



Highway Safety Improvement Program  
*Data Driven Decisions*

Colorado  
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## Executive Summary

The general trend in fatal crash reduction experienced on Colorado roadways has continued in the most recent reporting period. In recent years the numbers of fatalities from crashes has fallen from 743 in 2003 to less than 500 per year since 2009. This positive outcome can be, in part, attributed to the FHWA's focus on improving transportation safety and their support and promotion of this goal through the HSIP funding. Colorado's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) emphasizes the goal of crash reduction and includes, among other performance measures, reducing fatal and injury crash rates from a 1995 base year level. Colorado has continued to progress in meeting these goals by effectively utilizing HSIP resources to incorporate safety improvements across a broad range of maintenance, safety and even non-safety-specific projects. Innovative methodologies have been developed and used by CDOT to identify locations, on a statewide scale, with the greatest potential for crash reduction. Crash data processing has improved considerably over the last few years. The increase in completeness, accuracy and timeliness has significantly improved crash data analysis and network screening. In combination with HSIP funding, these procedures have been applied to the selection of highly cost-effective safety improvement projects constructed under the Federal Hazard Elimination Program. An updated SHSP is anticipated to be implemented within the next fiscal year. This new SHSP will provide a detailed analysis of safety performance measures and will focus on additional emphasis areas in order to provide guidance on how to reduce severe crashes across the state.

## Introduction

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. As per 23 U.S.C. 148(h) and 23 CFR 924.15, States are required to report annually on the progress being made to advance HSIP implementation and evaluation efforts. The format of this report is consistent with the HSIP MAP-21 Reporting Guidance dated February 13, 2013 and consists of four sections: program structure, progress in implementing HSIP projects, progress in achieving safety performance targets, and assessment of the effectiveness of the improvements.

## Program Structure

### Program Administration

**How are Highway Safety Improvement Program funds allocated in a State?**

Central

District

Other

**Describe how local roads are addressed as part of Highway Safety Improvement Program.**

Under this program all public roadways are eligible for participation. Submittals for projects not located on the State Highway system are also solicited from local authorities through the various MPOs and the Special Highway Committee of the Colorado Counties, Inc. and the Colorado Municipal League. These candidate proposals for safety improvement projects are submitted for locations identified using the locals' own high hazard locations identification system. As with the Region applications, all submittals will be required to meet the minimum criteria. Copies of project applications received in the Safety and Traffic Engineering Office from

locals are submitted to the Region offices for comments, evaluation and approval. The Region offices are specifically requested to verify project cost estimates, and when necessary, are also requested to make project cost adjustments with the submitting local authorities' concurrence.

**Identify which internal partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.**

- Design
- Planning
- Maintenance
- Operations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Other: Other-Regional Traffic Operational and Design Units
- Other: Other-Headquarters Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch
- Other: Other-Office of Finance Management & Budget

**Briefly describe coordination with internal partners.**

A statewide composite listing of high hazard locations is compiled for all highway segments and intersections performing at a sub-standard level of service of safety (LOSS) as well as identifying accident patterns that are overrepresented at those locations. This listing is then stratified by the Region and provided to the appropriate CDOT Regions and Local Agencies for review. The initial candidate listing of high hazard locations is reviewed by each Regional traffic engineering unit. The Regions use the high hazard listing along with other information such as their own operational reviews, input from citizens, staff and city/county personnel as well as other ongoing or scheduled construction activities in order to determine the most feasible and beneficial candidate safety project submittals. The Region may also choose to nominate other safety project locations besides those mentioned on the listing. Any regional nominations not on the list will still need to meet the criteria discussed above.

**Identify which external partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.**

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Local Government Association
- Other: Other-Local Municipalities

**Identify any program administration practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.**

- Multi-disciplinary HSIP steering committee
- Other: Other-Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

**Describe any other aspects of Highway Safety Improvement Program Administration on which you would like to elaborate.**

An updated Colorado SHSP is anticipated to be implemented within the next fiscal year. This new SHSP will provide a detailed analysis of safety performance measures and will focus on additional emphasis areas in order to provide guidance on how to reduce severe crashes across the state.

### Program Methodology

**Select the programs that are administered under the HSIP.**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Median Barrier   | <input type="checkbox"/> Intersection   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Corridor                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal Curve | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural State Highways         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skid Hazard      | <input type="checkbox"/> Crash Data     | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Light Running Prevention |



- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Departure                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Cost Spot Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Replacement And Improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Safety                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Safety          | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Angle Crash                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Turn Crash                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Improvement       | <input type="checkbox"/> Segments                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Other-Hazard Elimination |   |   |

**Program:** Other-Hazard Elimination

**Date of Program Methodology:** 1/1/2000

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

- | <i>Crashes</i>   | <i>Exposure</i>                                | <i>Roadway</i>  |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All crashes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Median width                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume     | <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only | <input type="checkbox"/> Population            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functional classification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane miles | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Terrain             |
|  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Number of Lanes     |

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency

- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      2

Available funding                      1

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Cost Effectiveness

**What proportion of highway safety improvement program funds address systemic improvements?**

5

**Highway safety improvement program funds are used to address which of the following systemic improvements?**

Cable Median Barriers

Rumble Strips

Traffic Control Device Rehabilitation

Pavement/Shoulder Widening

Install/Improve Signing

Install/Improve Pavement Marking and/or Delineation

Upgrade Guard Rails

Clear Zone Improvements

Safety Edge

Install/Improve Lighting

Add/Upgrade/Modify/Remove Traffic Signal       Other

**What process is used to identify potential countermeasures?**

- Engineering Study
- Road Safety Assessment
- Other: Other-Requests for investigation by local agencies

**Identify any program methodology practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.**

- Highway Safety Manual
- Road Safety audits
- Systemic Approach
- Other:

**Describe any other aspects of the Highway Safety Improvement Program methodology on which you would like to elaborate.**

A location does not need to be on a listing of high hazard locations to be considered for HSIP funding. Any local agency can initiate a request through their Regional office to see if a safety improvement for a public road can qualify for HSIP funding. The same methodology is applied to these potential safety improvements.

## Progress in Implementing Projects

### Funds Programmed

Reporting period for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

Calendar Year

State Fiscal Year

Federal Fiscal Year

Enter the programmed and obligated funding for each applicable funding category.

| Funding Category               | Programmed* |      | Obligated |      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------|------|
| HSIP (Section 148)             | 33784197    | 93 % | 13640220  | 82 % |
| HRRRP (SAFETEA-LU)             | 0           | 0 %  | 1308686   | 8 %  |
| HRRR Special Rule              |             |      |           |      |
| Penalty Transfer - Section 154 | 0           | 0 %  | 577239    | 3 %  |
| Penalty Transfer – Section 164 |             |      |           |      |
| Incentive Grants - Section 163 |             |      |           |      |
| Incentive Grants (Section 406) |             |      |           |      |

|   |             |      |             |      |
|---|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| <b>Other Federal-aid Funds<br/>(i.e. STP, NHPP)</b> |             |      |             |      |
| <b>State and Local Funds</b>                        | 2453947.84  | 7 %  | 1066679.84  | 6 %  |
| <b>Totals</b>                                       | 36238144.84 | 100% | 16592824.84 | 100% |

**How much funding is programmed to local (non-state owned and maintained) safety projects?**

50 %

**How much funding is obligated to local safety projects?**

30 %

**How much funding is programmed to non-infrastructure safety projects?**

10 %

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10 %

**How much funding was transferred in to the HSIP from other core program areas during the reporting period?**

\$0.00

**How much funding was transferred out of the HSIP to other core program areas during the reporting period?**

\$0.00

**Discuss impediments to obligating Highway Safety Improvement Program funds and plans to overcome this in the future.**

There are longer than expected start up times for safety improvement projects, especially those run by local agencies. Special attention will now be given to construction scheduling and priority for fund programming will be given to projects that can deliver on a timely basis. The plan includes identifying projects in advance for future fiscal years and funding projects in phases in order to obligate funds in the year that they are being spent.

**Describe any other aspects of the general Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation progress on which you would like to elaborate.**

A revised general budget process at CDOT will be implemented which will allow obligation of HSIP funding to be processed more efficiently.

**General Listing of Projects**

List each highway safety improvement project obligated during the reporting period.

| Project                                   | Improvement Category  | Output    | HSIP Cost | Total Cost | Funding Category   | Functional Classification                                 | AADT  | Speed | Roadway Ownership    | Relationship to SHSP  |                      |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|---|-------|-------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
|   |   |           |           |            |                    |   |       |       |                      | Emphasis Area   | Strategy             |
| <b>US 85 Cable Rail, Ft. Lupton North</b> | Roadside Barrier - cable                                      | 8 Miles   | 2594400   | 3143960    | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Principal Arterial - Other Freeways and Expressways | 17200 | 65    | State Highway Agency | Reducing head-on and across-median crashes                  | Highway Segments     |
| <b>SH 82 and JW Drive Improvements</b>    | Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add acceleration lane | 1 Numbers | 213400    | 7212202    | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other                          | 29000 | 55    | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related |
| <b>SH285: MEDIAN</b>                      | Roadside Barrier -  | 8 Miles   | 12287     | 138328     | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Principal   | 250   | 55    | State Highway Agency | Reducing head-on  | Highway Segment      |



|   |  |           |         |         |                    |   |       |    |                      |   |                      |
|---|--|-----------|---------|---------|--------------------|---|-------|----|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>CABLE RAIL</b>                         | cable  |           | 53      | 8       | n 148)             | Arterial - Other  | 00    |    | Agency               | and across-median crashes                                   | s                    |
| <b>I-70 Wildlife Fencing MP 87-96</b>     | Animal-related   | 9 Miles   | 2700000 | 3697751 | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate                     | 17000 | 75 | State Highway Agency | Wild Animals  | Wild Animals         |
| <b>WIDENING SH45 TO ADD TURNING LANES</b> | Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane   | 1 Numbers | 1532863 | 2306642 | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other Freeways and Expressways | 24500 | 45 | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related |
| <b>SIGNALS:SH 121,128, 88, C470</b>       | Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modify signal mounting (spanwire to mast arm) | 4 Numbers | 1382726 | 1568715 | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other Freeways and Expressways |       |    | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related |

|  |  |                  |            |              |                           |   |           |    |                            |  |                             |
|--|--|------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|---|-----------|----|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>US 85 Bypass 5th to US 34 Bridges &amp; Surf</b>            | Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal timing - left-turn phasing (permissive to protected-only) | 1<br>Numb<br>ers | 70000<br>0 | 167834<br>85 | HSIP<br>(Sectio<br>n 148) | Urban<br>Principal<br>Arterial -<br>Other<br>Freeways<br>and<br>Expresswa<br>ys | 280<br>00 | 45 | State<br>Highway<br>Agency | Improving<br>the<br>design<br>and<br>operation<br>of<br>highway<br>intersecti<br>ons | Intersecti<br>on<br>Related |
| <b>SH88:<br/>ACCEL/DECEL &amp;<br/>SIGNAL<br/>IMPROVEMENTS</b> | Intersection geometry<br>Auxiliary lanes - add<br>acceleration lane  | 4<br>Numb<br>ers | 77500<br>0 | 262255<br>0  | HSIP<br>(Sectio<br>n 148) | Urban<br>Principal<br>Arterial -<br>Other<br>Freeways<br>and<br>Expresswa<br>ys | 600<br>00 | 55 | State<br>Highway<br>Agency | Improving<br>the<br>design<br>and<br>operation<br>of<br>highway<br>intersecti<br>ons | Intersecti<br>on<br>Related |
| <b>ITS VM SIGNS ON<br/>I-25 AND C470</b>                       | Advanced technology<br>and ITS Dynamic<br>message signs  | 2<br>Numb<br>ers | 66788<br>5 | 799885       | HSIP<br>(Sectio<br>n 148) | Urban<br>Principal<br>Arterial -<br>Interstate                                  |           |    | State<br>Highway<br>Agency | Improving<br>informati<br>on and<br>decision<br>support<br>systems                   | Highway<br>Segment<br>s     |
| <b>SH115 Center<br/>Lane Ext. &amp; Inter.<br/>Improv.</b>     | Intersection geometry<br>Auxiliary lanes - add<br>two-way left-turn  | 1 Miles          | 59903<br>5 | 252711<br>5  | HSIP<br>(Sectio<br>n 148) | Urban<br>Minor<br>Arterial  | 700<br>0  | 40 | State<br>Highway<br>Agency | Improving<br>the<br>design   | Intersecti<br>on<br>Related |

|  |  |           |        |         |                    |                                       |       |    |                      |   |  |  |
|--|--|-----------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----|----------------------|---|--|--|
|  | lane   |           |        |         |                    |                                       |       |    |                      |   | and operation of highway intersections |  |
| <b>I-76 CABLERAIL: BROMLEY TO LOCHBUIE</b>     | Roadside Barrier - cable   | 3 Miles   | 578898 | 662847  | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate | 18000 | 75 | State Highway Agency | Reducing head-on and across-median crashes                  | Highway Segments                       |  |
| <b>US6(VASQUEZ): I70 TO I76 OVERLAY</b>        | Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modify signal mounting (spanwire to mast arm) | 1 Numbers | 522437 | 8786684 | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other      | 29000 | 45 | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related                   |  |
| <b>SH 66 Roadway/Intersection Improvements</b> | Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane   | 3 Numbers | 186000 | 3619136 | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Minor Arterial                  | 7000  | 65 | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of                       | Intersection Related                   |  |

|   |  |           |        |         |                    |   |       |    |                      |   |                      |
|---|--|-----------|--------|---------|--------------------|---|-------|----|----------------------|---|----------------------|
|   |  |           |        |         |                    |   |       |    |                      | highway intersections                                       |                      |
| <b>US 85 AT BROMLEY AD/CONST (BY BRIGHTON)</b>  | Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement | 1 Numbers | 531846 | 1948742 | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other Freeways and Expressways | 32000 | 65 | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related |
| <b>I-70:EB OPERATIONS</b>                       | Roadway Roadway widening - add lane(s) along segment                           | 3 Miles   | 313201 | 313201  | HSIP (Section 148) | Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate                     | 27500 | 65 | State Highway Agency | Keeping vehicles in the roadway                             | Highway Segments     |
| <b>EXPOSITION &amp; MISS ON KIPLING SIGNALS</b> | Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement | 2 Numbers | 725900 | 725900  | HSIP (Section 148) | Urban Principal Arterial - Other                          | 37000 | 45 | State Highway Agency | Improving the design and operation of highway intersections | Intersection Related |
|   |  |           |        |         |                    |   |       |    |                      |   |                      |



## Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets

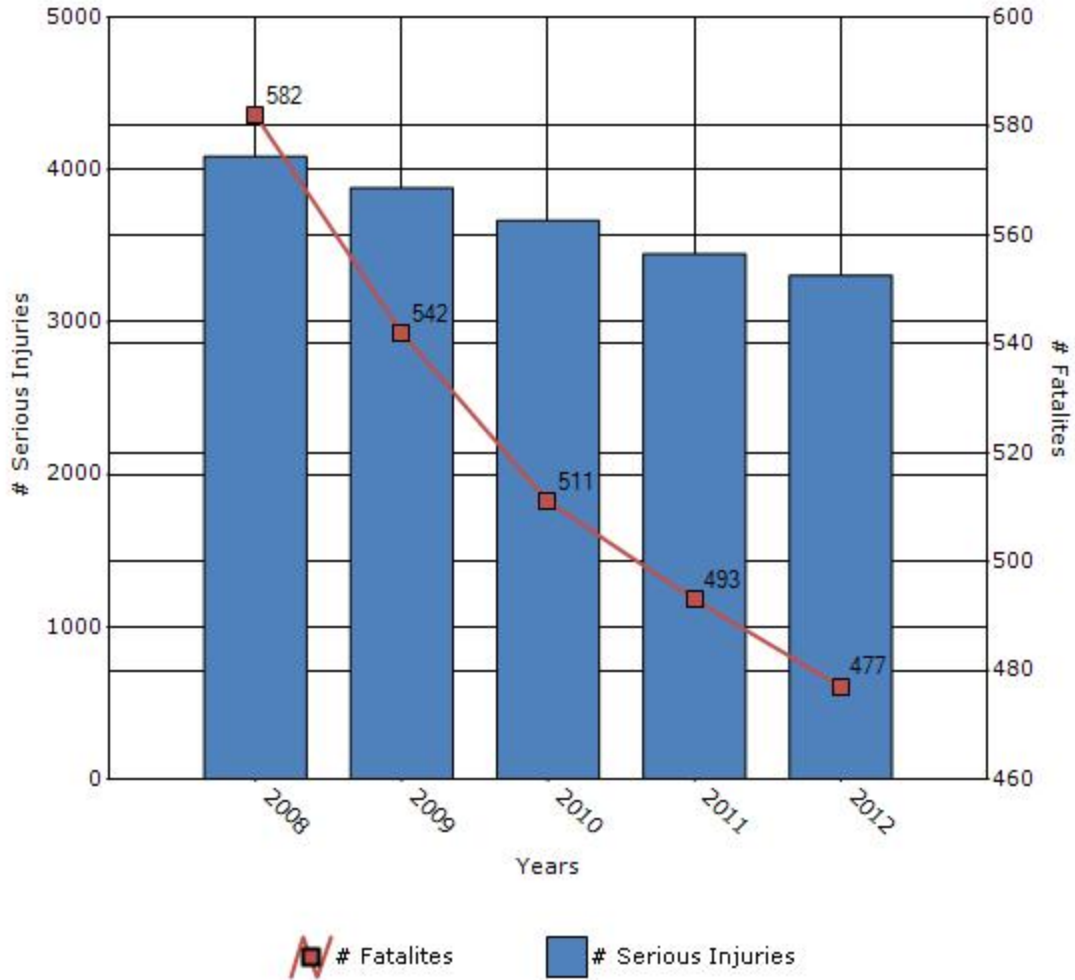
### Overview of General Safety Trends

Present data showing the general highway safety trends in the state for the past five years.

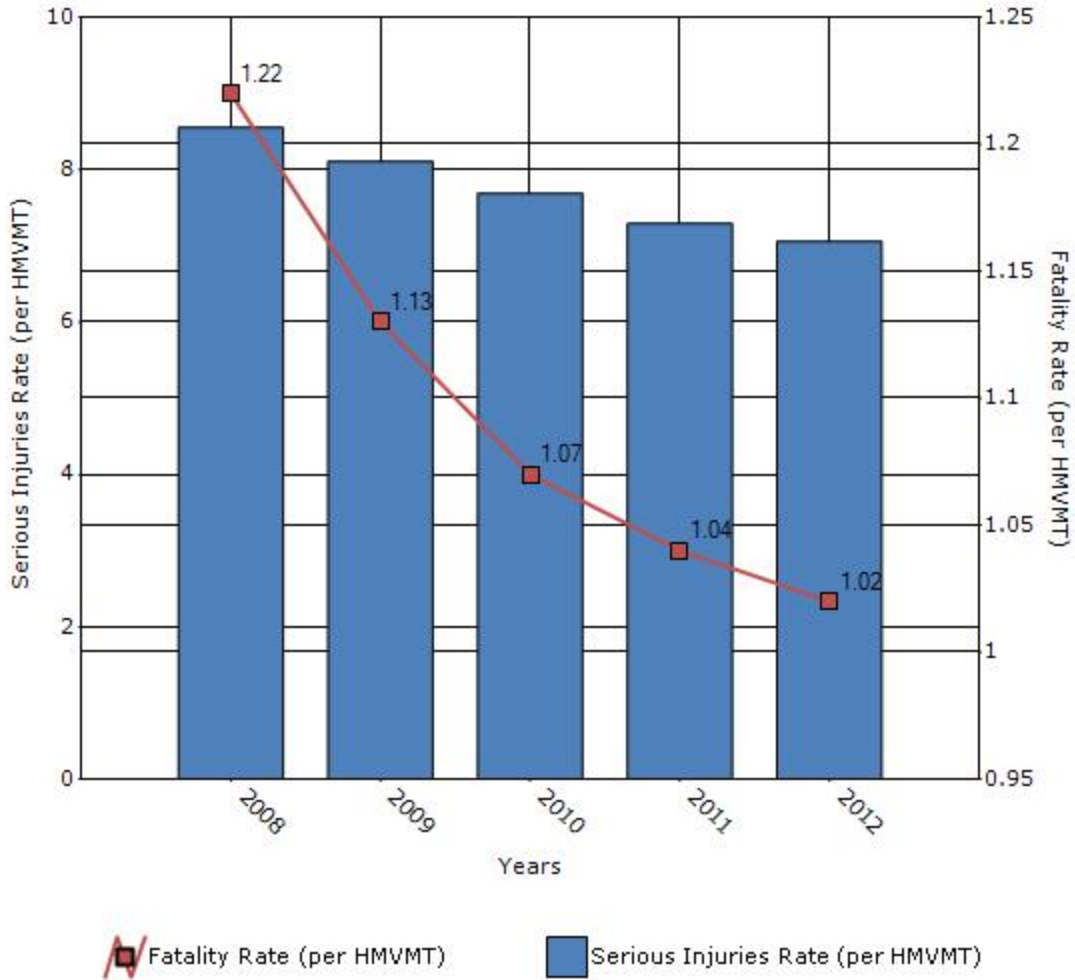
| Performance Measures*           | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of fatalities            | 582  | 542  | 511  | 493  | 477  |
| Number of serious injuries      | 4086 | 3880 | 3665 | 3446 | 3307 |
| Fatality rate (per HMVMT)       | 1.22 | 1.13 | 1.07 | 1.04 | 1.02 |
| Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) | 8.55 | 8.11 | 7.69 | 7.29 | 7.06 |

\*Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

### Number of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



### Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years





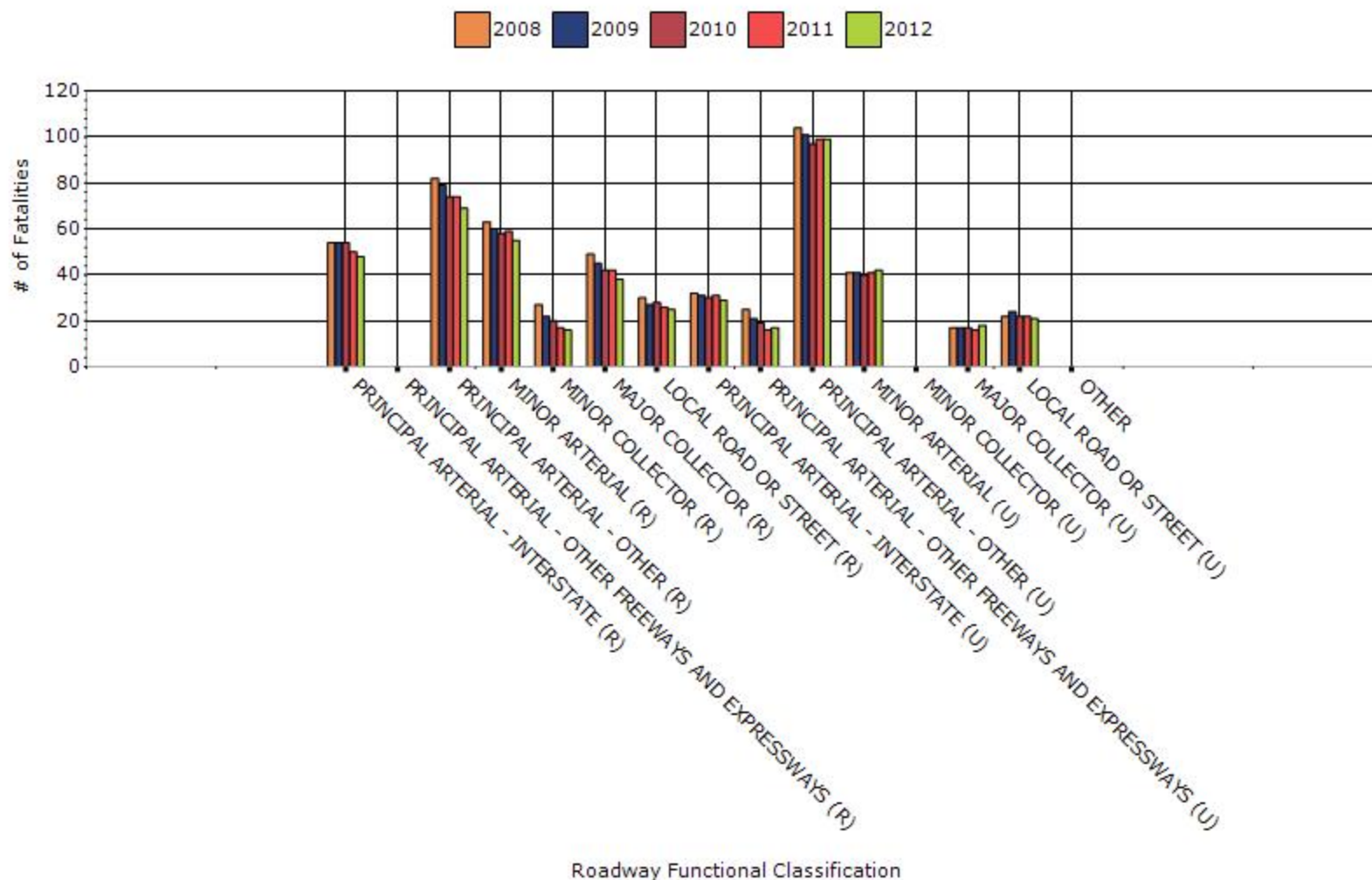
To the maximum extent possible, present performance measure\* data by functional classification and ownership.

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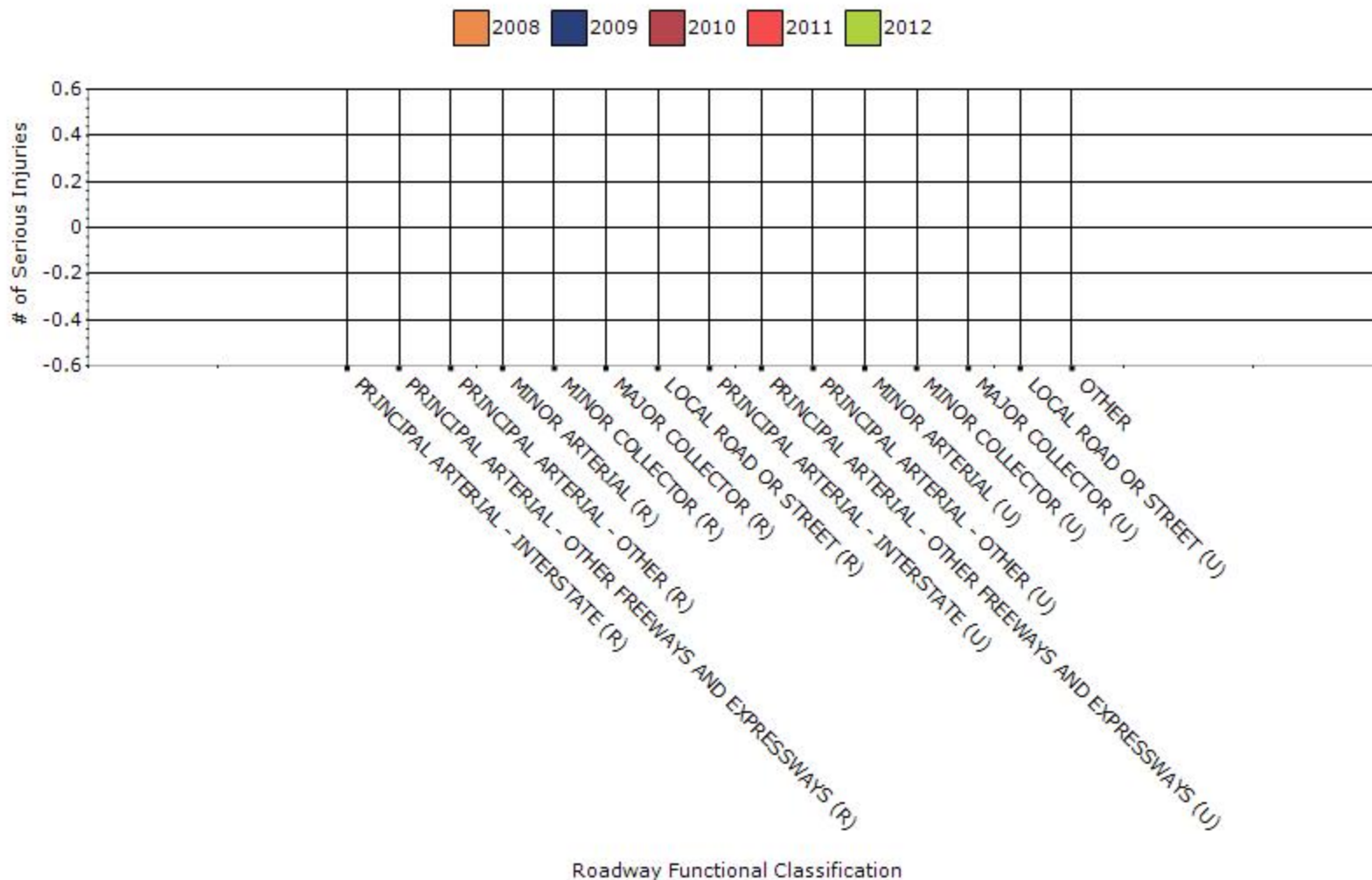
| Function Classification  | Number of fatalities | Number of serious injuries | Fatality rate (per HMVMT) | Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RURAL PRINCIPAL<br>ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE                           | 48                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL PRINCIPAL<br>ARTERIAL - OTHER<br>FREEWAYS AND<br>EXPRESSWAYS | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL PRINCIPAL<br>ARTERIAL - OTHER                                | 69                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL MINOR<br>ARTERIAL  | 55                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL MINOR<br>COLLECTOR   | 16                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL MAJOR<br>COLLECTOR   | 38                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| RURAL LOCAL ROAD OR<br>STREET                                      | 25                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| URBAN PRINCIPAL  | 29                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |

|  |    |   |   |   |
|--|----|---|---|---|
| <b>ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE</b>   |    |   |   |   |
| <b>URBAN PRINCIPAL<br/>ARTERIAL - OTHER<br/>FREEWAYS AND<br/>EXPRESSWAYS</b> | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>URBAN PRINCIPAL<br/>ARTERIAL - OTHER</b>                                  | 99 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>URBAN MINOR<br/>ARTERIAL</b>  | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>URBAN MINOR<br/>COLLECTOR</b>   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>URBAN MAJOR<br/>COLLECTOR</b>   | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>URBAN LOCAL ROAD<br/>OR STREET</b>  | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>OTHER</b>   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>OTHER</b>   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |

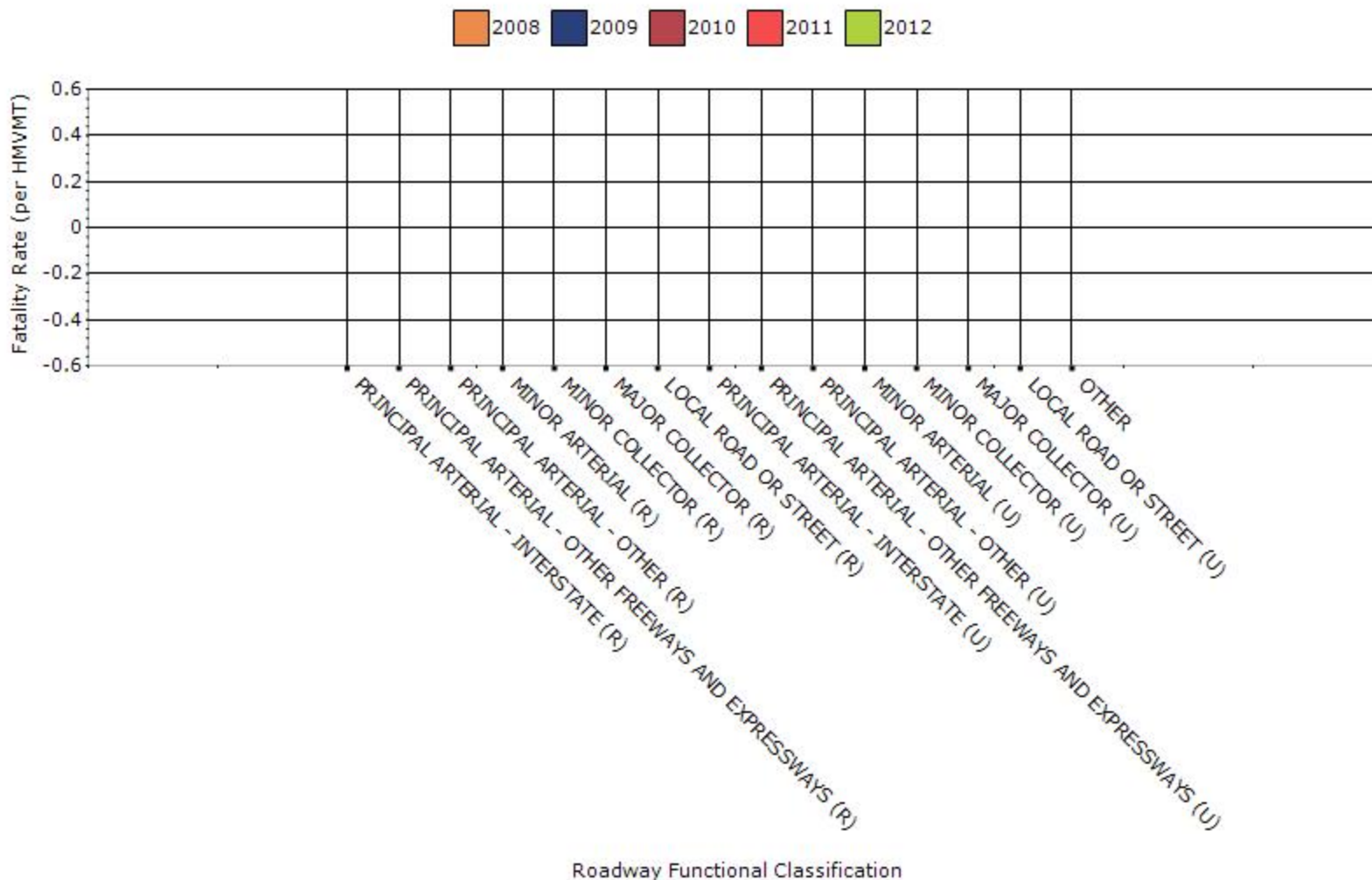
### # Fatalities by Roadway Functional Classification



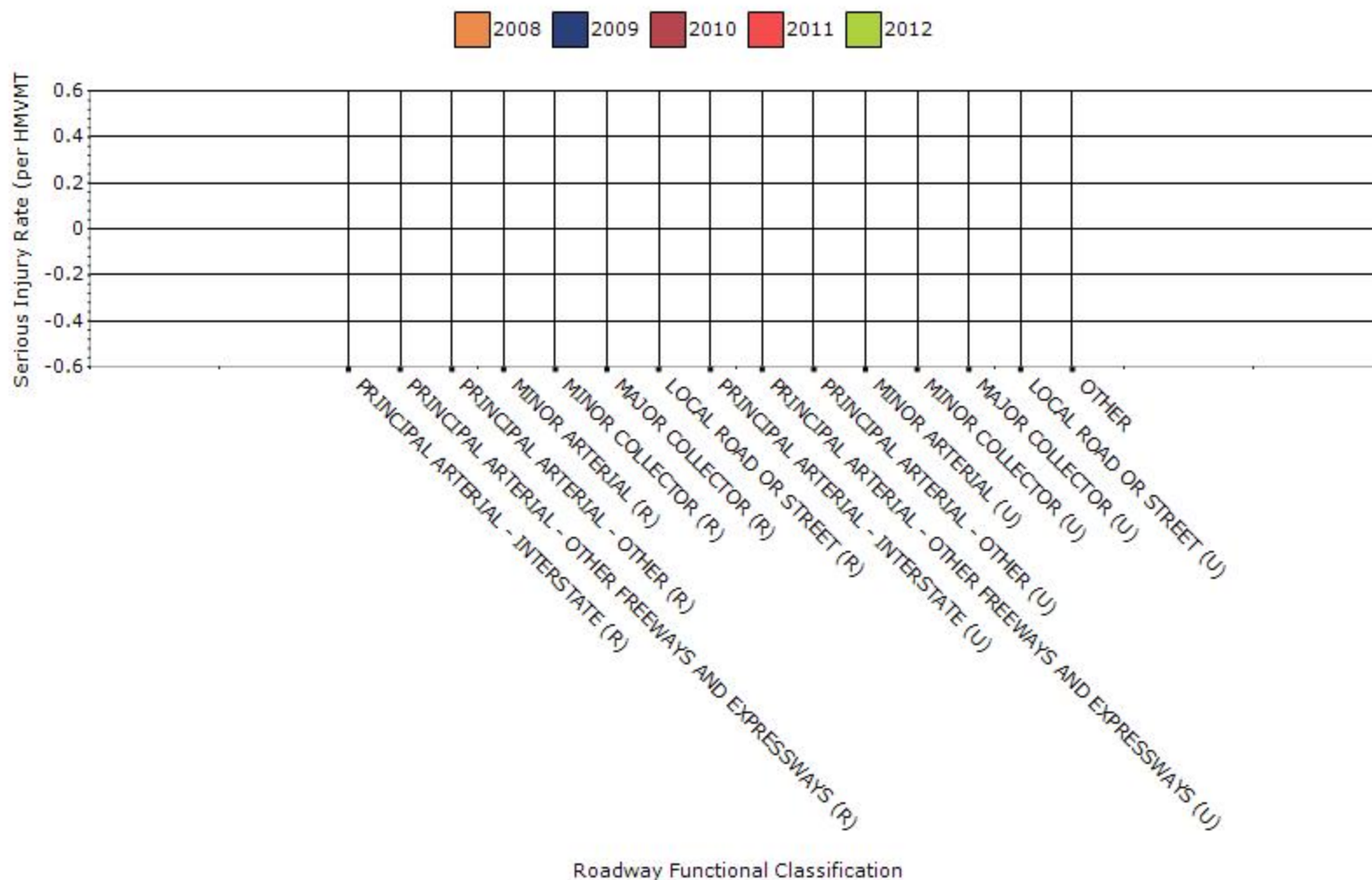
### # Serious Injuries by Roadway Functional Classification



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



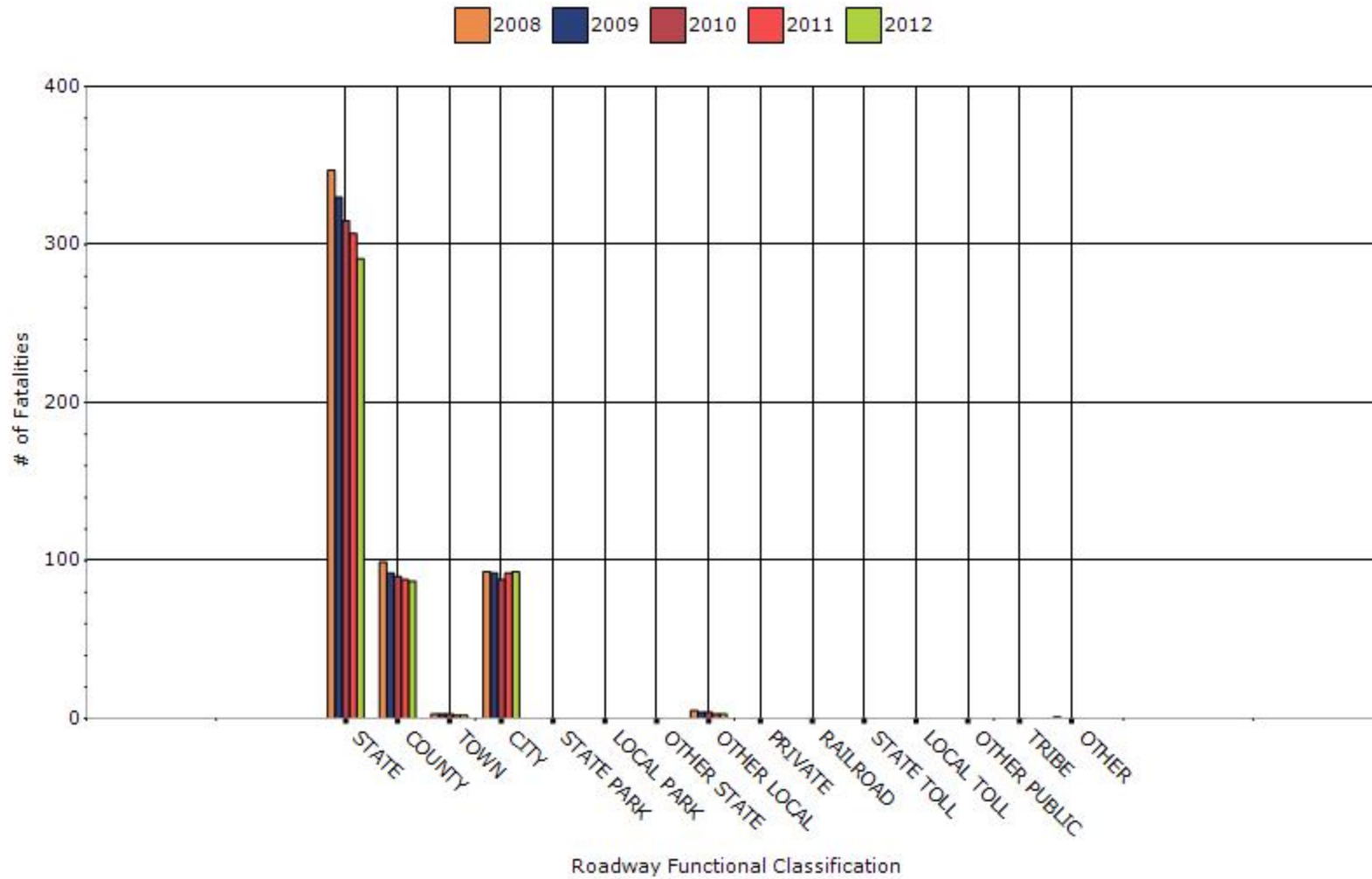
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| Roadway Ownership                         | Number of fatalities | Number of serious injuries | Fatality rate (per HMVMT) | Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY                      | 291                  | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| COUNTY HIGHWAY AGENCY                     | 87                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| TOWN OR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY AGENCY           | 2                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| CITY OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY AGENCY          | 93                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| STATE PARK, FOREST, OR RESERVATION AGENCY | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| LOCAL PARK, FOREST OR RESERVATION AGENCY  | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| OTHER STATE AGENCY                        | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| OTHER LOCAL AGENCY                        | 3                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |
| PRIVATE (OTHER THAN RAILROAD)             | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               |

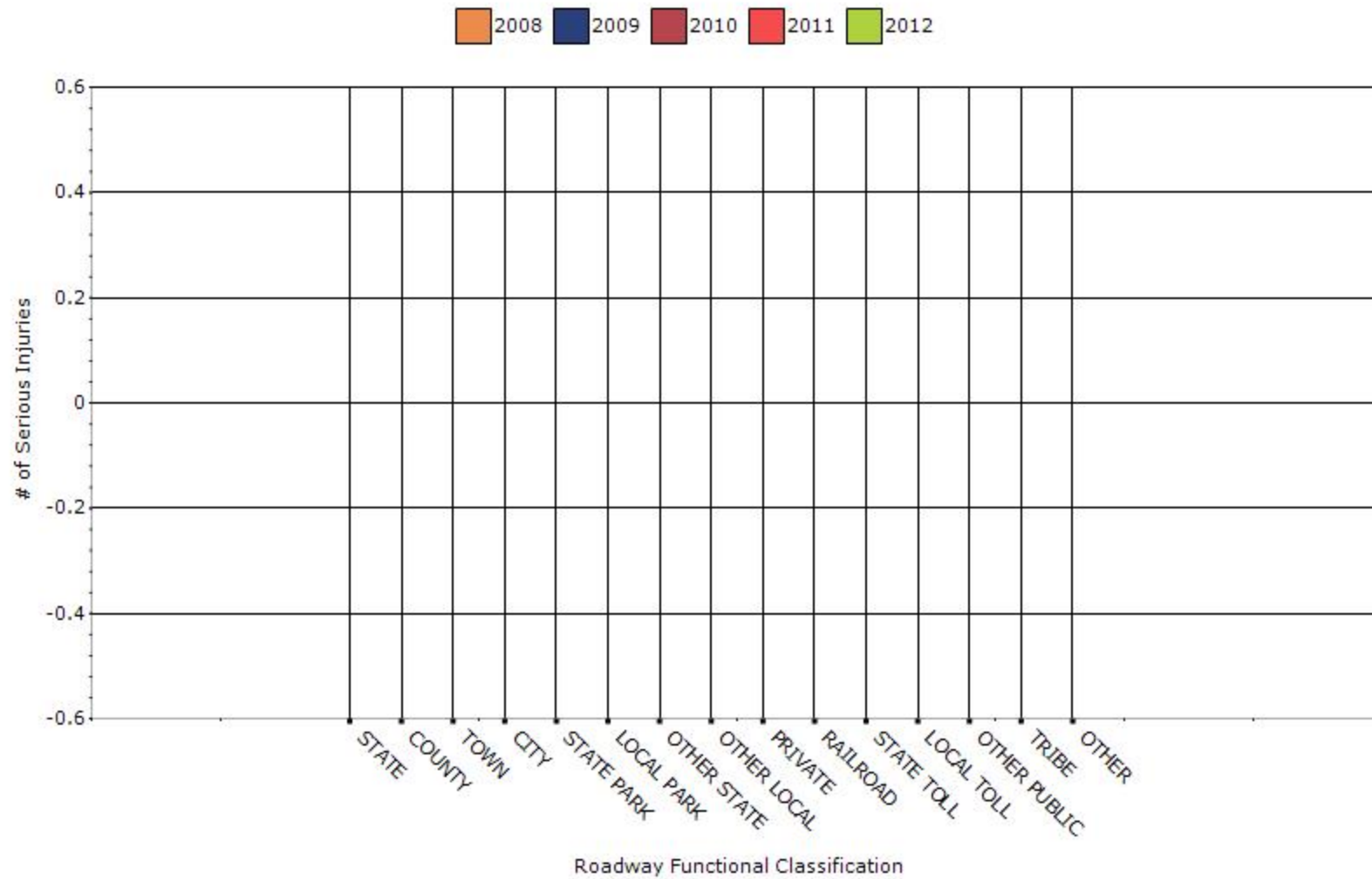
|  |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>RAILROAD</b>  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>STATE TOLL<br/>AUTHORITY</b>  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>LOCAL TOLL<br/>AUTHORITY</b>  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>OTHER PUBLIC<br/>INSTRUMENTALITY<br/>(E.G. AIRPORT,<br/>SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY)</b> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>INDIAN TRIBE NATION</b>   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>OTHER</b>   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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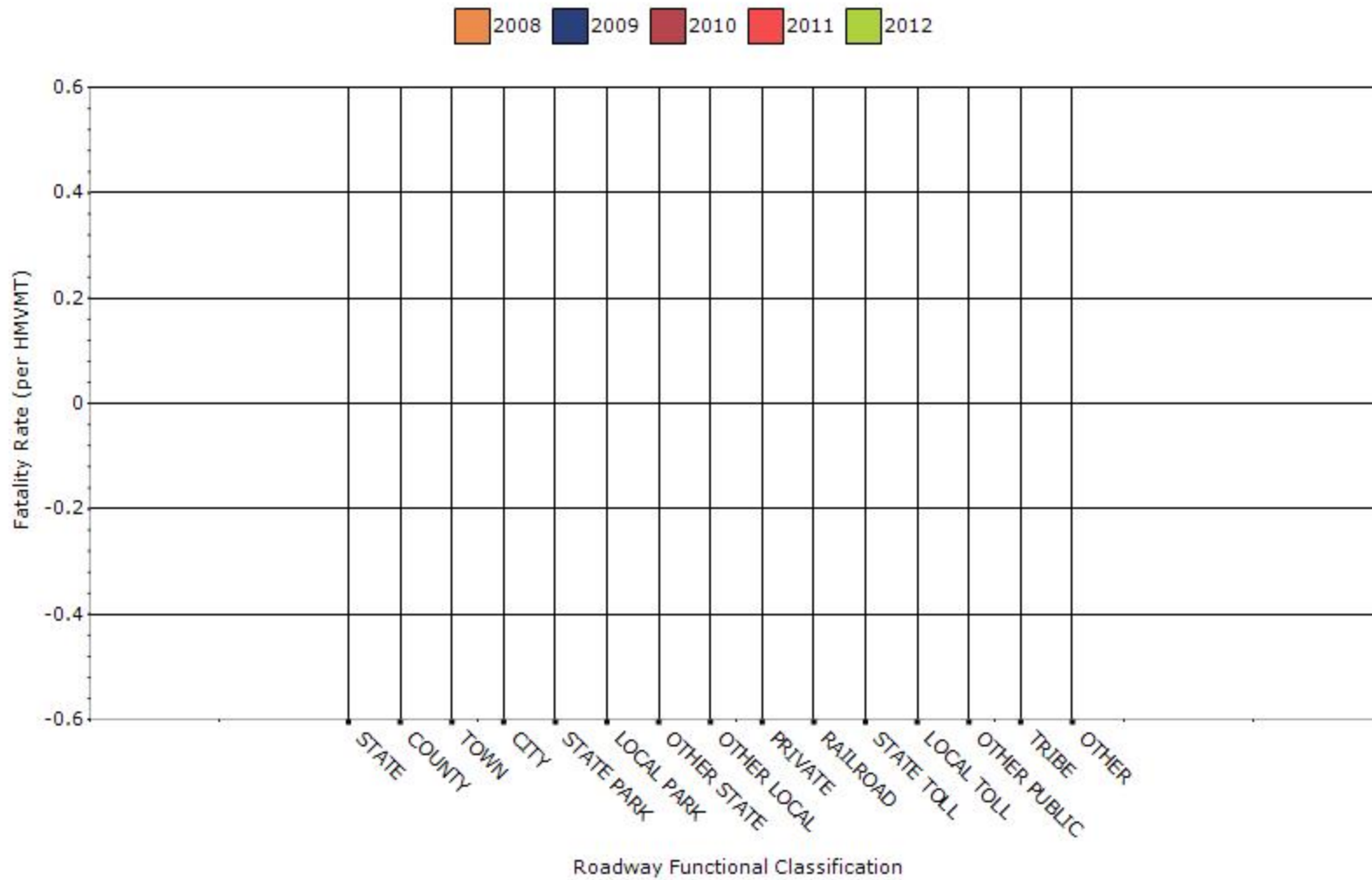
### Number of Fatalities by Roadway Ownership



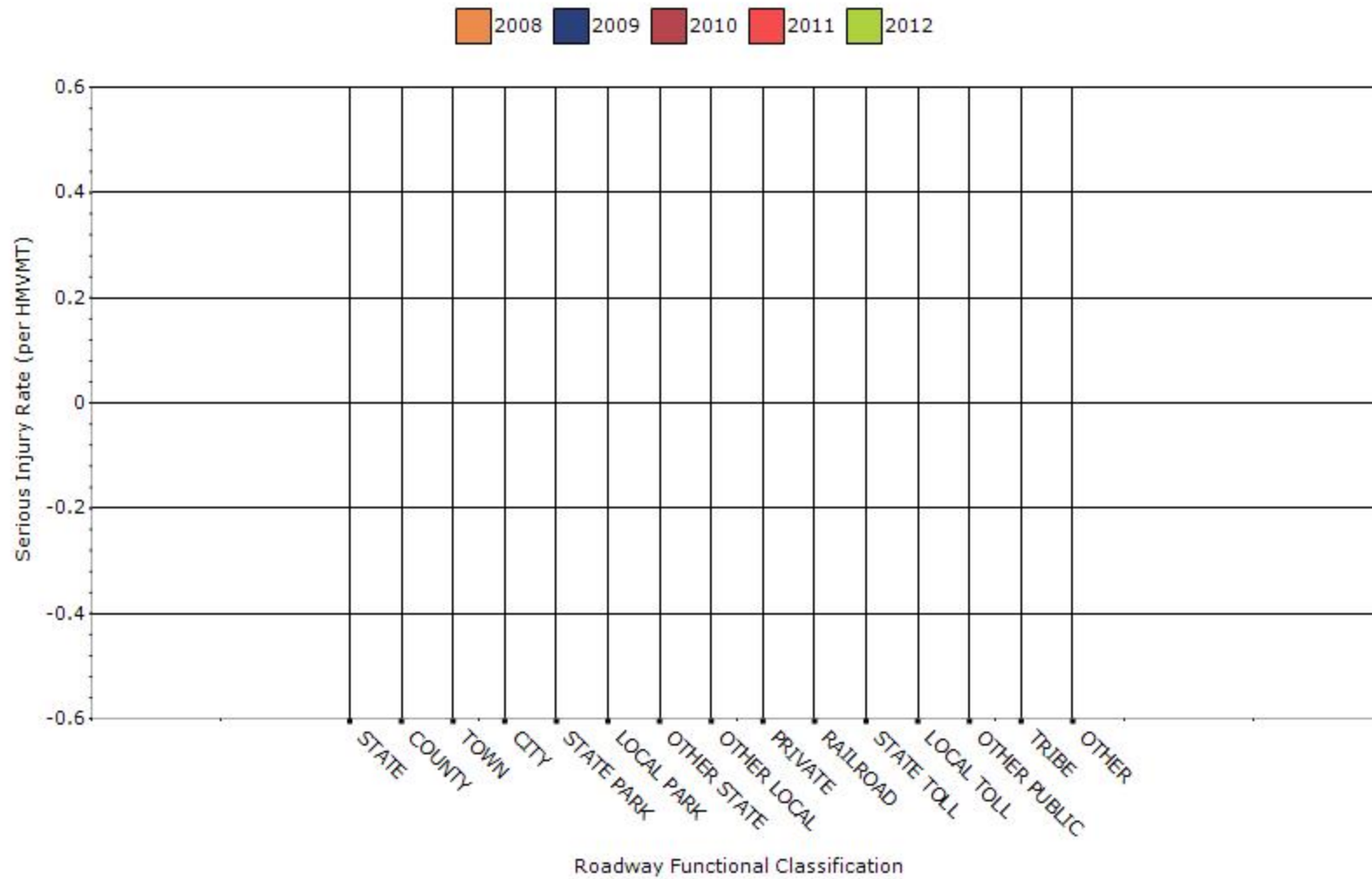
### Number of Serious Injuries by Roadway Ownership



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Ownership



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Ownership



**Describe any other aspects of the general highway safety trends on which you would like to elaborate.**

The general trend in fatal crash reduction experienced on Colorado roadways has continued in the most recent reporting period. In recent years the numbers of fatalities from crashes has fallen from 743 in 2003 to less than 500 per year since 2009. This positive outcome can be, in part, attributed to the FHWA's focus on improving transportation safety and their support and promotion of this goal through the HSIP funding. Results of a recent study by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program confirm the benefits of FHWA's safety funding for Colorado - "...The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Project 20-24(37C) compared Colorado's safety performance results to other states in the US from the period 2000-2002 with those in 2005-2007. This draft report shows how Colorado has emerged as a leader in roadway safety: • 22 percent decrease in total fatalities • 31 percent decrease in fatalities per 100 million VMT • 35 percent decrease in speeding-related fatalities • 30 percent decrease in young driver involvement in fatal crashes • 20 percent decrease in alcohol-related fatalities (driver blood-alcohol content greater than 0.08) • 35 percent decrease in unrestrained passenger fatalities, all seat positions • 22 percent decrease in pedestrian fatalities..."

### Application of Special Rules

**Present the rate of traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65.**

| Older Driver<br>Performance Measures          | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Fatality rate (per capita)                    | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.54 | 0.53 | 0.51 |
| Serious injury rate (per capita)              | 1.99 | 1.9  | 1.87 | 1.8  | 1.81 |
| Fatality and serious injury rate (per capita) | 2.55 | 2.46 | 2.41 | 2.32 | 2.33 |

\*Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

#### 65 and Older Drivers or Pedestrians by Year:

2012 = 56 FAT, 242 INJ, 118 CAPITA

2011 = 47 FAT, 200 INJ, 112 CAPITA

2010 = 51 FAT, 178 INJ, 109 CAPITA

2009 = 58 FAT, 191 INJ, 106 CAPITA

2008 = 68 FAT, 187 INJ, 104 CAPITA

2007 = 55 FAT, 198 INJ, 101 CAPITA

2006 = 47 FAT, 215 INJ, 100 CAPITA

2005 = 52 FAT, 176 INJ, 97 CAPITA

2004 = 57 FAT, 220 INJ, 99 CAPITA

**2009 Rate Example Equation:**

2009 Fatality Rate (five year rolling average) =  $((2009 \text{ FAT}/2009 \text{ CAPITA})+(2008 \text{ FAT}/2008 \text{ CAPITA})+(2007 \text{ FAT}/2007 \text{ CAPITA})+(2006 \text{ FAT}/2006 \text{ CAPITA})+(2005 \text{ FAT}/2005 \text{ CAPITA}))/5$

2009 Serious Injury Rate (five year rolling average) =  $((2009 \text{ INJ}/2009 \text{ CAPITA})+(2008 \text{ INJ}/2008 \text{ CAPITA})+(2007 \text{ INJ}/2007 \text{ CAPITA})+(2006 \text{ INJ}/2006 \text{ CAPITA})+(2005 \text{ INJ}/2005 \text{ CAPITA}))/5$

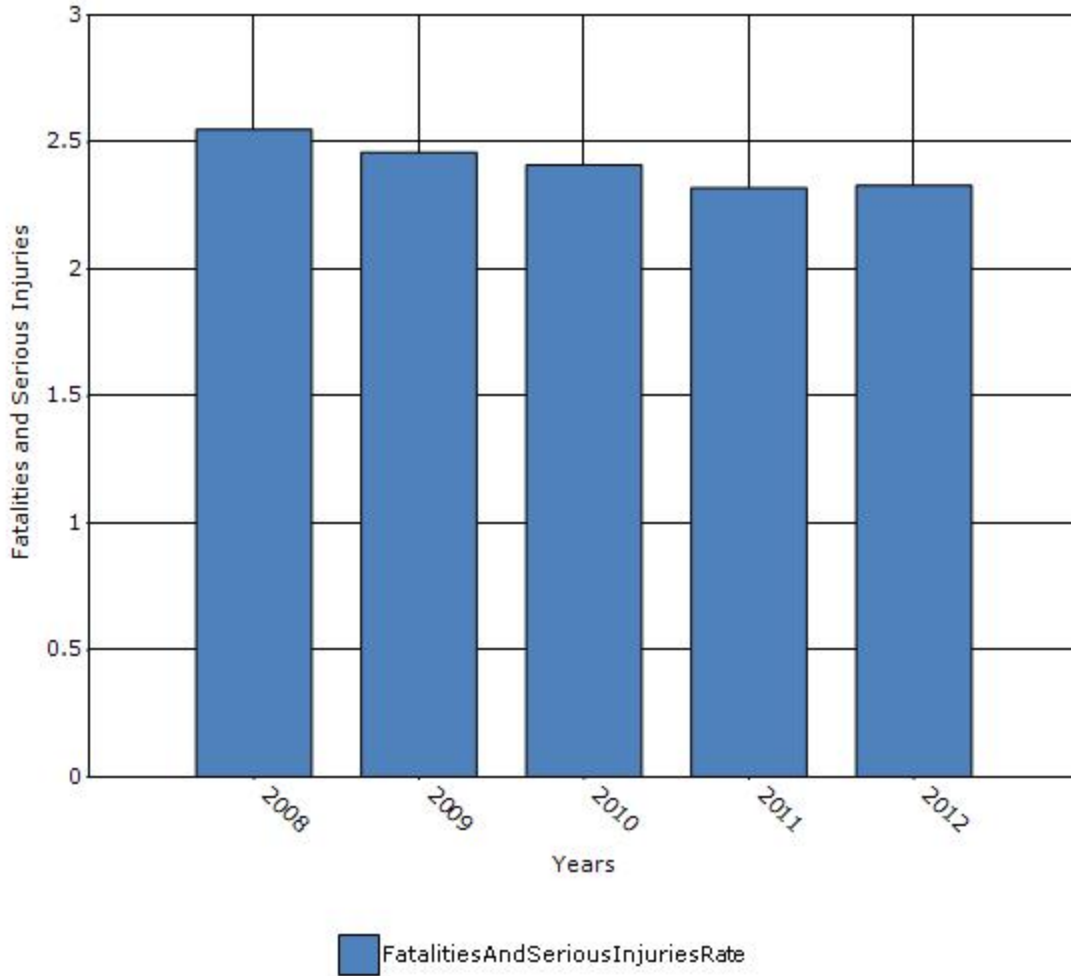
2009 Fatality and Serious Injury Rate (five year rolling average) = 2009 Fatality Rate (five year rolling average)+2009 Serious Injury Rate (five year rolling average)

**Assumptions:**

For 2012 Capita, use 2011 Capita (from Attachment 2 in Section 142: Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance)

For 2004 Capita, use 2005 Capita (from Attachment 2 in Section 142: Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance)

### Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



**Does the older driver special rule apply to your state?**

No

## Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Improvements (Program Evaluation)

What indicators of success can you use to demonstrate effectiveness and success in the Highway Safety Improvement Program?

- None
- Benefit/cost
- Policy change
- Other:



**What significant programmatic changes have occurred since the last reporting period?**

- Shift Focus to Fatalities and Serious Injuries
- Include Local Roads in Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Organizational Changes
- None
- Other:

**Briefly describe significant program changes that have occurred since the last reporting period.**

No major programmatic changes have occurred during the FY2013 reporting period.

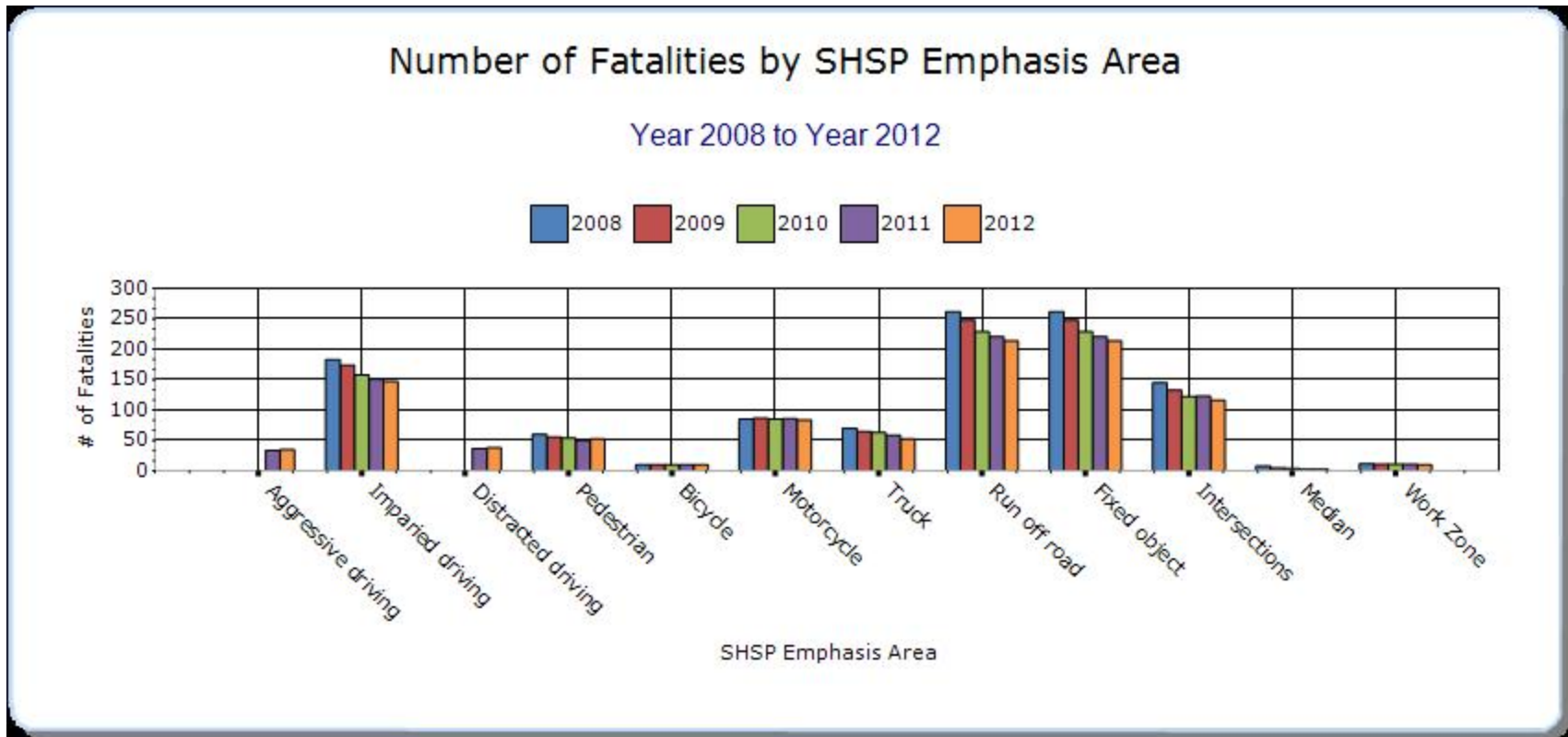
## **SHSP Emphasis Areas**

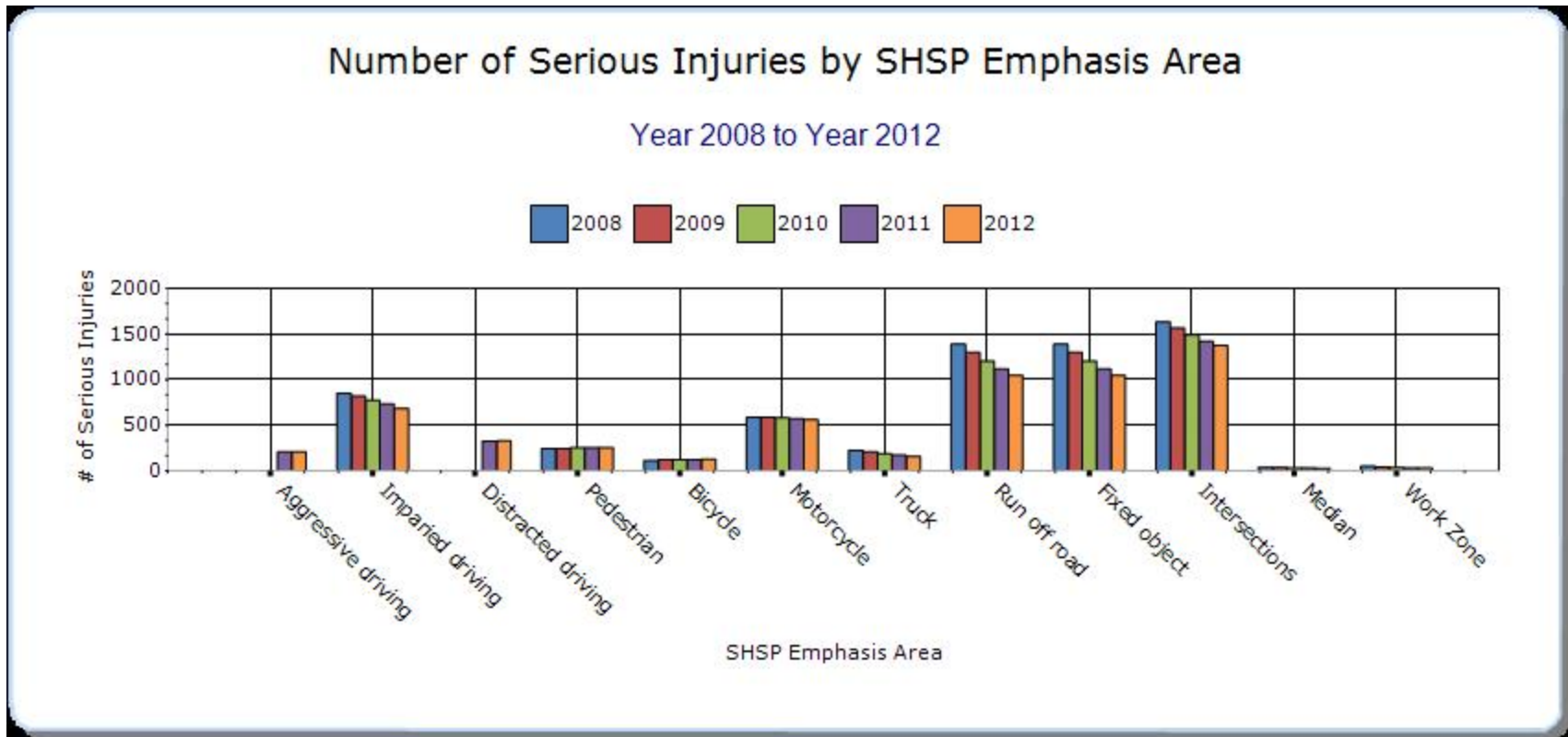
For each SHSP emphasis area that relates to the HSIP, present trends in emphasis area performance measures.

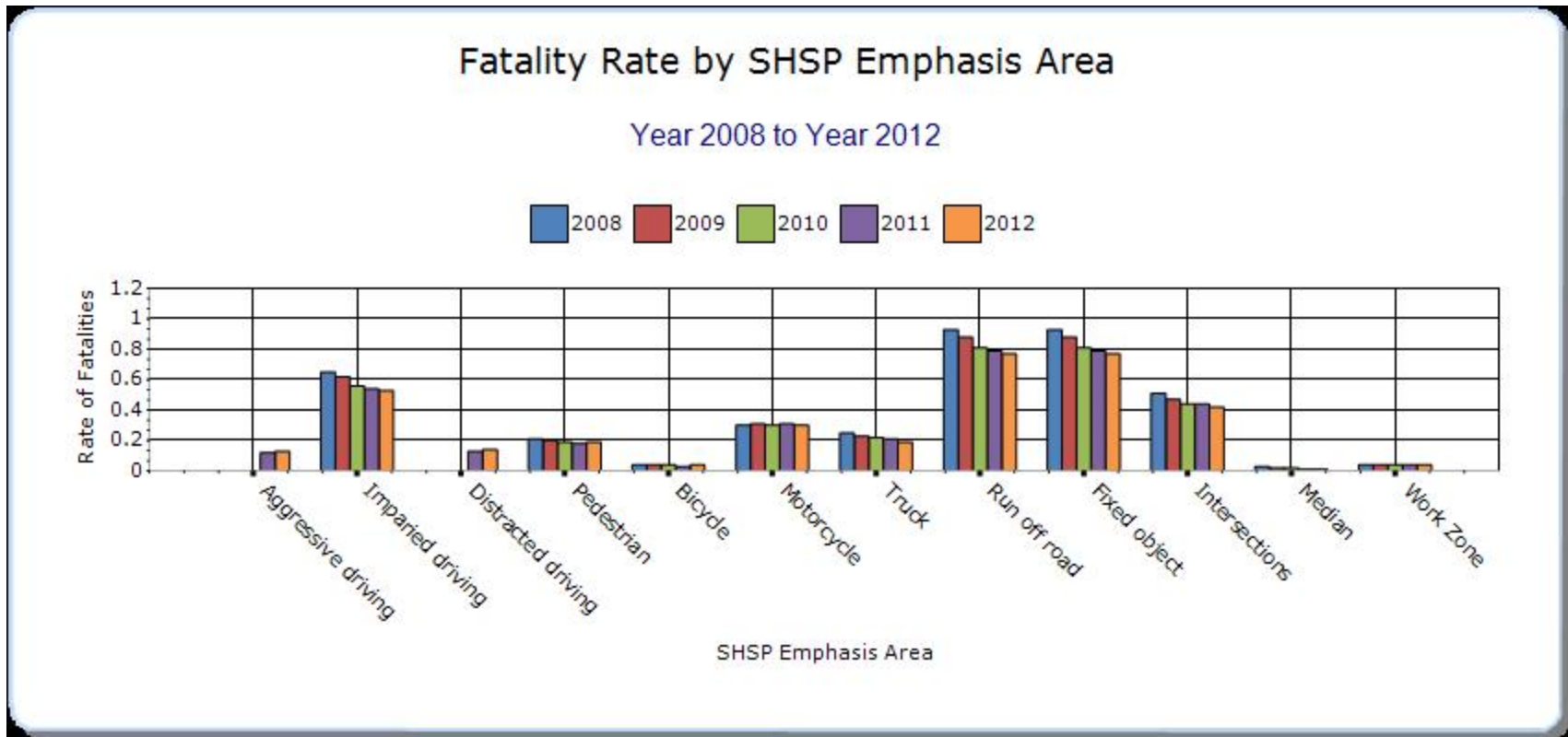
### Year - 2012

| HSIP-related SHSP Emphasis Areas                                | Target Crash Type          | Number of fatalities | Number of serious injuries | Fatality rate (per HMVMT) | Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) | Other-1 | Other-2 | Other-3 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Curbing aggressive driving                                      | Agressive Driving          | 35                   | 209                        | 0.13                      | 0.75                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Reducing impaired driving                                       | Alcohol or Drugs Suspected | 147                  | 685                        | 0.53                      | 2.45                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Keeping drivers alert   | Distracted Driving         | 38                   | 329                        | 0.14                      | 1.18                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Making walking and street crossing easier                       | Vehicle/pedestrian         | 53                   | 257                        | 0.19                      | 0.92                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Ensuring safer bicycle travel                                   | Vehicle/bicycle            | 10                   | 128                        | 0.04                      | 0.46                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Improving motorcycle safety and increasing motorcycle awareness | Motorcycle                 | 84                   | 565                        | 0.3                       | 2.02                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Making truck travel safer                                       | Truck-related              | 53                   | 159                        | 0.19                      | 0.57                            | 0       | 0       | 0       |

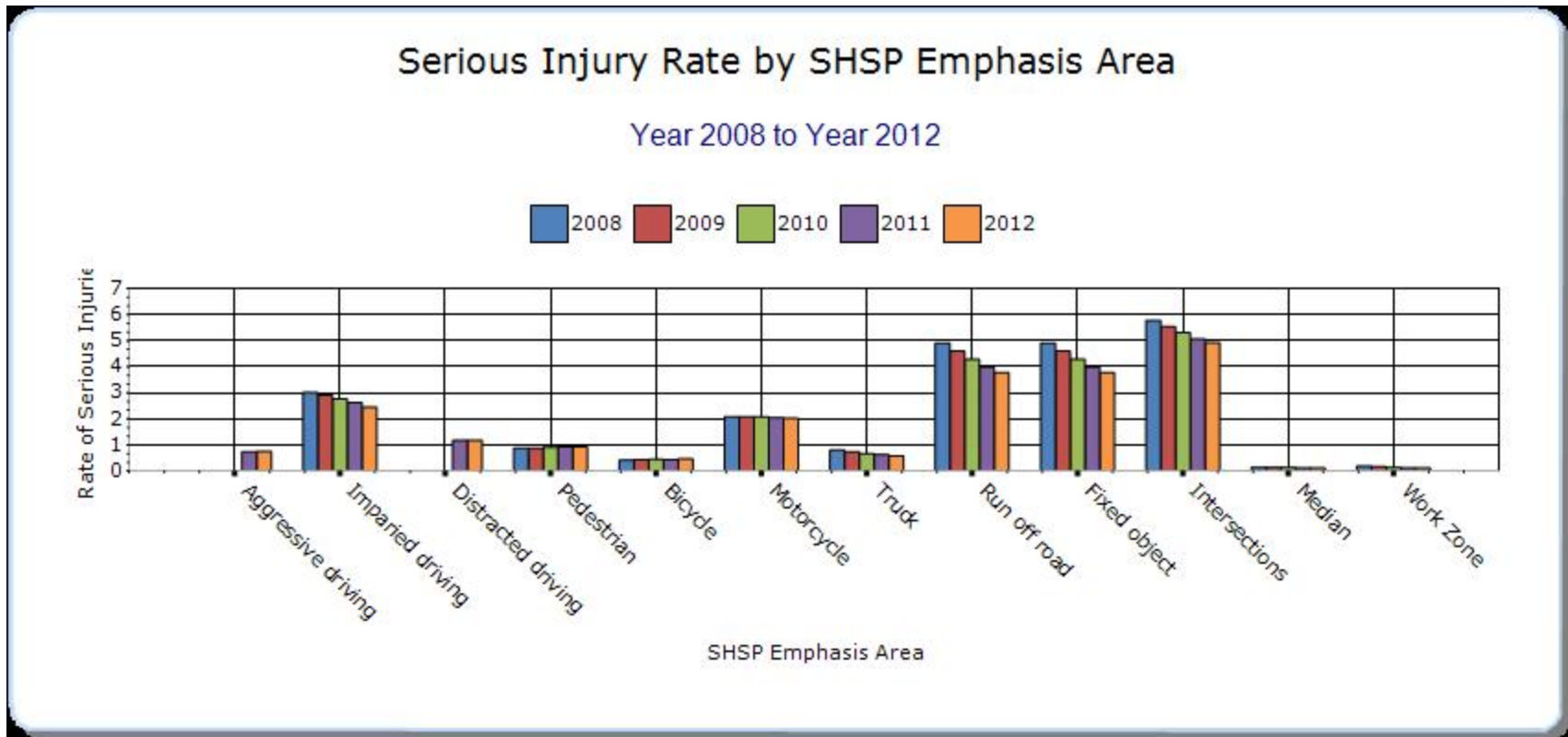
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| <b>Keeping vehicles in the roadway</b>                             | Run-off-road         | 214 | 1050 | 0.77 | 3.77 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Minimizing the consequences of leaving the road</b>             | Run-off-road         | 214 | 1050 | 0.77 | 3.77 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Improving the design and operation of highway intersections</b> | Intersection Related | 116 | 1375 | 0.42 | 4.93 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Reducing head-on and across-median crashes</b>                  | Cross median         | 3   | 30   | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Designing safer work zones</b>                                  | Construction Zone    | 10  | 32   | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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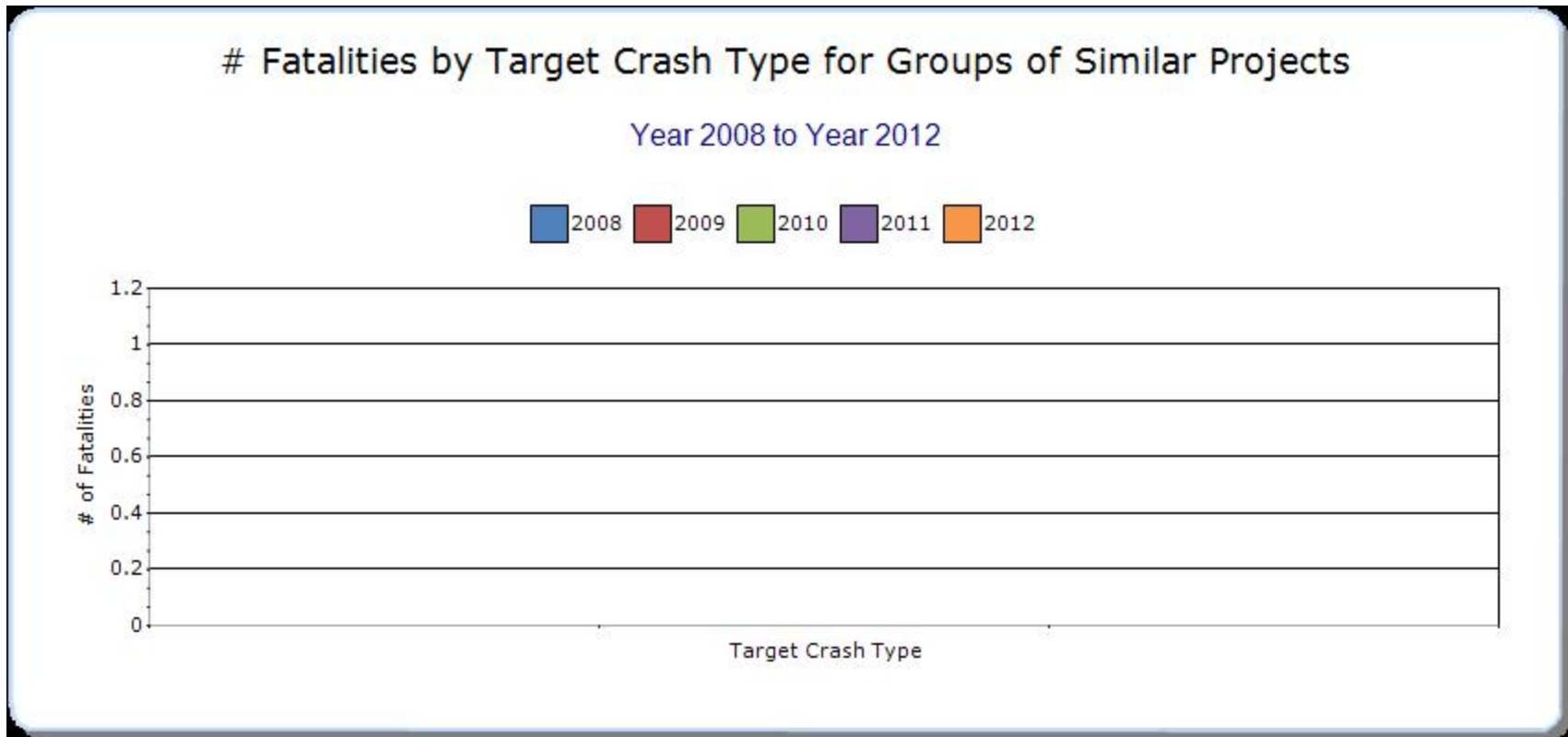


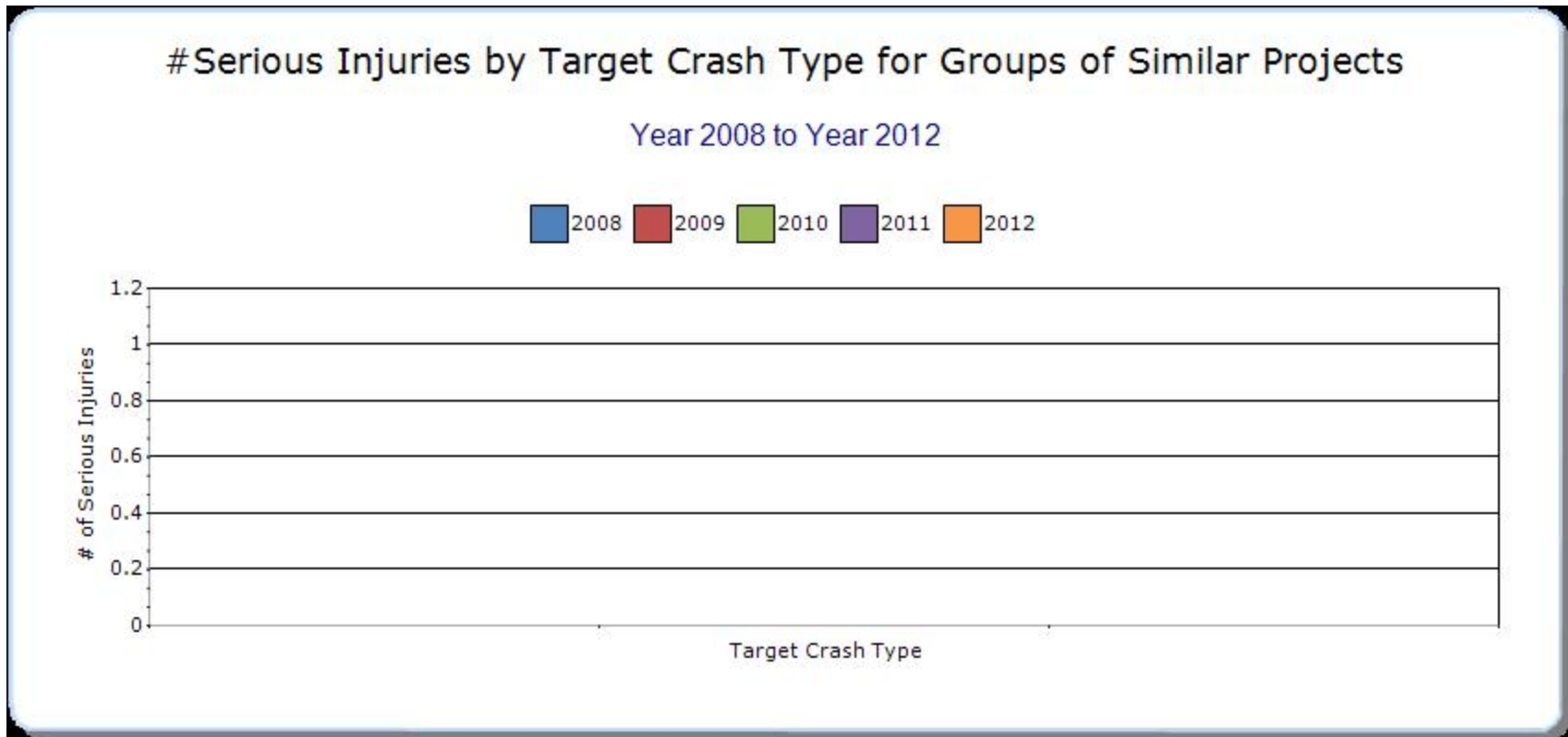
## Groups of similar project types

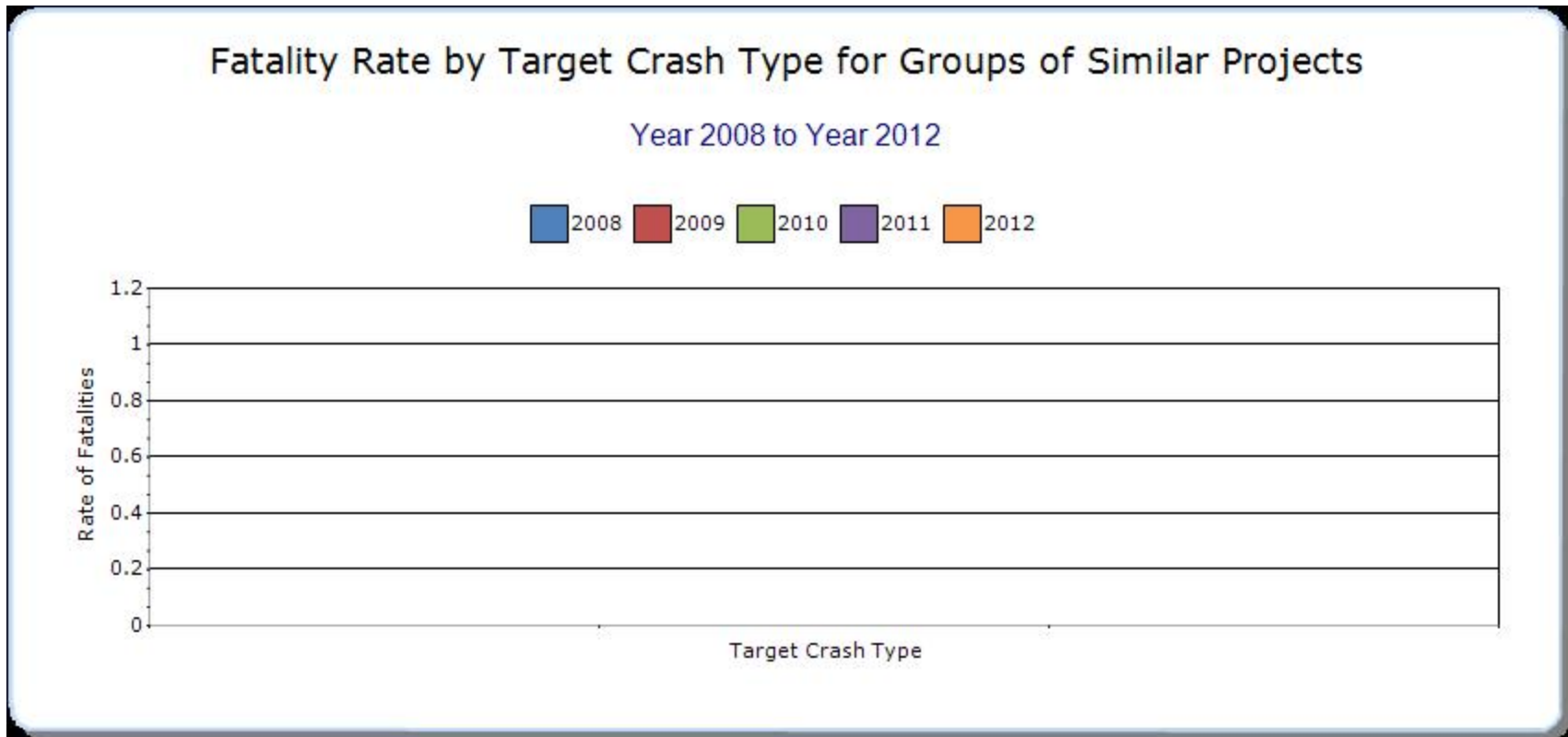
Present the overall effectiveness of groups of similar types of projects.

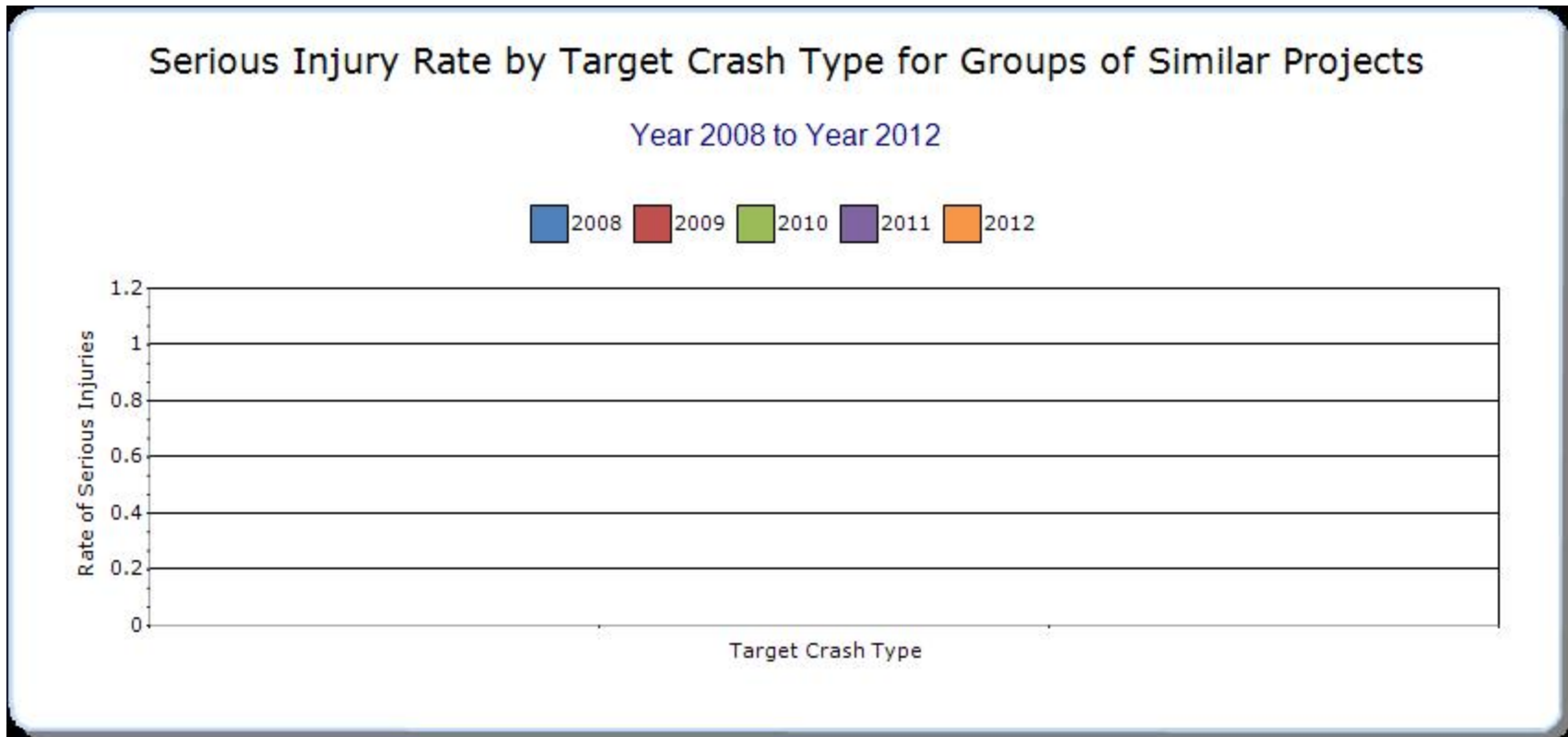
**Year - 2012**

| HSIP Sub-program Types  | Target Crash Type | Number of fatalities | Number of serious injuries | Fatality rate (per HMVMT) | Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) | Other-1 | Other-2 | Other-3 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Colorado is not reporting on this question this year because Colorado does not run any specific subprograms with the HSIP program |                   | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               | 0       | 0       | 0       |
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## Systemic Treatments



Present the overall effectiveness of systemic treatments..

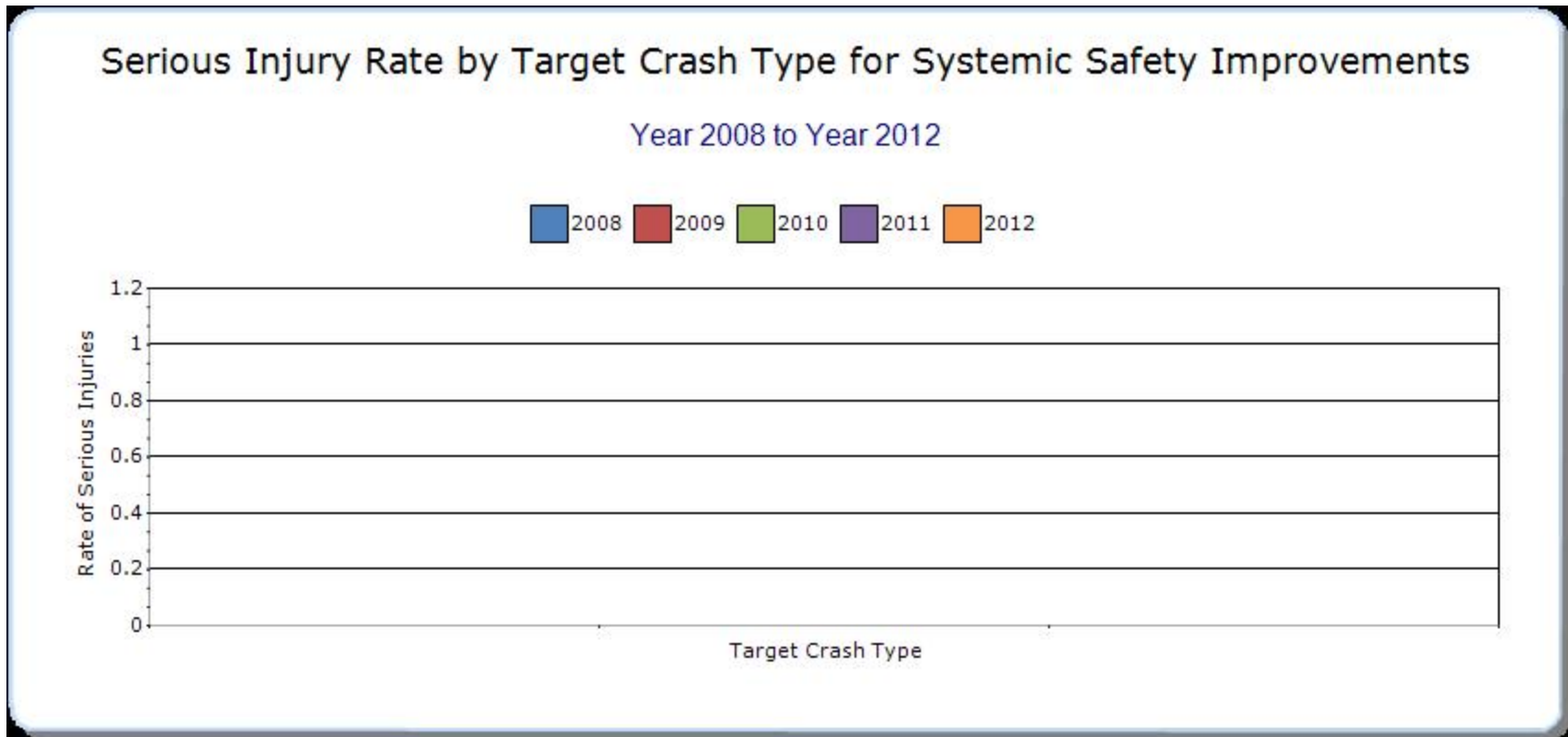
**Year - 2012**

| Systemic improvement  | Target Crash Type | Number of fatalities | Number of serious injuries | Fatality rate (per HMVMT) | Serious injury rate (per HMVMT) | Other-1 | Other-2 | Other-3 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Colorado is not reporting on this question this year because we are still in the process of implementing the process and gathering data |                   | 0                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                               | 0       | 0       | 0       |
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**Describe any other aspects of the overall Highway Safety Improvement Program effectiveness on which you would like to elaborate.**

HSIP funding has helped Colorado see a major decreasing trend in all crash types over the last ten years, not just serious injuries and fatalities. With the help of sustained funding and a renewed focus provided by an updated SHSP, it is the goal of CDOT to facilitate the continuation of these downward trends in Colorado.

Provide project evaluation data for completed projects (optional).

| Location              | Functional Class                            | Improvement Category | Improvement Type | Bef-Fatal | Bef-Serious Injury | Bef-Other Injury | Bef-PDO | Bef-Total | Aft-Fatal | Aft-Serious Injury | Aft-Other Injury | Aft-PDO | Aft-Total | Evaluation Results (Benefit/Cost Ratio) |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| I-225 MP<br>3.95-7.91 | Urban<br>Principal Arterial -<br>Interstate | Roadside             | Barrier - cable  | 1         | 9                  | 8                | 7       | 25        | 0         | 1                  | 2                | 0       | 3         | 3.38                                    |
|                       |   |                      |                  |           |                    |                  |         |           |           |                    |                  |         |           |   |

## **Optional Attachments**

**Sections**

**Files Attached**



## Glossary

**5 year rolling average** means the average of five individual, consecutive annual points of data (e.g. annual fatality rate).

**Emphasis area** means a highway safety priority in a State's SHSP, identified through a data-driven, collaborative process.

**Highway safety improvement project** means strategies, activities and projects on a public road that are consistent with a State strategic highway safety plan and corrects or improves a hazardous road location or feature or addresses a highway safety problem.

**HMVMT** means hundred million vehicle miles traveled.

**Non-infrastructure projects** are projects that do not result in construction. Examples of non-infrastructure projects include road safety audits, transportation safety planning activities, improvements in the collection and analysis of data, education and outreach, and enforcement activities.

**Older driver special rule** applies if traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65 in a State increases during the most recent 2-year period for which data are available, as defined in the Older Driver and Pedestrian Special Rule Interim Guidance dated February 13, 2013.

**Performance measure** means indicators that enable decision-makers and other stakeholders to monitor changes in system condition and performance against established visions, goals, and objectives.

**Programmed funds** mean those funds that have been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be expended on highway safety improvement projects.

**Roadway Functional Classification** means the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of service they are intended to provide.

**Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)** means a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

**Systemic safety improvement** means an improvement that is widely implemented based on high risk roadway features that are correlated with specific severe crash types.

**Transfer** means, in accordance with provisions of 23 U.S.C. 126, a State may transfer from an apportionment under section 104(b) not to exceed 50 percent of the amount apportioned for the fiscal year to any other apportionment of the State under that section.