

INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Overview of the State's Role to Ensure Safety in Transportation

December 3, 2025



Safety across the CalSTA Universe...

- CalSTA
- Caltrans
- Office of Traffic Safety
- California Transportation Commission

And....

- California Highway Patrol
- Department of Motor Vehicles





How are safety and equity linked?



SAFETY

Nearly 10% of all the year 2021 traffic deaths in the U.S. occurred on California roadways. Fatalities for Active Transportation users are also at a 16-year high. By embedding the Safe System approach into our investments, planning, design and innovation, we will be able to achieve better outcomes on this urgent responsibility.



EQUITY

Historically, transportation decisions prioritized movement of vehicles over the movement of people. We also built a transportation system that in some cases had detrimental impacts in underserved communities. We aim to create an equitable and accessible transportation network and to provide equitable opportunities for all people.



CLIMATE ACTION

Nearly half of all climate-changing pollution in California comes from the transportation sector, and this demands our action for a cleaner future for all Californians. We must continue making our carbon footprint smaller by investing in a more multimodal system, embracing smarter land use development and utilizing innovation around zero emission vehicles.



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Transportation policy done right creates well-paying jobs, provides affordable options, supports housing opportunities and powers our economy. This must be our focus as we strive for all people to be on equal footing, resulting in more thriving, robust communities.

2025 Secretary's Policy on Road Safety

On October 15, 2025, CalSTA Secretary Omishakin and CA Health & Human Services Secretary Kim Johnson jointly signed a statewide initiative to reduce severe traffic crashes in high-risk areas.

- **Interim goal to reduce number of fatalities and serious injuries by 30% on California roads by 2035.**
- **Uses a public health, prevention-first, investment mindset**
- **Institutionalizes the Safe System Approach**

The Safe System Approach Principles

Death and serious injuries are unacceptable. The Safe System Approach prioritizes eliminating crashes that cause fatal or severe harm.

Humans make mistakes. The system can accommodate certain types and levels of human mistakes, and avoid death and serious injuries when a crash occurs.

Humans are vulnerable. Roads and vehicles can be designed around the physical limits of the human body.

Responsibility is shared. Governments, industry and the public all play a role in preventing harm.

Safety is proactive. Risks are managed before crashes happen through upstream, preventive action.

Redundancy is essential. Multiple layers—road, speed, vehicle, user, post-crash care, and safer land use—work together to protect people.

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GOALS



SAFETY



EQUITY



CLIMATE ACTION



PROSPERITY



EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE



Caltrans 2024-2028

STRATEGIC PLAN



Office of Traffic Safety



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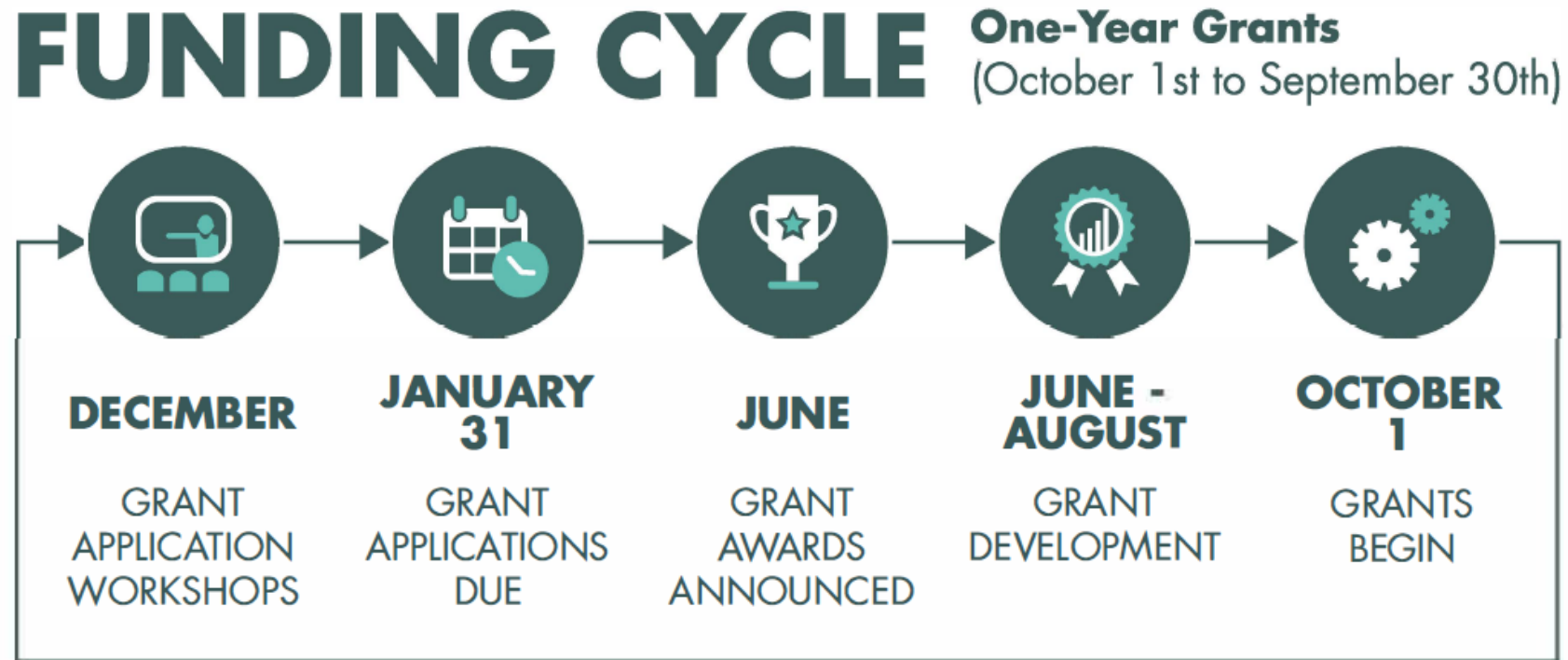
All people will be safe on California roads.

MISSION

Deliver traffic safety programs to prevent people from being killed and seriously injured in California.

OTS Grant Types

- Alcohol and Drug-Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Emergency Medical Services
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Police Traffic Services
- Roadway Safety and Traffic Records



Education Programs and Campaigns



**CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALTRANS**



SHSP Crash Data Dashboard



Travel



Work with Caltrans



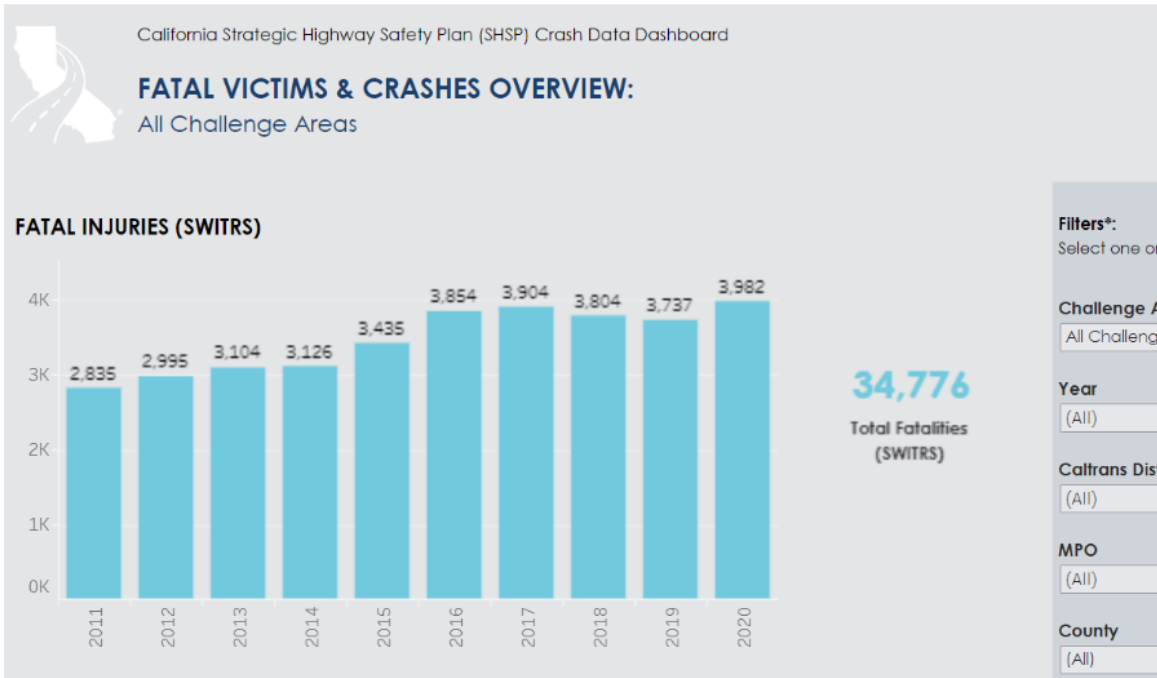
Programs



Caltrans Near Me



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Welcome to the California SHSP Crash Data Dashboard

Welcome to the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Crash Data Dashboard. The dashboard was developed to provide SHSP implementers with direct access to crash data to support data-driven implementation of the SHSP. The dashboard currently uses finalized crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).

The dashboard allows for filtering of the number and characteristics of fatal and serious injury crashes over the last 10 years. Some filtering options include:

- SHSP Challenge Area
- Crash Severity
- Location: District, County, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and City
- Crash Cause
- Crash Time
- Crash Party and Victim Demographics

The SHSP is excited to include provisional data within the Crash Data Dashboard for preliminary data review. Provisional data is an incomplete dataset that is being released sooner than the finalized data in order to provide our stakeholders with more timely information.

To use this site, you must [apply for an account](#). Registering only takes a few minutes.

Please provide us your feedback on the data that is being provided for the SHSP by [filling out a very brief survey](#).

[Guidebook and instructional videos in English and Spanish.](#)

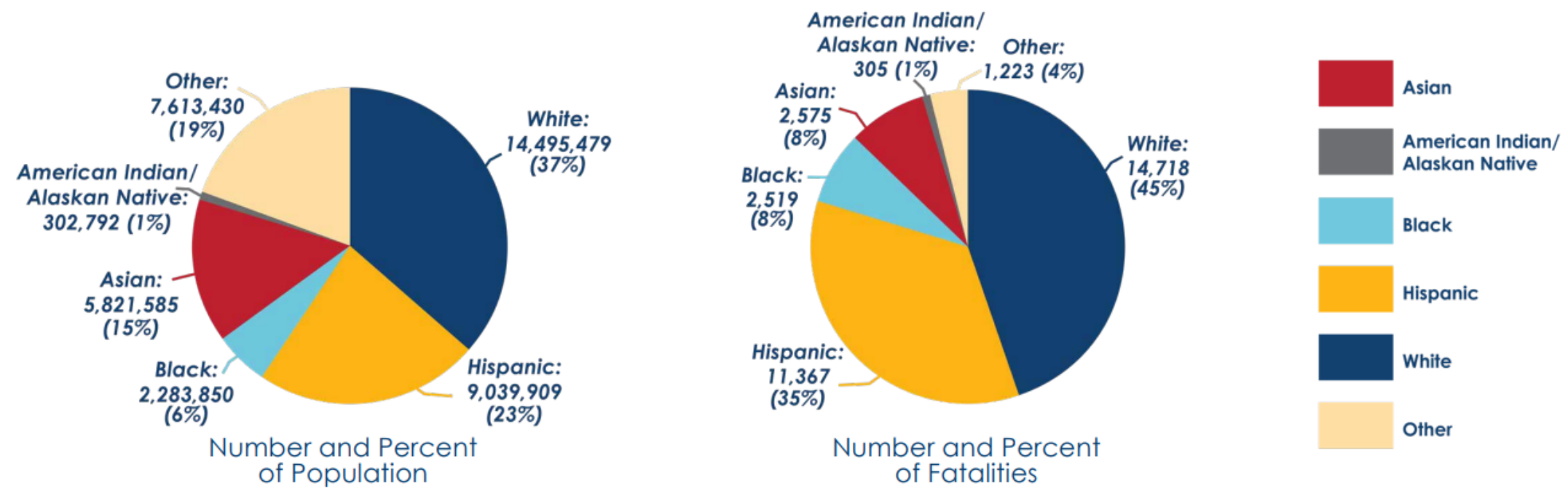
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SHSP Safety & Equity Data Working Group

Distribution of California Traffic Fatalities by Race/Ethnicity



Additional Resources

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)

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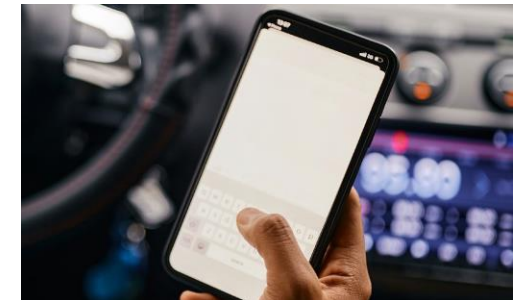
contactots@ots.ca.gov

OTS Grants: www.ots.ca.gov/grants

Go Safely California: gosafelyca.org

Caltrans: SHSP Crash Data Dashboard

<https://shsp.dot.ca.gov>



Questions and Discussion



Discussion Questions

- How can we make this data easier for non-technical users—like community organizations or local advocates?
- What additional topics around safety should we bring to the EAC?
 - Funding Investments
 - Planning
 - Community Engagement
 - Data



Additional Slides

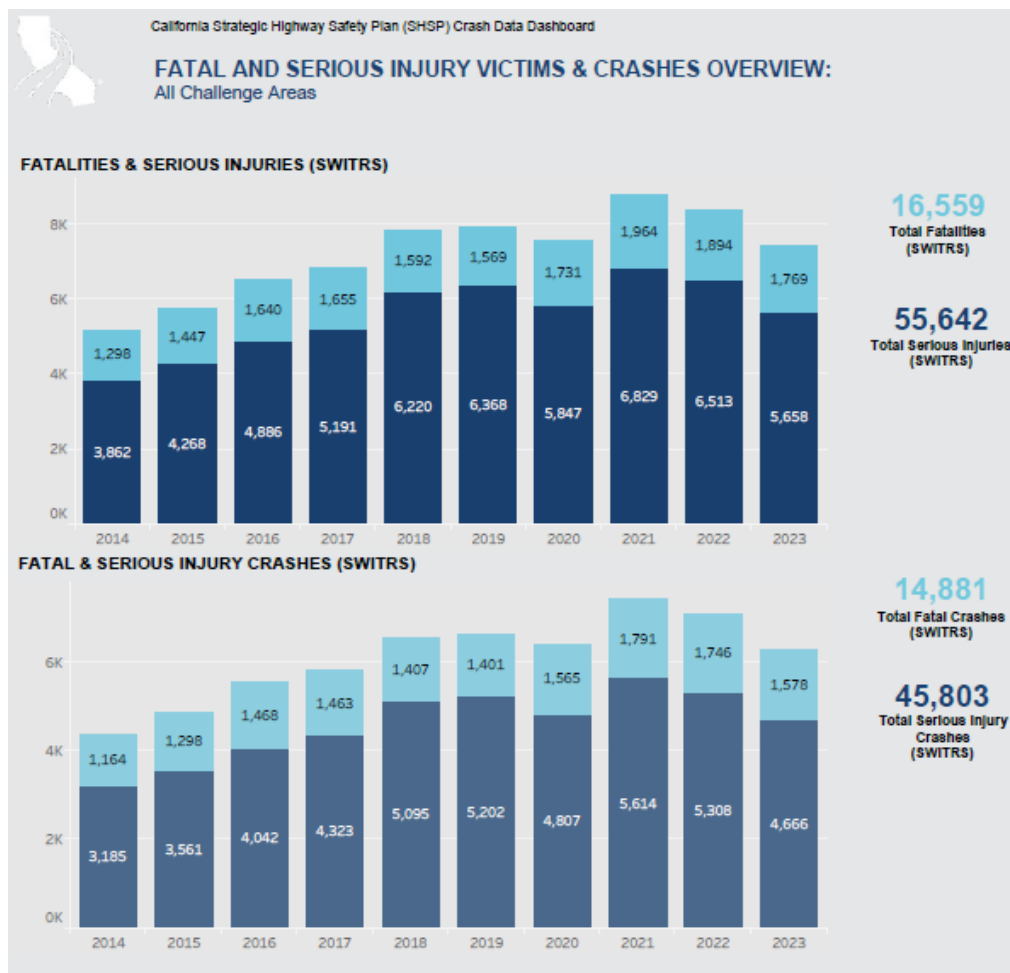




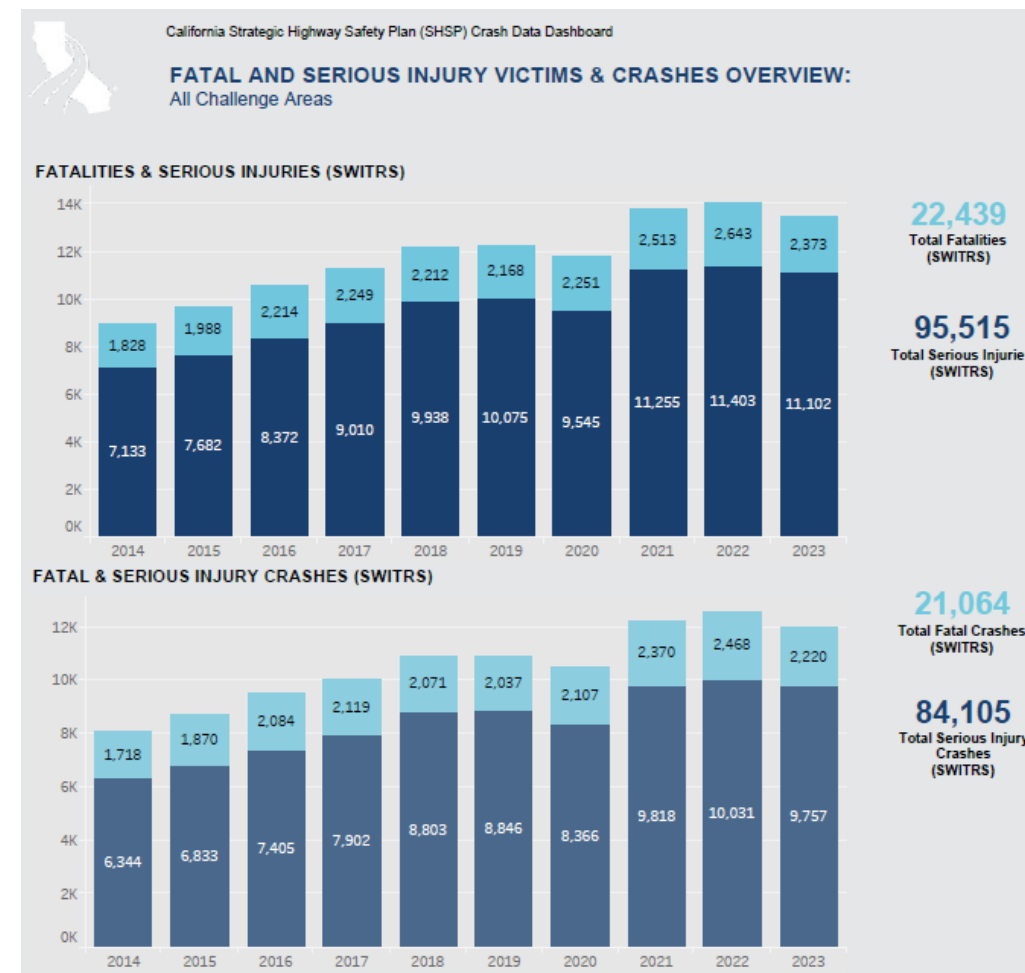
Statewide Overview

FATAL VICTIMS & CRASHES STATEWIDE OVERVIEW

STATE HIGHWAY



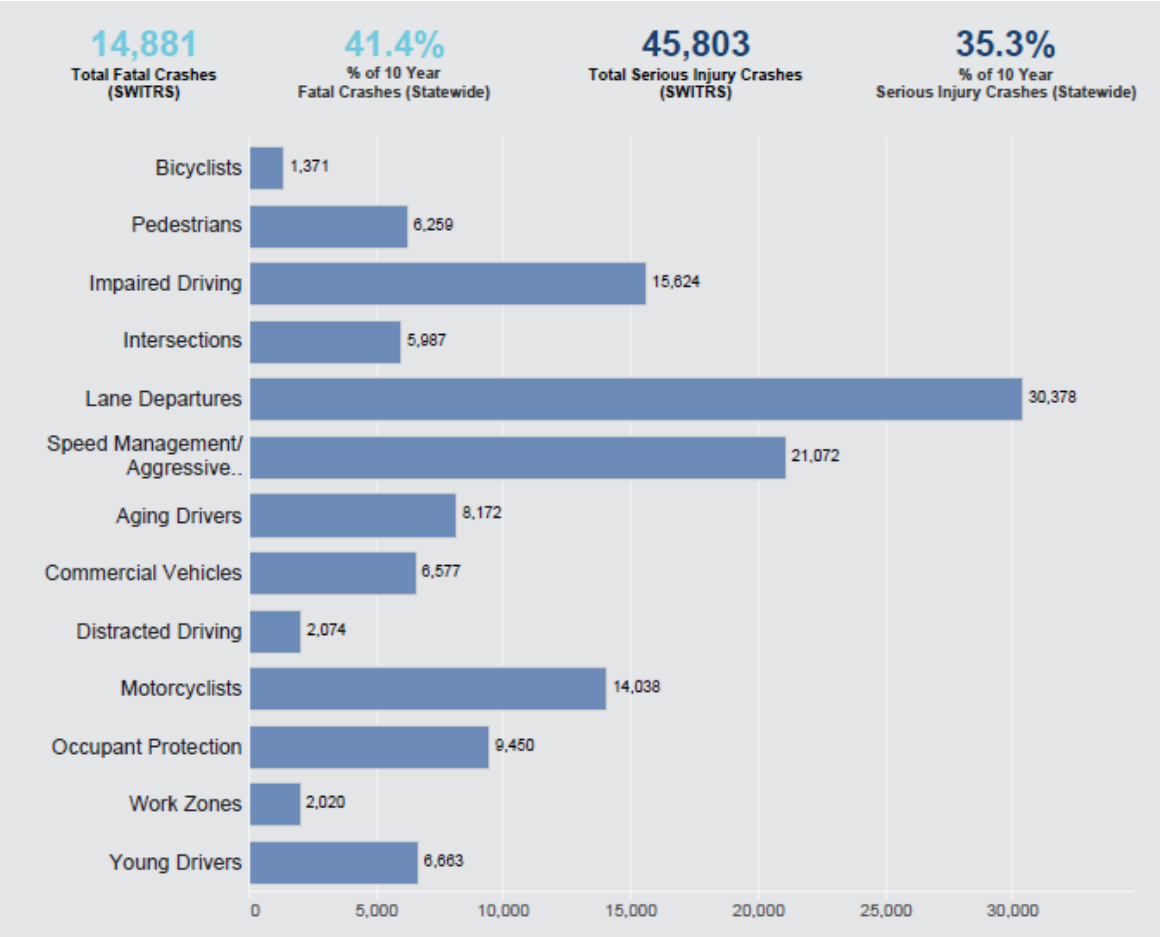
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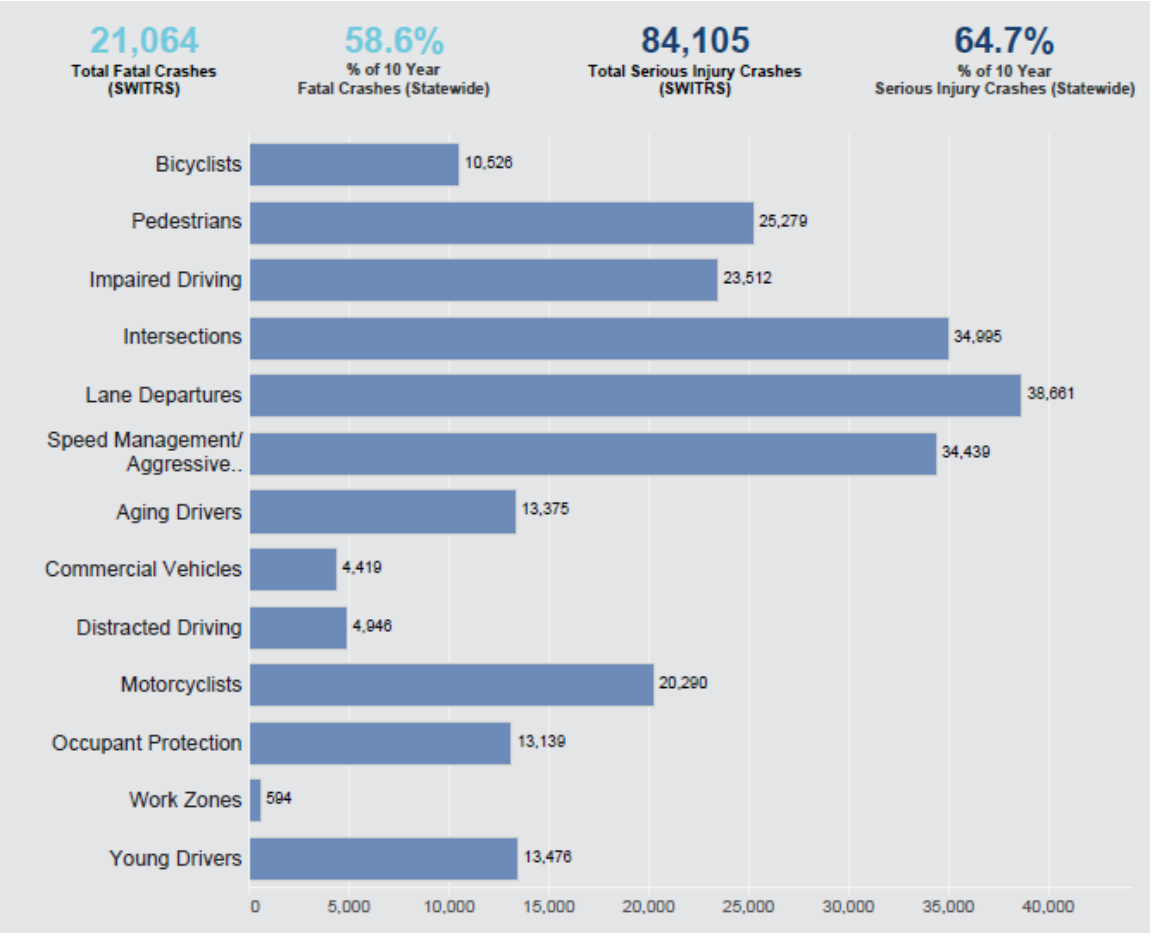
Finalized Data 2014-2023

STATEWIDE OVERVIEW BY CHALLENGE AREA

STATE HIGHWAY

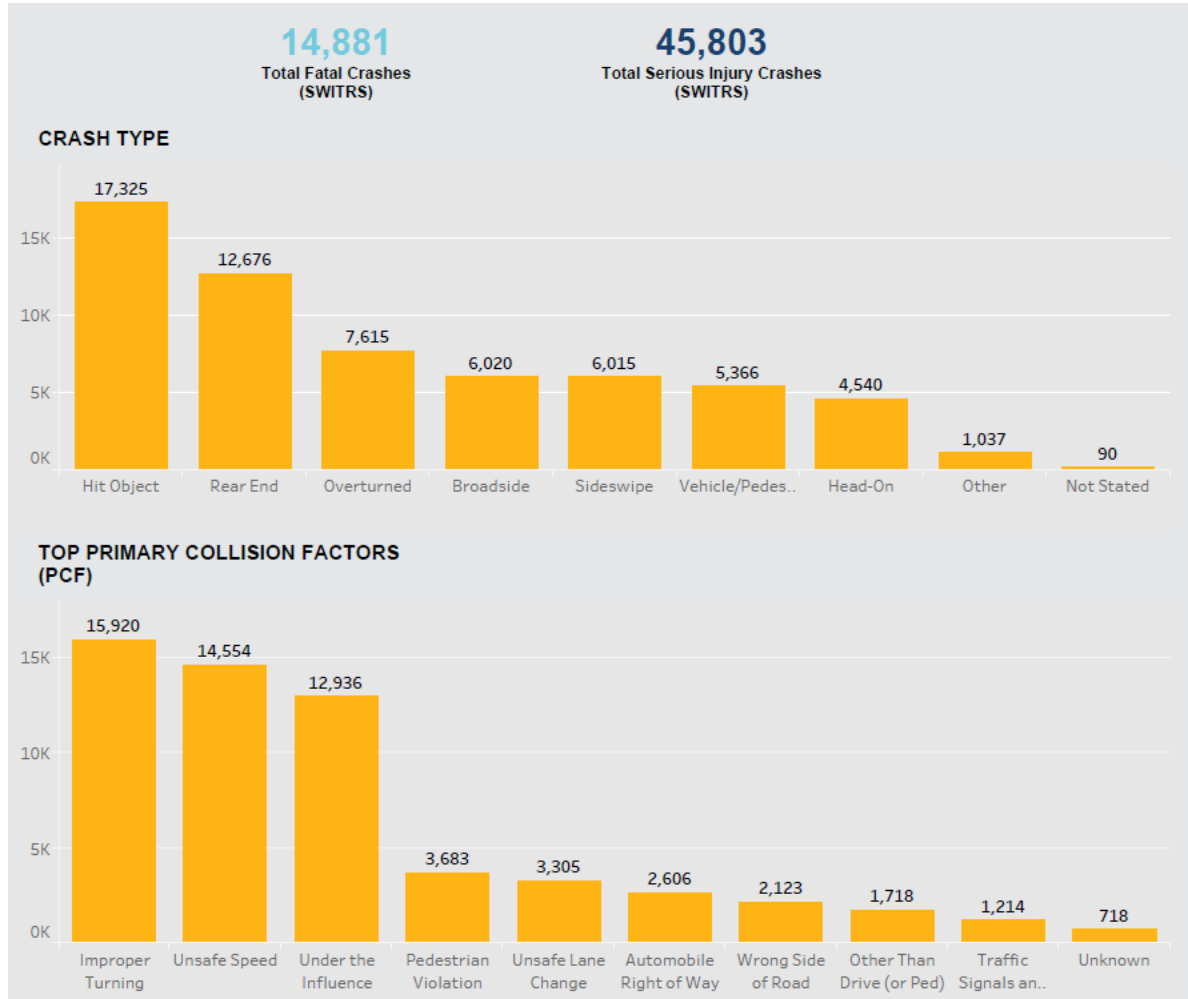


NON-STATE HIGHWAY



STATEWIDE CAUSE OVERVIEW

STATE HIGHWAY



NON-STATE HIGHWAY

