

Drive To Zero (DTZ) Coalition

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The Reality

2 deadly accidents Wednesday in Kansas take the lives of 3 people

Neighbor describes crash that killed child near Gardner as 'horrific'

Girl, 16, killed when struck by vehicle Wednesday night on northwest Kansas highway

Sheriff's office: Woman killed in rollover crash in Butler County

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run crash Friday in KCK

SW Kansas man dies after violent motorcycle crash

Kansas Highway Patrol Online Crash Logs

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Results

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If a crash no longer appears on this site, you may order an official report from our [Online Accident Report](#) site. Please read the disclaimer to get information on how and when you can obtain an official crash report.

- [On 10/31/2023 an Injury crash occurred in Johnson County](#)
A crash involving 1 vehicle occurred on 10/31/2023 at 10:04 in Johnson county at I-435 northbound at milepost 5.2 or just south of Midland Drive in Shawnee, KS
- [On 10/31/2023 a Fatality crash occurred in Haskell County](#)
A crash involving 1 vehicle occurred on 10/31/2023 at 07:43 in Haskell county at US 56 80.5 or 9.3 miles East of Sublette on US 56
- [On 10/31/2023 an Injury crash occurred in Haskell County](#)
A crash involving 2 vehicles occurred on 10/31/2023 at 18:34 in Haskell county at Road OO and Road 180 or 2 Miles East of U83 on Road 180.
- [On 10/31/2023 an Injury crash occurred in Cowley County](#)
A crash involving 1 vehicle occurred on 10/31/2023 at 09:38 in Cowley county at WB U160 310.8 or .4 miles southeast of 11th Rd.

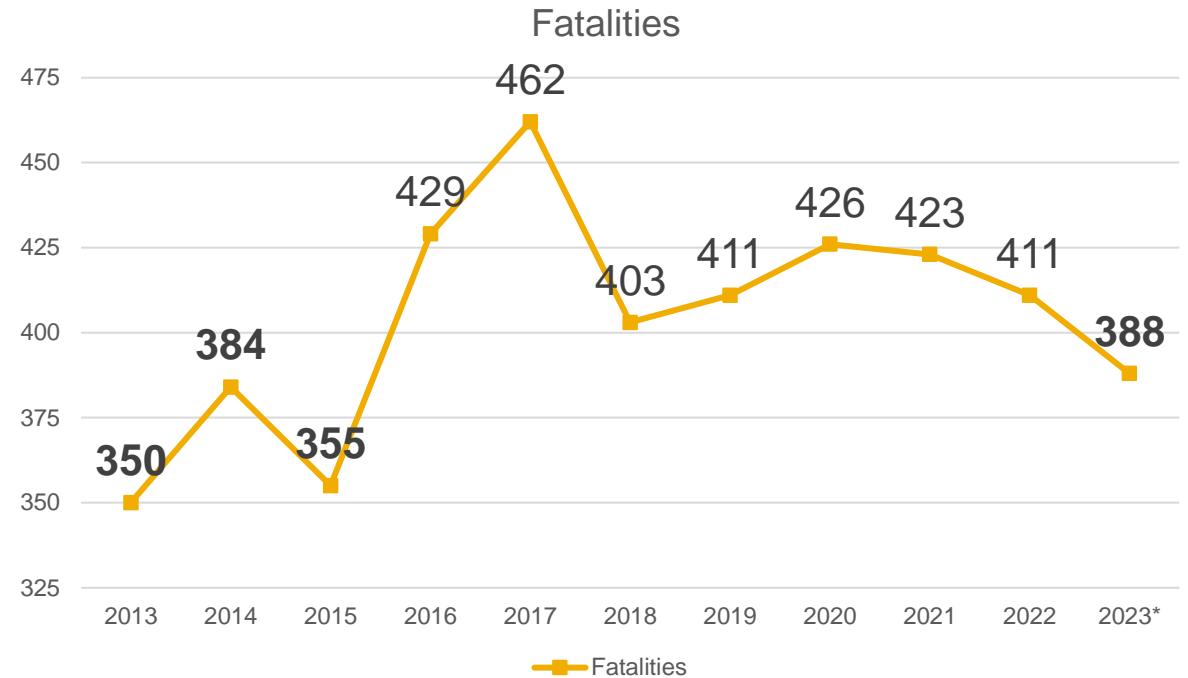
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Big Trends

2023 Kansas Traffic Crash Deaths

↓ 5.7% **388**

Compared to 1/1/22 - 12/31/22
Preliminary data as of 1/23/24



As of 1/26/2024



Big Trends

2024 Kansas Traffic Crash Deaths

41  **30.5%**

Compared to 1/1/23 - 3/5/23
Preliminary data as of 3/5/24



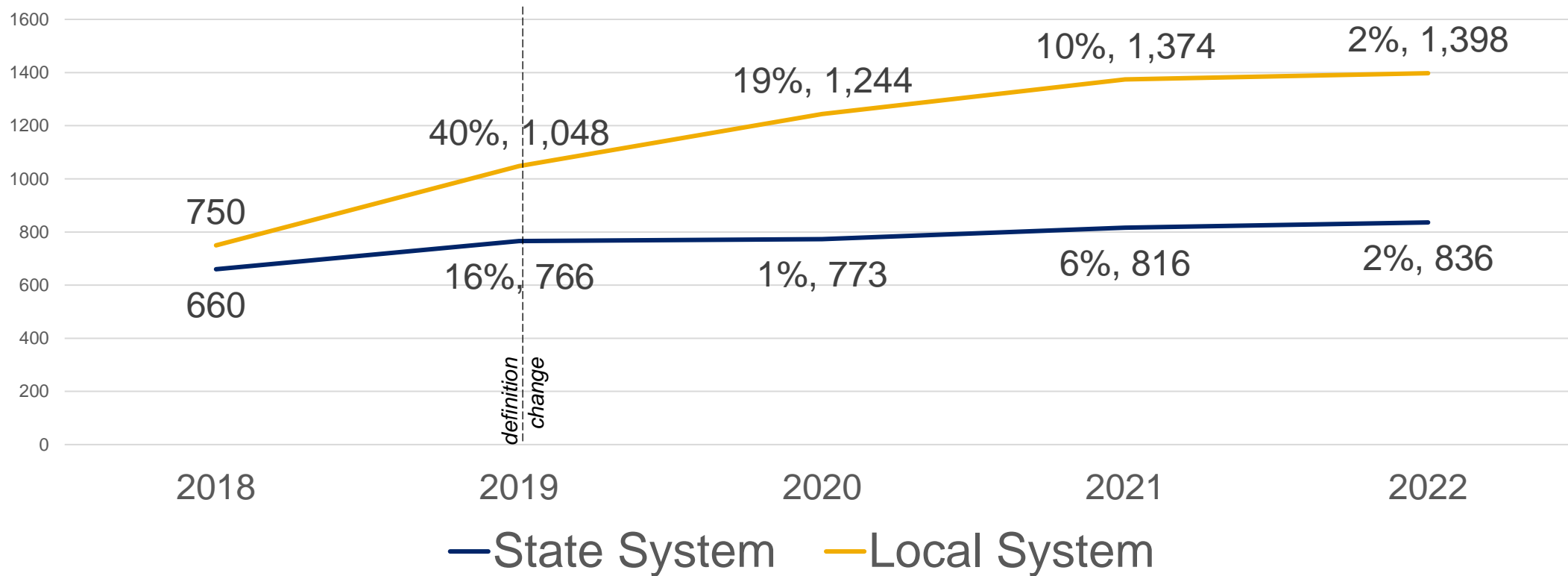
KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

As of 3/5/2024



Big Trends – Local System

Severe Injuries by Roadway Ownership

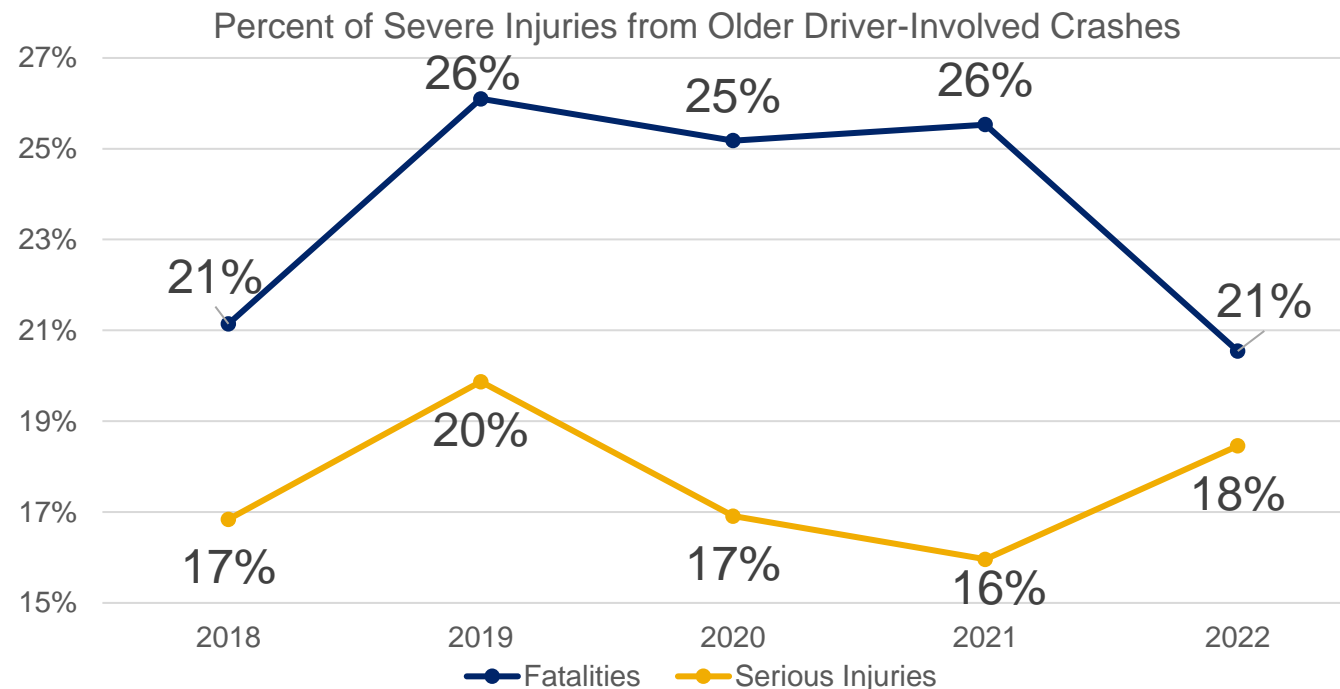


- **Strategic Actions:**

HRRR Program, Local Road Safety Plans, SS4A Match Program, education and enforcement grants

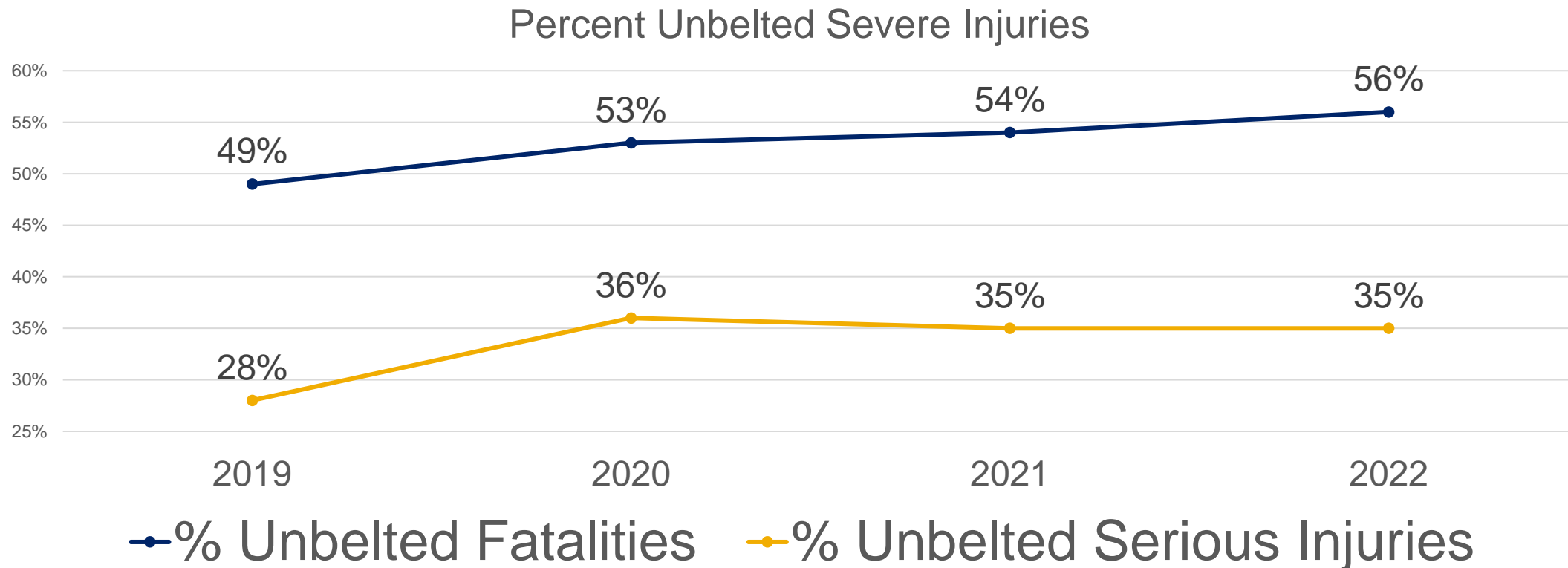
Big Trends – Older Drivers

- Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule (65+ years old)
 - 91% were older drivers, 9% were older pedestrians
 - 24% of fatalities and 18% of serious injuries were Older Driver-involved
 - Older Drivers are 1.34 times more likely to be involved than all other age cohorts



Big Trends – Unbelted Occupants

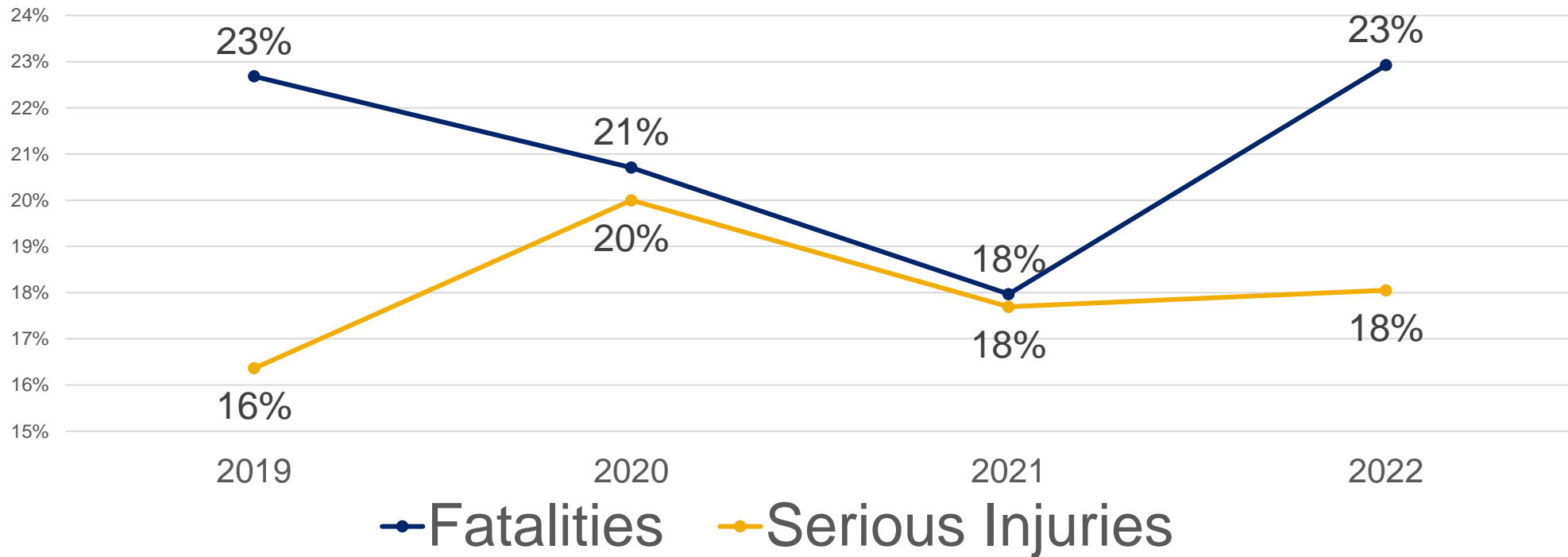
- 85% of Kansas road users are belted (7% below the national belt use rate)
- 53% of fatalities and 34% of serious injuries were unbelted occupants



Big Trends – Speeding

- 21% of fatalities and 18% of serious injuries are speeding related

Percent Speeding-involved Severe Injuries

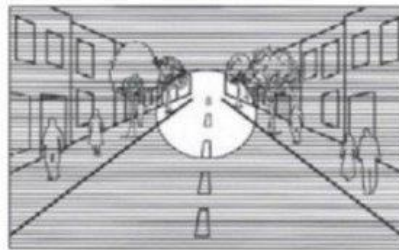
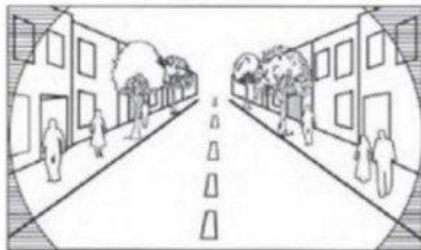
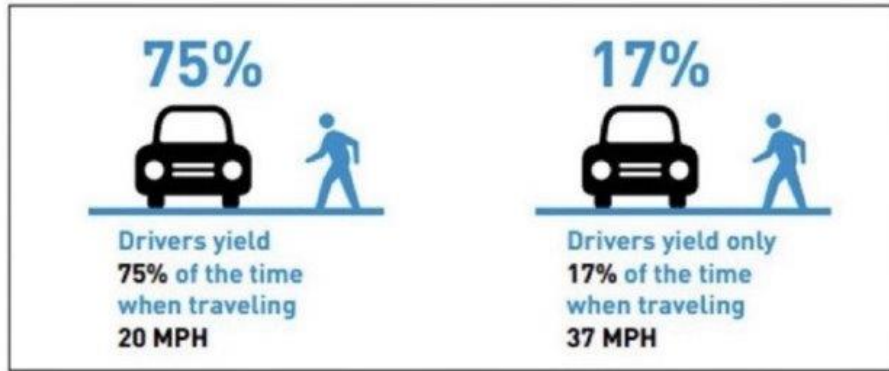


Big Trends – Speeding

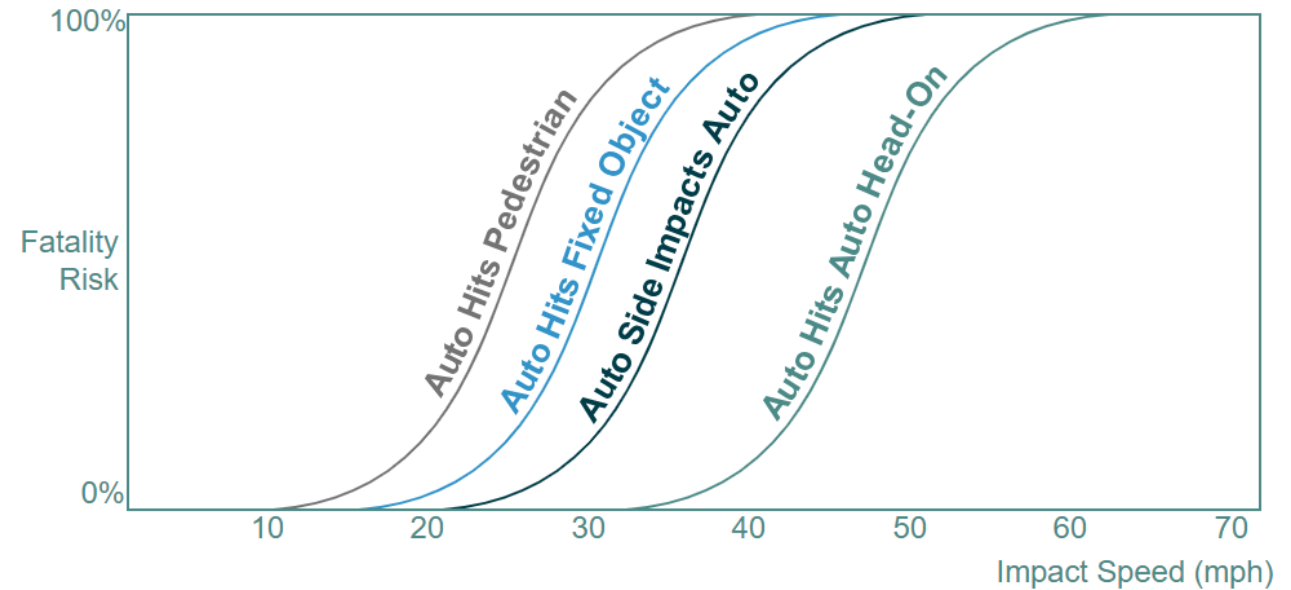
- Operating speed affects peripheral vision, driver expectation and reaction time

- Speed exponentially increases fatality risk

WHY SPEED MATTERS



Source: Seattle DOT



Source: FHWA

Kansas Drive To Zero Plan (2025-2030 SHSP Update)



The *mission* of the Kansas Drive To Zero Plan Update is to drive **strategic investments** that **eliminate serious injuries and deaths** and the emotional and economic burdens of crashes, by **reinforcing the layers of the Safe System in Kansas.**

Plan's Core Features

- **Data-driven decisions, communications & collaborations**
- **Living document with strategic actions**
- **Program investment areas**
- **Developed and implemented in collaboration across three types of stakeholder groups:**
 - Drive to Zero Coalition (DTZ Coalition)
 - Strategy Teams
 - Support Teams



Drive to Zero Coalition

*The Drive To Zero (DTZ) Coalition taps the skills of many agencies to **champion transportation safety on all public roads in Kansas** by developing and maintaining the **Kansas Drive To Zero Plan.***

Drive to Zero Coalition





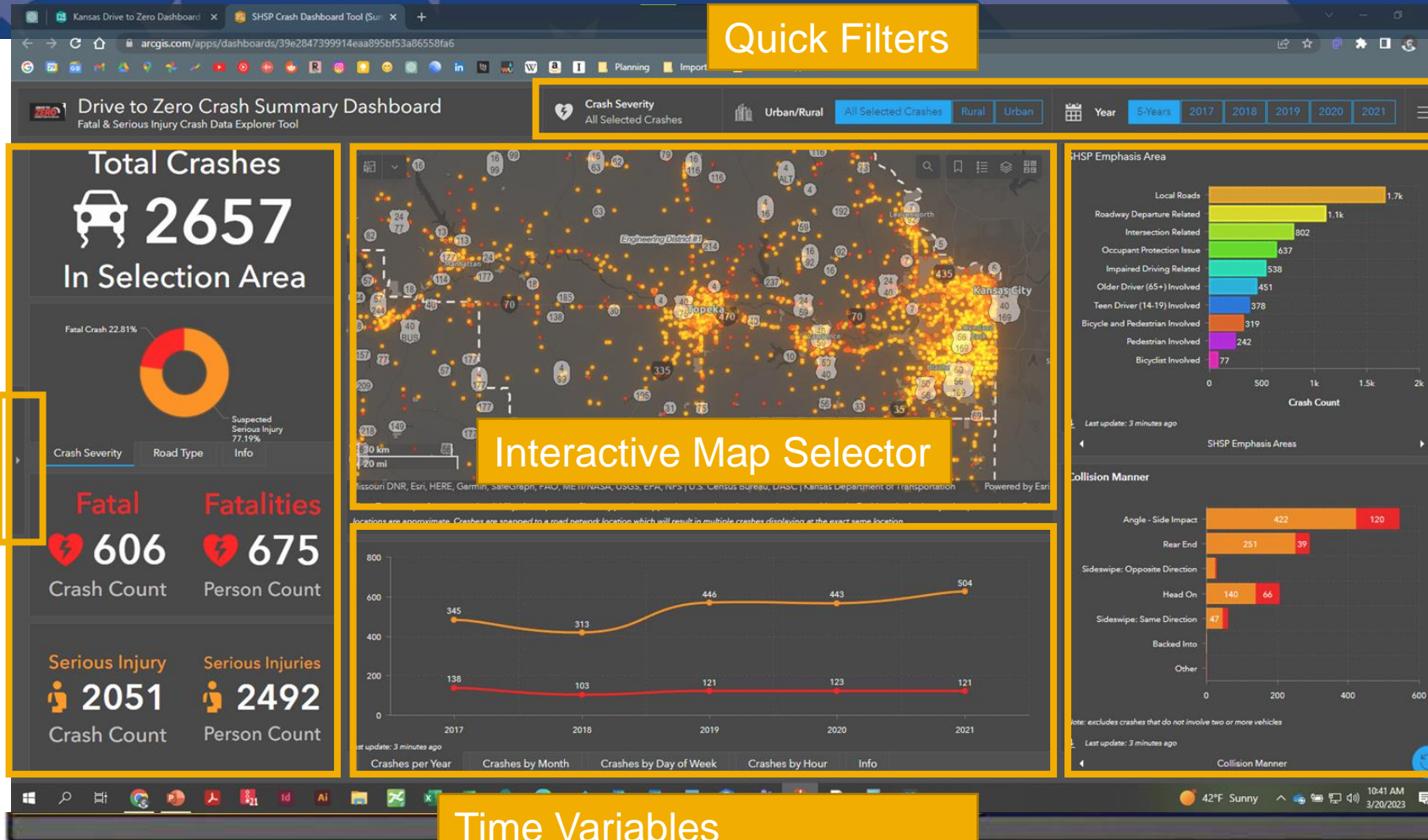
Stakeholder Teams

- **Strategy Teams** focus strategies on the reoccurring circumstances and conditions that fatally or seriously injure the largest numbers of road users.
- **Support Teams** provide technical expertise to advance strategic initiatives in the areas of Data, Legislation, and Communications.

Recent Successes

- DTZ Crash Data Dashboard
- Safety Corridor Pilot Program
- Advancing implementation of prioritized strategies

Drive to Zero Crash Data Dashboard



By the Numbers

Advanced Selector Ribbon

Interactive Map Selector

Time Variables
(Year, Month, Week, Hour)

Contributing Factors
Cross-cut analysis



Safety Corridor Pilot Program (2023-2028)

US-83/50 Corridor

- Southwest KS (Finney County)
- Haskell/Finney county line north through Garden City to Holcomb exit

I-135 Corridor

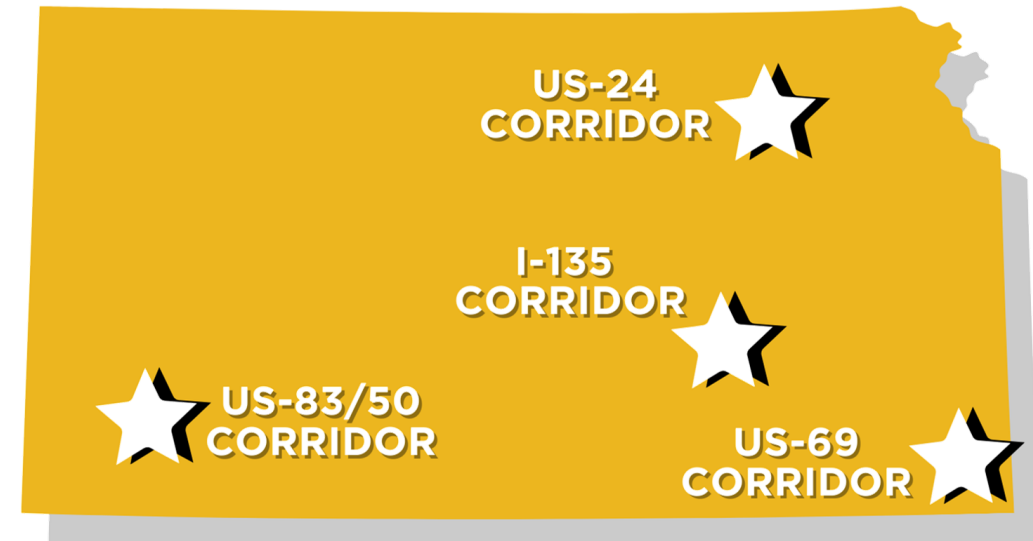
- South Central KS (Sedgwick & Harvey Counties)
- I-135/I-235 interchange north to I-135/K-15 interchange

US-24 Corridor

- Northeast KS (Pottawatomie County)
- US-24/K-177 junction east to St. Marys

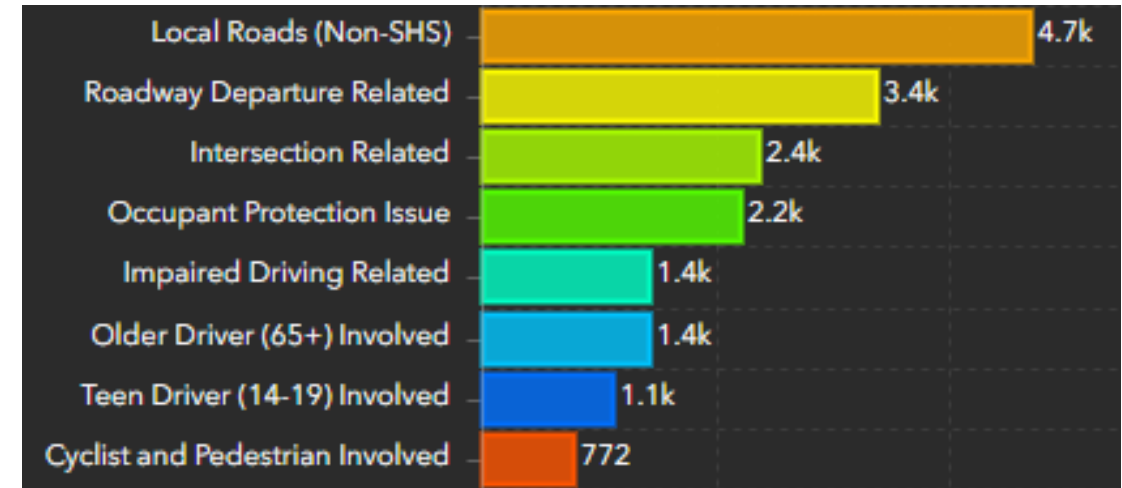
US-69 Corridor

- Southeast KS (Crawford County)
- Cherokee/Crawford county line north to US-69/US-160 junction



Strategies Currently Being Implemented

- Local Roads
- Roadway Departure
- Intersections
- Occupant Protection
- Impaired Driving
- Older Drivers
- Teen Drivers
- Pedestrians and Cyclists



What's Next and How to Stay Involved...

- **Kicking off Kansas Drive To Zero Plan Update in 2024!**
 - Recruiting members for Stakeholder Teams
- **Engage with the DTZ Coalition**
 - Representative Shannon Francis serves on the DTZ Coalition
 - Join the *Friends of the DTZ Coalition* – can watch meetings online
- **29th Annual Kansas Transportation Safety Conference – April 16-17**



*Alone we cannot solve this problem.
Together we can.*

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