



Highway Safety Improvement Program  
*Data Driven Decisions*

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## Executive Summary

The development of Highway Safety Improvement Projects was implemented following the methodology established in 2005. The Agency further continued to work with local municipalities in the review of high risk local roads and in the constructions of low cost improvements.

For the state fiscal year (July 1, 2013 to June 30 2014), the total amount of funding that was obligated during the reporting period was \$14,689,333. Of these, \$10,276,641 was obligated from HSIP Section 148, \$33,291 was obligated from HRRRP SAFETEA-LU and \$4,079,778 was obligated from Section 164.

During the reporting period, nineteen projects were in a design stage and six were completed or being constructed.

Over the years, the HSIP and other related safety efforts have been efficient at reducing the number of major crashes (fatal + serious injury crashes). One of the principal measures of success that illustrates this is the reduction in the five-year average of major crashes which passed from 433 major crashes for the 2004-2008 period to 358 for the 2009-2013 period.

## 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.**

Local roads that are part of the Federal Aid System are addressed the same way as state maintained roads, using the approved HSIP ranking methodology for the identification of locations with potential safety problems. The local roads that rank within the subset of top locations are reviewed through an engineering study. Low cost remedial actions are implemented via a statewide project, while high cost solutions are implemented by VTrans through the regular design process.

During the reporting period, rural local roads were considered for evaluation and improvement under our state high risk rural roads program. Locations were identified by the regional planning commissions

using crash data as well as anecdotal information. For these locations, safety corridor reviews were performed to identify signing, markings and guardrail improvements. These low cost treatments will be designed and implemented via a statewide project.

Upon the request of a municipality, VTrans will perform a road safety audit of any local road to assist the municipality with local safety concerns. A multidisciplinary team is put together, a site visit is performed and a report outlying recommendations is provided to the municipality.

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

- Design
- Planning
- Maintenance
- Operations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Other:

**Briefly describe coordination with internal partners.**

Depending on the characteristics of the site to be reviewed, Design, Operations and/or Maintenance staff are asked to take part to the visit of the site and to formulate some recommendations. Key personal in Design and/or Maintenance are contacted several weeks in advance usually by email by the lead investigator. Along with a request to attend an on-site meeting, the lead investigator also sends relevant background information such as crash information and a general description of the problem.

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

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Local Government Association

Other: Other-Municipalities

Other: Other-Regional Planning Commissions

**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-There has been no change since the last reporting period. We are in the process of rewriting our HSIP procedures.

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

There is a challenge in the deployment of HSIP countermeasure projects in that they follow the same design process as every other road and bridge project at VTrans. The solution may be identified quickly, however there is no priority put on an HSIP projects and therefore, implementation can take up to 2 years as the project works through the same design process (PE, ROW and construction) as all VTrans projects.

This problem has also been an issue, to a lesser extent, with the delivery of low cost projects, such as the installation of signs or the upgrade of signal equipment on town highways.

While, since 2012, we have been developing and contracting regional projects to implement these low cost solutions on town and city owned roads (thus making sure that federal procurement procedures are followed), the time lag between the road reviews and the installation of the low cost improvements has been around two years. In addition, preparing formal plans for contacting purposes has also been time consuming. We had considered using one of the consultants from our retainer list to prepare the

next round of plans but have decided otherwise given that the cost estimate obtained from the consultant to perform the work was judged too high.

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-Cost Spot Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Replacement And Improvement |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other:                  |  |   |

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**Program:** Low-Cost Spot Improvements

**Date of Program Methodology:** 1/28/2005

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Median width                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input 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 |



- Other  Lane miles  Roadside features  
 Other  Other

**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



- |  |                                     |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All crashes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic    | <input type="checkbox"/> Median width                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Volume     | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Lane miles | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-"rural" like roads  |

**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 Available funding                      100 Incremental B/C Ranking based on net benefit Other

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

2

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

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable Median Barriers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rumble Strips  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Control Device Rehabilitation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pavement/Shoulder Widening                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install/Improve Signing       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install/Improve Pavement Marking and/or Delineation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade Guard Rails                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Zone Improvements  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Edge                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Install/Improve Lighting                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add/Upgrade/Modify/Remove Traffic Signal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

Other than low cost improvements on local corridors, Vermont does not have systematic safety improvement programs that are based on high risk roadway features. Rather, Vermont implements various treatments on a statewide basis of by policy. For example, on paving projects, Vermont is implementing the SafetyEdge on all of its paving projects, Vermont is installing Centerline Rumble Stripes as per the developed guidance and Vermont is widening shoulders to 4 ft minimum whenever feasible. Vermont is further replacing traffic signs in a statewide manner by selecting a number of corridors for replacement each year.

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

- Engineering Study
- Road Safety Assessment
- Other:

**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: Other-No Change

During the reporting period, we have hired a consultant to review our HSIP methodology. We expect an updated methodology to be available in fall 2014.

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

The main challenge concerning our HSIP ranking methodology for spot improvements continue to be that it does not address roads that are off the Federal Aid System. The current HSIP ranking methodology generates locations based on the high crash locations that are generated by VTrans' Highway Research Section. The data that Highway Research uses as input are only for the roads that fall under the Federal Aid highway system. Consequently, only locally maintained roads that are on the Federal Aid systems are considered as part of the ranking methodology of the HSIP.

Given that Vermont is a rural state with crashes that tend to be dispersed, another ongoing challenge with our current sport improvement methodology is that it tends to identify rural locations with very few crashes or urban locations with a large number of crashes at high traffic intersections.

## 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	
<b>HSIP (Section 148)</b>	10276641.76	70 %	10276641.76	70 %
<b>HRRRP (SAFETEA-LU)</b>	332913.85	2 %	332913.85	2 %
<b>HRRR Special Rule</b>				
<b>Penalty Transfer - Section 154</b>				
<b>Penalty Transfer - Section 164</b>	4079778.16	28 %	4079778.16	28 %
<b>Incentive Grants - Section 163</b>				
<b>Incentive Grants (Section 406)</b>				
<b>Other Federal-aid Funds (i.e. STP, NHPP)</b>				
<b>State and Local Funds</b>				

<b>Totals</b>	14689333.77	100%	14689333.77	100%
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**How much funding is programmed to local (non-state owned and maintained) safety projects?**

5 %

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

5 %

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

2 %

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

2 %

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

0 %



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

0 %

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

Safety projects should have a quick turnaround to have a significant impact. Major construction projects that follow the rigid design process are an impediment to obligating funds. Producing more systemic projects with little or no right-of-way and little environmental impacts is one way to design and construct more projects and thus spending more money on safety.

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

A consultant has been helping us reviewing our HSIP methodology. As part of this review, a mechanism to track progress will be developed.

**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>BARRE CITY HES 037-1(8) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Numbers	14052 00	14052 00	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Urban Major Collector	490 0	25	City of Municipal Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>BARRE TOWN HES STPG 6100(6) - Preliminary</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Numbers	16420 00	16420 00	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Urban Minor Arterial	270 0	35	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>BERLIN STPG SGNL(40) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1 Numbers	12351 00	12351 00	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	114 59	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>BRISTOL</b>	Intersection traffic	1	92500	92500	Penalty	Rural	590	30	Town or	Intersections	Improve

<b>HES 021-1(28) - Design</b>	control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	Numbers	0	0	y Transfer – Section 164	Minor Arterial	0		Township Highway Agency	ons	Operations
<b>BURLINGTON HES 5200 (18) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - all-way stop to roundabout	1 Numbers	283500	283500	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	19400	30	City of Municipal Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>CAMBRIDGE STP 030-2(27) - Completed</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - all-way stop to roundabout	1 Numbers	2287839	2287839	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Minor Arterial	7150	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>COLCHESTER HES028-1(28) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	2 Numbers	580000	580000	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	11450	55	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>COLCHESTER HES NH 5600(14) -</b>	Intersection geometry Intersection geometry - other	2 Numbers	809000	809000	Penalty Transfer –	Urban Principal Arterial -	21150	30	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry

<b>Design</b>					Section 164	Other					
<b>ESSEX STPG SGNL(41) - Completed</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1 Numbers	385425	385425	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	13200	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>ESSEX TOWN STP HES 5400(5) - Completed</b>	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	1 Numbers	1038199	1038199	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	8950	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>FERRISBURGH NHG SGNL(42) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	1 Numbers	655000	655000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	12300	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>HINESBURGH HES 021-1(19) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	2 Numbers	209200	209200	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Minor Arterial	8550	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>JERICHO STP HES 030-1(21) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Numbers	2239080	2239080	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	10149	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry

<b>LOW COST SAFETY IMPROVE - Completed</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	6 Numbers	16123	16123	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Various	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements
<b>MILTON HES 028-1(27) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs and traffic control - other	0.3 Miles	70000	70000	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	9500	55	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>MORRSITOWN STP HES 030-2(28) Design</b>	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - modify skew angle	1 Numbers	146000	146000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	6700	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>NEW HAVEN HES 032-1(8) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - miscellaneous/other/unspecified	1 Numbers	236000	236000	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Minor Arterial	4050	45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>SOUTH BURLINGTON HES 5200(20) -</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - add long vehicle	4 Numbers	10400	10400	Penalty Transfer –	Urban Minor Collector	6350	25	City of Municipal Highway	Intersections	Improve Operations

Completed	detection				Section 164				Agency		
<b>SOUTH HERO STP HES 028-1(22) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Numbers	20500 00	20500 00	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	695 0	35	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
<b>STATEWIDE HES CRSH</b>	Non-infrastructure Data/traffic records	1 Numbers	29137	29137	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Not Applicable , Crash Managem ent	0	0	State Highway Agency	Data	Improve Data Quality
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(16) - Completed</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	17.9 Miles	27112 8	27112 8	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(17) - Completed</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	23.3 Miles	29000 0	29000 0	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(18) -</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or	9.56 Miles	18000 0	18000 0	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and	0	0	Town or Townshi p	Roadway Departur	Low Cost Improvem

Completed	updated				n 148)	Local Roads			Highway Agency	e	ents
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(19) - Completed</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	17.339 Miles	372000	372000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Township Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(20) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0 Miles	375000	375000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Township Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(21) -Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0 Miles	375000	375000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Township Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(22) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0 Miles	330000	330000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Township Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements
<b>Statewide STPHRRR(22) -</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or	0 Miles	290000	290000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local	0	0	Town or Township Highway	Roadway Departure	Low Cost Improvements

<b>Design</b>	updated					Roads			Agency		
<b>Statewide Southwest STPG SIGN(47) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	32.8 Miles	445900	459000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Statewide Southwest STPG SIGN(51) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	22.7 Miles	280000	280000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Stowe-Berksire STPG SIGN(49) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	33.9 Miles	436000	436000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Alburgh-Colchester STPG SIGN(45) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	39 Miles	432000	432000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Barre Town STP HES 0169(8) - Design</b>	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - modify skew angle	1 Numbers	420000	420000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major Collector	4500	35	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry



<b>Barton-Derby STPG SIGN(46) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	25.3 Miles	403600	403600	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Brattleboro NHG SIGN(53) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	1 Numbers	540000	540000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	13200	30	Town or Township Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Driver Compliance
<b>Calais-Greensboro STPG SIGN(50) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	22.52 Miles	290000	290000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Colchester STPG 5600(17) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1 Numbers	530000	530000	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	11700	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>Colchester-Essex STPG SGNL(45) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	4 Numbers	122000	122000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations

<b>Essex STP 5400(7) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1 Numbers	1410000	1410000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	11000	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>Essex STPG 030-1(22) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/unspecified	1 Numbers	1275000	1275000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	11500	35	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>Guilford-Rockingham IMG SIGN(44) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	39 Miles	2043000	2043000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Hartford STP 0113(59)S - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - modifications to roundabout	1 Numbers	3167000	3167000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	9400	40	Town or Township Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Geometry
<b>Hartford-Royalton IMG SIGN(48) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	21.32 Miles	1920000	1920000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastructure for all Users
<b>Hyde Park</b>	Intersection traffic	1	33000	33000	HSIP	Rural	780	40	State	Intersections	Improve

<b>HES 030-2(34) - Design</b>	control Modify control - modifications to roundabout	Numbers	0	0	(Section 148)	Minor Arterial	0		Highway Agency	ons	Geometry
<b>Ludlow HES SGNL(44) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/unspecified	1 Numbers	67500	67500	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	6750	50	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
<b>Milton STP 5800(3) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/unspecified	1 Numbers	45000	45000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	11100	25	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
<b>Randolph-Berlin STPG SIGN(52) - Design</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	23.45 Miles	30400	30400	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
<b>Statewide HES GARD(2) - Design</b>	Roadside Barrier - other	16 Miles	14250	14250	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	
<b>Statewide IMG</b>	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement	339	76673	76673	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway

<b>MARK(114)</b> )- <b>Constructi</b> <b>on</b>	markings - remarking	Miles	4	4	n 148)	Arterial - Interstate			Agency	e	Delineation
<b>Statewide</b> <b>North HES</b> <b>MARK(402</b> <b>) - Design</b>	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1147 Miles	88000 0	88000 0	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Major Collector	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
<b>Statewide</b> <b>South HES</b> <b>MARK(401</b> <b>) -</b> <b>Completed</b>	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1017 Miles	76648 4	76648 4	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Local Road or Street	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
<b>Statewide</b> <b>South HES</b> <b>MARK(403</b> <b>) -</b> <b>Constructi</b> <b>on</b>	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1022 Miles	89000 0	89000 0	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Major Collector	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
<b>Waterbury</b> <b>NHG</b> <b>SIGNL(43)</b> <b>-</b> <b>Constructi</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	2 Numb ers	29643 8	29643 8	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	140 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations

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<b>Waterbury STP SGNL(18) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - two-way stop to roundabout	1 Numbers	5085000	5085000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	10450	25	Town or Township Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>Waterbury Area STP WKZN(9) - Design</b>	Work Zone	0	985000	985000	HSIP (Section 148)	Various Roads	0	0	State Highway Agency	Work Zones	Improve Operations
<b>Williston STPG 5500(14) - Design</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/unspecified	1 Numbers	1425000	1425000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	18700	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations
<b>Winooski HES 5100(13) - Design</b>	Pedestrians and bicyclists Pedestrian beacons	1 Numbers	870000	870000	Penalty Transfer – Section 164	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	22200	25	City of Municipal Highway Agency	Intersections	Improve Operations

## Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets

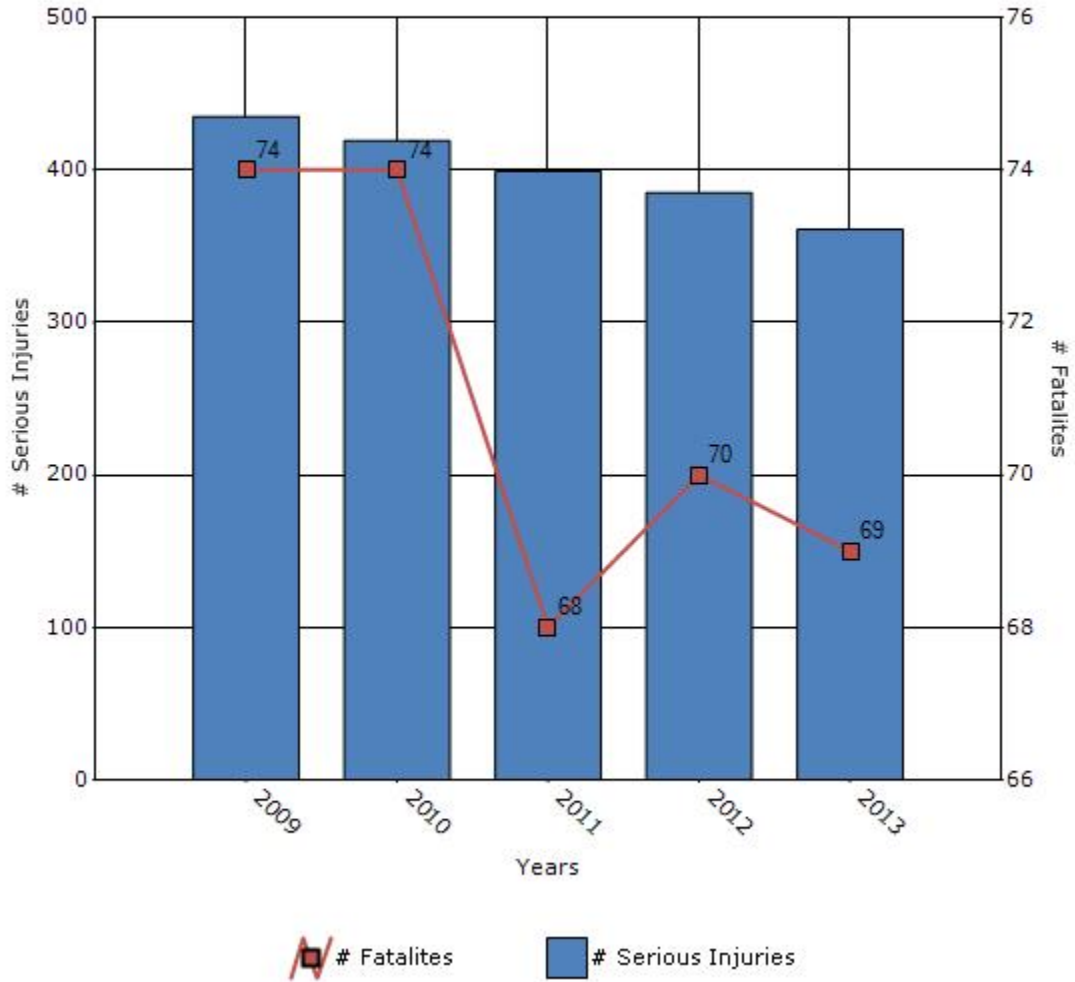
### Overview of General Safety Trends

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

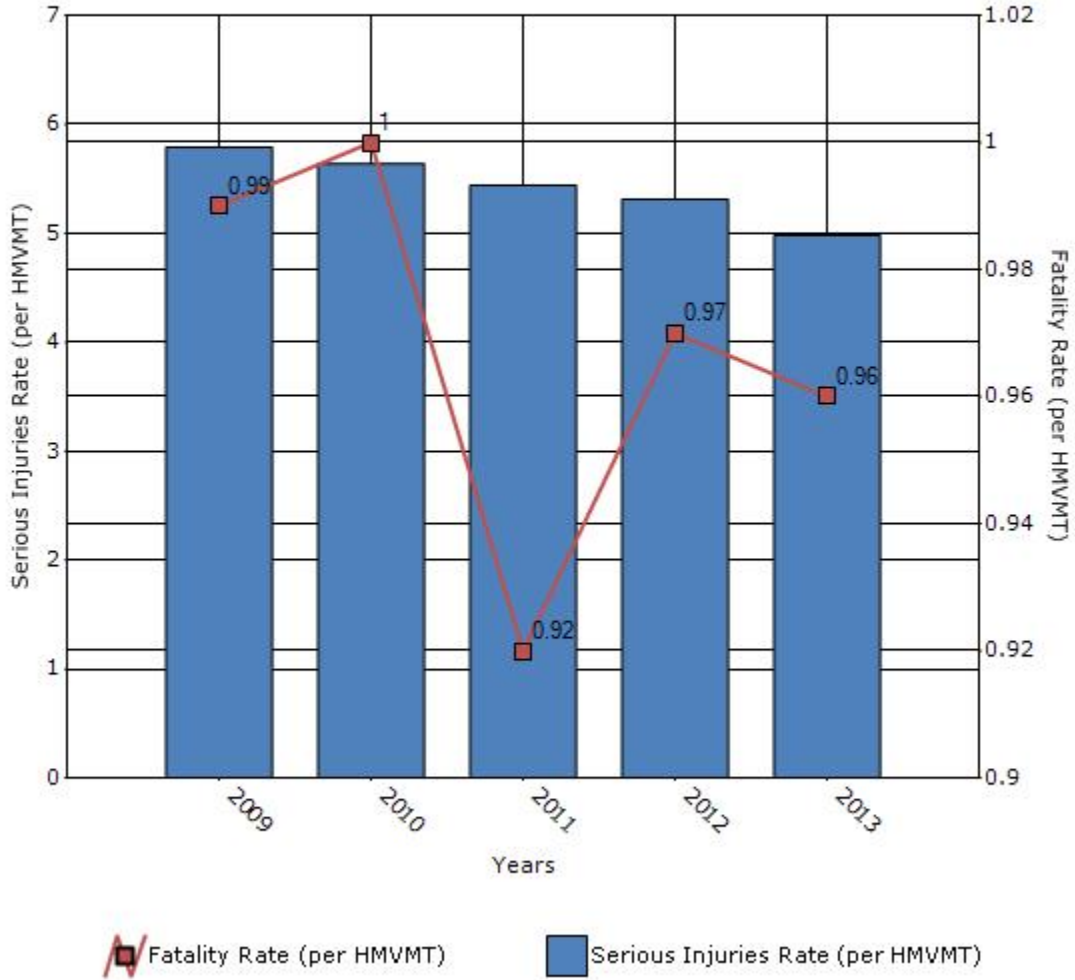
Performance Measures*	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of fatalities	74	74	68	70	69
Number of serious injuries	435	419	399	385	361
Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	0.99	1	0.92	0.97	0.96
Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	5.79	5.64	5.44	5.31	4.98

\*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





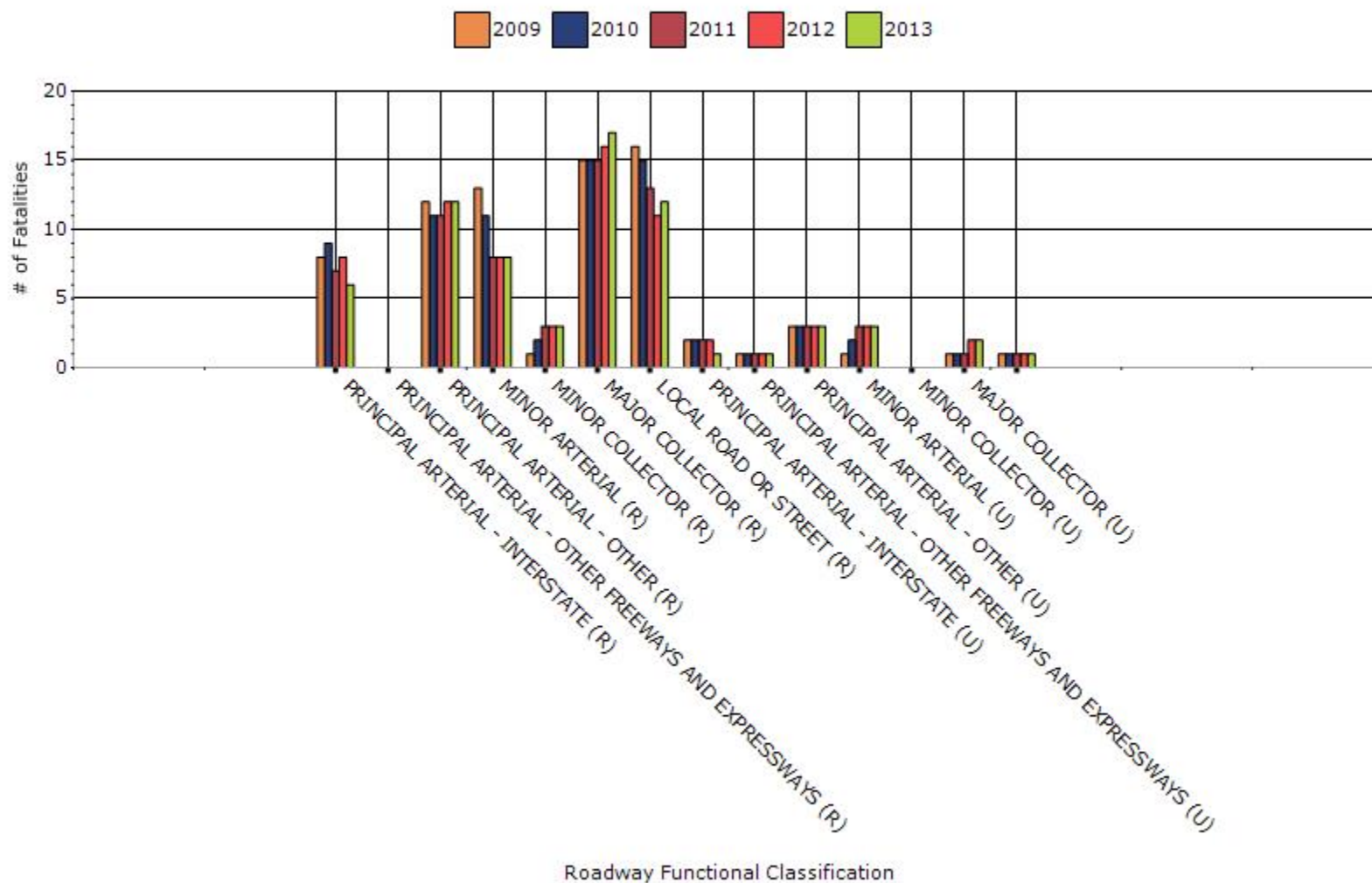
To the maximum extent possible, present performance measure\* data by functional classification and ownership.

### Year - 2013

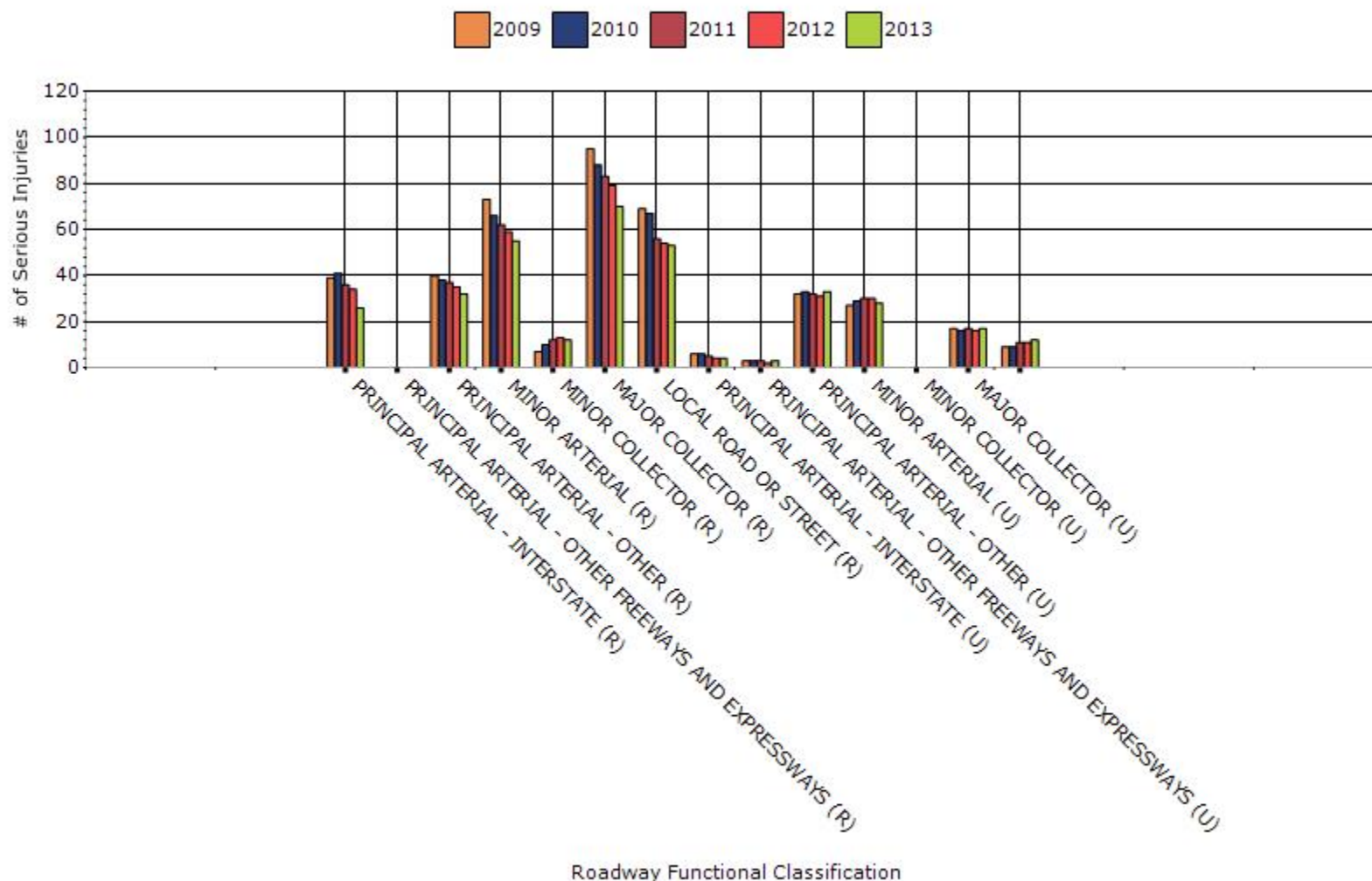
Function Classification	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE	6	26	0.5	52.82
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS	0	0	0	0
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER	12	32	1.68	20.25
RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	8	55	0.85	86.47
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	3	12	1.2	5.6
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	17	70	1.43	50.41
RURAL LOCAL ROAD OR STREET	12	53	1.13	5.16
URBAN PRINCIPAL	1	4	0.27	0.95

<b>ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE</b>				
<b>URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS</b>	1	3	1.52	4.04
<b>URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER</b>	3	33	0.6	7.58
<b>URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL</b>	3	28	0.97	7.76
<b>URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR</b>	2	17	1	7.75
<b>URBAN LOCAL ROAD OR STREET</b>	1	12	0.25	3.06

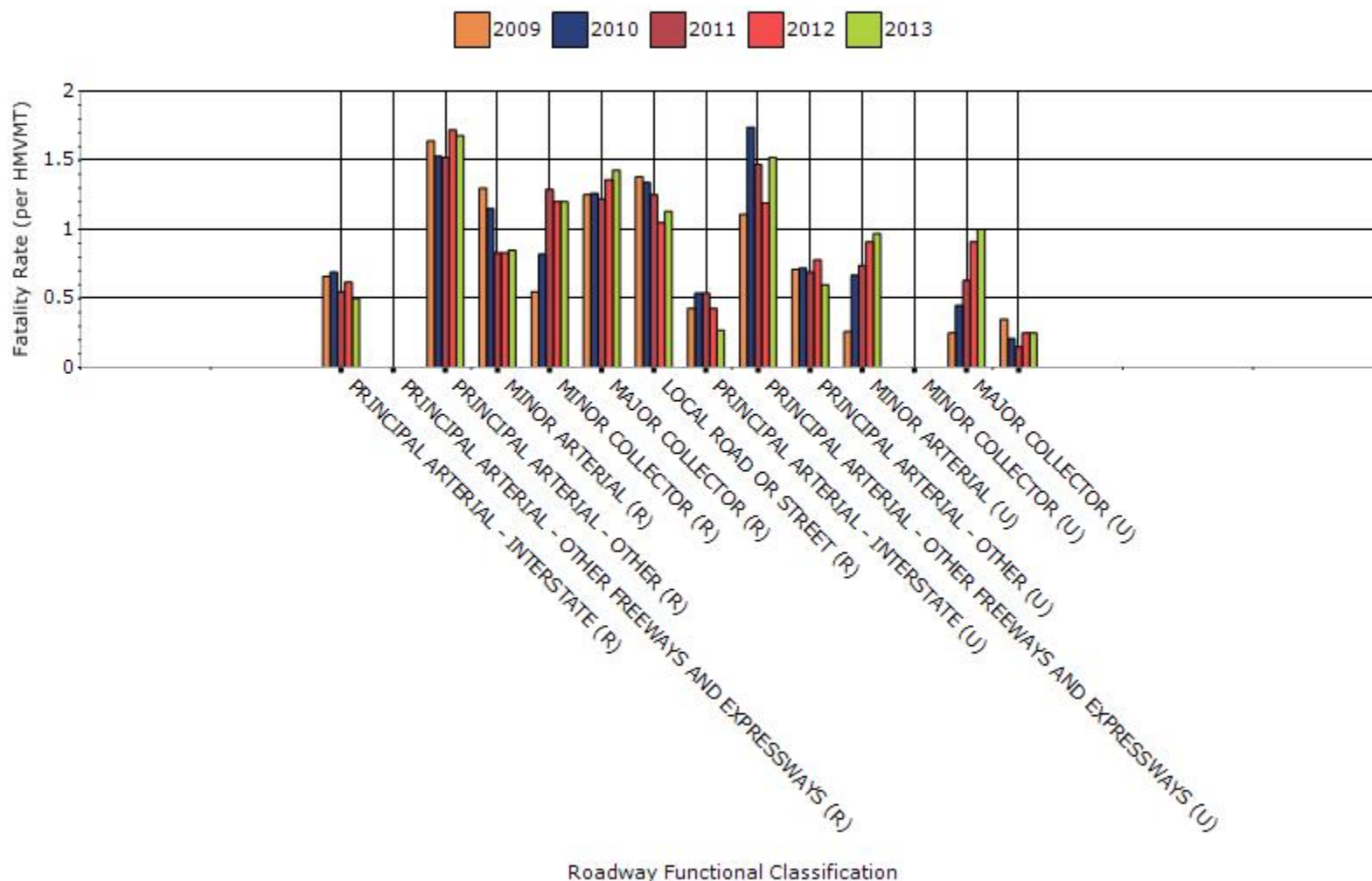
### # Fatalities by Roadway Functional Classification



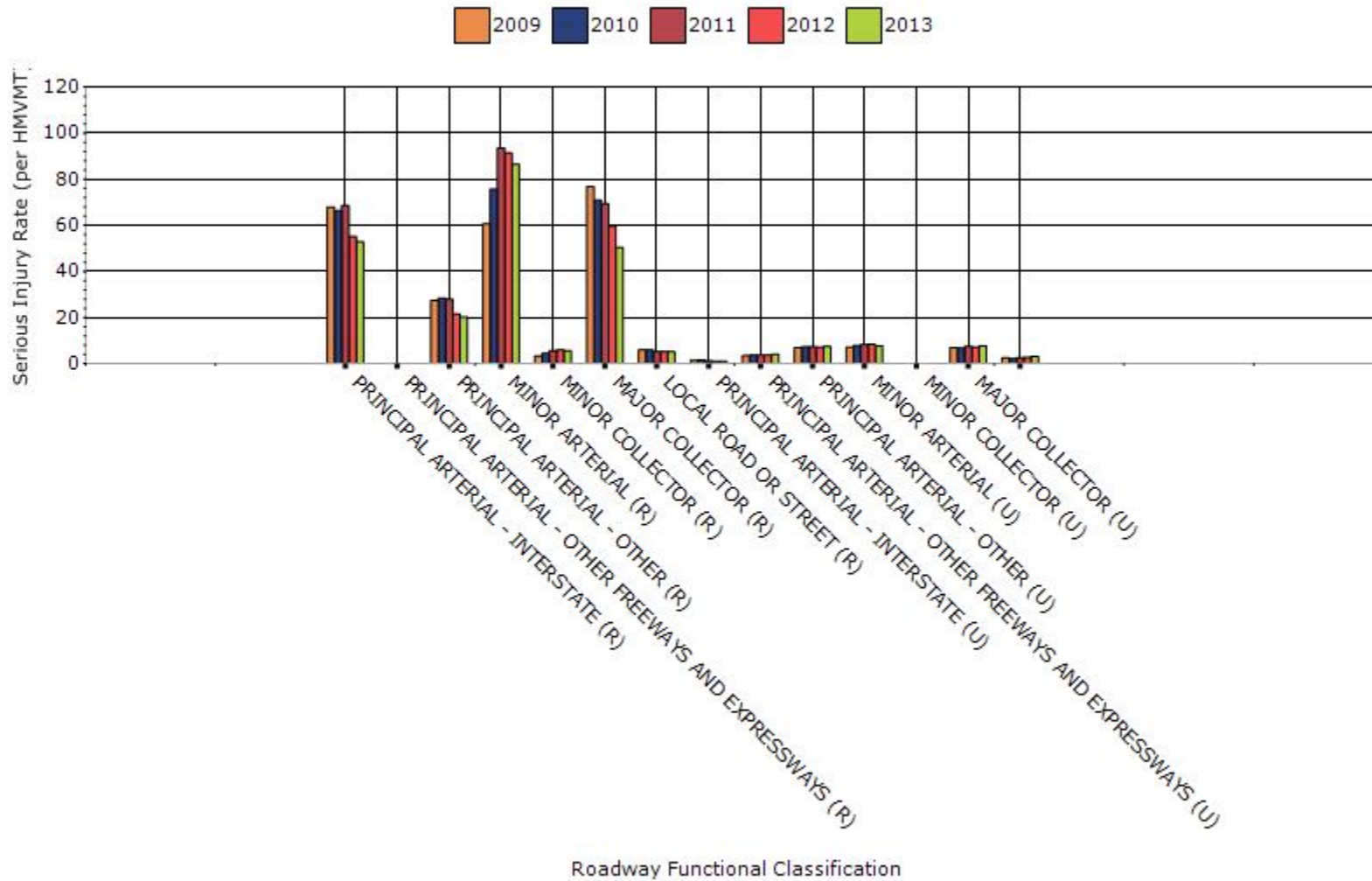
### # Serious Injuries by Roadway Functional Classification



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



## Year - 2013

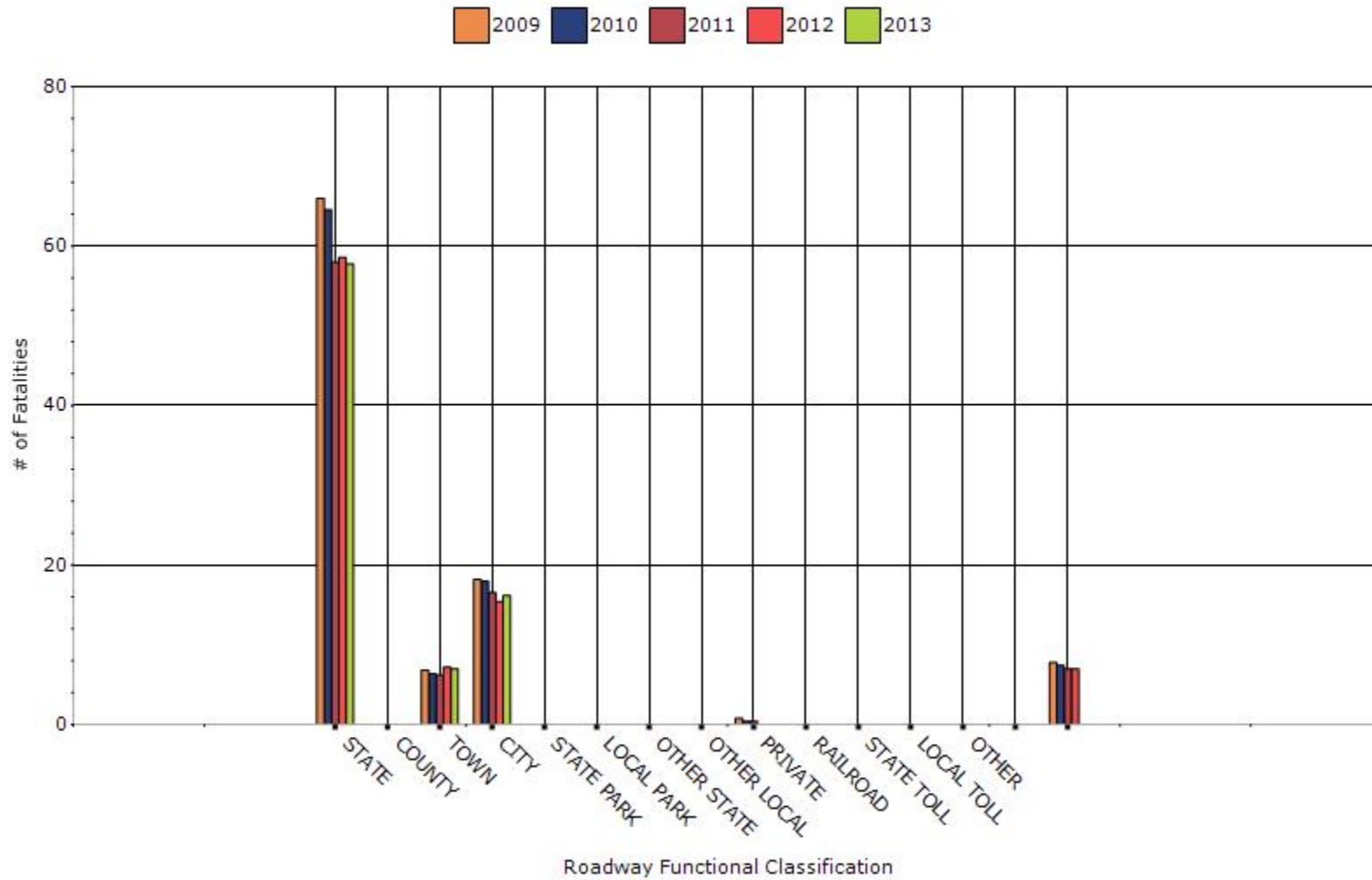
Roadway Ownership	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY	57.8	278.6	0	0
COUNTY HIGHWAY AGENCY	0	0	0	0
TOWN OR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY AGENCY	7	43.8	0	0
CITY OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY AGENCY	16.2	93.6	0	0
STATE PARK, FOREST, OR 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	0	0	0	0
PRIVATE (OTHER THAN RAILROAD)	0	0	0	0
RAILROAD	0	0	0	0
STATE TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
LOCAL TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
OTHER PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY (E.G. AIRPORT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY)	0	0	0	0
INDIAN TRIBE NATION	0	0	0	0

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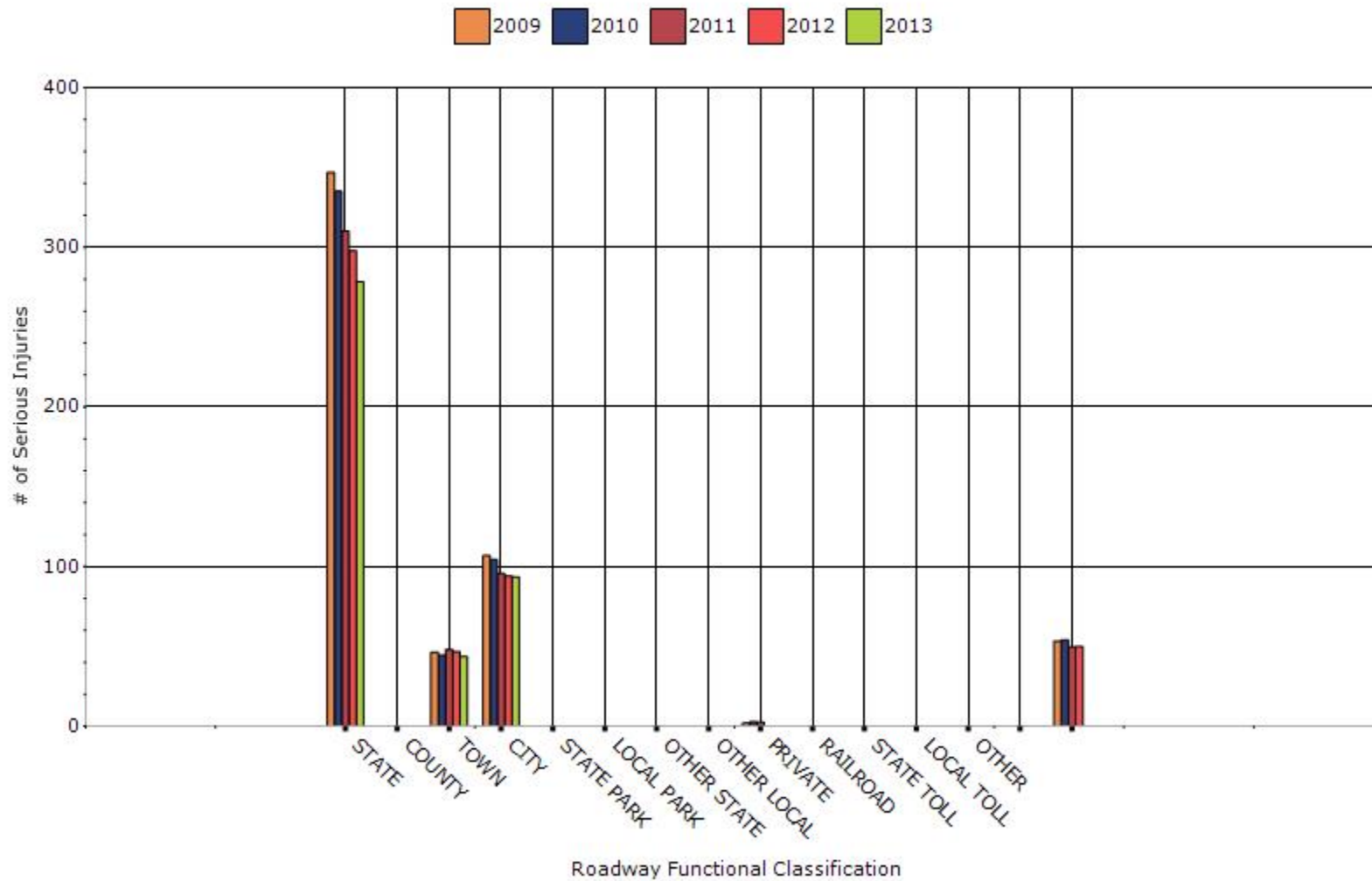
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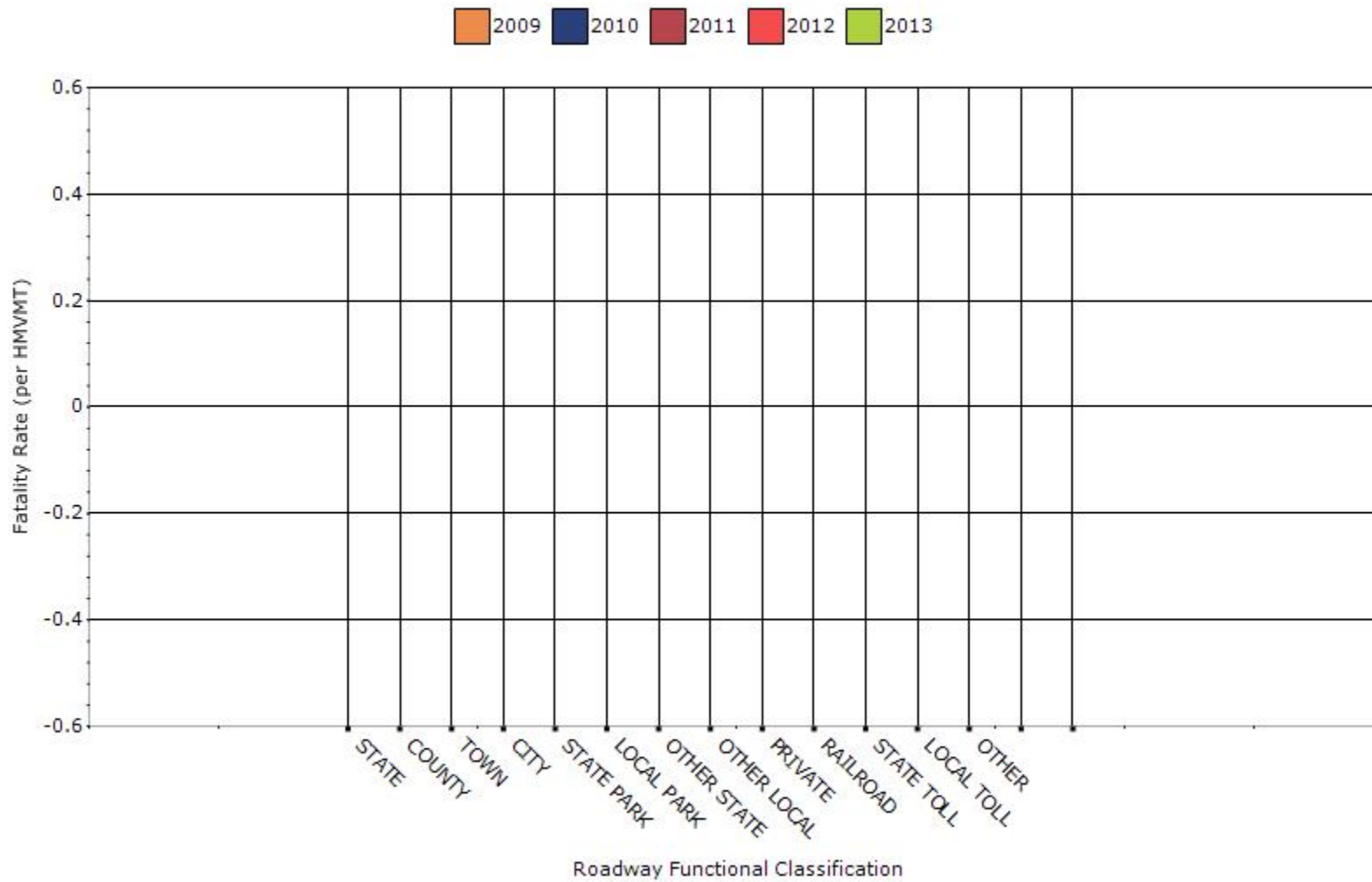
### Number of Fatalities by Roadway Ownership



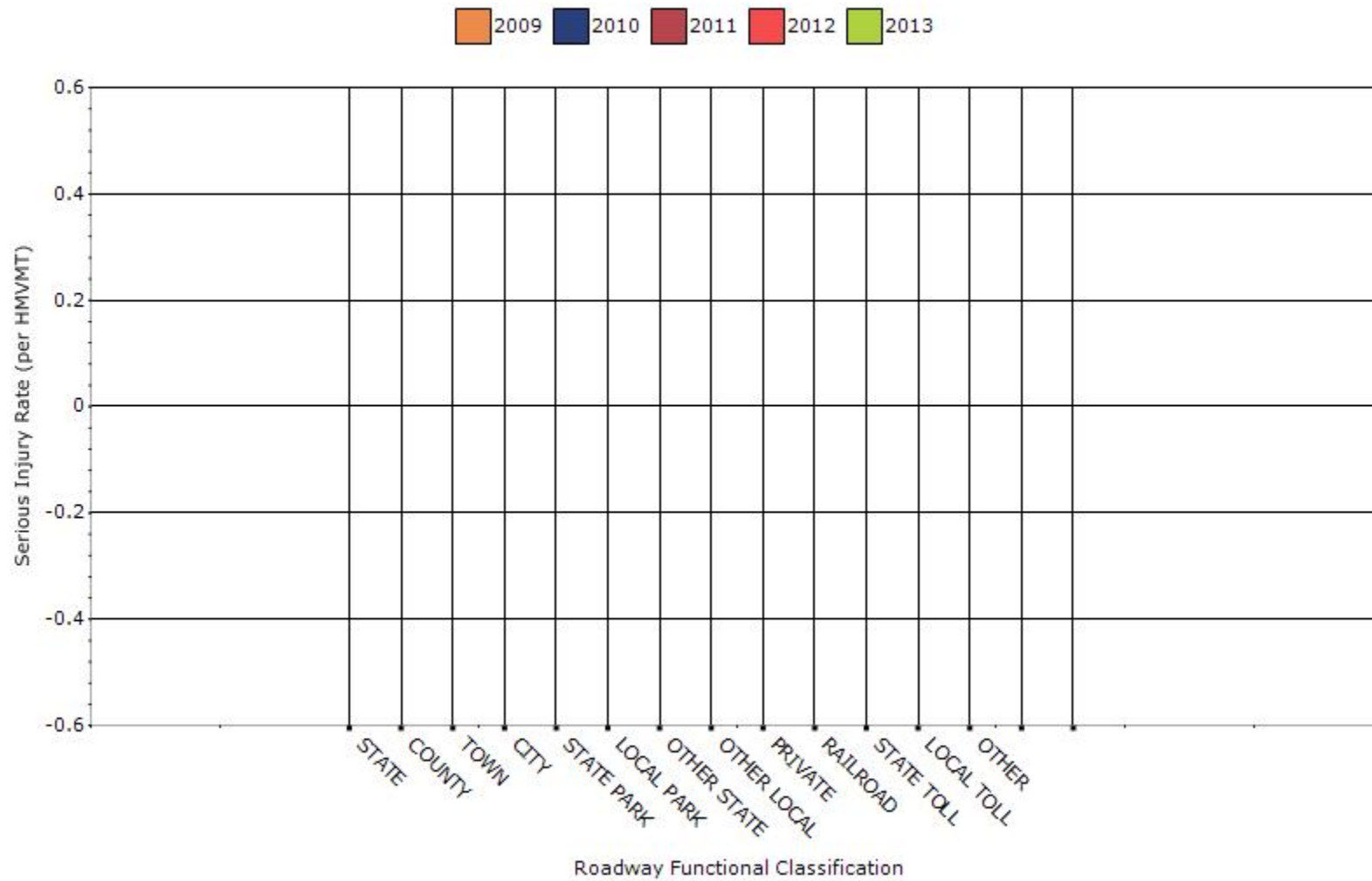
### Number of Serious Injuries by Roadway Ownership



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Ownership



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Ownership



Note that the data for State Highway Agency also include some crashes that took place on Vermont Class I Roads that would be owned by towns and cities.

Also note that HMVTMs by Roadway Ownership are not available for years prior to 2010 and that five-year rolling averages cannot be computed yet, since we have only four years of data.

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

The crash data analysis reviewed included reported crashes from the five-year periods between the years 2005 and 2013. Major crashes are defined as crashes that either resulted in a fatal injury or in an incapacitating injury.

The number of major crashes five-year average has declined from 421 major crashes for the 2005-2009 period to 357 for the 2009-2013 period. This represents a 15% reduction in the five-year average.

Over the same two periods, there has been a 6.7% decline in the five-year average of the total number of fatalities (from 74 to 69).

In a similar manner, there has been a 17% reduction in the five-year average of the total number of serious injuries (from 435 to 361).

These reductions are also reflected in the fatality rate per HMVMT and for the serious injury rate per HMVMT. While the five-year average fatality rate was 0.99 for the 2005-2009 period, it is now 0.96 for the 2009-2013 period. For the serious injury rate, it was 5.79 for the 2005-2009 period and it is now 4.98 for the 2009-2013 period.

Over the years, leaving the road and crashes taking place at intersections have been the two crash types that have typically accounted for a large proportion of major crashes.

Very small reductions in the number of fatalities and serious injuries for these two crash types have taken place. The respective five-year averages for fatalities and serious injuries at intersections were 12.4 fatalities and 36 injuries for 2005-2009 and 13.6 and 32.6 for 2009-2013. For Lane departure crashes, the five-year averages for fatalities and serious injuries at were 37.4 fatalities and 148 injuries for 2005-2009 and 35.8 and 158 for 2009-2013.

The five-year average for the number of fatalities involving a pedestrian increased from between the 2005-2009 period and the 2009-2013 period from 2.6 to 5.8. Similarly, the average for the number of injuries involving a pedestrian also increased from 21.8 to 24.8. On the other hand, the five-year average for the number of bicycle fatalities slightly increased from 0 to 0.2 while the number of serious injuries involving a bicyclist decreased from 12.2 to 11.6 over the same two periods.

**Application of Special Rules**

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

<b>Older Driver</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Performance Measures</b>					

<b>Fatality rate (per capita)</b>	0.09	0.1	0.09	0.08	0.07
<b>Serious injury rate (per capita)</b>	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.18
<b>Fatality and serious injury rate (per capita)</b>	0.36	0.37	0.34	0.3	0.25

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

The Injury A, Incapacitating Injury, category was use to represent Serious Injuries.

The number of people 65 years of age and older (per 1,000 total population) for each year was obtained from Attachment 2 of Section 142: Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance dated February 13, 2013.

The five year average Fatal (F) and Serious Injuries (SI) per capita for Drivers and Pedestrians 65 years of age and older for year ending in 2012 and 2010 was calculated for the following periods respectively, 2012 (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008) and 2010 (2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006).

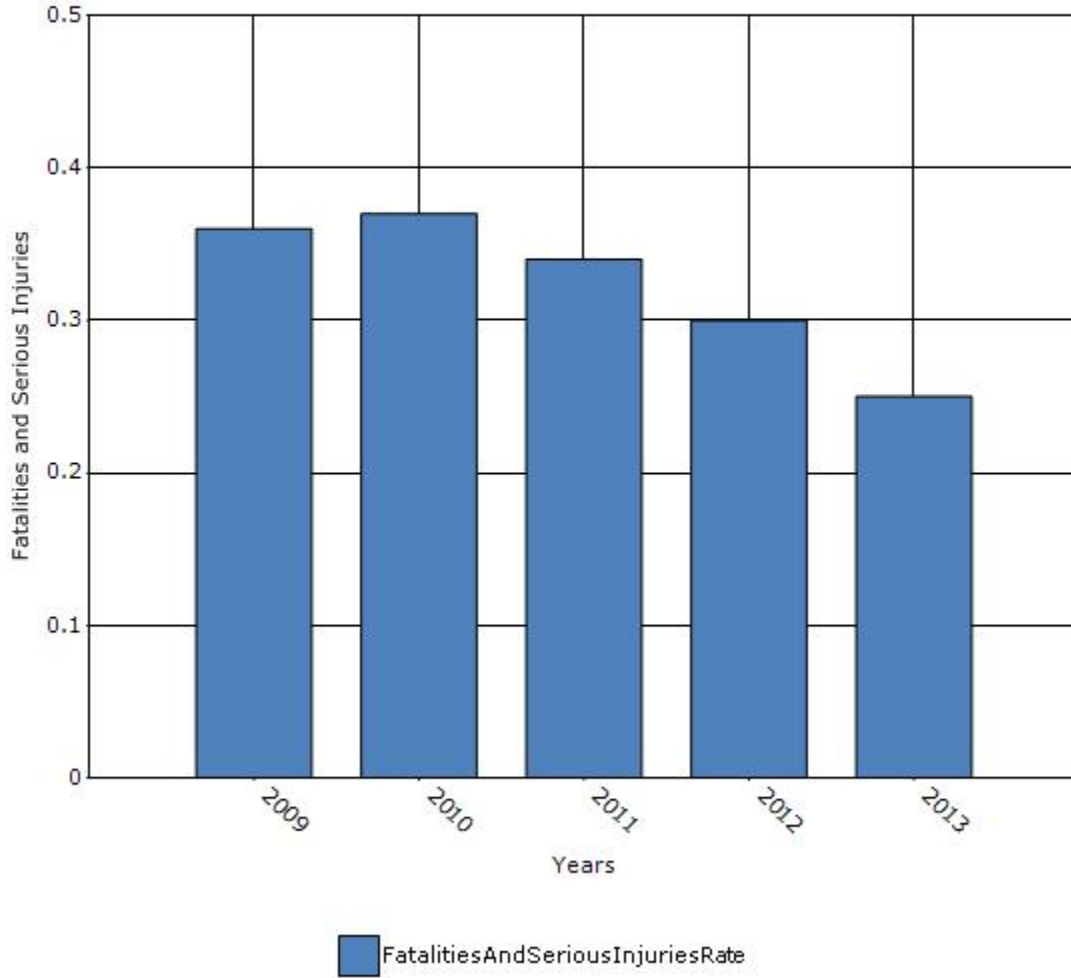
For each period, the rate was calculated by summing up the fatal and serious injuries for a given year and dividing the total for that year by the population figure for the year. The rates for the period were then summed up and divided by 5 to obtain the five year average for the two ending year (2010 and 2012).

All rates were calculated to the hundredths after the decimal point and then rounded to the nearest tenths.

The 2010 rate was 0.4 and the 2012 rate was 0.3. There is no increase and therefore the rule does not apply.

The calculations are shown on the attached document to this question.

### 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: Other-Overall reduction in certain type of crashes such as at intersections or leaving off the road

**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.**

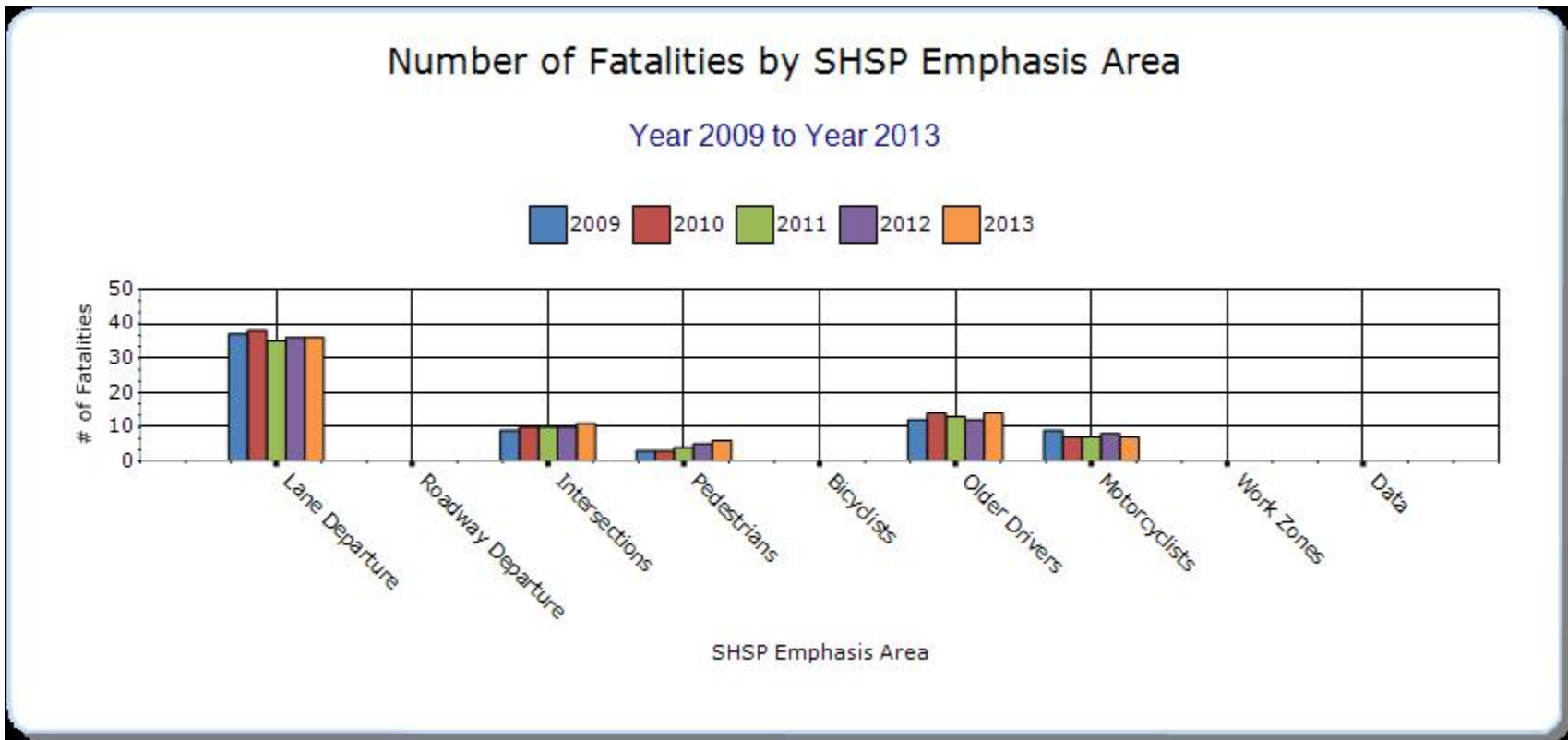
There have been no program changes during this reporting period.

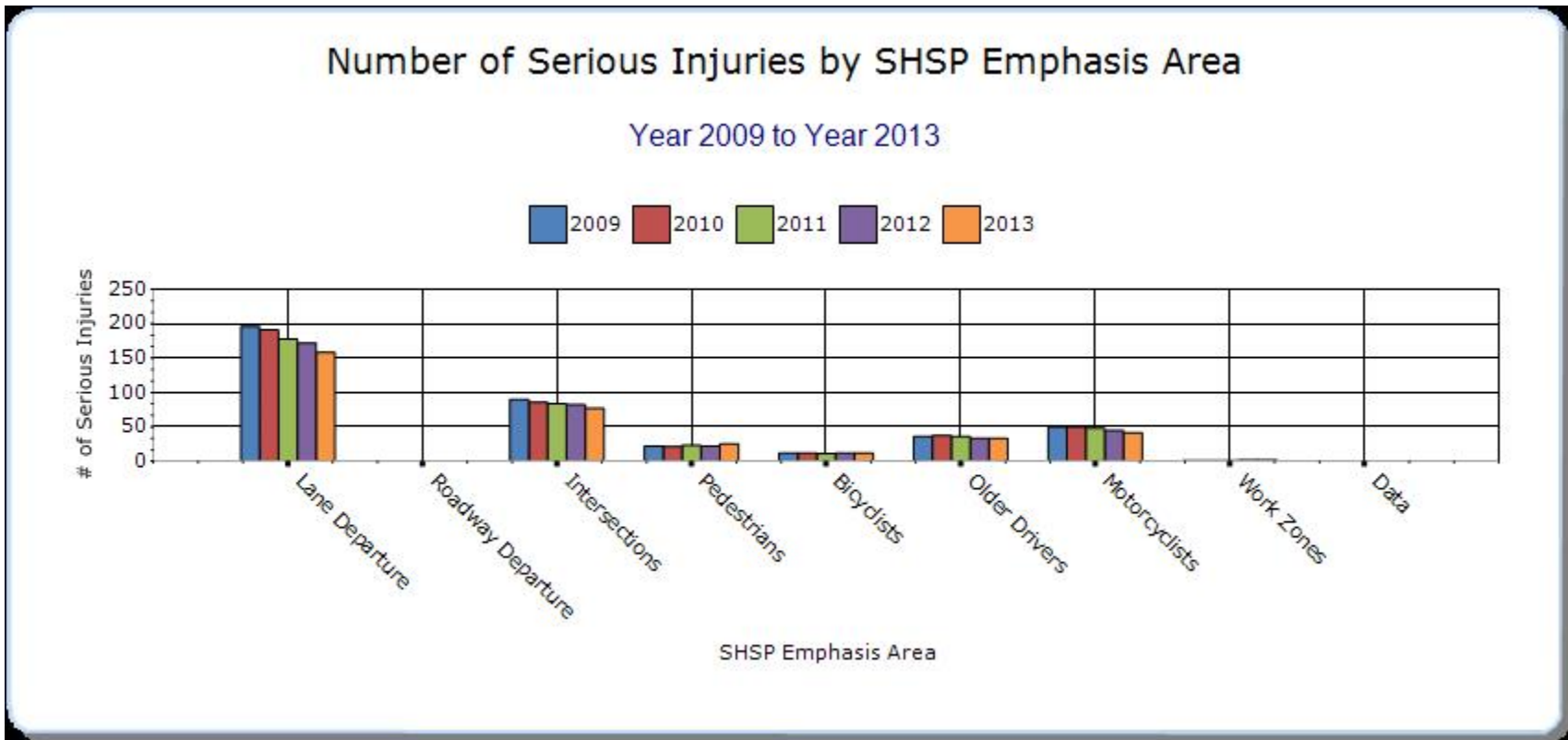
### SHSP Emphasis Areas

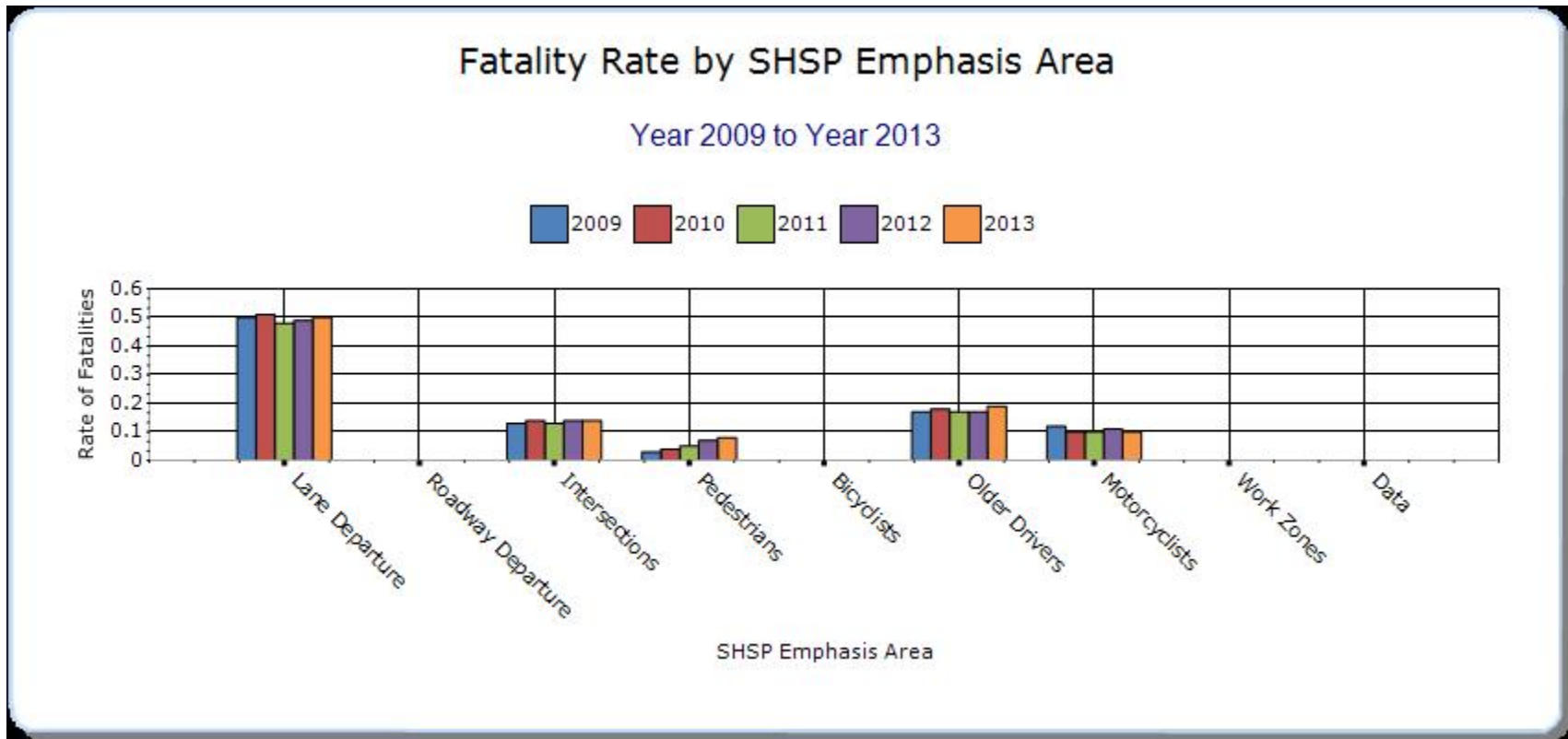
For each SHSP emphasis area that relates to the HSIP, present trends in emphasis area performance measures.

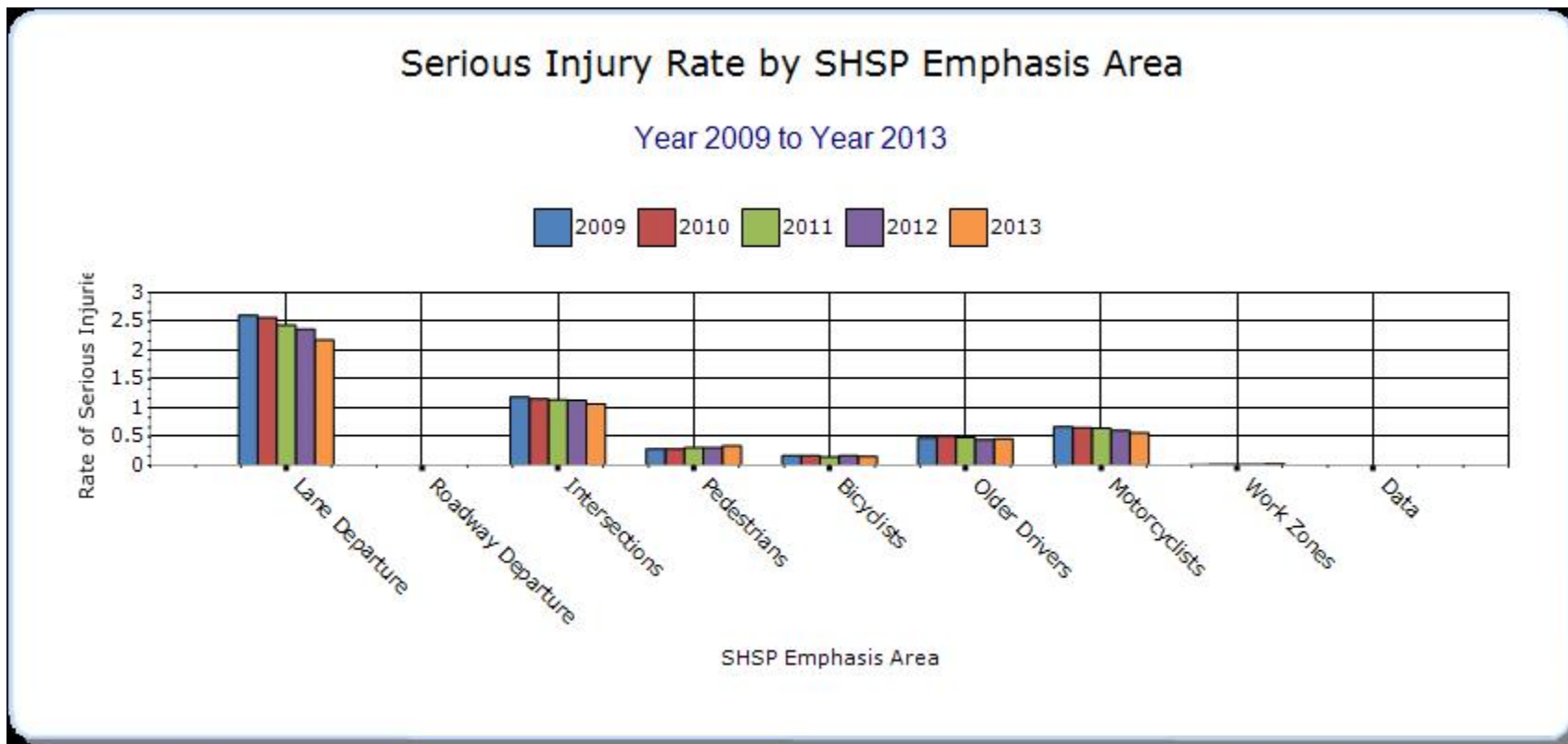
#### Year - 2013

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
Lane Departure	All	36	158	0.5	2.18	175.8	0	0
Intersections	All	11	77	0.14	1.07	77.4	0	0
Pedestrians	All	6	25	0.08	0.34	31	0	0
Bicyclists	All	0	12	0	0.16	11.4	0	0
Older Drivers	All	14	33	0.19	0.46	62	0	0
Motorcyclists	All	7	41	0.1	0.57	47.4	0	0
Work Zones	All	0	2	0	0.03	1.8	0	0









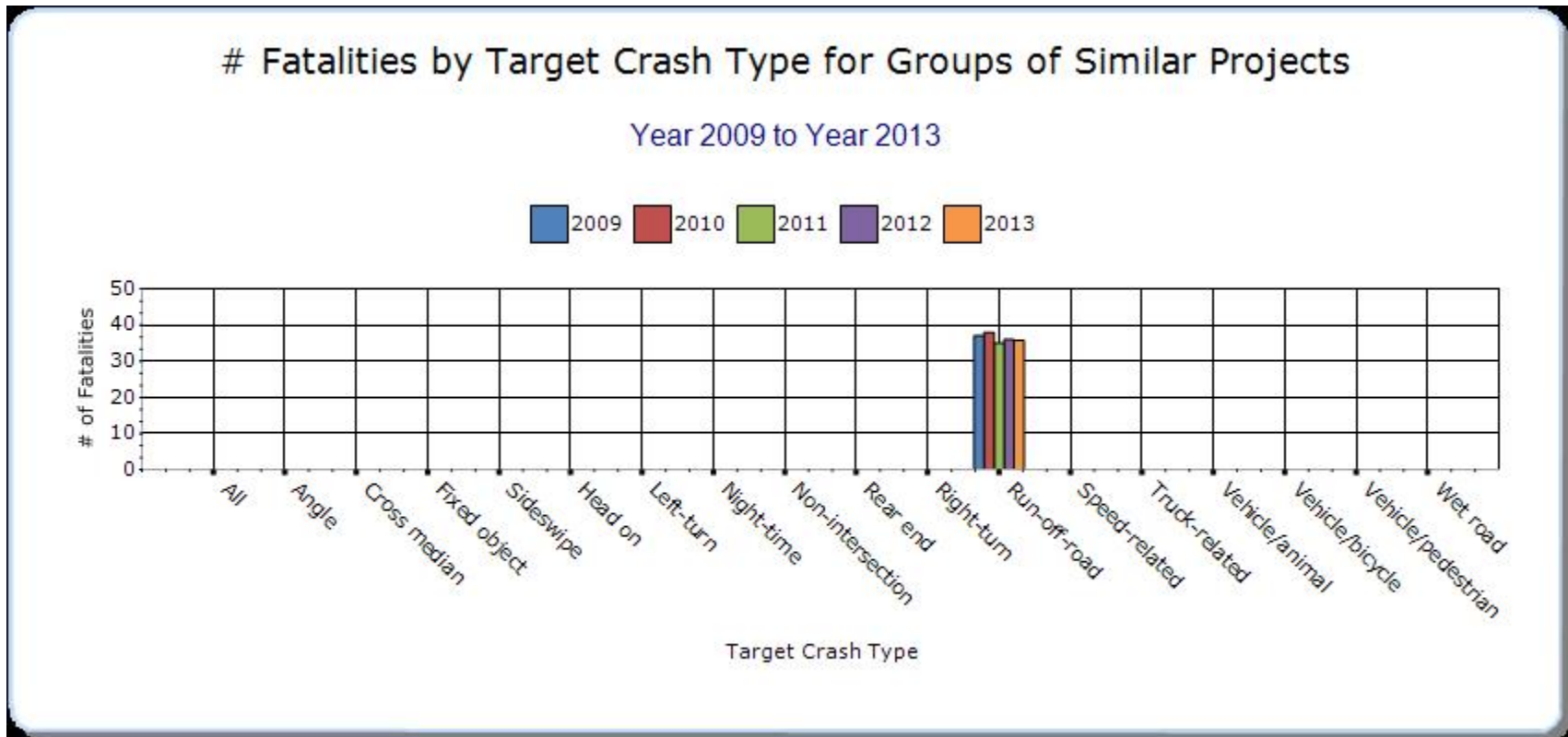
Note: In its Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Vermont combined the lane departure and the roadway departure emphasis areas into one emphasis areas. It is shown here under lane departure.

**Groups of similar project types**

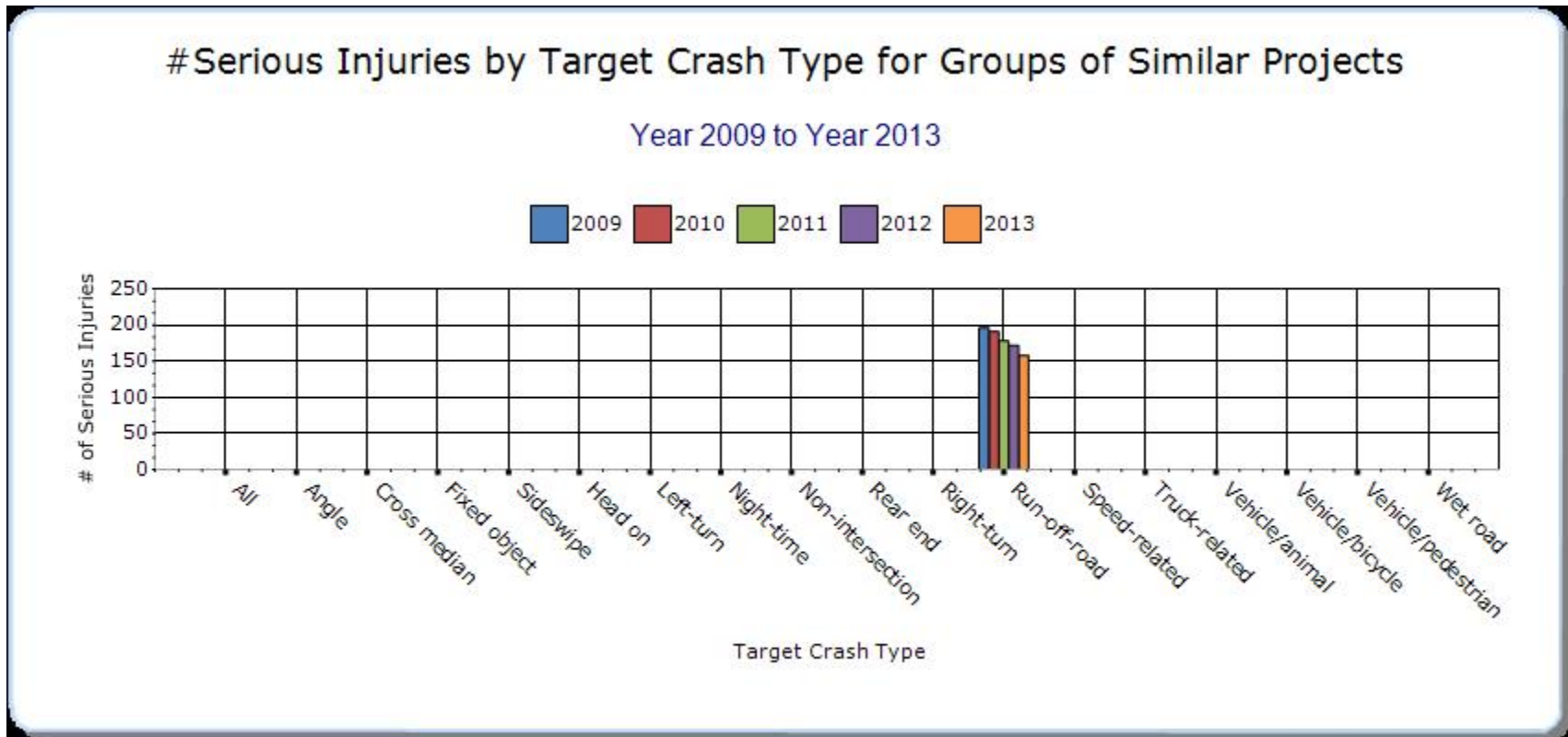
Present the overall effectiveness of groups of similar types of projects.

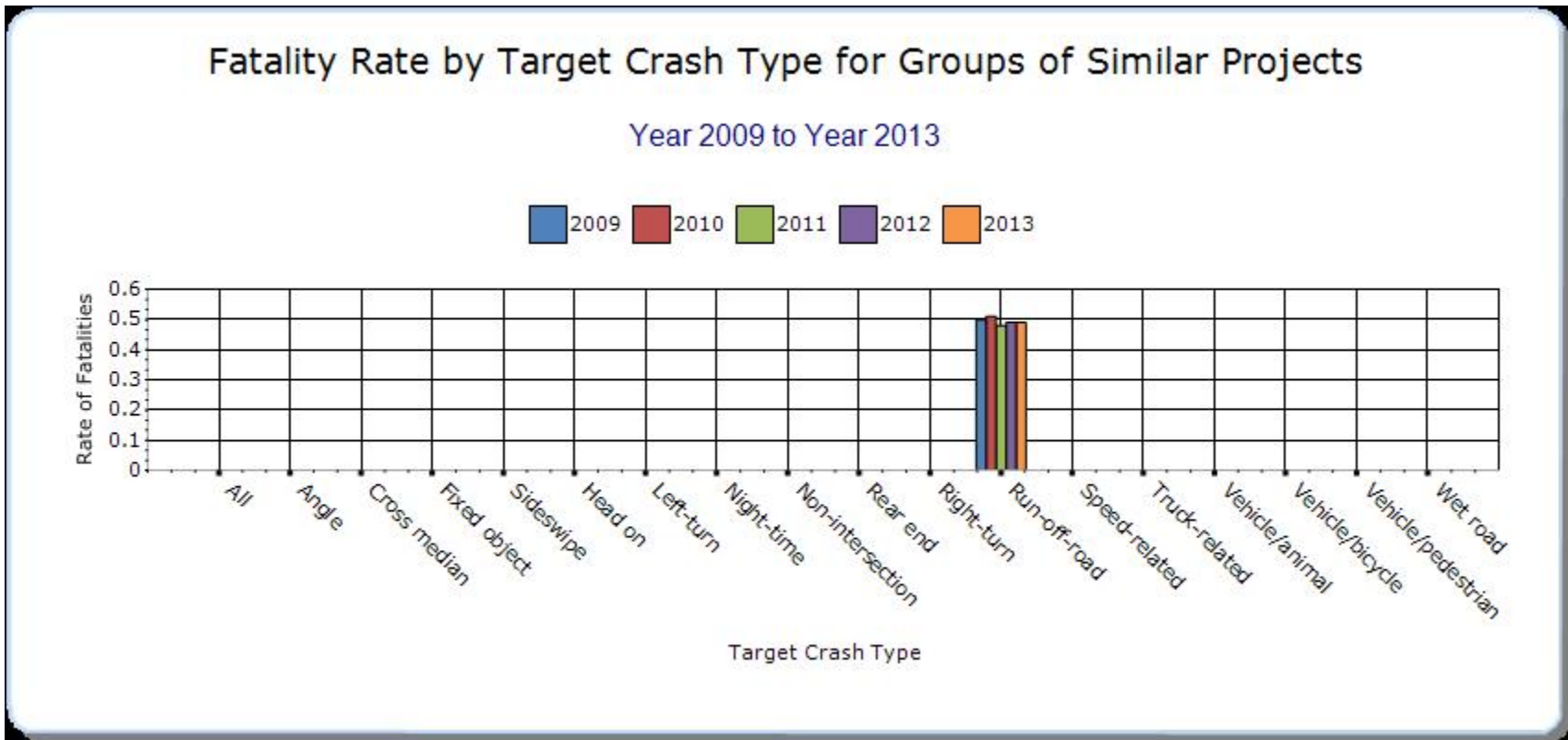
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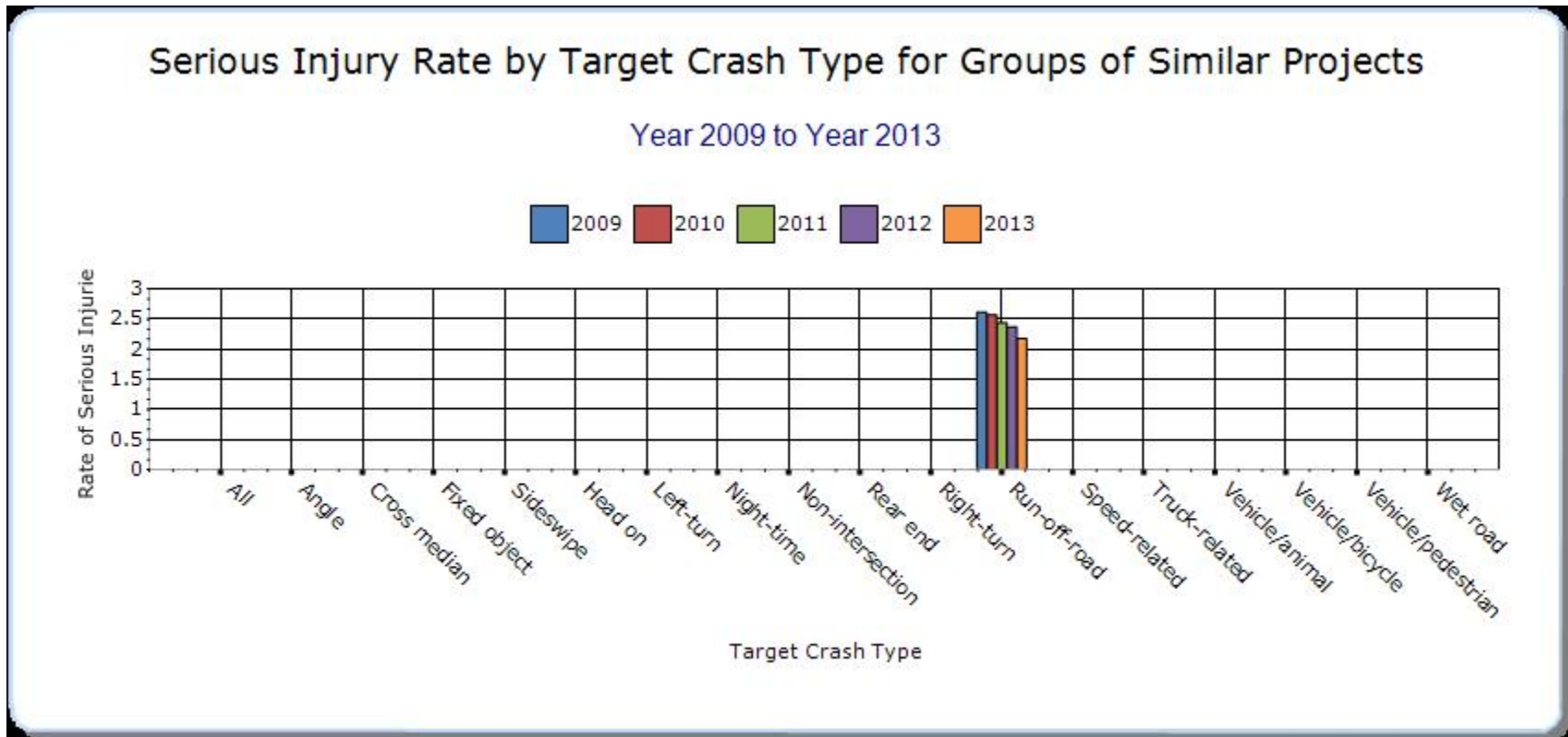
HSIP Sub-program Types	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other-1	Other-2	Other-3
Low-Cost Spot Improvements	Run-off-road	35.8	158	0.49	2.18	0	0	0









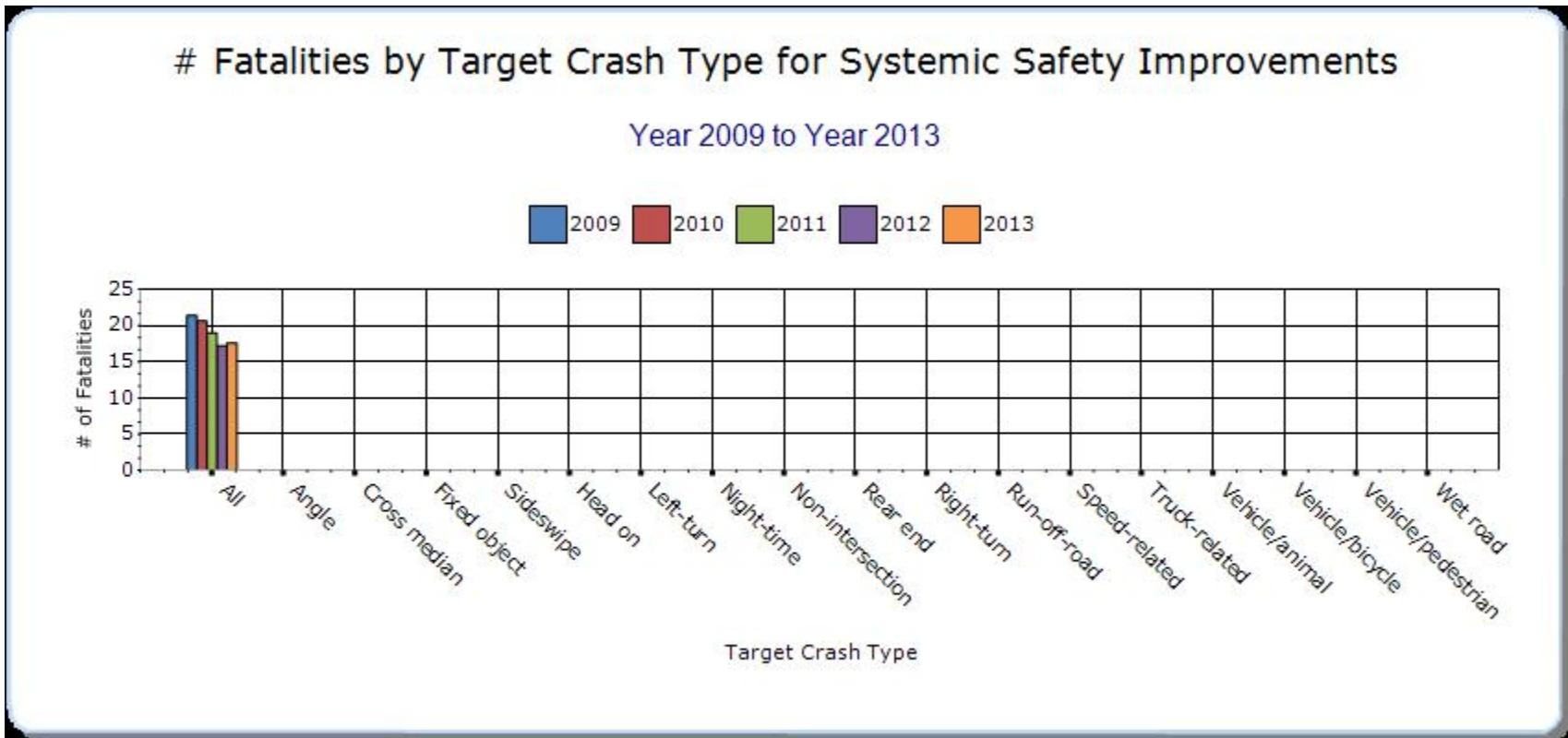


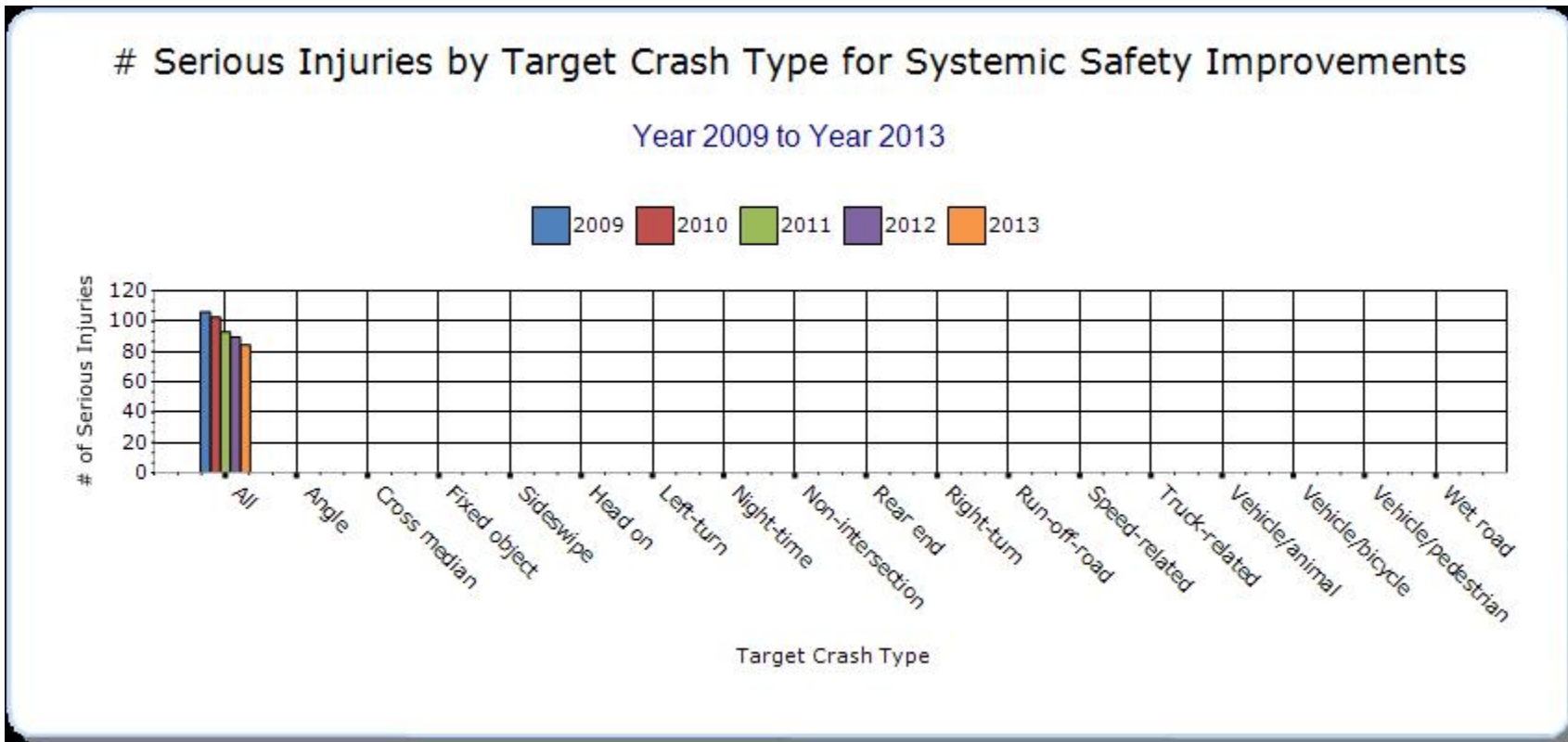
## Systemic Treatments

Present the overall effectiveness of systemic treatments.

### Year - 2013

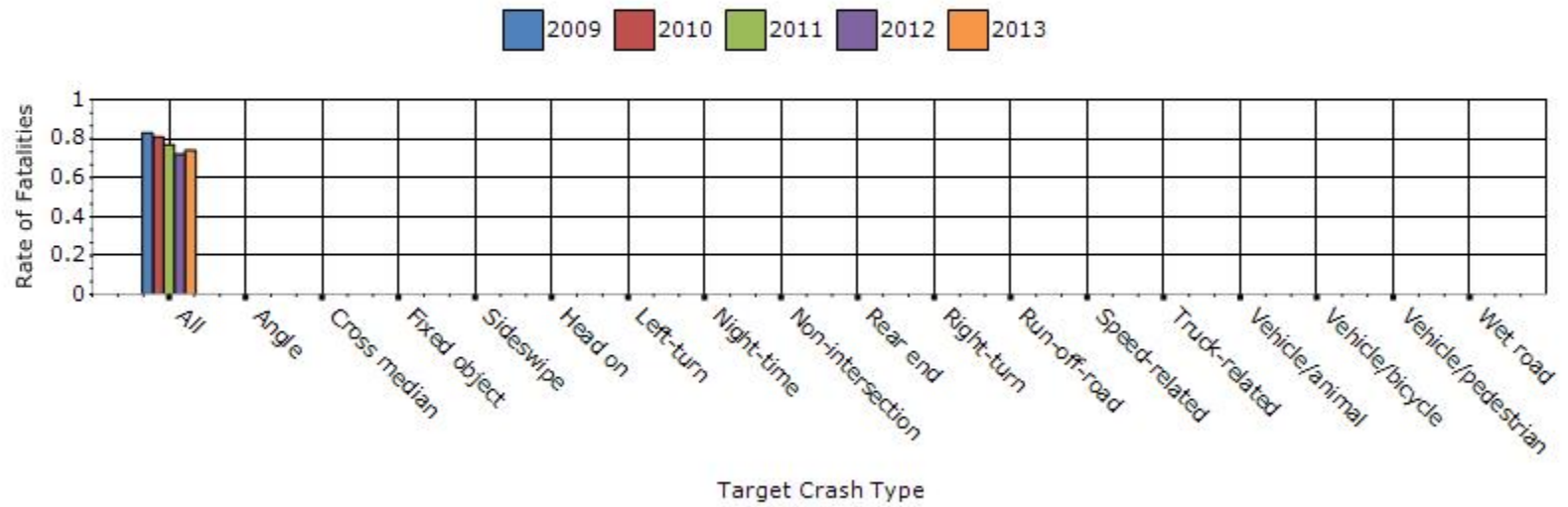
Systemic improvement	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other-1	Other-2	Other-3
Install/Improve Signing	All	17.6	84.4	0.74	3.54	0	0	0

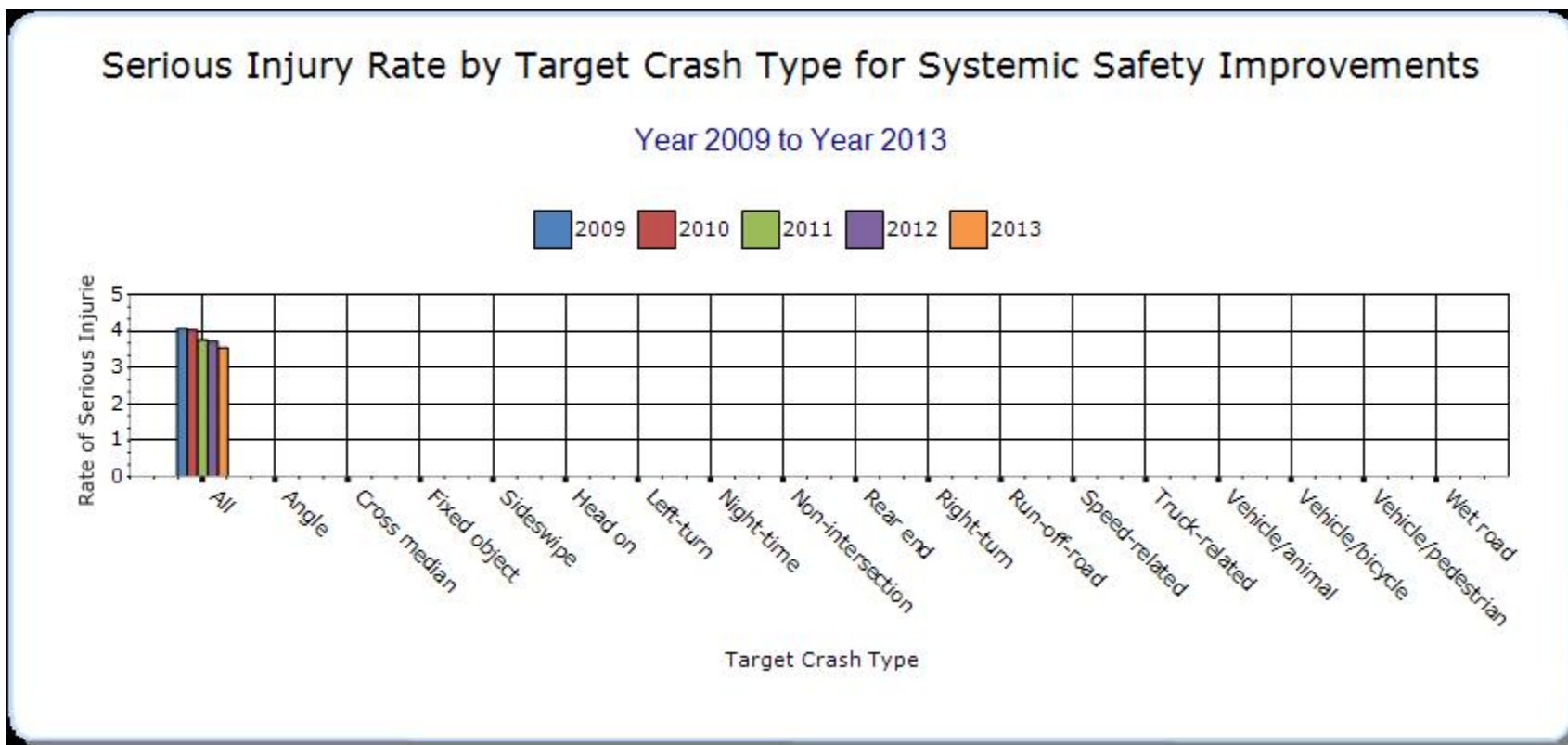




### Fatality Rate by Target Crash Type for Systemic Safety Improvements

Year 2009 to Year 2013





This systemic improvement refers to the review of high risk rural roads based on crash data and on the installation of signs and markings. Only the signs are used for reporting effectiveness on this report. The rural roads are AO groups 3, 4 and 7. The target crashes are all the crashes that have taken place on rural roads and that resulted in fatal or serious injuries.



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

Of the seven emphasis areas identified in the SHSP, lane departure crashes and intersection crashes are the two areas that specifically relate to engineering and the HSIP.

The current SHSP has target reductions for intersection and lane departure major crashes that have been set at 10% of 2012 thresholds. In terms of numbers, this represents a five-year target of 72 major crashes for intersection crashes and a five-year average target of 186 major crashes for lane departure crashes.

The latest five-year average (2009-2013) for lane departure crashes is 176 major crashes, which is below the SHSP target of 186 major crashes.

For the emphasis area concerning intersections, the latest five-year average is 77 major crashes. This five-year average is above the SHSP target of 72 major crashes at intersections.

Overall, the SHSP has the goal of reducing major crashes by 10% by 2016. The baseline five-year average from the 2008-2012 period for fatal and serious injury crashes is 376 major crashes. The current five-year average (2009-2013) is 358 major crashes and is above the 2016 five-year target of 338 major crashes.

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)
<b>HSIP00722, Hyde Park, VT 15 and VT 100</b>	Rural Minor Arterial	Intersection traffic control	Modify control - modifications to roundabout	0	0	4	11	15	0	1	3	6	10	0.17

This table includes only the projects that have three full years of “after” data.

The list does not include projects that were listed under this question in previous years.

## **Optional Attachments**

### **Sections**

**Progress in Achieving Safety Performance  
Targets: Application of Special Rules**

### **Files Attached**

[Question 27 Calculations.xls](#)

## 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.