



# SAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

*Tangible Result Driver – Don Hillis, Director of System Management*

MoDOT works closely with other safety advocates to make our roads and work zones safer. The department supports educational programs that encourage safe driving practices and enforcement efforts that increase adherence to traffic laws. MoDOT will not compromise safety because it believes in the well-being of its employees and customers.

## Number of fatalities and disabling injuries-3a

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

**Purpose of the Measure:**

This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injuries resulting from traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

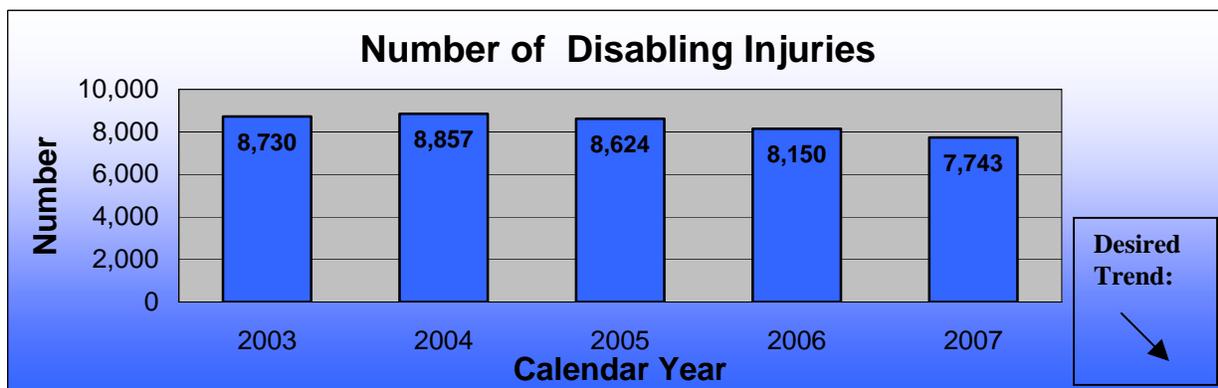
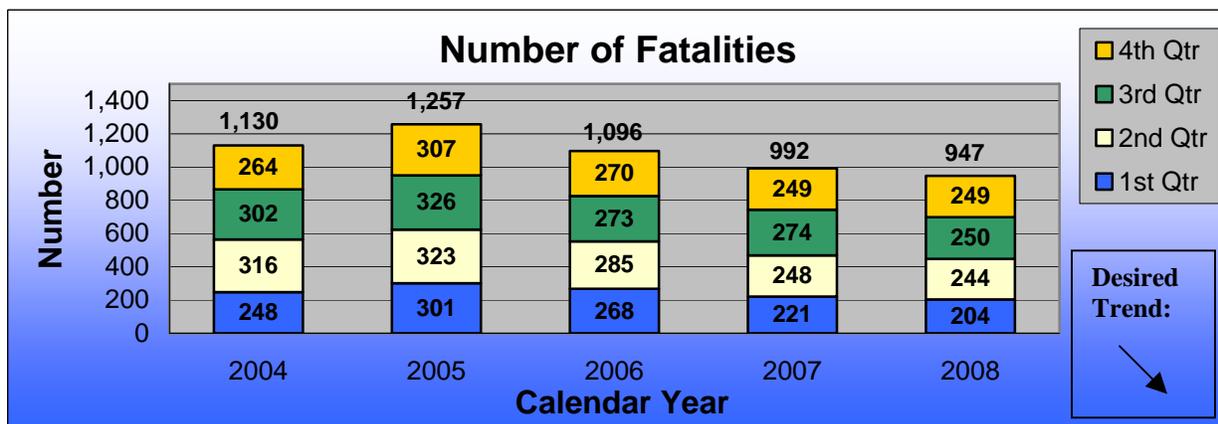
**Measurement and Data Collection:**

Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT's traffic management system. Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through both databases. Final data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in July of the following year.

**Note:** The 2008 fatalities are not final numbers.

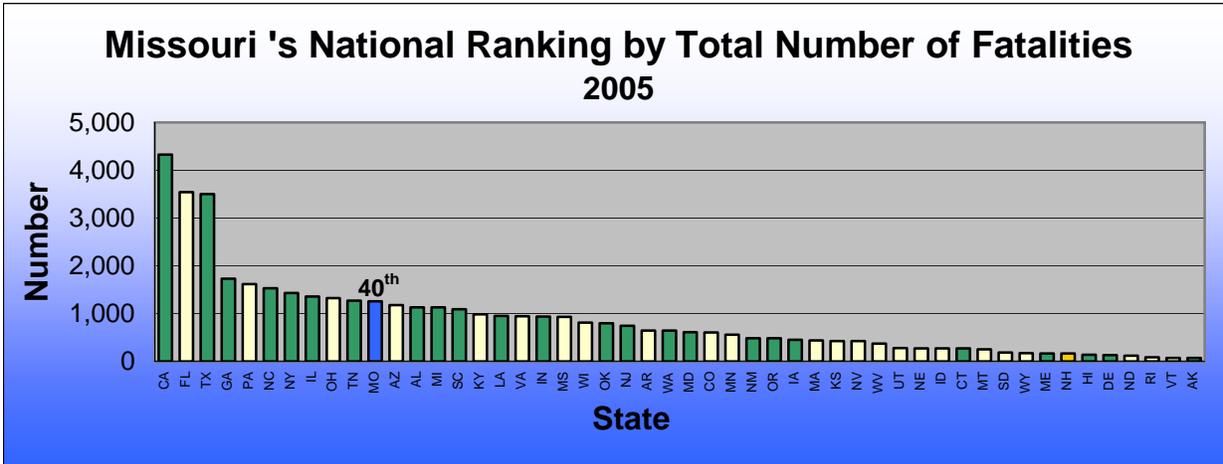
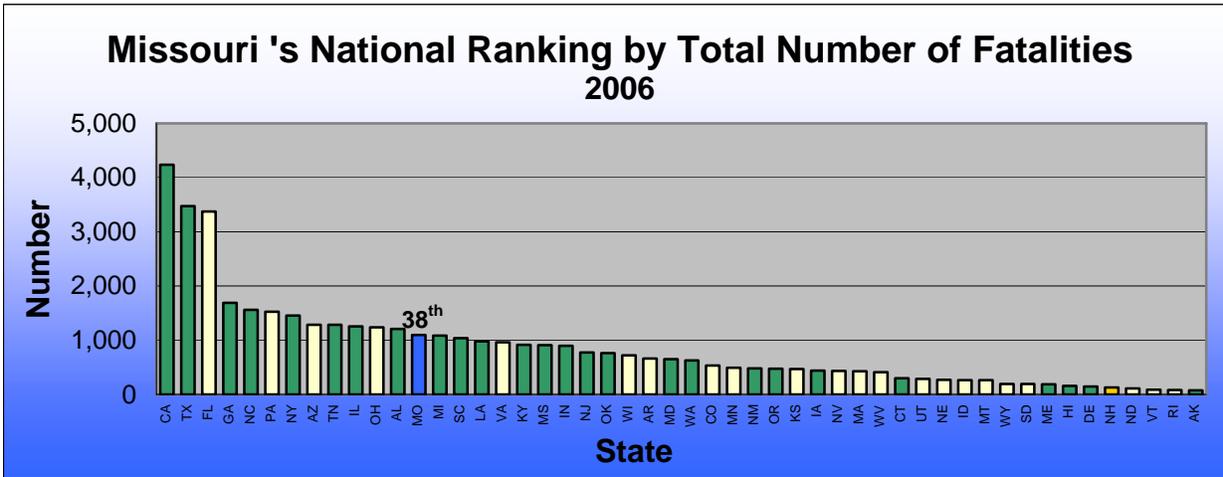
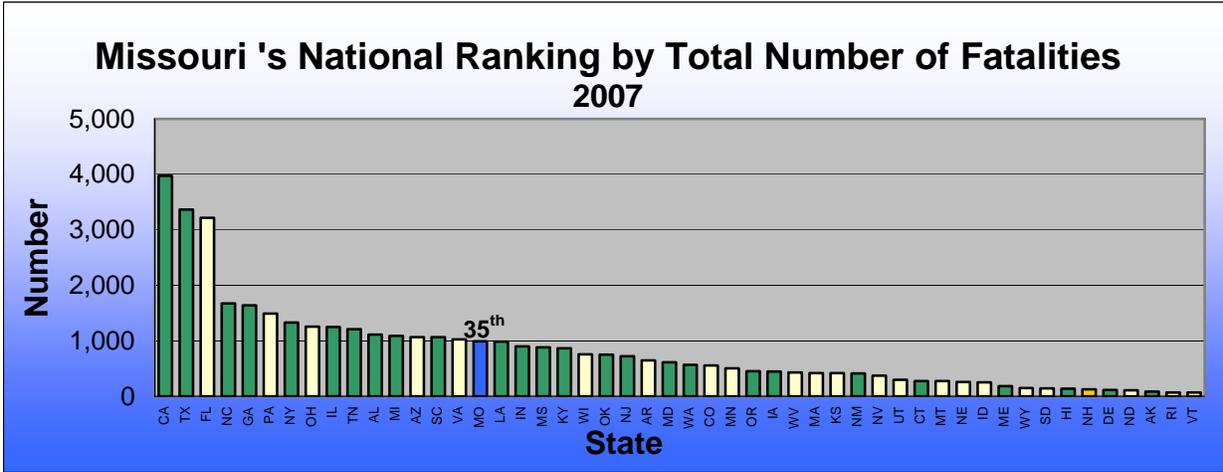
**Improvement Status:**

Fatalities decreased 21 percent from 2005 to 2007 in a continued downward trend. Missouri has not been under 1,000 fatalities since 1993. The 992 fatalities in 2007 means the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety can celebrate accomplishing their goal of 1,000 or fewer fatalities by 2008. Disabling injuries continue to show a decreasing trend with a reduction of over 400 when compared to the 2006 number. The national data comparison shows that Missouri moved from 38<sup>th</sup> in 2006 to 35<sup>th</sup> in 2007 for total fatalities. The 2008 national comparison is not yet available. Fatalities and disabling injuries are decreasing due in part to engineering enhancements such as three-strand guard cable, rumble strips and enhanced delineation. Also contributing are strong safety belt public information campaigns combined with increased law enforcement participation in statewide campaigns.



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- States that have secondary seat belt laws
- States that have neither a primary nor a secondary seat belt law (1 total)
- Missouri – secondary seat belt law in place (Source: [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org), July 2008)



## Number of impaired driver-related fatalities and disabling injuries-3b

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

**Purpose of the Measure:**

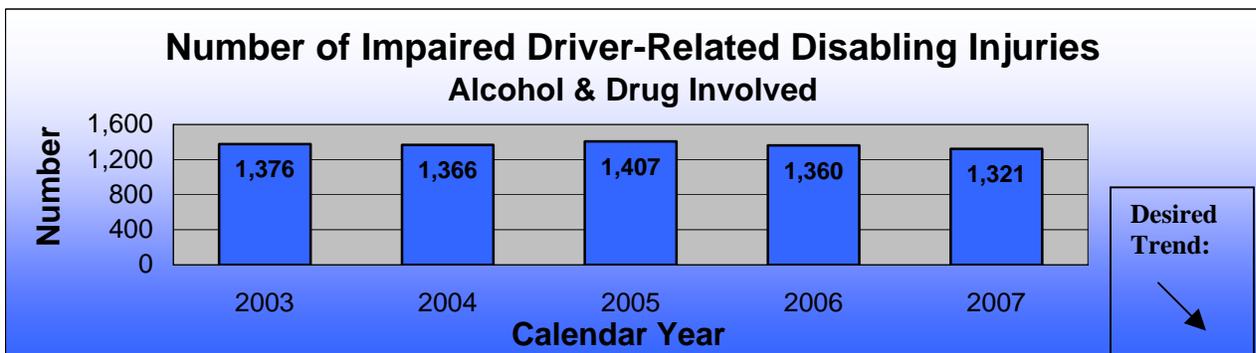
This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and injuries resulting from traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways involving drivers who are impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

**Improvement Status:**

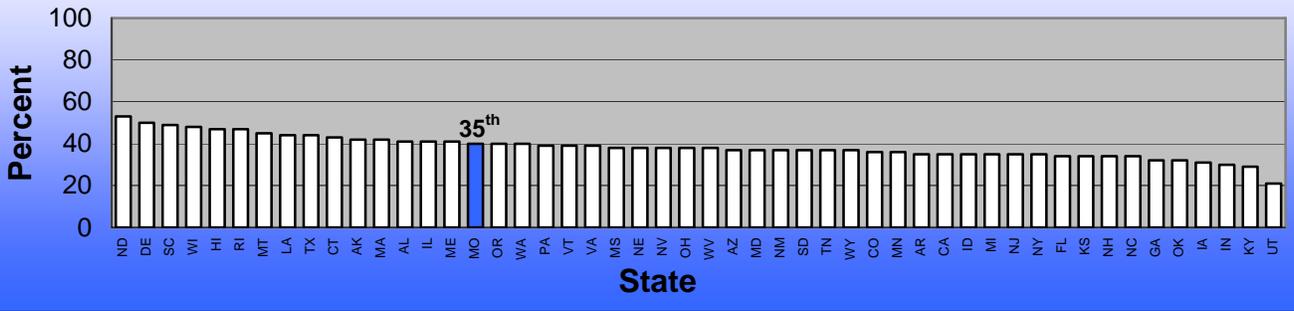
Alcohol- and drug-related fatalities and disabling injuries decreased in both 2006 and 2007. The fatalities and disabling injuries for 2007 were the lowest reported in five years. In the national comparison, Missouri moved from 41<sup>st</sup> in 2006 to 35<sup>th</sup> in 2007. The 2008 comparison is not yet available. In addition to Missouri participating in the national “You Drink and Drive, You Lose” campaign, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council selected specific days to increase law enforcement activity through December 2009. Public information and education has been directed at high-risk drivers ages 21 to 35. Law enforcement efforts have been concentrated on high-crash corridors and increasing the number of sobriety checkpoints. These efforts have helped reduce impaired driving crashes overall and have started a downward trend in fatalities and disabling injuries. An increasing number of people who work in liquor establishments are completing the online server training modules that were first developed in 2005.

**Measurement and Data Collection:**

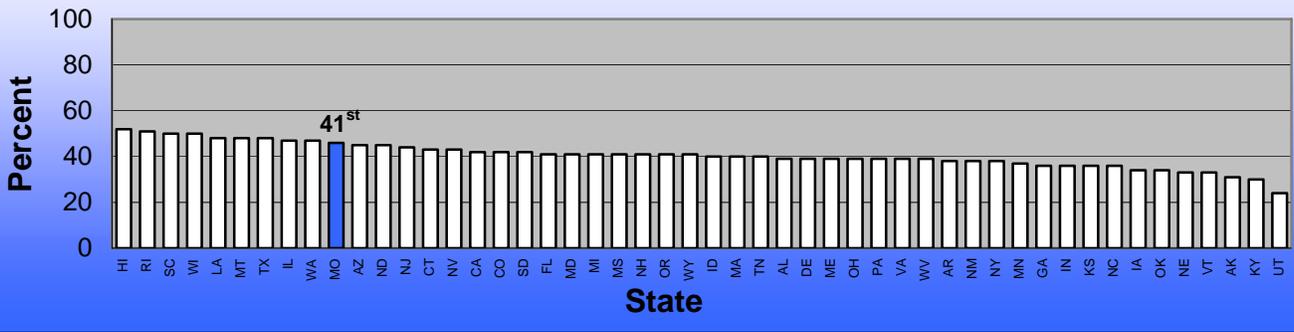
Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT’s traffic management system. Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through both databases. Final data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in July of the following year.



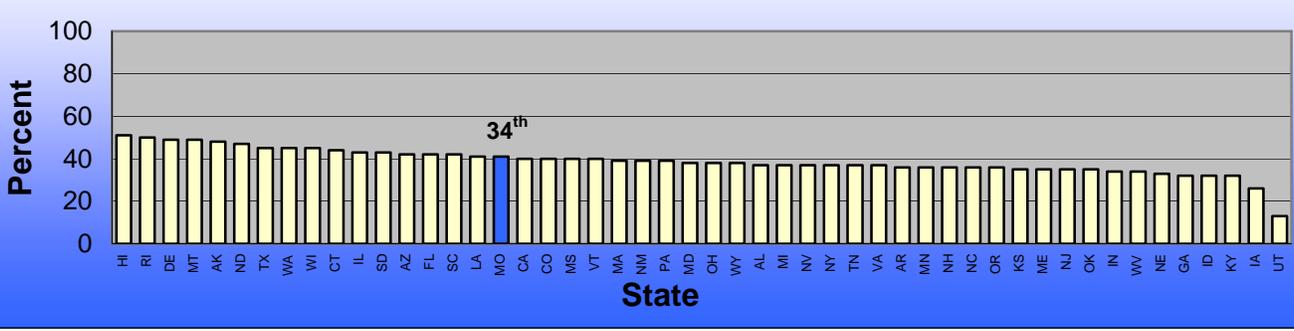
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2005**



### Rate of annual fatalities and disabling injuries-3c

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

**Purpose of the Measure:**

This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injury rates per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (HMVM) in Missouri. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

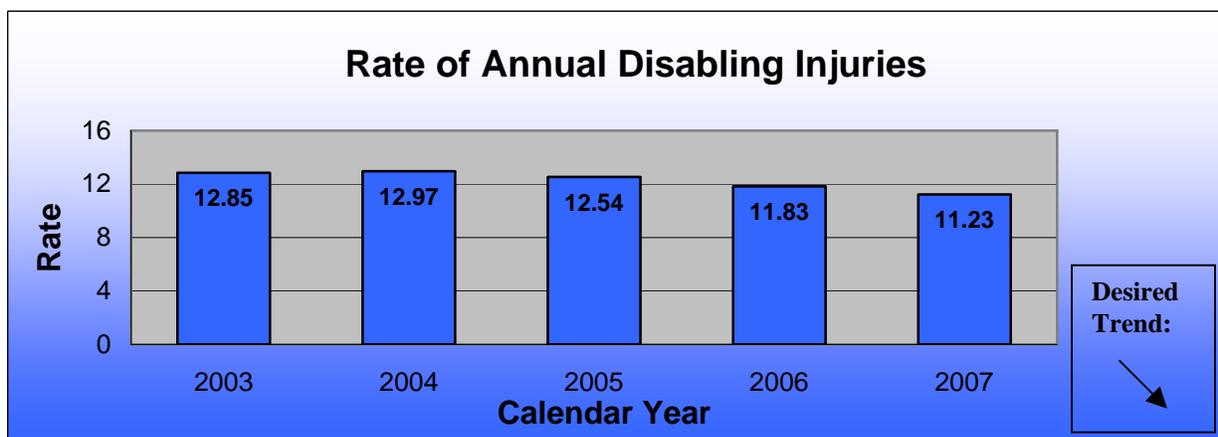
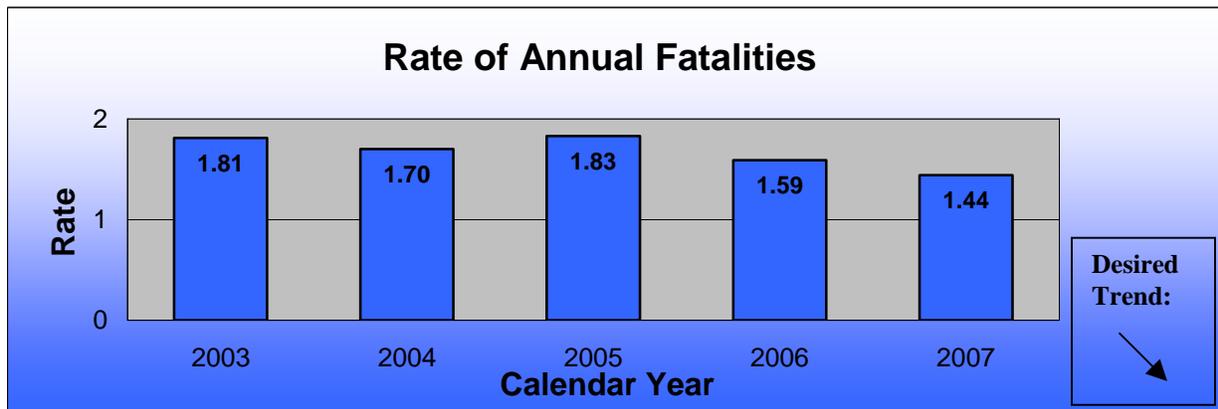
Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through both databases. Data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in July of the following year.

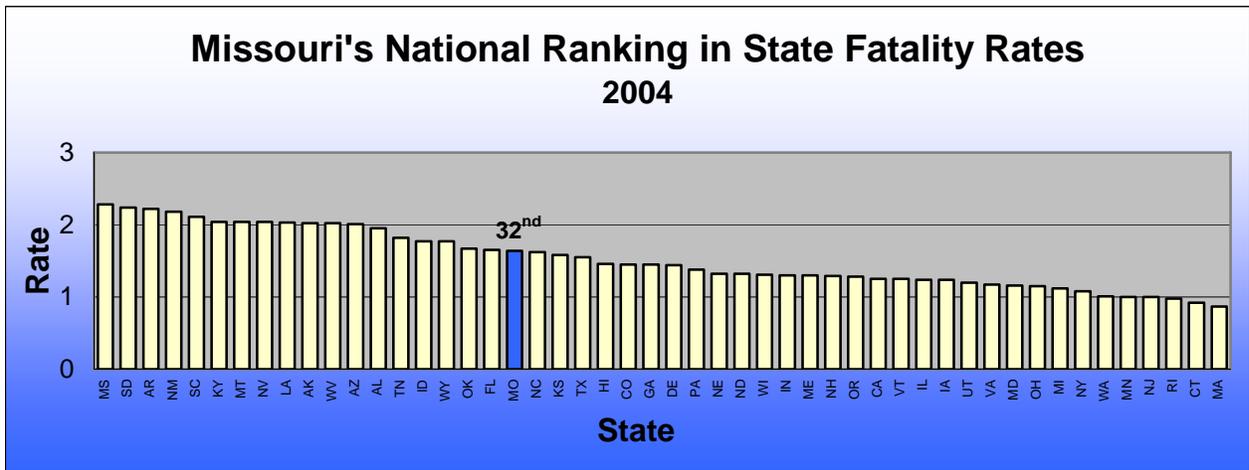
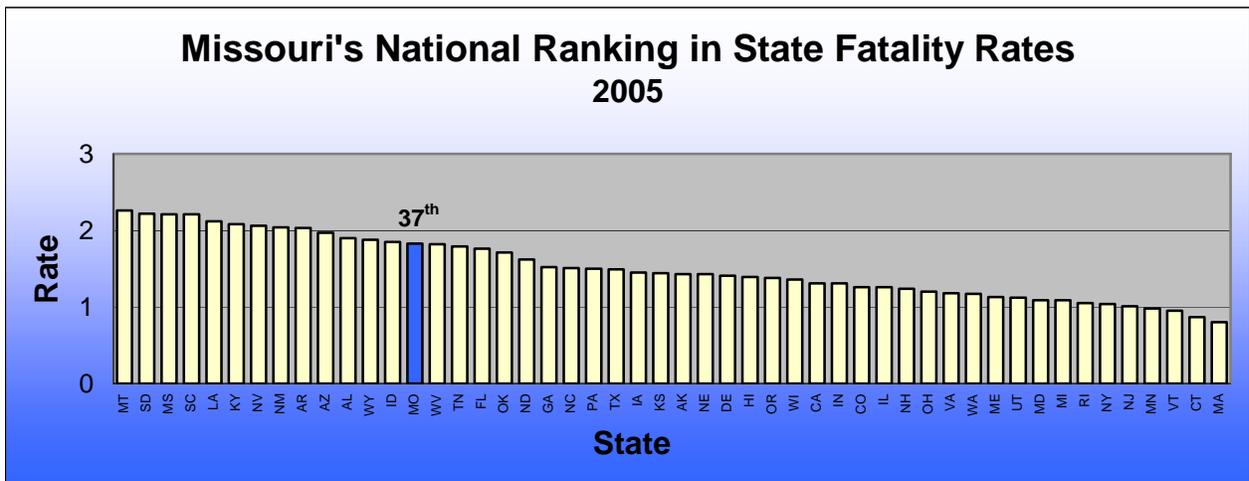
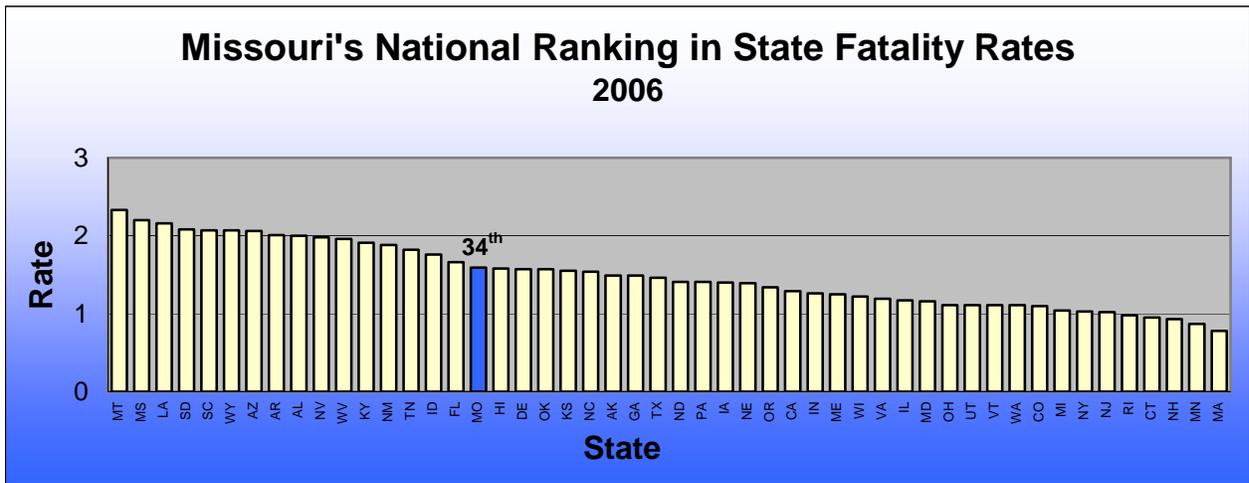
**Improvement Status:**

Both the fatality and disabling injury rates in Missouri are at the lowest ever recorded. Based on the national comparison, Missouri has moved from 37<sup>th</sup> in 2005 to 34<sup>th</sup> in 2006. The 2007 and 2008 national comparisons are not yet available. Based on the national goal of a 1.0 fatality rate, Missouri is still moving in the right direction. Focused law enforcement efforts, engineering safety enhancements and increased public awareness all contribute to the decrease.

**Measurement and Data Collection:**

Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT's traffic management system.





## Percent of safety belt/passenger vehicle restraint use-3d

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

### Purpose of the Measure:

This measure tracks annual trends in safety belt usage by persons in passenger vehicles. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

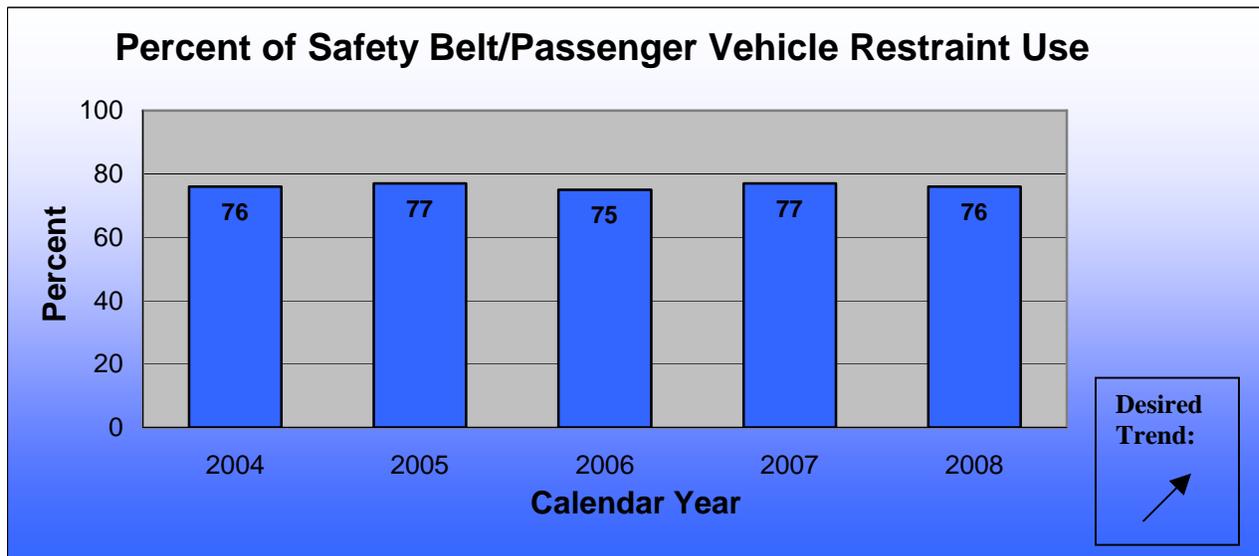
### Measurement and Data Collection:

Each June, a statewide survey is conducted at 460 pre-selected locations in 20 counties. The data collected at these sites is calculated into a safety belt usage rate by using a formula approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The safety belt usage survey enables data collection from locations representative of 85 percent of the state's population. The data collection plan is the same each year for consistency and compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

guidelines. Data is collected on an annual basis and is updated in August of the following year. Annual information for the national rankings is not available from all 50 states.

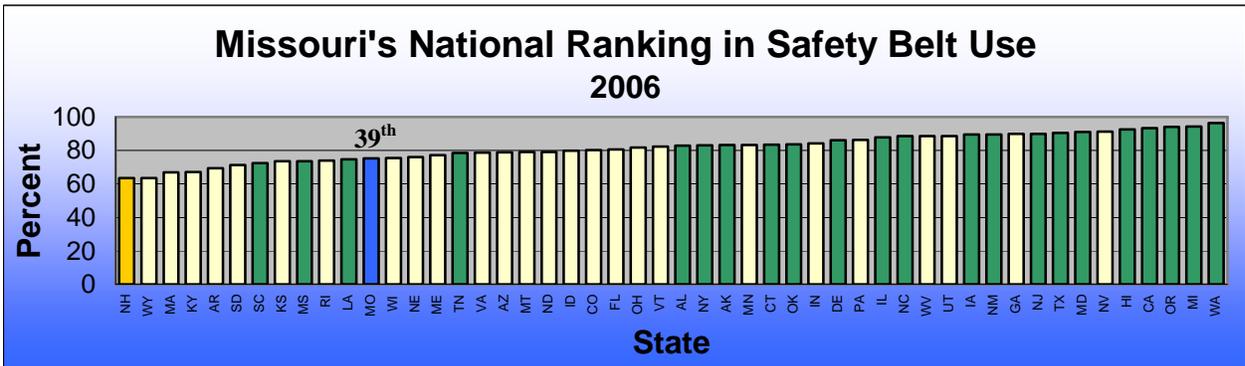
### Improvement Status:

Safety belt use in Missouri has remained fairly constant for the past five years. In the 2007 national comparison, Missouri ranked 39<sup>th</sup> in safety belt usage. Missouri continues to focus efforts through public information and education and law enforcement participation in the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC) recently added additional quarterly enforcement dates through December 2009 to focus on safety belt use. A statewide program focusing on teen safety belt use has also proven to be successful in increasing use among teenagers. MoDOT continues to promote the need for a primary safety belt law in Missouri.



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- Missouri – secondary seat belt law in place (Source: [www.ghsa.org](http://www.ghsa.org), July 2008)



## Number of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and disabling injuries-3e

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

### Purpose of the Measure:

This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and disabling injuries resulting from traffic crashes with bicycles and pedestrians on Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

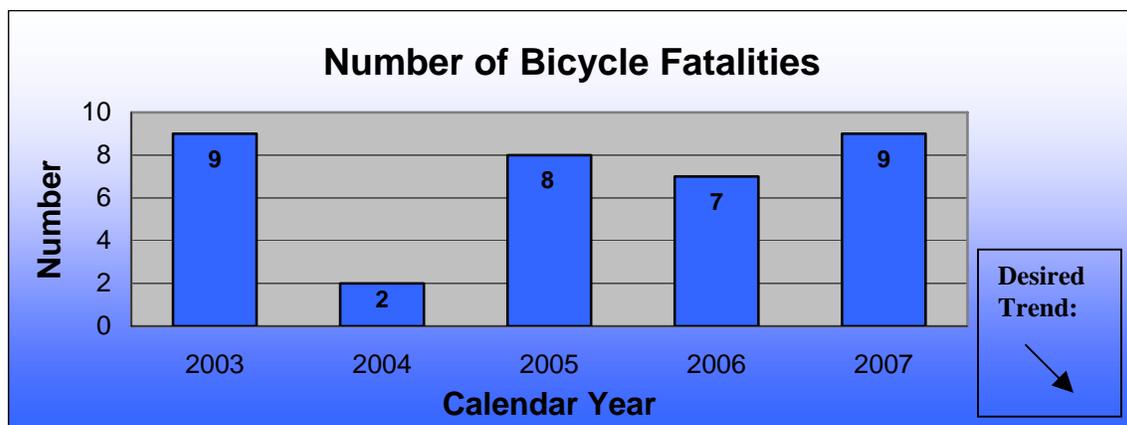
### Measurement and Data Collection:

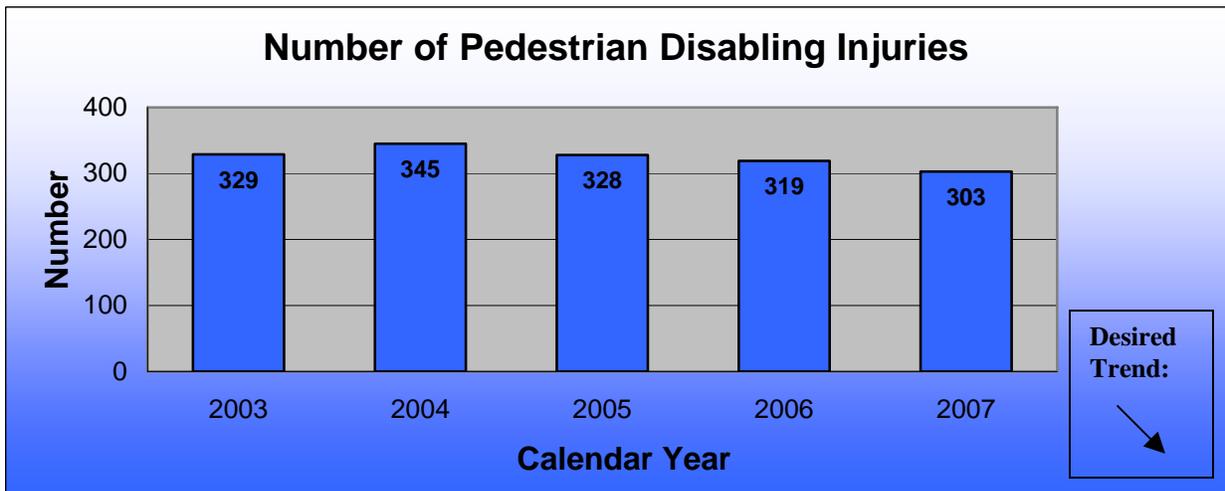
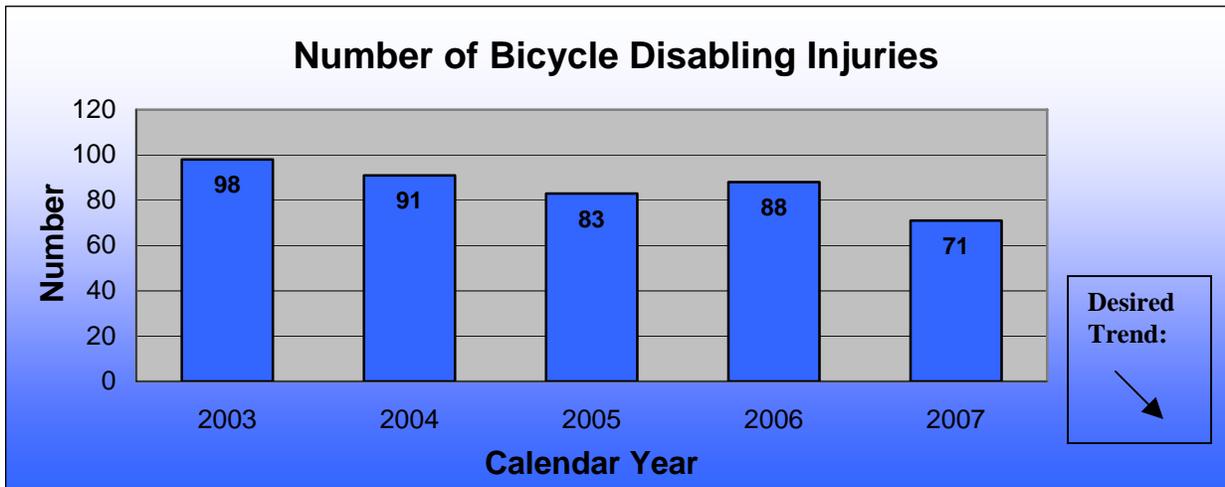
Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT's traffic management system.

Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through both databases. Final data is collected on an annual basis and updated in July of the following year.

### Improvement Status:

This data reflects the number of fatalities and disabling injuries occurring when a motor vehicle is involved in a crash with a bicycle or pedestrian. These bicycle numbers remain steady, although MoDOT has been increasing the miles of dedicated bike lanes. Pedestrian fatalities and disabling injuries show a slight decrease over the past five years due to signaling and dedicated crossing area improvements. Funds have been dedicated to support the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.





## Number of motorcycle fatalities and disabling injuries-3f

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Leanna Depue, Highway Safety Director

**Purpose of the Measure:**

This measure tracks annual trends in fatal and disabling injuries resulting from motorcycle traffic crashes on all Missouri roadways. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities to 850 or fewer by 2012.

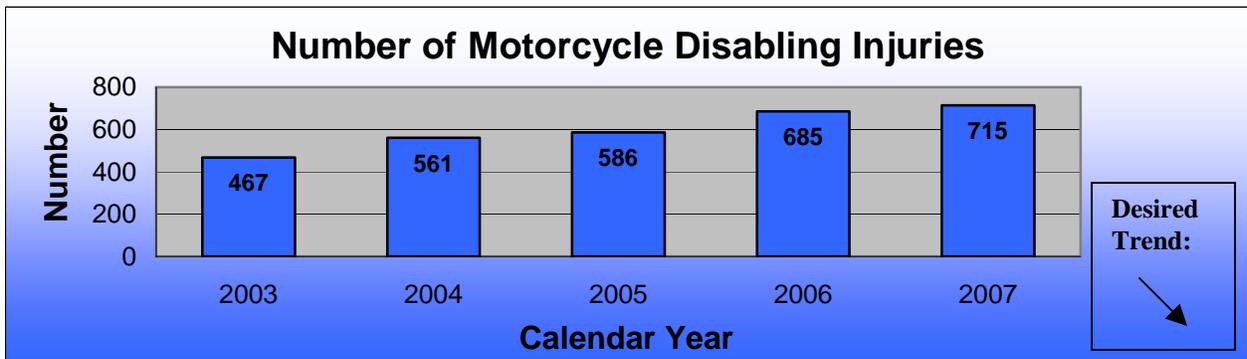
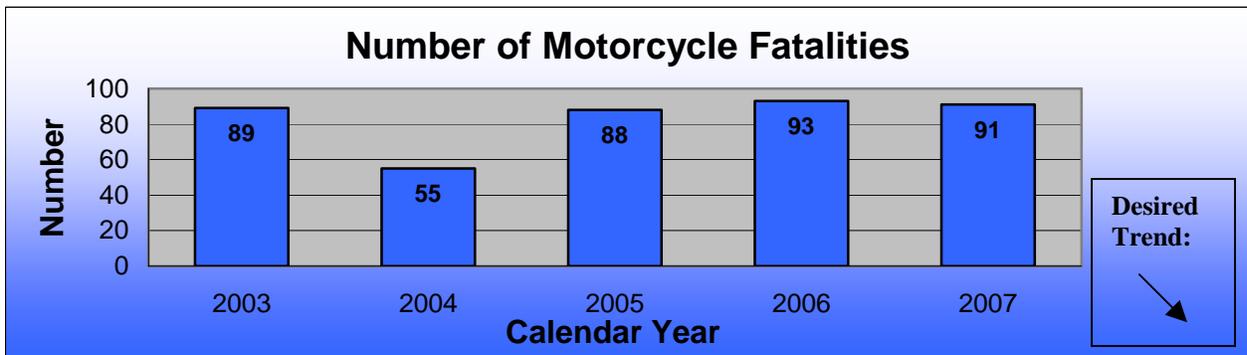
**Measurement and Data Collection:**

Crash data is collected by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and entered into a traffic accident record system. The record system automatically updates MoDOT's traffic management system. Crash data reports are available to law enforcement and traffic safety advocates for crash analysis through

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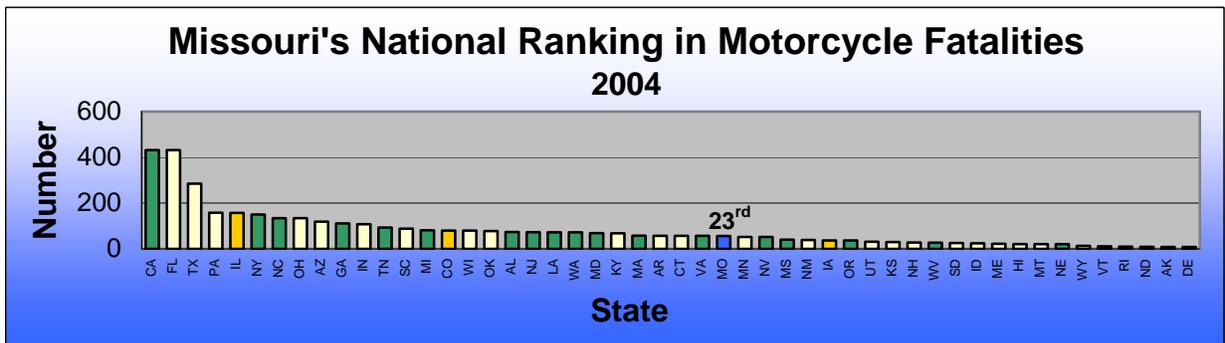
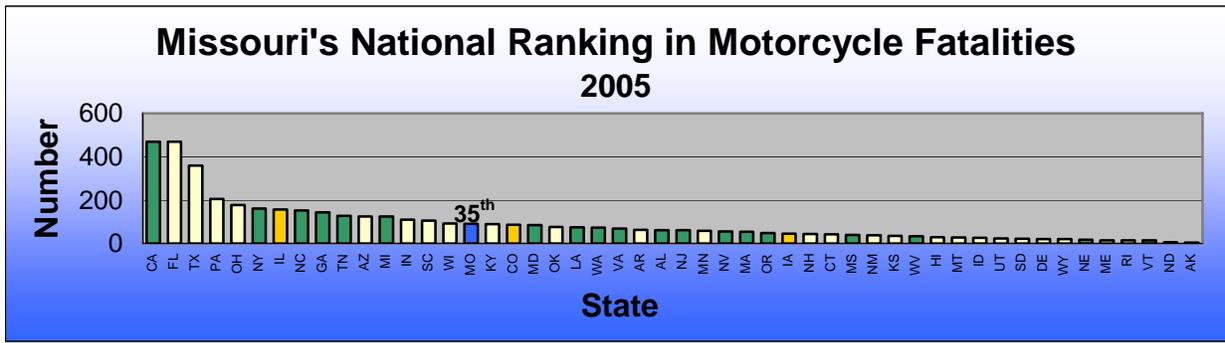
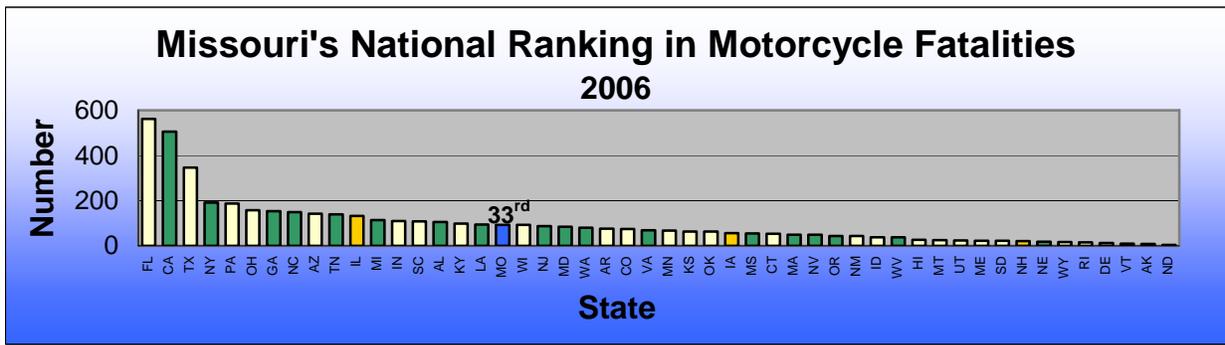
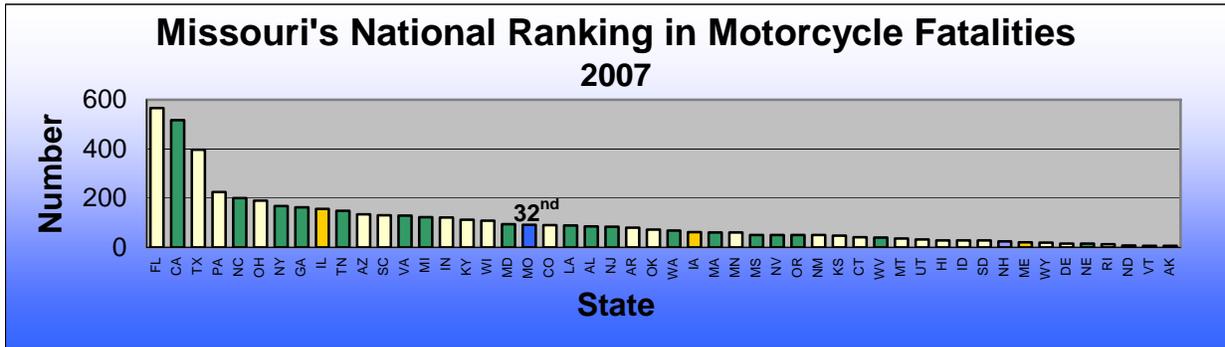
**Improvement Status:**

Motorcycle fatalities and disabling injuries have shown an upward trend over the past four years. Missouri continues to experience high numbers of motorcycle fatalities. The national data comparison shows Missouri moved from 33<sup>rd</sup> in 2006 to 32<sup>nd</sup> in 2007. The 2008 national comparison is not yet available. Longer riding seasons and a significant increase in the number of licensed motorcycles and riders has increased the exposure rate in recent years. Rider education classes are offered within one hour's driving time throughout Missouri. More than 4,000 riders at 28 sites are trained each year. In 2006, a Motorcycle Safety Task Force was organized and charged with developing a strategic plan. The task force has completed the plan and continues to move forward with implementation.



For all graphs on this page, the following legend applies:

- States that have all rider helmet laws
- States that require use for a specific segment of riders (usually under age 18)
- States that do not require helmet use (3 total)
- Missouri – motorcycle helmet law in place (Source: [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov), January 2008)



## Number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in fatalities-3g

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of Systems Management

**Measurement Driver:** Charles Gohring, Motor Carrier Services Program Manager

### Purpose of the Measure:

This measure tracks the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in fatal crashes each year. MoDOT uses the information to target educational and enforcement efforts.

### Measurement and Data Collection:

The Missouri State Highway Patrol collects and records the crash statistics used in this measure. The data used in this measure reports the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in a crash where one or more people die within 30 days as a result of the crash. This is an annual measure and will be updated each April for the previous year.

### Improvement Status:

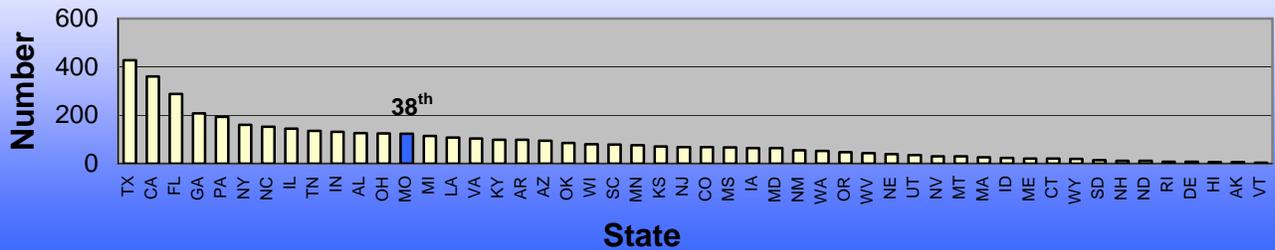
The preliminary number of fatal crashes reported in 2008 is 104, which is 20 fewer than those reported in 2007. This is a 16.1 percent reduction in one year. Between 2004 and 2008, the number of Missouri commercial motor vehicle fatal crashes dropped from 153 to 104, a 32 percent decrease. MoDOT coordinates its efforts to reduce fatal CMV crashes

with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Missouri Division and the Kansas City and St. Louis police departments. MoDOT efforts include the installation of larger highway signs, highly reflective pavement markings, cable guardrails, roundabout intersections, incident management alert signs, roadside rumble strips, and intelligent transportation systems at scales. MoDOT conducts carrier safety training, regulation compliance reviews, safety audits of new motor carrier firms and truck inspections at terminals and destinations. The MSHP, St. Louis and Kansas City Police Departments conduct commercial vehicle roadside inspections in order to remove unsafe drivers and vehicles from the road.

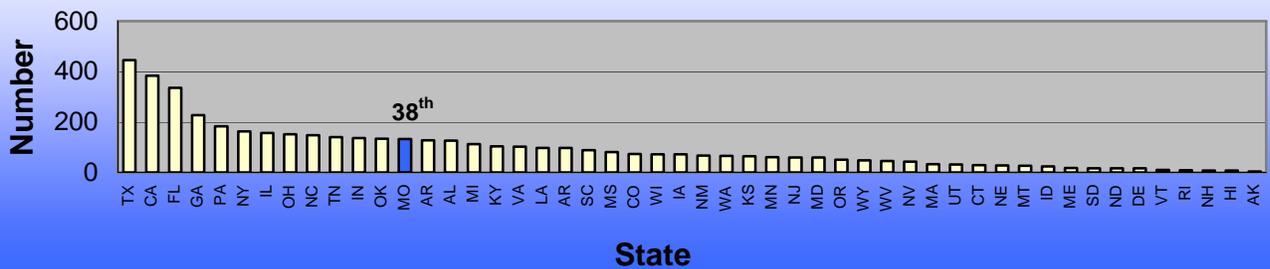
Missouri ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in the number of fatality crashes nationwide in 2007. Rankings of 2008 are not yet available.



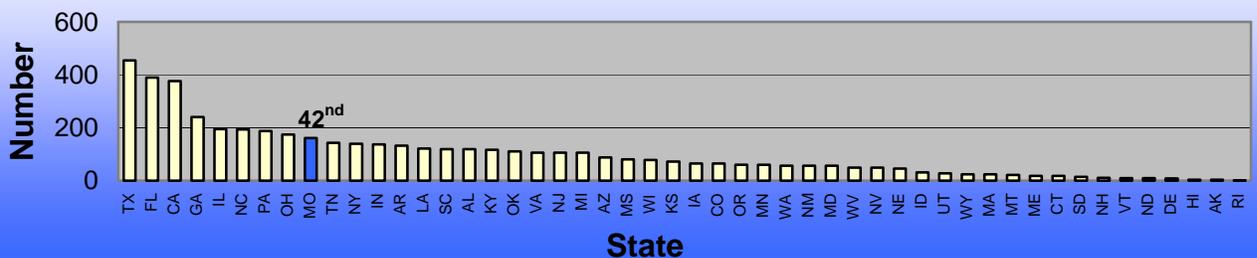
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2005**



## Number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries-3h

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of Systems Management

**Measurement Driver:** Charles Gohring, Motor Carrier Services Program Manager

**Purpose of the Measure:**

This measure tracks number of commercial motor vehicles involved in injury crashes each year. MoDOT uses the information to target educational and enforcement efforts.

**Measurement and Data Collection:**

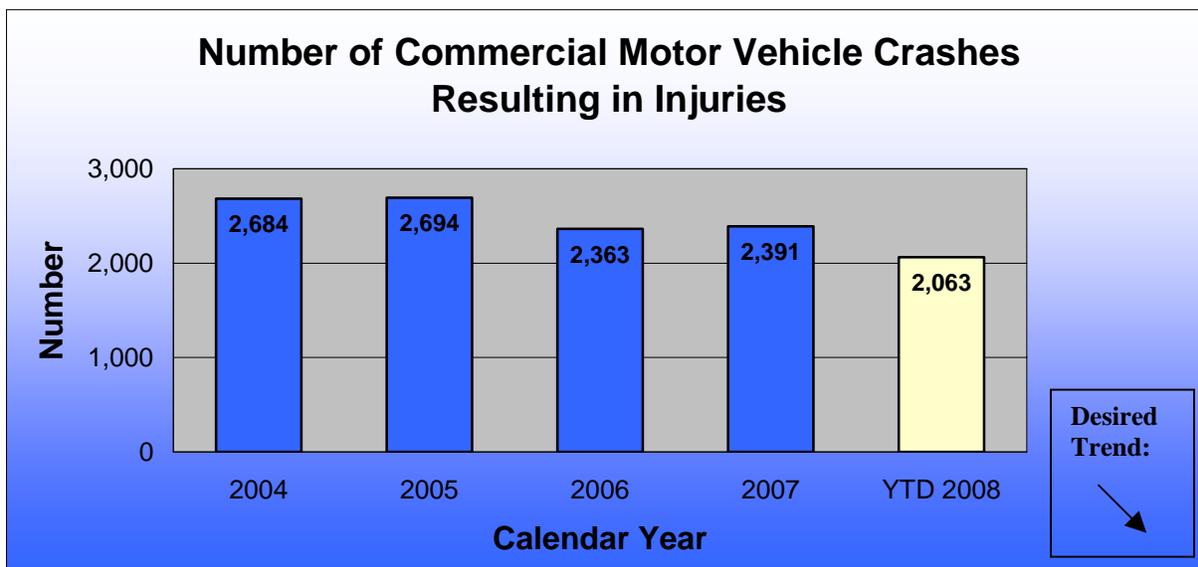
The Missouri State Highway Patrol collects and records crash statistics. The data for this measure reflects the number of commercial motor vehicles involved in crashes where one or more people are injured. This is an annual measure and will be updated each April for the previous year.

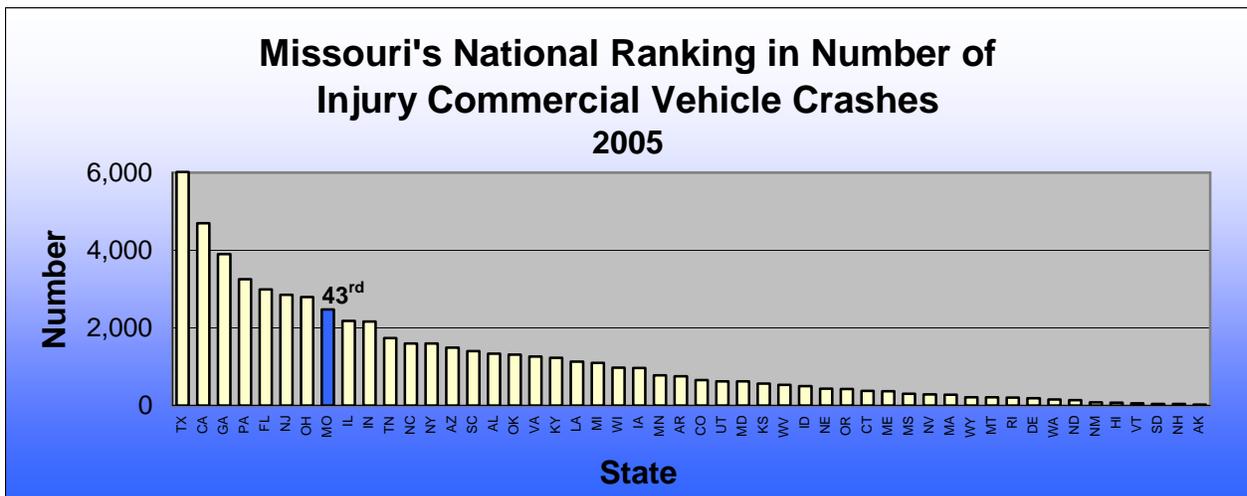
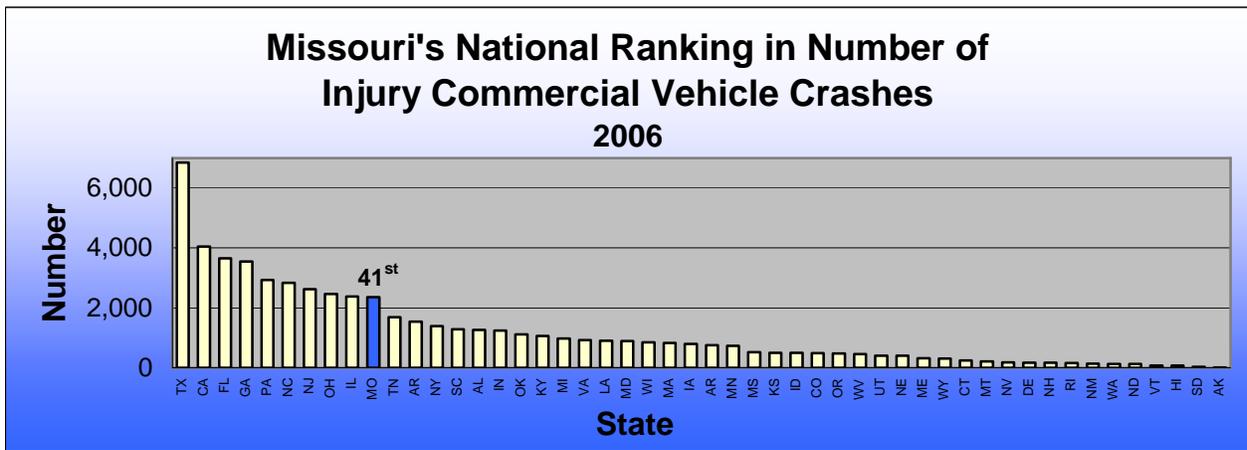
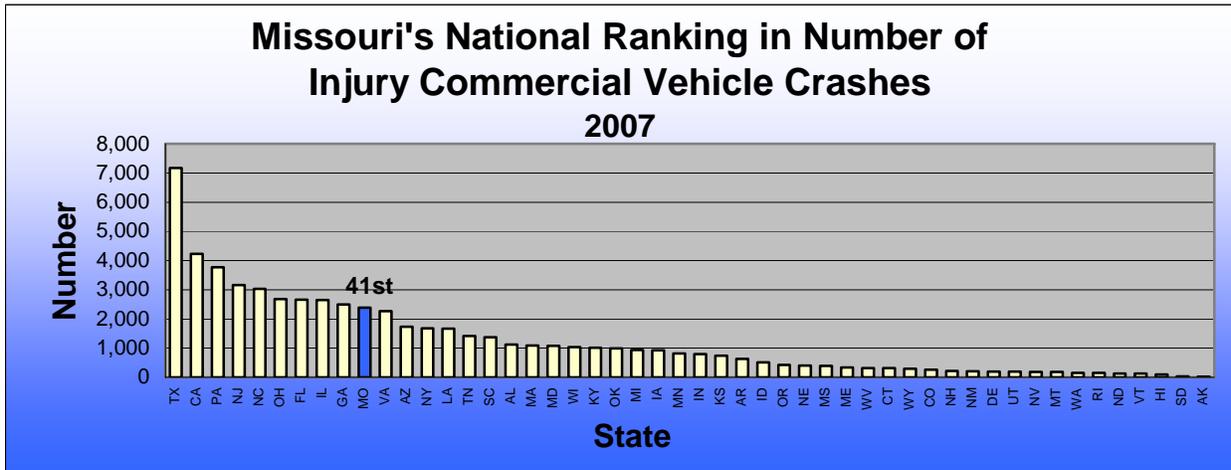
**Improvement Status:**

The preliminary number of injury crashes reported in 2008 is 2,063, which is 328 fewer than those reported in 2007. This is a 13.7 percent reduction in one year. Between 2004 and 2008, the number of commercial motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries decreased by 23.1 percent. The overall downward trend is due to the coordinated safety efforts of MoDOT, the

Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Missouri Division, and the Kansas City and St. Louis police departments. MoDOT efforts include the installation of larger highway signs, highly reflective pavement markings, cable guardrails, roundabout intersections, incident management alert signs, rumble stripes, and intelligent transportation systems at scales. MoDOT conducts carrier safety training, regulation compliance reviews, safety audits of new motor carrier firms and truck inspections at terminals and destinations. The MSHP, St. Louis and Kansas City police departments conduct commercial vehicle roadside inspections in order to remove unsafe drivers and vehicles from the road.

Missouri ranked 41<sup>st</sup> in the number of injury crashes nationwide in 2007. Rankings for 2008 are not yet available.





## Number of fatalities and injuries in work zones-3i

**Result Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Troy Pinkerton, Traffic Liaison Engineer

### Purpose of the Measure:

An important factor in evaluating the safety of Missouri's transportation system is determining the safety of work zones on the state's roads. This measure tracks the number of traffic-related fatalities, injuries, and overall crashes occurring in work zones on any Missouri public road.

### Measurement and Data Collection:

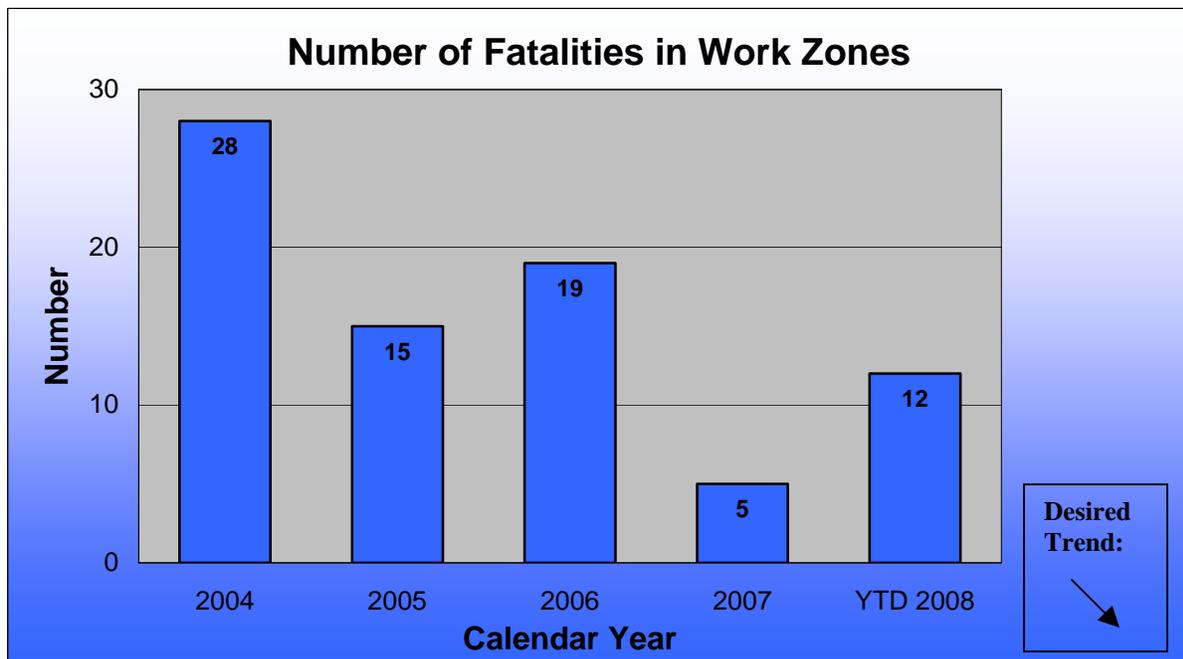
Missouri law enforcement agencies are required to report crashes by submitting a standardized vehicle accident report form to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. MSHP personnel enter these reports into a statewide traffic crash database. MoDOT staff query and analyze this data to identify work zone-related crash statistics quarterly and report the results via this measurement.

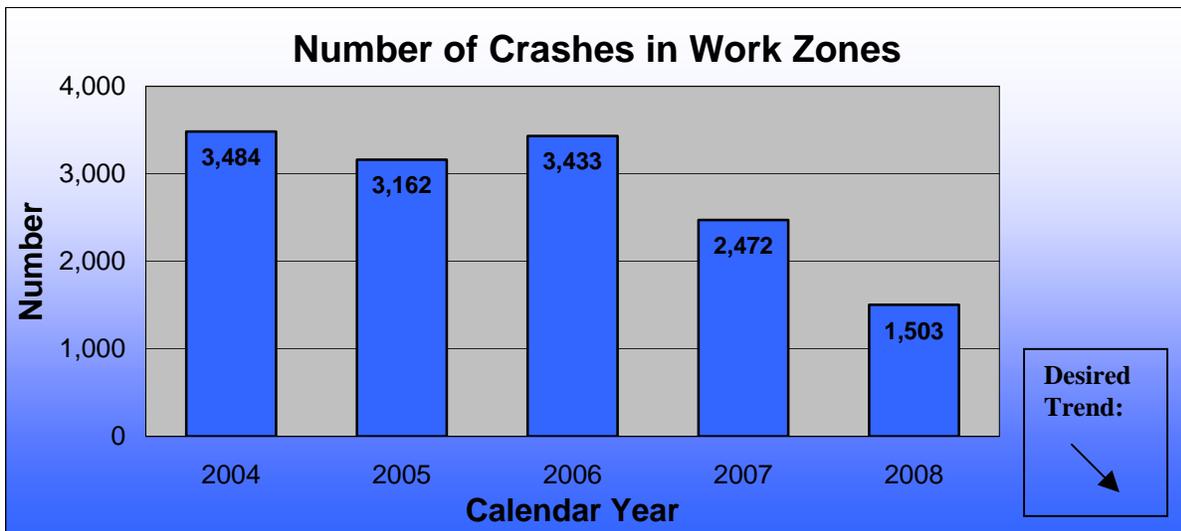
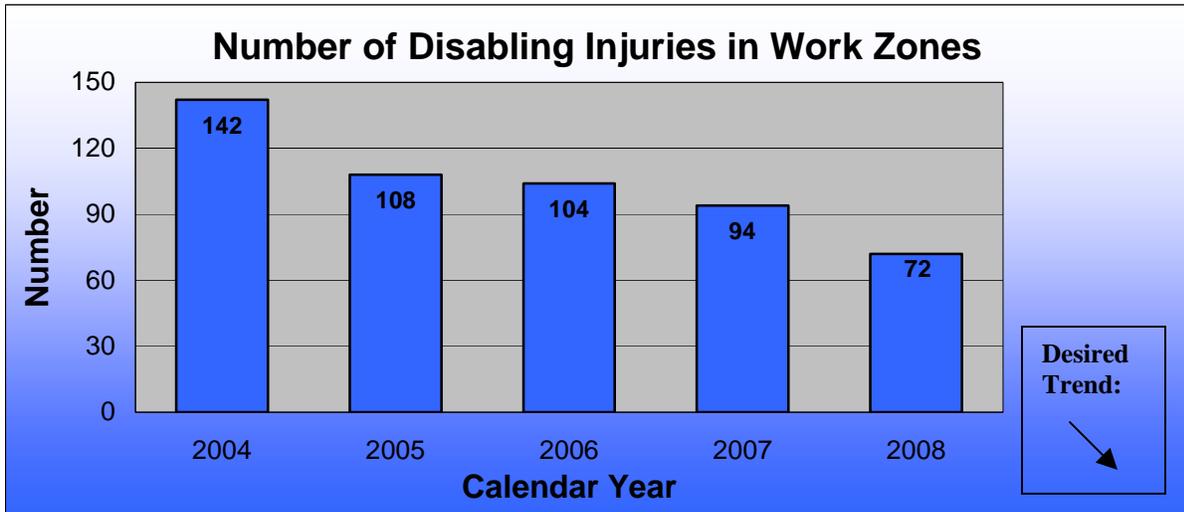
### Improvement Status:

The 2008 calendar year Work Zone fatality report shows 10 fatality accidents resulting in a total of 12 fatalities. While this is an increase from last years total of five fatalities, the trend for this measure remains downward. In order to continue to make our work zones safer, a new Work Zone Survey is available to the public that can be filled out and submitted online at:

<http://www.modot.mo.gov/workzones/Comments.htm>

The total number of crashes reported in work zones as well as the number of disabling and minor injuries resulting from those crashes finished on the downward trend that we had experience throughout the year. These three reporting categories are the lowest in five years.





## Number of highway-rail crossing fatalities and collisions-3j

**Results Driver:** Don Hillis, Director of System Management

**Measurement Driver:** Rod Massman, Administrator of Railroads

### **Purpose of the Measure:**

This measure tracks annual trends in fatalities and collisions resulting from train-vehicle crashes at public railroad crossings in Missouri. This data drives the development and focus of the Missouri Highway Safety Plan. This plan is required annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and outlines key strategies to reduce these losses. In addition, this data supports the Missouri Blueprint for Safer Roadways. This document identifies the statewide initiatives with a goal of reducing fatalities in all areas of highway safety, including highway-rail crossing safety.

### **Measurement and Data Collection:**

MoDOT collects crash data and enters it in a railroad safety information system used to update MoDOT's traffic management system. This does not include fatalities or collisions from those on railroad property at areas other than at public railroad crossings, which are tabulated separately. Missouri is then ranked with all other states using data from the Federal Railroad Administration that consists of the numbers of collisions and fatalities in each state. Data is updated quarterly.

### **Improvement Status:**

MoDOT continues to coordinate its railroad crossing projects in the areas of greatest need using a safety exposure index in addition to focusing on crossings with a history of accidents or limited sight distance. By agreeing with the railroads to look at a defined area, called a corridor, and sharing financial responsibilities for improvements, limited funds can be spread over a wider area. This increases the number of overall projects completed in specific areas of the state.

Other improvements include an increased emphasis on and MoDOT employee participation in public

outreach opportunities on rail safety in conjunction with Operation Lifesaver, Inc. MoDOT is exploring partnerships with other government agencies, cities and school districts to upgrade flasher-only crossings to crossings with both lights and gates, to install gates and lights at crossings, and to replace outdated lighting with LED systems. There is a renewed emphasis on closing unsafe, redundant or unnecessary crossings.

The year concluded with seven fatalities for 2008. This was the same as the previous year's ending total. The goal, however, is not to remain at the same level but to push the number of fatalities lower each year. In order to accomplish this, MoDOT has increased and implemented more public outreach efforts along with engineering improvements. This has included participating in safety fairs of various kinds at which rail issues are presented alongside other safety-related topics, renewing efforts to present rail crossing information at driver's education and other high school and grade school classes, and certifying additional MoDOT employees in giving Operation Lifesaver presentations. MoDOT also co-sponsored with Operation Lifesaver in October 2008 the first ever Safety-Blitz in the Joplin area, which received extensive public and media attention and is currently involved in planning another Safety-Blitz in the Pacific area. During 2008, MoDOT co-sponsored positive enforcement efforts with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Operation Lifesaver at crossings throughout the state. The continuing focus is the three Es: engineering, education and enforcement. This effort is designed to increase public awareness and discussion of the need for increased safety and heightened awareness at railroad crossings.

