

2021 Comprehensive Traffic Collision Summary



STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SERVICES DIVISION

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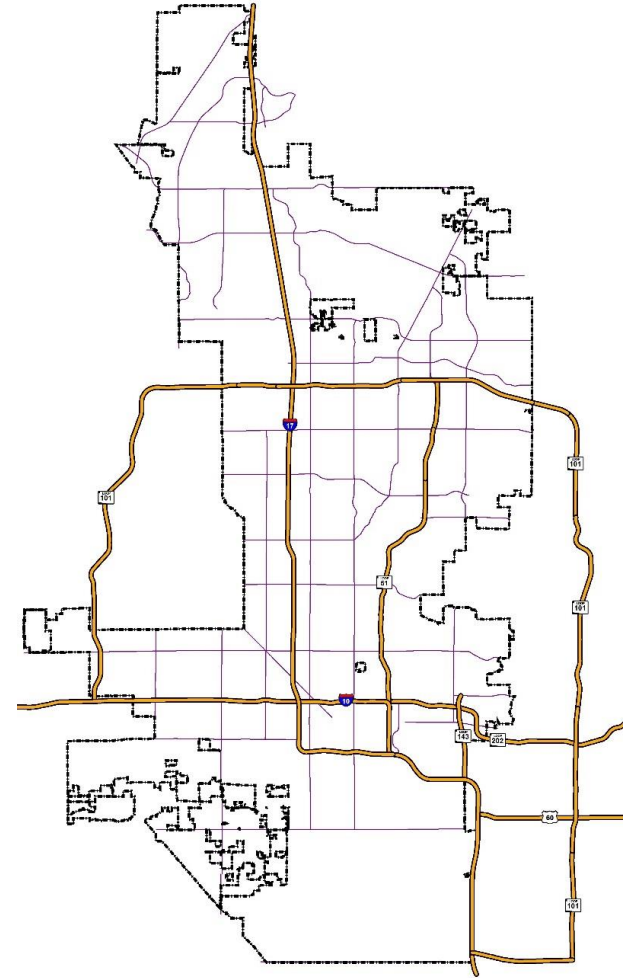
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This is an overview of the crash data for the City of Phoenix during 2021:

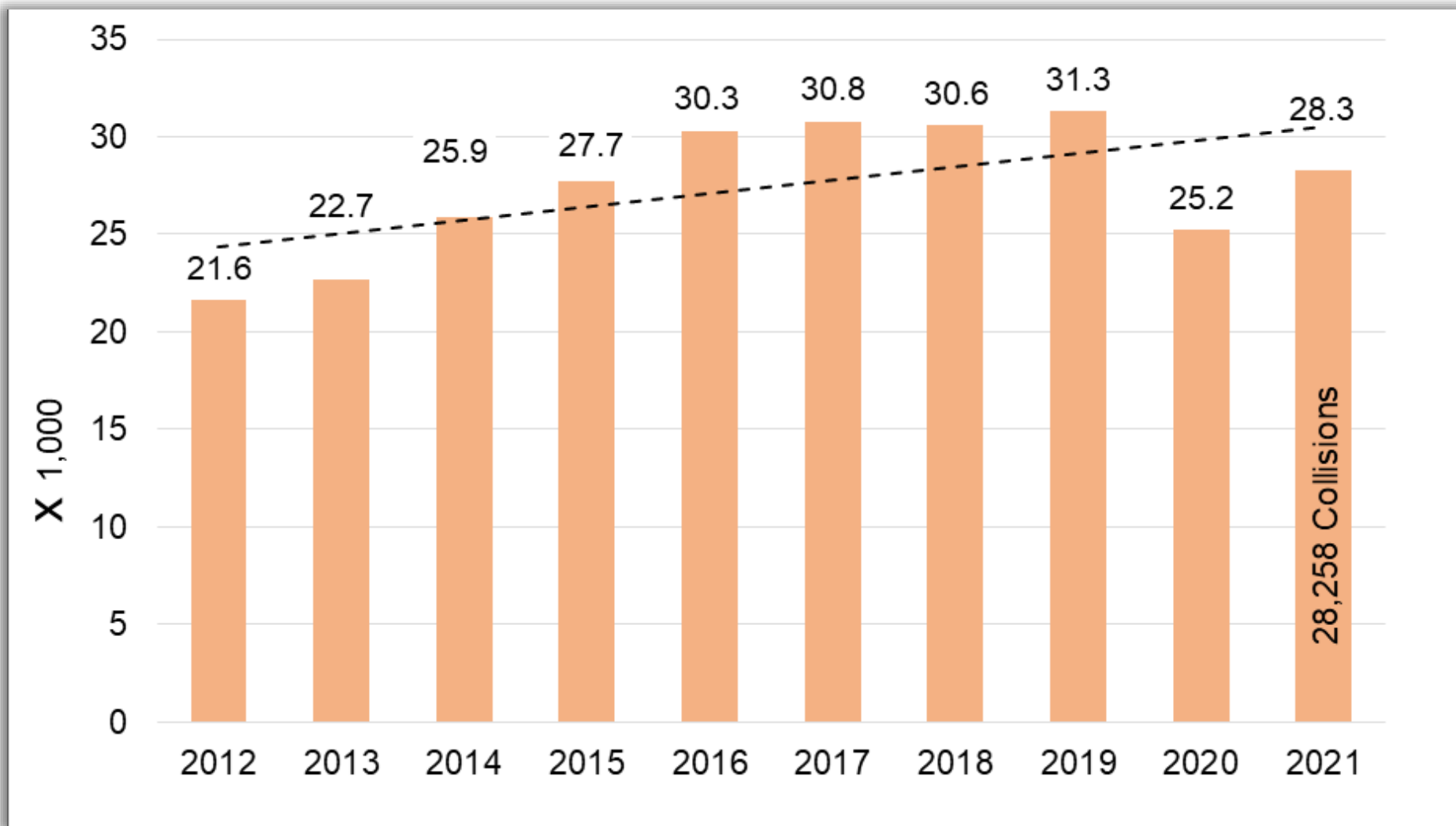
2021 Facts-at-a-Glance

- 28,258 total collisions resulting in 10,749 injuries and 253 fatalities.
- 79% of all crashes were either rear end, left turn, angle or single vehicle.
- 641 total Pedestrian collisions resulting in 548 injury collisions and 93 fatal collisions.

It must be noted that data from 2020 and 2021 may not show an accurate account of trends due to the unusual societal factors affecting roadway user behavior during this time.

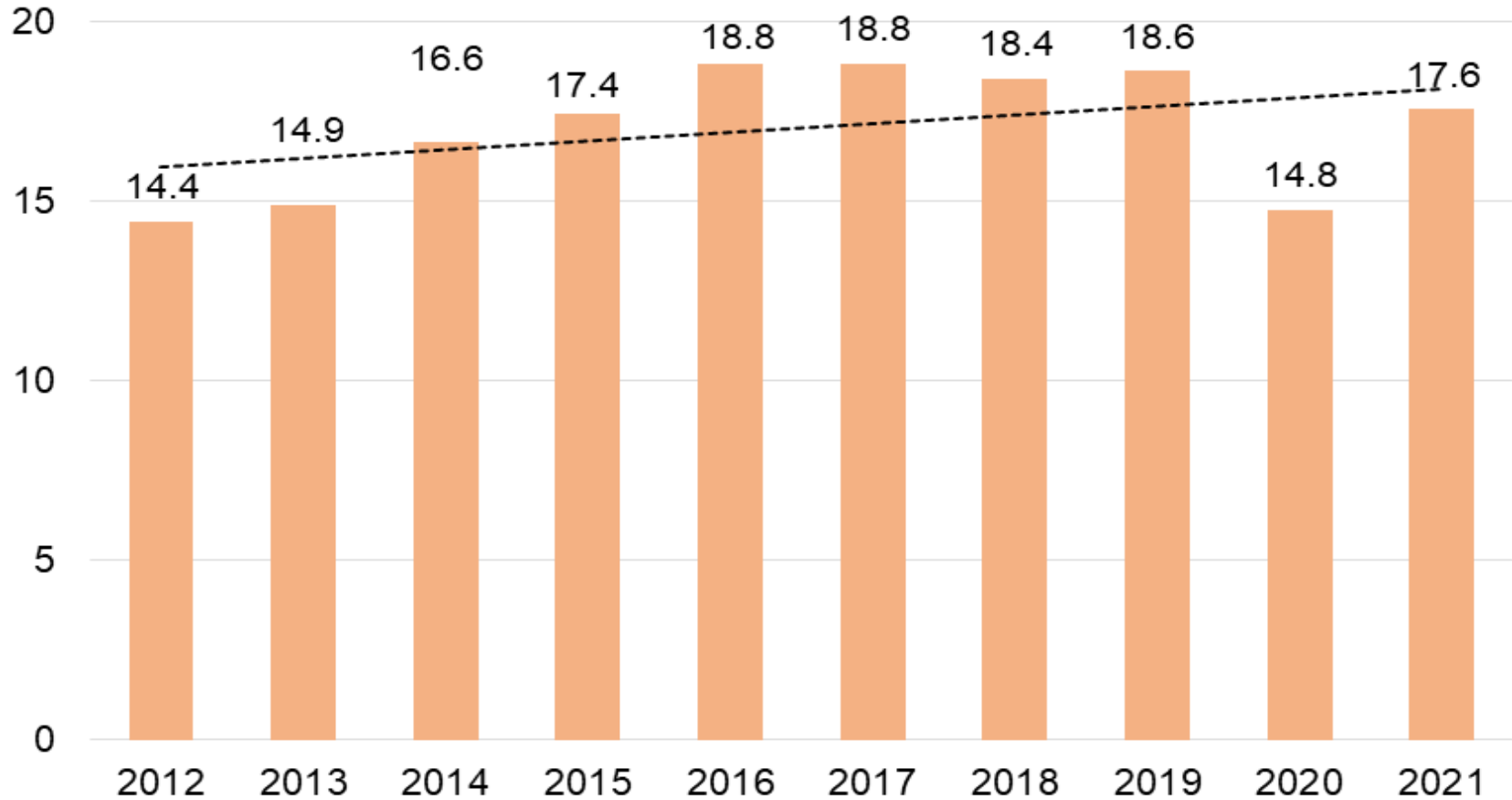


Annual Collision Trends



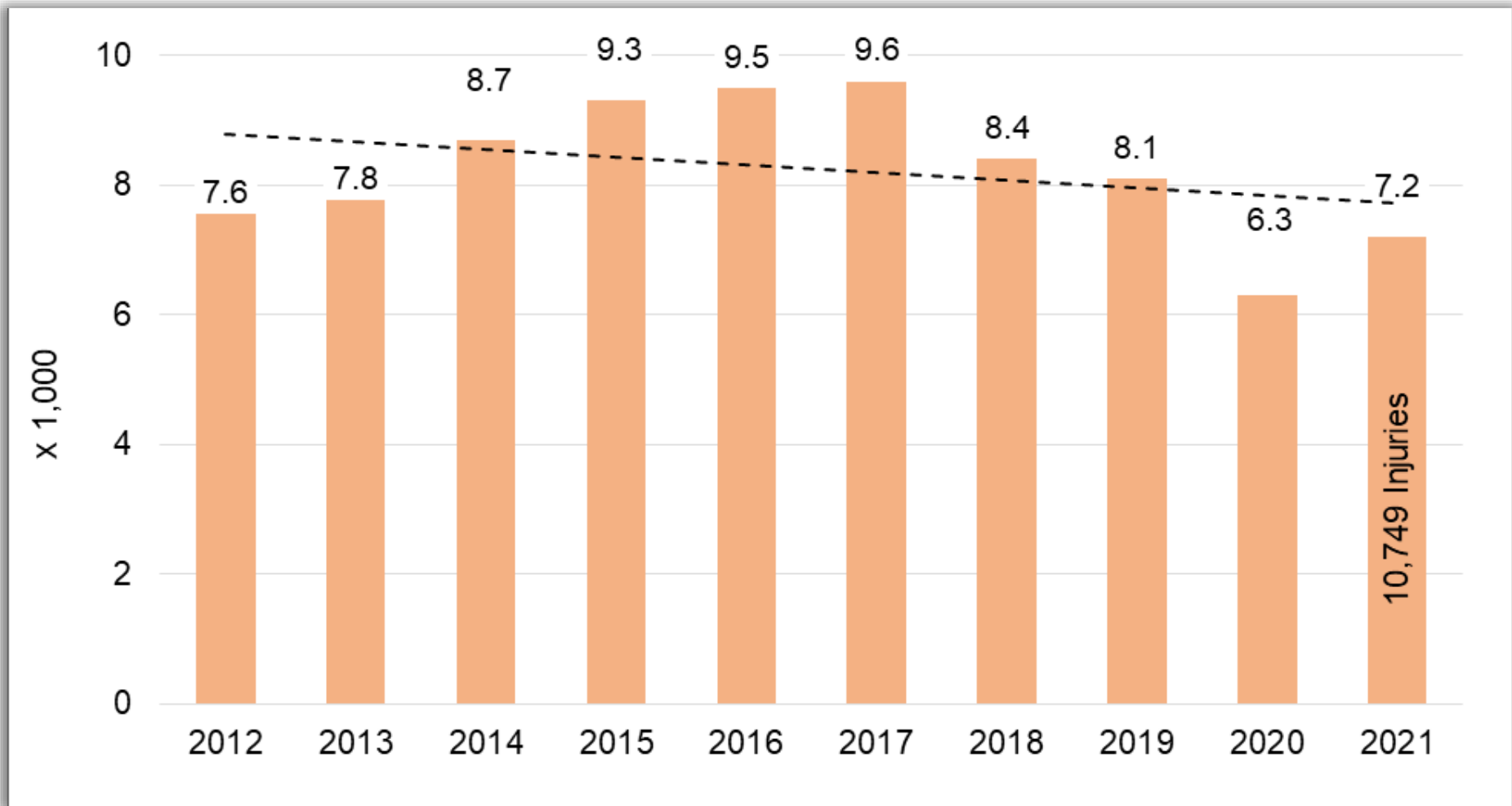
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Annual Collision per 1,000 Residents



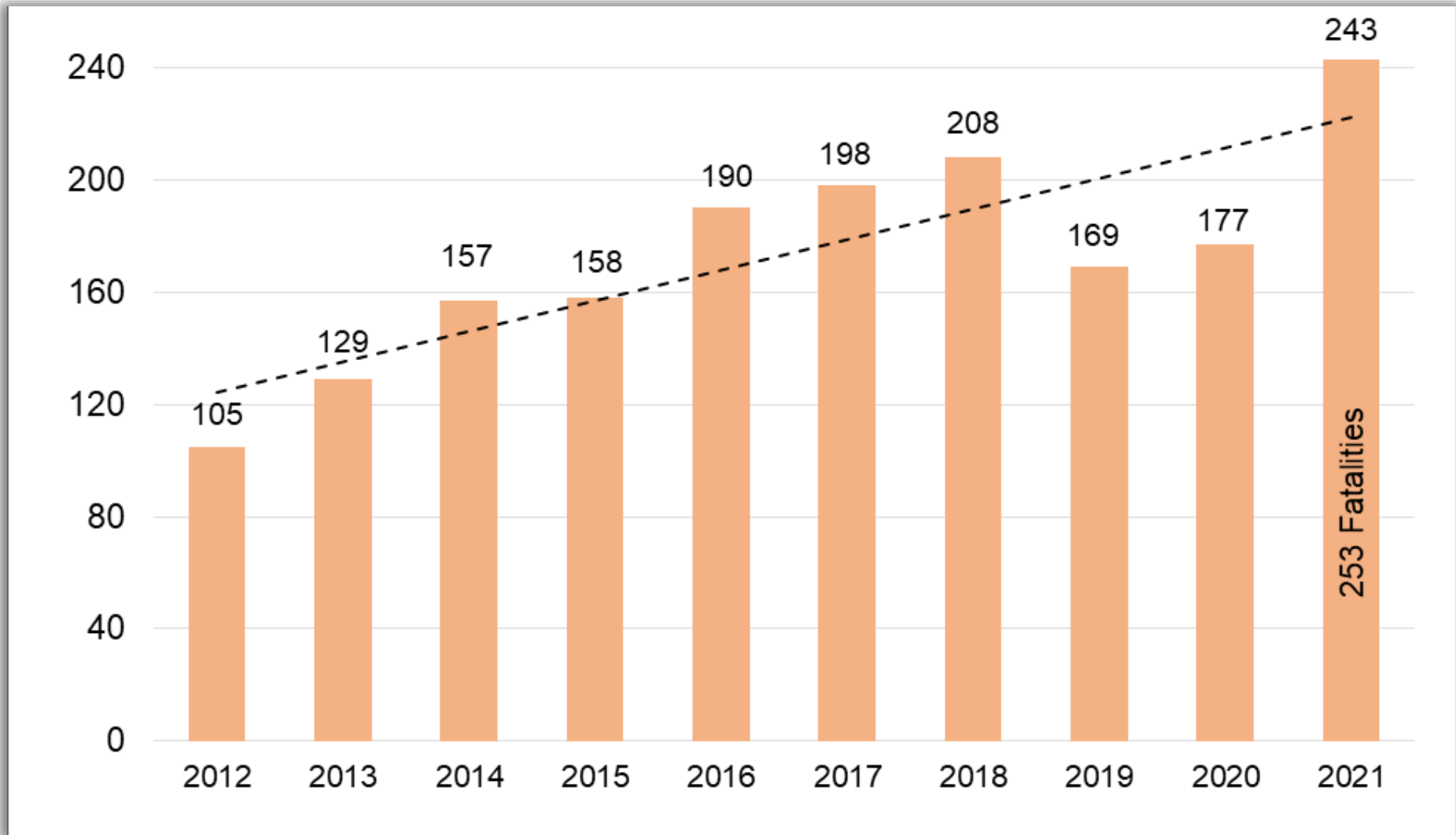
Census Data: <https://www.azmag.gov/Programs/Maps-and-Data/Community-Profiles>

Annual Injury Collisions



Note: Some collisions result in multiple injuries

Annual Fatal Collisions



Note: Some collisions result in multiple fatalities

Traffic Safety Resources

The Street Transportation Department is dedicated to providing safe movement of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians throughout the City. Below are links to information on traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety issues and programs:

[Roadway Safety Action Plan \(RSAP\)](#)

[Head's Up! Campaign](#)

[Pedestrian Safety Activity Book \(English\)](#)

[Libro de Actividad Sobre Seguridad Peatonal \(Español\)](#)

The screenshot shows the City of Phoenix website's 'Safety Topics' page. The header includes the City of Phoenix logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'myPHX311', 'PHX Pay Online', 'Map It', 'Find Public Records', 'PHX Newsroom', and 'Translate'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'City of Phoenix > Street Transportation > Safety Topics'. The main content area features a paragraph about the Street Transportation Department's mission, followed by a list of resources with right-pointing chevrons: 'Roadway Safety Action Plan (RSAP)', 'Head's Up! Campaign', 'Pedestrian Safety Activity Book (English)', and 'Libro de Actividad Sobre Seguridad Peatonal (Español)'. Below this is a 'Traffic Safety' section with links for 'Speed Limit', 'Speed Humps', 'Stop Signs', 'Traffic Signals', 'Your Guide to Traffic Circles and Roundabouts (PDF)', 'Collision Summary - Motorcycle (PDF)', and 'Collision Summary - Traffic (Published May 2022)'. A 'Bicycle Safety' section includes links for 'Bicycle Master Plan', 'Bicycle Program', 'League of American Bicyclists' Smart Cycling', and 'Scan the Street for Wheels and Feet | Always...'. To the right of the text are two video thumbnails: one for 'Always stop on red!' and another for 'SCAN THE STREET FOR WHEELS AND FEET'. Further right is a text block titled 'Examples of safety devices and markings can be found almost everywhere you look within the City of Phoenix' with two small images of street scenes.

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Community Engagement

The screenshot shows the City of Phoenix website with the following content:

- City of Phoenix** logo and navigation menu (myPHX311, PHX Pay Online, Map It, Find Public Records, PHX Newsroom, Translate).
- Breadcrumbs: *City of Phoenix > Street Transportation > Vision Zero Road Safety*
- ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN** logo with a stylized road graphic.
- VISION ZERO** logo.
- Phoenix Vision Zero Road Safety Action Plan** title.
- Vision Zero Community Advisory Committee** section with a link to the committee page.
- 2024 Community Advisory Committee Meetings Schedule:**
 - Schedule: **April 18, June 20, August 15, October 17, December 12**
 - Meetings are held in-person and virtually at 5 p.m., in Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.
 - The meeting agenda, which includes instructions about how to participate virtually via Webex or by phone, will be posted on the **Public Meeting Notices** webpage in advance of each meeting.
- Community Advisory Committee Past Meetings Schedule:**
 - April 20, 2023 - **Watch a video recording**
 - June 21, 2023 - **Watch a video recording**
 - August 17, 2023 - Video recording not available
 - October 19, 2023 - **Watch a video recording**
 - December 14, 2023 - **Watch a video recording**
 - February 15, 2024 - **Watch a video recording**
- Safety Videos** section with a description: "Watch the 'Scan the Street for Wheels and Feet' safety video series."
- Intersections (English)** section with a video thumbnail.
- Intersections (Spanish)** section with a video thumbnail.
- Community Engagement** section:
 - Community engagement was integral to the formation of this actionable plan. The input of those who travel Phoenix's roadways, whether driving, walking or biking, was key to making streets safer for everyone.
 - More than 2,500 community members participated in Phase 1 of the public involvement process, which included an online interactive survey, and a variety of virtual and in-person meetings and events that were held citywide from November 2021 through February 2022.
 - Read a Phase 1 summary report**
 - Phase 2 of community engagement ran from June through August 2022, during which residents were asked to

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Road Safety Action Plan Resources

[Speed Limit Changes and Studies](#)

[Yellow Light Timing Field Study](#)

[Phoenix High Injury Network \(HIN\)](#)

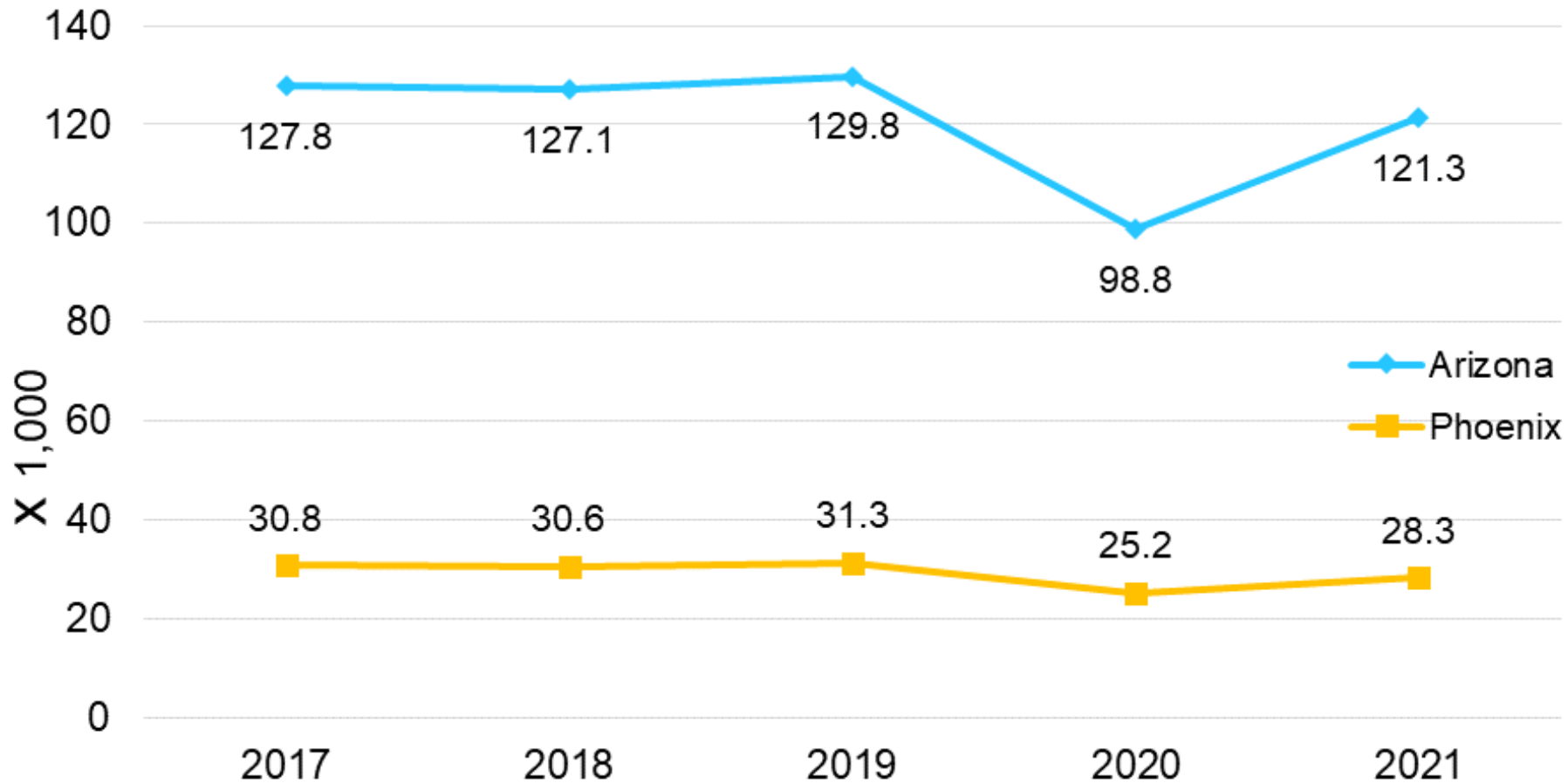
[Road Safety Action Plan FAQ](#)

[Phase 1 - Public Involvement Summary Report](#)

[Phase 2 - Public Involvement Summary Report](#)

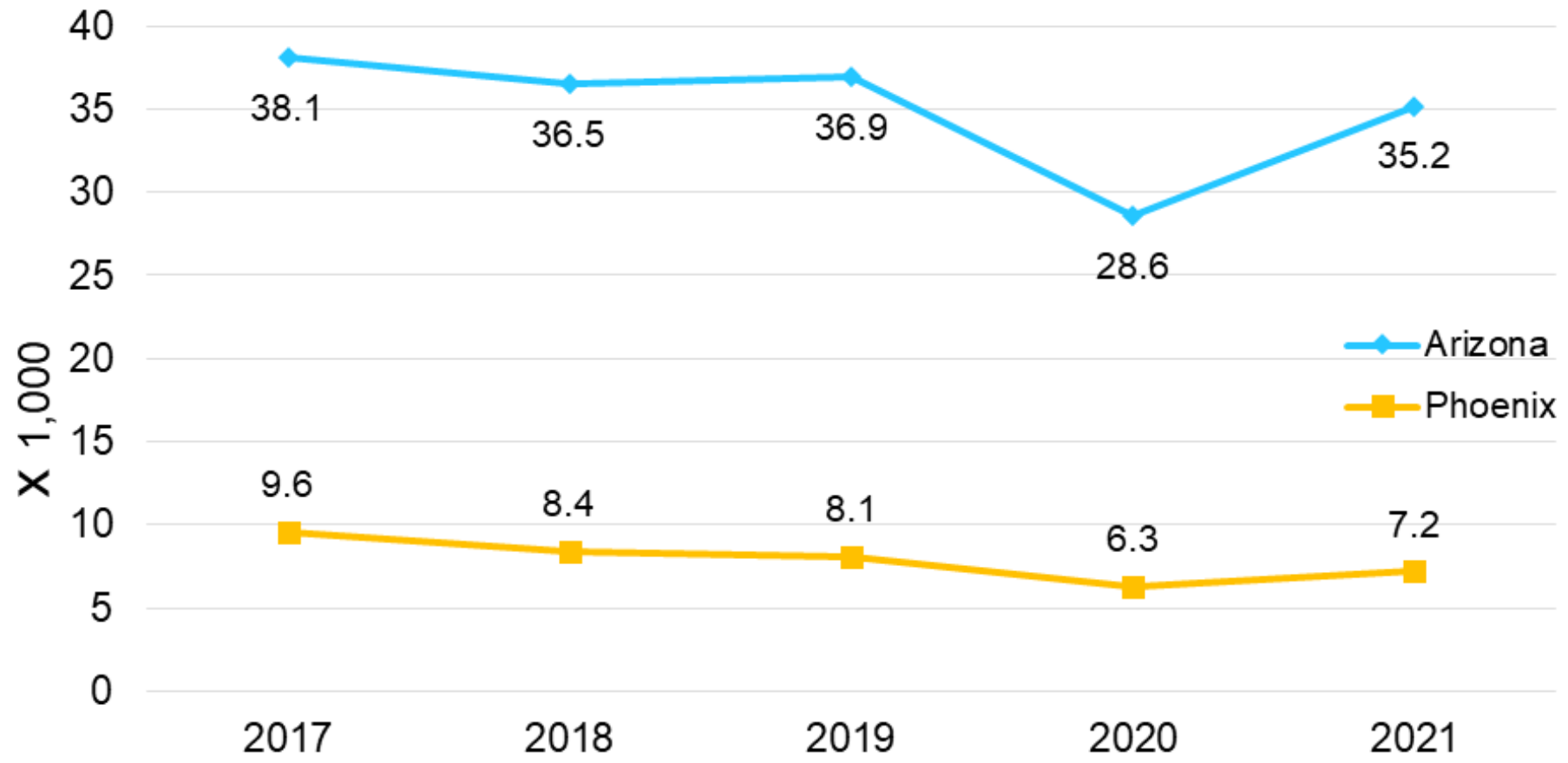
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Phoenix vs. Arizona Total Collisions 2017 - 2021



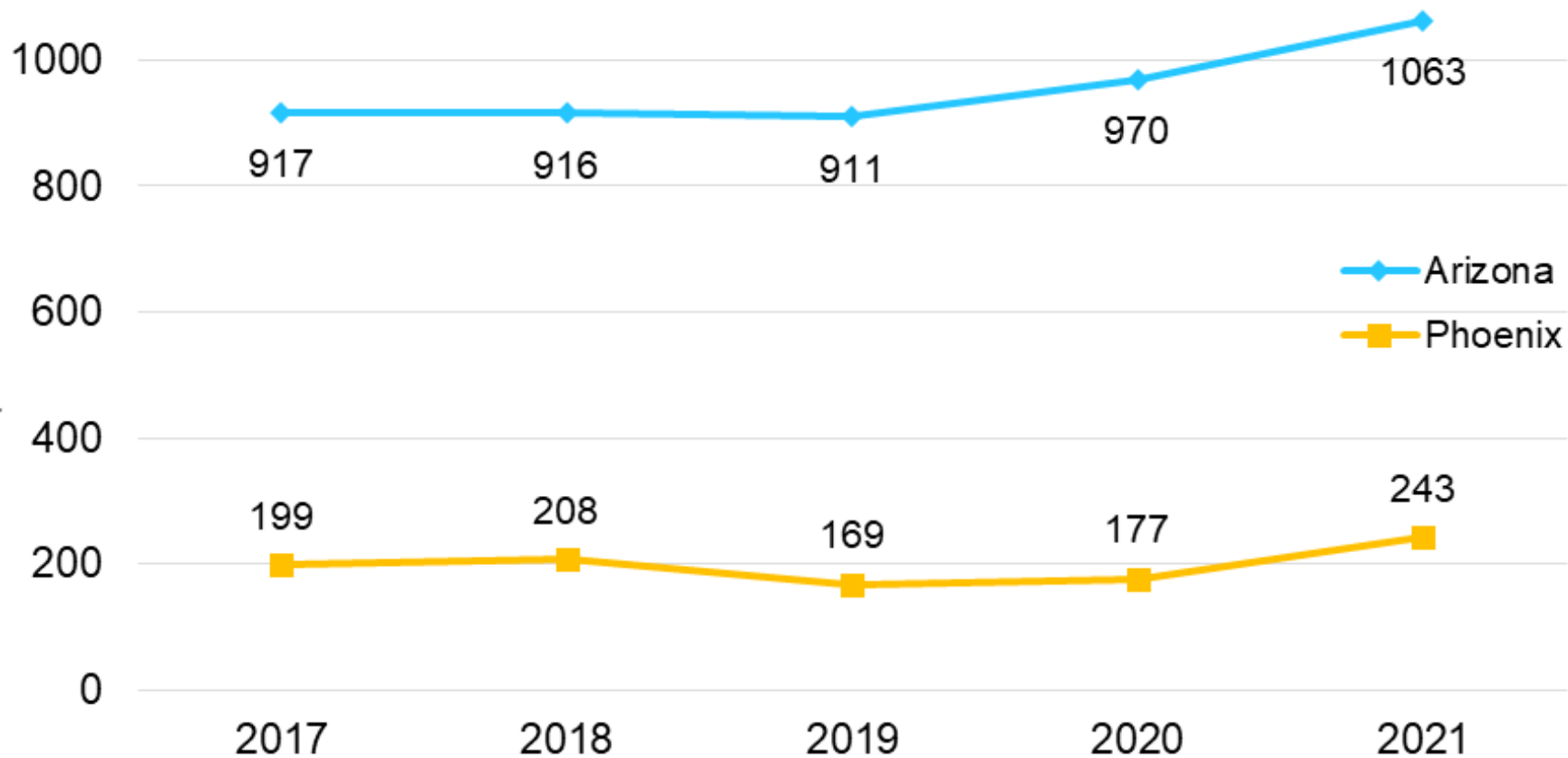
Note: Arizona data comes from the 2021 Arizona Crash Facts Summary (ADOT)

Phoenix vs. Arizona Total Injury Collisions 2017 - 2021



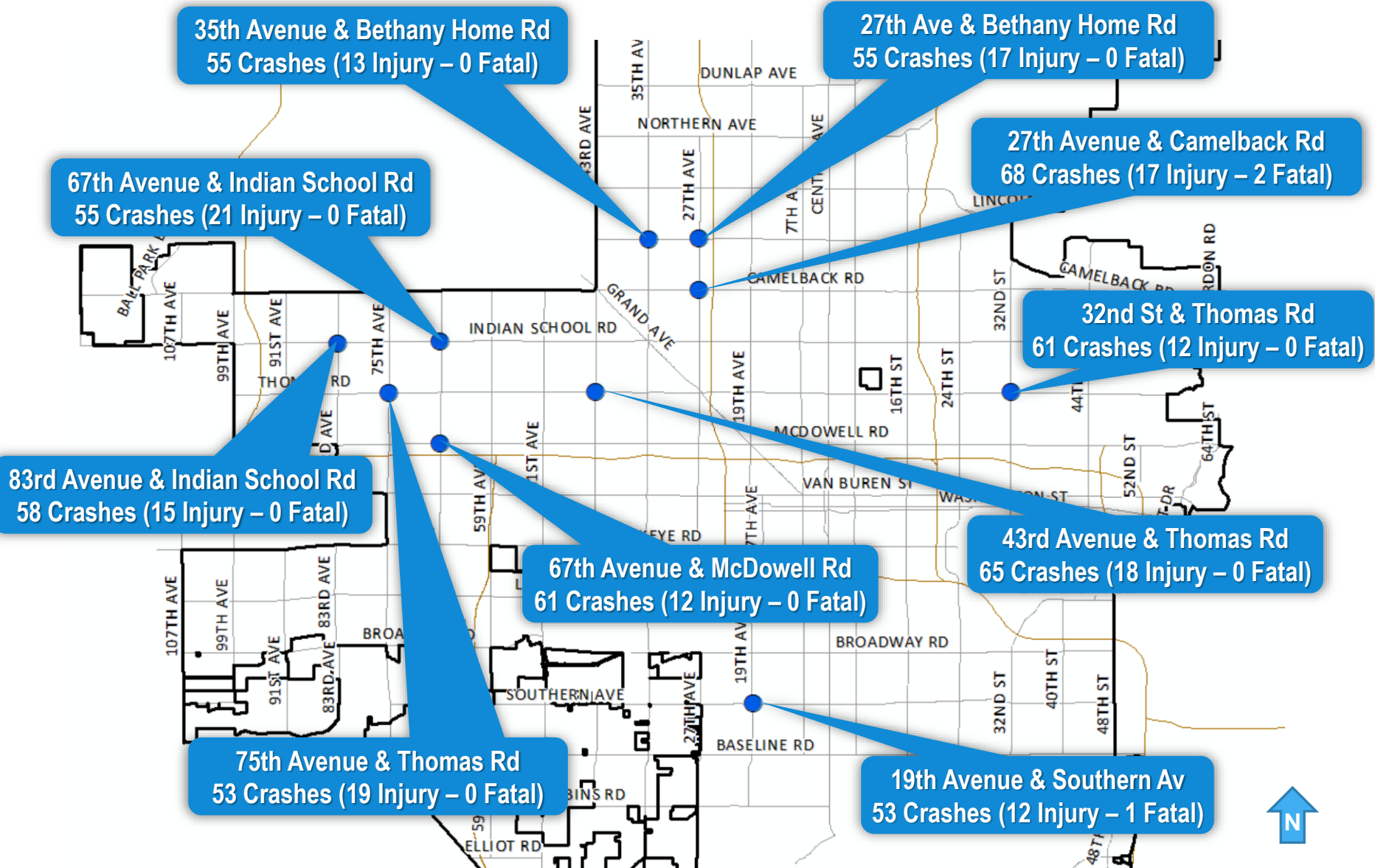
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Phoenix vs. Arizona Fatal Collisions 2017 - 2021

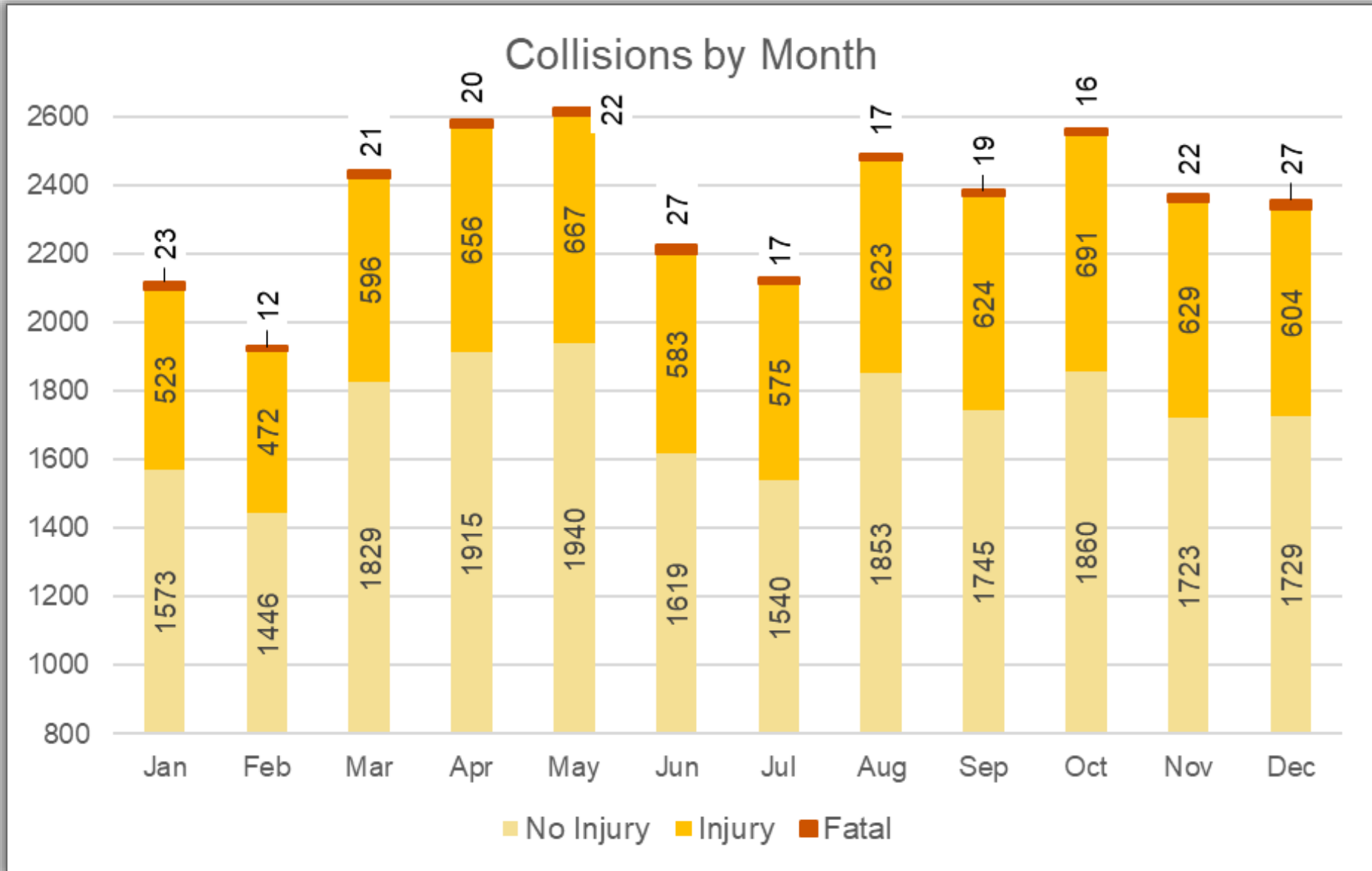


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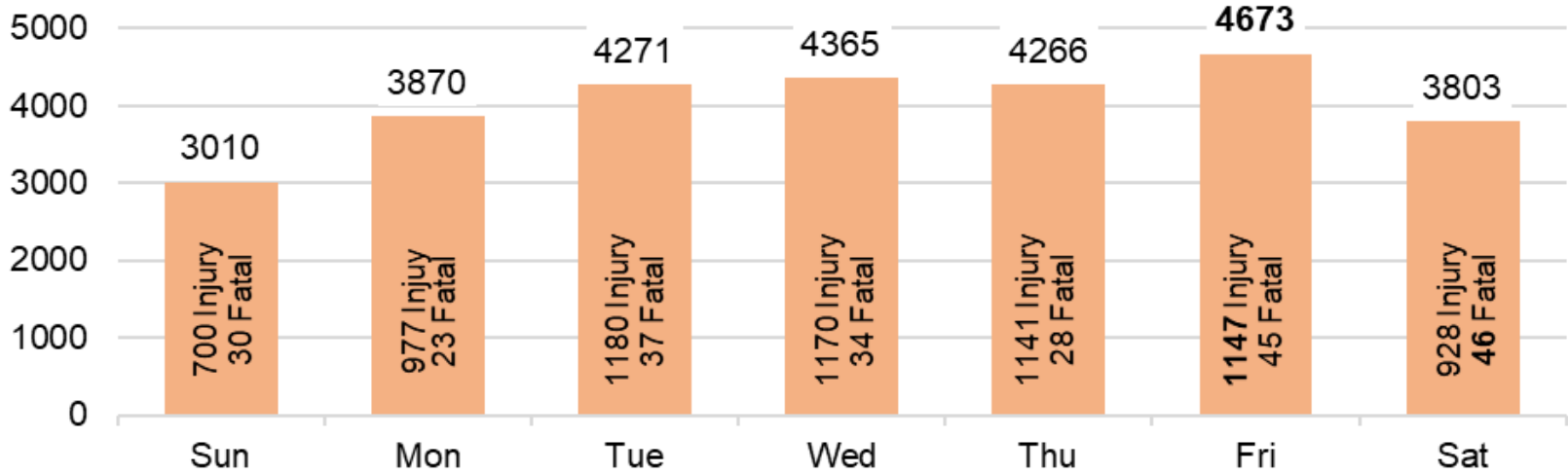
Locations with the Highest Number of Collisions 2021



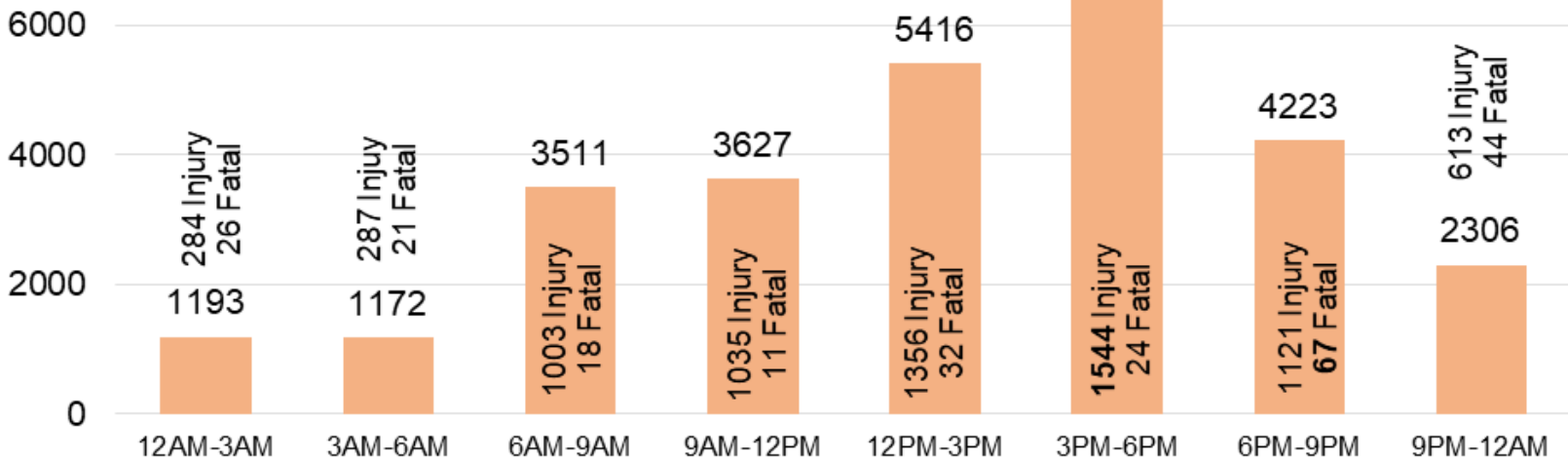
When do Collisions Occur



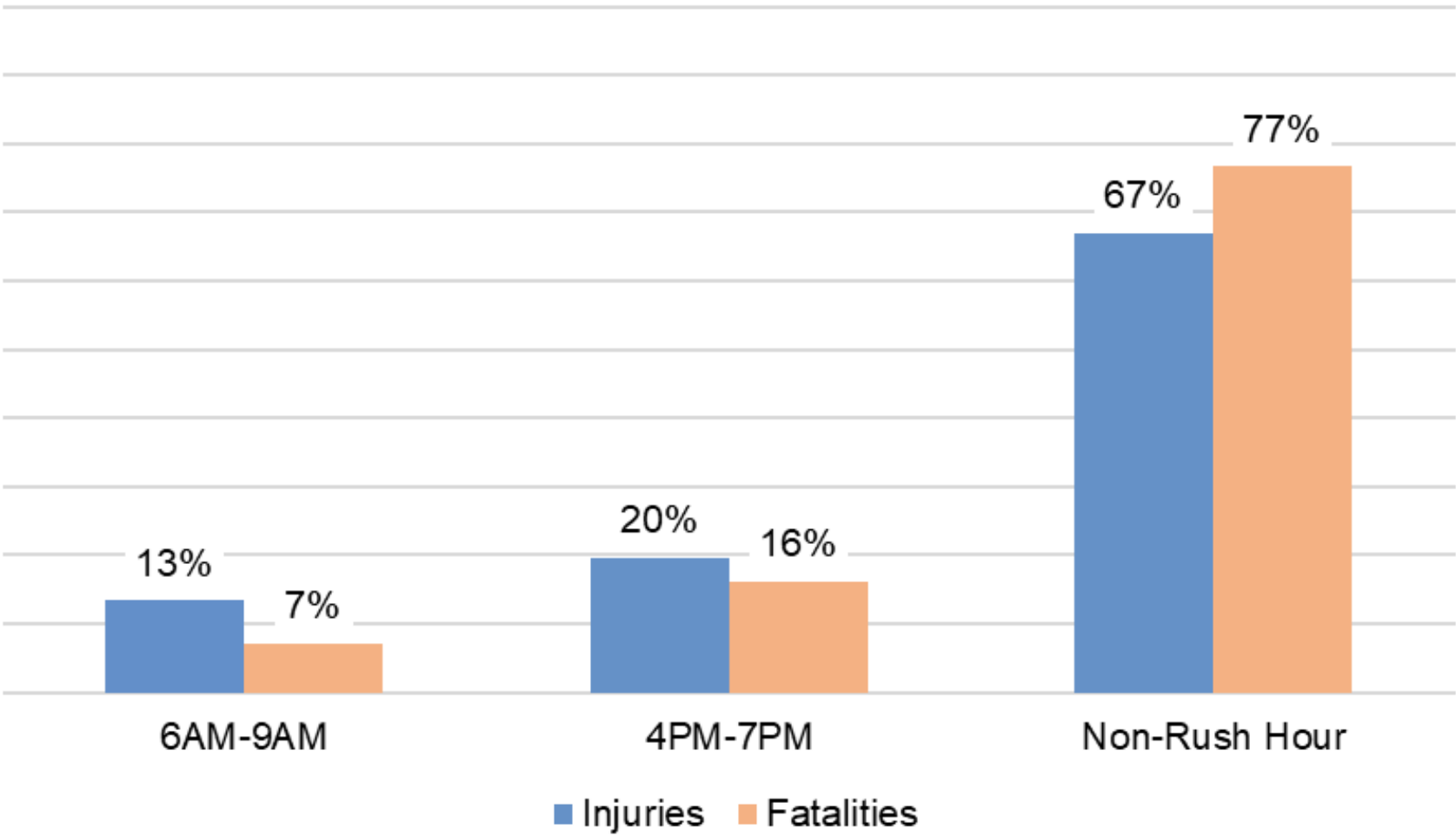
Collisions by Day of Week



Collisions by Time of Day

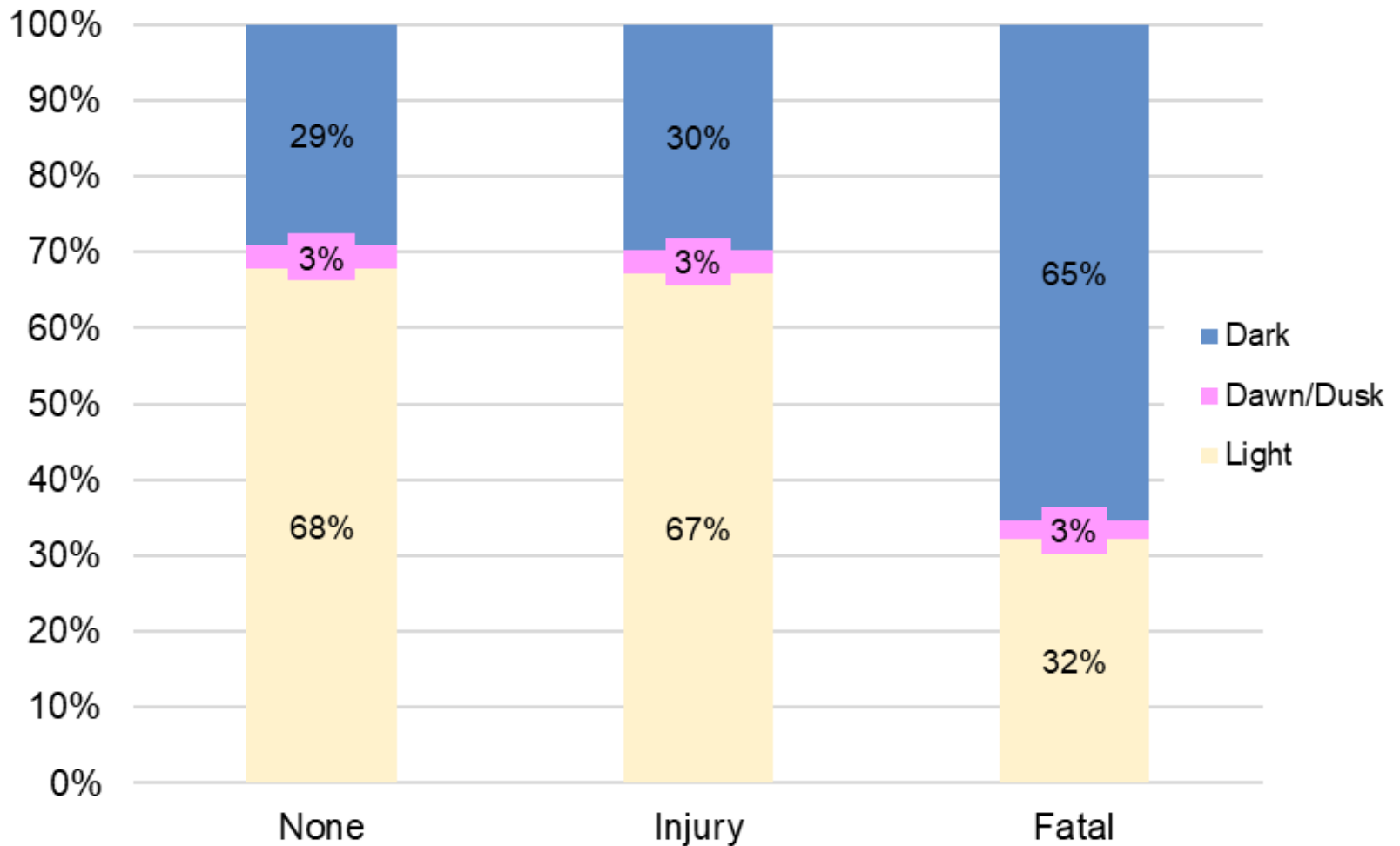


Fatal and Injury Collisions Rush Hour vs. Non-Rush Hour

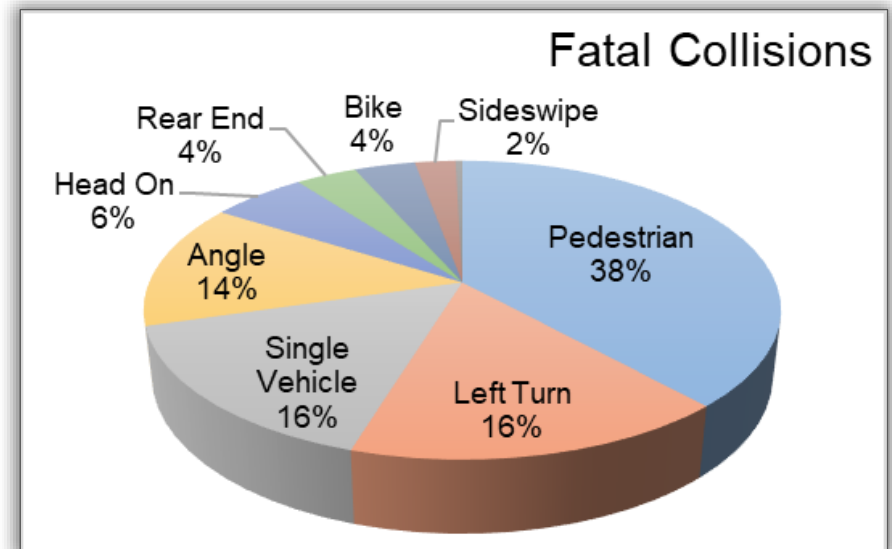
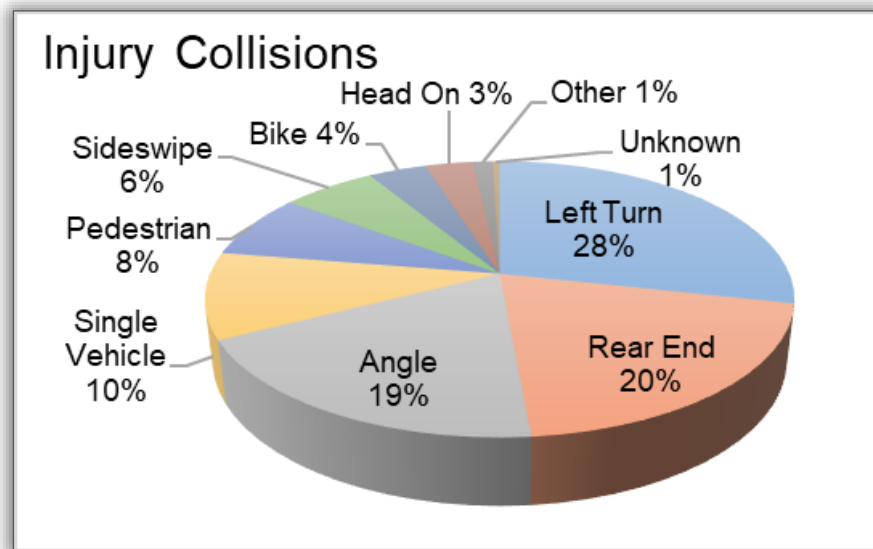
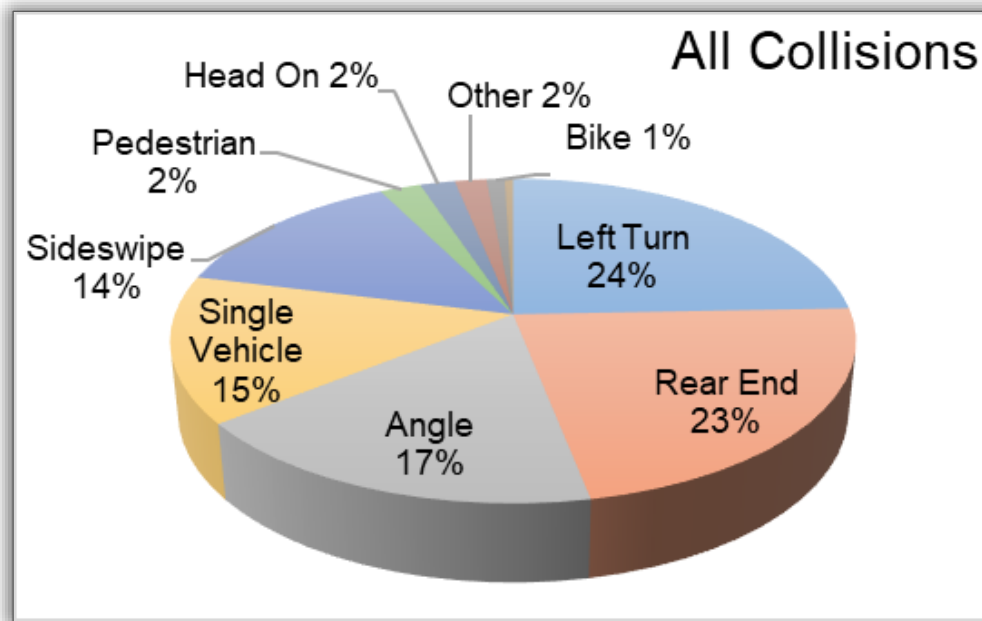


Note: Rush Hour related incidents accounted for 33% of total injuries and 23% of total fatalities

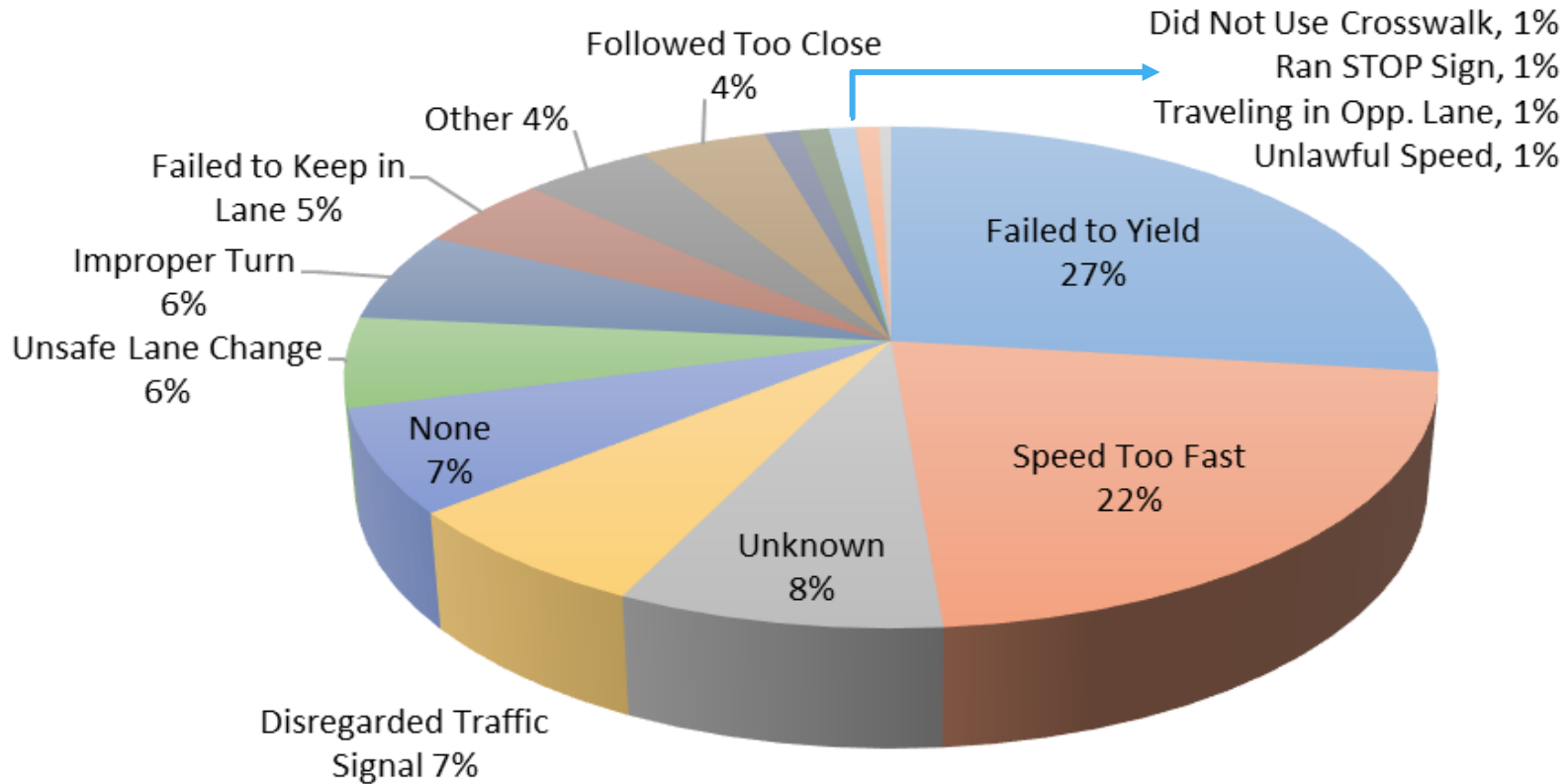
Collision Severity by Light Conditions



Collision Type

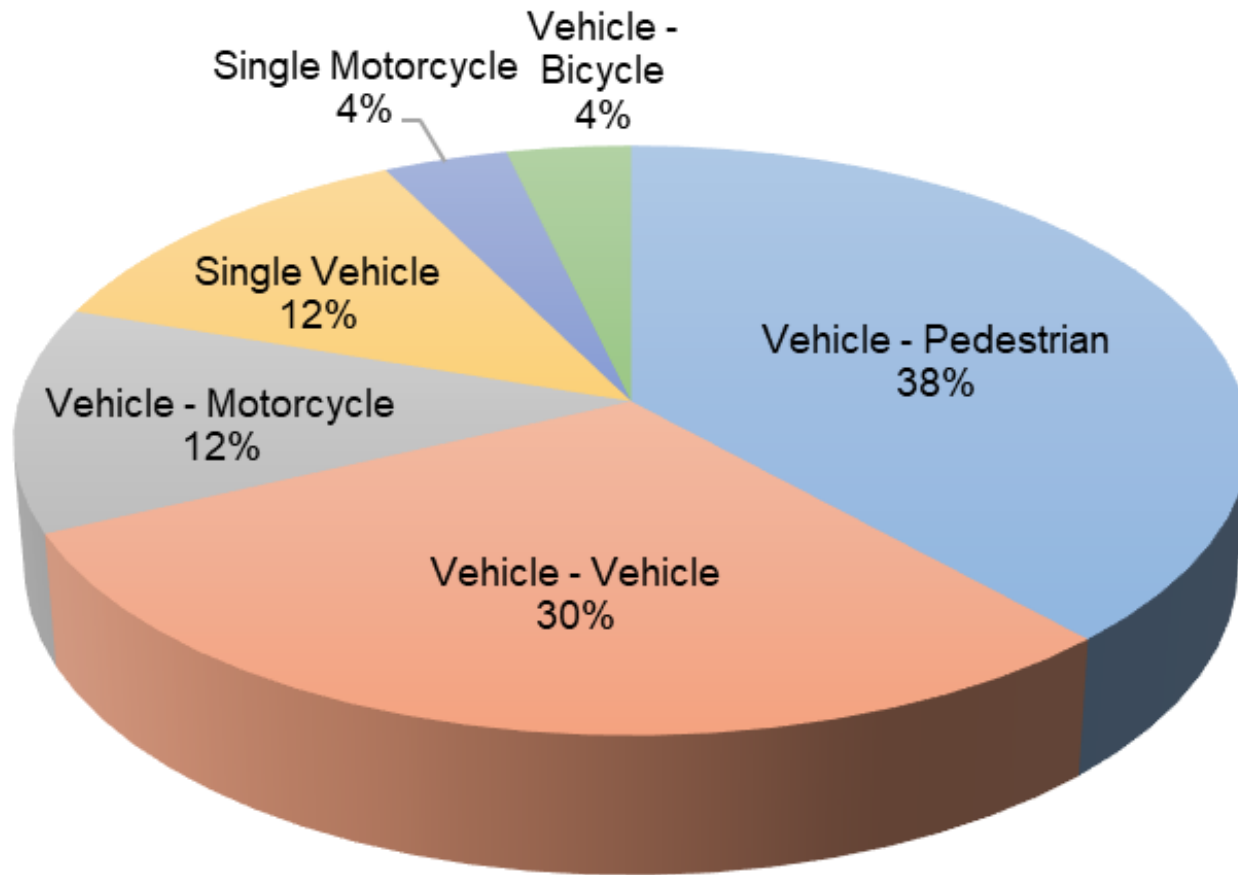


Collisions by Primary Behavior/Violation



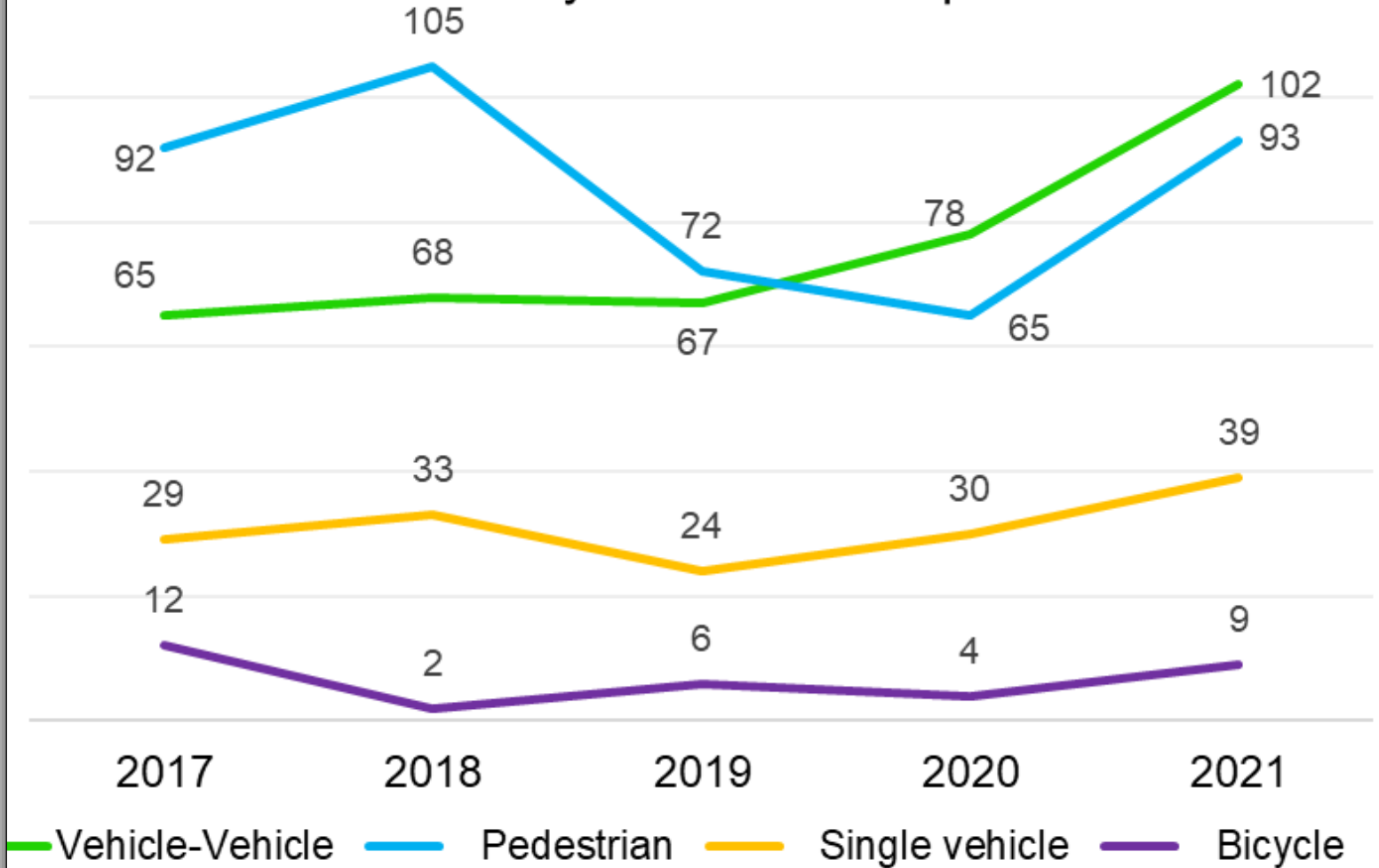
- 1 – “Speed Too Fast” does not necessarily mean the person was exceeding the speed limit but rather the person was traveling too fast for the conditions at the time.
- 2 – “Unknown” includes leaving the scene, conflicting statements without witnesses, incapacitated persons.
- 3 – “Other” includes less common violations such as Disregarded Pavement Markings, Missing/Faulty Equipment.
- 4 – “None” refers to drivers involved in a crash without committing a violation. These instances are usually the result of uncontrollable forces such as falling objects, debris or animals in the roadway.

Fatal Collisions by Mode of Transportation

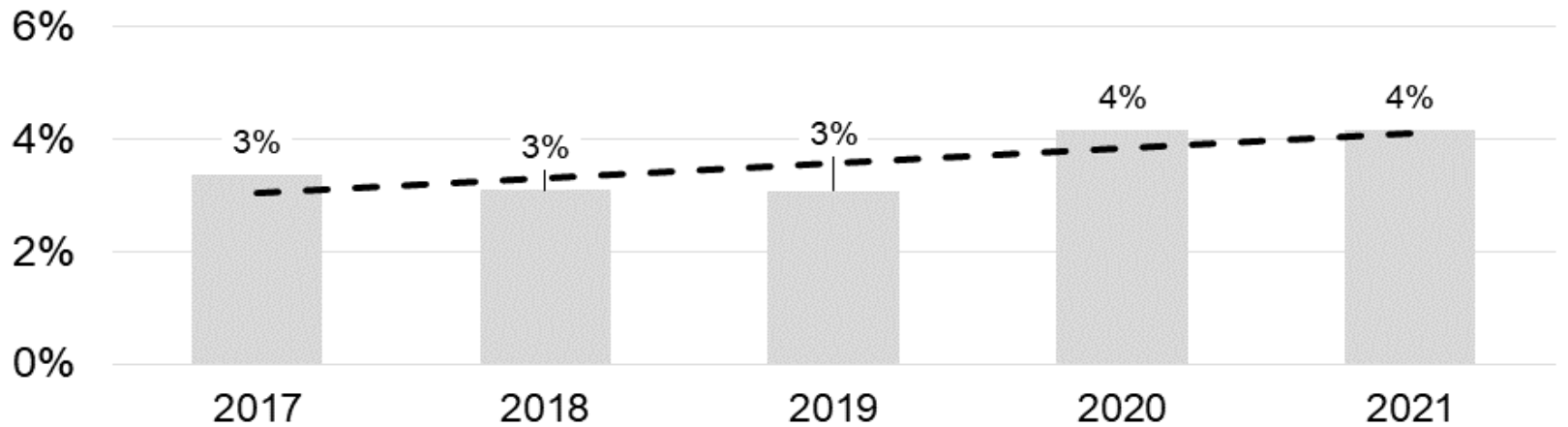


Note: 243 Total Fatal Collision Incidents

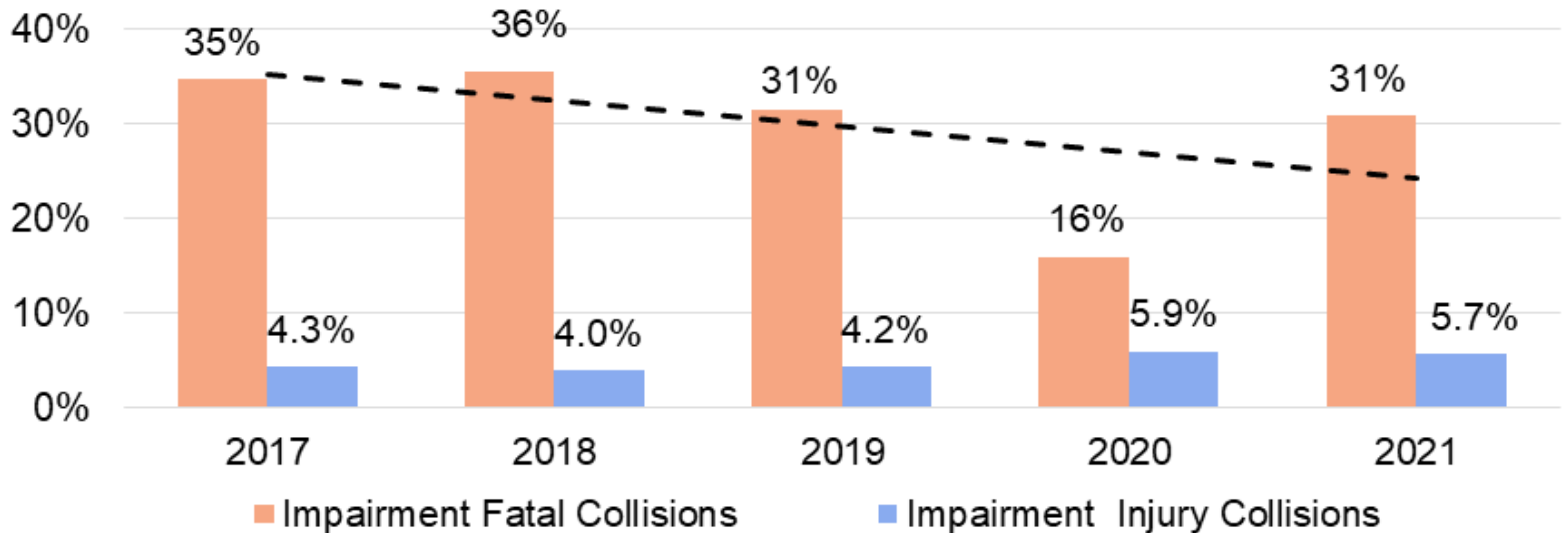
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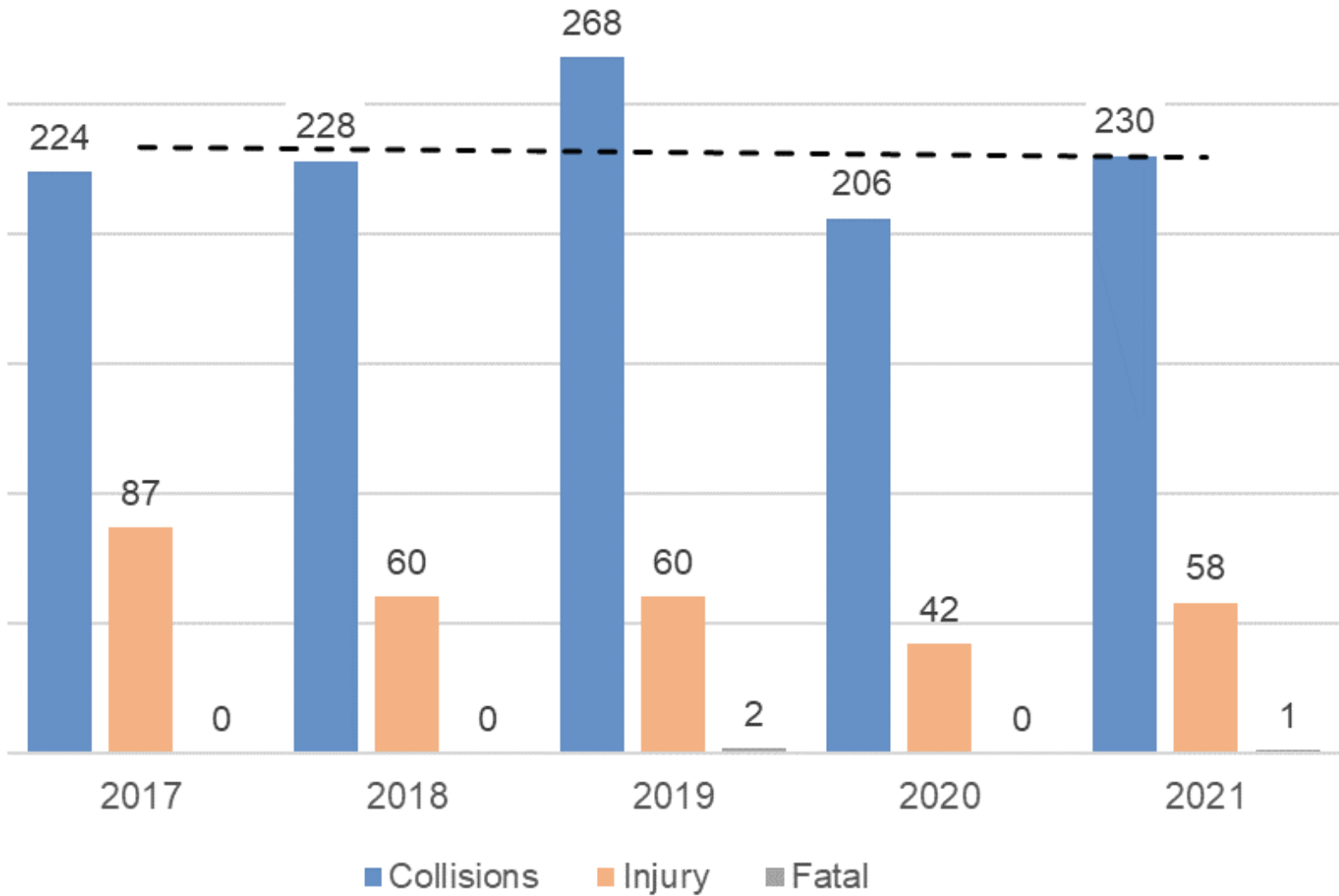
Collisions Involving Impairment



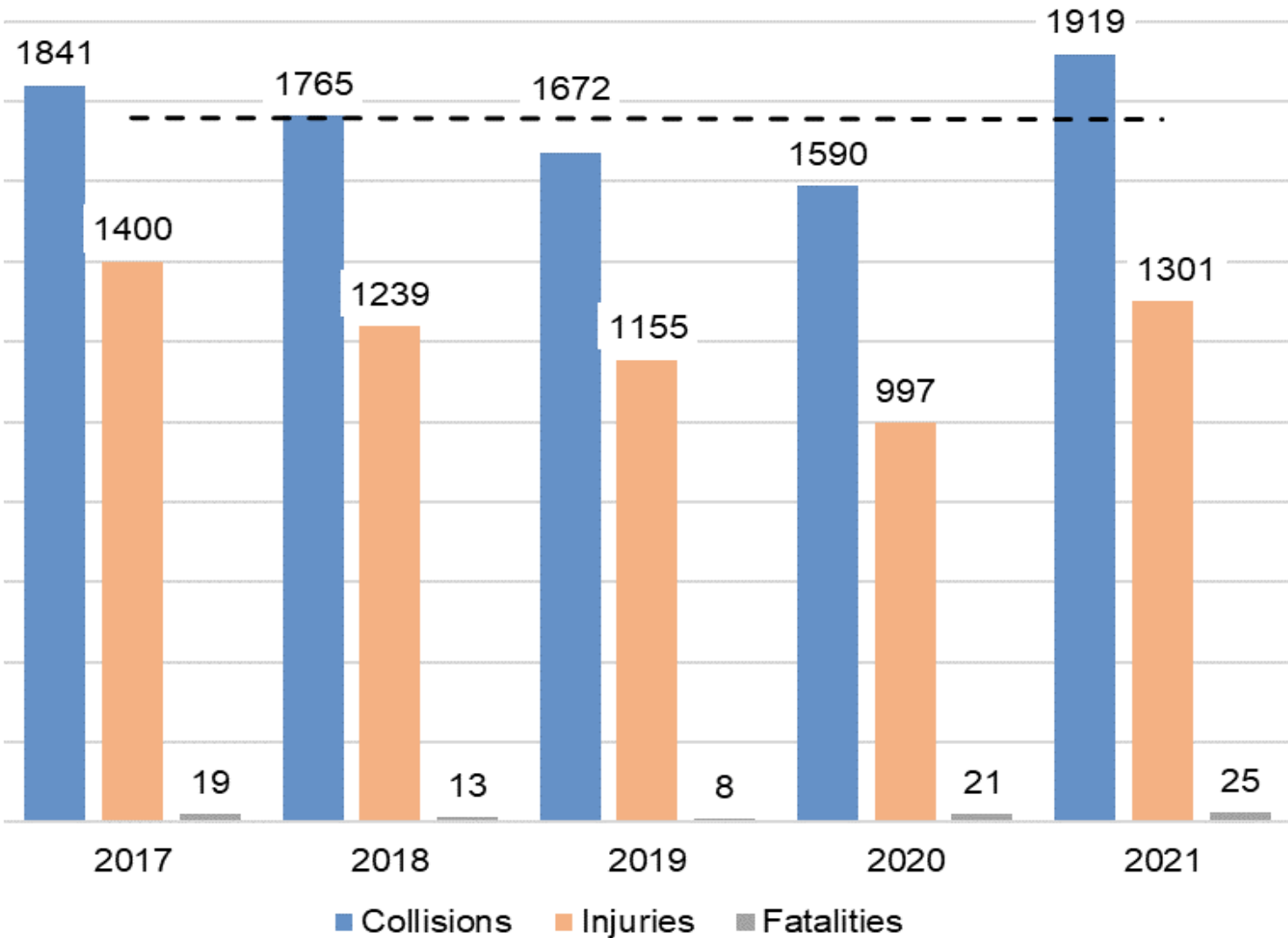
Injury and Fatal Collisions Involving Impairment



Work Zone Collisions

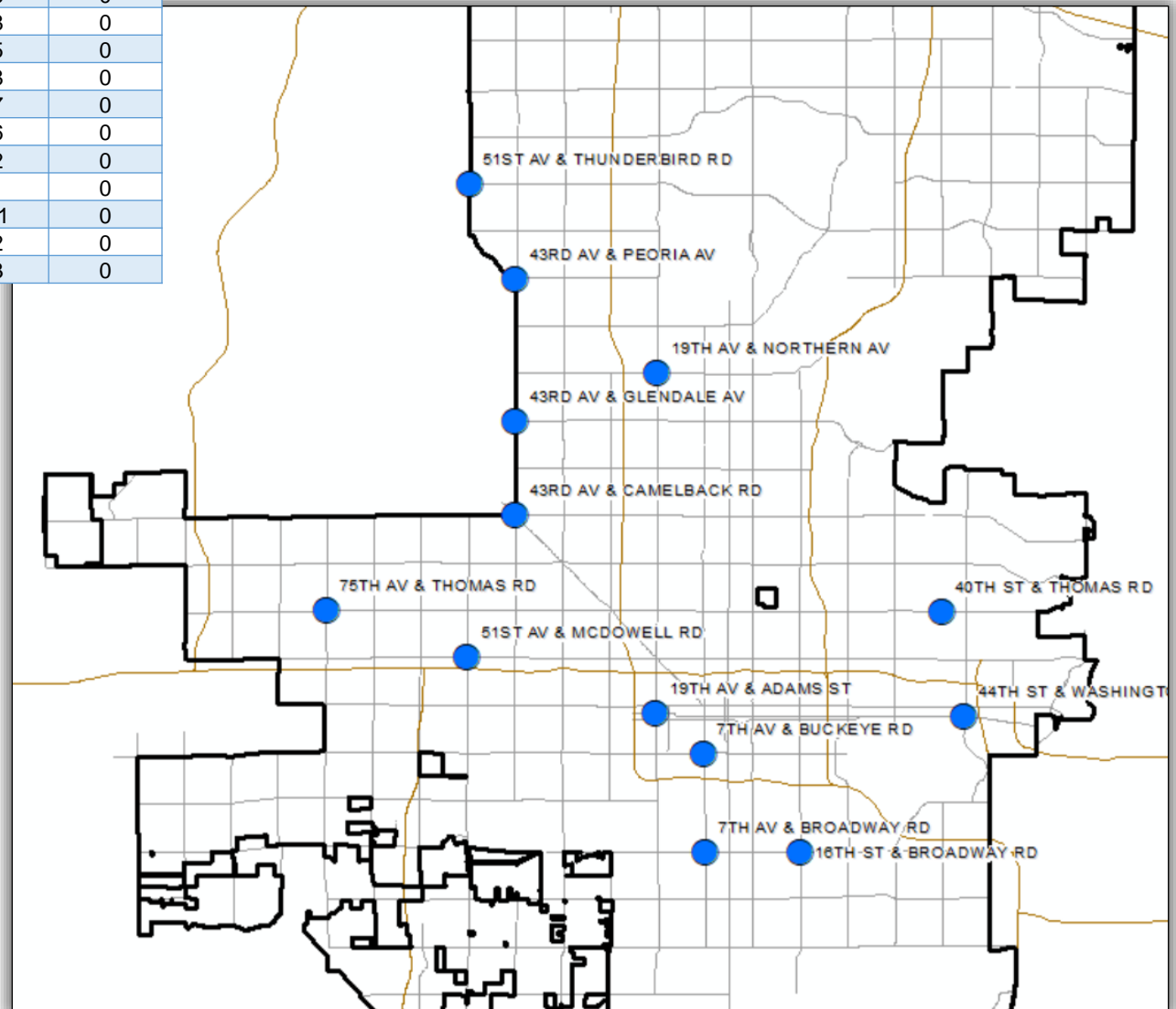


Motorist Disregarded Traffic Signal Collisions

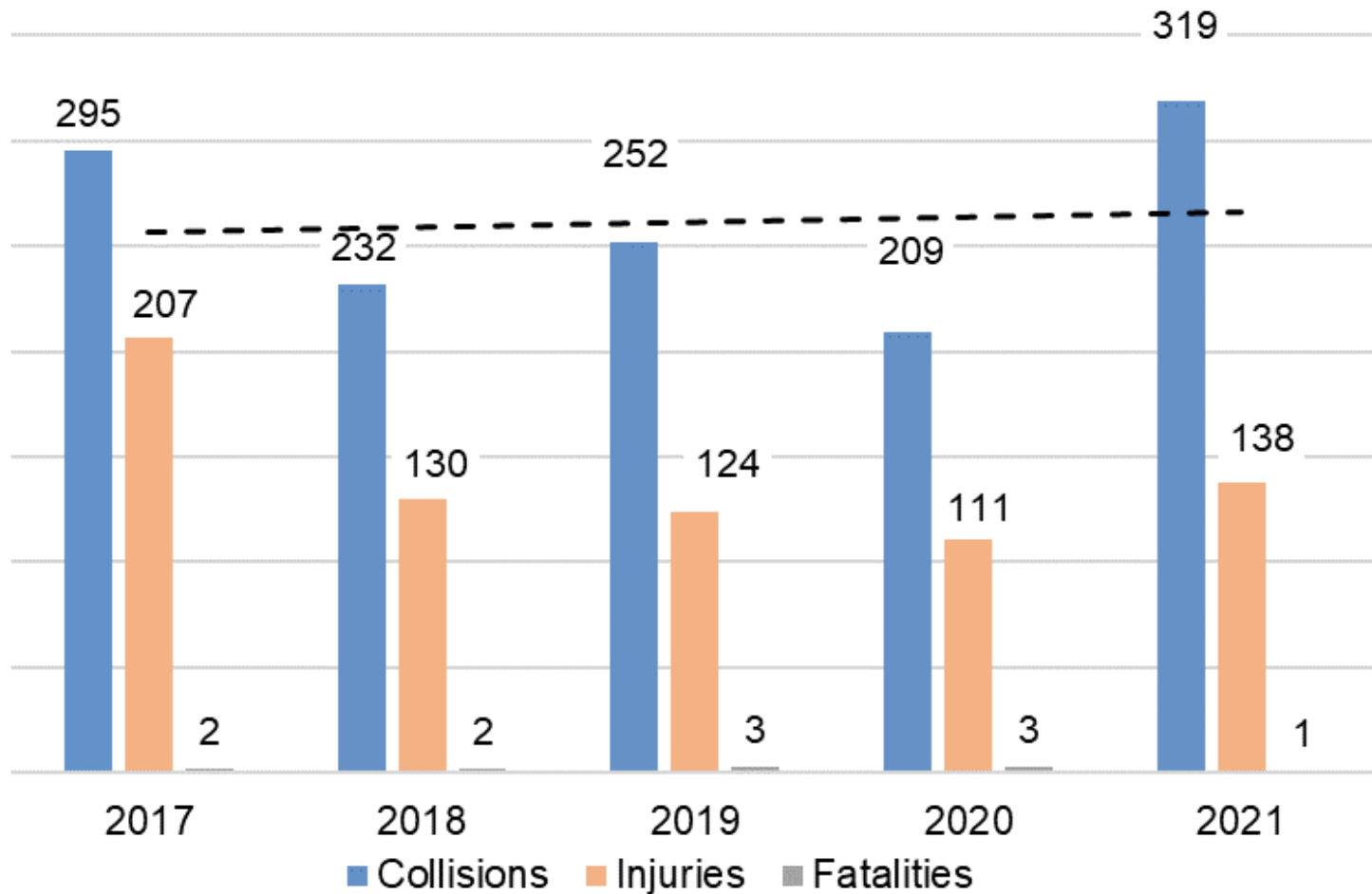


Locations with the Highest Number of Motorist Disregarded Traffic Signal Collisions

Intersection	Total Collisions	Total Injuries	Total Fatalities
43rd Av & Glendale Av	9	8	0
75th Av & Thomas Rd	8	6	0
43rd Av & Peoria Av	8	8	0
40th St & Thomas Rd	7	8	0
43rd Av & Camelback Rd	7	5	0
51st Av & Thunderbird Rd	7	8	0
7th Av & Buckeye Rd	7	7	0
7th Av & Broadway Rd	7	6	0
44th St & Washington St	7	2	0
51st Av & McDowell Rd	7	1	0
19th Av & Adams St	7	11	0
19th Av & Northern Av	7	2	0
16th St & Broadway Rd	7	3	0

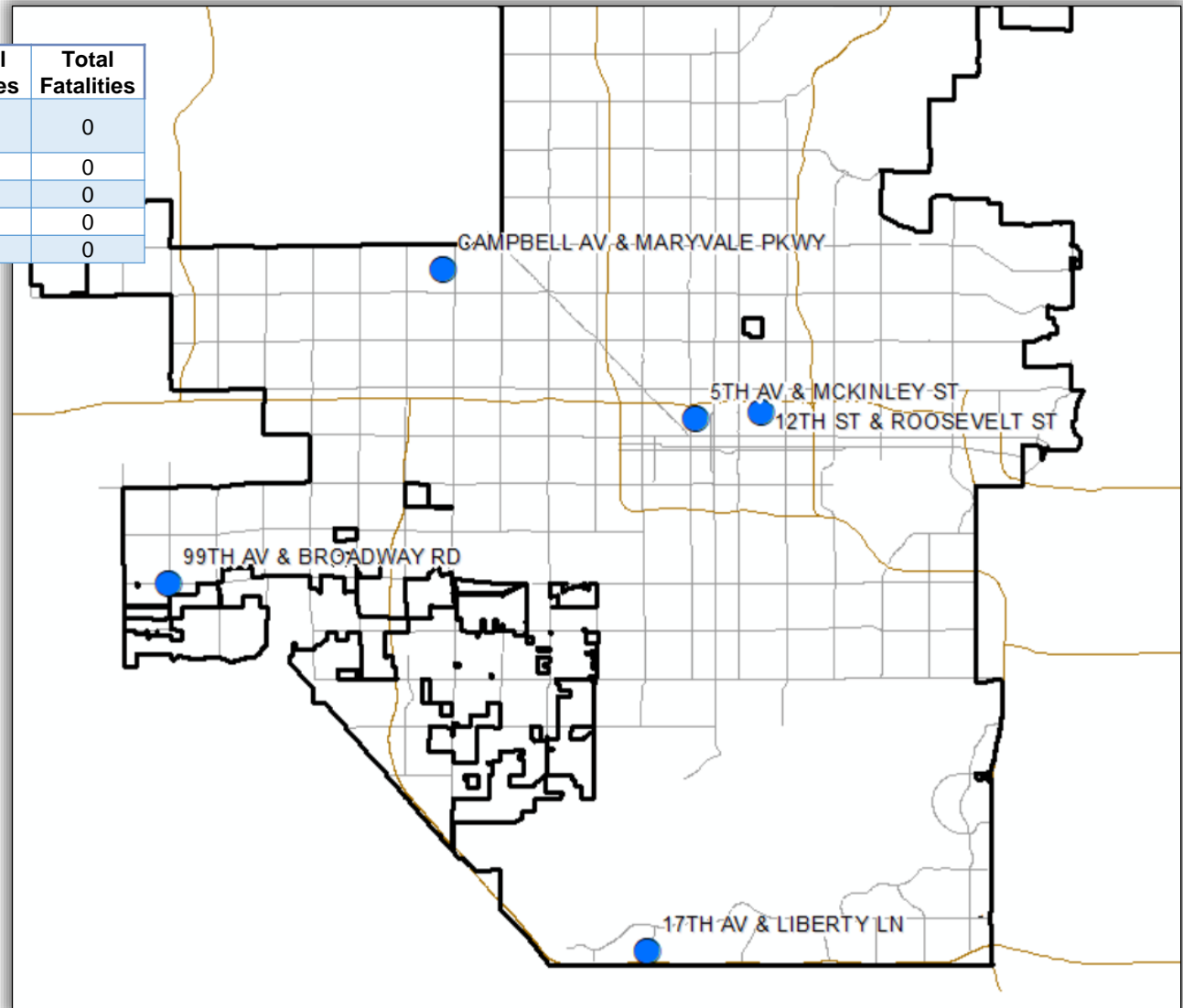


Motorist Ran STOP Sign Collisions

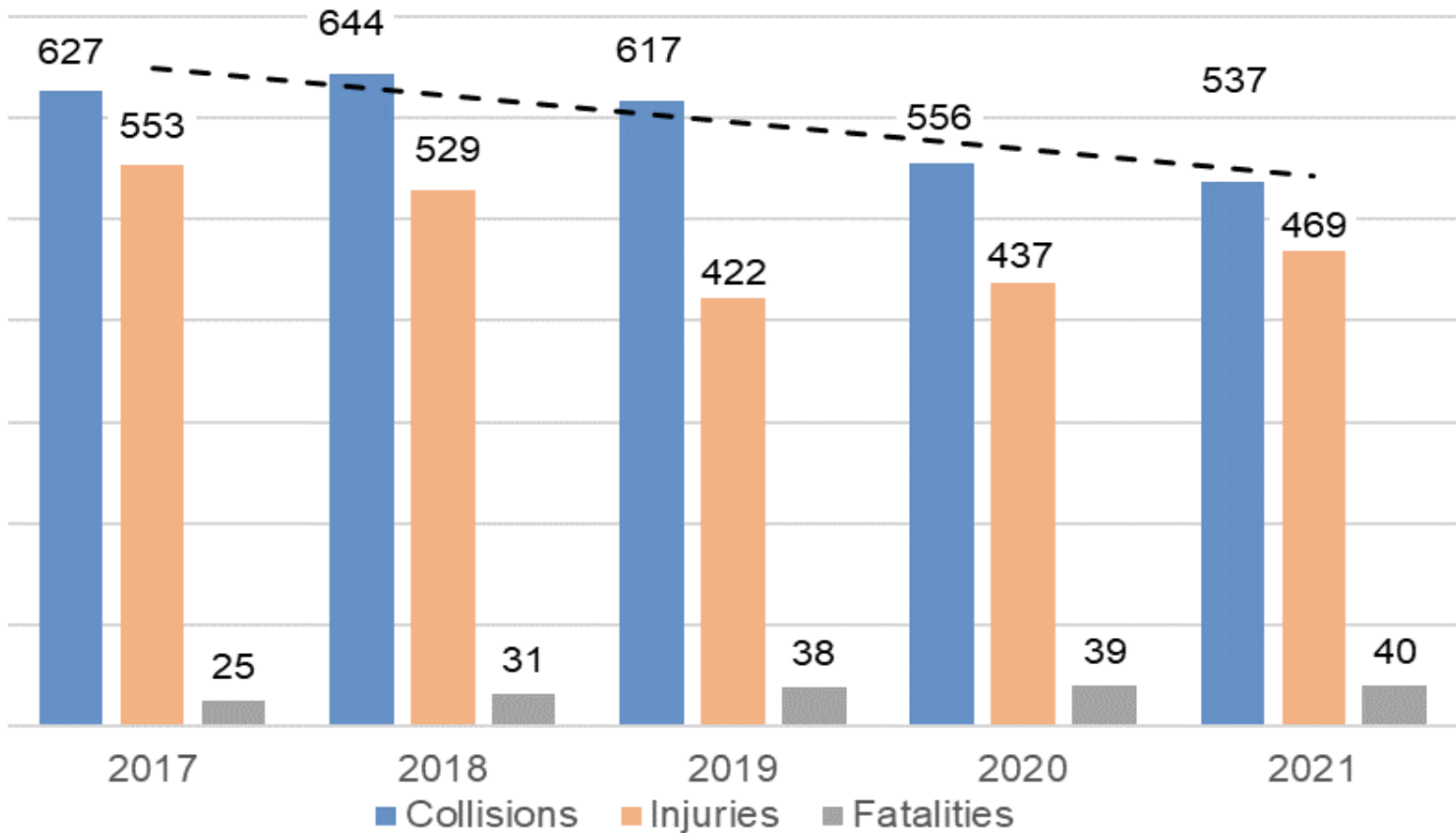


Locations with the Highest Number of Motorist Run STOP Sign Collisions

Intersection	Total Collisions	Total Injuries	Total Fatalities
Campbell Av & Maryvale Pkwy	6	6	0
5th Av & McKinley St	4	1	0
99th Av & Broadway Rd	4	4	0
12th St & Roosevelt St	3	1	0
17th Av & Liberty Ln	3	3	0

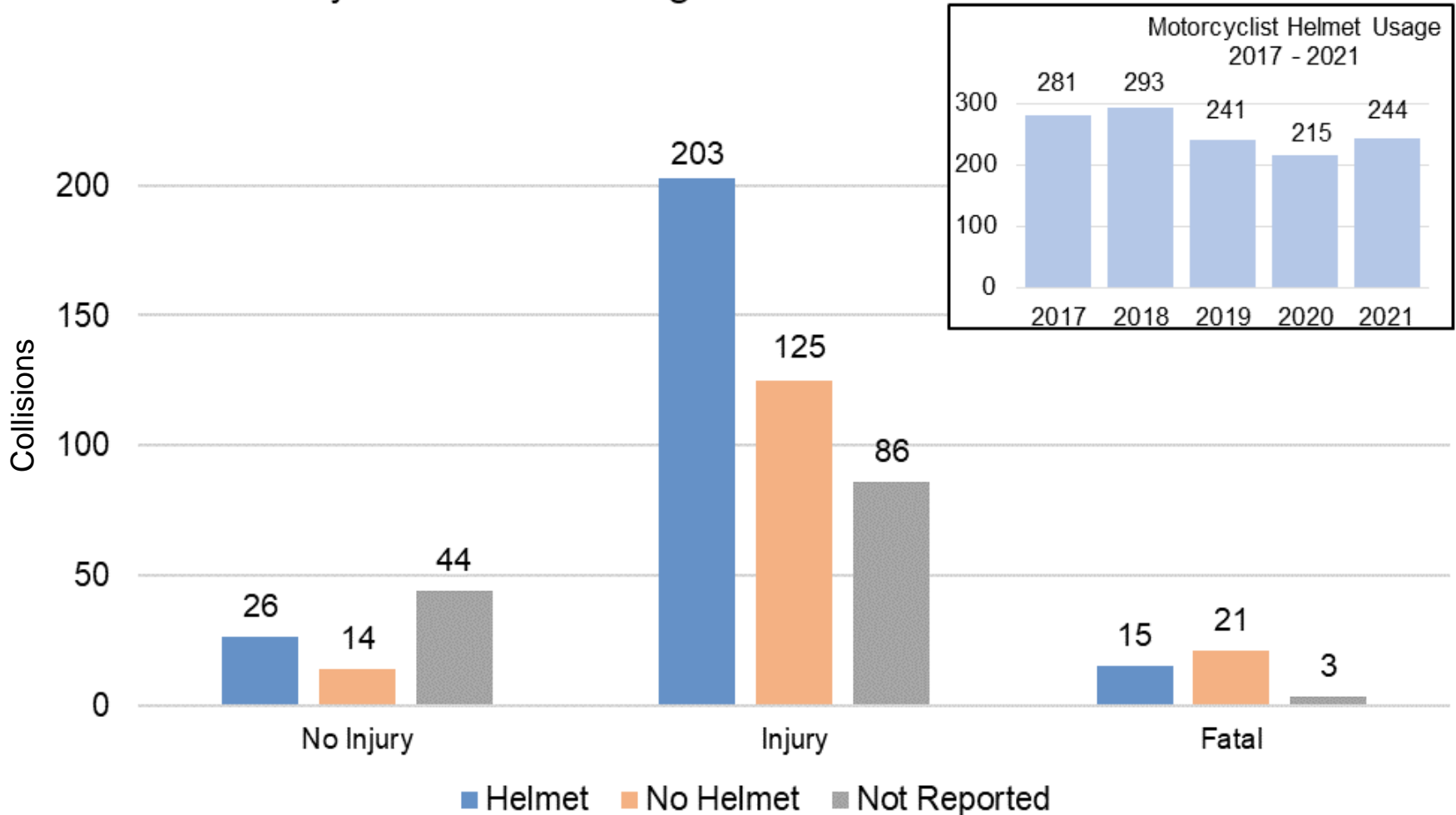


Total Motorcyclist Collisions, Injuries, and Fatalities

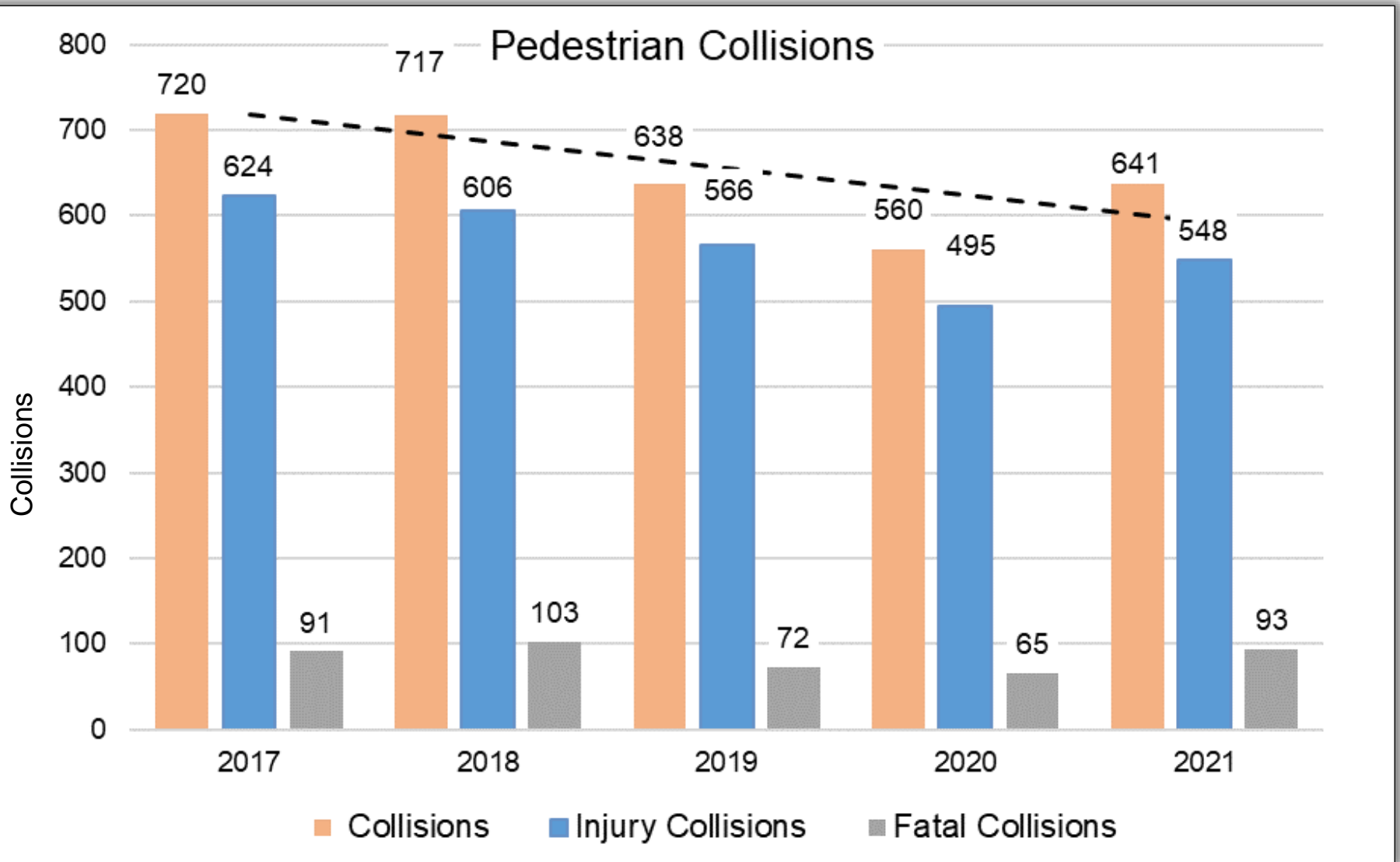


Note: One of 39 fatal incidents in 2021 resulted in two fatalities

2021 Motorcyclist Helmet Usage

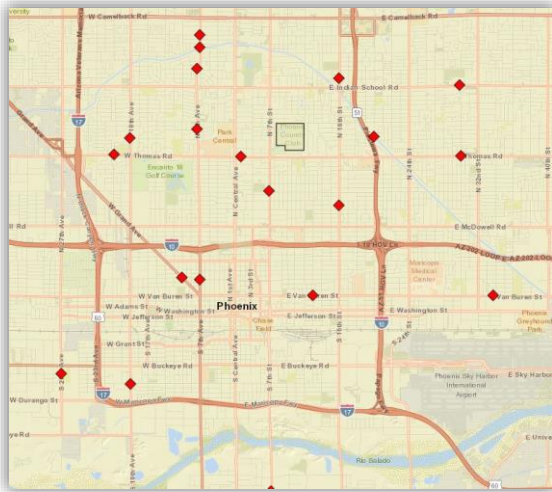


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HAWK Pedestrian Signals

Phoenix uses the High Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) beacon signal as a tool to help make it easier and safer for people to cross busy streets without impeding traffic. Phoenix has been installing HAWK signals since 2009 after they were approved by the Federal Highway Administration.



[Click to Visit HAWK Locator Map](#)

How to use the HAWK High Intensity Activated CrossWalk

PEDESTRIANS		DRIVERS	
SEE THIS	DO THIS	SEE THIS	DO THIS
	PUSH THE BUTTON		DRIVE ALWAYS LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO PLAN TO CROSS.
	STOP & WAIT FOR THE WALK SIGNAL.		SLOW DOWN A PERSON HAS ACTIVATED THE PUSH BUTTON.
	START CROSSING ALWAYS WATCH FOR CARS.		PREPARE TO STOP
	FINISH CROSSING		STOP FOR PEDESTRIAN. (As with any signal RED means STOP)
			STOP FIRST PROCEED WITH CAUTION IF NO PEOPLE ARE PRESENT.

HAWK Pedestrian Signals Activated in 2021

- 8025 South 7th Street
- 3rd Avenue and Latham Street
- 1215 S. 7th Avenue



The Hawk Signal at 8025 South 7th Street (Highline Canal) was Activated in January

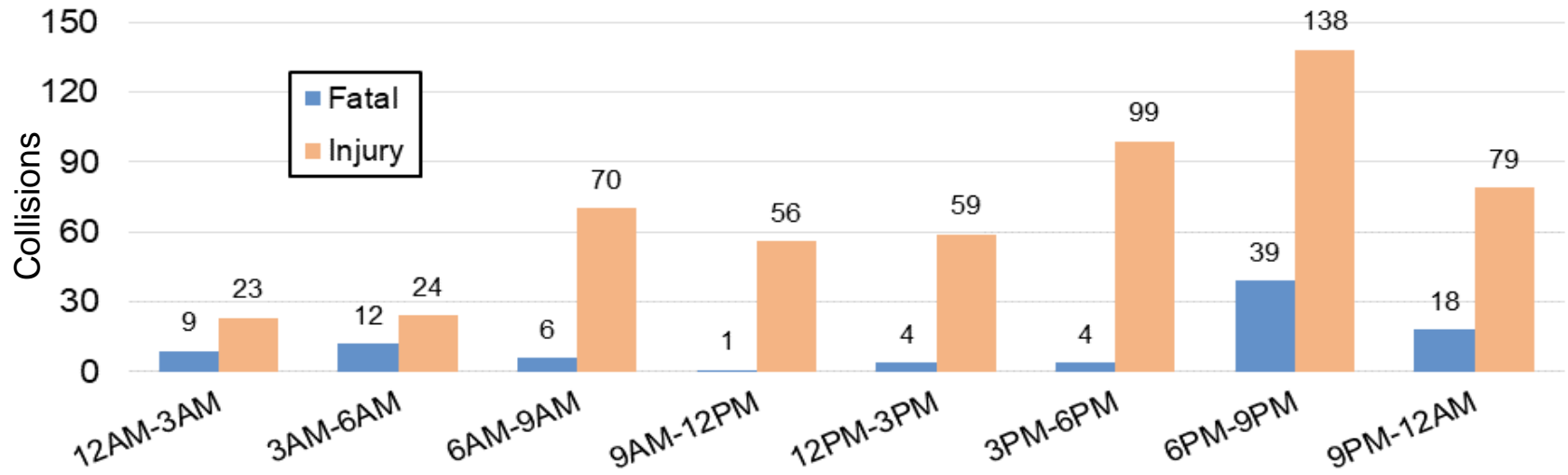


The Hawk Signal at 3rd Avenue and Latham Street was Activated in June

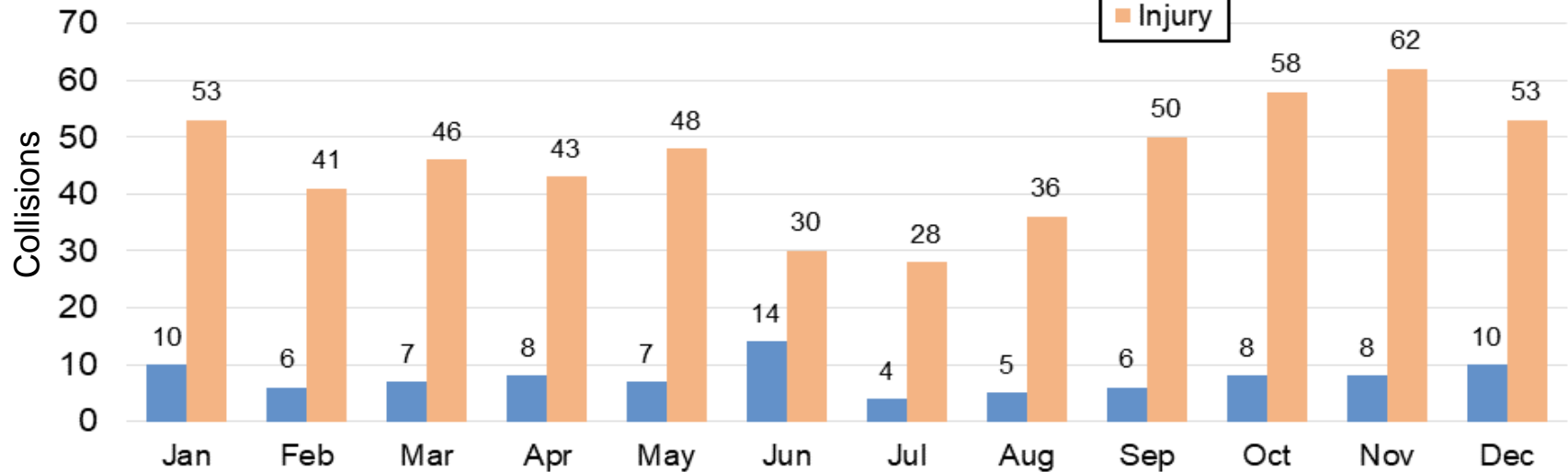


The Hawk Signal at 1215 South 7th Avenue was Activated in October

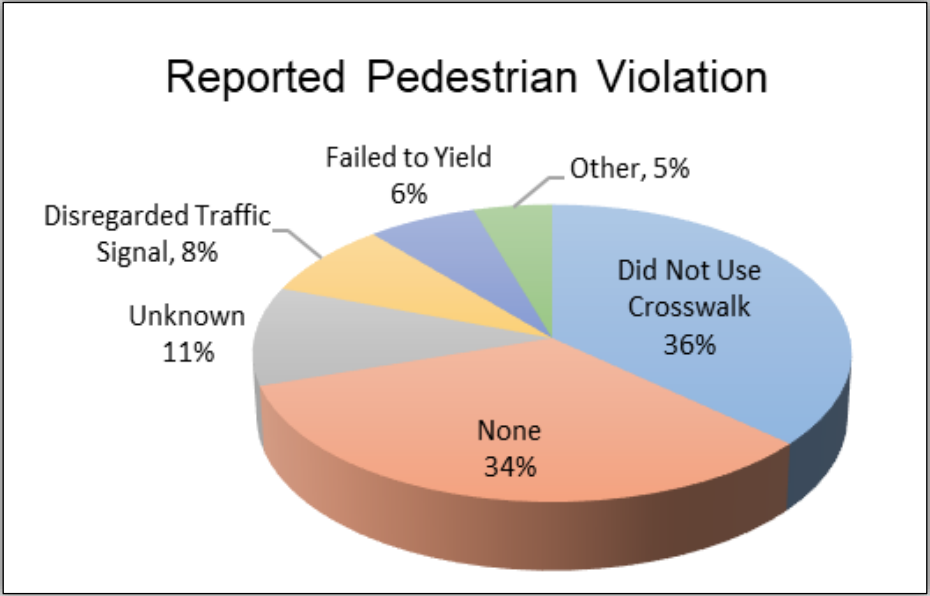
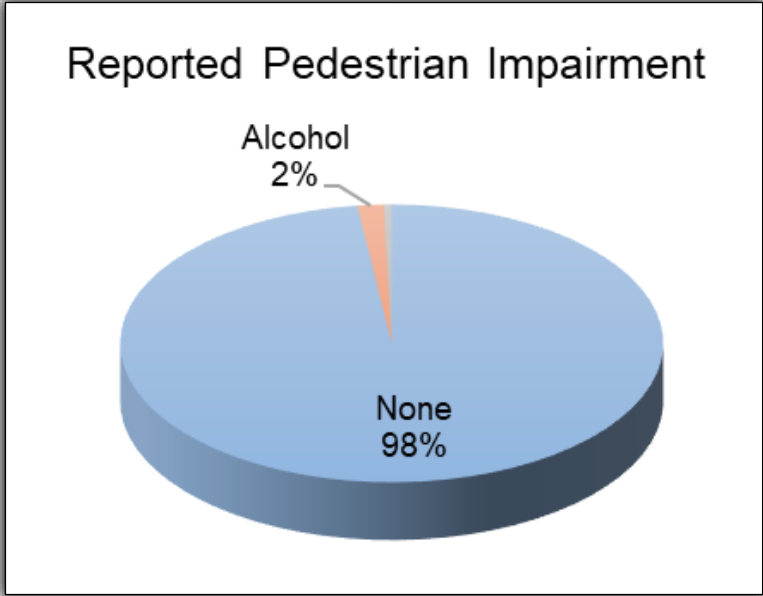
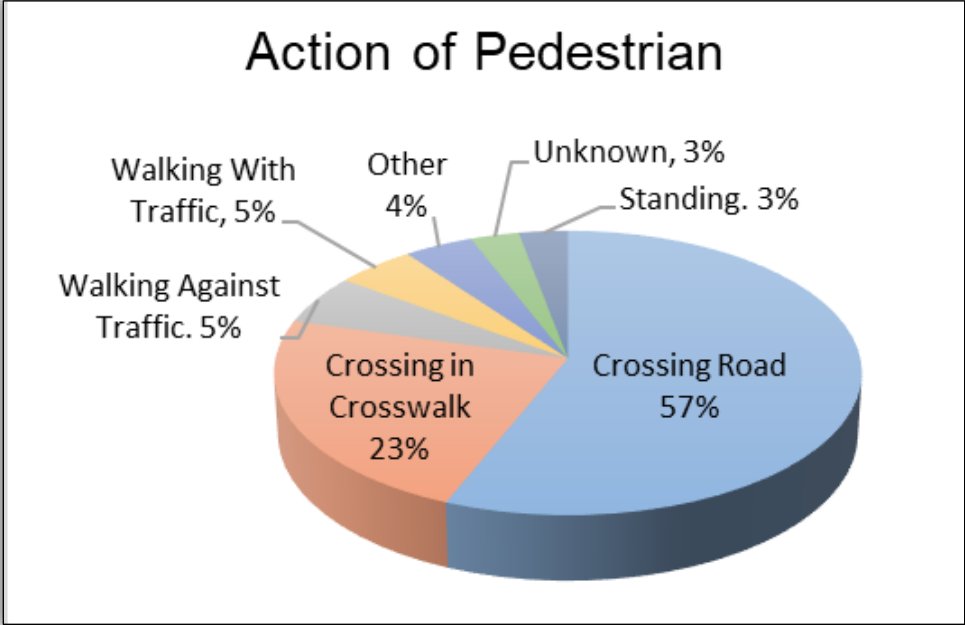
Pedestrian Collisions by Time of Day



Pedestrian Collisions by Month



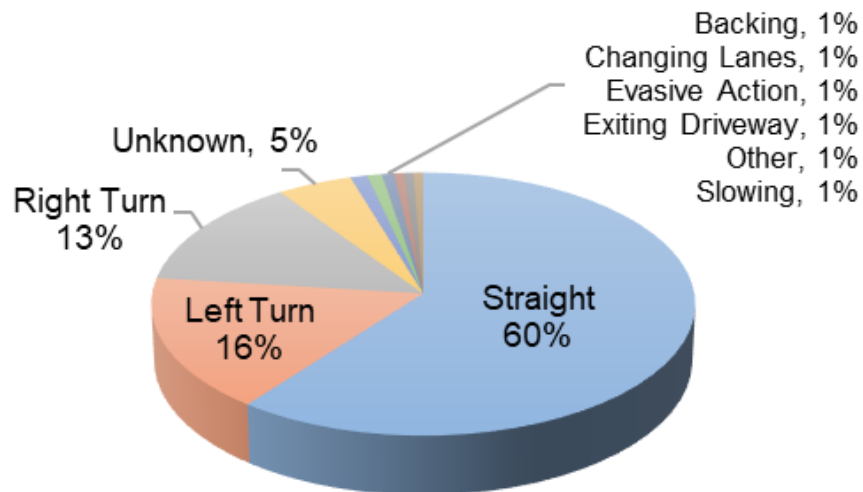
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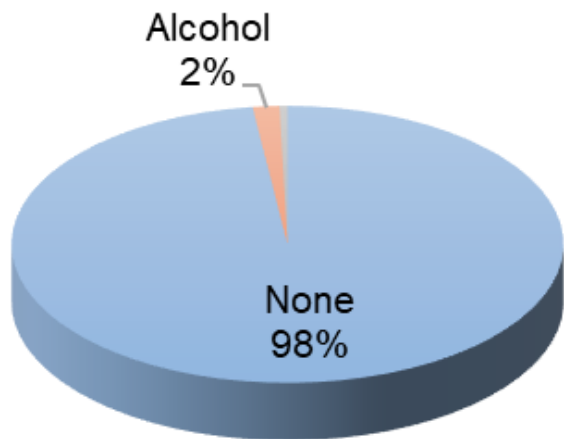
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Pedestrian Collisions

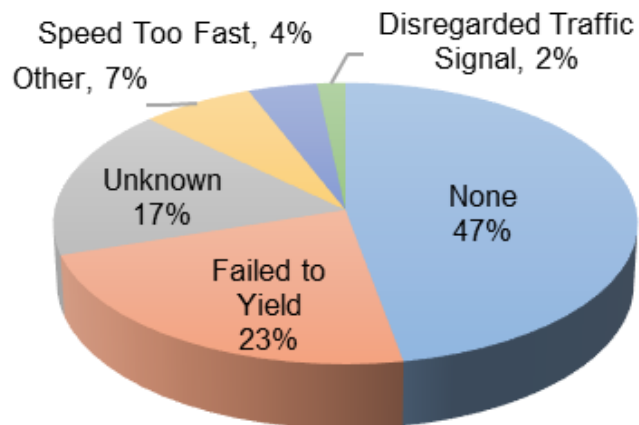
Action of Motorist



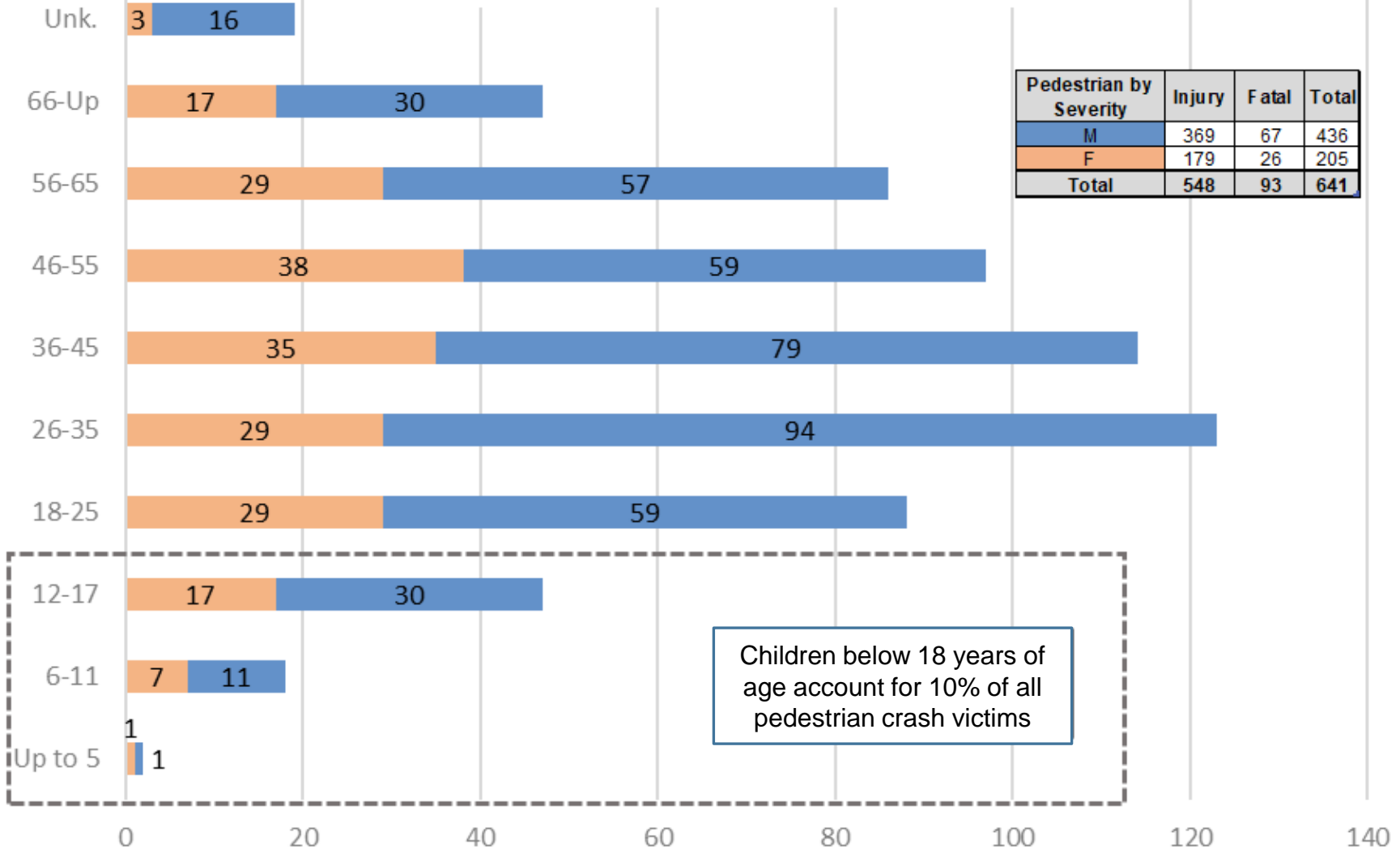
Reported Motorist Impairment



Reported Motorist Violation



Age and Gender of Pedestrians in Collisions



Pedestrian by Severity	Injury	Fatal	Total
M	369	67	436
F	179	26	205
Total	548	93	641

Children below 18 years of age account for 10% of all pedestrian crash victims

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HAWK Pedestrian Signals Activated in 2021 (Cont.)

- 7th Avenue and Cocopah Street
- 6104 N. 27th Avenue

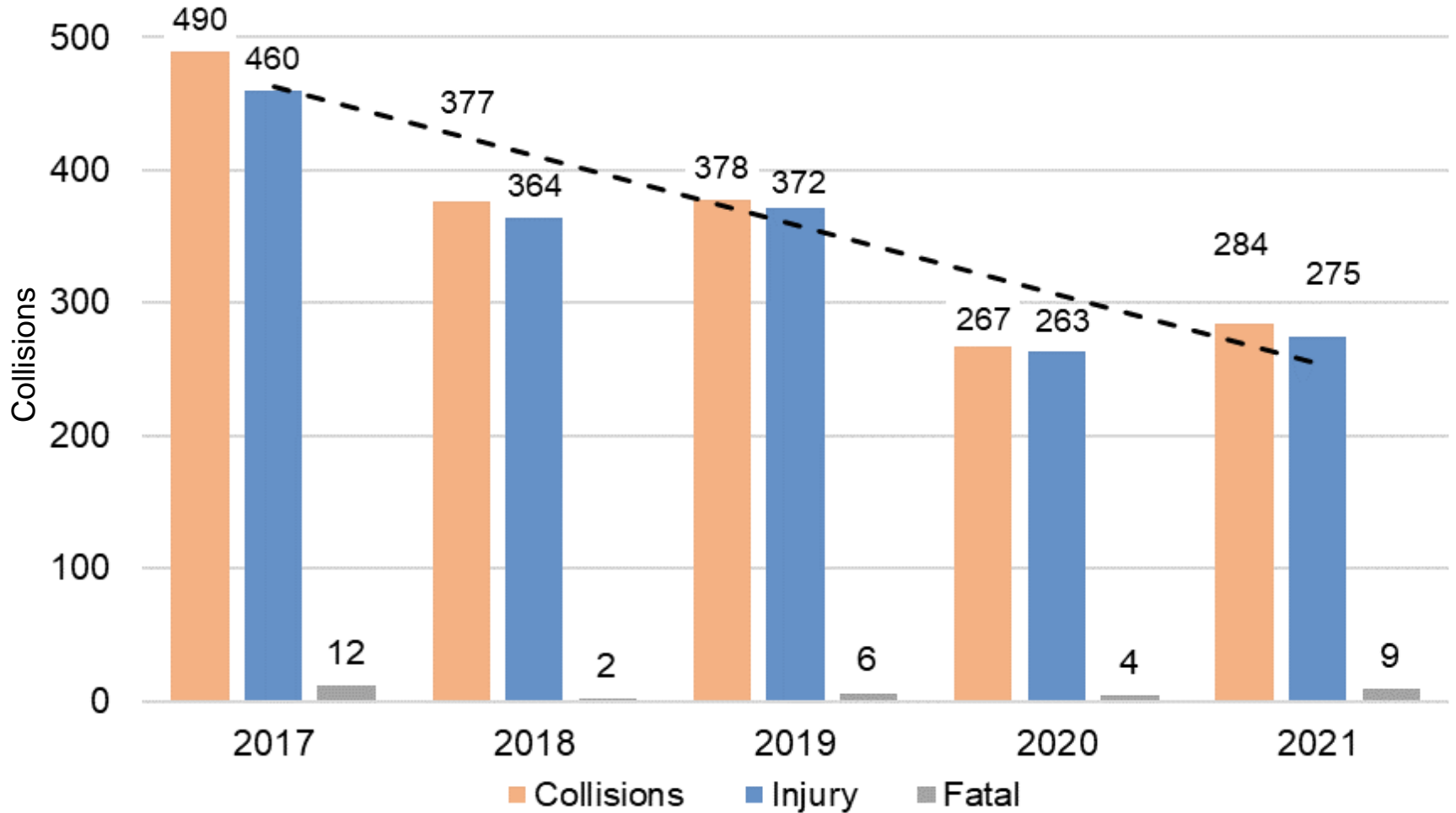


The Hawk Signal at 6104 N 27th Avenue was Activated in December



The Hawk Signal at 7th Avenue and Cocopah Street was Activated in December

Bicycle Collisions



Bicycle Safety Education

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City of Phoenix > Street Transportation > Safety Topics > Bicycle Program

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Active Transportation Plan

- Read the Active Transportation Plan
- Learn more about the Active Transportation Plan

Active Transportation Program

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Useful Links

- Bike Lane Projects
- Regional Bike Map
- Shared Micromobility Program (e-scooters, e-bikes)
- Phoenix Connected Active Neighborhoods (PhxCAN)
- Safety Topics

HEADS UP!

DRIVE SMART WALK SMART BIKE SMART

About the Heads Up! Campaign

The Heads Up! campaign encourages and reminds motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists to stay safe on Phoenix streets.

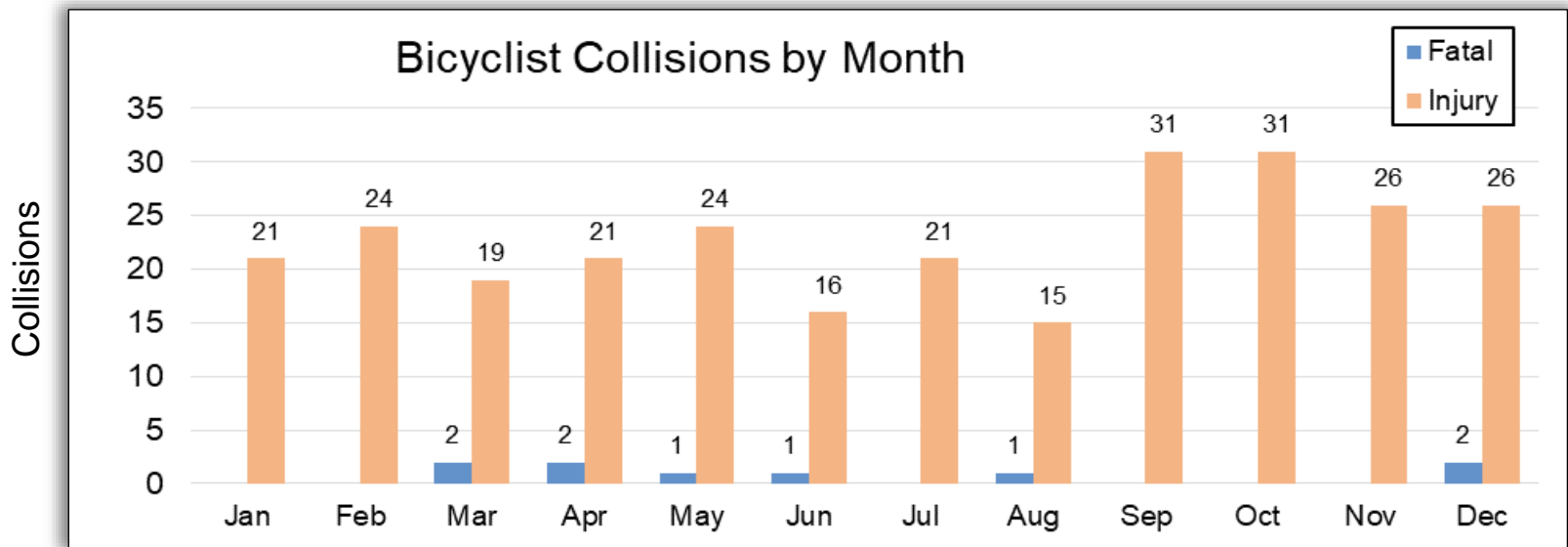
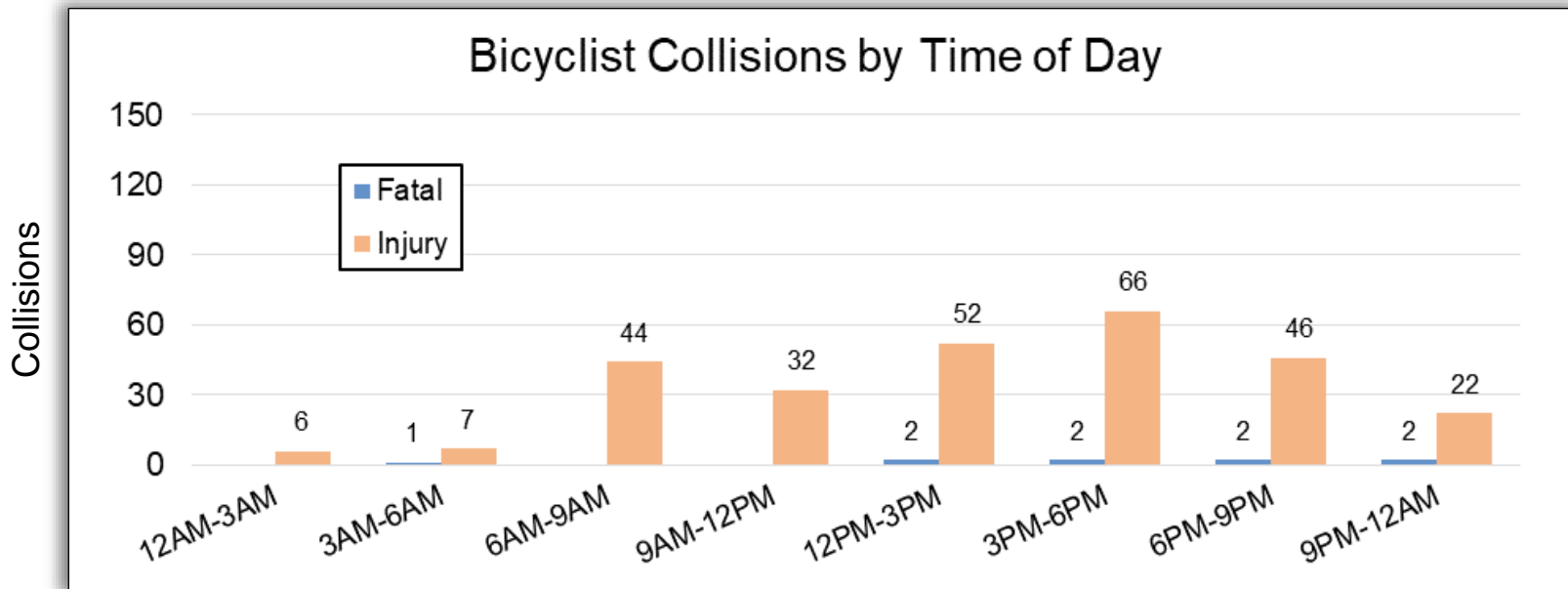
Phoenix HEADS UP! Campaign

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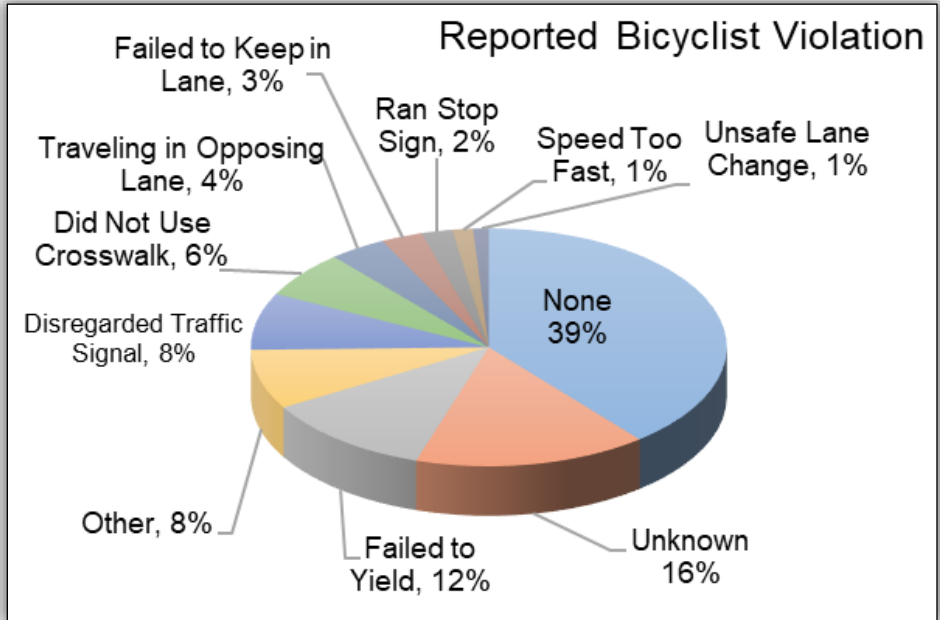
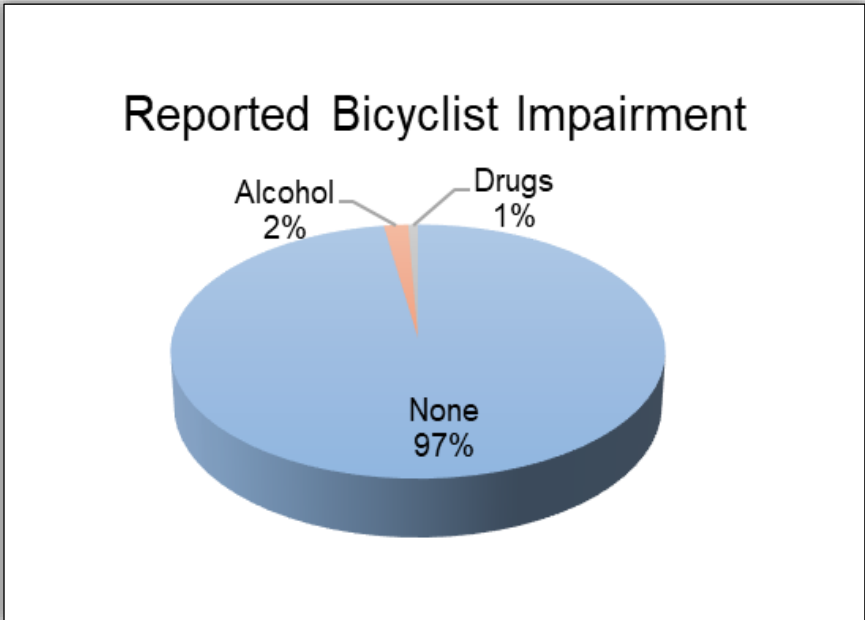
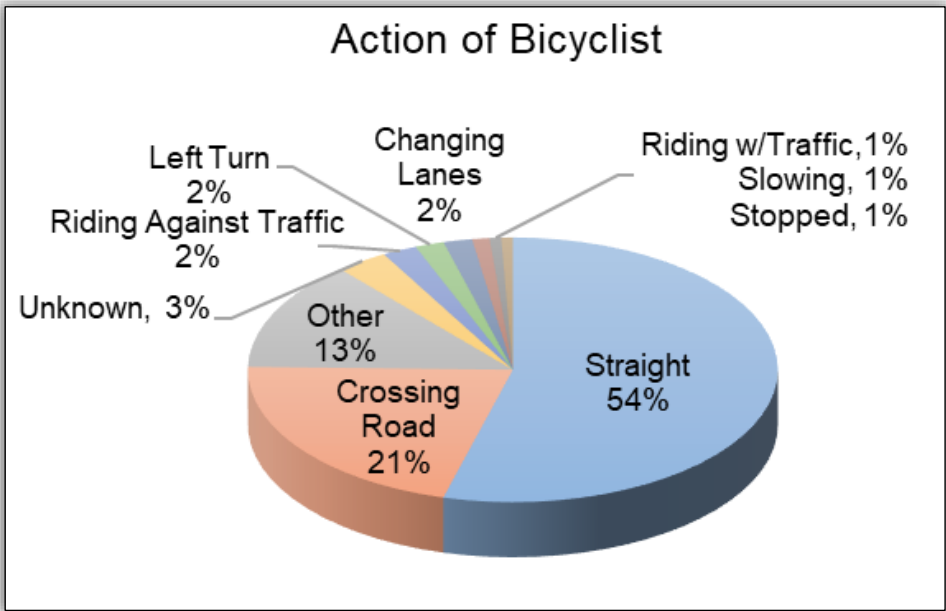
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Active Transportation Resource Website

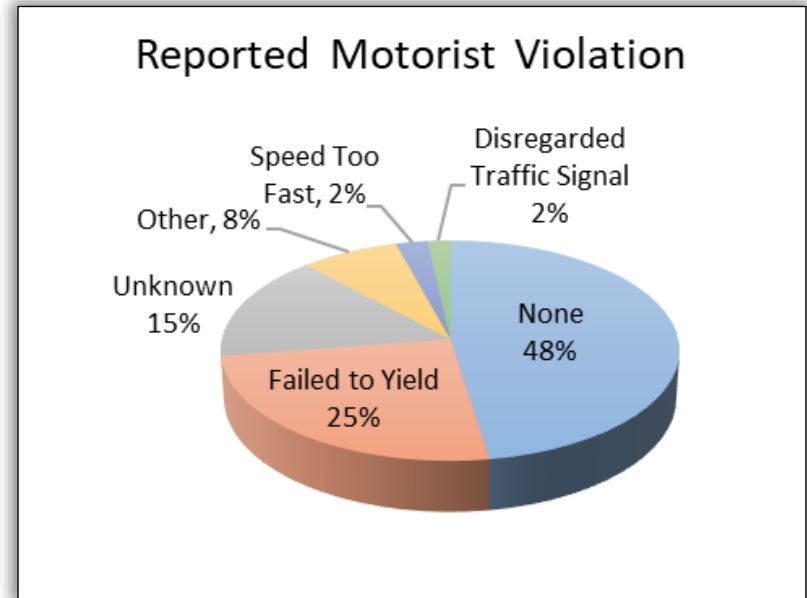
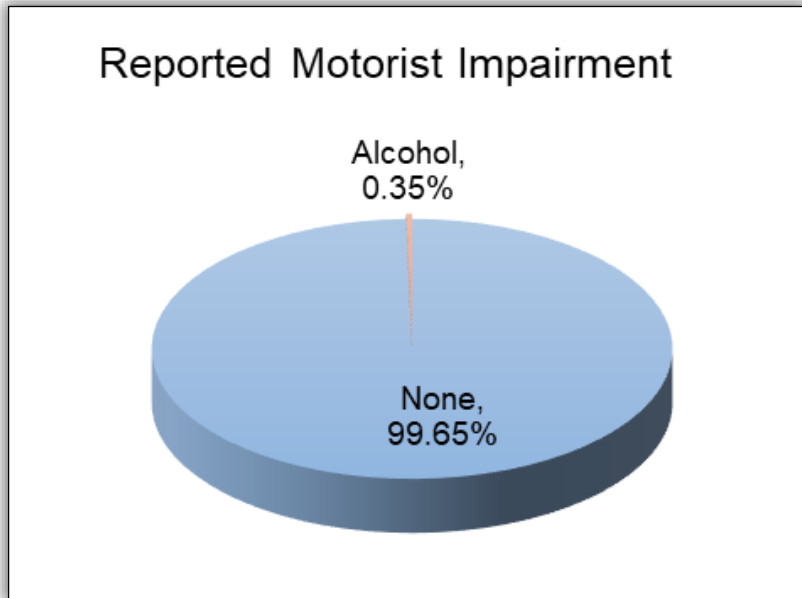
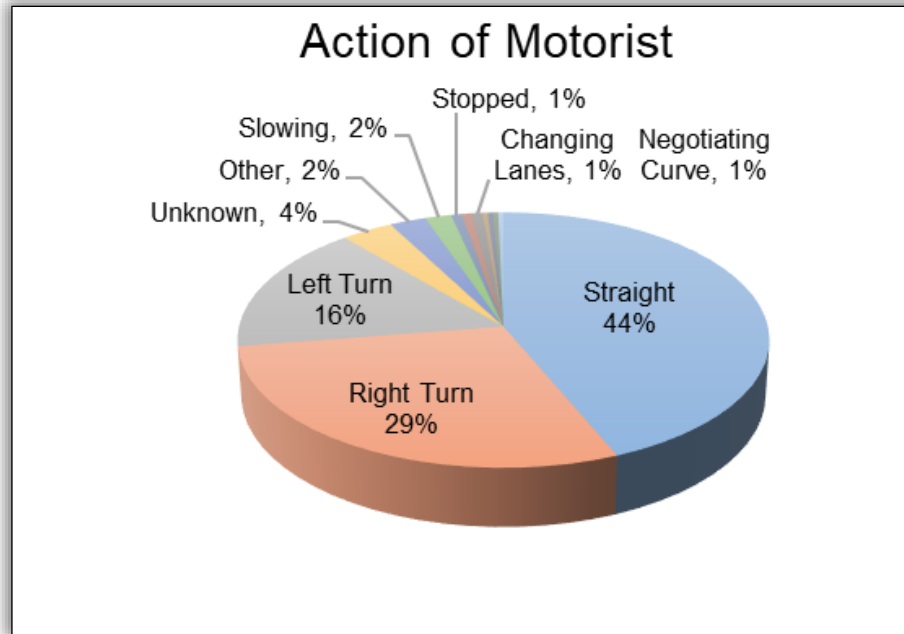
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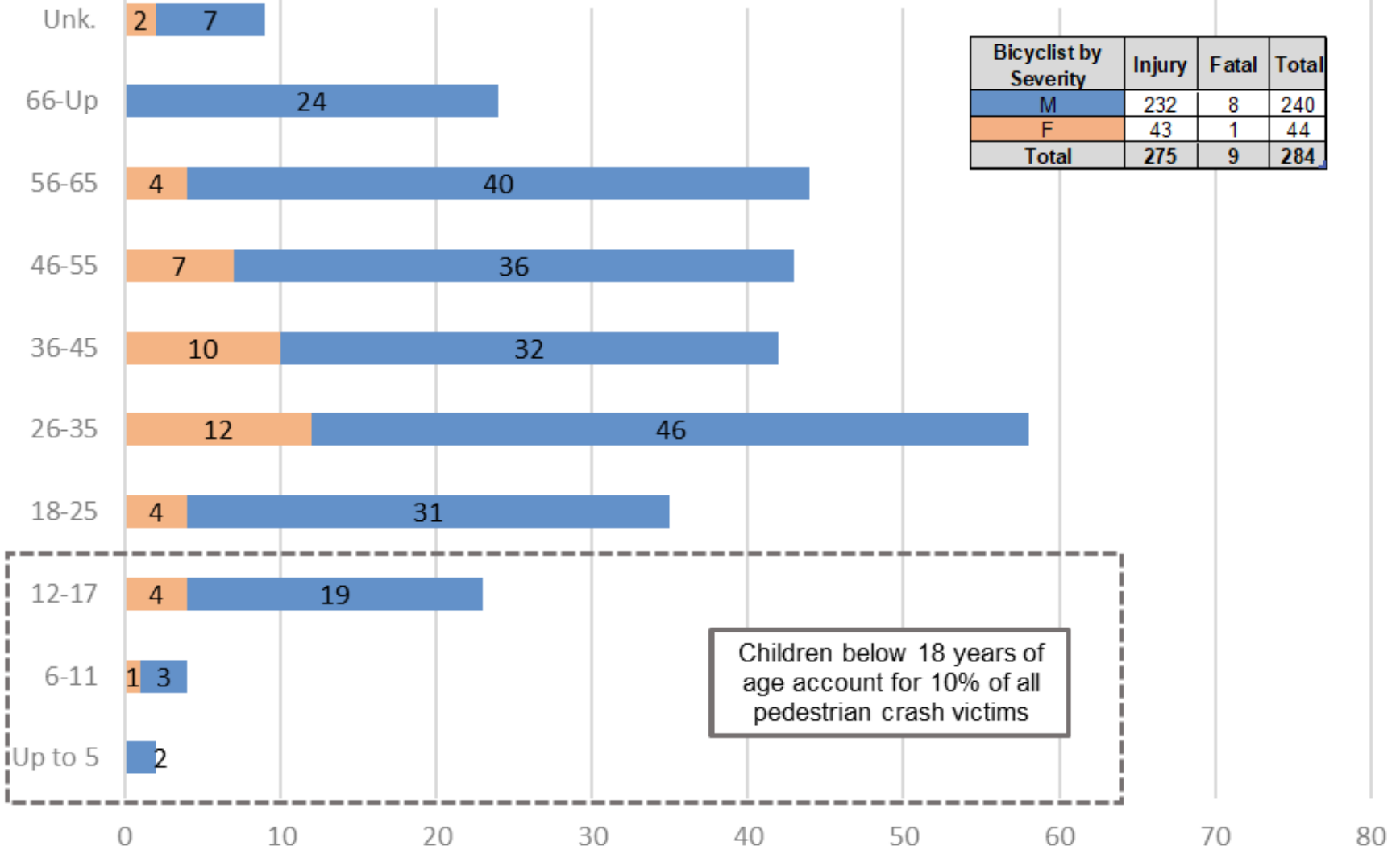
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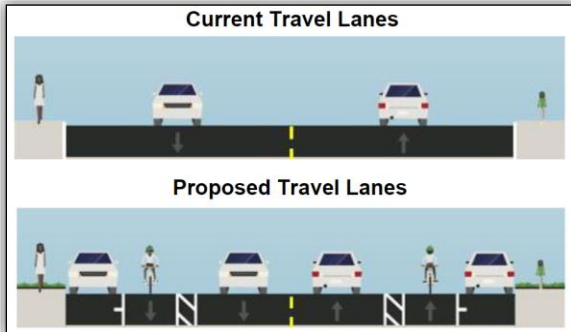


Age and Gender of Bicyclist in Collisions



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2021 Bicycle Facility Improvements



About the Project

Where: Olympic Drive from Central Avenue to Jesse Owens Parkway.

What: Where there is enough space on the roadway, buffered bicycle lanes will be added. The number of travel lanes will remain the same. This project does add parking.

When: Pavement maintenance (new asphalt) is scheduled for Winter 2021/Spring 2022 and traffic lane improvements will happen shortly after.

Why: Buffered bike lanes add space between people driving and people walking or biking for increased protection from vehicles, improved safety and added comfort. Additionally, the slight narrowing of the lane widths to accommodate the buffers will help to guide cars and deter speeding.



[Jesse Owens Parkway from 7th Street to Baseline Road](#)

[Copperhead Trail from North Valley Parkway to 14th Lane](#)

[24th Street from Pecos Road to Chandler Boulevard](#)

[Pinnacle Peak Road from 19th Av to 11th Av](#)

[Riverwalk Drive from Southern Av to 51st Av](#)

[Mohave Street from 51st Av to 43rd Av](#)

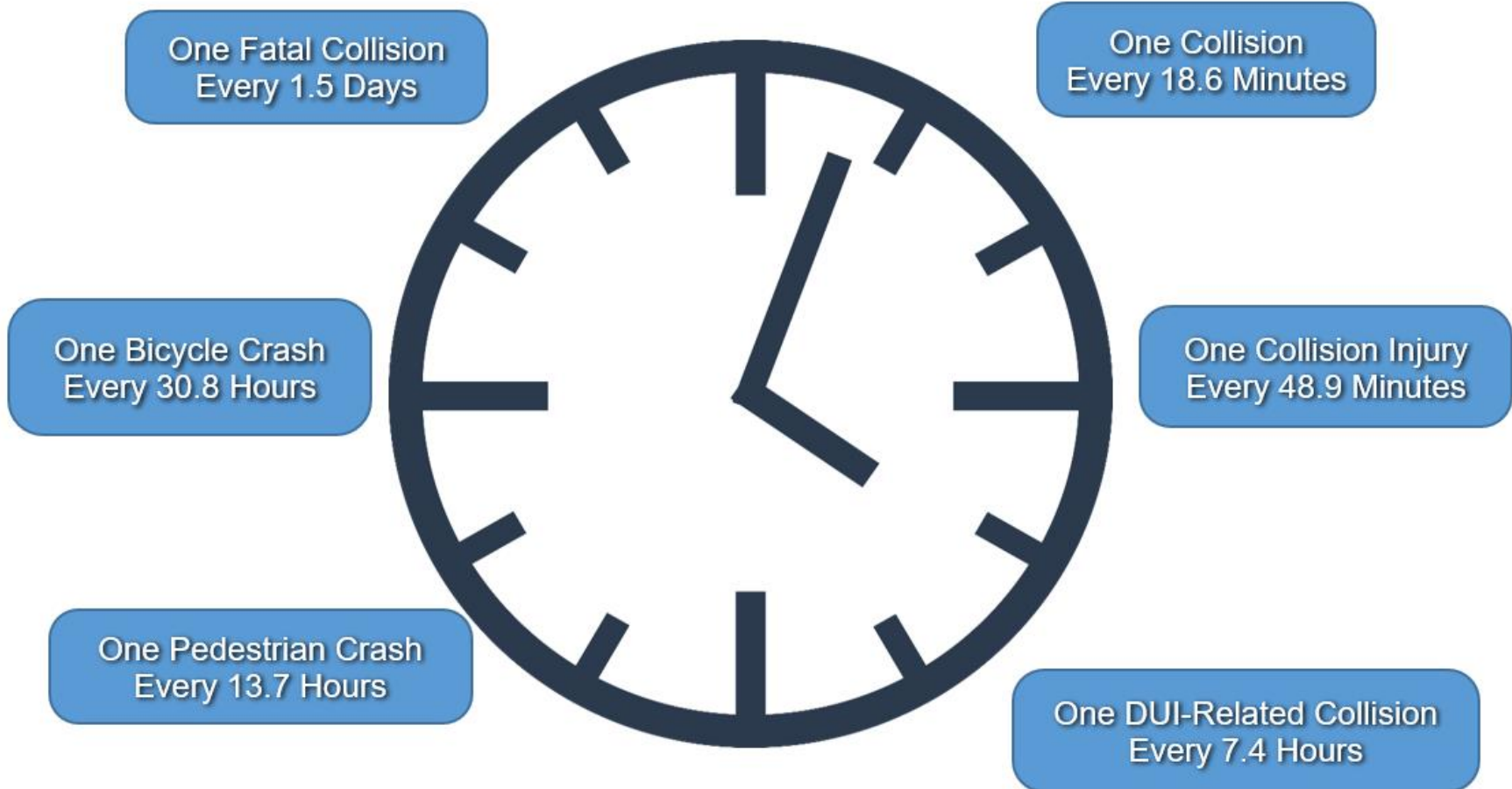
[Cave Creek Road from Bell Road to Union Hills Drive](#)

[32nd Street from Baseline Road to Highline Canal](#)

[Union Hills Drive from 19th Av to 7th Av](#)

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Phoenix Traffic Clock



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