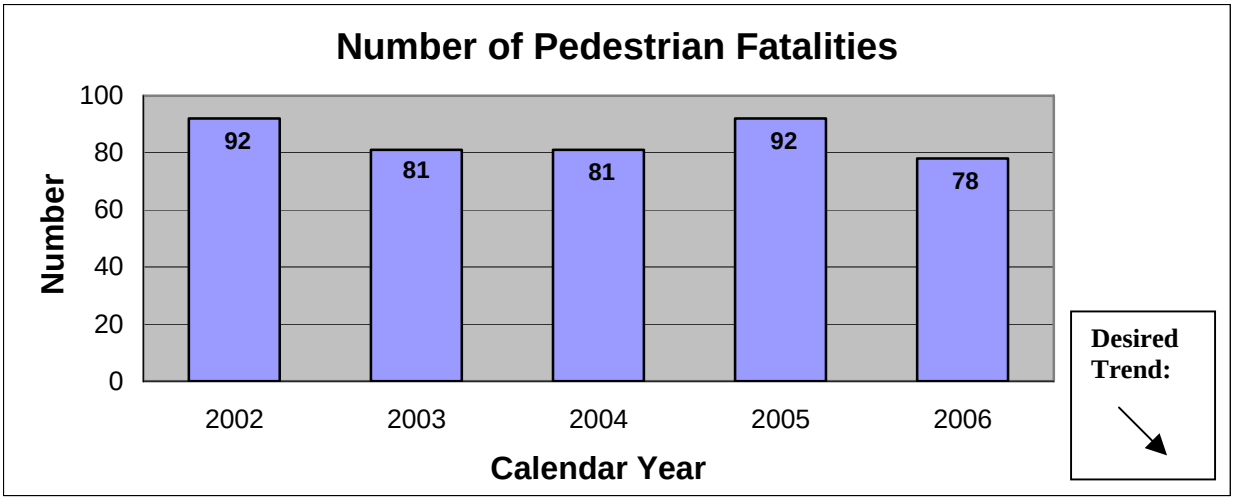
Improvement Status:
This data reflects the number of fatalities and disabling injuries occurring when a motor vehicle is involved in a crash with a bicycle or pedestrian. These bicycle numbers remain steady, although MoDOT has been increasing the miles of dedicated bike lanes. Pedestrian fatalities and disabling injuries reached the lowest numbers in the past five years mainly due to signaling and dedicated crossing area improvements. Funds have been dedicated to support the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

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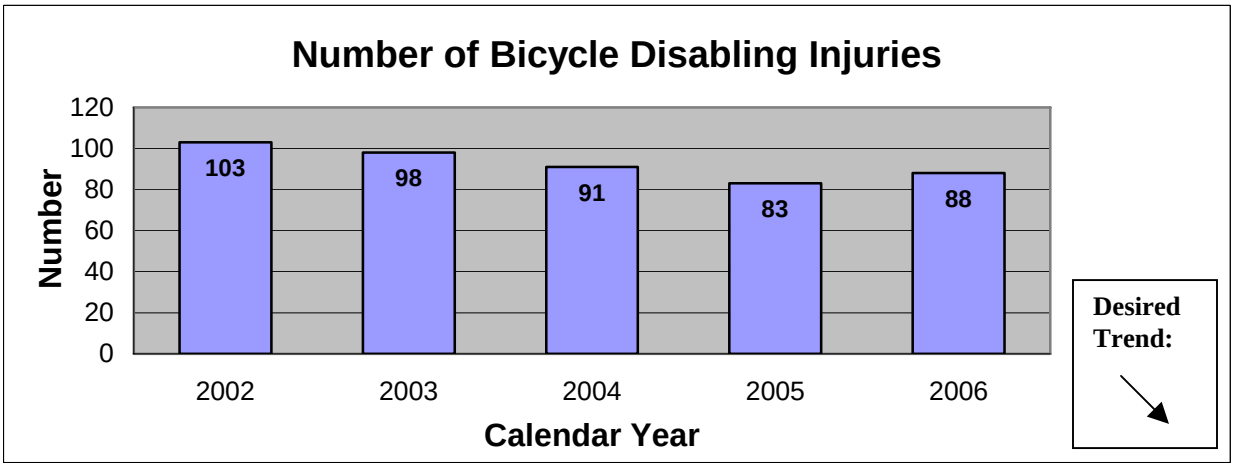
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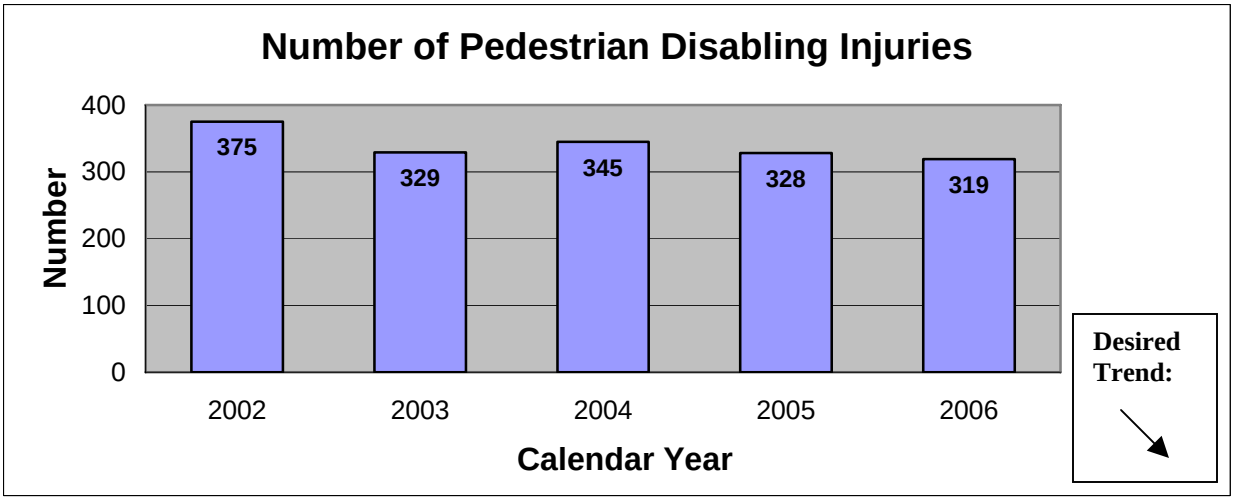
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2006
Calendar Year
Desired Trend:

Safe Transportation System

Number of motorcycle fatalities and disabling injuries

Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injuries resulting from motorcycle traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

Measurement and Data Collection:
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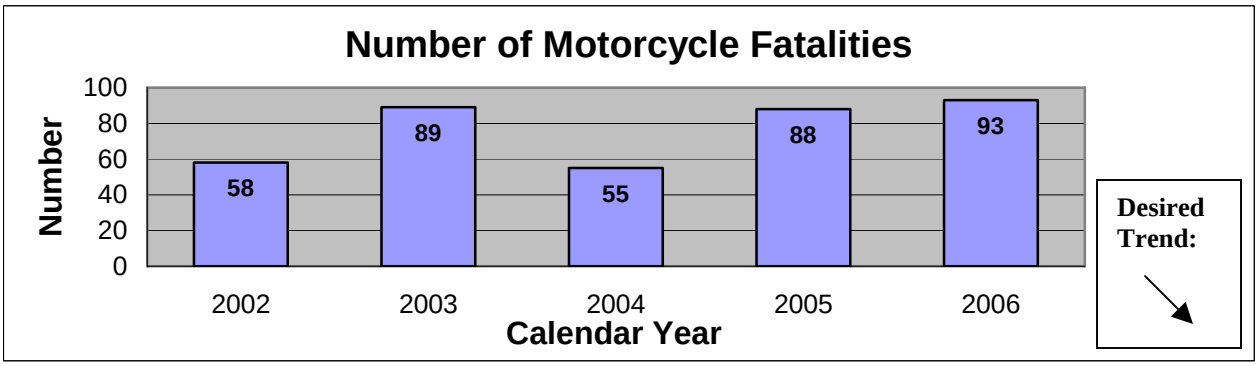
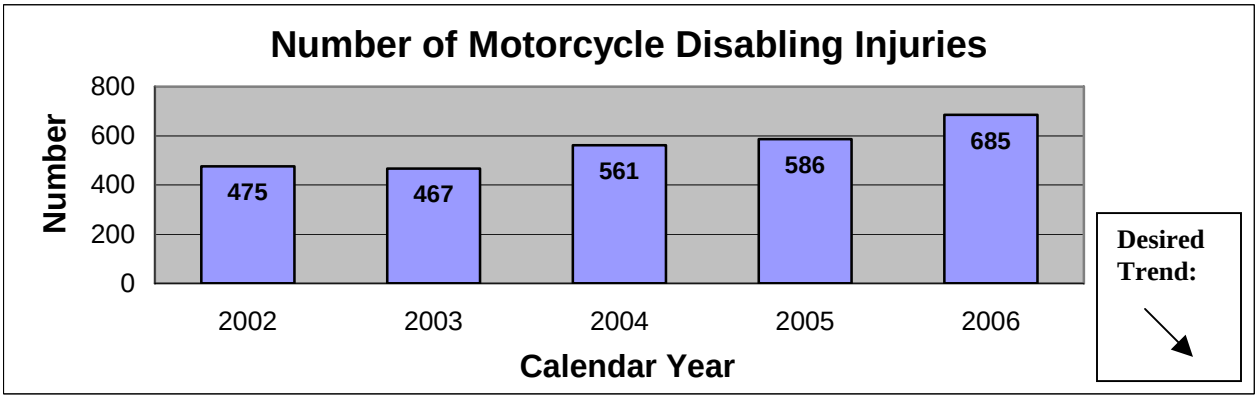
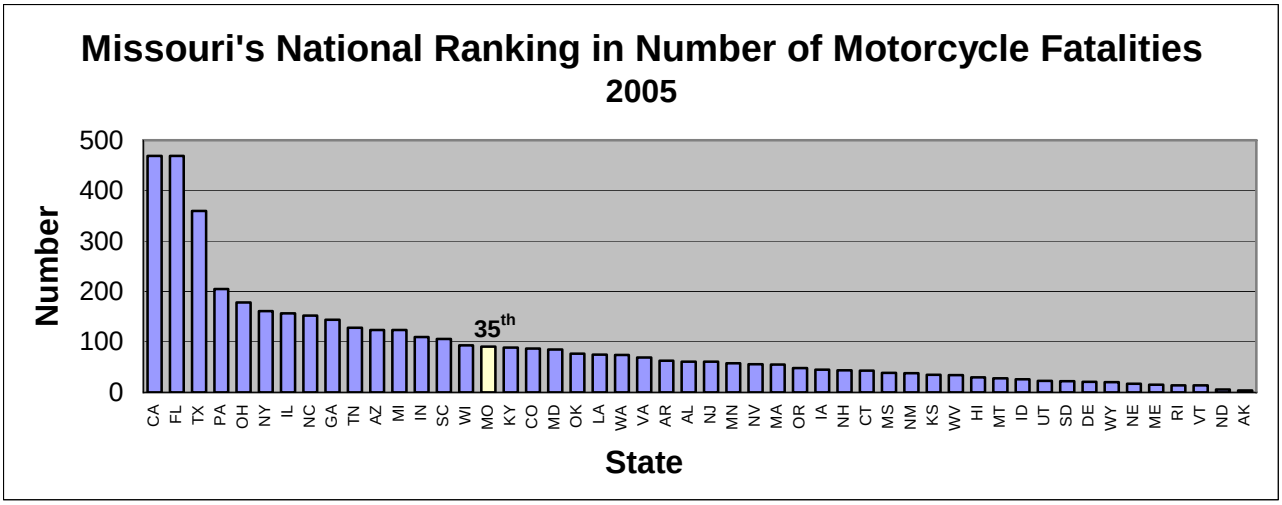
Improvement Status:
Fatalities and disabling injuries have shown an upward trend over the past four years. In 2006, Missouri experienced the highest number of motorcycle fatalities on record. The national data is not currently available for a 2006 comparison. Missouri's 2005 national ranking has worsened from 23rd in 2004 to 35th. A significant increase in the number of licensed motorcycles and riders has increased the exposure rate. Rider education classes are offered within one hour's driving time throughout Missouri. More than 4,000 riders at 28 sites are trained each year. In 2006, a Motorcycle Safety Task Force was organized and charged with developing a strategic plan. The task force has completed the plan and is currently moving forward with implementation.






Missouri's National Ranking in Number of Motorcycle Fatalities
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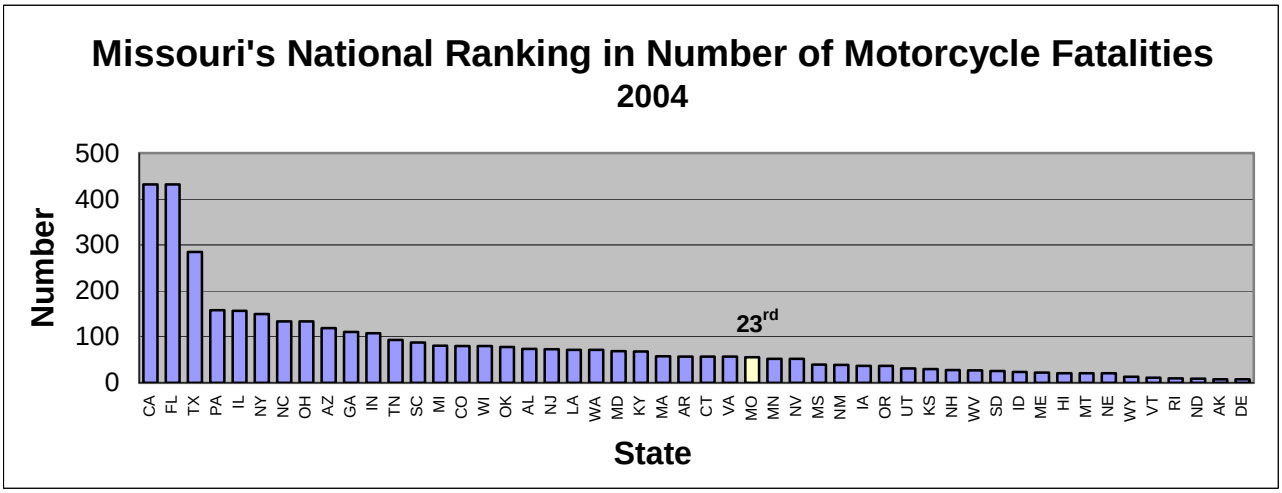
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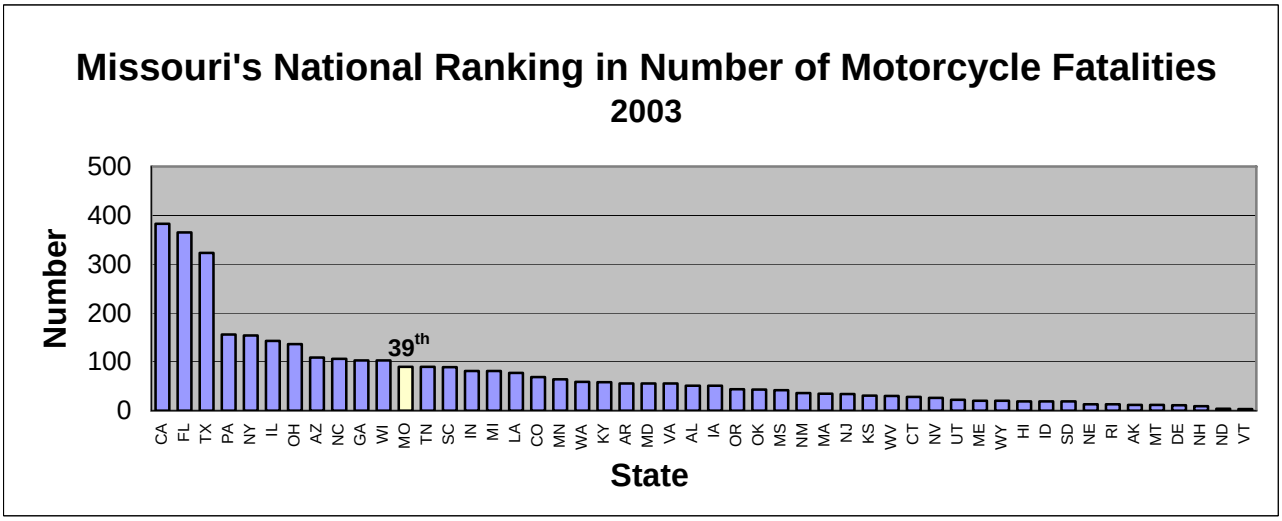
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State

Safe Transportation System

Number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in fatalities

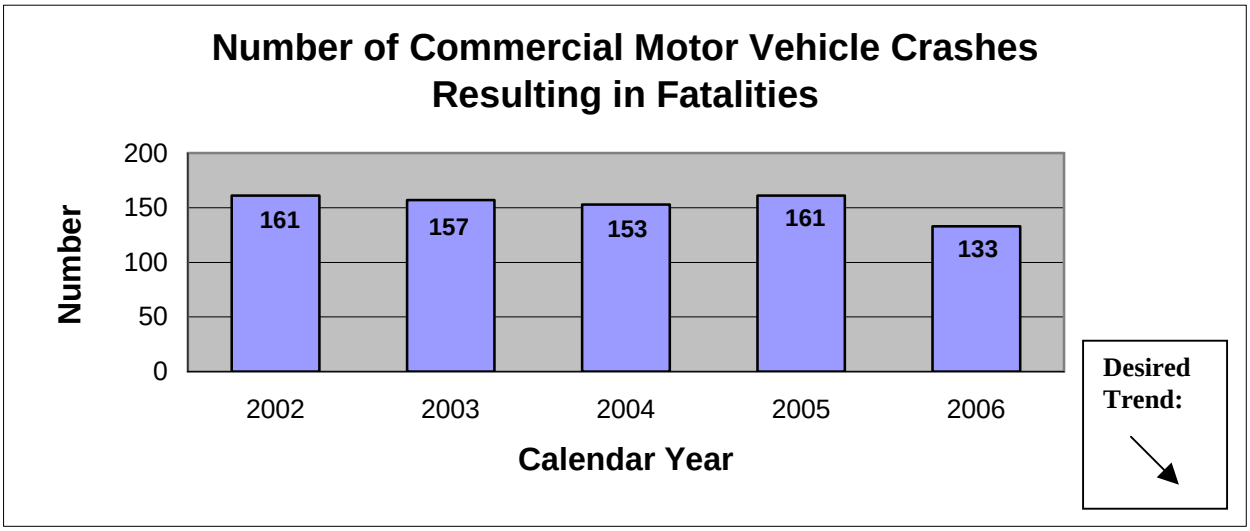
Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of Systems Management
Measurement Driver: Charles Gohring, Motor Carrier Services Program Manager

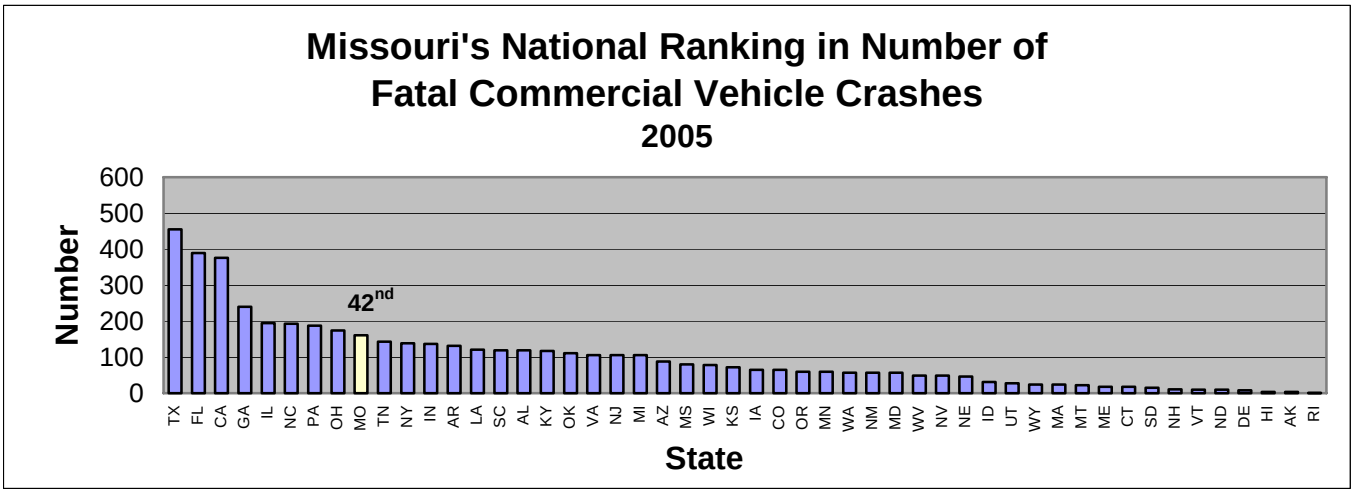
Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in fatal crashes each year. MoDOT uses the information to target educational and enforcement efforts.

Measurement and Data Collection:
The Missouri State Highway Patrol collects and records the crash statistics used in this measure. The data used in this measure reports the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in a crash where one or more people die within 30 days as a result of the crash. This is an annual measure and will be updated each April for the previous year.

Improvement Status:
Between 2002 and 2004, the number of Missouri commercial motor vehicle fatal crashes slowly dropped from 161 to 153. The number of fatal crashes notably decreased by 13 percent between 2005 and 2006. MoDOT coordinates its efforts with those of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Missouri Division and the Kansas City and St. Louis police departments. MoDOT efforts include the installation of larger highway signs, highly reflective pavement markings, cable guardrails, roundabout intersections, incident management alert signs, roadside rumble strips, and intelligent transportation systems at scales. MoDOT conducts carrier safety training, regulation compliance reviews, safety audits of new motor carrier firms and truck inspections at terminals and destinations. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, St. Louis and Kansas City Police Departments conduct commercial vehicle roadside inspections in order to remove unsafe drivers and vehicles from the road.

Missouri ranked 42nd in the number of fatality crashes nationwide in 2005.




Missouri's National Ranking in Number of
Fatal Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2005
Number
600
500
400
300
200
100
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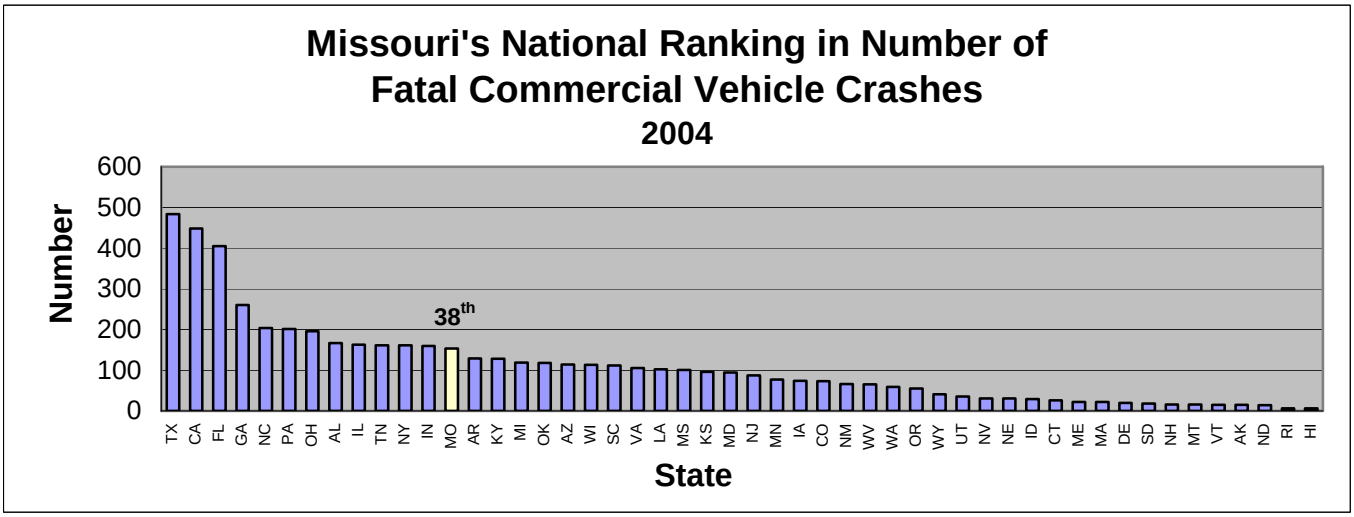
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Fatal Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2004
Number
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500
400
300
200
100
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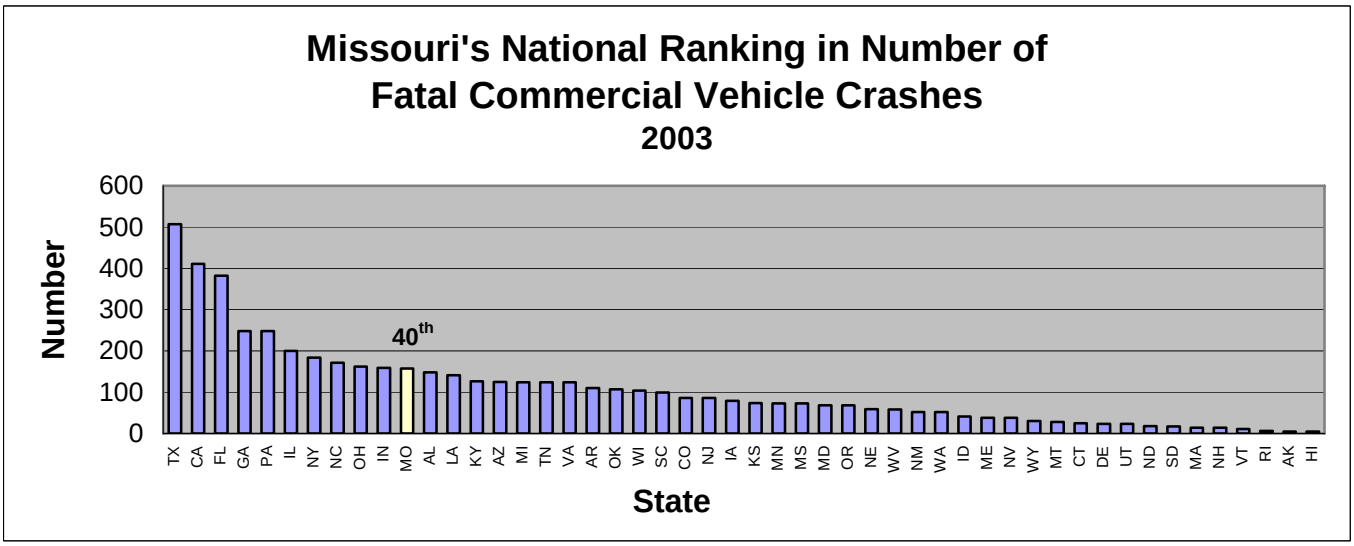
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Fatal Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2003
Number
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
40th
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State

Safe Transportation System

Number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries

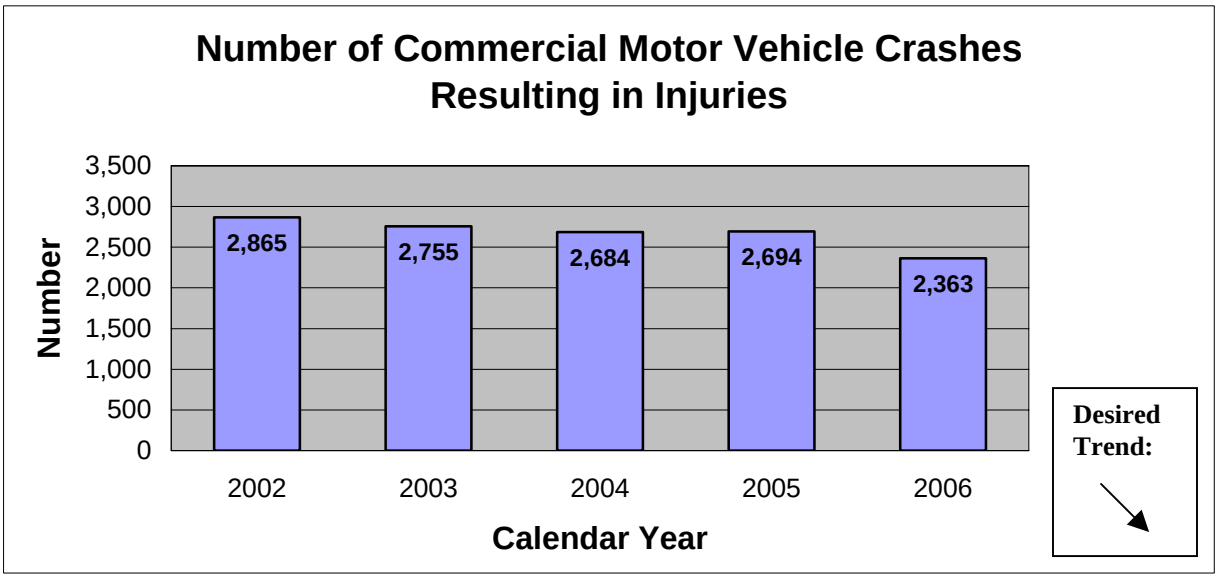
Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of Systems Management
Measurement Driver: Charles Gohring, Motor Carrier Services Program Manager

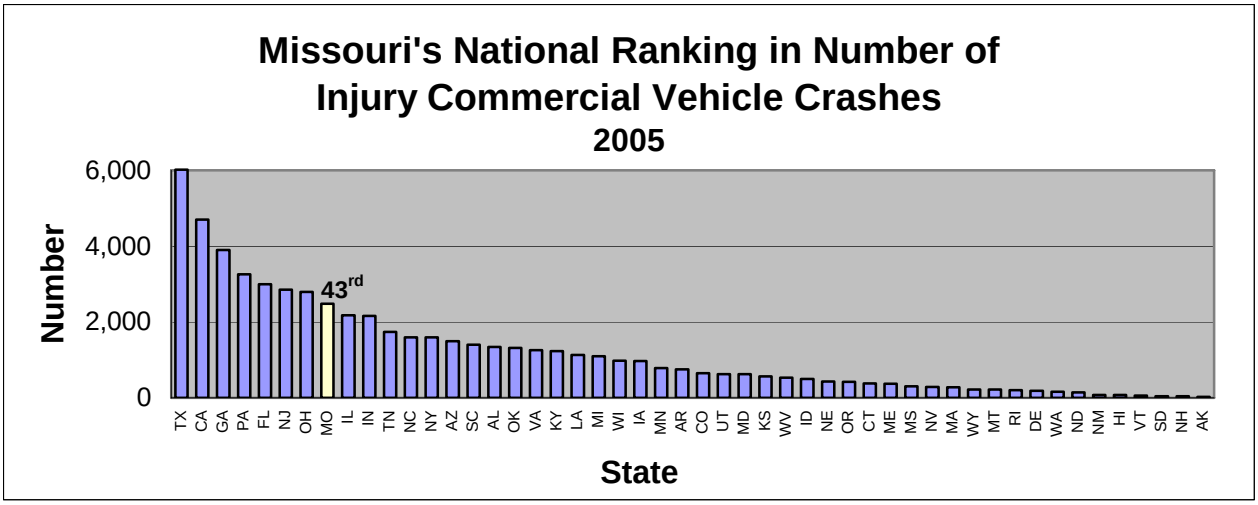
Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks number of commercial motor vehicles involved in injury crashes each year. MoDOT uses the information to target educational and enforcement efforts.

Measurement and Data Collection:
The Missouri State Highway Patrol collects and records crash statistics. The data for this measure reflects the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in crashes where one or more people are injured. This is an annual measure.

Improvement Status:
Between 2001 and 2004, the number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries decreased. The number of injury crashes notably decreased by 12 percent in 2006 to 2,363. The overall downward trend is due to the coordinated safety efforts of MoDOT, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Missouri Division, and the Kansas City and St. Louis police departments. MoDOT efforts include the installation of larger highway signs, highly reflective pavement markings, cable guardrails, roundabout intersections, incident management alert signs, rumble stripes, and intelligent transportation systems at scales. MoDOT conducts carrier safety training, regulation compliance reviews, safety audits of new motor carrier firms and truck inspections at terminals and destinations. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, St. Louis and Kansas City police departments conduct commercial vehicle roadside inspections in order to remove unsafe drivers and vehicles from the road.

Missouri ranked 43rd in the number of injury crashes nationwide in 2005.




Missouri's National Ranking in Number of
Injury Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2005
Number
6,000
4,000
2,000
0
43rd
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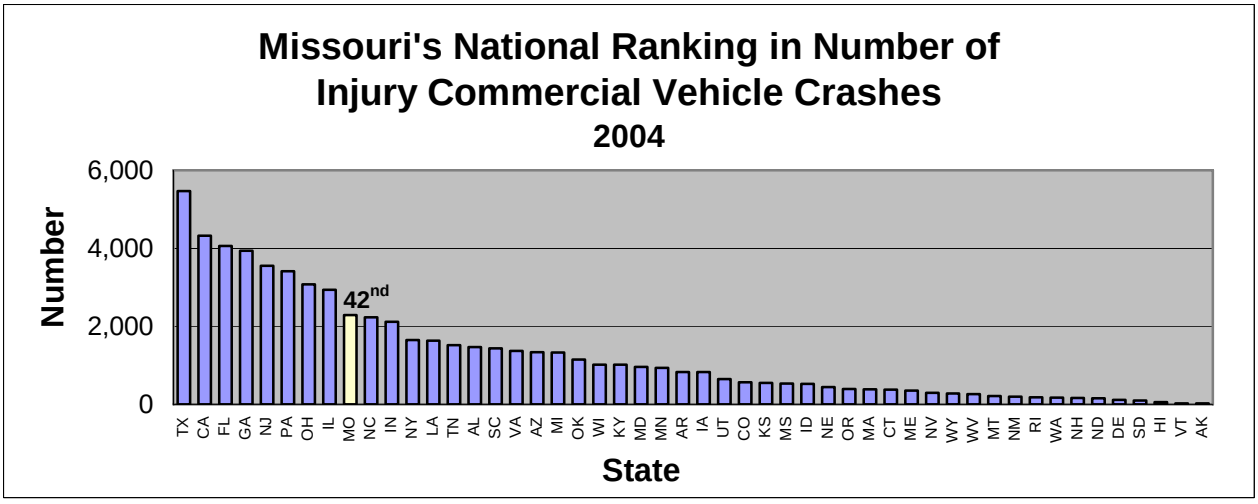
Missouri's National Ranking in Number of
Injury Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2004
Number
6,000
4,000
2,000
0
42nd
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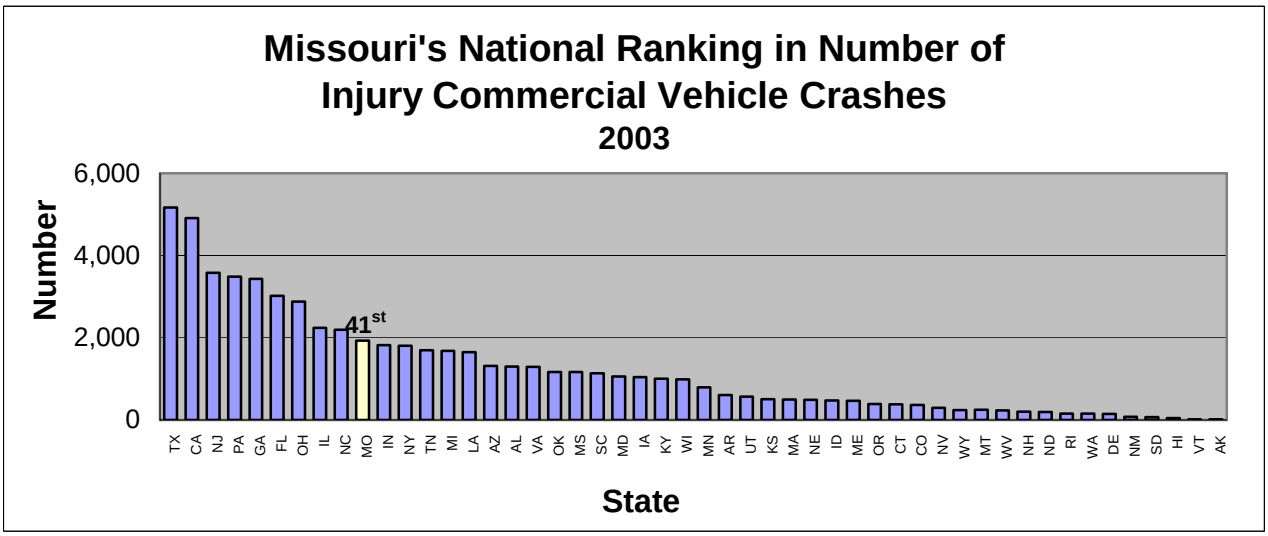
State


Missouri's National Ranking in Number of
Injury Commercial Vehicle Crashes
2003
Number
6,000
4,000
2,000
0
41st
TX CA NJ PA GA FL OH IL NC MO IN NY TN MI LA AZ AL VA OK MS SC MD IA KY WI MN AR UT KS MA NE ID ME OR CT CO NV WY MT WV NH ND RI WA DE NM SD HI VT AK
State

Safe Transportation System

Number of fatalities and injuries in work zones

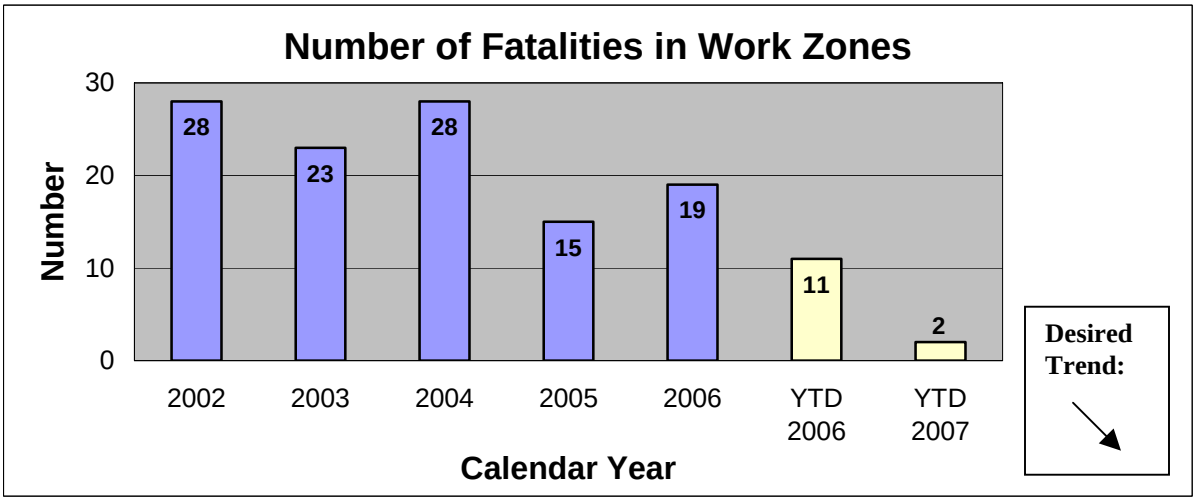
Result Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Scott Stotlemeyer, Traffic Liaison Engineer

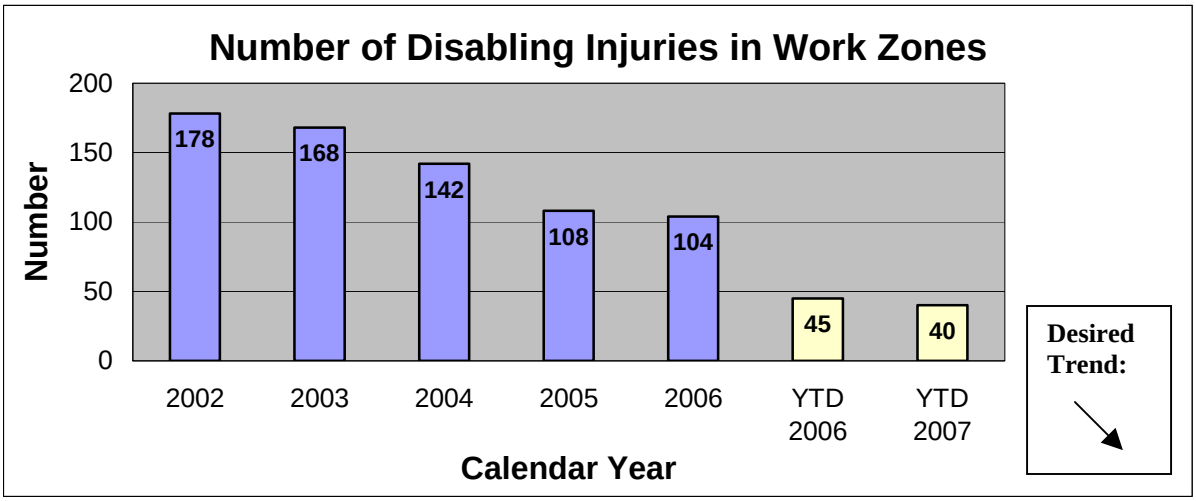
Purpose of the Measure:
An important factor in evaluating the safety of Missouri's transportation system is determining the safety of work zones on the state's roads. This measure tracks the number of traffic-related fatalities, disabling injuries, injuries, and crashes occurring in a work zone on any Missouri public road.

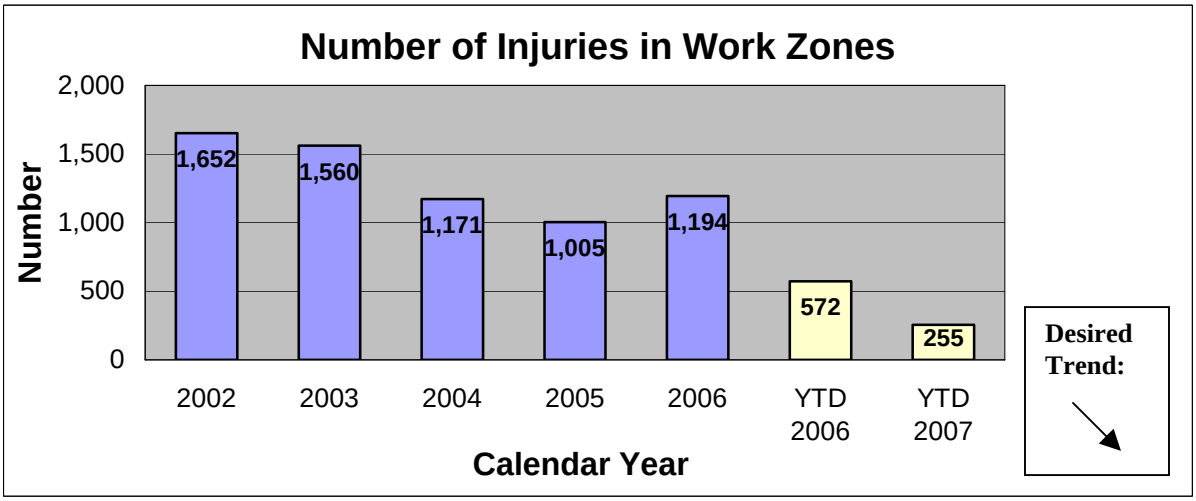
Measurement and Data Collection:
Missouri law enforcement agencies are required to report crashes by submitting a standardized vehicle accident report form to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. MSHP personnel enter these reports into a statewide traffic crash database. MoDOT staff queries this data to identify work zone-related crash statistics quarterly and report the results via this measurement.

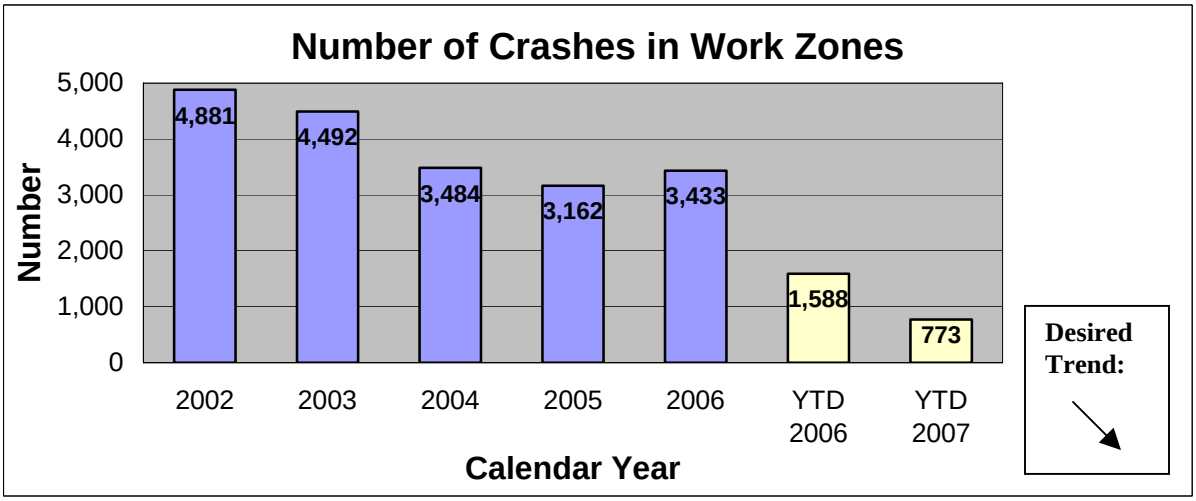
Improvement Status:
Crash statistics for January through June 2007, while not yet final, indicate an 82 percent reduction in the number of fatalities, an 11 percent reduction in the number of disabling injuries, a 55 percent reduction in the number of injuries, and a 51 percent reduction in the number of crashes occurring in Missouri's work zones when compared to the final numbers for the same time period of calendar year 2006.

Despite an increase in work zone-related fatalities, injuries, and crashes during calendar year 2006, Missouri generally has experienced a downward trend in these statistics since 2002. Such improvement in work zone safety is attributable partially to the department's proactive approach to raising work zone safety awareness and minimizing impacts on the traveling public.




Number of Disabling Injuries in Work Zones
Number
200
150
100
50
0
178
168
142
108
104
45
40
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
YTD 2006
YTD 2007
Calendar Year
Desired Trend:


Number of Injuries in Work Zones
Number
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0
1,652
1,560
1,171
1,005
1,194
572
255
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
YTD 2006
YTD 2007
Calendar Year
Desired Trend:


Number of Crashes in Work Zones
Number
5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000
0
4,881
4,492
3,484
3,162
3,433
1,588
773
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
YTD 2006
YTD 2007
Calendar Year
Desired Trend:

Safe Transportation System

Number of highway-rail crossing fatalities and collisions

Results Driver: Don Hillis, Director of System Management
Measurement Driver: Rod Massman, Administrator of Railroads

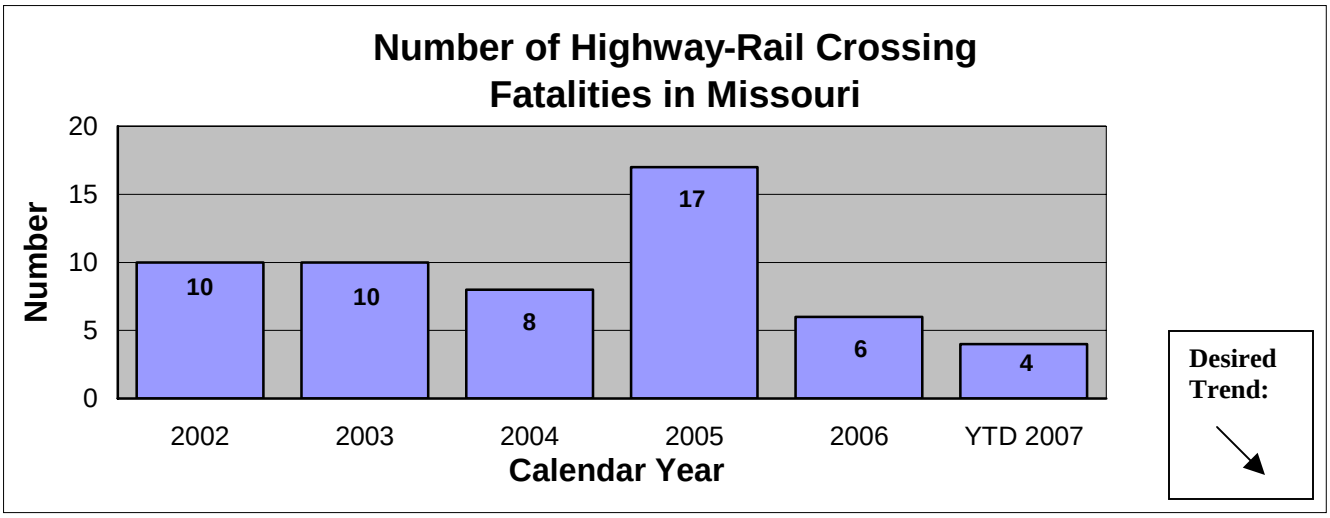
Purpose of the Measure:
This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and collisions resulting from train-vehicle crashes at public railroad crossings in Missouri. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008.

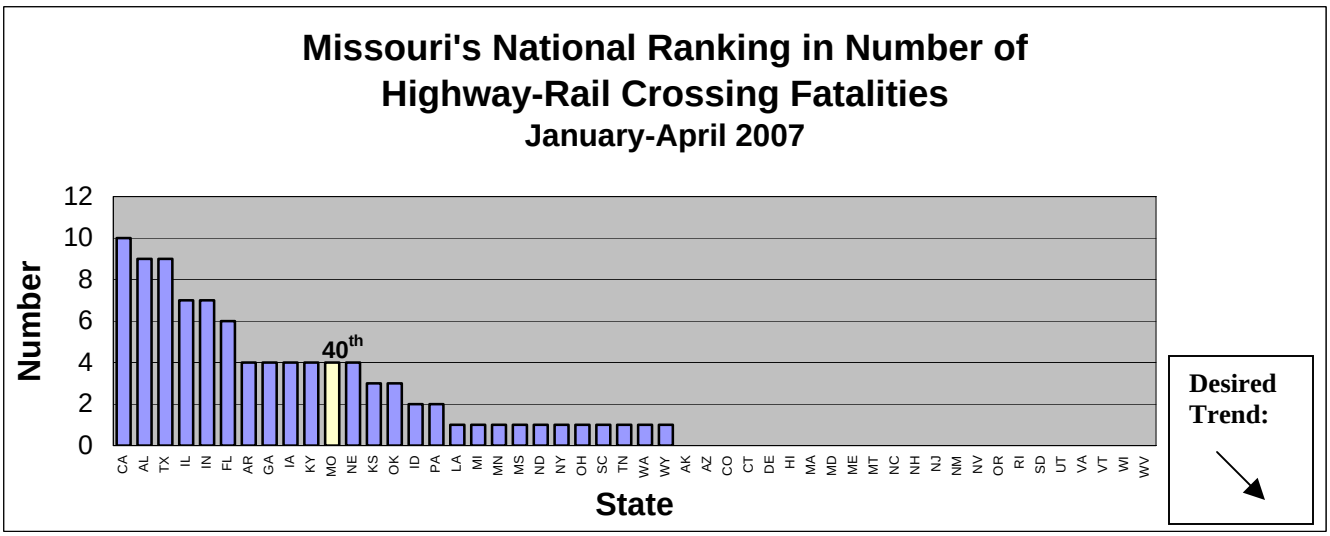
Measurement and Data Collection:
MoDOT collects crash data and enters it into a railroad safety information system used to update MoDOT's traffic management system. This does not include fatalities or collisions from those on railroad property at areas other than at public railroad crossings, which are tabulated separately. Missouri is then ranked with all other states using data from the Federal Railroad Administration that consists of the numbers of collisions and fatalities in each state. Data is updated quarterly.

Improvement Status:
MoDOT continues to coordinate its railroad crossing projects in the areas of greatest need using a safety exposure index, in addition to focusing on crossings with a history of accidents or limited sight distance. By agreeing with the railroads to look at a defined area, called a corridor, and sharing financial responsibilities for improvements, limited funds can be spread over a wider area. This increases the number of overall projects completed in specific areas of the state.

Other improvements include an increased emphasis on and MoDOT employee participation in public outreach opportunities on rail safety in conjunction with Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Another improvement is the exploration of partnerships with other government agencies, cities and school districts to upgrade flasher-only crossings to crossings with both lights and gates, to install gates and lights at crossings and to replace outdated lighting with LED systems. There is also a renewed emphasis on closing unsafe, redundant or unnecessary crossings.

Although fatalities and collisions in calendar year 2006 were decreased markedly from 2005, so far in 2007 there have been four fatalities, which nearly matches the total for 2006. In order to combat this, in addition to the engineering factors, MODOT has increased and implemented more public outreach efforts. This has included distributing an emergency responder manual for train accidents, renewed effort to appear at driver's education classes to present rail crossing information, and having a MoDOT employee become certified in the area of Operation Lifesaver training. MoDOT also co-sponsored Rail Safety Week in April 2007, with the Missouri Highway Patrol and Missouri Operation Lifesaver, and the continuing focus throughout the year has been various "positive enforcement" efforts at crossings all across the state. This continuing effort is designed to increase public awareness and discussion of the need for increased safety and heightened awareness at railroad crossings.


Number of Highway-Rail Crossing Fatalities in Missouri
Number
20
15
10
5
0
10
10
8
17
6
4
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
YTD 2007
Calendar Year
Desired Trend:


Missouri's National Ranking in Number of Highway-Rail Crossing Fatalities
January-April 2007
Number
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
40th
CA AL TX IL IN FL AR GA IA KY MO NE KS OK ID PA LA MI MN MS ND NY OH SC TN WA WY AK AZ CO CT DE HI MA MD ME MT NC NH NJ NM NV OR RI SD UT VA VT WI WV
State
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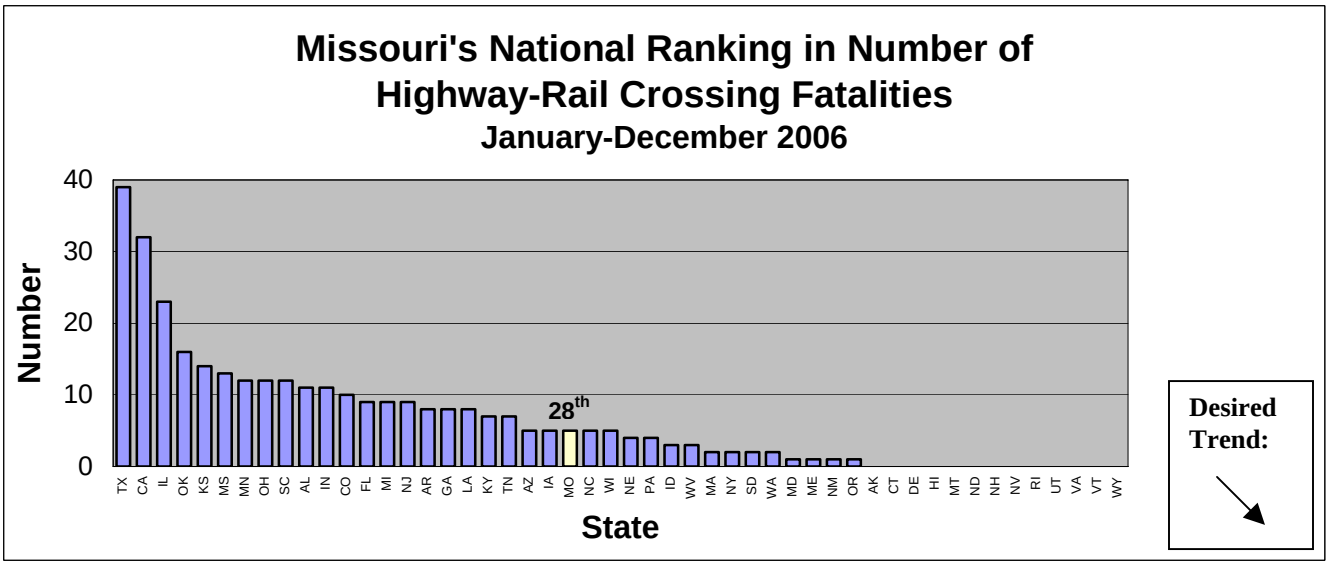
Missouri's National Ranking in Number of Highway-Rail Crossing Fatalities
January-December 2006
Number
40
30
20
10
0
28th
TX CA IL OK KS MS MN OH SC AL IN CO FL MI NJ AR GA LA KY TN AZ IA MO NC WI NE PA ID WV MA NY SD WA MD ME NM OR AK CT DE HI MT ND NH NV RI UT VA VT WY
State
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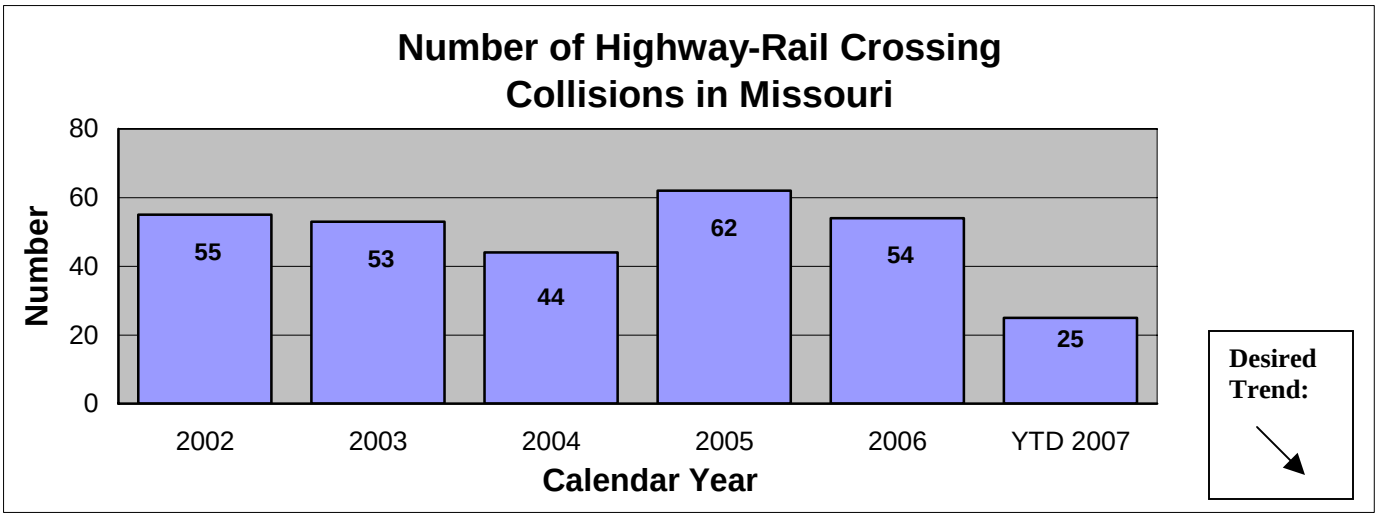
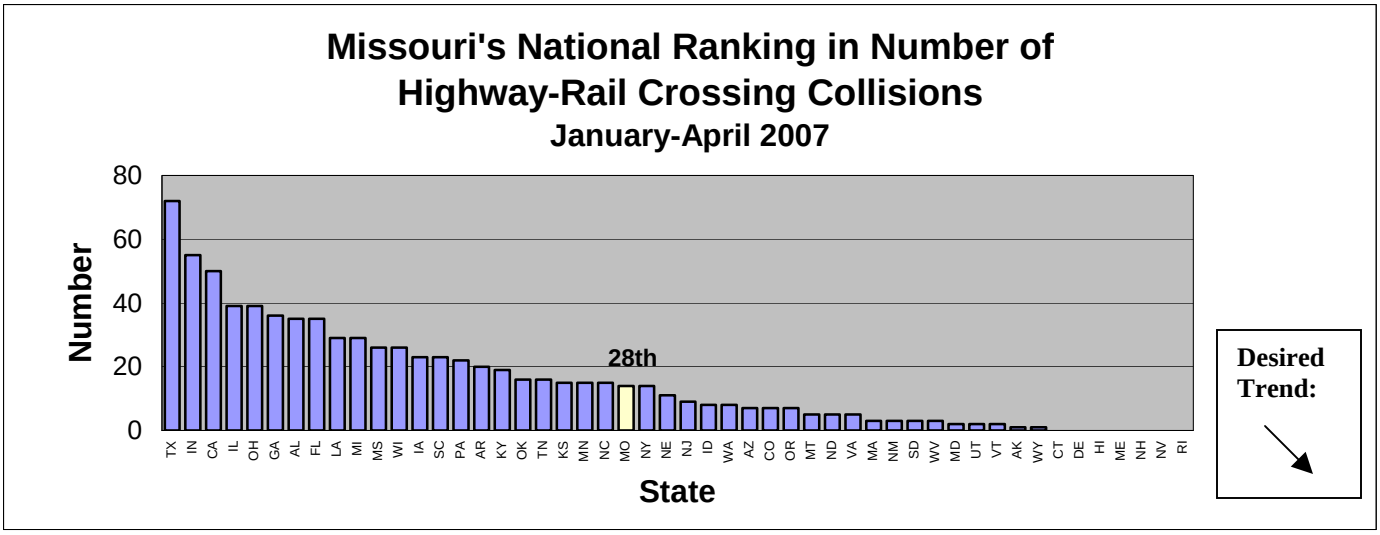

Number of Highway-Rail Crossing Collisions in Missouri
Number
80
60
40
20
0
55
53
44
62
54
25
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
YTD 2007
Calendar Year
Desired Trend: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Number
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60
40
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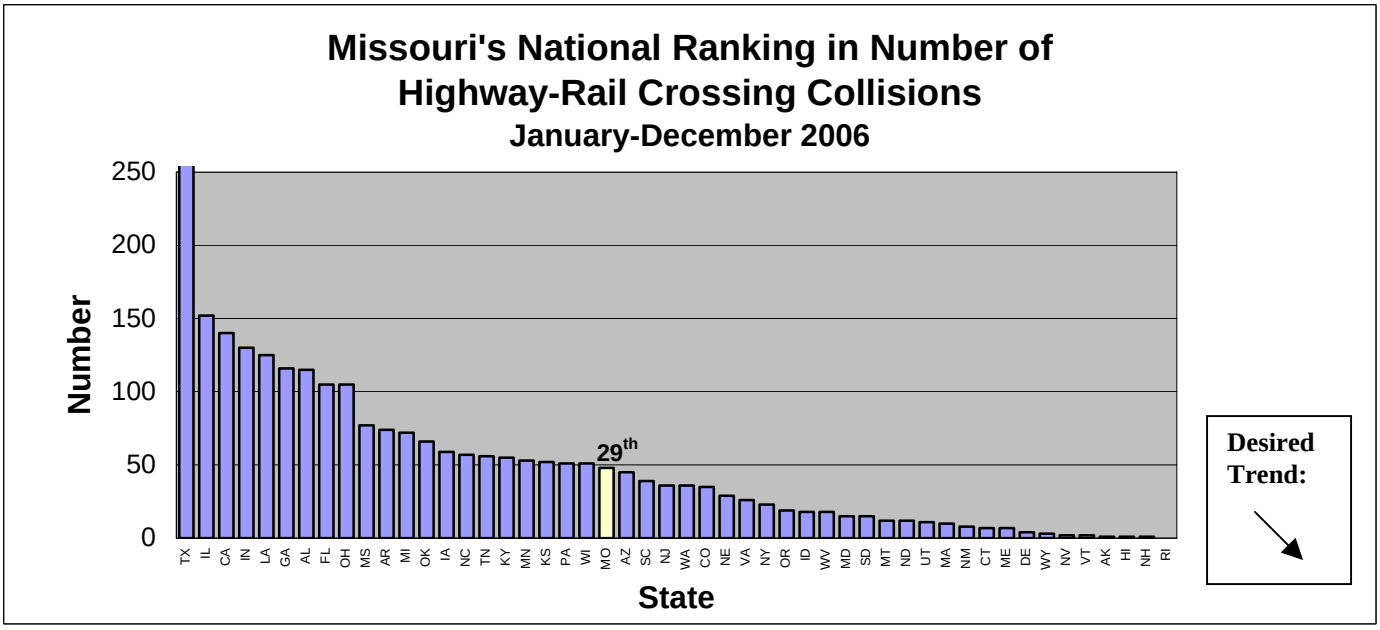
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Number
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150
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State
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